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Cork And Galway Ideally Matched —but with one difference

By TONY O'HAGEN.

EARLY IN THE YEAR, IN AN INTER-PROVINCIAL ROUND-UP, I FORECAST THAT THE 1956 SEMI-FINALISTS FOR FOOTBALL HONOURS WOULD BE GALWAY, CORK, DUBLIN AND CAVAN, ANTICIPATING THE CRASH OF TITLE-HOLDERS, MAYO AND KERRY AND ASSUMING THAT THERE WOULD BE NO CHANGE AS FAR AS LEINSTER AND ULSTER CHAMPIONS WOULD BE CONCERNED.

True, I was only half-right but who, at that stage, would have believed that Wexford would beat Dublin? Or that Tyrone would topple Cavan?

Hard Battle

Yet the honours rest where they rightfully belong. The "invincible" Dublin myth was truly exploded and Tyrone's success over Cavan was as richly merited as it was utterly decisive.

Champions never attain their exalted position easily and it is the great who persevere and triumph. Under those letter headings, Cork and Galway find ready-made

mantles for if one were to nominate the team of the year, only a toss of a coin could separate them.

Croke Park bids them both welcome and we contemplate their meeting with warm feelings of anticipation for here are the undisputed Kings of Gaeldom where skill, speed and enthusiasm has won unstinted admiration everywhere and whose right to contest this "greatest hour" cannot be challenged.

Cork's achievement can best be measured by their game against the then All-Ireland title-holders, Kerry at Killarney but had all been well with the Rebel County's forwards in

the first game at the Athletic Grounds, that second meeting would never have been necessary.

The Southerners have one of the most powerful defences ever to grace a Gaelic field for though big and

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strong, their real strength is in their understanding and their unquenchable spirit.

At midfield, Kerryman Eric Ryan and Sean Moore have lorded it over all opposition to date. Here is a pair whose sure fielding and intelligent distribution have made them one of the leading midfield partnerships in the county.

Attack Is Problem

It is in attack, however, that Cork have problems, for while no one could fault them in the matter of approach or industry, it is on the all-important matter of finishing that the finger of criticism is levelled.

Turning to Galway, we find a team whose all-round soundness, whose dashing style of play, whose purposefulness of movement, and, above all, whose wonderful team-spirit have earned them the label of "glamour" team of the year.

Built along the same lines, the sides would appear to be ideally matched with one difference—the finishing efforts of the Corribmen have not been faulted.

One must remember, however, that the greatest accuracy in the world will count for nothing if that advantage is not allied to any ability to secure possession and round off the movement.

A well-equipped defence, strong in the tackle and unyielding in the face of combined approach, can render accuracy an unwanted art.

Thus, the better finish of the Westerners, can be countered by the uncompromising Rebel County defence and speculation on this point only adds extra zest to their meeting.

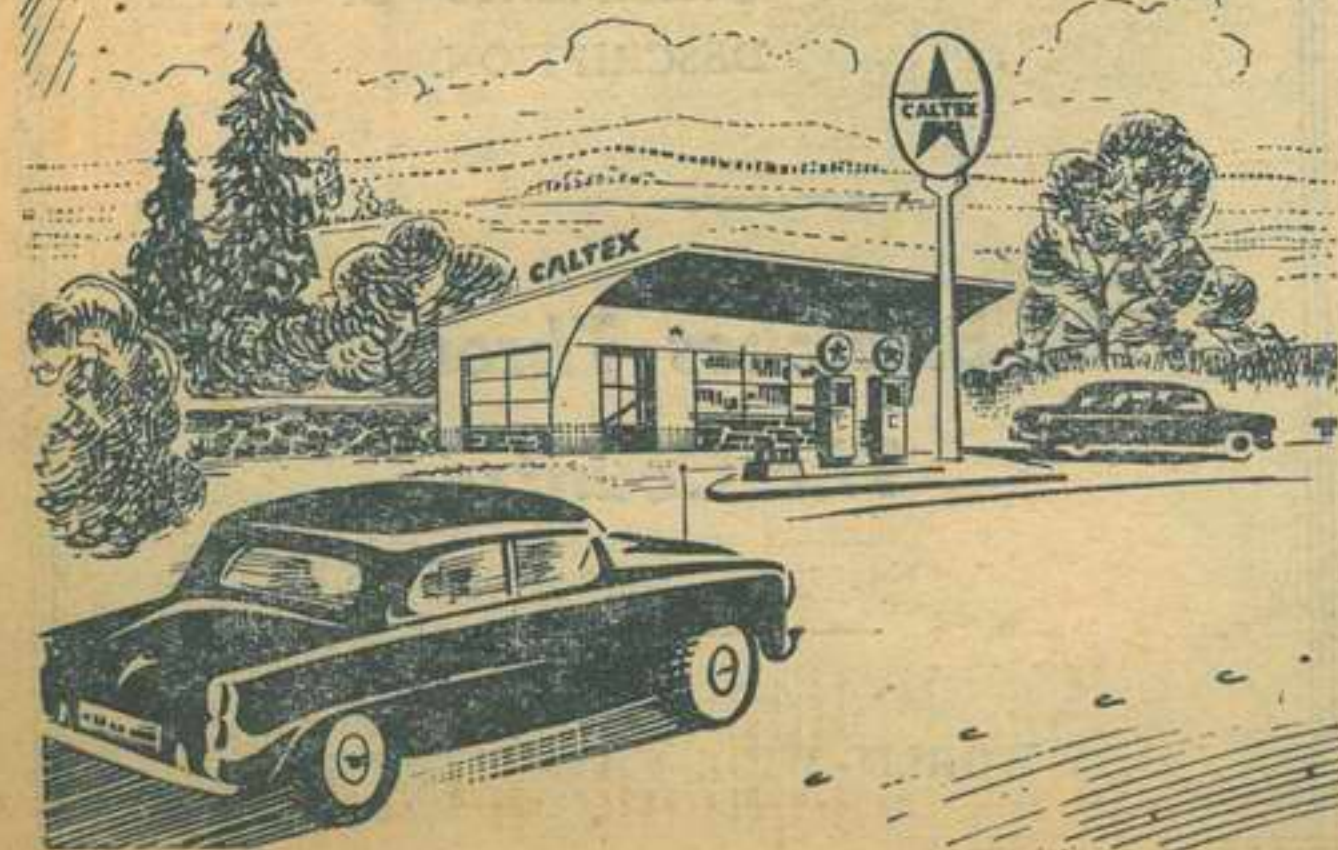
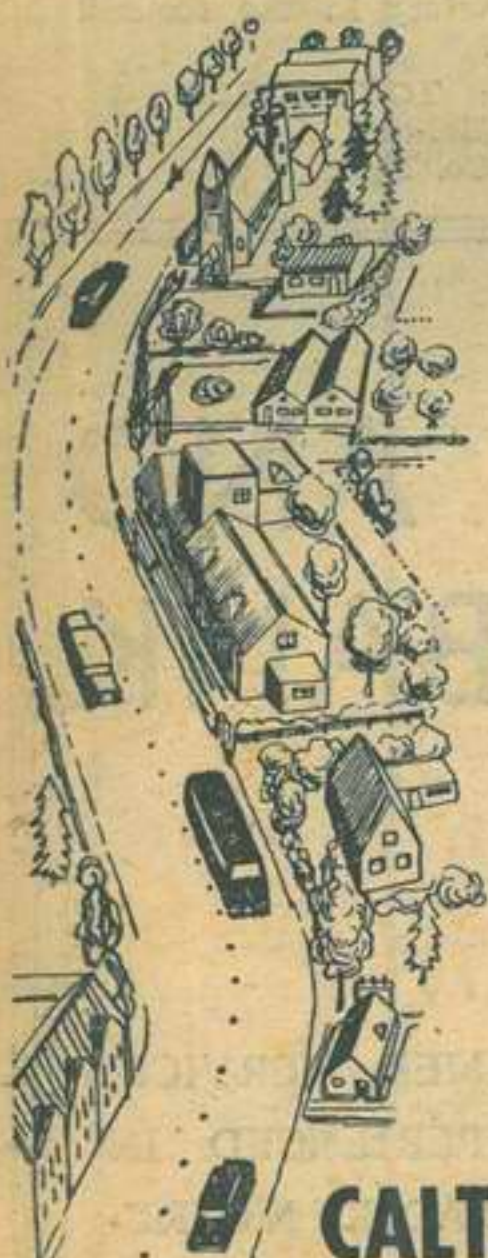


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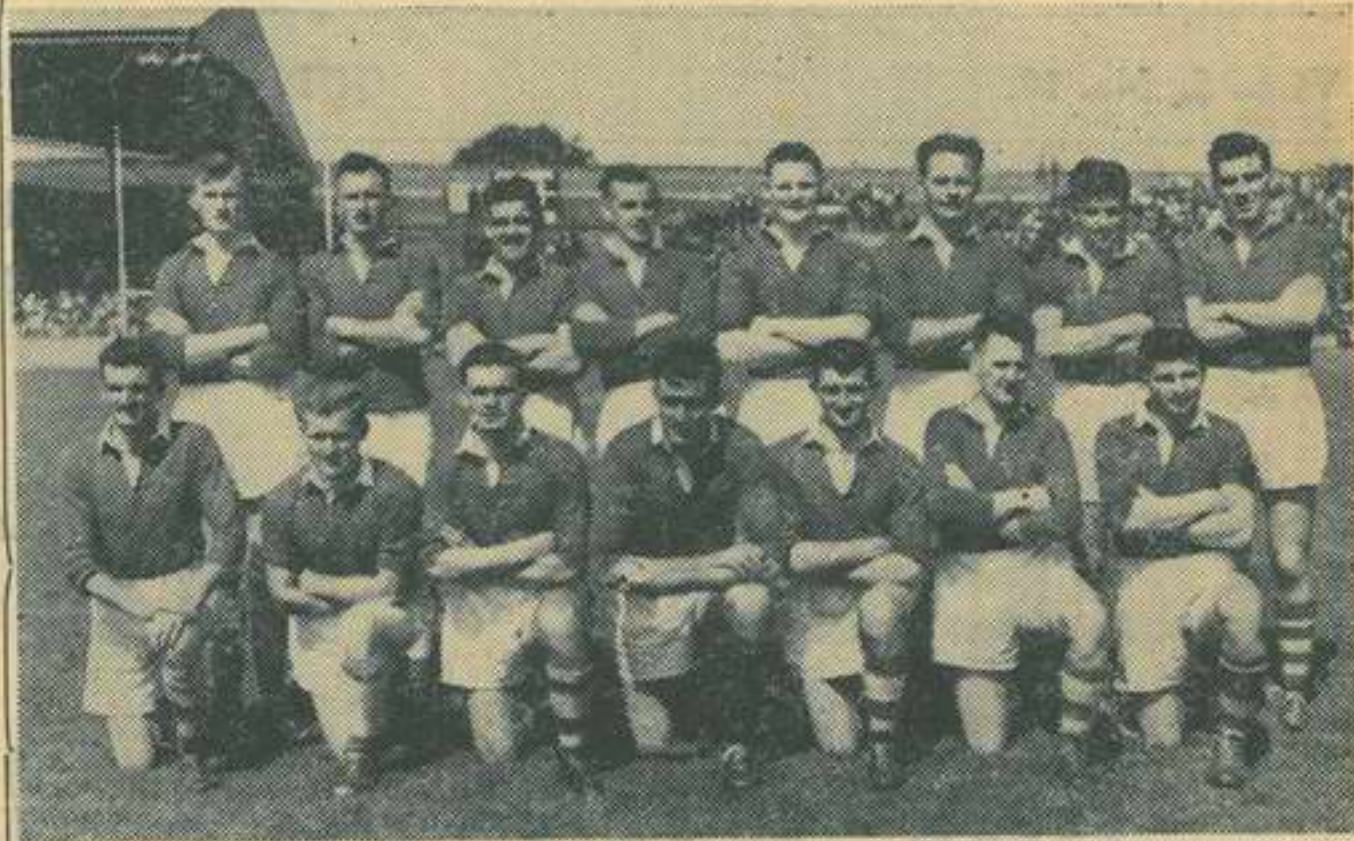
THE MUNSTER FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS HAVE BEEN DOMINATED LARGELY BY KERRY, AND THE IN RINGS OF ANY OTHER COUNTY HAVE BEEN FEW AND FAR BETWEEN. THE NUMBER OF KERRY VICTORIES TOTAL 41 AGAINST 15 FOR CORK, NINE FOR TIPPERARY, TWO FOR LIMERICK, AND ONE EACH FOR WATERFORD AND CLARE.

It will be seen that in the early years of the G.A.A. football prospered in Cork. Then came Kerry's uprise and Cork's decline.

Twenty years ago, and that is within the memory of many active Gaels to-day, the Munster football final between Kerry and Limerick played at Listowel brought a gate of only £41 16s.

Such was the superiority of Kerry over all the other Munster counties, that the result was usually a foregone conclusion.

One of the people who realised the position more than anyone else was the late Mr. J. J. Walsh, former Chairman of the Cork Co. Board and later the first Minister for Posts and Telegraphs.



Cork Senior Football Team.

**Never Forgot His
Native County**

The late Mr. Walsh after several years as a Minister gave up political life and entered business in Dublin and became highly successful.

He never forgot his native county, and donated an annual grant towards the development of football in the county.

The Cork Co. Board began re-organising the once traditional football areas. New clubs sprang up as well, and by the time 1943 came Cork were back in the honours list, and regained the title last held in 1928.

From 1943 onwards Cork became an established force in Munster football. Gate receipts rose steadily, and instead of the few pounds collected at Listowel in 1934, the record figure of £3,820 now stands.

Although Cork failed to pass the semi-final stage in 1943 by the narrow margin of one point to Cavan, 1-8 to 1-7, they went a step further in 1945 when they had their revenge by defeating the Cavan men 2-5 to 0-7 to win their third title which they last held in 1911.

**One Of The Best
Net-Minders**

April of this year saw the resurgence of the present team. They have been in constant training under the guiding hand of Captain Eamon Young, one of their stalwarts of 1945.

Under the captaincy of their towering full back, Donal O'Sullivan, the Cork defence have men in Paddy O'Driscoll, Dan Murray, Paddy Harrington, Denis Bernard and Mick Gould, all proportioned on similar lines, men who have phenomenal reach.

Their midfielders, Eric Ryan and Moore, are of equal stature.

The Cork team are lucky in one respect, that in goalkeeper Paddy Tyers they have one of the best net-minders in the country. So much for their defence.

When it comes to the forward division it is a different matter or so it appears up to the present.

The Cork forwards are weak finishers, that is what they have shown to be in various games, but the fact remains they have beaten Kerry and Kildare to reach the final. Therefore one can expect improvement on the big occasion, and possibly Toots Kelleher, Niall Fitzgerald, Creedon, Murphy, Furlong will be amongst the men to celebrate Cork's victory in 1956.

**Back In Arena
With Confidence**

Galway are back in the arena after more than a decade of playing second fiddle to Mayo and Roscommon. Strangely enough the last time that Galway appeared in an All-Ireland semi-final was in 1945 when Cork beat them 2-12 to 2-8. Since then the Mayo men have "farmed" the Connacht title.

So far as Galway are concerned, they carry the same confidence as the men of 1938 did when they defeated Kerry in that famous replay.

The remarkable feature about Galway is, that they have won all their games by heavy scores, and with an unchanged team. Galway

can match the Cork men in almost every respect and outshine them in some.

Its doubtful if Cork have a player of the same calibre of Sean Purcell, now playing on the mark, after starring formerly as a full back.

Galway have another star in centre half Jack Mahon, who was not at his best against Tyrone. Jack Mangan, goalkeeper and captain, is the outstanding goalie of present day football and most experienced as well.

Daly is a safe full back with

good hands and reach. The veteran of the team, Tom Sullivan played in Dublin with Westerns and for Connacht in the Railway Cup. He is the most experienced player in the side. Frank Eivers and Matty McDonagh are a highly capable midfield pair, and so far as forwards are concerned McHugh and O'Neill who flank Sean Purcell are both clever marksmen. Frank Stockwell has numerous scores to his credit also; while Dublin player Joe Young and Gerry Kirwan can be depended upon to keep the Galway flags flying.

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I am sorry to leave out such good men as, T. Doyle, J. Hough (Tipp.); Dan McInerney, M. Nugent (Clare); W. J. Daly, Con Murphy (Cork); N. Wheeler, T. Flood (Wexford); W. Walsh, S. Clohesy (Kilkenny).

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S. Purcell (Galway) P. Carney (Mayo) T. Lyne (Kerry)

M. Higgins (Cavan) K. Heffernan (Dublin) T. Tighe (Cavan)

By the way, a word of praise for your fine paper, and I shall be looking forward to your report on Wexford's victory in hurling and Cork's victory in the football All-Irelands!

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SEAN O'CALLAGHAN says ..

THE postponement of this year's All-Ireland hurling and football finals from the original dates, caused by the polio epidemic in Co. Cork, is bound to have widespread repercussions, not alone on the counties concerned but on the public generally.

Public reaction is peculiar. Had the games taken place in the normal course of events, sports writers might well be writing in terms of record gates and attendance figures.

As matters stand, the flow of publicity has been noticeably weak, interest has flagged, and the finals have not commanded the attention they did in other years.

Just a year has elapsed since the four counties contending for All-Ireland honours all finished on level terms. There were two replays on the same occasion, Dublin defeating Mayo, and Kerry accounting for Cavan.

BIG CHANGE

How strange that all four of last year's aspirants have long ago lost interest. Instead of Dublin representing Leinster, that honour fell to Kildare, in a dual role—senior and junior.

Cavan had to bow to defeat by Tyrone; Galway succeeded in the West by displacing Mayo, and then came the downfall of the All-Ireland Champions, Kerry, who were beaten by Cork.

Of the four new provincial champions, I think it can truly be said that Galway and Cork have richly deserved the reward of contesting this year's final.

To my mind the victory of Galway over Tyrone was much more impressive than that of Cork over Kildare.

My reason for this statement is that Galway had a much more difficult task and proved themselves to be a very solid body of men

and a magnificent team. The present Galway fifteen compares favourably with that of 1938, the year that they defeated Kerry in the replay to capture their last All-Ireland title.

SPORTING TYRONE

To give the Tyrone men their due, they put up a fine sporting display, featuring a gallant finishing rally. They just hadn't the best of luck and a little loose marking probably cost them their place in the final.

The attendance was 54,454, or 6,996 greater than witnessed the Cork v. Kildare game.

Let's take a look at the other side of the picture. Cork, by accounting for Kildare, qualified for their second final; their hurlers had already reached the last stage to play Wexford.

Cork's total against Kildare was 0-9 to 0-5, but the game did not compare with the Galway v.

Tyrone clash.

If I may quote from reports of the battle, it was regarded as a poor exhibition and one of the most disappointing of recent years. Keen critics in Leinster thought little of Kildare's chances, and how right they were.

The attendance at this game was only 47,458, compared with 60,595 who witnessed the Dublin v. Mayo game at the same stage last year.

A POOR SPIRIT

The game was scrappy, featured petty fouls and fumbles on the part of both teams, and a very poor spirit prevailed.

Cork were undoubtedly the better team, but the old story was again foremost—lamentable forward finish on the part of all six forwards.

Only for midfielder Eric Ryan, who went through for scores on his own, Cork would have had diffi-



Cork County Board Chairman, P. A. ("Weeshie") Murphy, discussing tactics with the Captain, Donal O'Sullivan, "Toots" Kelleher, and Denis Bernard.

culty in qualifying.

When it comes to assessing the merits of the counties, rather than the teams, it will be found that neither one or the other can claim any great superiority in respect to past achievements.

Galway have three titles to their credit, won in the years 1925, 1934 and 1938.

Cork's years of success were 1890, 1911 and 1945. The last occasion in which the counties were in opposition was in 1945, the year of Cork's last victory.

Mayo defeated Galway in the semi-final by 2-12 to 2-8, and then disposed of Cavan in that year's final by 2-5 to 0-7.

KERRY DOMINANT

Cork have a dozen Munster Championships to their credit, but have been dominated down South by Kerry.

Their last Munster title victory was in 1949, when they lost in the All-Ireland semi-final to Cavan on a score of 1-9 to 2-3.

Cork have one National Football League victory to their credit as well. They won the League title in 1951/52.

Galway's All-Ireland record is much superior to that of Cork, although both counties hold the same number of titles—three each.

The first occasion I saw Galway in a final was against Kildare in 1919, when Kildare, captained by Larry Stanley, beat the Galway men 2-5 to 0-1.

Others on the Kildare team on that occasion were Mick Sammon

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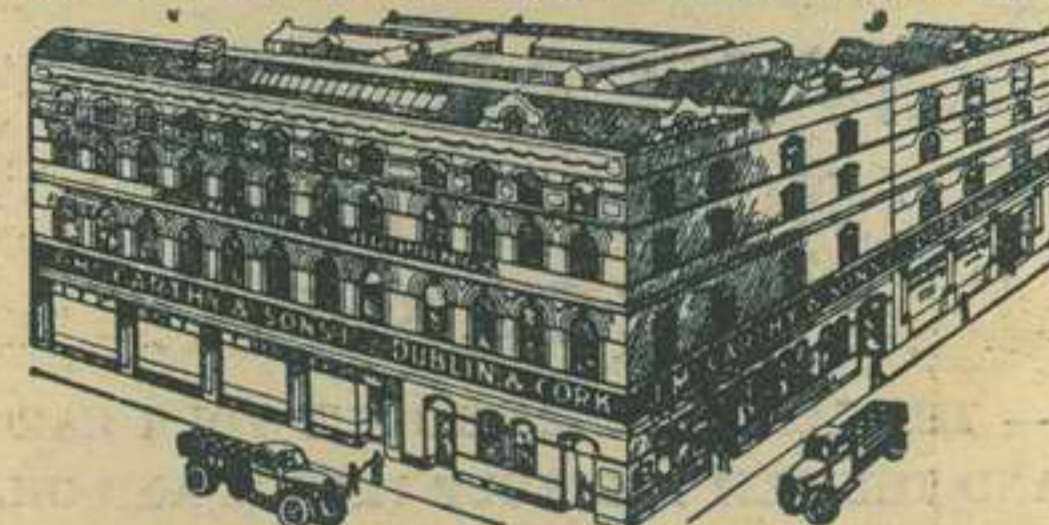
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SEAN O'CALLAGHAN says...

"Joyce" Conlan and Paul Doyle; all three have passed to their reward.

Best known figure of the Galway side of that period was "Knacker" Walsh of Ballinasloe, with the Egan trio and P. Roche.

DUBLIN WON

Galway appeared again in the All-Ireland final of 1922 against O'Tooles' Dublin selection, but Paddy McDonnell, with the Synotts, Paddy Carey, Joe Norris, and Frank Burke, won narrowly by 0-6 to 0-4. This was in the heyday of O'Toole's Club, when they won three All-Irelands.

1925 was a year in which the championships were declared void, but Galway eventually were credited with the title after a fresh set of games had been played. Galway actually beat Wexford and Cavan.

In 1926 Galway lost in the semi-final to Kildare by 2-5 to 0-2, and did not re-appear until the 1933 final, when they were beaten by Cavan, 2-5 to 1-4. In the following year they triumphed with a great win over Dublin, 3-5 to 1-9.

Four years later Galway beat Kerry in their famous replay at Croke Park, 2-4 to 0-7.

The attendance for the first game was 68,950, and for the replay 47,551. The figures were a record for years. Galway were beaten in the finals of 1940 and 1941 by Kerry, and lost again to Dublin in 1942.

Their last appearance was in the semi-final of 1945, when Cork beat them 2-12 to 2-8, Cork gaining the title with a final victory over Cavan by 2-5 to 0-7.

Of the two teams now representing the counties there are no connecting links.

SAME TEAMS DO DUTY

Both Galway and Cork will rely on practically the same teams as won their respective provincial championships.

Cork's main task in Munster was to defeat Kerry, and this took two meetings.

On the first occasion matters ended all square—Kerry, 2-2; Cork, 0-8. Kerry just managed to prevail through a belated effort by John Cronin, which brought a goal to level the game.

In the replay, Cork won by a last-minute point scored by Niall Fitzgerald, which gave Cork the Munster title on the score of 1-8 to 1-7.

The Cork team have been the subject of much criticism, particularly their forwards, who are not by any means reliable.

It's up to Eamon Young to work up the necessary improvement.

GREAT BODY OF MEN

Cork are undoubtedly the finest body of men that one could wish to see. They are wonderful fielders and ball players, but in looking over the Cork returns in the course of the championships, they have not accomplished anything in comparison to Galway.

They beat Waterford 0-12 to 0-1 without scoring a goal, and in the course of their two games against Kerry they had a total of 1 goal and 16 points against Kerry's 3 goals and 9 points.

This hardly compares with the Galway record in Connacht as they beat Mayo 5-13 to 2-5, and disposed of Sligo by 3-12 to 1-5 in the Connacht final.

If Cork can boast of a strong

midfield pairing in Moore and Ryan, Galway can claim that they have a pair which are at least equal to them in McDonagh and Eivers.

Where Galway shines particularly is in their wonderful leader, Sean Purcell. He is a danger to any defence and is a prolific marksman to boot.

PURCELL THE MAN

Purcell is a player who can win games on his own and his scoring returns are by far and away superior to anything that Cork can offer. In Stockwell, T. McHugh, Billy O'Neill and Kirwan, Galway have a well balanced attack.

The keyman of the Cork side is Niall Fitzgerald and their ablest marksman. In this in-

stance he is confronted by Jack Maher, one of the outstanding players of the Galway team.

So far as my opinion goes, and I have seen all the teams in action this year, I have no hesitation in plumping for a Galway victory.

I am guided in doing so by reason of Galway beating a better-class opposition and that they have a more evenly balanced team with a sure defence, the best goalkeeper in the country in Jack Mangan, and a midfield pair in Eivers and McDonagh that are well suited to counter the Cork pairing, Ryan and Moore.

As a guide to the games, this score chart should present an interesting study of how Galway and Cork fared in the semi-finals against Tyrone and Kildare.

GALWAY v. TYRONE						
FIRST HALF:			SECOND HALF			
3.31—Throw-in.			4.14—Throw-in.			
3.33—Galway point by T. McHugh.			4.26—Galway point by J. Coyle.			
3.34—Tyrone point by I. Jones.			4.29—Galway point by S. Purcell (free).			
3.35—Tyrone point by F. Donnelly (free).			4.33—Tyrone point by F. Donnelly (free).			
3.41—Galway point by S. Purcell (free).			4.36—Tyrone point by F. Donnelly (free).			
3.45—Galway point by W. O'Neill.			4.41—Tyrone point by F. Donnelly (free).			
3.47—Galway point by S. Purcell (free).						
3.51—Tyrone point by F. Donnelly (free).						
3.57—Galway point by S. Purcell (free).						
3.58—Galway point by S. Purcell (free).						

GALWAY						
	Goals.	Points.	Wides.	50's.	Frees.	Sideline Kicks.
First Half ...	0	6	9	3	14	5
Second Half ...	0	2	5	1	9	3
Total ...	0	8	14	4	23	8

TYRONE						
	Goals.	Points.	Wides.	50's.	Frees.	Sideline Kicks.
First Half ...	0	3	4	0	8	4
Second Half ...	0	3	8	1	12	5
Total ...	0	6	12	1	20	9

CORK v. KILDARE						
FIRST HALF:			SECOND HALF:			
3.31—Throw-in.			4.12—Throw-in.			
3.37—Cork point by N. Fitzgerald (free).			4.15—Cork point by P. Ryan.			
3.39—Cork point by N. Fitzgerald			4.16—Kildare point by S. Harrison (free).			
3.41—Cork point by D. Kelleher.			4.28—Cork point by Paddy Murphy.			
3.42—Kildare point by E. Treacy.			4.32—Cork point by P. Ryan (free).			
3.58—Kildare point by S. Harrison (free).			4.34—Cork point by P. Ryan.			
4.01—Kildare point by S. Harrison (free).			4.35—Cork point by P. Ryan (free).			
			4.38—Kildare point by S. Harrison.			
			4.40—Cork point by D. Kelleher.			

CORK						
	Goals.	Points.	Wides.	50's.	Frees.	Sideline Kicks.
First Half ...	0	3	0	0	7	6
Second Half ...	0	6	12	0	11	2
Total ...	0	9	21	0	18	8

KILDARE						
	Goals.	Points.	Wides.	50's.	Frees.	Sideline Kicks.
First Half ...	0	3	3	0	12	5
Second Half ...	0	2	2	1	12	2
Total ...	0	5	5	1	24	7

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Galway Enter The Fray With A Fifty-Fifty Chance Of Winning

BY PEADAR BYRNE

It will be a novel experience for the younger generation of Galway supporters when they travel to Croke Park on 7th October, to see their favourites battle Cork for the All-Ireland football crown.

For not only will the Tribesmen be contesting their first football decider in fourteen years, but for the first time in the memory of these youngsters, the wearers of the Maroon and White will enter the fray of an All-Ireland final happy in the thought that they have, at least, a fifty-fifty chance of winning.

All too often in the past have the Galway hurlers entered the All-Ireland arena determined to lay low their age-old bogey of lack of match-play practice only to be pipped again and again by the extra staying power of their opponents.

INEVITABLE FATE OF THEIR HEROES

Time and again these big-hearted Galway supporters made the long journey to the Metropolis to witness the inevitable fate of their heroes as they struggle to overcome the mighty odds.

But all this adversity only served to toughen the steel-like determination of the men of the West. The Central Council having until recently refused to redress Galway's hurling plight, Western followers realised that the Tribesmen's only hope of an All-Ireland title lay in the football team.

BACK TO FORM OF MID-THIRTIES

Followers everywhere awaited the day when Galway's football stock would turn the corner and resume the majestic seat it occupied in the mid-thirties.

And come that day did when, one gloomy November's evening in 1953. They held the might of Dublin to a draw in the N.F.L. The danger sign was there for all to see and although they failed to capture the League title, everyone realised that Galway "had arrived" on the football scene.

That was the first sign of Galway's football revival and they went from strength to strength. The following year when they "skated" up in the Connacht championship only to fall to Kerry in the All-Ireland semi-final.

That game revealed a few chinks in the Galwegians armour and the selectors, realising that they had the nucleus of an All-Ireland winning team at their disposal, set about repairing the loopholes.

SELECTORS KEPT PLUGGING AWAY

The forward line needed more "punch" so burly Sean Purcell was brought up to the "forty." Ex-minor Gerry Kirwan was promoted to the top of the left, while the declaration of Dubliner, Joe Young, solved the other corner-forward problem.

The team was still in the experimental stage when the 1955 championships got under way and it occasioned no surprise when a brilliant Mayo team superseded them as Connacht champions.

However, the selectors kept plugging away with their experiments and towards the end of the 1955-56, National League was evolved

Cork's real strength lies in their rugged, hard-tackling defence and their equally rugged if highly-capable mid-field pairing of Sean Moore and "Eric" Ryan.

The latter pair always manage to give their forwards a plentiful supply of the ball but that will avail Cork nothing if they continue to squander chances in their usual prodigal fashion.

Pitted against the Cork rear-guard will be the all-star Galway



THE GALWAY TEAM

—the Galway team as we know it to-day.

Right from the start of the present campaign they moved in the style of potential champions. Their triumphant march through Connacht was highlighted by a scintillating display against Mayo when they played an impeccable brand of football that brought back vivid memories of the halcyon days of the 'thirties.'

Many thought that Galway's form in the West was a mere flash in the pan; that they would never surmount the challenge of the sprightly Tyrone men on the wide open spaces of Croke Park.

Well those critics got their answer when the Galwaymen took everything the Northeners had to offer and then came storming back to win an epic encounter. It was a great effort by the Tyrone men but it was a greater one still by the Westerners who proved that all-round solidarity rather than individual brilliance is the best attribute any team can have.

HAS SERVED THE TEAM NOBLY

And so to the final. Standing between Galway and their first All-Ireland in twenty years are the Southeners.

Cork. The latter disappointed when struggling home against Kildare in the All-Ireland semi-final but I prefer to judge them on the form they displayed when ousting Dublin in the N.F.L.

The forwards struck an inspired patch that day and although they have since fallen from grace, a reproduction of that form, would spell almost certain defeat for Galway.

attack which has served the team so nobly in the past. Led by schemer-in-chief, Sean Purcell, this set-up can take scores from any angle and they are quick to capitalise on any defensive blunders.

Purcell, I rate, the most dangerous forward playing to-day and with those two go-ahead forwards, O'Neill and McHugh, flanking him, I can visualise the Southeners' defence in dire straits before the game is very old.

TWENTY YEARS IN THE WILDERNESS

Mid-fielders Eivers and McDonagh should break about even with their opposite numbers, while on present form, I think, the Galway defenders will have the "Indian Sign" on the Cork front line.

As I see it then, I think that Galway's football revival will reach its climax at about 4.50 p.m. on Sunday, October 7, 1956.

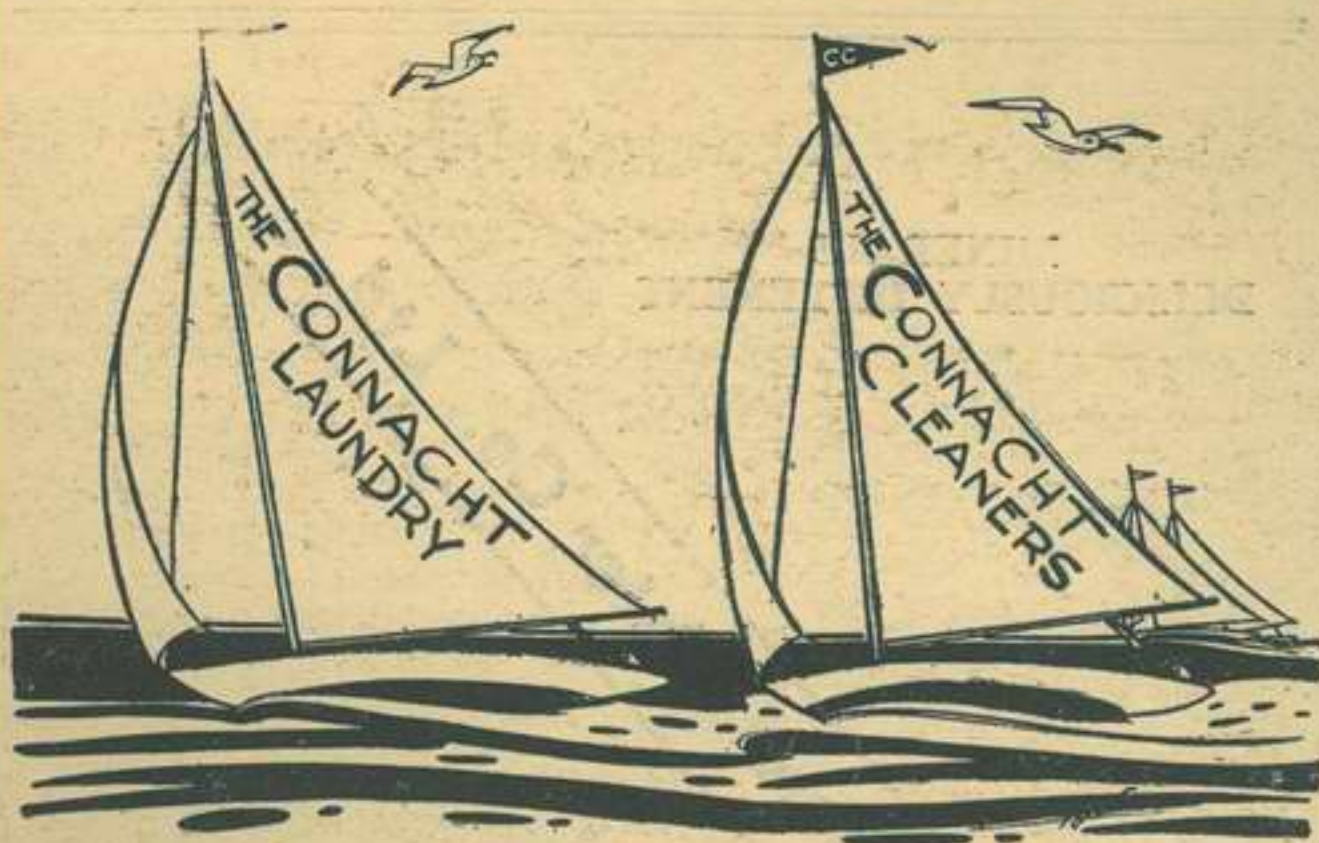
Cork will make them travel all the way but I expect the greater all-round strength of Galway will carry them through and give them a victory that will amply compensate them for their twenty years in the wilderness.

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Promise Of Thrilling Game For The Minor Football Final

(By PEADAR BYRNE)

DUBLIN will be all out to equal Kerry's all-time record of three successive All-Ireland minor football titles when they cross swords with surprise-packet Leitrim in this year's decider.

Leitrim surprised all and sundry when they won out in Connaught at the expense of such powerful teams as Mayo and Galway.

They continued their giant-killing act when accounting for a highly-rated Donegal team in the All-Ireland semi-final, and all who witnessed that game realised that here at last was a Leitrim team capable of putting the county back on the football map.

And these fearless Leitrim youths came to Croke Park not one whit overawed by the great reputation of the Metropolitans, and if they continue to serve you the regal brand of football they played in the earlier rounds, then it's going to be a pulsating battle on October 7th.

King-pins of minor football for the past two years, Dublin have trained hard for this contest and

are in tip-top condition just now. With eight of last year's victorious team still available, they have a big advantage over their rivals on the count of experience.

The rest of the team have had to fight hard for their places, for with such a wealth of talent at the selectors' disposal, every man had to play his hardest to make sure of his place on the team.

GREAT FORWARDS

Dublin's biggest asset is their score-hungry forward line, who play a brand of football modelled

on the style of the famous St. Vincents.

Watch the half-forward line of Boyle, Lenihan and Fox, for this trio, along with arch-opportunist Leary in the corner, represent the biggest threat to Leitrim's hopes.

Altogether there are nine St. Vincent's players on the team, so Dublin will not lack for team combination. They were a trifle shaky in their earlier engagements, but they turned in a real workmanlike display when dashing Limerick's hopes in the All-Ireland semi-final.

A reproduction of that form would suffice to give them the Markham Cup for the third successive year, but Leitrim will stay with them all the way in what promises to be a really great game.

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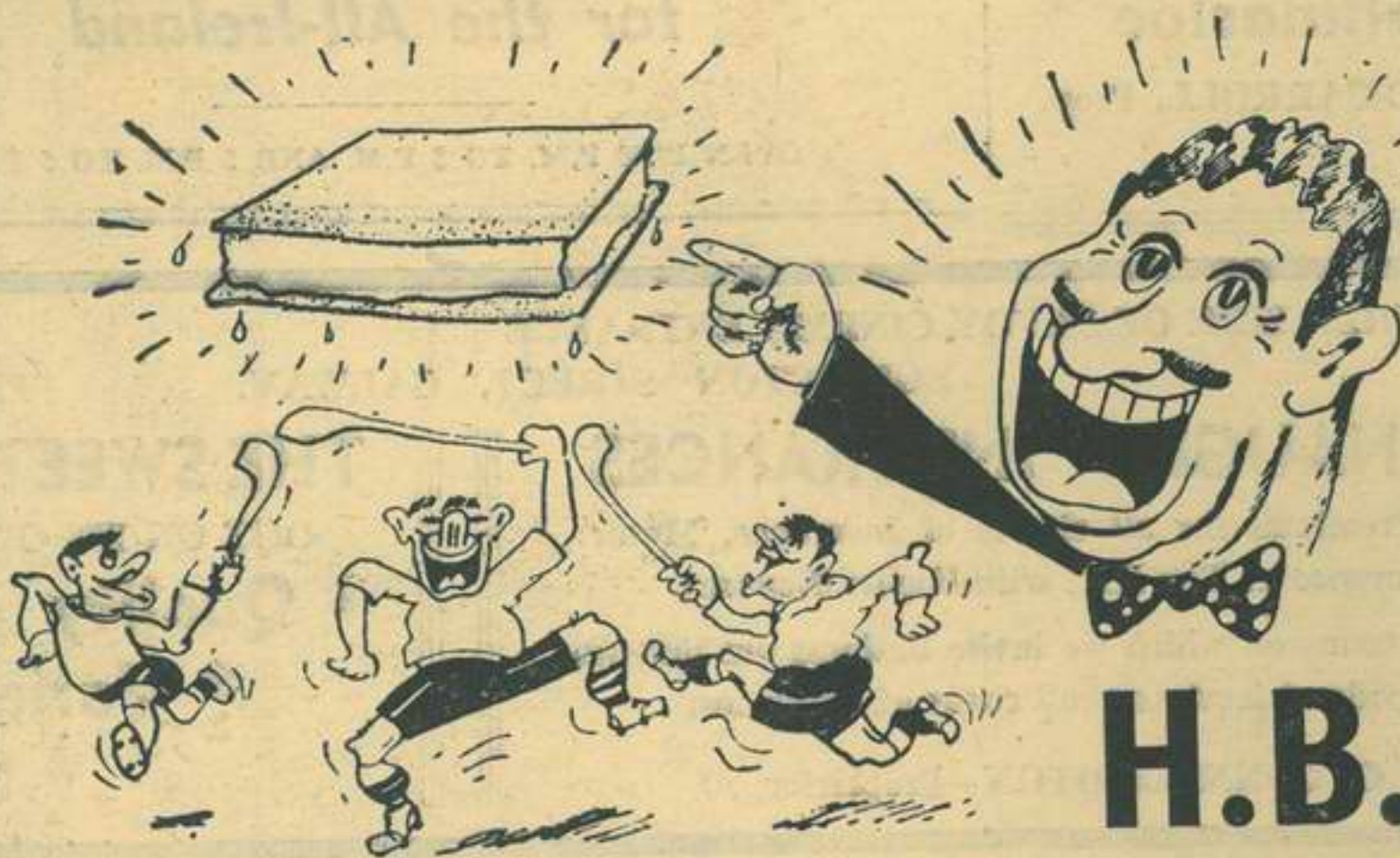


Kerry defenders in trouble.



W. O'Grady scoring the first Tipperary goal against Kilkenny, when Tipperary won their tenth All-Ireland Minor Hurling title.

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IT LOOKS AS IF THE OLD HEADACHE WHICH THE GALWAY COUNTY BOARD HAS BEEN SUFFERING FROM FOR YEARS PAST IS GOING TO BE CURED. THERE IS NOW A DISTINCT POSSIBILITY THAT PEARSE PARK STADIUM WILL BE READY IN THE NOT TOO DISTANT FUTURE.

Three short years ago a band of enthusiasts got together and formed the "Pearse Park Committee," and it was not long before this energetic group had acquired a fine site, which overlooks Galway Bay.

The members of the group, Sean Gillan, Secretary; Mick Higgins, John Cotter and John Dunne, organised a drive for funds and a subscription list was opened.

special interest in provincial grounds, the plans were revised and enlarged to provide seating for 15,000 (next to Croke Park), an embankment which would hold 25,000 people, a grass track for running, extensive entrances, dressing rooms and finally a practice pitch.

Contractors were engaged and the work is proceeding at present. When finished it will have cost £34,000.



The Galway goalkeeper came to the rescue in their game against Kilkenny at Ballinasloe in the All-Ireland Junior Hurling Finals' contest.

The property is vested in five trustees: Padraig O'Keeffe, General Secretary of the G.A.A., representing the Central Council, who contributed £2,000; John Dunne, one of the Association's trustees, who represents the Connacht Council, who contributed £1,000; John Cotter and Michael Higgins, on behalf of the Galway County Board, which has given £1,170, and Alderman Joseph Owens, the nominee of the foundation members.

£15,000 COLLECTED

Six months after the appeal had been made, a total of £15,000 had been collected, of which £10,700 was paid by the foundation members. The privileges of the foundation members are likely to become more valuable in time.

The original scheme envisaged only the draining and levelling of the ground, the erection of boundary walls and a limited embankment, but after consultation with the Central Council, who take a

It is fitting, too, that the new stadium has been called after Padraig Pearse, because he taught for a number of years in Spiddal, where there is already a fine memorial from a grateful people—Halla an Piarasaigh.

IN EASY STAGES

Provision is made in the contract for carrying out the work on the stadium in progressive stages so that should there be a scarcity of funds the work can be curtailed until money becomes available again.

The committee have to face the task of raising a further £20,000 this year—if the project is to be completed this year.

At the moment Gaelic games are not in a very healthy state in Galway City. Of course, the schools are doing their bit but without the amenities they cannot progress far, so that for them, too, the new park will be a boon.

When the park is finished and the bigger games are allotted to it, the new stadium is sure to bring prosperity to the surrounding area.



The ball eludes J. Burke and J. Molloy, Galway, against Kilkenny at Tuam in the Oireachtas contest.

Open Draw Only Cure

BY D. J. KELLY

THE news that the Galway hurlers will next year compete in the Leinster Championship has been well received, not only in the Corrib County but everywhere that the game is held dear.

Far be it from me to oppose it; the move is a fine one as far as it goes, but the trouble is, it does not go far enough!

Nearly twelve months ago, I extended a plea for an open draw in hurling and the events which have occurred since then have only convinced me that as the game stands, the open draw is the only cure for the malignancy that is threatening its life's blood.

I welcome the Leinster Council move for it gives those gallant Connacht standard-bearers the chance that has for so long been denied them—that of getting a fair crack at all All-Ireland title.

But what about those other standard-bearers in the North?



Would Antrim not welcome a similar invitation?

The main trouble with such a move is that it sets a precedent and precedents can be dangerous. True, Galway have the right to challenge for hurling's crown on the same level as other contestants, but not the same chance accorded all counties?

WILL TO WIN

In an open draw, the weak would challenge the strong but the Tyrone footballers have proved that the will to win is a weapon that can be wielded by all and that same spirit which humbled mighty Cavan at Clones can be applied anywhere with the same welcome results, for the game in general.

If Antrim, for instance, were drawn against Wexford, Cork or Tipperary at Casement Park, would not the very challenge inspire them in their bid for victory?

The men of Tipperary, or Cork, or Wexford, are no better than the men of Antrim, or Tyrone or Derry, but they are more skilled in the use of the caman because that skill has been fashioned playing against teams which are themselves skilful.

Why deny Antrim that same privilege, the same chance of developing their game, of sharpening their wits and God-given gifts against the more accomplished sides?

Giving Galway that chance will improve immeasurably their chances of winning the premier title and for that reason alone the Leinster Council deserves the gratitude of all to whom the game is dear but in recovering one "lost" sheep from the wilderness, let's not close the gate against the others.

An open drawn would widen interest in the game, add a tremendous incentive and result in an all-round levelling up in the standard. It would give lovers of the game in the weaker counties a chance of seeing their favourites playing against the stars of the game—Wexford's Rackard brothers, Jim English and Tim Flood; Cork's Christy Ring, Josie Hartnett and Willie John Daly; Limerick's Seamus Ryan, Vivian Cobbe and Dermot Kelly; Tipperary's Paddy Kenny, Mick Ryan and Mick "Blackie" Keane, and Kilkenny's Olly Walsh, the near-veteran Willie Walsh and Sean Clohessey.

Perhaps an open draw would be unpopular in Munster where they regard their hurling final as the virtual All-Ireland decider.

Perhaps, too, the revenue would be less, but for the sake of the game itself should such petty arguments be even considered?

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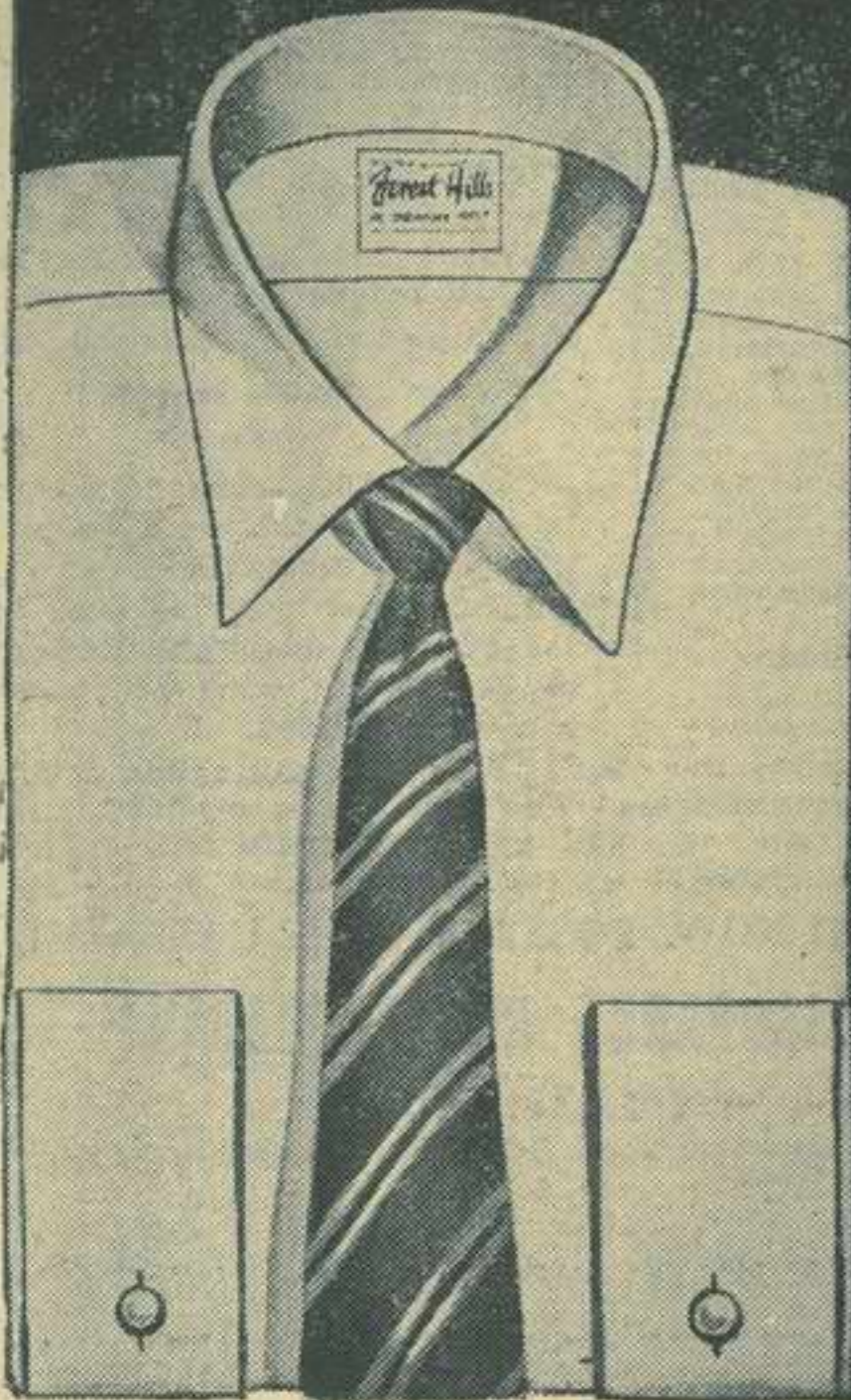
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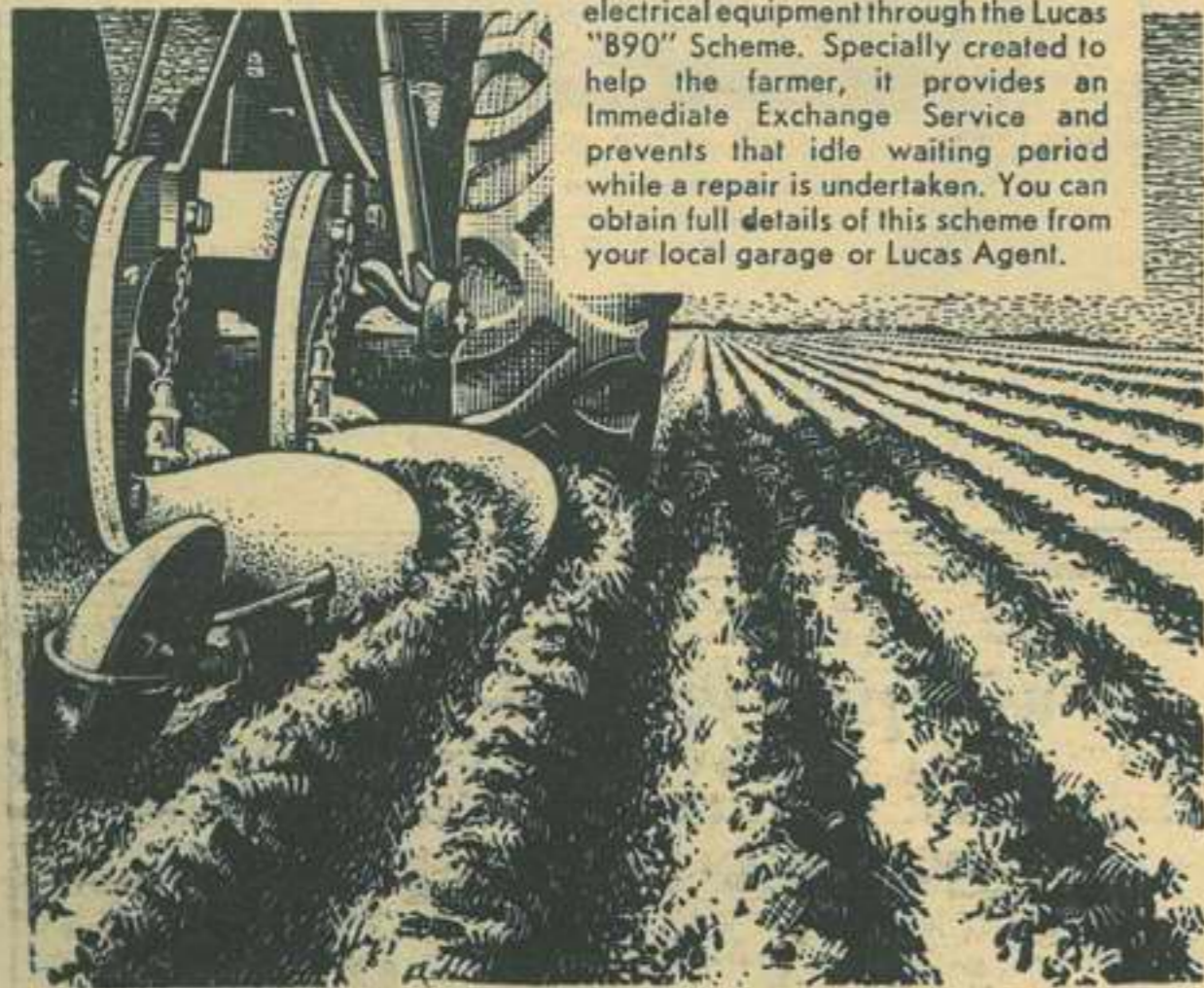
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OLD-TIMER RECALLS MAJESTIC DEEDS

BY DES KEEGAN

COME September and the old fire-grate which has been neglected during the months which some people now laughingly refer to as summer, once more resumes its function of providing heat. Around its democratic fold, people gather sociably and invariably some reminisce to the utter delight of those who were not fortunate enough to have lived through the particular period under discussion.

A few nights ago, I was privileged to listen to an old-timer, who spoke with great reverence of the great Kerry and Kildare teams during the mid- and late-twenties.

When he spoke of Kildare, his eyes seemed to take on an added lustre as he recalled the majestic deeds of Larry Stanley, Matt Goff and other famed Lilywhites.

The old-timer re-lit his pipe and recalled with relish the sheer artistry of the Short-Grass men, whose particular style of play had wreaked havoc amongst the opposition, while holding spellbound all those who had the pleasure of witnessing it.

Against the high fielding, strong tackling and lusty kicking Kerry-men, Kildare employed the hand-passing gambit with sensational results and as time wore on, the method was adopted by the Ulster counties, particularly Cavan and Antrim.

I well remember how successful the Cavan forwards used the hand-passing approach and even now, I can recall in my mind's eye, the utter bewilderment of defences as Donal Morgan, the late Packy Devlin, Jack Smallhorn, Vincent McGovern, Louis Blessing and M. J. "Sonny" Magee, waltzed their way through for scores.

A TRUE ART

Hand-passing was a true art which not only called for great skill but gave the game a speed and a sweetness of movement which, I think, added tremendously to the enjoyment of it.

Some people condemned it on the grounds that it was reminiscent of a foreign game which was, of course, sheer nonsense.

Westport Are Proud Of Him

MICKY PALMER, 28-years-old Westport coachbuilder, whose name is a household word in cycling circles in Ireland has just completed ten years in top class cycling.

During that time he won 25 cups, over 200 medals and numerous other trophies.

In his early cycling days he had to hit the trail alone. But as he returned from far-off fixtures carrying the winning trophy, other youths in Westport began to take notice.

The Shamrock Cycling Club was formed and soon Palmer had crack wheelmen to accompany him to collect the spoils of victory.

To-day the names of Conlon, Kennedy and O'Grady are fast becoming the top ranking wheelman West of the Shannon.

DUBLINER'S HELP

The Shamrock Club had its difficulties in its early days. But with the drive and enthusiasm of Dubliner Jim Sheridan, Mickey Berry, Michael Kennedy and Jimmy Walsh and the record of Micky Palmer, the early problems were overcome.

In 1952 Palmer brought home the first bouquet in the 10,000 metres Junior All-Ireland Championship.

HAD BAD LUCK

The following year ill-luck placed him third in Ras Connachta and second in Ras Muigheo.

Towards the end of that year he hit the headlines by winning the 5,000 and 10,000 metres senior All-Ireland championships.

In 1954 then Westport man was placed second in the 50 mile All-Ireland Time Trials and won the 50 mile Connacht Championship.

His greatest success, however, was when he was placed third in Ras Tailteann in 1954 and '55, with the crack cyclists of Ireland competing.

WON BIG T.T. RACE

This year he has won the All-Ireland Time Trials 50 miles at Athlone, defeating Ras Tailteann (1955) winner Gene Mangan, of Kerry.

For the first time Micky beat the luck to win the 100 mile Ras Muigheo.

In the past decade he has also won several track events, his latest being at Hollymount and Ballyglass meetings.

Micky Palmer's name has hit the headlines of the sporting pages over the past ten years and Westport and Mayo have every reason to feel proud of their young cycling hero.

"What" I ask these people "is foreign about hand-passing"? To my knowledge, there is no other game in the world to-day where that particular type of hand-passing is ever used. It was "invented" by Irishmen for Irishmen and as such, I think it should never have been banned.

The present day "fisted" pass is a poor substitute in that it slows up the game, and, to be really successful, calls for a degree of accuracy which, in the course of a game, just cannot be attained.

Strange to relate, it was Antrim who brought the "art" of hand-

passing to perfection and reaped most reward from its use, who called for its banning.

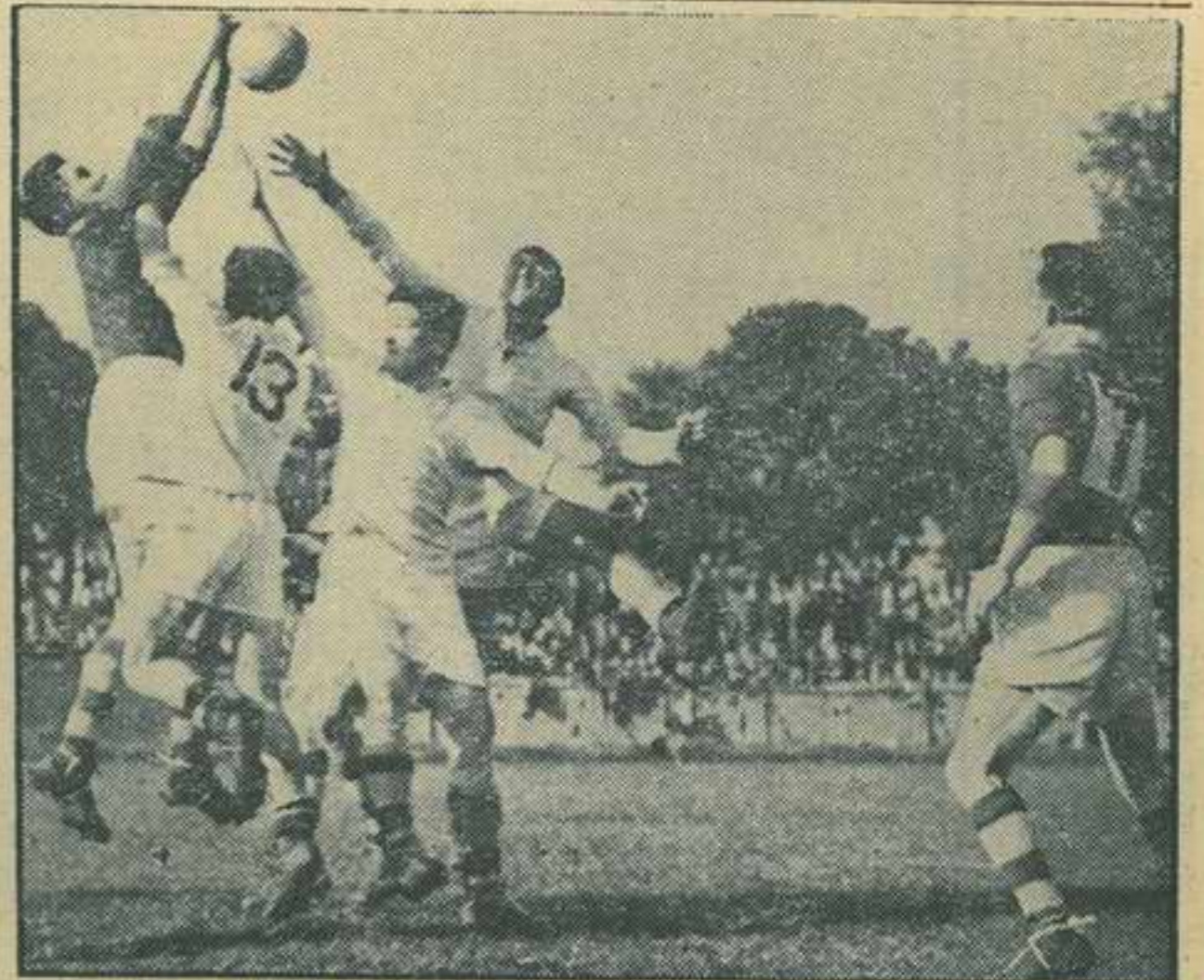
One can only speculate on why the Glensmen were so rash. Certainly, since it was made illegal, little has been seen of the Northerners as a football force.

I asked my "old-timer" friend what he thought was behind the Antrim move and he told me that he considered it was a move by the Glensmen to spike Cavan's guns and give other Ulster counties a better chance of winning a Northern title.

A strange reason—if it is true—for while Cavan undoubtedly used the method with great success, it is equally true that Antrim were similarly successful.

Anyway I do not think that the Glensmen would be capable of such bad sportsmanship.

But I will continue to wonder at Antrim's motives in proposing that a style of play which speeded up the game tremendously, called for a finely developed skill and brought untold joy to the spectators, should be banned.



Ollie O'Rourke makes a spectacular save against Kildare.

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 over the side of a vessel during the running of a half minute sand glass, was the standard method of ascertaining the speed of a ship and the distance run. On winding in the line the number of knots was counted and the result represented the speed travelled during the running of the glass in nautical miles per hour or knots. Naval vessels "heaved the log" once every hour, merchant ships usually every two hours.

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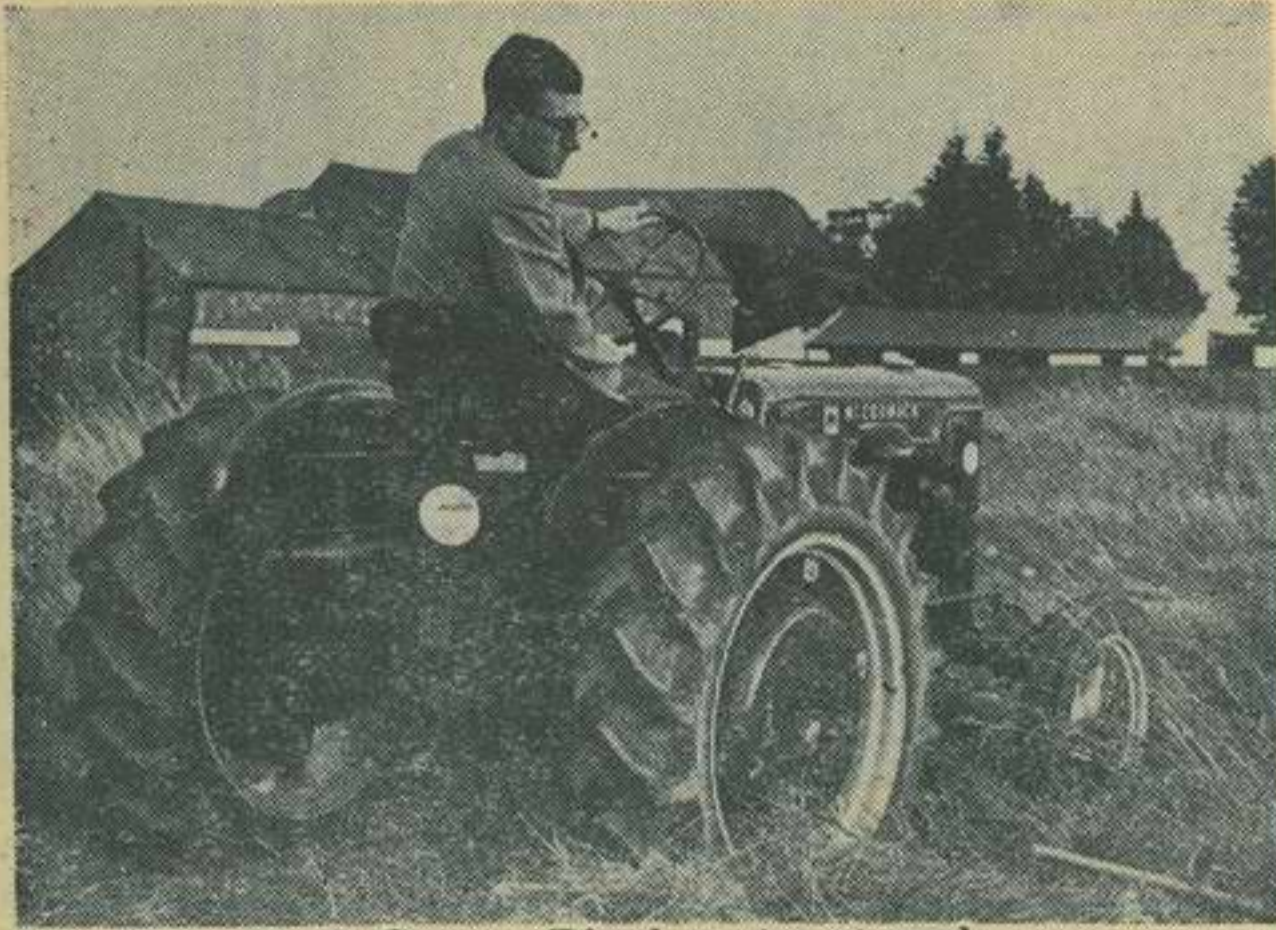
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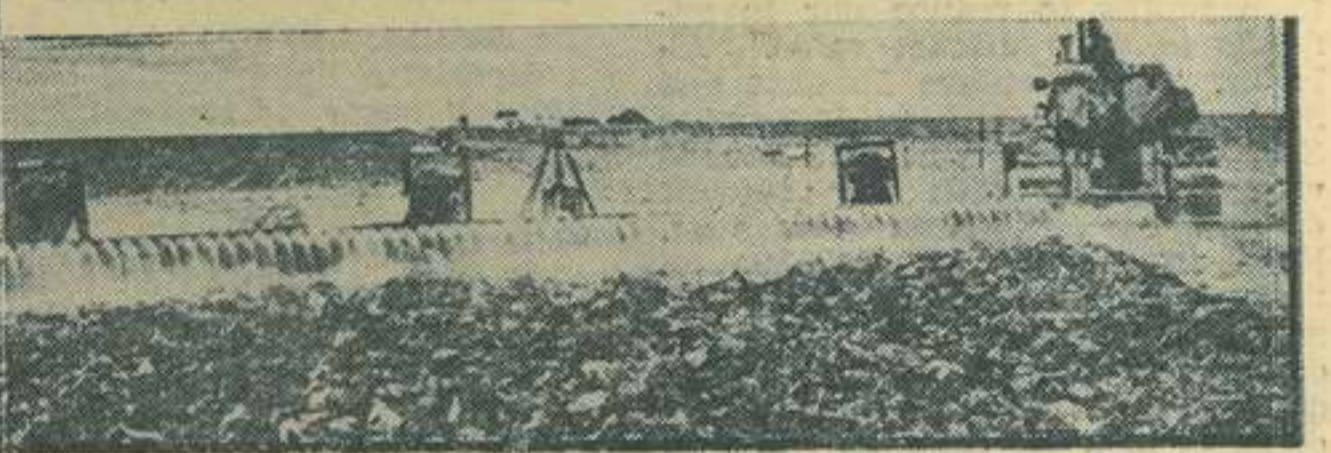
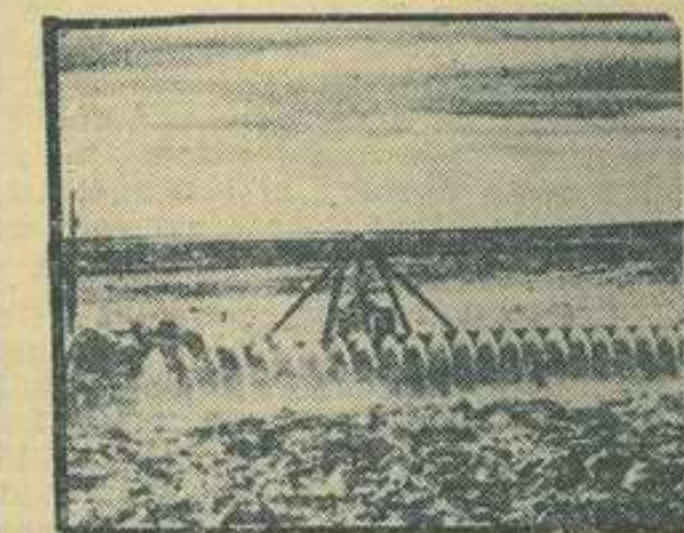
SO great has been the interest in the success of the Pilot Farm ventures made by the Co. Kildare Committee of Agriculture that booklets are being published, giving a detailed account of each farm and its history to date.

One of the most striking success stories is that of the Carbury Pilot Farm, which is a small holding of only 26 statute acres, bought by the present owner in 1948. It was then in a most neglected condition and divided into a number of small and awkward fields. By dint of hard work he brought his original herd of cows from two at the start to seven in 1952, and was bringing

in an income of an estimated £400 for himself and his family to cover all their expenses.

In 1952 the local Instructor visited this farm for the first time. He came to give advice on the control of a crop pest, and in discussion with the farmer, laid out a Scheme with the aim of increasing the farmer's income and making the farm more manageable and productive.

INTENSIVE PROGRAMME
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of all the wasteful and unnecessary hedges and ditches. The farm, in its new shape, consists of two large and easily-worked fields divided by a wire fence and with a permanent water supply. The cost to the farmer was £100, which is being paid off in instalments as an addition to his Land Commission rent.

Here is a 60-ft. disc plough which turns a strip of earth 42 feet wide at a rate of 14 acres an hour. Invented in Texas, U.S.A., it is used to prepare prairie land for wheat planting.

Soil tests were taken, and both farmer and instructor discussed the best plan of action for the future. Production on such a small farm, it was agreed would have to be intensive, and the sale of milk presented the best opportunity.

Meanwhile, while waiting for a contract the farmer included raspberries and the growing of early potatoes in his programme, both of which gave a good financial return.

COWS AND BUILDINGS
 Five extra cows were bought at a cost of £300, and £200 was spent on the erection of new buildings and the installation of a piped water supply, when the sale of liquid milk off this farm began.

The aim of the present farm programme on Carbury Pilot Farm is the sale of as great a quantity of liquid milk as possible, and the feeding of the cows on home produced foods to a maximum degree.

PRESENT FINANCIAL
 Assuming that the rest of the year does not bring any unusual loss, the financial position of the farm for 1956 should be approximately as set out in the table, the present stock being 10 cows with calves reared on the farm until six months old and raspberries and poultry yielding as they did last year.

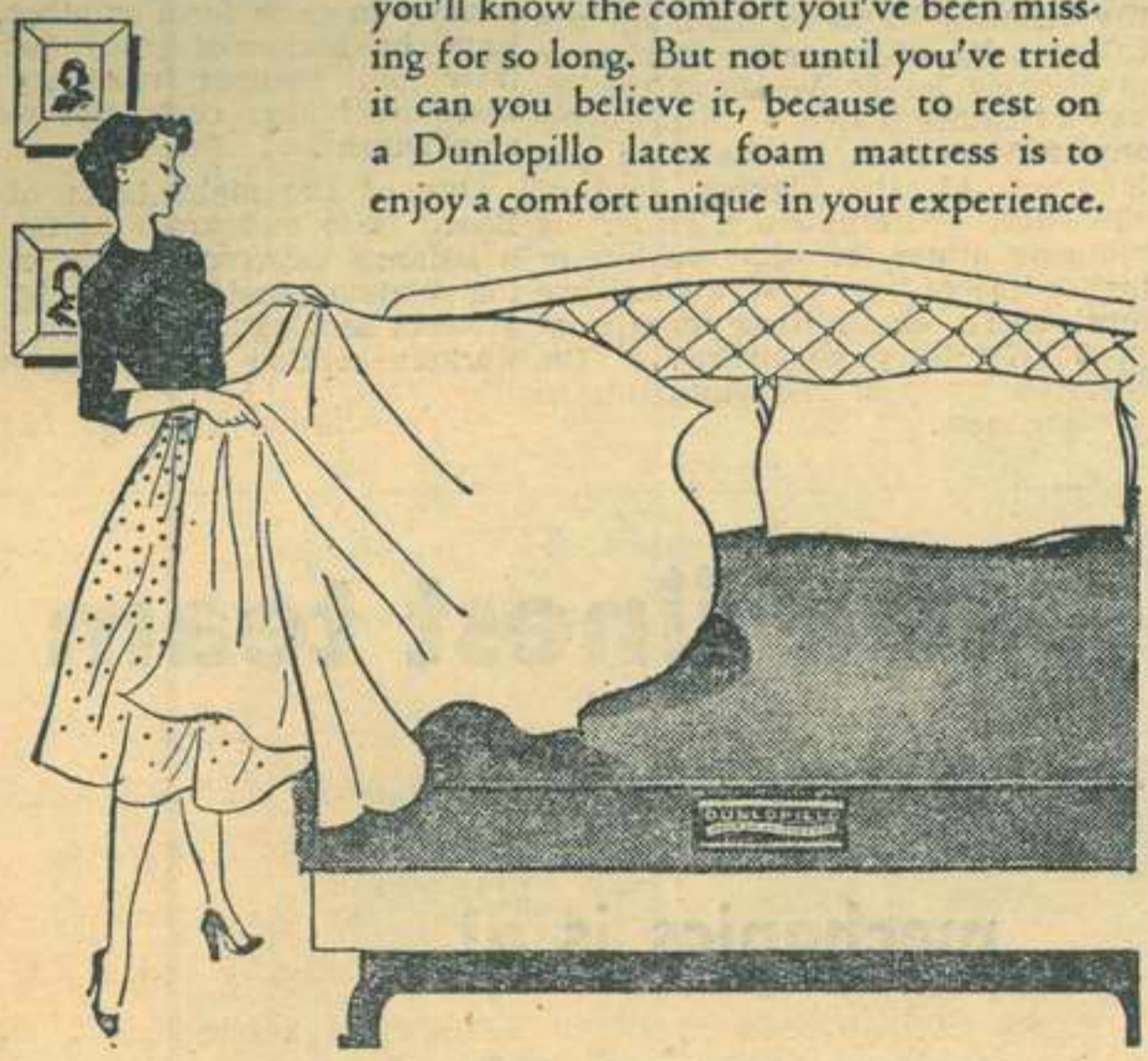
RECEIPTS	
Milk	£550
Calves	150
Raspberries	60
Turkeys	60
Wheat	160
Used in House	110
	£1090

PAYMENTS	
Rent and Rates	£47
Manures and Seeds	150
Labour (ploughing)	20
Feeding Stuff (Oats, M and B Meal)	100
Milk Substitute	40
Misc. Expenses	50
Family Lab. Inc.	683
	£1090

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Twenty-Fourth Ordinary General Meeting

THE twenty-fourth Ordinary General Meeting of Comhlucht Siuicre Eireann, Teo., was held at 7 Clare Street, Dublin. The directors present were: John Edward MacEllin (Chairman), Liam Devlin, Patrick John Kehoe, Morgan McMahon, Timothy O'Mahony and Peter J. Murray, secretary. Also present were: Mr. G. P. S. Hogan, Assistant Secretary of the Department of Finance, representing the Minister for Finance, and Lieut. General M. J. Costello, general manager.

We give here some extracts from the Chairman's statement. The profit for the year was £150,232 after allowing for all charges and making provision for Depreciation and for Taxation on the current year's profits. This increase of £11,316 on last year arises because:

- (a) Beet sugar cost us less than in 1955, due to an easier campaign in more favourable weather conditions;
- (b) We sold a higher proportion of sugar refined from raws;
- (c) The serious increases in costs to which I will refer later operated only for a part of the year and were, to a large extent, negated by progressive economies.

£25,000 has been appropriated from profits to reduce our investments to their market value. Allowing for Debenture Interest and half yearly dividend on Preference Shares, there remains £90,955 which, together with the amount carried forward from last year, leaves a balance of £325,782 on the Account. The Directors recommend the payment of the usual dividend of 5 per cent. on the Ordinary Shares and the half yearly dividend of 3 per cent. on the Preference, bringing the total to 6 per cent. and that the sum of £300,782 be carried forward to the next Account.

During the year the old Diffusion Battery at Mallow was replaced by

two Continuous Diffusers at a cost of £219,723. This amount was set-off against the Reserve for Renewals and Replacements. The success of these Diffusers in their first campaign has convinced the Board that the Thurles and Carlow factories will have to be similarly modernised.

When our financial situation and the state of the National economy permit it, it is proposed to undertake this work and erect silos for bulk sugar storage. Similarly, during the year we were able to complete our Research Station at Carlow and the cost was set off against the figure reserved in the 1954 Accounts for that purpose.

SUGAR SALES

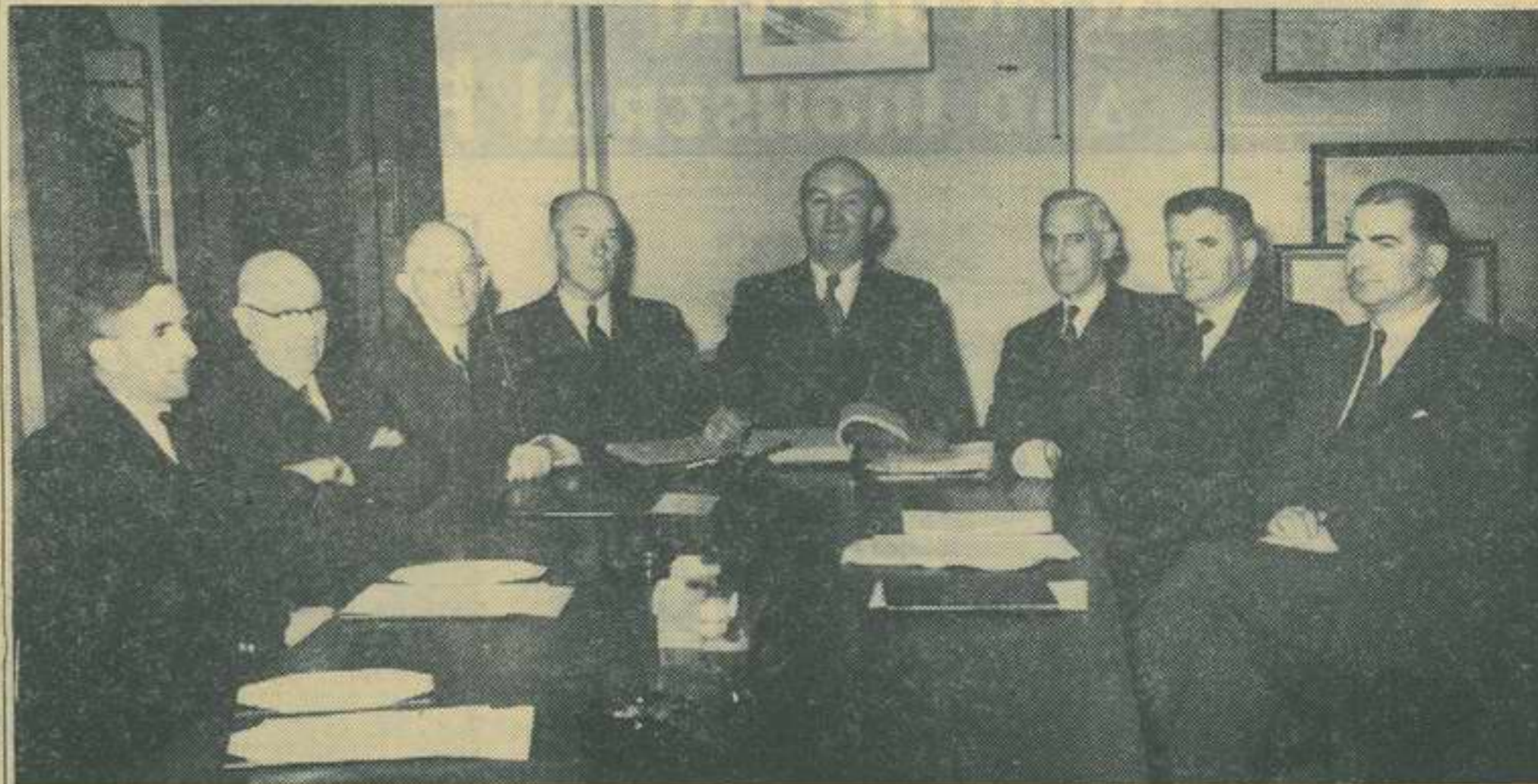
Since sugar became freely available after the war sales have been as follows:

	Tons
1949-1951 Average	133,935
1952-1953	165,331
1953-1954	164,680
1954-1955	145,026
1955-1956	141,204

The decrease in 1955 is due partly to a decline in the export of goods containing sugar following keener competition in the export market.

1955 BEET CROP

While the acreage of beet grown in 1955 shows a substantial reduction on that grown in 1954, the increase in yield and sugar content went a long way towards compensating for the loss in acreage. The average yield per statute acre was 10.80 tons of 17.66 per cent sugar content against a yield of 9.10 tons in 1954, with a sugar content of 15.96 per cent. This yield must be regarded as highly satisfactory considering the drought experi-



In this photograph are (left to right): Mr. Patrick J. Kehoe, Mr. Morgan McMahon, Mr. Liam Devlin, Mr. G. P. S. Hogan (Assistant Secretary, Department of Finance), Mr. John E. MacEllin (Chairman), Mr. Timothy O'Mahony, Lieut-Gen. M. J. Costello (General Manager), Mr. Peter J. Murray (Secretary).

enced during the summer and autumn. The reduction in beet acreage can be attributed to a considerable extent to the appalling weather conditions throughout the 1954 harvest and to the abnormally high level of cattle prices, which led some farmers to the mistaken conclusion that they could earn as much from grass as from tillage.

Soil and weather conditions were very favourable for the harvesting of the 1955 crop, with the result that soil tares were the lowest for many years. The average was 6.15 per cent. against a figure of 16.91 per cent in 1954 and 14.95 per cent in 1953. Because of ideal soil and weather conditions, harvesting costs were considerably reduced while transport charges for the conveyance of beet to the factories showed a reduction corresponding to the lower tare.

Factory performance is still on the upgrade. A comparison of our results with those of other countries shows an overall efficiency of our workers and factories in a favourable light. Sugar losses which could not be accounted for amounted to 0.72 per cent. beet in the years 1934 to 1940; this figure has now been reduced to 0.24 per cent. This is the most significant factor in our reduction of manufacturing costs.

INFLATION THROUGH WAGE INCREASES

Last year I drew attention to the tendency of wages and other costs to rise, thus making inevitable a rise in prices. During the year under review this trend continued. A round of wage increases for non-producers as well as producers was carried through despite warnings that the effect could only be harmful to the National interest and could convey no lasting benefit on the majority of workers.

Following increased wages to agricultural workers increased county rates and increased transport charges, the beet growers demanded a corresponding increase in the price of beet. The annual price review, therefore, resulted in an increase of 3s. 6d. per ton in the price of the 1956 beet crop. On the estimated production of 640,000 tons this will cost us £112,000 extra this year.

Increases in the cost of steel, coal fuel oil and sundry manufacturing materials, and a steep increase in our very big bill for county rates, would cost about £90,000 in a full year if we were unable by economies to counter some of them.

Having given details of other increased costs including freight charges the Chairman continued: This formidable bill could, on the one hand, be met by an increase in the price of sugar and this, in turn, would have immediate effect on the price of a large number of other commodities of which sugar is an important ingredient. And this is not the whole story. There are several other consequences of the last round of wage increases which have not yet made themselves felt.

ECONOMIES

Since our increased costs have not been met by an increase in the price we receive, we have had to take drastic action to keep the Company in a sound financial position.

The increase in wage rates has been met by abandoning work which at the new rates, is not competitive or economic. That is to say some of our workers have priced themselves out of employment. After several years of development during which we have been able to expand our payroll by new activities, new production and expansion, we have been forced, with great regret to move in the reverse direction. Much more serious, and affecting a considerable number of craftsmen, is the necessity to curtail and delay our programme of modernisation and development of our plant. Following the completion of some major projects during the year we have had to postpone other works involving capital investment which would have helped to maintain our position as low cost producers of beet sugar and low cost refiners. In calculating the economics of new construction of plant and buildings, most of which have a high labour content, the higher wage rates and higher interest rates currently applicable reduce, and in some cases, would wipe out anticipated economic advantages.

Put the over-riding consideration affecting our policy of keeping our plant up to the level of efficiency of the best foreign factories is the fact that we have been compelled to divert to the payment of increased wage, freight, beet and other costs, the funds which we think should be ploughed back into the business so as to maintain the future price of sugar at the lowest practicable level. We must pay by way of future increases in price for any failure now to maintain our factories at the highest level of efficiency. Alternatively, either by reducing prices for what we buy or higher prices for what we sell, we must again obtain that margin of profit necessary to maintain the required levels of re-investments in our business.

SUGAR PRICES

The extent to which the Company has been so far able to absorb increased costs through increased sales of all its products, by increased efficiency and the vigorous pursuit of economy and through the reduction of the price paid for imported sugar, is indicated by the average net ex-factory price per ton which it has received for sugar over the past eight years of rising costs:

1947-1948	£53 1 10
1948-1949	£50 6 2
1949-1950	£49 0 5
1950-1951	£51 5 6
1951-1952	£53 7 0
1952-1953	£56 8 0
1953-1954	£54 16 0
1954-55	£54 17 0
1955-1956	£54 13 6

The following are the retail prices of 1lb. of refined sugar in some other countries compared with the Irish price:

Ireland	7 d
Holland	8 d
United Kingdom	8 d to 8½d
U.S.A.	8½d to 9 d
Canada	8½d to 9½d
Spain	10½d
West Germany	11 d
France	11½d
Portugal	1/2d
Italy	1/4d

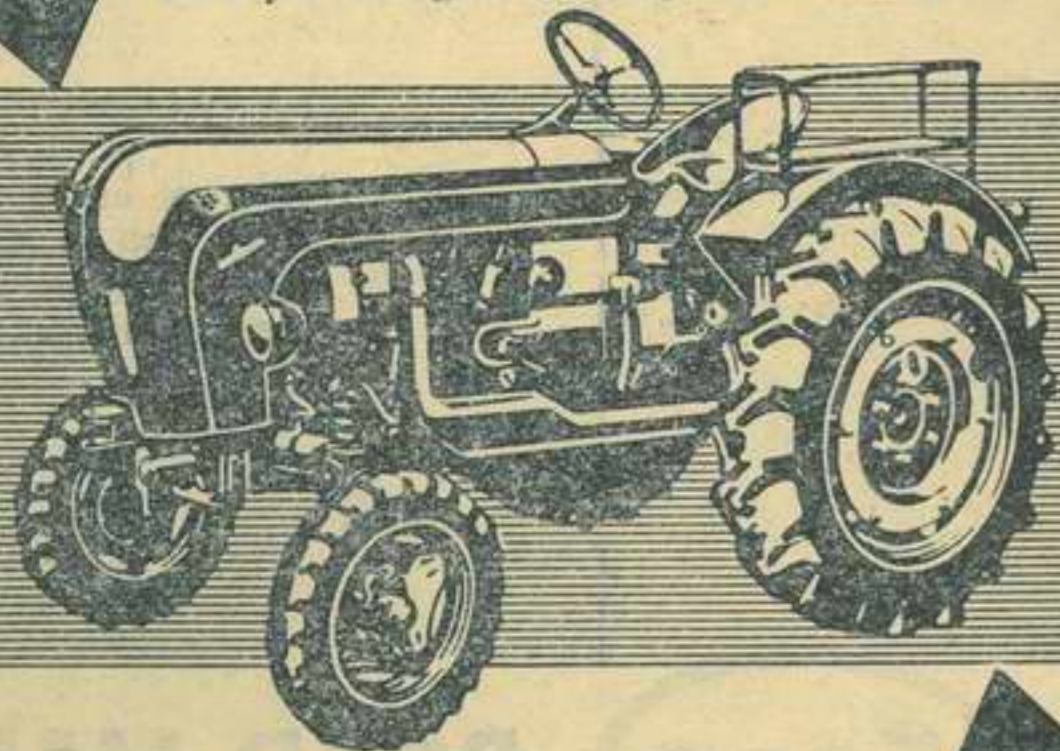
It is impossible to maintain indefinitely the Irish price of sugar at a level so much below that of other countries, unless by economic distortions for which the public in the long run must pay the penalty in some form or other, perhaps by abnormal price increases later on, reduced efficiency and therefore higher costs and reduced employment.

One of the main tasks of your Board is to endeavour to maintain a balance between various conflicting claims made on it, by beet growers seeking ever higher prices, workers seeking ever higher wages, and the public.

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suppliers of manufacturing materials demanding automatic compensation for every increase in their costs, or demanding that we continue to buy their products even when such purchases are economically unjustifiable, public carriers expecting subsidies in the form of payment of non-competitive rates or the elimination of low cost competitors, traders demanding that they be given margins corresponding to the increased burdens imposed upon them, manufacturing consumers of sugar who seem to expect our commodity to be miraculously and indefinitely exempt from the effects of rising costs, some exporters seeking to hold their trade at our expense and domestic consumers resisting the inevitable consequences of increased wages, rates and taxes which is higher prices. Most, if not all, of these interests will be disappointed when an increase in the price of sugar can no longer be deferred. The first claim upon any increase in the price of sugar should undoubtedly be the Company's own requirements for re-investment in order to maintain security and standard of living of the beet growers and our own employers. Next in priority should be the requirements of the large exporters whose sales to the United Kingdom are of vital importance to the Nation.

EXPORT TRADE

The export of goods containing sugar continued at slightly below the level of the previous year and absorbed over 20,000 tons of sugar. This trade has yet to meet the serious obstacle which the British Sugar Act provides for, that is, a levy in addition to duty on all sugar entering the United Kingdom. The proceeds of the levy will go to support the price of British beet sugar and sugar imported from the Empire. It is of vital importance to the dairy industry which has in chocolate crumb an economic outlet for a big quantity of milk and of real importance to the whole National economy that this trade be maintained and, if possible, extended.

During this year, we commenced a promising export trade in grass-meal and molasses. While such exports are, of course, welcome for the beneficial effect on the Balance of Payments it is, nevertheless, regrettable that such excellent feeding stuffs should be better appreciated abroad than at home and that they should not be more widely used by our own farmers to produce more livestock and livestock products for export.

We continue to export Armer beet harvesters manufactured at Carlow, and these machines had the distinction of harvesting in the United Kingdom an average acreage per machine higher than that achieved by any other make.

INCREASED BEET PRODUCTION

The most important contribution which this industry could make to the solution of the country's economic difficulties is in its own field of sugar production. Production of

Irish beet sugar in the current year is expected to be in the region of 93,000 tons. We will, therefore, have to refine about 60,000 tons of imported raw cane sugar in order to meet our full requirements. While the processing of such imported raw sugar is profitable to the Company and gives a good deal of employment in our factories and in the mines and factories of our suppliers, it involved a payment of at least £2,000,000 for the imported raws. This could be avoided if the required quantity of beet were available at an economic cost. The production of the extra sugar would require about 40,000 extra acres of beet. This would also provide additional fodder with a starch equivalent equal to the estimated yield of about 200,000 acres of average Irish pasture, or about 150,000 tons of imported maize. In the absence of a sufficient demand at home, Molasses and Dried Pulp could be exported at an economic price. It would, therefore, effect a change of about £4,000,000 in the Balance of Trade and give, at the

costs can be reduced substantially by improved methods and by the use of the labour saving machinery available to all beet growers.

GROUND LIMESTONE AND SUGAR FACTORY LIME

Despite the competition from many new ground limestone plants our sales were well maintained and increased from 191,000 tons in 1954 to 195,000 tons in 1955.

The benefits of factory lime are by now well established and sales amounted to 52,981 tons, bringing our total distribution of liming materials to 248,342 tons.

It now costs less to lime the land than it ever cost before and only half as much as it did 100 years ago. We know of no country in which farmers can buy lime and have it spread as cheaply as in Ireland. There are few countries in which it is so urgently needed.

GOWLA FARM

Our bogland reclamation scheme at Gowla has developed satisfac-

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Lieut.-General M. J. Costello, General Manager of the Irish Sugar Company, presenting the medals to the Thurles sugar factory team, when they won the first Munster Inter-Factory League.

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same time a great increase in productive employment in factories and on farms. It would add about 500,000 tons to the traffic of various carriers.

The average farm income per acre of agricultural land in this country is given as £12.5. The final value of all the products of an average acre of beet is about £140 or nearly eleven times greater.

When such spectacular improvement in gross farm income, in the Balance of Payments and in employment could be obtained by the devotion of a mere 40,000 extra acres of land to beet, the question inevitably rises why is such diversion not made. It is chiefly because the total area under tillage is too small to admit of the required increase in a proper rotation. A further 60,000 acres of tillage would be needed in Mayo, Roscommon and North Galway to make room for the extra 15,000 acres of beet needed to make our Tuam factory economic. In my speech of last year I gave reasons why the pattern of extensive and uneconomic farming has become general in the West. Only the revolution then suggested in farming methods can produce the desired result.

The cost of Irish beet after taking into account the price of pulp and the cost of transport is the highest net cost in the world and any increase would be uneconomic and make it impossible to sell the sugar in export markets.

Increased profits from beet are, however, available to those farmers who would increase their yields. An increase of two tons per acre in yield would bring in an extra £12, that is, an amount about equal to the average total production from all agricultural land. The performance of our best farmers shows that an average increase of at least two tons, or £12 an acre is attainable. The ways to get this are well known, i.e.:

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torily during the year, despite some temporary setbacks.

We have a very satisfactory export trade in grass meal, and the demand at home and abroad greatly exceeds the supply. The cost of production has fallen by reason of the steady increase in output, the better working conditions as the reclaimed bog becomes more solid and as the experience and skill of the workers increase.

1956 CROP

Although we had to refuse contracts in cases where increased freight charges would have made them uneconomic, the acreage of sugar beet grown in 1956 shows an increase of about 7 per cent. on 1955, making in all 58,500 statute acres. The greatest increase is in the Thurles factory area where the increase amounts to 11.6 per cent. This is satisfactory considering the restrictions which had to be imposed on the growing of beet to secure a proper crop rotation and thus prevent the incidence and spread of beet eelworm and the reductions caused by higher freight rates.

THE FUTURE

Given a more general understanding of the fundamental conditions affecting the economic development and a revival of the spirit of patriotism, of self-reliance and of enterprise, I am confident that there is scope for great progress, continued the Chairman. This is yet an almost undeveloped country from the agricultural point of view, by reason of the large areas of land which are yielding only a fraction of their potential wealth. The fact that some farmers everywhere and most farmers in some districts are working their land with great success is proof of the possibilities that exist. A rapidly expanding agriculture could correct our present economy and eliminating imports, provide the raw materials for expanding industries processing its products, and provide the employment needed to reverse the trend of population. An expanding economy and an increasing population could in this way be achieved.

Mr. Hogan said:—

Only absence from Dublin has prevented Mr. Whitaker from attending this meeting, and he would wish me to convey his regrets.

As the holder of the proxy of the Minister for Finance, my first duty is to convey to you, Mr. Chairman,

and to the other members of the Board, the Minister's thanks for your careful attention to the affairs of the Company during the year covered by the Report and Accounts. The Accounts bear testimony to the success which has attended your efforts.

In the very full address which you have just read, Mr. Chairman, you have dealt with the various aspects of the Company's operations and have also set the Company's affairs against the background of the economic position of the country as a whole.

In stressing as you have done the need for increased production and savings in all sectors of the economy, you have dealt with points that were put before the country by the Minister for Finance in his Budget statement and, with particular emphasis, in the speech he made in the Dail on the 25th July last.

Some points affecting the Company's present and future position in relation to production and distribution costs, which are covered by the Chairman's address, are not among those upon which I would wish to offer any comment. Some of these matters might indeed be regarded as sub judice in the official sense, a shall, however, bring to the Minister's notice all the points that have been raised in the Chairman's speech.

The Minister would wish me to endorse fully the remarks regarding the need for increased beet production which can as you, Mr. Chairman, have pointed out, make a significant contribution to the solution of the present economic difficulties.

It is a matter of congratulation to the Company that the financial strength of the undertaking has been preserved despite rising costs and other difficulties, that records are still being established in factory performance and that your capable management has addressed itself so well to the task of offsetting increased costs by economies and improved methods.

I wish to add my tribute, on behalf of the Minister, to the management, staff and workers for the success of their efforts, and if I may do so, I would like to say a special word of praise to your General Manager whose great talents and abounding energy have been of so much service to the Company and, indeed, to the country.

COMHLUCHT SIUCIRE EIREANN, TEORANTA

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 30th APRIL, 1956

CAPITAL AND LIABILITIES		ASSETS		
	£	£	£	£
Capital Authorised—				
2,000,000 Shares of £1 each	2,000,000			
Capital Issued—				
500,014 Ordinary Shares of £1 each fully paid	500,014			
500,000 6 per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares of £1 each fully paid	500,000			
		1,000,014		
£993,072 4 per cent. Guaranteed Debenture Stock	993,072			
Liabilities, etc.—				
Amount due to Bank and for Taxation	2,712,456			
Sundry Creditors, including Sinking Fund for Debenture Stock Redemption, Reserves for Depreciation, General Purposes, Deferred Renewals and Plant Replacements, Pension Scheme, Employers' Liability Insurance and Research	4,070,046			
Debenture Interest due, Unclaimed Dividends and Interest	12,939			
		6,795,441		
Profit and Loss Account—				
Balance Per Account	325,782			
		9,114,309		
				9,114,309
				2,261,667
				157,424
				312,000
				5,092,583
				1,290,122
				513
				117,116
				40,308
				119,469
				34,780
				45,722
				108,527
				124,112
				12,210
				136,322
				126,315
				60,568
				1,851,864
				1,912,432
				10,007
				123,405
				30,083
				163,488
				57,834
				105,654
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PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT for the year ended 30th April, 1956

	£		£
To Interest on 4 per cent. Debenture Stock for year to 30th April, 1956, less Income Tax .. .	24,902	By Balance from Last Account	234,827
.. Dividend of 3 per cent. on 500,000 6 per cent. Cumulative Preference Shares for the half-year to 31st October, 1955, less Income Tax	9,375	.. Trading Profit for year to date after charging all manufacturing and selling expenses and providing for Taxation and Reserves .. .	150,232
.. Depreciation of Investment	25,000		
.. Balance per Balance Sheet	325,782		
	385,059		385,059

Signed on behalf of the Board.

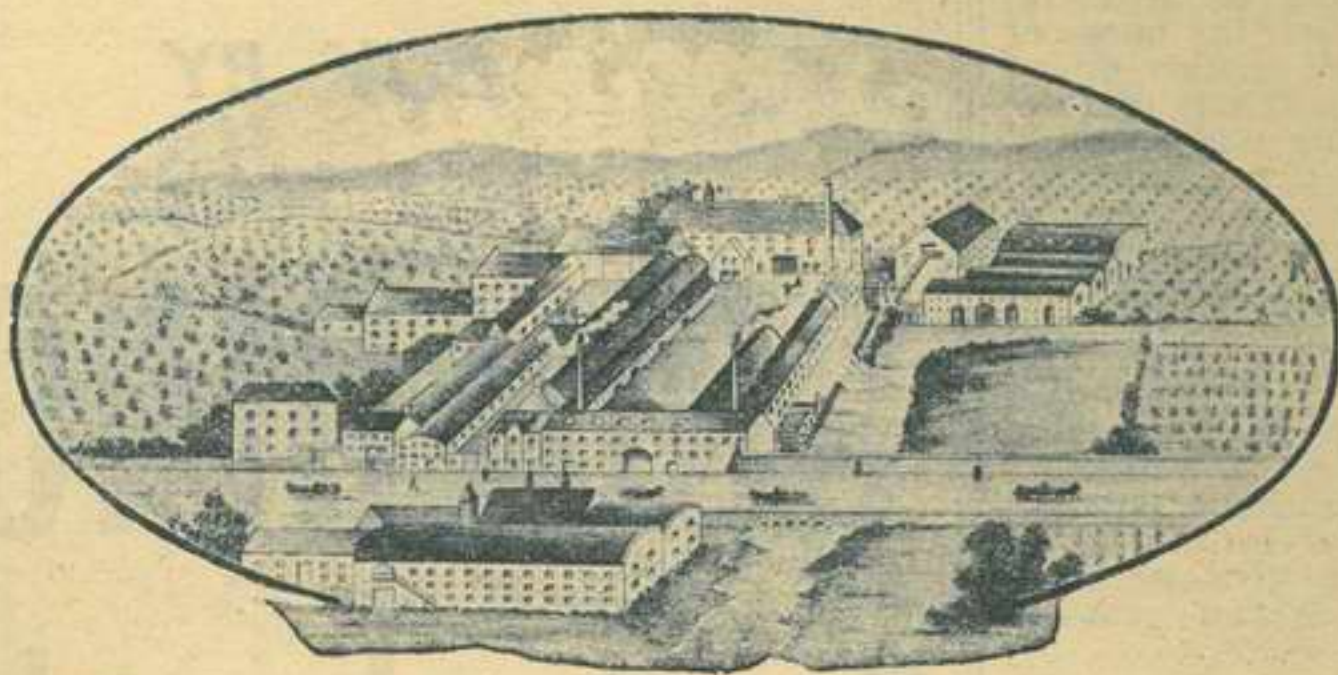
JOHN E. MacELLIN
MORGAN McMAHON Directors.
PETER J. MURRAY, Secretary.

AUDITORS' REPORT TO THE SHAREHOLDERS

We have obtained all the information and explanations we have required in the course of our examination of the foregoing Profit and Loss Account and Balance Sheet of Comhlucht Siucire Eireann, Teoranta, for the year ended 30th April, 1956. The Balance Sheet is, in our opinion, properly drawn up so as to exhibit a true and correct view of the state of the Company's affairs according to the best of our information and the explanations given to us, and as shown by the books of the Company.

30 Westmoreland Street,
Dublin, 1st August, 1956.

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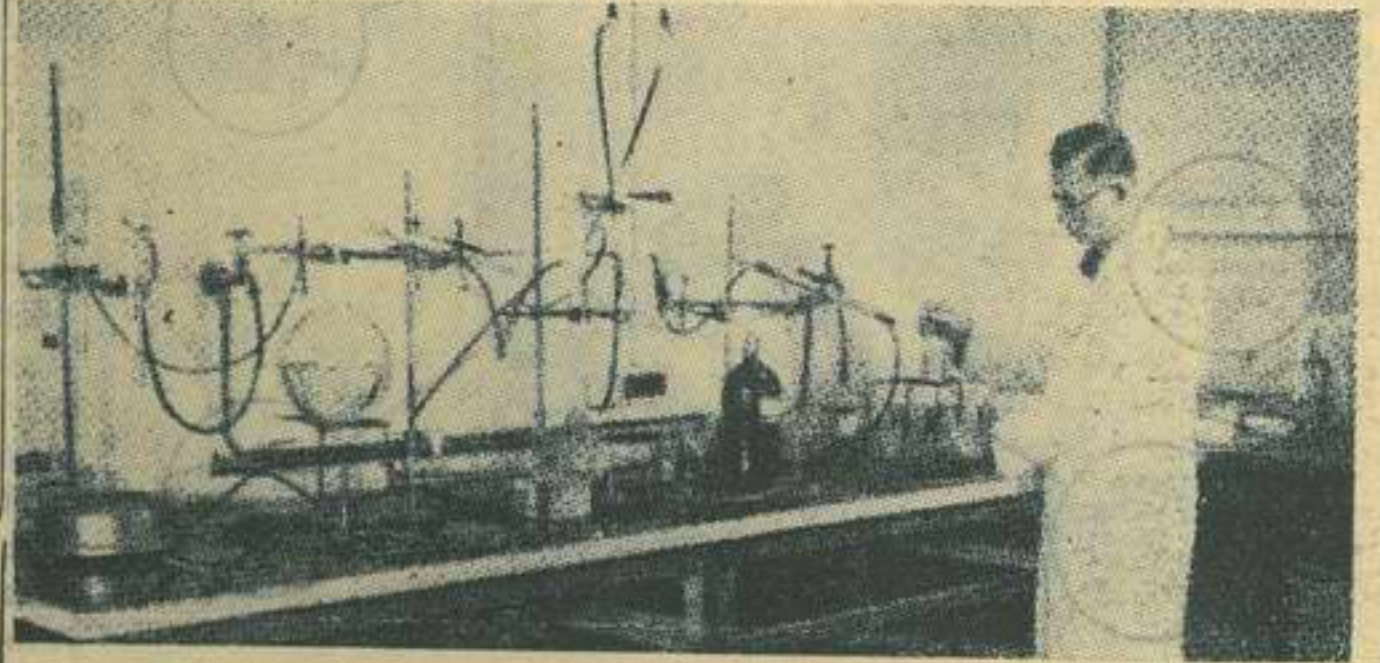
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On this page we tell the story of the development of Messrs. D. E. Williams, Ltd., Tullamore, and its Associated Companies. It is a story of success achieved and, as will be seen in these columns, many interests have benefitted from the building up of the firm's numerous and varied activities.

SERVICE FOR FARMERS

RECENTLY to help their staff and also to provide an advisory service for their customers, Messrs. D. E. Williams Ltd., appointed an Agricultural Adviser. This adviser, who is a graduate in Agriculture, calls on the farmers and, if necessary, takes samples of soil, which are forwarded to Johnstown Castle, Wexford.



Laboratory Assistant at work in Tullamore Distillery.

Here, by kind permission of the Department of Agriculture, a test is carried out on those samples and on the results of those tests fertilizer recommendations are made.

His advice is also available on all matters pertaining to agriculture, e.g. cropping, feeding, etc. This service is provided free and thus the firm are to be recommended on placing expert advice at the disposal of the farmers.

During the Winter, meetings are arranged and various guest speakers are invited to lecture on matters pertaining to problems of the farming community.

Great Business Group In Midlands

FEW firms in the business life of this country can have such a claim to distinction as that of Messrs. D. E. Williams Ltd., Tullamore. Originating in 1885 (the Firm was registered in its present form in 1907) its activities now cover the whole 32 counties.

Apart from the Home Trade a considerable export business has been built up by this firm. The founder of the firm was Mr. Daniel E. Williams whose son and grandsons now carry on the business.

Mr. Williams also played an important part in the organisation of the firm's associate company, Messrs. B. Daly and Co. Ltd., Distillers, Tullamore. A considerable portion of the output of the Distillery is sold at home and abroad by Messrs. D. E. Williams Ltd., under the well-known TULLAMORE DEW label.



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Sales in the USA, Canada, France, England and other countries enable the Distillery to perform a useful service to the surrounding farming community, who supplies its grain requirements.

Messrs. D. E. Williams Ltd., operate a chain of 25 Retail branch houses within a radius of 50 miles from Tullamore. In addition to these retail branches the firm also have 4 wholesale branch houses.

WINE AND SPIRITS AT KEENEST PRICES

In association with its Whiskey business, Messrs. D. E. Williams Ltd., have established a large wholesale wine and spirit trade. Wines and spirits shipped directly in wood from France, Spain and Portugal enable the firm to offer to the Licensed Trade these goods at keenest prices.

An extensive Tea trade has been built up by the firm over the years and is in charge of an expert Tea-Buyer and -Blender. The blending of the teas which are imported direct

from India and Ceylon is designed to suit the varying tastes.

The water in different districts is an important factor and is taken into consideration by this firm in ensuring that the purchaser obtains the best and most suitable blend. The "Red Cup" Tea packet of the firm is a well-known and established blend throughout the country.



Mr. Richard J. Williams (Director—Messrs. B. Daly & Co. Ltd.).

TULLAMORE WHISKEY IN THE SIXTEENTH CENTURY

THE Offaly whiskey in the Middle Ages was drunk largely for medicinal purposes; it was regarded as a "sovereign remedy" for all ailments. Queen Elizabeth, we are told, had a liking for it, and used to get an occasional sample of a "caske of usquebaugh." And a substantial duty-free sample it was too!

Hollinshed, writing in 1577 on this ancient beverage, says: "It sloweth age, it strengtheneth youth, it helpeth digestion, it cutteth flegme, it relisheth the harte, it lighteneth the mynd, it quickeneth the spirits, it cureth the hydropsie, it repelleth gravel . . . and trulie it is a sovereigne liquor if it be orderlie taken."

The whiskey of those days was quite a different beverage from the whiskey now made at Daly's Distillery. It was treble-distilled, and well laced with fruit juices, heather blooms, and herb infusions. It was what we now term a liqueur.

The Celtic Missionaries carried the recipes for these liqueurs to the Continent and they were lost to the Irish. But now, one has come back, the well-known liqueur, IRISH MIST. The very old whiskey on which IRISH MIST is based is made at the Tullamore Distillery for its associate company—The Irish Mist Liqueur Co., Ltd.—And IRISH MIST has already acquired a world-wide fame, with a particularly wide distribution in the United States.

(An extract from the "Wine and Spirit Trade Record," 16th February, 1954.)

MESSRS. D. E. WILLIAMS Limited are also engaged in the manufacture of an extensive range of Mineral Waters and in the bottling of Stout and Beers.

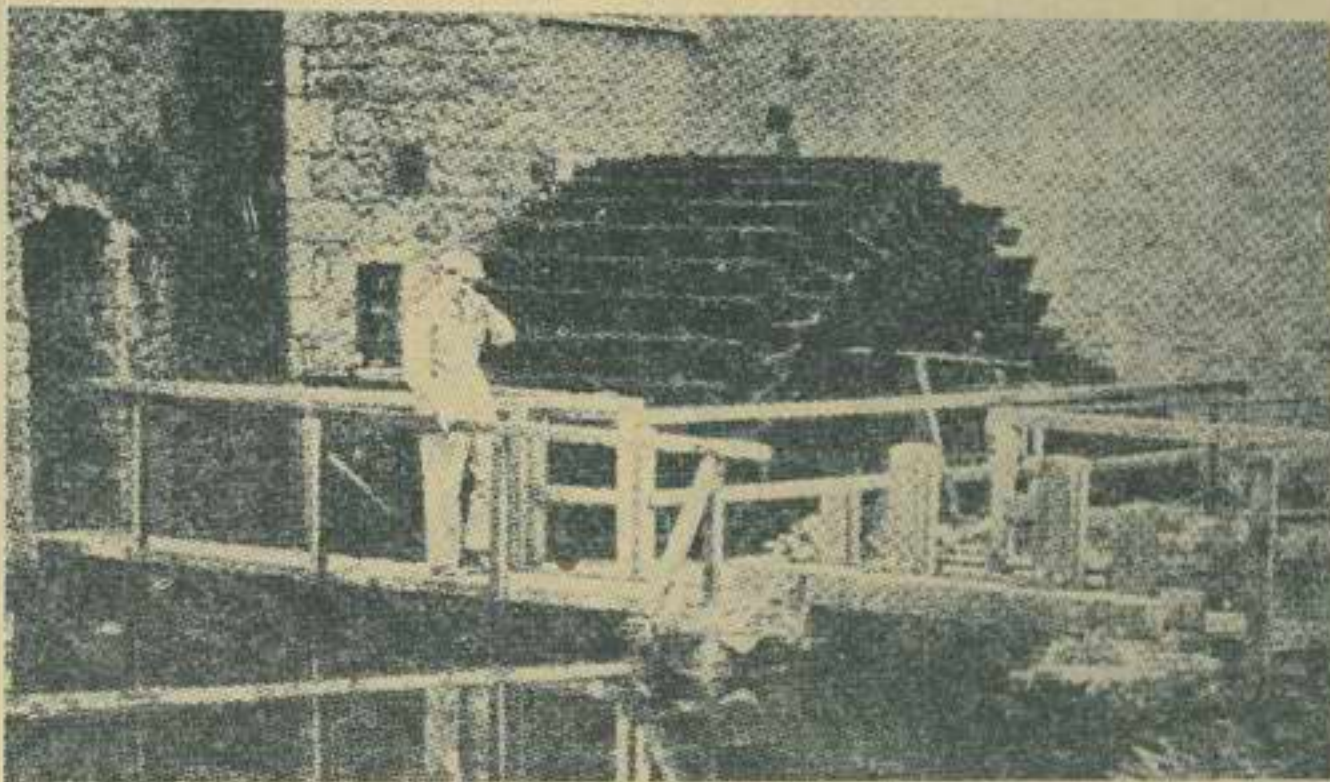
They have installed the most up-to-date machinery for the manufacture and bottling of Mineral Waters and currently 12 varieties of soft drinks are marketed by them to customers up to 60 miles distant from Tullamore.

Messrs. D. E. Williams Ltd. are the largest bottlers of Guinness's Stout in the Midlands, fresh supplies being delivered to their bottling store each morning in large glass-lined tankers.

A variety of different Ales and Beers are also bottled daily and large stocks can be carried in their modern, temperature-controlled Ale Loft.

100,000 Barrels Of Barley Handled

DEALING in grain has always formed a considerable part of its activities. In five different Maltings at Tullamore, Banagher, Birr, Kilcormac and Rathangan, up to 100,000 barrels of barley are handled annually.



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Most of this barley is converted into malt and the bulk of it is sent to Messrs. Arthur Guinness Son and Co. Ltd. and Messrs. B. Daly and Co. Ltd. Their Malting premises at Banagher is now, as one single unit, the most modern, largest and most efficient in the whole country.

expanded to such an extent that today they are capable of handling almost 300,000 barrels of grain.

Upwards of 100,000 barrels Milling Wheat are kiln-dried and stored in the firm's Malting premises during the harvest season.

Side by side with its Grain activities the company is extensively engaged in the supplying of fertilizers through its various branches.

A recent development in this direction was the formation of a new associate company—Messrs. Agricultural Services Ltd. This firm has recently opened a new fertilizer plant in Tullamore adjoining the Canal where the raw material can be conveniently delivered and despatched by canal barges.

SEED ASSEMBLY UNIT AT BIRR

At their Birr Maltings the firm has a first-class seed assembly unit the grain for which is supplied by farmers who are specially selected to grow grain for seed purposes.

Before the 1920's when large quantities of Barley and Wheat were imported from foreign countries, the problem of drying and storing grain was not so acute.

But with the advent of war and a re-awakening to the necessity for Ireland to produce her own requirements of grain, a new era dawned.

FIRST IN FIELD ONCE AGAIN

The firm of Messrs. D. E. Williams Ltd. were again to the fore in providing the most modern equipment and housing to cope with the vastly increased quantities of home-grown grain.

To keep pace with the fast moving times the firm's premises have

CONVENIENT CENTRES

These lectures are held in centres convenient to the many branches of the firm. The large numbers which attend the meetings are evidence of the interest taken in them.

This work is, of course, carried out in close co-operation with the advisory service already available in the county by the Department of Agriculture.

Another Associate Company—The Irish Mist Liqueur Co. Ltd.—is responsible for the compounding of the only liqueur made in Ireland. Out-selling all other imported liqueurs on the home market, this company—started in 1947—has established in a short time a world wide market for its distinctive product.

Based on old Whiskey supplied by its associate Distillery, blended with heather honey and the extracts of many herbs, it has proved to be very popular in the U.S.A. and Canada.

FOREIGN ORDERS SUPPLIED

Supplies are sent regularly to New Zealand, Australia and other countries. The recipe is based on the ancient Irish heather wine cordial. Mr. D. J. Williams, a director of this company, pays regular visits to the U.S.A. in support of the sale of IRISH MIST together with the promotion of TULLAMORE DEW.

It can be seen that D. E. Williams Ltd., an industrial combine embracing a considerable section of Midland life, might be termed the "life blood" of industrial vitality in the heart of Ireland. With a total staff approaching the 1,000 mark it plays its part in reducing the incidence of unemployment in the midland counties and helps curb the tide of emigration.

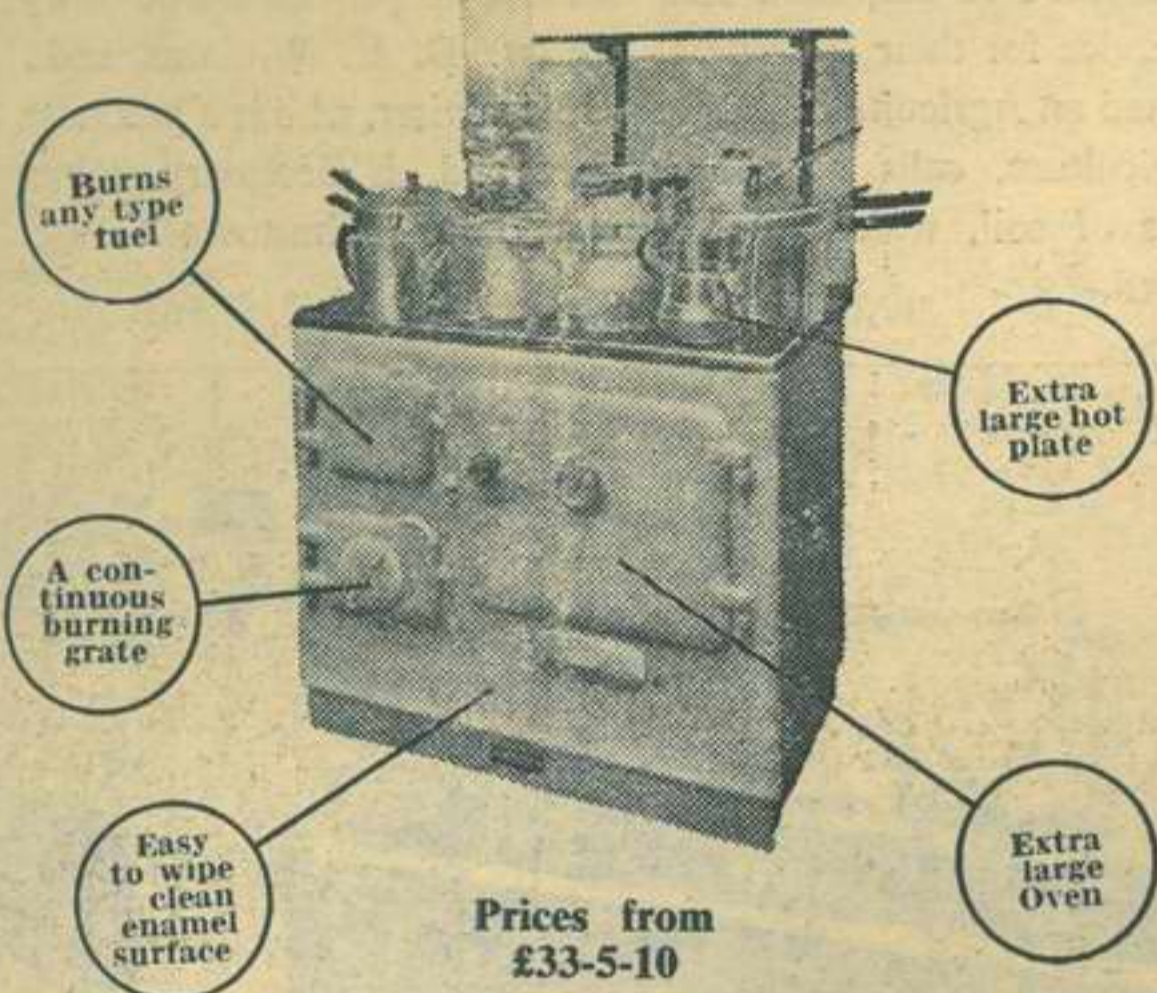
Hurling and football teams have been formed among employees and they have made their presence felt in the annual Factory League competitions. These teams were formed in 1946 and since then many of their players have graced both Offaly and Laois hurling and football teams.

In 1948 the football team succeeded in winning the competition and this year the hurling team has reached the final and are awaiting their opponents—the winners of the Co. Kilkenny section.



Mr. Desmond J. Williams (Director—D. E. Williams Ltd., and The Irish Mist Liqueur Co., Ltd.).

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He is a brilliant conversationalist, a ready wit and a good listener. Indeed, one who meets him for the first time is vaguely reminded of the type of parish priest so well pen pictured in the writings of Canon Sheehan—the friend of the poor; the advisor of the troubled and the shepherd watching over his flock.

Evicted From His Holding

Canon Hayes was born in Murroe, Co. Limerick, in 1888 in a period of strife and trouble between the Irish tenants and the landlords. His father, Michael Hayes, was a small farmer and, as happened many of his countrymen at the time, was evicted from his little holding when he gave evidence before the "Matthew Commission" and for his activities in the Land League.

For thirteen years he lived with his wife and three children in a miserable little hut built by the Land Leaguers, and here Father John was born, the youngest of ten children, of whom five died later. This then was the atmosphere in which the quiet-spoken priest was brought up, when the Irish were imbued with a savage bitterness against their oppressing landlords,

when a spark would have set off another rising and every young Irishman dreamt of the day when he would play a part in shaking off the yoke. Yet he grew up with none of this bitterness in his heart. To-day, he will tell you he does not want to fight with anyone. The English are all right; there is no harm in them; every wrong can be righted by peaceful means, he will say.

Vocation For Priesthood

As a little boy, John Hayes went to the local school at Murroe and later to the Sacred Heart College (S.J.), Limerick, and then to St. Patrick's College in Thurles. From his early years he had a vocation for the priesthood and when the time came he had no difficulty in deciding his future. Following his secondary education he entered the Irish College in Paris and was ordained there in 1913.

Returning home to Ireland, he was for a short term a curate in the diocese of Meath and then went on a temporary mission to Liverpool, where, as he says himself, he made his first speech to two navvies and a policeman at Liverpool docks. Here he learned much of the hardships with which the Irish emigrant was confronted and for a time he laboured zealously in their interests. In 1924 he came to Castleiney in North Tipperary, where he was curate for a time and then spent twelve years in Tipperary town as a curate. He became Parish Priest of Bansha in 1946.

It was while he was travelling around the country that Father Hayes could not help but notice, with a twinge of sadness, the unhappy state of many of the farming community, braces all people of all creeds."

whose lives were nothing but drudgery and toil. It was then the idea which was gradually to take root and grow in his fertile mind came into being.

As a curate of Castleiney he first set about "trying to do a little for the people." His first efforts were tentative ones in assisting co-operative groups of grain growers, beet growers and fruit growers.

Start Of The Fireside Chats

Then in 1933, he took a leading part in organising a rural week-end in Roscrea, which proved to be an outstanding success when the attendance exceeded all their expectations. The guest house, the Abbey, had a capacity for thirty beds and this meant that many of the gathering sat up all night telling stories, exchanging views, and generally getting to know each other. This was the start of the "Fireside Chats," later to become a feature of the rural weeks. This was a period of trial and error, and gradually the scheme took shape, and in 1937, at the first rural week at Ardmore, Co. Waterford, Muintir na Tire was founded. The movement went from strength to strength; rural weeks took place each year at which many of the country's great men attended. Each year the Minister for Agriculture attends and sometimes the President.

The movement played a big part in the great effort to stop the flight from the land. It works on the idea that while the Government can do quite a lot for the people, the people can do even more for themselves, and Canon Hayes' own words are: "Our first principle is that the organisation should be based on a rural life should be based on twinge of sadness, the unhappy state of neighbourhoodly charity, and this em- of many of the farming community, braces all people of all creeds."



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ABOUT two years ago, three men became interested in a newspaper article about fruit juice production. They were very interested, and soon they were asking themselves why Ireland had not a fruit juice factory? They set about studying the problem and decided they would supply this want in our industrial life.

How well they succeeded was evidenced last month when the only fruit juice factory in Ireland was blessed and opened at Brosna, Co. Kerry by Very Rev. James Lyne, P.P., assisted by Rev. T. Hickey, C.C. The three young men—each is 26 years of age—who established the factory are Sean Leahy, shopkeeper; Thomas J. Sheehan, electrical engineer and Andrew Beasley an accountant. Mr. Leahy and Mr. Sheehan are from Brosna and Mr. Beasley is from Ballybunion.

These men, with the aid of a grant from An Foras Tionnscoil (under the scheme for the development of undeveloped areas) and help from local businessmen and farmers, have started this industry designed to build up a new dollar export business.

In the £25,000 factory, situated on a hillside overlooking the Feale Valley, the most up-to-date plant of its kind procurable in the world has been installed and is already dealing with 500 tons of apples and blackberries this season. The plant came mainly from Germany and Switzerland. Its products, besides supplying the home market, will be exported to America and the Continent.

The village was en fete with flags and bunting on September 18 last for the official opening. The attendance included Mr. D. Spring Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Local Government; Mr. J. J. O'Leary, Chairman, Kerry Co. Council; Mr. W. Dennehy, Chairman, Kerry Co. Committee of Agriculture; Miss K. O'Connor, T.D.; Mr. P. Finucane, T.D.; Mr. P. McEllistrim, T.D., and Mr. G. A. Moyles, Chief Agricultural Officer for the County.

many other types of fruit. It will be capable of dealing with 1,000 tons of apples, 1,000 tons of blackcurrants and 500 tons of blackberries each season, and there are plans for extending the production to deal with strawberries, raspberries and other fruit in the future.

Of contemporary design, the factory has a cantilever type flat roof, modern loading bays and basement storage. It was designed by Mr. C. Quinn, architect, Limerick, with Mr. S. Kenny, Dublin, responsible for reinforced concrete design and was built by Brosna Providers Ltd.

The plant can process a maximum of 10 to 15 tons of fruit a day and the pasteurisation chamber can deal with 150 dozen bottles at a time.

A German expert, Herr Klement Knobloch, of Bad-Hamburg Technical Institute, is supervising the training of local employees in the factory.

BRIGHTER FUTURE FOR COUNTRY

Speaking at a luncheon in the International Hotel, Killarney, Mr Spring said the only way they could solve the problems confronting the country was by the establishment of local industries. If they could have decentralisation of industry, it would mean a brighter future for the whole country giving employment in rural areas and keeping families on the land.

Congratulating the directors of the new factory, he said the raw material for the industry could be

produced in this country to give employment and help the nation in its present economic situation.

He appealed to the farming community and cottiers to play their part in providing the raw material for the industry. In the past this raw material had largely gone to waste but now could be used to advantage.

Mr. O'Leary said that in view of the modern trend to rely more and more on State aid and less on personal initiative, it was refreshing to see the establishment of an industry which was the fruit of personal enterprise and courage.

CASH RETURN TO SMALL FARMERS

Mr. G. A. Moyles, Chief Agricultural Officer, said fruit grown for the factory would give a high cash return to small farmers and help to make their holdings more economic since emigration was highest from small farms, the new industry could help to stem emigration.

Mr. Sean Leahy, chairman of the directors and sales manager paid a tribute to Very Rev. Fr. Lyne, Mr. Spring, Mr. O'Leary, Mrs. Ryan, wife of Dr. J. Ryan, T.D., former Minister for Agriculture, the present Minister, Mr. Dillon, and his department, Kerry Co. Committee of Agriculture and its horticultural instructors, Messrs. H. O'Donnell and G. Bracken, Mr. Quinn, the architect, Brosna Providers Ltd, the contractors and Herr Knobloch.

Other speakers were: Rev. T. Hickey, Messrs. W. Dennehy, T. McEllistrim, T.D., A. Beasley, T. J. Sheehan (directors), A. Leahy (director, Brosna Builders Providers, Ltd.), J. Hunt, manager, Munster and Leinster Bank, Abbeyfeale and Herr Knobloch.

A VIEW OF THE FACTORY



WILL BENEFIT SMALLHOLDERS

Very Rev. Fr. Lyne paid a tribute to those who had been responsible for initiating the new industry. They had, he said, worked hard and laid out all they possessed to bring it into being, but they could face the future with confidence that the new industry would grow and expand and that its products would reach out all over the world.

A scheme to grow 100 acres of black currants on farms and smallholdings in Co. Kerry has been launched in connection with the new industry by the Department of Agriculture, and Kerry Co. Committee of Agriculture in co-operation with Irish Fruit Juices Ltd.

Up to 100,000 blackcurrant slips are now available for planting in the coming months by growers taking part in the scheme.

STUDIED PRODUCTION IN GERMANY

Mr. Beasley said that the factory was first planned in November, 1954, after they had read a newspaper article about fruit juice production. They went to Germany at their own expense to study fruit juice production in the famous Bad-Homburg Technical Institute under its director, Dr. Baumann, known as the "father of the fruit juice industry". They did a course at a factory in Ober-Erlenbach.

The factory will process apples and blackberries this season but will be developed to deal with

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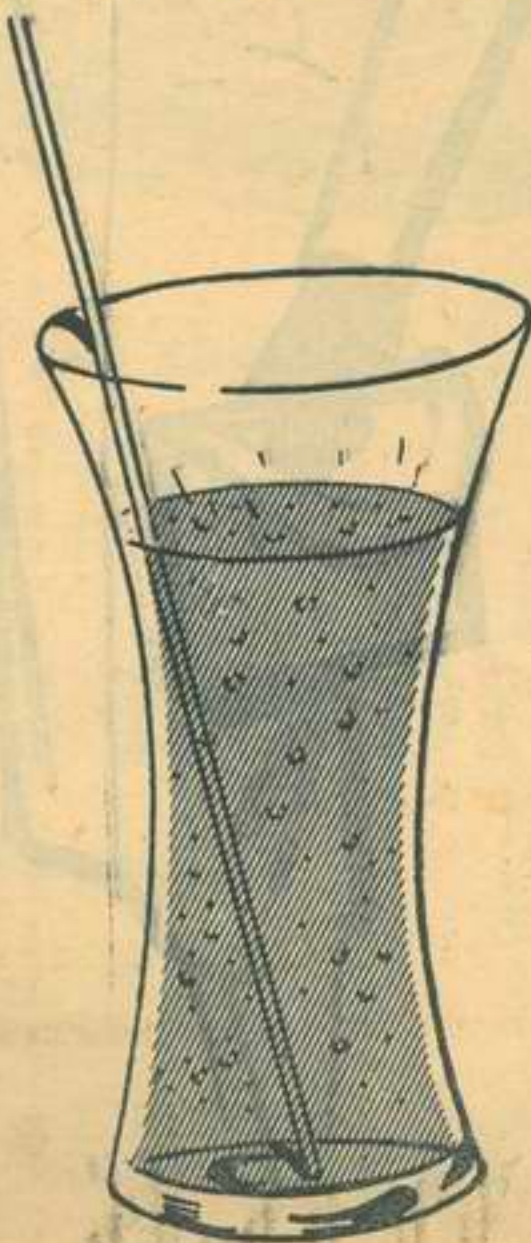
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Some Practical Hints

Monday

There is no better or easier cleanser for glass of all kinds than stale tea.

Collect your tea leaves and any left over tea for about a week, keep in a bucket, pour over two or three pints of boiling water, let this stand for one

hour. Strain and bottle this brown liquid. Use this on mirrors, glasses or windows and they should shine almost like crystal.

As well as this, the tea tends to keep flies from settling on the glass for quite a time.

If you put two teaspoons of vinegar into half a cup of cold,

stale tea and add this to the water when washing pots and pans it is very helpful in removing grease quickly.

It also acts as a disinfectant to metal pans when they stand on shelves. It gives chinaware an added lustre too.

Tuesday

If you want to darken brown leather shoes that are now a little shabby—sponge well with ammonia.

When the shoes dry they will polish a lovely dark brown.

If you want them even darker repeat—but be sure to let the first sponging dry thoroughly.

Wednesday

The best way to treat a burnt saucepan is to fill with salt and water and let stand till the following day.

Then bring it slowly to boiling point. The burnt parts will come off and there will not be any after effects.

Do not clean with soda and water, as this, though it cleans, makes the saucepan liable to burn again.

Thursday

One of the easiest ways to remove ink stains from fabrics with a heavy pile or from carpets is to cover the spot with table salt and then moisten the salt with milk.

This should be left on the fabric for several hours.

Then brush off and sponge the fabric with clean water.

Friday

To remove a scorch stain from a garment, rub at once with a cut onion. Then rinse and there will be no trace of the scorch left.

If a garment is slightly scorched while being ironed put it straight into cold water. The stain will probably disappear when wetted.

Saturday

If you want to make white paint look really white, wash it with a little ammonia in the water, one dessertspoonful to half a bucket of water. Also try the same on the bath—it takes less rubbing this way.

Sunday

If you find it a little tricky taking the lid off a carton of cream without spilling, try this idea next time. With a sharp knife (bread knife is excellent) cut top edge of carton in about eight places, bend down three or four of these and you can easily lift off the lid.

Lingerie Hints

THERE are a few points to remember when you start replenishing your lingerie—points which do not occur in other garments.

Lingerie will be constantly washed so choose material, colour and trimming that will stand up to it. Because of this, French seams should always be used. Be careful in your choice of material. Use simple embroidery and matching or contrasting bindings.

Darts in lingerie are not bulky, so fold and press—never cut away. Lining a skirt

In most paper patterns now they suggest fully lining or half lining a skirt—this is an excellent idea. Follow the instruction in the pattern and believe me the extra trouble will be more than compensated with a skirt that will hang well and will not seat.



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A Fasting Dish OMELETTE LUIGI

Beat up 3 eggs and cook
lightly in a frying pan, like a
pancake, on one side only.
Put on a dish the uncooked
side up. Flake some cooked,
smoked Finnon Haddock
and mix with some pipped,
peeled, chopped tomatoes.

Cover all this with some
white milk sauce, seasoned
salt, pepper, chopped parsley.

Fill this mixture on top of
the pancake (mixture must
not be too thin and not too
solid). Pour a little cream
over it and sprinkle with
grated cheese and brown
under the griller. Serve at
once.

A Steak Dish MONKEYGLAND STEAK

An 8-ounce lean sirloin
steak is flattened very thinly,

and seasoned with pepper,
salt, garlic (chopped). Dip
into flour, fry quickly, and re-
move from the pan under-
done.

Put some finely chopped
onions on the pan. Fry
slowly to golden colour, pour
in some thick cream and a
little brown gravy (thick-
ened). Boil to creamy con-
sistency, add a little Wor-
chester sauce, lemon juice and
a few slices of Gherkin.

Put the steak into this
sauce. Let all boil for
one minute. Dish the steak,
pour sauce over it, and serve
at once.

Autumn Dishes

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IRISH POTATOE CAKES

Boil about six medium-sized
potatoes (usual method or pressure-
cooked). Mash them while still
warm, until they are nice and creamy.
Add a pinch of salt and sufficient
flour to make the dough stiff
enough to roll.

Roll to 1/4-inch thick. Cut into
squares and bake on a griddle or
pan or else in a fairly hot oven.

When cooked, split and butter and
serve very hot.

Hard-boil three eggs by putting
them in boiling water and boiling
them for ten minutes only.

Pour off boiling water and cover
eggs with cold water. Make about
1/2-pint of white sauce and add to
this six ounces of grated cheese.
Season with pepper and salt.

Simmer very gently for about ten
minutes, stirring from time to time.
Cook 1/2 lb. of macaroni in boiling
salted water for 20 minutes or until
macaroni is tender.

Drain in collander. Put macaroni
into cooked cheese sauce and stir for
a few minutes.

Then put all of this into a fireproof
dish and place hard-boiled eggs,
shelled and halved, on top; sprinkle
with chopped parsley and serve.

DICED CHICKEN AND MUSHROOM SAUCE

A delicious way to use up some
left-over, roast or boiled chicken, is
as follows:—

Cook some potatoes, mash,
season with salt and pepper. Line
a fireproof dish with mashed pot-
atoes, leaving the bottom of dish
uncovered.

Place this under the grill for five
or seven minutes until golden brown.
Cut up chicken into small pieces.
Make a 1/2-pint of white sauce, and
add 1/2 lb. of peeled and sliced mush-
rooms, season with pepper.

Cover and simmer gently for about
20 minutes. Then add diced chicken,
stir and fill up centre of dish with
this mixture and serve.

Cut some thin slices of bread, cut
off outer crust and butter. Spread
very lightly with mustard, cover with
thin slices of cheese or with grated
cheese and season with pepper.

Cover with more slices of butter,
bread (crusts cut off), press firmly
together and cut into triangular
pieces.

POACHED APPLES

Peel some apples, cut in half and
core. Plunge these into some boiling
water to which two tablespoons of
sugar have been added.

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GAELTACHT SERVICES

THE Gaeltacht Services Division of the Department of Lands is concerned with the economic and social development of the Gaeltacht or Irish-speaking districts located among the Congested Areas of the West of Ireland.

Its principal activities are: Rural Industries, comprising the Manufacture of Handwoven Tweeds, Knitwear, Lace and Embroidery, and Toys; Marine Products; Housing.

RURAL INDUSTRIES

Most of the Rural Industries administered by the Division were originally developed by the Congested Districts Board, set up in 1893. When the Board was wound up in 1923 its functions were continued by various Departments of State, and in 1930 the control of the Rural Industries devolved upon Gaeltacht Services Division.

HANDWOVEN TWEED INDUSTRY

The handweaving of cloth is one

of the traditional industries of Ireland, and in former times all the various processes—carding, spinning, weaving, finishing, etc.—were performed by hand. In 1894 the Congested Districts Board, in an attempt to develop the industry on a sounder basis, initiated a scheme under which new types of looms were introduced and instruction in their use provided for the weavers. The tweed, which was made from "Homespun" yarn, was examined and stamped by officers of the Board and then sold by the producers.

As long as this scheme remained in operation its effect was salutary, as the standard of production improved and satisfactory prices were obtainable. The first World War, 1914-1918, interrupted this progress, however, because while the demand for "Homespun," as it was called, increased greatly, a considerable deterioration in quality took place because of the sellers' market which

prevailed. At the end of the war, Homespun had fallen into disrepute because of faulty workmanship, and moreover, with the changes in fashion, the material had ceased to be worn to any great extent even by the people of the areas in which it was produced.

When Gaeltacht Services Division was charged with the continuation of the Rural Industries in 1930, it undertook the revival and reorganisation of the Handwoven Tweed industry. Two fundamental changes in policy were made, as compared with the scheme operated by the former Congested Districts Board: it was decided to use machine-spun yarn, and it was decided that the Division should market the tweed instead of leaving it to the weavers to sell their own products as formerly. The reasons for these changes were that a better quality cloth, capable of being repeated, could be made from the machine-spun yarn, and that better and more long-term markets could be developed for standard styles and patterns through a central marketing agency. Accordingly, a marketing Depot—now called Gaeltarra Eireann—was set up in 1930. New courses of instruction were provided for the weavers, who were given the means to purchase new hand-looms under a favourable hire-purchase system operated by the Division. The Division supplied machine-spun yarn to the weavers, who wove the handwoven tweed in accordance with prepared instructions and were paid for their work on a piece-rate basis.

Up to the year 1934 this scheme was operated by the Division in the Counties of Mayo, Kerry, Galway, and Donegal, but from 1934 on it was confined to County Donegal, the principal centre being located at Kiltcar, with sub-centres at Ardara and Glencolumbkille. At each of these places, instruction was provided for the weavers, the yarn distributed, and the handwoven cloth collected for examination. The majority of the weavers were small farmers working part-time only on the weaving.

With the passage of time it was found that as new markets were developed serious delays in production and delivery to customers were arising from the use of machine-spun yarn purchased from commercial spinners, many of whom were located in Britain. In order to eliminate these difficulties it was decided—shortly before the second world war—to set up a spinning plant capable of producing the full yarn requirements of the industry and thereby meeting the timely delivery demanded by the new markets being catered for. The provision of the buildings and plant was considerably impeded by the war, but by the year 1950 the bulk of the work was complete. Dyeing and finishing plants have also been installed at Kiltcar, so that at present a fully self-contained industry from the fleece to the cloth is being operated.

The greater portion of the handwoven tweed produced is at present being exported. Employment is given to approximately 130 male weavers, and a further 100 persons—mainly male—are employed in the spinning mill where the cloth is also finished.

KNITWEAR INDUSTRY

In the years before the first world war the Congested Districts Board established a number of lace and embroidery schools in various places in the Gaeltacht, and in these schools instructresses gave tuition to the local workers and marketed the lace goods produced. Following the war, however, the demand for these goods fell away and in the succeeding years the majority of the schools changed over to the production of knitwear goods on hand-operated machines.

Under the management of Gaeltacht Services, the system of Central Marketing was adopted, just as in the tweed industry, and new measures were taken for the training of managers for the "Lace Schools" or Knitting Centres as they are now called. Approximately 30 of these centres operate at present in the Gaeltacht areas of Mayo, Galway and Donegal. Fourteen of these centres engage in the production of knitted garments on hand-operated flat machines. In four others, socks are produced on hand-operated circular machines, and the remaining centres are devoted to the production of hand-knitted garments and gloves or of crocheted gloves, bed-socks, bed-jackets, etc. The bulk of the machine knitting is carried out by girls in small factories, although a number of the workers have been permitted to work the machines in their own homes. In the hand-knitting and crocheted industry all the work is carried out in the workers' homes.

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Crops Have Stood Up Well

DESPITE the very unfavourable weather in August and September, the crops, with the notable exception of oats, seem to have stood up well, as this country-wide survey of the harvesting position issued by the Department of Agriculture, on Monday, Sept. 17, shows.

KILKENNY

Considerable progress was made in harvesting during last week. Losses will be very slight if weather conditions continue fine from now on.

Wheat—30 per cent cut, 5 per cent in stooks, 10 per cent in stacks and 15 per cent combined. The wheat crop is standing well. There is a small amount of sprouting in stooks and on the shank in sheltered positions. Yields are very good—in a number of cases about 12 or 13 barrels per statute acre. Moisture content of the grain varies from about 22 to 27 per cent and bushel weights from 54 to 61.

Barley—90 per cent cut, 30 per cent in stooks, 30 per cent in stacks and 30 combined. The 10 per cent uncut is mainly lodged but if the weather keeps dry it will be possible to harvest it. Some sprouting in stooks. Yields are good. Moisture content 21 to 26.

Oats—About 85 per cent cut, 20 per cent in stooks, 35 per cent in stacks and the remainder combined. The uncut crop is fairly badly lodged. Some sprouting in stooks but not serious. Quality of the grain is generally poor and moisture content is high. There is still some difficulty in using heavy harvesting machinery particularly on hilly or sloping ground.

MEATH

A good deal of progress was made last week. Saturday was very wet but the afternoon dried up. A good deal of harvesting was done yesterday.

Wheat—The bulk of the wheat crop will not be ripe for combining until towards the end of this month. At present about 15 per cent cut, 10 per cent in stooks, 1 per cent in stacks and 4 per cent combined. Amount of lodging negligible. Small amount of sprouting in stooks, not serious. Yields so far good but grain is soft and has high moisture content.

Barley—Over 80 per cent cut, 25 per cent in stooks, 5 per cent in stacks and 50 per cent combined. No serious lodging. Tendency in uncut crops to break at the head due to over-ripeness. No sprouting in stooks or on shank. Yields good—up to 16 to 18 barrels per statute acre. Moisture percentage varies. Earlier cut crops generally have lower moisture content than later cut ones.

Oats—85 per cent cut, 65 per cent in stooks, 10 per cent in stacks and 10 per cent combined. Lodging has not been too serious but the portion of the crop which remains to be cut is badly beaten down. There is a good deal of sprouting particularly in unheaded stooks and most of the stooks are unheaded. The quality of the grain is only moderate. Moisture content of the combined crops is high.

The condition of the ground for heavy harvesting machinery is moderately good and is causing no delays.

ROSCOMMON

Spring Wheat—Not more than 6 per cent cut all of which is in stooks. There is very little lodging in wheat and no sprouting. Yields appear promising but the grain is soft.

Barley—100 per cent cut, 20 per cent in stooks, and 80 per cent in stacks. There was no lodging or sprouting. The crop was generally good.

Oats—100 per cent cut, 50 per cent in stooks and 50 per cent in stacks. Lodging was serious; much of the crop had to be cut with scythes and mowing machines. No sprouting in stooks. There had been a good deal of sprouting in shank before cutting. Yields will be below average and the quality of the grain relatively poor.

The ground is reported to be very wet as a result of Saturday's rain; there was a fair amount of drying yesterday.

LAOIS

Wheat—10 per cent cut, 7 per cent in stooks, none in stacks, 3 per cent combined. Little lodging or sprouting. Yields fair. Moisture content of grain high.

Oats—Up to 98 per cent cut, all of which is in stooks, none combined. Lodging not serious. Yields are satisfactory but the grain is soft.

Barley—About 93 to 95 per cent cut, 13 to 15 per cent in stooks, 60 per cent in stacks and 20 per cent combined. Small portion of the crop lodged. No sprouting. Yields are high and the condition of the grain relatively good.

The condition of the ground for harvesting machinery is bad at the moment due to the heavy rain of Friday.

DUBLIN

Wheat—20 per cent cut, 10 per cent in stooks, none in stacks, and 10 per cent combined. No lodging. Yields good but moisture content of gain high.

Oats—70 per cent cut, 45 per cent in stooks, none in stacks and 25 per cent combined. Up to 20 per cent of the crop was lodged but not badly. Some sprouting in stooks. Yields average. Grain has high moisture content.

Barley—80 per cent cut, 5 per cent in stooks, none in stacks and 75 per cent combined. No lodging or sprouting. Yields good. Grain has high moisture content.

WEXFORD

Wheat—40 per cent cut, 5 per cent in stooks, 10 per cent in stacks and 25 per cent combined. No lodging and little sprouting. Yields good. Moisture content of grain varies from 21 to 29 per cent.

Oats—Up to 95 per cent cut, 30 per cent in stooks, 50 per cent in stacks and 15 per cent combined. Most of the uncut oats is broken down and overripe. There is a lot of sprouting in stooks. Yields are variable and the quality of the grain poor.

Barley—90 per cent cut, 10 per cent in stooks, 25 per cent in stacks and 55 per cent combined. Very little lodging. No sprouting. Yields good and quality of grain relatively good.

The condition of the ground for harvesting machinery is at present bad due to heavy rain at end of last week. Macamore area particularly bad.

OFFALY

Wheat—20 per cent cut, 5 per cent in stooks, 10 per cent in stacks and 5 per cent combined. Little lodging and slight sprouting. Yields average but moisture content of grain high.

Oats—90 per cent cut, 30 per cent in stooks, 50 per cent in stacks and 10 per cent combined. Some lodging but not serious. Sprouting in stooks extensive. Yields average but grain discoloured and soft.

Barley—85 per cent cut, 20 per cent in stooks, 40 per cent in stacks and 25 per cent combined. Lodging not bad. Some sprouting. Yields good and condition of grain fair.

Binders can work in all areas but combines are unable to work in some places due to the condition of the ground.

TIPPERARY N.R.

Wheat—18 per cent cut, 12 per cent in stooks, 2 per cent in stacks and 4 per cent combined. No serious lodging; very little sprouting. Quality and yields up to average. Machinery can work satisfactorily but drying conditions are poor.

Oats—90 per cent cut, 42 per cent in stooks, 40 per cent in stacks and 8 per cent combined. There is some lodging—not serious. A fair amount of sprouting has occurred in stooks and a little on the shank. Grain quality is not too good.

Barley—95 per cent cut, 35 in stooks, 20 per cent in stacks and 40 per cent combined. No lodging of any significance. Quality of the grain is reasonable and yields are up to average.

TIPPERARY S.R.

Wheat—15 per cent cut, 2 per cent in stooks, 3 per cent in stacks and 10 per cent combined. The amount of lodging is negligible. Some sprouting occurred on the stem, mainly around headlands. Grain quality is good. Wheat is now all ripe. Ground condition is very soft in some areas, preventing machinery from working.

Oats—85 per cent cut, 35 per cent in stooks, 45 per cent in stacks and 5 per cent combined. Lodging is serious in many cases. Sprouting in the stook is fairly prevalent and to a lesser extent on the shank. Grain is very poor in quality, being discoloured.

Barley—90 per cent cut, 2 per cent in stooks, 18 per cent in stacks and 70 per cent combined. Lodging is negligible. There is very little sprouting. The quality of the grain is good.

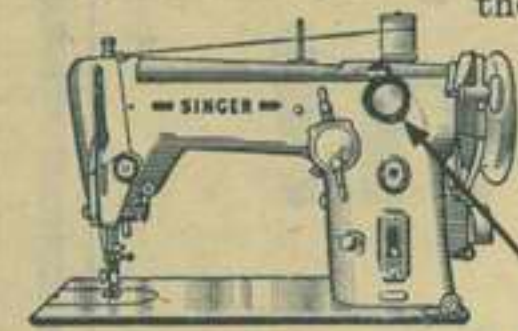
GALWAY

Wheat—About 45 per cent cut, 40 per cent in stooks, 5 per cent in stacks and a very small amount combined. Very little lodging except in occasional isolated patches. Some sprouting but not serious. Yields and grain quality show average promise (no returns available yet).

Oats—About 92 per cent cut, 70 per cent in stooks, 22 per cent in stacks and very small amount combined. In some areas, particularly around Tuam and Mountbellew, there is serious lodging in the uncut (continued on page 22)



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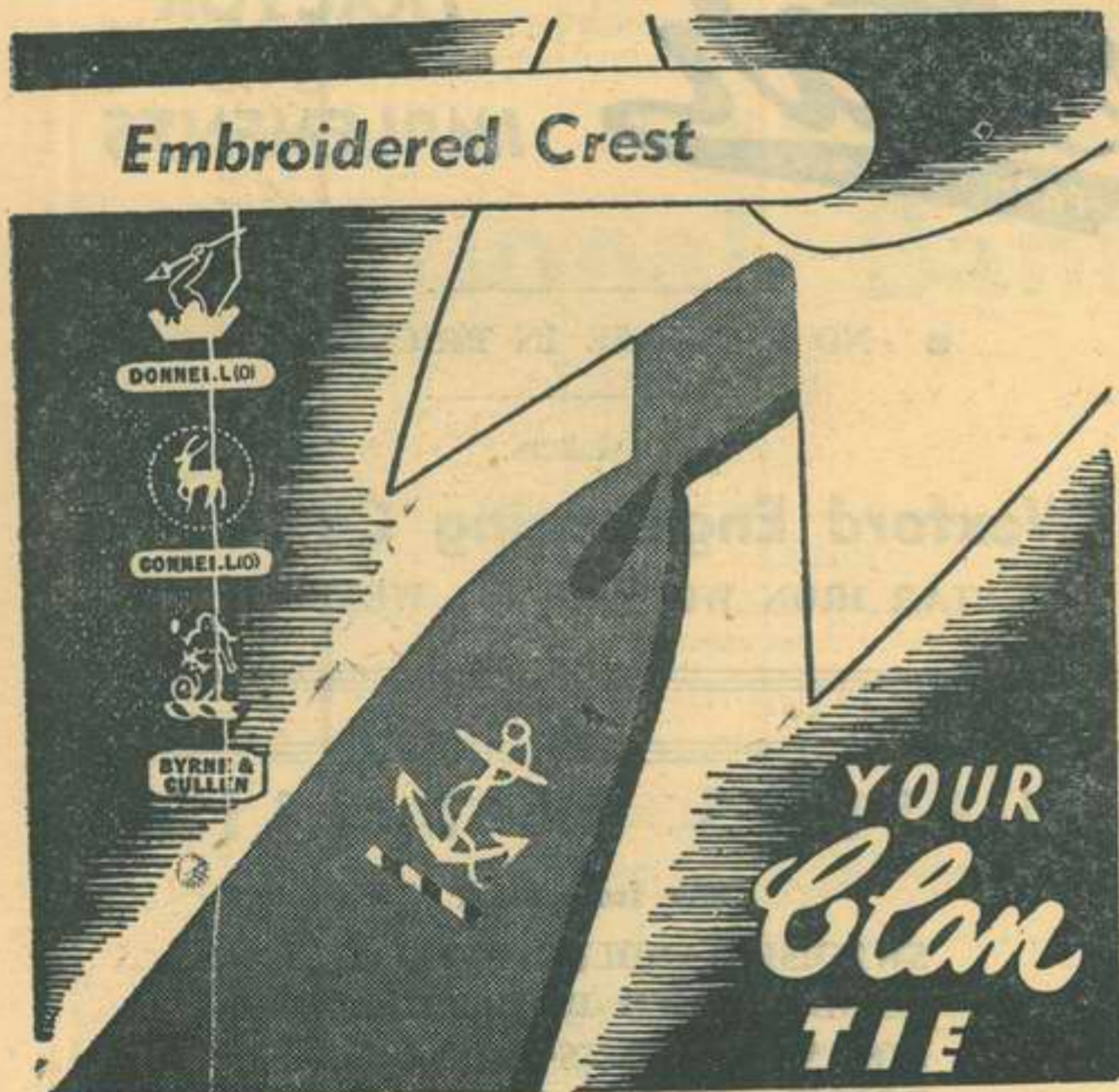


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If the farmers of Rush are progressive, the town's business people are certainly not lagging behind. An outstanding example of this is the firm of Messrs. Alfred Leonard.

The proprietor of this firm Mr. Alfred Leonard or 'Alfie' as he is known locally, has a very impressive garage situated on the outskirts of the town, on the road coming in to Rush from Dublin.

Mr. Leonard has a certain shyness towards newspaper publicity and this, coupled with the fact that he is a very busy man, made my job of interviewing him quite a difficult one. When, however, I did succeed in capturing him for a few minutes I certainly did enjoy our conversation.

Alfie Leonard was born in Dublin and has been living in Rush since 1937. In that same year he opened his present business and in a period of less than 20 years has built it up very extensively. In addition to his premises in Rush, Mr. Leonard has recently opened a new garage in the neighbouring village of Lusk.

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A Busy Industry In A Picturesque Village

DOWN AMIDST THE PICTURESQUE QUIETNESS OF THE LITTLE VILLAGE OF KILCOCK IS A BUSY INDUSTRY THAT DISTRIBUTES ITS PRODUCTS IN CITY AND COUNTY—THE FAMOUS KELLY'S BAKERY.

Founded in the middle of the 19th century by James Kelly, great-grandfather of the present managing director, the firm has expanded considerably in the course of its development.

The modern and well-fitted shop, which faces onto the village square, is backed by one of the most up-to-date bakeries in the country. Here new plant has replaced machinery only seven years old—still modern by most standards.

The upper storey of the building contains the flour department, and mixing room. Sacks of flour are left there for a fortnight to mature. At present 800 sacks are used weekly, and now that the new equipment has been installed, the firm hopes to double its output.

Properly matured, the flour is then brought to the mixing room and the dough is mixed in huge 40-stone mixing vats. The mixture is then left standing for three hours, after which it is brought to a double chute, where two automatic bowl tilters tip the contents down the chute, rotating the vats to dislodge every bit of the clinging mixture.

SLIDES DOWN

The dough then slides down this chute, helped and directed by steel grills. Then it reaches twin divid-

ers which section the dough into 2lb. units.

It goes along a conveyor belt to a moulder which shapes each unit into a round cake shape. On again to the prover, in which the yeast begins to act and the dough rises slightly.

Another moulder fashions the dough into the conventional loaf shape, whence it goes on to a four-piece splitter, which forms the bread into four-piece sections bands for which Kelly's bread is famous. The firm was one of the first to use this device in Ireland.

The process is said to whiten the bread and improve its texture by giving it a fine even texture right through. Housewives like the handy sections as well.

Next the loaves pass into the final prover. Before entering this they are placed in the special pan-shaped trays which Kelly's have installed. These are treated with a silicone preparation and so are permanently greased, thus avoiding messy manual greasing. Kelly's also led the way in the use of these silicone shapes.

LOAVES RISE

Going into the prover, each loaf only fills half of its tray, but when it finally emerges after 50 minutes in the final prover, at a temperature of 85 degrees, the dough is fully risen and the pans fill their trays.

The bread is now ready for the baking and it goes into the travelling oven in special trays, which swing gently from side to side as they pass through it.

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thorough baking and a smooth, evenly browned top for each loaf, which comes out of the oven fresh and ready for delivery.

Normal baking time is 45 minutes, although this time can be varied when desired. The whole process of making bread from start to finish takes five and a half hours.

Kelly's have 26 vans in constant service and deliveries are made all over Leinster. In addition to their famous four-piece pan, Kelly's have built up a high reputation for their Vienna Bread and their Wheaten Brown, which contains Vitamin D.

Adjoining the bakery is the confectionery section, which produces a wide range of fancy cakes. Its products include wedding cakes and Continental lines, which are made to order. Further expansion is planned in this section.

Kelly's is essentially a family business. From its inception it has been under the management of the family and, like all good old establishments of its kind, the personal attention and interest taken in the customer's needs is always respected and admired by the public.

The present directors are: Mrs. R. Kelly, and Managing Director, Mr. Brendan Kelly.

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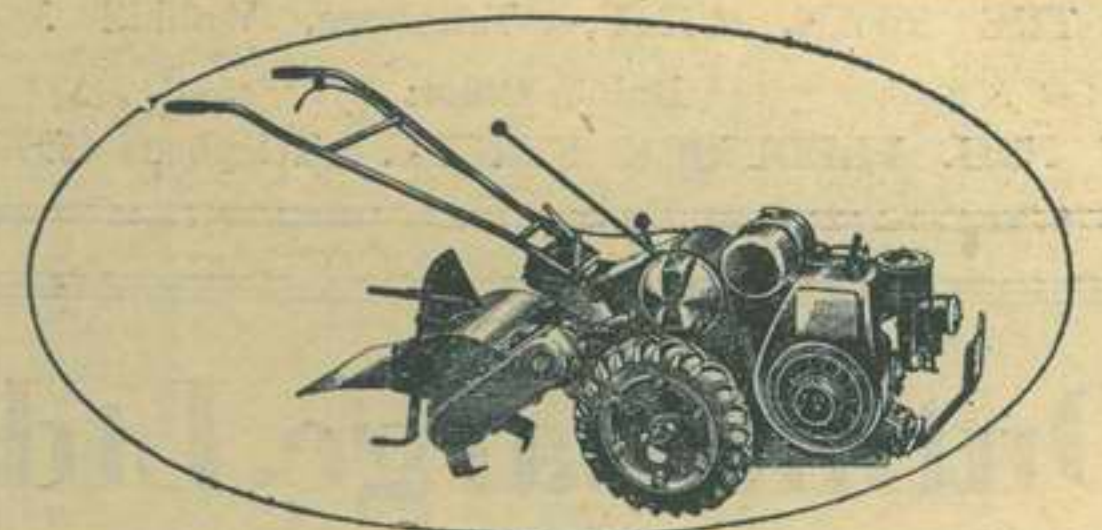
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Notable Exception Is Oats

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crop. Slight sprouting has occurred in the stooks. Yields well up to average.

There have been no complaints of difficulties due to soft ground. Heavy rain on Saturday, however, retarded progress in the stacking of wheat.

CARLOW

Wheat—30 per cent cut, 16 per cent in stooks, 10 per cent in stacks and 4 per cent combined. No lodging and no sprouting in stooks or on shank. Yields are about average but quality is poor. Bushel weights range from 54-62. Ground is firm, even on reclaimed land.

Oats—100 per cent cut, 17 per cent in stooks, 80 per cent in stacks and 3 per cent combined. No serious sprouting either in stooks or stacks.

Barley—100 per cent cut, 5 per cent in stooks, 80 per cent in stacks and 15 per cent combined. Very little lodging. No serious sprouting so far. Yields are above average but quality is not up to standard. Bushel weights range from 50 to 54.

WATERFORD

Wheat—Present position varies, depending on part of the county. Average figures are approximately 60 per cent cut, 10 per cent in stooks, 40 per cent in stacks and 10 per cent combined. Very little sprouting except along headlands. Yields are above average. Moisture content varies from 20 per cent to 29 per cent; bushel weights, 53 to 60.

Oats—80 per cent cut, 20 per cent in stooks, 50 per cent in stacks and 10 per cent combined. All lodged oats has been cut. Slight sprouting in stooks. Yields are good but there is some discolouration of grain. Bushel weights range from 30 to 40, moisture 17 to 24 per cent.

Barley—95 per cent cut, 20 per cent in stacks and 75 per cent combined. No serious sprouting. Yields are high, bushel weights vary from 48 to 55. Moisture very high (18 to 31 per cent).

Ground is firm at present but it was raining heavily at time of reporting this morning.

WESTMEATH

Wheat—18 per cent cut, 10 per cent in stooks, 4 per cent in stacks and 4 per cent combined. Slight sprouting in stooks and on shank, especially by headlands. Very little lodging. Yields are average, bushel weights 54 to 57. Ground is sodden and difficult for machinery. The weather today is dull and overcast.

Oats—87 per cent cut, 40 per cent in stooks, 45 per cent in stacks, 2 per cent combined. All lodged crops have been cut. Slight sprouting in stooks. Yields fair. Quality poor.

Barley—99 per cent cut, 26 per cent in stooks, 63 per cent in stacks and 10 per cent combined. Lodged crops all cut. No sprouting. Yields about 27 cwt. to the acre. Moisture content 22 per cent.

DONEGAL

Wheat—About 15 per cent cut, 12 per cent in stooks, 3 per cent in stacks and a very small amount combined. About 5 per cent of the crop is lodged. No sprouting. Moisture content about 25 per cent. Ground dry.

Oats—Present position 65 to 70 per cent cut, the bulk in stooks, about 10 per cent in stacks and very little combined. No sprouting. Some lodging but most lodged crops have been cut.

Barley—Present position 80 per cent cut, 60 per cent in stooks, 20 per cent in stacks and very little combined.

KILDARE

Wheat—25 per cent cut, 5 per cent in stooks, 10 per cent in stacks, 10 per cent combined. About 1 per cent of the crop is lodged and 1 per cent shows sprouting in stooks. Yields are average but moisture content of grain is high.

Oats—80 per cent cut, 25 per cent in stooks, 30 per cent in stacks and 25 per cent combined. About 5 per cent lodged. 2 per cent sprouting in stooks, none on the shank. Yields are average. Moisture content 23 to 28 per cent.

Barley—75 per cent cut, 5 per cent in stooks, 25 per cent in stacks and 45 per cent combined. About 5 per cent lodged. Some sprouting in the stook. Yields average.

Ground conditions for harvesting satisfactory.

CORK

Wheat—60 per cent cut, 12 per cent in stooks, 18 per cent in stacks and 30 per cent combined. No lodging. No sprouting. Yields 24 to 25 cwt. per acre. Moisture content 23 to 26 per cent. Drying facilities adequate. Ground satisfactory.

Oats—85 per cent cut, 25 per cent in stooks, 20 per cent in stacks and

25 per cent combined. 15 per cent thrashed or in the haggard. About 10 per cent of the crop lodged on the average but in two areas the extent of lodging is as high as 40 per cent. Slight sprouting. Yields 22 to 26 cwt. per acre. Moisture content 21 to 27 per cent. Some discolouration of the grain.

Barley—98 per cent cut, 10 per cent in stooks, 33 per cent in stacks and 55 per cent combined. No serious lodging. No sprouting. Yields 23 to 27 cwt. per acre. Moisture 22 to 26 per cent. Slight discolouration of the grain.

LOUTH

Weather conditions on Wednesday of last week were not favourable for harvesting. Thursday and Friday were good. Rain on Saturday.

Wheat—Present position: 50 per cent cut, 15 per cent in stooks, 15 per cent in stacks and 20 per cent combined. Very little lodging or sprouting. Yields good. Average moisture content of grain is 25 per cent.

Oats—80 per cent cut, 65 per cent in stooks, 10 per cent in stacks and

5 per cent combined. Most lodged crops are now cut. Extent of sprouting in stooks is slight. Moisture content of the grain is high.

Barley—90 per cent cut, 45 per cent in stooks, 25 per cent in stacks and 20 per cent combined. Very little lodging or sprouting. Yields good but moisture content of grain high.

MONAGHAN

Wheat—About 30 per cent cut and in stooks. Very little lodging. Some sprouting in ears of standing crop. Yields about average.

Oats—80 per cent cut, 65 per cent in stooks and 15 per cent in stacks. Uncut crop is not badly lodged. Some sprouting in about 15 per cent of the crops. Yield variable and grain soft.

Barley—All cut, 35 per cent in stooks and 65 per cent in stacks. No sprouting but grain discoloured slightly in some cases. Good yields.

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A Great Kerry Defender

BY "PRESSBOX"
UNDOUBTEDLY one of Kerry's best defenders is 24-year-old national teacher Jerome O'Shea, the six-footer from Caherciveen who thrilled thousands in Croke Park last season and who proved the bogey-man for the swift Dublin men in the All-Ireland final.

There is no football tradition in Jerome's family. He learned anything he knows about the game from Bro. McDonagh at the Caherciveen CBS, where he received his primary and secondary education before going on to St. Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra, Dublin, where he qualified as a teacher in 1951.

Then he spent a year in Mitchelstown before returning to take up a permanent position in the school where he once attended as a pupil.

Jerome O'Shea won his first medal when playing with the CBS in the South Kerry minor championship at the age of twelve.

In 1946 and 1947 he was on the CBS teams which won the Kerry Colleges Competition for the Dunloe Cup and in the latter year had his first senior medal when playing at right full back for St. Mary's in the South Kerry Championship.

He was again on the Dunloe Cup team in 1948 and at 16 years was selected as a substitute on the county minor team, which won the provincial championship.

In that year also he was full-back on Iveragh's number one team that won the Intermediate Championship.

The following year he was right full back on the Kerry minor team that met Armagh in the All-Ireland final but, like like the 1954 minors against Dublin, they were pipped on the post.

From 1949 to 1951 this blonde-haired lad played as full back on the Erin's Hope team and was flanked by Mick Murphy, Kerry's present full forward, and Colm O'Shea, who later played for Cork. On the same team were Sean Murphy and his brother Padraig, and Sean Lovett.

Following the drawn All-Ireland semi-final between Kerry and Mayo in 1951, Jerome was selected as first substitute.

He made his debut with Kerry's seniors the following year when he occupied the left full back berth against Mayo in a National League thriller at Croke Park.

He held Mick Flanagan scoreless that day and at that time Mick was considered one of Ireland's ace forwards.

RAILWAY CUP HONOUR

In Kerry's Golden Jubilee year (1953) Jerome represented Munster who lost to Leinster in the Railway Cup final. Later that year he won his first Munster senior medal with Kerry in the same position and on this occasion he kept the agile Eamonn Young scoreless.

He went into training for the semifinal against Louth but had to cry off the team two days before the match because of illness, which, incidentally, also kept him off for the epic final with Armagh. But Jerome got a medal.

Because of that bout of sickness Jerome O'Shea was out of the game for a time and was replaced by Donie Murphy of Killarney. There is a coincidence here because when Jerome first played with Kerry he replaced Donie, who had cried off.

Donie couldn't get back on then until illness bowled over his colleague and subsequently when Donie did get on Jerome couldn't displace him.

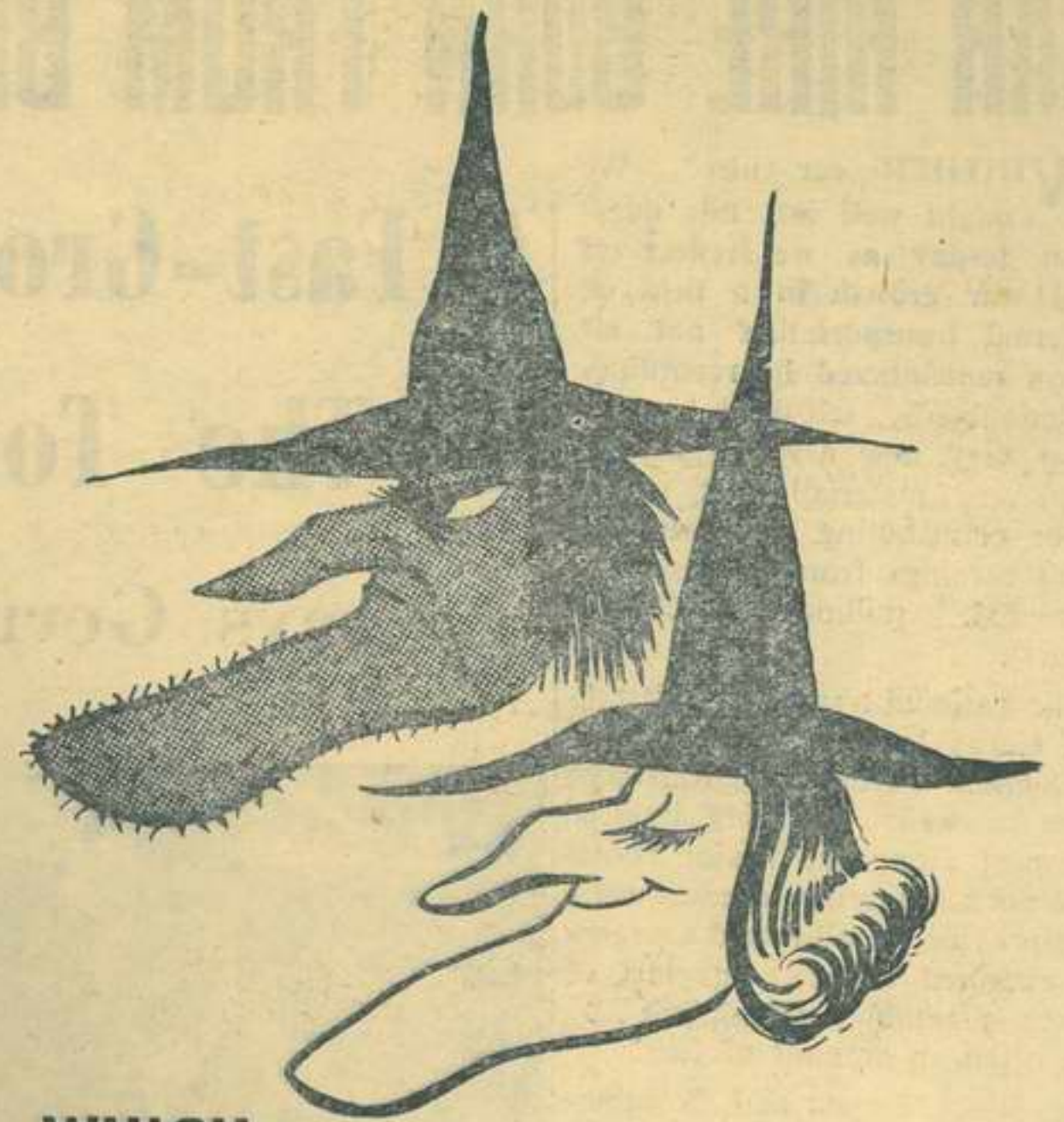
But the lanky Caherciveen man was again seen in action with Kerry in 1954. He won a Munster medal when he replaced John Cronin for the last quarter of the final. That same year he led St. Mary's to victory in the South Kerry championship.

GREATEST YEAR

Possibly his greatest year was 1955. Early in the season he got back on the Munster team as right full but they lost to Connaught at Castlebar.

He collected Munster and All-Ireland medals with Kerry and captained the South Kerry team that won the county championship for the district after sixty years of endeavour. Before the year ran out he he managed to gather yet another medal, this time with St. Mary's in the South Kerry championship.

He has subdued the leading forwards in turn, Mick Flanagan, young Tom Langan and Cavan's Johnny Cusack.



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CAR HIRE BORN FROM BETTER TIMES

WHETHER car hire? We might well ask this question to-day as we reflect on post-war growth in a field of internal transportation not always remembered in recording. Undoubtedly, self-drive is something very new here in Ireland. Yet, very materially, it was a major contributing factor to Ireland's earnings from Tourism last year—£31 million (93,000,000 dollars).

The national transport undertaking, Coras Iompair Eireann, and the Great Northern Railways, serve as well! Covering internal transport along the major routes (and not a few minor ones as well), they provide on all-round averages an excellent service, carrying, of course, timetables, scheduling . . . and often an amount of fuss!

It cannot, I must add, be otherwise in the interest of economic planning and effective operation. That it is so does not reflect unkindly on these essential services.

These timetables, schedules and queues were part of the cause for the rise in U-drive; an ever-growing and bettering of our national economy was another.

Better Standard

This betterment has meant a lot. It has, basically, meant a better standard of living, better living conditions in the home, larger pay packets and an added incentive to explore the realm of what was heretofore called "idle pleasure for the rich." It should be so!

This freedom eventually brought with it the will to move around, to explore, to see things and places before but dreams. Happening as it did in the wake of a dreadful second World War, this freedom exploded in curiosity and travel.

National figures back the story. Aer Lingus passenger figures "rocketed" in the past five years. Shipping companies have the same story to tell. Of course, it is the same with car hire!

What satisfaction could the national transport undertakings give to this insatiable curiosity? Broadly speaking, NONE! Transport was important but flexibility was equally so. From this mosaic of demand and supply came a new element in national transportation—self drive.

Car Hire's Part

Since then car hire has become one of the most significant elements of Irish tourism. Just as people tend to travel more and more by the road services of the public undertakings, rather than by the railways, so also the further trend is towards the independent road unit as against the bus or coach.

The enormous increase in the number of privately-owned motor cars has been accompanied by a fast-growing demand for self-drive and chauffeured cars, from tourists and from Irish people who find it impracticable for one reason or another to run their own cars.

So much for the cause. From this it grew. Dermot Ryan, then a University Undergraduate, started the self-drive and chauffeur-driven business on a grand scale as washer, cleaner, mechanic, receptionist, office manager, booking clerk cum student. His entire fleet—one vintage 1937 Ford.

Next month he is off again to America, this time as a tycoon to preach the gospel of Ireland's scenery. With him goes the story of a man who graduated from tin lizzies to limousines.

A Fast-Growing Infant In The Tourist Cradle

says Gerry O'Dowd



Clients from all over the World come to Ryans. Here, Mlle. Dana Roussin, the world's No. 1, mannequin, chats with Ryan in Dublin

Self-Drive Is Growing...

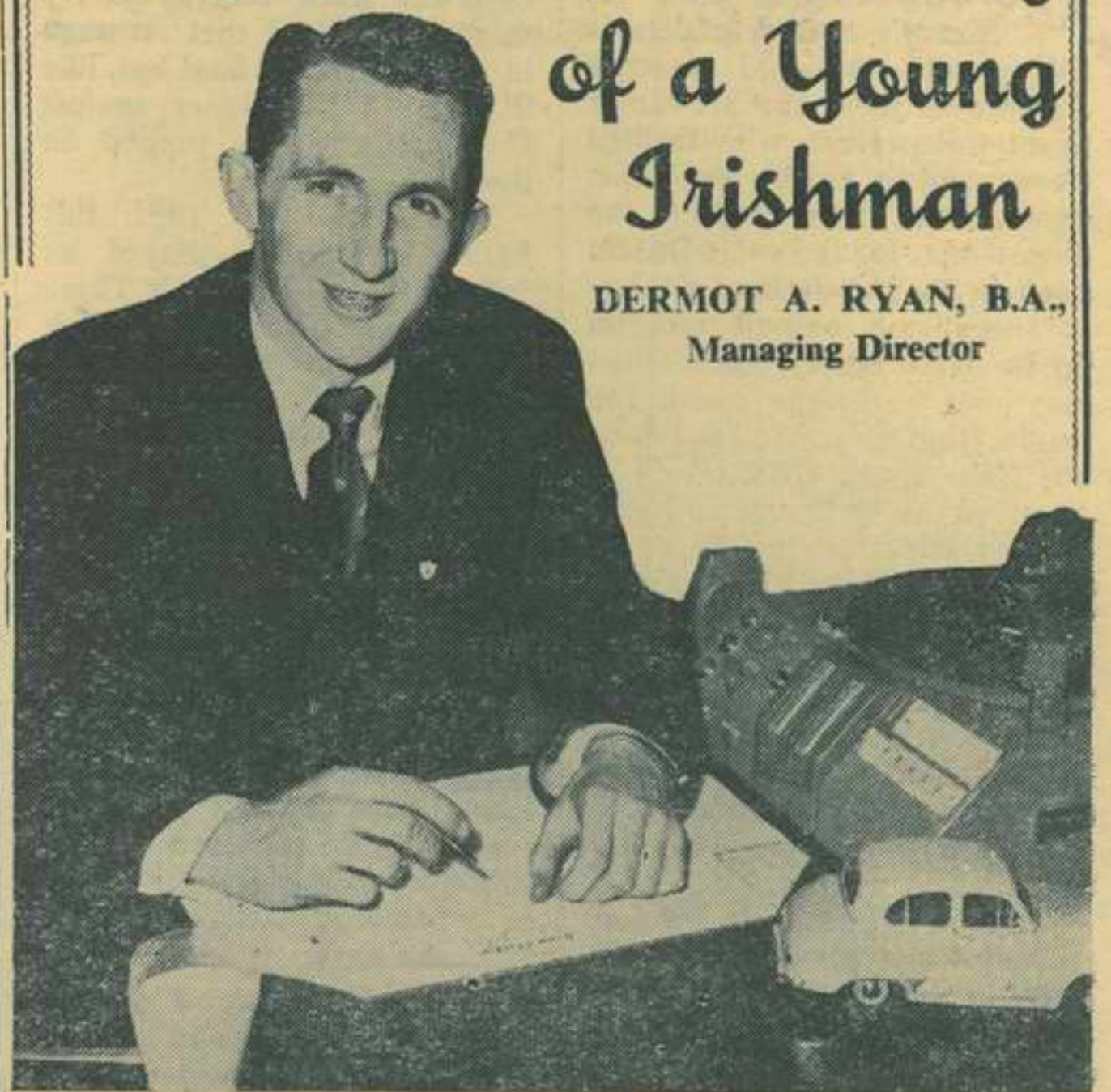
JUST how big is car hire in Ireland? There are now twenty-two (22) firms in the Irish Car Rental Association, all giving good service and operating well over 1,000 cars. More details of the service they offer to Irish tourism will be available when statistics compiled on a confidential basis by Bord Fáilte Eireann are published.

As some indication, Ryan's are catering for over 100,000 people annually with a peak-season fleet of 750 cars. More than eighty per cent. of their customers come from abroad.

Of these, about fifty per cent. are from Britain and Northern Ireland, twenty-five per cent. from the U.S.A., and nearly ten per cent. from other countries.

Unquestionably, this growth has rendered a better all-round service to the tourist; it has given badly-needed employment in Ireland, as well!

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To-day Ryan is Ireland's greatest name in car hire. He stands big, too, in Britain alongside the industrial and business magnates. Not many months have passed since he opened massive premises right in the heart of London's West End, less than one hundred yards from Piccadilly, the centre-piece of the world.

As we write, he is planning a series of "helitaxis," helicopters for luxury sightseeing tours around England for American tourists. All this at 27 years of age, all from a publican's son who visited America a couple of years ago on an emigrant's visa. But Ryan didn't stay! He returned to Ireland to build an empire on American techniques that has today made him the greatest success story in the Emerald Isle.

Modestly Ryan dismisses his success. Says the man known by his staff as the "Boy Director": "To put my finger on one single aspect that has helped more than any other in our success is easy. It is the unfailing loyalty, energy and enthusiasm of my staff. Without them I could have achieved nothing!"

Yet this fast-growing industry is still very much an "infant." Now, with nine branches throughout Ireland and Britain, Ryan thinks of helicopters . . . and beyond! His ambition is to control



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WASHINGTON SUNDAY STAR:—

"An Irishman who went into the car hire business with one vehicle five years ago has parlayed it into a firm that does a gross volume of over one million dollars a year . . ."

LONDON DAILY EXPRESS:—

"Horse-show jumper Dermot Ryan, the 6ft.-plus Dubliner who has made a fortune at 26 out of hired cars, yesterday announced another do-it-or-burst-project . . ."

PITTSBURG PRESS:—

"Mr. Ryan is downright bashful about admitting he's the car king of the Emerald Isle . . ."

LONDON DAILY MAIL:—

"Mr. Dermot Ryan, a lanky, 26-year-old University graduate from Dublin who bosses a car-hire business 'worth a million dollars,' arrived in London yesterday—with a cut-and-dried helicopter hire plan."

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Two Clubs Form The Backbone Of The G.A.A. In Yorkshire

SOON after Jerry Whittaker had come from Tipperary's famed hurling district of Lorrha, to Leeds in Yorkshire, he saw that there was a real need for some form of entertainment and relaxation for himself and his fellow-exiles from Ireland.

And he reasoned that nothing could be better for keeping the lads fit and happy than our ancient game of hurling: its added advantage being that it would maintain a link with Ireland and things Irish.

With the help of Rev. Father O'Connell, then parish priest of St. Anthony's, who is now a Canon, Jerry soon had things moving, but then World War II. intervened and more or less put an end to their project.

However, it was only a temporary lull, and in 1948 another enthusiastic Churchman, Rev. Father Stritch, from Ballyheigue, Co. Kerry, came on the scene and the St. Anne's Club was formed in Keightly and affiliated with the Lancashire County Board. They won the championship in their first year.

Then, in 1949, a few old Gaels met in the Gilford Hotel, Leeds, and on that day two clubs were formed, Shamrock Rovers Hurling Club and Hugh O'Neill's Football Club. The G.A.A. had taken root in that large industrial city of the North.

Both clubs decided to work together under the guidance of combined officials, and so elected the

following officers:—
Chairman, A. Craig (Cork); Secretary, Jim Neville (Limerick); Treasurer, Jim Hallinan (Limerick); Committee, T. and P. Neville, T. Connors, M. Farrell (Limerick), P. Hanrahan (Clare).
Since that day seven years ago,

and are again in the final this year. Their sister club, Hugh O'Neills, are still seeking the honour of being Yorkshire's champions in football, although they have reached the finals many times.
Father Stritch was the first Chairman of the Yorkshire



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the Leeds G.A.A. have progressed and to-day two strong clubs form the back-bone of the G.A.A. in Yorkshire.

The Gaelic grounds at Baltimore are a credit to the hard work of the pioneers, and the pitch is first-class.

Two years ago, Shamrock Rovers changed to St. Brendans, and under their new name, still hold sway. They have won the Yorkshire Cup and Championship for four years

County Board, and to-day is the Hon. President of the Provincial Council of Britain.

Jerry Whittaker succeeded Father Stritch as Yorkshire Chairman in 1951, and ever since has been returned unopposed.

This year he was elected as Vice-Chairman of the Provincial Council of Britain.

Credit must be also given to Mr. J. Hallinan, another great Gael, who does so much; he is Vice-Chairman of the Leeds G.A.A., as well as being Treasurer of the Yorkshire County Boards.

May God speed the health of such grand Gaels for doing so much and against such heavy odds.

The present officials of the G.A.A. in Leeds are:—Hon. President, Rev. Fr. Stritch, P.P. (Kerry); Chairman, T. Neville (Limerick); Vice-Chairman, J. Hallinan (Limerick); Secretary, M. Keogh (Meath); Treasurer, P. Neville (Limerick); Hurling Captain, M. Fleming (Galway); Football Captain, P. Hanrahan (Clare).

His Lordship, the Bishop of Leeds, Dr. Heenan, is patron of the G.A.A. in Leeds.

Funds are a constant problem. Even the normal breakage rate of hurleys imposes a heavy strain on club finances.

Most of the money is raised through socials, ceilidhes and other functions.

The club officials complain that it is very hard to get really good hurleys and balls in Yorkshire.

The games are held on Sundays. According to the law of the country, no entry may be charged, so the club has to depend on the generosity of the spectators.

However, the Chairman of the Park Committee in Leeds, Mr. Knights, is very good indeed to the Gaels in this city. His help is much appreciated.

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BY EAMONN LEAHY.

YOUNG IRELANDS SHINE IN FINAL
Young Ireland 4-5,
Cu Chulainn 1-3

THE London Senior Hurling Championship played at New Eltham in September provided hurling of a very high standard on a rain-sodden pitch.

The pace set by Young Irelands was too much for Cu Chulainn. Joe Ryan (Tipperary) was outstanding at centrefield for the winners and was never hard pressed by the opposing centre.

Outstanding in defence for Cu Chulainn was Jerry Hayes, who saved them from a bigger defeat by his great clearances. Best for Young Irelands were Jimmy Lyons captain; S. O'Sullivan, Cork; Fortune, McCullough and J. Keane. For Cu Chulainn: Jerry Hayes, Kiely and Duggan.

SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Taras 4-5, St. Senans 0-0

FAR from London lies Chertsey, a little Surrey village. In this village a band of courageous and patriotic Irishmen put their heads together and formed the St. Finbarr's Hurling and Football Club in 1955.

This club has overcome many obstacles and hardships and to-day are marching onwards to a bright future in G.A.A. affairs.

St. Finbarr's though its members are far from London, are registered with the County Board there, and it is nothing unusual for a 'Bars' player to travel over 50 miles on Sundays to play their London opponents.

Financially, the 'Bars' could not be classed as a pillar of strength, but each individual gladly pays his share to defray the very high expenses of travelling and hurleys.

I cannot but give special mention to the secretary of the club, who

has proved one of the sincerest Gaels I have ever been acquainted with—Tim (Tadhg) Daly of Clonakilty, Co. Cork.

Whenever the success of the 'Bars' is mentioned, Tim is quick in passing credit to all but himself. No doubt the committee are to be congratulated but Tim has been a stalwart in the onward march.

The complete and unselfish efforts of each and every member of St. Finbarr's are an example to all Gaels. Rath De ar bhaill Naoimh Fhionbarra.

St. Finbarr's Hurling and Football Club officers are—President, Rev. Fr. Denis Kelleher (Millstreet, Co. Cork) is a cousin of the famous "Toots" Kelleher of the Cork senior football team.

Chairman, Jeremiah Lane (Athleague, Co. Roscommon) was a member of Roscommon minor hurling team a few years ago.

Vice-Chairman, Michael Larden (Kinsale).

Secretary, Timothy Daly (Clonakilty).
Treasurer, David Page (Crosshaven).

Committee—Michael McKenna (Clare), Patrick Byrne (Tipperary), Terence Gilroy (Fermanagh), Nicholas Carroll (Wexford).

NEWLY FORMED

St. Anne's Gaelic Football team are in preparation for their entrance to the London Championship and League next year.

Recently they defeated St. Monica's in a hard-fought challenge game. Their prospects for the future are very bright.

Back from America after a month's holiday is Joseph Maguire President of the London Gaelic League. On his journey from New York to San Antonio he met many fellow countrymen and attended the profession of his sister in religious life.

Professions At Essex

THE Feast of St. Augustine was celebrated by the Sisters of the Sacred Hearts of Jesus and Mary at their Mother House, Chigwell Convent, Woodford Bridge, Essex, by the Ceremony of Reception and Profession at which four postulants received the Holy Habit, thirteen novices made First Vows and eight sisters made Perpetual Vows.

The ceremony was presided over by the Right Rev. Monsignor Canon Wilson, who deputised for His Lordship, Bishop Wall of Brentwood, who was unable to be present as his attendance was required at Westminster Cathedral for the Solemn Requiem and funeral of His Eminence Cardinal Griffin, R.I.P. His Lordship was able to be present in the afternoon.

Solmen High Mass was celebrated by Rev. Father Edward, O.F.M., assisted by Very Rev. Father Guardian O.F.M., deacon, and Rev. Father Colman, O.S.M., sub-deacon. Rev. Father Kearney was Master of Ceremonies while Very Rev. Father Provincial C.S.S.R., Rev. Father Burgess, C.R.I.C., Rev. Doctor Shanahan, Rev. Father McCullagh (Maynooth Mission to China), Rev. Father Aelred, S.D.S., Wealdstone; Rev. Father Frayne, Huyton; Rev. Father Hopkins were also present. Rt. Reverend Monsignor Canon Howell attended in the afternoon.

The postulants who received the Habit were:

Miss Mary Collins (Galway)—Sr. Peter Claver; Miss Barbara Dundon (Liverpool)—Sr. Stephen Harding; Miss Catherine Rochford (Sligo)—Sr. Anne Carmel; Miss Philomena Sheehan (Kerry)—Sr. Mary Priscilla. The novices who made their First Vows were:—

Sisters Mary I. Tobin (Wexford); Maris Stella McCullagh (Fintona); Mary Regina Cannell (Liverpool); Marie Dolores Shanahan (Killaloe); Peter Chanel Clerkin (Fermanagh); Mary of Walsingham Tutton (Essex); Marian Hogan (Cahiriveen); Dominic Savio Kirwan (Kilmacthomas); Frances J. McCarthy (Scotland); Mary Alberta McKenna (Scotland); Mary Columbiere Melia (Ballinasloe); Marie de Jesu Murton (Belfast); Agnes of Jesus Hennebray (Carrick-on-Suir).

The Sisters who made Perpetual Vows were:—

Sisters Angela Mary Byrant (London), Mary Presentation Wood (do.), Anne Therese Maunsell (Tralee), Mary Alphonsus Manning (Johnswell, Kilkenny), Mary Austin Gallagher (Athlone); Mary Stephanie Connell (Edenderry), Mary Sarto Harney (Dungavin), Mary Albert Ryan (Cashel).

A retreat in preparation for the ceremony was given by Very Rev. Father Provincial, C.S.S.R.

In the afternoon there was celebrated the Golden Jubilee of four Sisters. Rev. Mother Francis Borgia (London); Mother Monica (Laois); Mother Mary Gertrude (Eastbourne) and Rev. Mother Anastasia (Tipperary). His Lordship Bishop Wall presided and addressed the Golden Jubilarians who were all very active despite their years and in very good health.

His Lordship in granting the Jubilee presented each Sister with a golden staff, a crown symbolising the reward which awaits their life of dedication, and a parchment conveying the Papal blessing. Solemn Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament concluded the ceremony.

A large number of guests were present at both ceremonies and they were entertained afterwards by Rev. Mother General and the Community.

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★ AROUND THE

One Of The Most Marked Young Hurling Forwards

BY MICHAEL CADHLA

ONE of the most promising forwards in hurling today is Limerick's budding Mick Mackey, the sturdy Dermot Kelly of Cloughaun.

Kelly first hit the headlines with Limerick C.B.S. in both hurling and football and was chosen for the Munster Colleges at an early age.

He served up great stuff with the Shannonside minors in both codes. It was as a half back that he first shone on the county senior string, but his personal tally of 1-12 in the 1955 Munster final stamped him one of Ireland's most dangerous attackers.

Dermot, who has played in hurling for Munster and Ireland, helped Cloughaun win Limerick football honours in 1955.

KEEN SWIMMER

Also a keen swimmer, he figured in a dramatic rescue at Ballybunion a few years ago.

Dermot is employed in Limerick as a bank official and is a prominent member of the College Players Drama Group.

Cappamore En Fete

Cappamore was en fete for the return of their victorious senior hurlers, who won the county championship by defeating Cloughaun. Bonfires were lit at many vantage points in and around the village, and together with the thronged streets and the long procession of cars made a lively scene. It was a proud moment for the captain, Tom Ryan, who sat in the place of honour on top of a lorry, carrying the trophy.

Co. Champions For Second Time

BY J. LAVELLE

FOR the second successive year Manulla camogie team has retained the Mayo Co. championship.

Their passage to the final in which they defeated Newport in facile style, was a most impressive one.

The only scores conceded in the whole series being two goals scored by Newport and Mayo players Theresa Murray and Nancy McDonnell.

Manulla's N.A.C.A. Club

IN a recent issue of the "Gaelic Echo" when writing about the number of clubs in the village of Manulla, Co. Mayo, I dropped the suggestion to the young men of the area that they should form an N.A.C.A. club.

Since then the club has been inaugurated and the first sports meeting held in September was an outstanding success.

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Address

THE champions of Ulster, Tyrone, received an address of welcome from Castlebar Urban Council when they visited the historic "Town of the Races" to play Mayo in a challenge game.

They were guests of Mayo G.A.A. Board at a reception held in the Imperial Hotel, Castlebar, and an address of welcome from Castlebar U.D.C. was read by the Chairman, Mr. Joseph Chambers.

Glowing tributes were paid to them for the magnificent display they gave in Croke Park, by Mayo G.A.A. officials present.

Mr. Patrick Cullen, Chairman of the Tyrone G.A.A. Board replied and thanked Mayo G.A.A. for their hospitality.

Welcome Gift

Welcome gift for the Galway Co. Board was a cheque for 300 dollars towards their training fund. It was presented by the Galwaymen's Association of New York. With the cheque came a letter from the secretary, Mr. Stephen O'Connor, wishing the Galway footballers good luck in the final. The secretary of the Galway County Board, Mr. John Dunne, said that it was a very kind gesture, especially when it is remembered how hard people have to work in America.

Well Done! Jimmy

ONE of the most enthusiastic athletes in Wicklow at the moment is, Arklow man, Jimmy Hemenstall, and followers everywhere were delighted to hear of his victory a few weeks back in the Leinster 15 miles senior title. Jimmy put up a grand showing in anything but ideal conditions and undoubtedly deserves the honour as he trained consistently for the past few seasons.

An employee of the Arklow Pottery, he has done great work for athletics in the town and county and is a founder member of the St. John Bosco A.C.—M. O'C.

Captain Martin Hayes, the former Clare hurler, who is training officer to the Ennis Battalion of the F.C.A. has been transferred to Sarsfield Barracks, Limerick.



Christy Ring starts the ball Rolling.

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Roscommon's senior football final has been fixed for September 30. The hurling final between Four Roads and Tremane will be played the same day.

Rev. Fr. Seamus Scanlon was given a great send off on his journey to Camden, New Jersey, U.S.A. by the gael of Moore, Co. Roscommon, recently. He received presentations from the Moore club and from the Roscommon team and officials. Roscommon captain, Aidan Brady presented Fr. Scanlon with the No. 12 jersey which he had worn when playing for his county.



LUCKY! . . . on the wrong side of the posts.

BALLINA SPORTS HELD AGAIN

FOR the first time in twelve years a Sports Meeting was held in Ballina.

The last meeting was in 1944, when the Connacht team, led by Garda Ned Tobin, renowned weight thrower, defeated Ulster.

This year's championships were highly successful and the local N.A.C.A. club deserve credit for having put Ballina back on the athletic map.

ATHLETIC UNITY IS NECESSARY

BY MAC LUGHADHA
 WE often read or hear of "the golden days" of Irish athletics when Irishmen went forth to every corner of the earth to compete and conquer and to take their places in athletic history.

Names like John Flanagan, Matt McGrath, Martin Sheridan, Paddy Ryan, Tom Malone Pat O'Callaghan, Tom Kiely are just a few of many Irish names that are mentioned when athletics are being discussed.

By



Mac Lughadha

They are names of men, ordinary Irishmen who with a true love for athletics, became the giants of their day, leaving us a record to which we can refer with pride.

In 1932 at the Los Angeles Olympic Games we won two Olympic titles when O'Callaghan successfully defended his hammer title and Tisdall won the hurdles.

That was a glorious day for Irish athletics, twice in ten minutes did the Tricolour fly proudly high,

higher than that of the flags of the nations of the world, proclaiming an Irish victory.

Yes, it was surely a great day for the Gael and few thought then that it was the end, the end of a reign of glorious triumphs, for since then we have never won an Olympic title.

NO LONGER FEARED

Since then we have become a nation of small men, no longer feared on the athletic field of the world.

The reason for our troubles is obvious and well known to all, the suspension of the N.A.C.A. from international competition and the formation of the A.A.U. To-day we have two bodies, the former with a huge membership throughout the country but lacking the proper incentive for the want of international competition and the latter with a small membership almost confined to Dublin.

It is a sad state and one which must end if we ever hope to regain our old status in world competition.

I have every hope that this situation will not last much longer.

Those who have the interests of athletics at heart deplore the low standard of Irish athletics in general and are slowly beginning to realize that if the standard is to be raised, athletic unity is necessary.

It is not any patriotism which has moved these men, but at least they want athletic unity because they realize it is necessary.

CHANGE OVER

Furthermore, they realize that the elephant does not go to the mouse, but rather the mouse to the elephant, therefore they know that the A.A.U. must go to the N.A.C.A. and accept its terms and this they are striving to bring about and I am confident that within a short time a large number of A.A.U. clubs will seek affiliation to the N.A.C.A.

When that happens then a beginning will be made, the first step will have been taken and the rest should follow smoothly.

The A.A.U. must go; its athletes must bring their clubs with them to the N.A.C.A. and thus bring about unity.

"A united people can never be beaten," is an old cry and a true one. If after the N.A.C.A. was suspended only one Irish Athletic body existed, then that suspension could not have lasted.

If our athletes had stood together demanding the right of international competition, the suspension would have proved a joke, but when Irishmen were found to compromise and accept the suspension, then England's motion had won its victory.

MUST HAVE UNITY

Unity must be the word, for when, once again, our athletes stand unified then the cause for the removal of the suspension can be advanced as a clear cut issue, without any political red herrings in the way.

[Note—Part II of this article in which the author deals with an actual plan to raise the standard of our athletics will appear in next month's issue].

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JUNIOR GAELS' PAGE



THE DAVIDS *versus* THE GOLIATHS

BY MURT O DUBHGHAILL

THE overwhelming defeat of the Antrim boys, by the Tipperary minor hurlers, in the second of the All-Ireland semi-finals was unfortunate.

Wisecracks may counsel us to forget it and relegate it to the limbo of things, best ignored and forgotten!

We disagree. We have been persistently campaigning against this Tipperary dominance in minor hurling code; against pitting the Davids of Ulster against the Goliaths of Munster.

Of late other sports commentators have joined their voices in

support of our pleas—which is, naturally, encouraging.

Let us not be mis-understood, we hasten to point out that our remarks are in no sense prompted by any animus whatever towards our Tipp. hurling boy heroes, victors on so many fields.

No, we endeavour to uplift the vanquished, without cavilling at the deeds of the mighty.

LEITRIM'S JERSEY

Last month—as you may recall—we enthused at the prospect of seeing football jerseys, with which we are not familiar, grace the green sward of Croke Park on All-Ireland Minor Football days.

How delightful that we shall have our wish fulfilled. Fifteen stalwart Leitrim boys have won their way into the final; defeating near neighbour, Donegal, by 1-9 to 1-2.

That game, in Sligo's Countess Markievicz Park, had everything that makes for spectator and player entertainment—bar weather.

Those first eight minutes with Leitrim advancing point by point, to draw level after Donegal's first minute goal, were full of fine football. But afterwards, until five minutes from the end, midfield dominance gave the Connacht forwards a steady supply of the ball, of which they readily availed, to mount up their then eight points lead.

Campbell's penalty goal put Donegal again in the running, but it came too late to upset the result.

FINAL PROSPECTS

All good luck to these Leitrim minors, when they take the field against Dublin in the All-Ireland Final.

It would be utterly naive to emphasize the magnitude of their task, if they are to overcome the Metropolitan side in their home ground.

We may rest assured that these Western boys, and their mentors, are fully alive to the greatness of Dublin in football skill and craft.

Judging by what we have seen and heard, the Western boys have speed, craft, determination and team work too. This is particularly true of midfielders Josie Murray and Pat Heslin; who to date have given us a preview of football skill, marking them as among the greats of the future.

Croke Park nerves? No denying that they have been the bogey of many great teams, the graveyard of many cherished hopes.

But then, Leitrim as underdogs, will have vociferous spectator support, in this their first minor final after a lapse of eleven years. May their efforts be crowned with the success they deserve.

DUBLIN VICTORY

Better change the preposition at

once, and so have it read the Rocky Road against Dublin.

In the second of these football semi-finals, the Metropolitans, adapting themselves very much better to bad underfoot and greasy ball conditions, emerged victorious, with 1-13 to Limerick's 2-5.

Despite the unnecessary embellishments of his game by old man Weather, it was one of the best contested so far in this year's All-Ireland minor series.

The second half was particularly entertaining, with Dublin, after turning over a four points in arrears, dominating the exchanges, showing superior skill in high fielding and long kicking.

All good luck to this Dublin fifteen! Facing Leitrim in the final, they look all set to make it four All-Ireland victories in a row. Knowing them as the good sportsmen they are, we know that should they fail, they shall be the first, to

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offer heartiest congratulations to opponents Leitrim, absentees for so long from the All-Ireland scene.

COLLEGES' GAMES

Normally this commentary should mark the end of the minor inter-county games. So it would, were it not that the polio-postponed finals have upset schedule more than somewhat; and we still have these finals on our hands.

October will usher in a new series of Colleges' games in all provinces, in all codes.

Of necessity winter conditions are seriously restrictive of travel, especially to mid-week encounters.

For that reason among others, we shall be very appreciative of details of fixtures and games, from the responsible officials.

We of the "Gaelic Echo" feel that we should continue to spotlight the achievements of the weaker teams.

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A Great Scholar And Writer

FR. GERARD O'NOLAN

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BORN in Mullaghmore, close to Omagh, in County Tyrone, in 1875, young Gerald O'Nolan received his primary education at a local Christian Brothers' school and, later, at St. Malachy's College, Belfast, whence, after winning a University Scholarship, he passed to Queen's University, Belfast.

In 1895, after taking an honours degree in Ancient Classics, he entered Maynooth, where four years later, with academic honours thick upon him, he was ordained priest. Almost immediately he was appointed to the professional staff of St. Malachy's, where for nine years, he gave abundant evidence of his zeal and versatility, teaching with success such a variety of subjects as Logic, Ethics, Greek, Latin and English.

Early in his career at St. Malachy's he took up the study of Irish, and so effectively did he master it that within a few short years he was teaching it not merely in his own College, but in St. Mary's Training College as well.

About this time, too, began his yearly visits to Ballygeary and his association with the Munster College of Irish there, an association only broken by his death a few short years ago.

One of the stories he liked best to tell referred to his first visit to Ballygeary. An old woman whom he had probably annoyed by his persistent questions, told him quite bluntly that he would never master the language. She said:

"Ni beid an saothuinn agat, 'deap'."
"Cuius, a bean uasal?" queried Father Gerald.

"Cá an ceange pó-caspaí agat, 'deap!'"
Later, when by diligent study and much practice he had achieved a certain fluency, he preached an Irish sermon in Ballygeary Church, after which a critical seanachardhe approached him, and said:

"Se Dia do mháin an saothuinn cuirte, 'deap!'"

NEW APPOINTMENT

In the year 1909, Father O'Nolan was appointed to the chair of Irish at Maynooth, a post he filled with remarkable distinction till ill-health compelled him to resign more than thirty years later. In addition to his duties as Irish professor, he was for some years Lecturer in Classics, and for nine or ten years before his retirement, lecturer in Welsh.

During these years at Maynooth Father O'Nolan gave ample proof of his mental ability, for many and varied works of consummate skill and scholarship came from his facile pen. Reviews, articles, poems appeared in different magazines.

Short stories of merit, to the inevitable accompaniment of scholarly philological and grammatical notes, soon proclaimed him as one of the greatest of modern Irish litterateurs.

But his name and fame will rest mainly, I think, on his different grammar publications. In this connection, for in them we have the first penetrating and scientific study ever published on modern Irish grammar.

They are printed in the early twenties, the first fruits, I might say, of his Irish scholarship. And fitting, indeed, it was that his last published work before death should be "The New Era Grammar of Modern Irish," a bulky volume that must remain for long as the standard authority on Irish grammar, and as a result of which he was admitted to membership of that connection his four books of Studies in Modern Irish deserve particular mention, for in them we have the select body "L'Institute Littéraire et

ONLY HAZY PICTURE

It is impossible to give anything but a hazy picture of the width and depth of Father O'Nolan's learning within the confines of a few hundred words. Space allows me to give only the titles of some of his more important contributions to Irish learning.

Between the years 1919 and 1922 there appeared the following books: Studies in Modern Irish, Part I; Introduction to Studies in Modern Irish; Studies in Modern Irish, Part II; Studies, Part III; Studies, Part IV; Dia, Diabhal agus Daoine.

Later he published "Fri Seoda O Albain," and "Tighearna an Tailimh agus Scealta eile," and lastly, before his death, his monumental "New Era Grammar of Modern Irish." Other books of his,

still waiting publication by An Gum are "Tri h-Uisceil Bhreathnais aistrighthe go Gaedhilg," "Lona," "Gwen Tomas," and Rhys Lewis," translation of Welsh novels.

Now, what of this great scholar and writer as a teacher? I fear Gaelic League enthusiasts would not all relish his method. He came to

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Jimmy Lavin and Mick Moylan (Dublin) close in on a Wexford forward in the Leinster Senior Football Championship at Carlow.

class punctually, asked some students to translate a passage from Keating or Haicéad, questioned different men on the grammar of the passage, went into all sorts of detail (the while in English) deriving words and comparing them with their Latin or Greek equivalents.

Teaching Irish as a Classics professor might teach Greek, he left one under the impression that Irish was a dead language.

NOT GREAT TEACHER

His method, then, was not very inspiring. True, his minute and scholarly analysis of words and sentences was very interesting and informative, but of little value to the average student whose mind was not cast in the mould of high scholarship, and whose interest lay not in the niceties and subtleties so entertaining to philologists and grammarians, but in the acquisition of sufficient knowledge to get him through his examinations.

And yet when everything is said against his method, it must be conceded that it has its advantages, inculcating as it did, a very high regard for accuracy and care in the writing of Irish.

Indeed, it was only last year that an Irish scholar, having read a Gaelic manuscript by one of O'Nolan's students, said to me: "The professor who taught that man taught him exceedingly well. I never read more grammatically correct Irish." A fine tribute! He himself, would have desired no other, except, perhaps, a remembrance in our prayers. Requiescat in pace!

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The Curtain-raiser

THE curtain-raiser for the big game is the All-Ireland Minor Football Final between Dublin and Antrim.

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In the June issue of the "Gaelic Echo" I dealt by way of survey with what I termed three of the weaker counties—Monaghan, Leitrim and Longford—as the three with the lowest margin of successes.

Now it comes to pass that

Monaghan have won the All-Ireland Junior Football (home) final and play Britain for the title.

Antrim have reached the All-Ireland Minor final against Dublin.

So far as the Leitrim minors are concerned, it is to be hoped that no difficulties will be placed in their way regarding fielding their full team.

Monaghan had to field out without their centre-half back, Jim Duddy, who had returned to college and was therefore not available.

It will require a full strength

Leitrim team to defeat Dublin, and even then their task will be a difficult one.

Dublin are seeking their third consecutive All-Ireland title, which is something of a record.

The present team have weathered a hard campaign, defeating such strong opposition as Carlow, Westmeath and Meath in Leinster, and then beating Limerick, the new Munster Champions.

Leitrim, after completing their Connacht campaign, beat Roscommon for the title, 2-7 to 1-6, and qualified by accounting for Donegal, 1-9 to 2-1.



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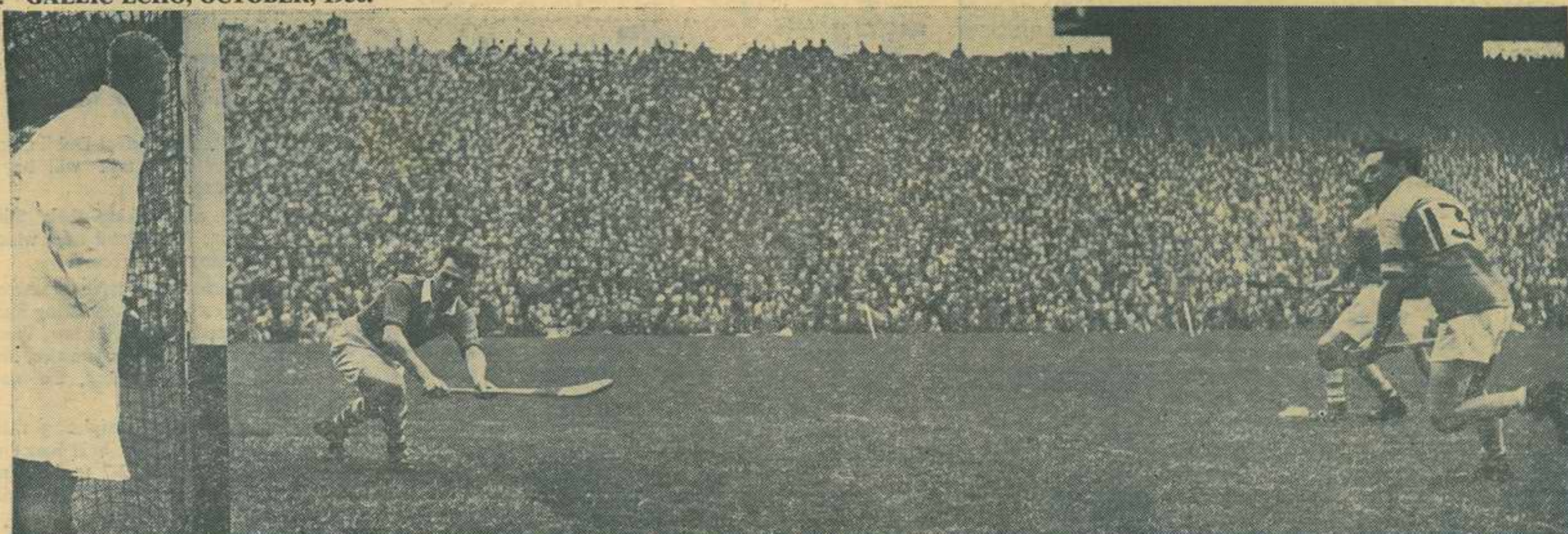
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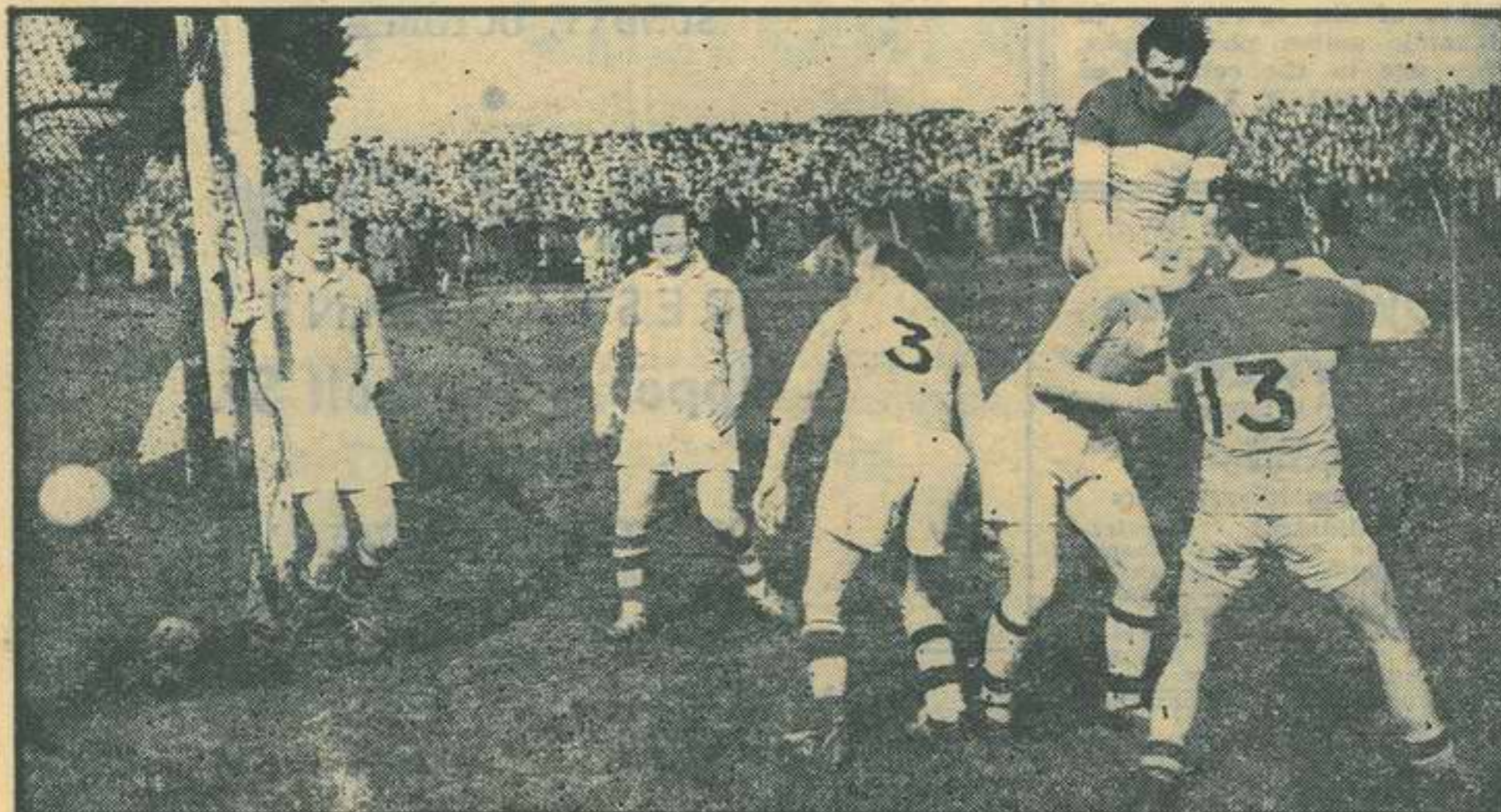
This picture shows Mick Cashman (goalie) beaten by Nicky Rackard for Wexford's second goal. This score put Wexford on the high road to victory and left them leading by five points two minutes from the end of the game.



A Monaghan attack in progress against Kildare in the All-Ireland Junior Football Home Final.



Kilkenny goalkeeper, J. Barry, saves a bullet-like shot from J. Doyle.



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