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WILL RING RETIRE? A Pioneer Of Gaelic Games

By MAC LUBHADHA

THE unflinching left hand of Art Foley snapped the sliothar from the air and Christy Ring was a vanquished hero. It was an unforgettable moment and undoubtedly one of the most thrilling in the annals of caman history; a moment which will make the 1956 All-Ireland hurling final one to be spoken of by the Gaels of the generations to come.

The question though is what will it be known as? Will it be spoken of as "the Battle of the hurling giants," or "Ring the Artist versus Rackard the goalgetter"? or will it simply be called "the Maestro's last fling"?

Many feel that it will be the latter; that this year's final was

and without him the game would lose much of its appeal and colour.

They argue that Christy is — although hurling in senior ranks for seventeen years — only 35.

They point out that men like Fowler McInerney, of Clare, Bob Mockler, of Dublin, and scores of others in the past and many in recent years like "Diamond" Hayden,

Prolonged

When St. Brendan's, Killarney and St. Michael's College, Listowel, meet after the Christmas holidays in their O'Sullivan Cup football final they will be continuing what must undoubtedly be one of the most prolonged colleges encounters in G.A.A. history.

Already the two teams have played a total of three hours twenty four minutes football without reaching a decision.

Two periods of extra time have been played but to no avail.

LONG before the year 1884, when the Gaelic Athletic Association was founded, an obscure journeyman millwright, James Maher, born in the vicinity of Nenagh in 1802, was already formulating a code of rules for "The Better Regulation of Gaelic Games," which were then in the ascendant throughout Ireland.

In 1850 James Maher came to Co. Monaghan from his native Tipperary and brought with him a strong Gaelic tradition into the Farney district, where he spent some 10 years working in various mills throughout the area.

Fragmentary details of Maher's life were a living tradition in Co. Monaghan up until the 1930's but his "memory" seems to have died now.

In 1860 Maher came to the Mid and North Monaghan areas where he worked for a few years at the famous Jackson's Mills at Creeve, near Ballybay.

CAME TO ROOSKEY

In 1865 he came to Rooskey Mills, Newbliss, and it was here that he gave a draft copy of his Code of Rules to the millowner, Mr. R. Hamill, who deposited the same in his library at Killygorman House.

The present writer viewed the draft-code there about 15 years

ago. Maher was described as a six footer, with an inexhaustible store of energy. He had a flair for organisation, and among the workmen of the area he introduced Gaelic games, both hurling and football.

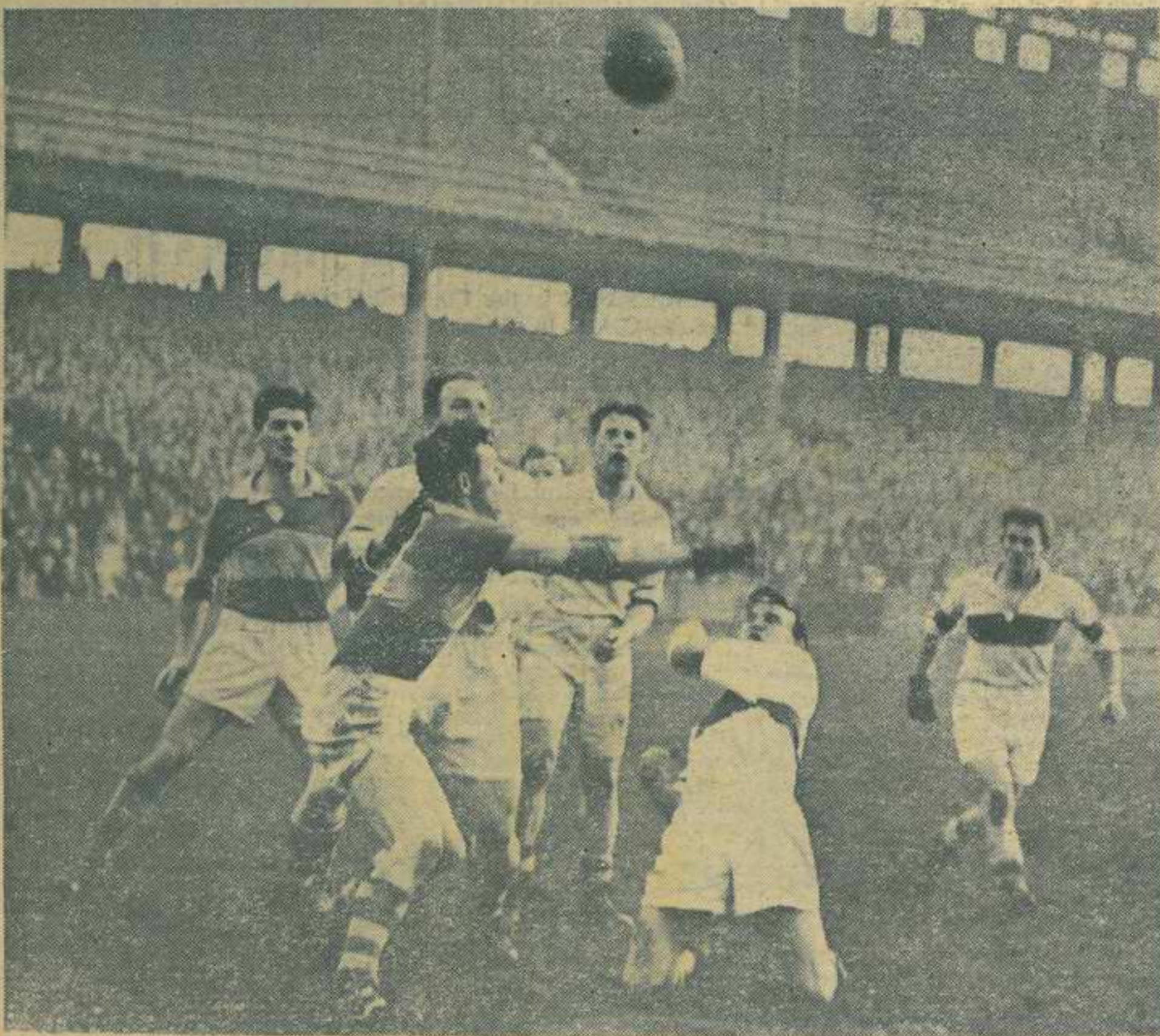
It would appear that the G.A.A. pioneers in his native Tipperary were aware of Maher's Code of Rules, and in fact did incorporate some of them into the first official code ever published.

DESTROYED?

Unfortunately the library at Killygorman House was disposed of by public auction in 1947. The present whereabouts of the draft-code is now unknown.

Possibly it met the fate of a large volume of old account-books and miscellaneous papers that were burned prior to the auction.

Tradition has it that Maher was found dead beside a limekiln in the Donaghmoyny district. He was then aged about 80 years.



After a St. Vincent's forward slipped near the goalmouth he tried desperately to punch in a score against Erin's Hopes.

the grand finale of the greatest caman craftsman the game has ever known.

The main reasons which favour this line of thought seem to be that first of all Christy was injured in a recent Cork County Championship game, when he received a broken jaw.

Secondly, although reaching last year's final, Cork are by no means on top of the hurling world and the possibility of their capturing the title in the next year or two seems remote.

Losing Speed

Thirdly Ring is losing his speed. Unlike former years, the Maestro only played in spurts in last year's games, which seemed to indicate that he was conserving his energies.

Lastly Ring is now on top—the hurler of the year and Cork may not be strong enough in the next few years to give Christy the opportunity of being top of the list again. So why not bid adieu now in triumph?

On the other hand there are many who cannot imagine the Cloyne man retiring. To them Ring is hurling

Harry Grey and Tony Brennan, were as old, and in some cases a few years older than Ring and still considered in the hurling elite.

What About Rackard?

Then they point to Nicky Rackard and say the powerful Rathnure man is a year older than "Ringey" and no one mentions his retirement.

And then, of course, Christy is always at peak fitness. He is a man to whom hurling means more than all other material things. He has devoted himself to the game like few men before him and has preserved himself so that it is only natural that his career should outlive that of others.

Lastly "the Ring forevers" say that Christy has years before him and that even when that speed and dash slips slowly away there will always be the craft, accuracy and the brain, capable of turning defeat into victory in one stroke.

As one former inter-county hurler said to me recently: "If Ring could only walk and had only the space of a pocket handkerchief to manoeuvre in, that would be enough to merit him his place on any team in Ireland", and somehow I think he was right.

GO-AHEAD CLUB

The Geraldine O'Hanrahan Hurling and Football Club, New Ross is a go-ahead club. Already arrangements are under way to tackle the 1957 championships in earnest by having practice games on every available Sunday between now and the start of the championships.

Not since 1945 has this club been in the winning list due to a variety of reasons chief of which was emigration.

But with such fine players as T. Russell, M. Morrissey, J. O'Brien, S. Somers, M. Kehoe and many others they are all set to go after those elusive medals and with club affairs in the hands of such capable men as Rev. Fr. J. Power, O.S.A.; W. Stafford, W. and J. Ronan, L. O'Brien and M. Brennan we hope that a bright future lies ahead.

Made History

WHEN St. Finbarr's recently made Cork football history by beating Millstreet to the tune of 3-5 to 0-4, one of their outstanding forwards was Tony O'Shaughnessy, famed Cork inter-county corner back.

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**DARK HORSES OF
ULSTER FOOTBALL**

ON Sunday, December 9, 9,000 football fans moved in on Lurgan for the Dr. Lagan Cup decider. By all appearances they got value for their money and their petrol, and Sunday night saw eager groups discussing the replay of this hectic encounter.

Indeed, many an argument took place as to the destination of next year's championship trophy. Would it be Tyrone again or Monaghan or Derry or maybe ever Cavan.

It seemed strange to see Cavan being reckoned as outsiders for the Ulster championship so I felt glad that I had taken time off from the current "follow Tyrone" slogan to watch the Breffni "babies" in action against Mayo.

Having seen them beat wind, rain, and a roaring crowd at Ballinamore to snatch a point from Leitrim, I felt anxious to see again what was happening to the princes of Ulster football.

As yet it is difficult to say. There was a strange lack of fire in the Mayo-Cavan clash, too many hopping balls and oh! the slowness of play compared with this year's Lagan Cup matches.

Yet this "new-look" Cavan team had something which provoked thought and interest.

There were the brilliant clearances of Brady, the magnificent, hard-tackling half backs, those beautiful nostalgic movements among the forwards, the high fielding and, of course, the traditional rally when all seemed lost.

McDONNELL IN FORM

True, the centrefield was weak, but it only went to show that a great left-half back, as Jim McDonnell, is better than a fair mid-fielder. Brian Gallagher is a grand footballer but no centre half-forward and Sherlock is still a born midfielder.

They have another Joe Stafford in Brady at right-corner and Charlie Gallagher is a born winger.

I thought to myself that given two more stars this would be a great Cavan team and those of us who know the Cavan of old know that no team ever kept as many aces up its sleeve as Cavan.

One thing they'll have to learn and that is to part with the ball more quickly. The present forward line are "fliers" but they do not exploit their speed sufficiently by making the ball do the work and using the open spaces.

FUTURE BRIGHT

Nevertheless this fifteen can look forward with confidence to their remaining fixtures in this division of the National League and by the time it is finished the Cavan men should have cut their teeth and be ready for anything.

One thing I feel certain of and that is, mentors Lynch, O'Reilly, Tilbeaney are backing better horses now than they did in the early months of '56.

So, beware all ye pretenders to the throne, the old dog has fine pups, as the saying goes, and the Breffni blue is on the warpath once more.

THE ANNUAL STOCKTAKE

JANUARY IS THE MONTH WHEN MOST OF OUR LOCAL GAELIC CLUBS REVIEW THE PREVIOUS YEAR'S WORK, AND PLAN FOR THE SEASON AHEAD.

The local press will, as usual, carry the detailed reports of club secretaries. On the whole these reports are stereotyped affairs, lacking any kind of really round comment.

This is a sad commentary, because club members and players look towards their officers for guidance and encouragement.

A mere record of successes or failures without constructive criticism is futile. To castigate team failures or abuses during the year exclusive of all else is also a fatal line of approach.

This annual stock-taking should be the occasion when club policy, training, public relations, and every facet of club-activities should be discussed, and analysed in a business-like fashion without prejudice.

This important annual come-together should register unanimous co-operation between players, committee, and members, and must be a friendly affair, neither marked by heated discussions, nor rash suggestions.

**Officers
Elected**

At the annual general meeting of Carrickcruppen (Armagh) football Club, officers elected were:—Chairman:—John Brannigan; Vice-Chairman—Gerry Duniece; Sec.—John Crombie. Treas.—James Geraghty; Assistant Treas.—Chas. O'Hanlon, Committee—Messrs. C. Crilly, O. Loughran and M. McShane. Team Captain—O. Loughran.



Fintan Walsh, the Erin's Hope captain, holds on grimly as he prepares to clear. St. Vincent's forwards, Kevin Heffernan (left) and Jim Crowley, close in.

**FERMANAGH—CINDERELLA
OF THE NORTH**

FERMANAGH is the Cinderella of the G.A.A. in the North. But for how long? Hopes are high on the banks of the Erne that victory is in sight, for a tremendous organisation drive is getting under way in the county which, if mathematical calculations and careful planning count for anything, should see Fermanagh rub shoulders with the best Ulster can produce.

It all began early in 1955 when the County Convention set up a special committee to investigate the difficulties confronting minor, juvenile and schools football.

The outcome of this was a special 11-a-side minor league which brought in 14 new minor teams and establishment of a well organised juvenile league in which 18 teams took part.

However, the main aim of the committee, namely schools football hung fire until late in '55 when at the annual meeting of the Irvinestown club a "White paper" on the position of the G.A.A. in the county was read. As a result of this, proposals were formulated for presentation to the County Convention of '56.

TEN YEAR PLAN

Findings, based on the running of an experimental schoolboy league in Irvinestown area, were the basis for a proposed ten year development plan, which would enlist every schoolboy in the county in the ranks of the G.A.A.

A survey of the county showed that only 10 per cent of Fermanagh's Nationalist population was playing Gaelic games, and that football was almost non-existent among schoolboys.

County board officials made a tour of club meetings enlisting support for the plan, which made the following proposals:

- (I) That all Parish Priests, Curates and teachers be circularised in an effort to win support.
- (II) That a league be established in every area to take in every schoolboy between the ages (8-14).
- (III) That the local club organise leagues and purchase small moveable goal-posts to shorten pitches.
- (IV) That where possible one person be left in charge of each league.
- (V) That as much control as possible be given to the boys themselves.

(VI) That the County Board supply trophies for each league.

(VII) That after a league is completed a meeting of all those who took part be held to elect a school-boys' committee.

(VIII) That above committee be encouraged to carry on work with adult supervision, by raising money for jerseys etc.

(IX) That matches for those in younger age groups be arranged with the object of training, juvenile referees.

(X) That the person in charge of each league issue a report to the Co. Board and that grants be made according to progress made.

SPECIAL BOARD

A special board was set up to carry out the above programme and a schoolboy County championship was carried through as well as a juvenile league.

There are further developments planned for the years ahead designed to bring the county's playing strength up to ten times its present numbers.

The 1956 effort brought mixed success and failure but there can be no doubt that tremendous progress has been made, as nearly a thousand schoolboys took up football seriously almost ten years earlier than usual.

Provided the county as a whole holds to its present course, and that is the keynote of the plan, there is bound to be a great uplift.

It may take a long time but it is better to be sure of success in 1966 than to drift forward aimlessly to an indefinite goal.

Gaels throughout Ulster would welcome a Fermanagh revival, for no county has more difficulties, and I think that at present they can look forward with confidence.

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When Will Kerry Win McCarthy Cup Asks Sean O'Neill

OFTEN WE HAVE HEARD IT SAID THAT HAD KERRY BEEN A CAMAN LOVING COUNTY, THEIR NATURAL ATHLETIC ABILITY WOULD HAVE HELPED THEM TO MONOPOLIZE THE HURLING TITLES AS WELL AS THE FOOTBALL HONOURS.

We usually nodded our heads in agreement, mainly because it was a subject of complete supposition whose actual proof or disproof was not required and did not exist anyway.

But now things have changed and Kerry are fast becoming a caman-loving county and within the past season they have gone from strength to strength until now they stand leaders of Division 2 (B) of the National League.

Good Wins

They have already beaten Limerick and Laois, and next June they will take a further step when the Green and Gold will appear in the Munster Senior Hurling Championship—an achievement in itself!

How far will they go? Who can tell? They may not go past the first round but that is not the important thing. The point is they have made a beginning and as we know of old when fighting Kerry-men get down to do a job, whether it be for Irish freedom or an All-Ireland title, they usually finish it.

And if their rate of improvement continues as it has over the past twelve months, then I am confident that in a few years time the Kingdom will be up there on top with the hurling elite.

Some, who have not seen Kerry hurlers in action, may think of them as robust, slogging type of players, but this is not the case.

There are, of course, some strong ground hurlers, as there are on every county team, but there are also many polished hurlers, such as midfielders Sean Lovett and Sean Healy. "Pato" Connell and John Mitchell in defence and up and coming young star Brendan Hennessy in the attack.

Promising Lads

These are men who could make the grade on any county team and with plenty of competition they are sure to be hurling stars in a short time.

Yes, these Kerry hurlers are good and more important still, they have that traditional fighting spirit and enthusiasm, plus the complete backing of the County Board, who treat them on a par with the footballers.

So who can tell but that the McCarthy Cup may soon rest alongside the more familiar Sam Maguire Cup in the hearts of Kerry-men.

Efficient Referee

Johnny Mulvey, popular Mayo Co. Secretary, has impressed players and spectators by his firm yet sympathetic handling of Senior League games.

Johnny started for Mayo in the early forties, when injury forced his early retirement from the game he loved.

He was given his early tutoring in the game in that great nursery of St. Jarlath's, where he numbered as classmates such well-known players of recent years as Sean Flanagan and Liam Hastings of Mayo or Frankie Kinlough of Roscommon.

No wonder he knows the game he handles so well!

Munster Selectors Have Hard Task

BY SEAN O'NEILL

THE time is not far off when once again that most controversial task of picking the Munster team must be tackled by the Southern selectors.

So just to add to the inevitable controversy I thought I might as well give you my selection.

For quite some time now Tony Reddan has ruled as keeper of the Munster net but although now back in favour once more with the Tipperary selectors I cannot see him being the man for 1957, so the position seems to rest between Mick Cashman of Cork, or Mick Hayes of Clare.

Both are fine goalies and worthy successors to the greatness of Reddan but on experience alone the Clareman must get my vote.

Tipperary Captain, Micky Byrne, seems a cert, for right full with Clare's Dan McInerney and John Lyons, of Cork, as usual, staking top claims for full back. Lyons has been the man favoured by the selectors over the past three years and on each occasion I completely disagreed with them.

An Exception

This year, though I pick the Corkman, mainly because McInerney has gone into semi-retirement, not fielding for his county in any of the National League ties.

Lyons is, undoubtedly, past his best but is still Munster's surest bet and although never capable of holding Nick Rackard scoreless he still can be relied upon to curtail the Wexfordman.

For left full, Tony O'Shaughnessy of Cork, and Clare's "Haulie" Donnellan seem most worthy claimants. If for no other reason but his dogged consistency, I would favour the Clareman.

For his fine displays throughout the year, Cork's Pat Philpott is an automatic choice for right half, with Seamus Ryan of Limerick, Clare's Michael Blake and, of course, Pat Stakelum having strong claims for the centre position.

Lack of experience rules out the brilliant young Ennis lad and on form Ryan tops Stakelum.

Still, a Munster team without the always consistent Pat cannot be imagined and Ryan is versatile and speedy enough for the wing so that is how I would place them.

Great Games

With his two recent brilliant National League displays against Dublin and Cork the claim of Waterford's John Kiely for midfield cannot be denied and to partner him I would choose fellow countyman Johnny O'Connor.

Although poor in the latter stages of the Championship, I still would include the speedy Willie John Daly, moving him back to his old position of right half forward.

Clare's scoring machine, Jimmy Smith could take over from Dermot Kelly in the centre and for the other wing, Tipperary's Devaney is tops in my book.

Brilliant displays throughout the year bring Paddy Kenny back into hurling's top flight and he would be my choice for right full and, of course, broken jaw or no broken jaw the Maestro himself must be top of the left.

For full forward though, I cannot find any man of distinction and the

A ten-week Silver Circle run by Westport GAA club has proved a great financial success. The proceeds go to provide the Mayo town with a long-needed football park.

With men like Tom McLoughlin, Tommy Hoban, Paddy Dunning, Frank Kenny and Tommy Sheridan behind the drive, success is bound to crown their efforts.

only possible solution that I can see is to move Paddy Barry from his usual corner position to lead the attack

Like Paddy Kenny, the Corkman has shown a remarkable return to form and is likely to be well at home in the centre. Here then, is my team:

Byrne (Tipp)	Hayes (Clare)	Donnellan (Clare)
Philpott (Cork)	Lyons (Cork)	Ryan (Limerick)
Kiely (Waterford)	Stakelum (Tipp)	O'Connor (Waterford)
Daly (Cork)	Smith (Clare)	Devaney (Tipp)
Kenny (Tipp)	Barry (Cork)	Ring (Cork)
O'Driscoll (Cork)	O'Neill (Kerry)	Murray (Cork)
Harrington (Cork)	Lyons (Kerry)	Murphy (Kerry)
Moore (Cork)	Moriarty (Kerry)	Ryan (Cork)
Sheehy (Kerry)	Lynch (Clare)	Kelleher (Cork)
Power (Waterford)	Murphy (Kerry)	Lyne (Kerry)

Boxing Success

I wonder how many people know that a few years ago Fred Teidt was a very competent Gaelic footballer. Playing with Haddington Road in the Primary Schools' grade, he promised to develop into a first-class footballer, but he later decided to quit the game to concentrate on boxing.

And if I mistake not, there is still a younger member of the family playing juvenile football for Clan na Gael.

Speaking on boxing reminds me that Oliver Devlin, who lined out with the Louth minors last year, captured the welterweight title at the recent National Junior Championships in the Stadium. Good work Oliver.

Also on the winners' list in that same bill was inter-county star, John Goff, who took the heavy-weight title. This feat capped a very good year for John, who was a member of the Curragh team that captured this season's All-Army Championships.

Death Of Well-Known Gael

Mr. Patrick Murphy, Henry St., New Ross, who died recently removes another popular figure from the Gaelic arena of New Ross. Aged 80 years, Paddy was in his younger days a very active member of the old Camblin Rovers football team and later with New Ross Gymnasium H. and F. Club which won Wexford county football medals from 1898 to 1902.

Many were the yarns he told of travel to matches in those days. He was also a keen follower of coursing and only a few days prior to his death he attended the New Ross and District meeting, of which club he was a member for many years.

GOT TROPHIES

CONNACHT camogie champions, Mayo, were presented with their championship trophies at a social recently held in Belcarra.

An unusual feature was the meeting of cailina with their chosen "celebrity guest". On a poll the girls picked—guess who? Wrong I'll bet. It was All-Ireland Handball Champion, Eamonn Connolly!



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Men Behind The Scenes

CONTINUING HIS TOUR OF LIMERICK CLUBS, MAC CADHLA INTRODUCES US TO THE MEN BEHIND THE SCENES.

KILFINNANE:
In 1956 the Kilfinnane Club affiliated minor and junior hurling teams in the South Limerick championships. Both teams gave a good account of themselves and, although the honours evaded them, the players played well and are a credit to the club. Club officials are: Chairman, P. Heffernan; President, Rev. Father Howard; Secretary, J. Palmer; Treasurer, T. O'Keefe.

FEOGHANAGH-CASTLE MAHON.
During the year the Feoghanagh Club lost the services of a great Gaelic worker in Rev. Father Culhane, C.C., who was transferred. He did an amount of work for hurling in the parish, and starting with the youth, he built a strong team in an area where the game was very seldom played.

They captured the 1954 Limerick junior title and they now have a strong senior side. Two local lads, Jack and Jim Quaid, helped Limerick win junior All-Ireland honours in 1954 and the Munster Senior Championship in 1955.

Prior to his departure from West Limerick, Father Culhane received numerous presentations, including one from the West Board, G.A.A. During the year Feoghanagh affiliated first-class minor and juvenile teams and succeeded in capturing the under-14 hurling competition.

Club Chairman, Paddy O'Connell, is a Vice-chairman of the Western Board.

RATHKEALE:

The Deelside Club caused the surprise of the year by beating the title-holders, Ahane, in the second round of the championship, and were rather unfortunate to lose the game in the boardrooms on a technical point.

This was a very popular win in Rathkeale, as many of the old stalwarts are now nearing the veteran stage and it's not very easy to find suitable substitutes for men like "Budge" Grady, Tim Larkin, Sean Foley, Jim Keating and Jim Roche. Always a great hurling town, football is now equally popular, following the great win of 1954, and they are now competing in the senior championship.

DROMCOLLOGHER:

"Drom" have found it impossible to continue in senior ranks and were relegated during the year. One wonders what has happened to all the great minors, as for years "Drom" reigned supreme in the under-age competitions within the Division.

Heartiest congratulations to Club Chairman Derry McCarthy on his marriage. Derry, who has played for Limerick, Munster and Ireland, was a member of the junior team beaten in this year's championship by Granagh-Ballingarry.

Marking Christy Ring in the 1956 Munster Final was Donal Broderick, one of "Drom's" most consistent performers.

KILMALLOCK:

Now the most popular venue in the county, Kilmallock can justly feel proud of their G.A.A. grounds. This year the club regained the Limerick hurling title.

A seven-a-side League organised by the club between the different firms and organisations in the town proved to be very popular.

Club officials are: Chairman, Rev. J. Culhane, C.C.; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. Cronin; Secretary, Mr. W. Hanon; Treasurer, Mr. T. Moloney.

Recently the club lost a very prominent player in Vincent Cusack, a former county minor, who was appointed a postman near the Metropolitan.

AHANE:

It was back in the late 1920's that the Ahane Hurling Club was first formed. There was an abundance of talent available in the area but the lads found it hard to get games and they often had to travel into Tipperary for a challenge with a Newport selection.

A founder-member of the club was the famous Paddy Scanlon, one of the greatest hurling goalies of all time.

The club was formed in an area with a great tradition, and the Herberts, "Tyler" Mackey, Sean O'Carroll and several others had made Castleconnell and Sallymount famous in the earlier years of the century.

The young Ahane combination won their first county title in October, 1931. They were back again in 1933 to beat Croom. This was a great Ahane team and many of its players wore the Limerick jersey in later years.

October, 1933, saw the start of Limerick's glorious spell. From then until April, 1938, the men in Green and White played in 65 games against all the leading hurling teams. They won 58, drew three, and lost four, setting a record that may never be equalled.

Mick and John Mackey, Timmy Ryan, Paddy Scanlon, Jackie Power and company placed hurling on a height of its own by their brilliant displays at home and abroad.

Ahane were unbeatable by the Shannon then and they captured the county title for seven successive years—1933 to 1939. Croom won in 1940 and 1944, but Ahane came back in 1942 to add another seven in a row.

They were equally brilliant in the football field and captured five county titles, 1935 to 1939, thus creating another record. They were beaten in 1949 by a strong Croom Young Ireland combination.

The Ahane mentors found it hard to replace many of the veterans who decided to call it a day, and it was 1955 before they again took the Limerick title.

Still going strong are veterans Jackie Power, Sean Herbert and Paddy Byrnes, while they have promising lads in Tommy Casey, Willie Keane, Dick and Sean Leonard, Maurice O'Brien, M. Fitzpatrick and Paddy Enright.

International Athletics

THIS PERFORMANCE GOT VERY LITTLE ATTENTION

By FRANK SALES

A PERFORMANCE IN INTERNATIONAL ATHLETICS BY AN IRISH TEAM, WHICH RECEIVED LITTLE NOTICE BUT MUST RANK NEXT TO THAT OF THE 1932 OLYMPIC QUARTETTE, WAS THAT SET BY THE COMPETITORS IN THE TENTH CATHOLIC STUDENTS GAMES AT LISBON IN JULY 1955.

Eight lads in green singlets took second place in the unofficial table to the Spanish team; they lost by 39 points to 44 with Belgium at 31, France 25, Portugal 10.

Beaten in depth of place-scoring by being out-numbered 3-1, our boys stood alone for sheer class, winning six of the thirteen titles to Belgium's three, Spain's two and France's and Portugal's single hits.

The hospitable Portuguese took the Irish lads to their hearts, not so much for wins either as for their bearing and conviviality.

Indeed, the outstanding impression of the tour was the friendship and respect which sprang up between a little squad of Irishmen, on the one hand, and a host of Continental athletes, Catholic Social leaders and plain men in the street.

Fine Officials

The all-conquering easy charm of the lads was head-lined by their officials, Father Conor Murphy, Blackrock, and the Dublin architects and UCD milers Declan Grehan and Pat Quinn, hon secretary and hon. treasurer, respectively, of the Irish branch of FISEC, the international society for promotion of physical culture among Catholic students, which has by now, I hope, decided to hold its 1957 games in Dublin.

The playing of Amhran na bFiann six times in the Portuguese sun was a memory to be cherished, but the great moment of emotion was prior to the taking of two fourth places by Dermot Moloney in the swimming championships.

As his country's single representative the stocky Tuam boy had been given the place of honour before the squads of the other nations in the march from the dressing-rooms.

The commentator introduced him first to the 5,000 seated in the huge, enclosed roofless arena, flags and pennants lifting slightly against the night's black backdrop.

Proud Moment

Our National Anthem broke the stillness and automatically the Irish spectators intoned the words in Gaelic.

Twelve Irishmen high in the throng chanting their Anthem in the enveloping stillness of Lisbon skies — each of them fiercely proud. And the singing finished, the crowd roared its approval.

The drama of the moment was underlined as the music of three nations passed in silence and then the hosts followed the Celtic example, faltering, gathering, swelling in voice and pride.

Six feet two and a half inch Limerick-born, Kilkenny-resident "Michel" Lanigan was the darling of the combined Spanish-Portuguese Irish HQ, and his 110 metres hurdles victory, after crashing through seven or eight of the obstacles in the good time of 15.9 seconds, was acclaimed. He followed with a winded 11.6 secs. 5th placing in the 100 metres, and a 5' 7" fourth in the High Jump.

Never Headed

Red-headed, bespectacled muscle man, Aidan Kenna, took the lead with his first putt of the 13½ lb. Shot and was never headed thereafter.

The spotlight switched from Dublin to Drogheda as Tony Murphy ran away with both 100 and 200 metres titles. He clocked 11.0 secs, and 22.3 secs., having in the previous afternoon set a games record in his heat with a smooth, relaxed 22.2 secs.

English-born Glenstal student, John Ainscough, found the javelin not according to Irish specifications yet cast the 1 1/3 lb spear 168' 7½", for third place to the 200' 9 7/8" Spaniard.

John was presented with a javelin for his birthday by the University of Portugal, in whose stadium we competed.

The party's two casualties, Dan Carbery (mosquito bite, treated with a double dose of penicillin) and George Geraghty (sunstroke) competed gallantly for fourth and sixth places, respectively, in the 1,000 metres and High Jump.

Decisive Sprint

Then shy, stringy Dubliner, Mick Connolly, set off on the 3,000 metres trip, jostled with a Spaniard and Portuguese until the penultimate lap and finally cut loose for a decisive sprint into the tape to the accompaniment of a great ovation from the stand.

Five wins chalked up and then the sprint quartette came out to round off the tour in style. Mick Lanigan, very tired, led off (and floundered in loose cinders yet was only slightly in arrears handing over to Kenna, who sprinted well and left Terry Jones with a chance.

The Blackrock boy had been disqualified for two breaks in the 400 metres, which he would almost certainly have won, but atoned with a really grand run now. Yet after the third poor change-over (each used an antiquated method and lacked practice), Murphy was three yards down going away.

For the first time in the games he seemed to exert himself. Up on the toes, red in the face, "The Quiet Man" (so named by his Portuguese HQ mates, who had seen Ford's film and admired Tony's sleeping amid the din in the preceding hot afternoons) tore up past the French and Belgium 'anchor men', and reached the tape two yards clear.

"For us," said Lisbon's 'Jornal Dos Sports', "he was the great figure of the championships".

Certainly, those boys, winners and losers, accomplished a fine diplomatic and sporting mission for Ireland.

WESTMEATH NOTES

By "MAC HUGH"

FRANCISCAN COLLEGE

Westmeath Gaels regret the removal of the Secondary School of the Franciscan College, Multyfarnham to Gormanston, Co. Meath.

While in the county, they provided many thrilling encounters with their near neighbours, St. Finians and St. Mels.

They also helped the Westmeath minor teams in no small way in their preparation for the championship.

They provided good challenge games and students were allowed to play with the Westmeath minor teams, a privilege not enjoyed by the students of the other boarding Colleges in the county. Although we regret their departure, the county will look to the agricultural students to provide similar facilities.

POPULAR REF.

Ned Reilly, or "Big Ned" as he is popularly known, has become the most popular referee in Westmeath during the past years.

Ned is a native of Longford and is at present a member of the Mullingar Mental Hospital team.

During this year, he was in charge of many of the football games in the county in both the championship and leagues. He also refereed the four football finals in the county, all of which were marked by a strict impartiality.

Patrick McCabe, the Westmeath County Secretary for the past 13 years, is not seeking election this year on the receipt of medical advice.

He was a most arduous worker and never spared himself when the interests of the G.A.A. were involved. All wish him a quick recovery to good health.

Paddy Flanagan, the assistant secretary, and also the county football full-back, is unopposed for the position.

Charles Fagan, Westmeath County Chairman, is not seeking re-election due to pressure of business. But he will take a less responsible position if elected.

Congratulations to Declan O'Sullivan on the receipt of the B.E. degree in University College, Dublin. He is a prominent member of the Castle-town-Geoghegan team and county hurling team. He also played for U.C.D.



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He was born in 1789 the year of the outbreak of the French Revolution and was ordained a year after Waterloo. The interm was a period of ceaseless wars in which all Frenchmen of mature years had fought on a score of battlefields and myriads had been killed in action. Among the results of these conditions France had few priests and an almost complete dearth of teachers. The young priest hastened to do all he could to make good this lack; for, among the great casualties of the period was religious instruction.

At the time of his death in 1840 there were in this foundation 280 brothers whom he had trained and placed under the patronage of Our Lady, Mary, hence the name Marist. By 1860 this number had grown to more than 2,000, still mostly in France, though in 1852 Marist Brothers were in London and as early as 1836 they accompanied the Marist Fathers to their missions in Oceania. By the sixties there were Marist Brothers in Ireland, Scotland and England; but the greatest cause of their spread in the world was the suppression of all religious teaching orders in France in 1903.

The exodus caused by this catastrophe for France sent Marist Brothers literally everywhere "from China to Peru." The building up of new provinces was begun with an extraordinary vigour by these exiles, all mature men, sharing in their lives a richness of experience and zeal rarely found in any age since the first Pentecost. Thus does God make use of the folly of his enemies to spread His knowledge among those willing to receive it. These islands: Ireland, Scotland, and England, became a separate province with a certain autonomy in the seventies. Already members of the order had come to Ireland in the 60's.

Importance Of Assembly Hall

The opening of Marian College in Our Lady's Marian Year, 1954, was the response to the request of His Grace, Most Rev. Dr. McQuaid, Archbishop of Dublin and Primate of Ireland.

Our readers will remember the law case about the property, now the site of the building just completed at Ballsbridge.

This building houses eight classrooms, a science lab., artroom, library and music room, together with administrative rooms and an assembly hall. The whole constitutes a teaching unit of first-class design and construction hardly to be surpassed by any school in the world. We understand that the only novel feature in the design is the position of cloakrooms, each with a wash-hand basin and directly accessible from the classrooms.

Those responsible believe that the assembly hall, so strongly advocated by His Grace the Archbishop for the help it can give in the training of the pupils, are of opinion that such

a hall can be of very great assistance in creating the outlook and tradition which mean so much to a school and can indeed be a most valuable asset. This hall—seating 500—is one of the finest and best equipped in the city. The staff and the pupils look forward to its continuous use for all the purposes it meets so adequately.

The science laboratory is a feature of the new College to which much thought, time and expense have been given.

Parents Are Privileged

The parents of the locality are privileged to have this fine establishment, so easily accessible, for their sons. They have already shown their appreciation of these facilities and continue to do so. We understand that in September, 1956, the influx of new pupils came to nearly seventy: half for the preparatory classes and half for the intermediate classes. The Marian College is for all Catholic boys—chiefly, but not exclusively for those of the locality—who are willing and fit to follow a course of education at secondary standard.

By Easter time, when it is hoped to have the official opening in fine weather and the promise and growth of spring showing in renewed blossom, verdure and foliage, the grounds will be restored to order following a winter of severe usage from the necessarily heavy traffic at a building site.

The people of the district and indeed the people of Dublin, are happy to have this additional facility for the education of their sons.

Meantime the work goes on in this beautiful new secondary school. We wish it God's blessing and the special protection of its Patroness.

LEINSTER ROUND - UP

CONGRATULATIONS ARE IN ORDER THIS MONTH TO ERIN'S HOPE ON THEIR GREAT WIN OVER ST. VINCENTS IN THE DUBLIN SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP, THUS ENDING THE MARINO MEN'S GREAT TITLE-WINNING SEQUENCE.

The consistently fine form of the 'Hopes' was one of the major surprises in Dublin football circles last year. There was no element of fluke about the manner of their victory, for they played top-class football throughout and gained their laurels on merit alone.

LONG'S VALUE

The sterling work of Tom Long (Kerry) had much to do with their fine win. Earlier it had been reported that Tom had signed for Erin's Isle but fortunately for the students, he decided on a no-change policy and loyally stayed with the 'Hopes'.

His mid-field partnership with Laois man, Fintan Walsh—he gained a Leinster colleges medal with Knockbeg in 1954—was one of the best in the county and with Galway star, Matty McDonagh the inspiration up front, this trio proved a hot handful for the best.

Incidentally, congratulations to Joe Power (O'Tooles) on the excellent manner in which he handled the match.

What of St. Vincent's? I must admit that I was one of the many people who was not influenced by their recent defeat at the hands of U.C.D., and voted solidly for another Marino victory.

Now that St. Vincents have lost their title I must confess that the distress signals were there for all to see. Already some fans are roaring for the selectors to prepare the broom but still I don't think too many heads should roll as a result of this defeat.

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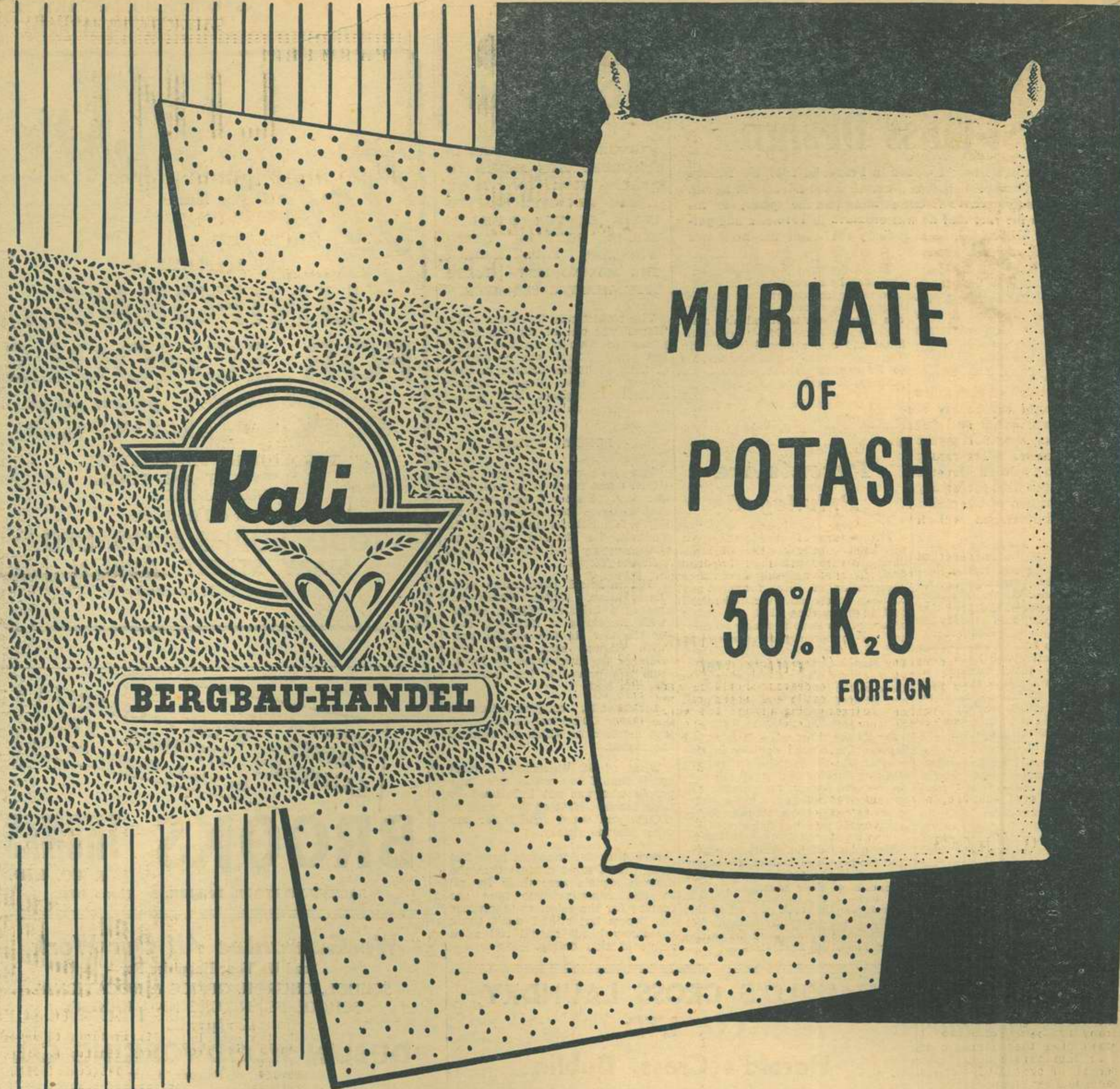
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FLUKE INFECTION AND ITS CONTROL

THE widespread incidence of liver fluke and the losses caused by the parasite are causing great concern at present. Records show that at seventeen abattoirs where 56,300 cattle and 84,200 sheep were slaughtered during 1955, 68 per cent. of the cattle and 23 per cent. of the sheep were affected with liver fluke disease.

Of course, the incidence of infestation varies in different parts of the country, and in one county 94 per cent. of the cattle and 84 per cent. of the sheep slaughtered harboured the parasite.

The presence of fluke renders the liver, in most cases, unfit for human consumption, and in this regard alone, amounts to a great financial loss every year.

These facts give some indication of the prevalence of the disease and of the direct financial loss for which it is responsible. The indirect losses caused by the parasite are indeed very great as infestations of fluke cause unthriftiness, reduction in milk yield, loss of wool and, in very acute cases, death.

Two Types

There are two types of fluke namely *Distoma Hepaticum* and *Distoma Lanceolatum*, the former being the more common and resembles a miniature sole or flat fish. It measures from $\frac{1}{2}$ " to 1" in length and about $\frac{1}{4}$ " in breadth, and brownish green in colour. Around the edge are found spines which assist movement. The *Lanceolatum* species is lance-shaped and bears no spines.

These flukes are found chiefly in the liver and gall bladder, but they may also be found in the lungs where often they form tumours.

An intermediate host is required for its life cycle. Each fluke lays a large number of eggs while inside the animal, these being passed out with the droppings where they hatch in the presence of moisture, and liberate the active organisms, which bore their way into small mud snails. After further development here they pass into water and eventually find their way to blades of grass to which they attach themselves. A grazing animal eats the infested grass, and the parasite, now in larval stage, thus reaches the stomach and intestines. From the intestines they pass to the liver, where they develop into fully-grown flukes. And so the vicious circle is completed.

The snails, which are not more than half an inch long, are necessary for the development of the fluke, and the disease cannot appear unless they are present on land on which the sheep and cattle are grazing. These snails inhabit damp lowlands, such as marshy and flooded lands, muddy areas and meandering streams, but may also be found on salt marshes and on high lands.

While the disease may occur at any time of the year, it is rife chiefly during the autumn and winter months. It is important to note that the eggs, and the organisms, which emerge from the snails can survive for many months in an infective state.

Prevention And Treatment

Every endeavour should be made to keep cattle and sheep off wet pastures during autumn and winter months. This vicious life cycle can easily be broken by limiting the number of snails, this in turn being assisted by properly draining the land, and promoting a rapid flow in streams by removing overhanging vegetation.

Over-stocking of land should be avoided as this leads to animals eating the bottom grass on which the larvae are mostly found.

When fluke appears, the stock should be treated and given hand-feeding of crushed oats, with or without a little bran. About four pounds of salt should be mixed with each cwt. of oats, and rock-salt licks should also be made available. Diseased sheep should be segregated and kept in a dry house or enclosure, while the healthy animals should be removed to dry uplands.

For Sheep

Two drugs, Carbon tetrachloride and hexachlorethane are now widely used in the treatment of sheep. The Carbon Tetrachloride must be chemically pure, and the dose is from one to two centimetres given in a capsule preferably after fasting overnight. In the case of hill sheep which have been moved to fluke infested lowlands, it is advisable to dose them after they have been about ten weeks on that pasture. When fluke is very prevalent, all the sheep except in-lamb ewes should be dosed every month throughout the winter. In-lamb ewes may also be treated except when they are within two months of lambing. Care should be taken that only the prescribed dose is administered as too large or too small a dose may have bad results.

It is advisable to dose sheep with Carbon Tetrachloride when they are receiving hand feeding. Grass alone should be allowed for at least four days prior to treating the animals.

Hexachlorethane may also be readily obtained from chemists and veterinary surgeons, but should also be administered with care to hand fed sheep, and those on rich grazing. It may be used right through the winter at one or two month intervals, up to lambing time. If an infestation of stomach worms is also suspected the Hexachlorethane may be used in conjunction with phenothiazine, provided the latter is omitted in the case of in-lamb ewes within one month of lambing.

For Cattle

Hexachlorethane has given good results in the treatment of cattle affected by the fluke. Standardised male fern treatment has also been used with a fair measure of success. It is of the utmost importance when using these drugs, to follow the manufacturers' instructions carefully.

Carbon Tetrachloride is not suitable for administration to cattle.

WE MEET AGAIN

THE blame, like the world, is very badly divided, and I haven't far to go for proof. If I make a cake that would favourably compare with a confectioner's effort, there isn't a word about it. Everybody takes his slice, sips his tea and goes his way without comment. If there's the smallest whiff of a scorch on a cake, there's a mixed voice chorus of "what happened the cake?"

I wouldn't mind half, if I had a cooker that only needed the turn of a knob to regulate the heat (you could nearly have a snooze if you had the house to yourself while that would be baking). But I have only the pot oven, I'm finding no fault with it. Many a fine cake I baked in it, moist and brown and fragrant smelling. But you can't always bet on what a live coal will do.

There's turf and turf in it. There's turf that would break break your heart to start a fire, but would last the live-long day. And there's turf that looks well but doesn't last (like our youth and looks, alas!).

Dark Blister On The Cake

If you put a coal on the oven lid, that in its peat state, was cut in the virgin bog by the dale trees, as clean as soap and as dark as the mahogany on the grandfather clock, that coal could easily raise a dark blister on the cake before you'd think it was even gently heated. But that blister wouldn't poison anybody and it never really appears on the cake for I take good care it is scraped off before the eyes of the judges rest on it! Still, in this house, they could ferret out your soul's secret, not to mind the scorch on a cake.

I blame myself, I aimed at a standard of perfection more easily set than achieved. In a farmhouse kitchen you could eventually reach the heights that might pass as perfection, but you could never have perfection thrust upon you.

It comes in its own good time, through infinite attention to details (and what a lot of them there are!). There is the detail of the live coal for instance. If the quality of the turf or the longevity of the spark could be blamed for one scorched cake, I'd take the blame for the next.

But that would be an equal division of the blame and that's a commodity never evenly divided,
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OUR NEIGHBOUR DAN

DAN married an angel, but it took him a long time to make her acquaintance. Many a thrust and parry he made in the ring of romance before he settled with Kate, who had all the virtues and none of the vices and consequently never made the headlines.

For a whole winter Dan wooed a neighbour's daughter and used visit her house for dinner every Sunday after last Mass. The neighbour had a large flock of geese and every week-end one of them was killed for Sunday's reception of Dan.

One by one, the geese passed into the oven and with the last goose, Dan's love took wing as well. The gossips said he'd wait till he'd see what house with a marriagable daughter reared another big flock of geese, but he never fell into another feathery failure.

For a time he contented himself about the farm, emerging only to attend a court whence he was summoned for hitting an R.I.C. man. Before the R.M. gave the decision, Dan spoke. "How much for hitting a peeler," he said. "Two pounds," said the R.M., thinking Dan queried the amount of the fine in the first assault. Dan clapped two notes on the bench and left the peeler who was there for the prosecution have the full weight of his ham-like fist. It was all in order. Dan had asked what the consequences would be and had paid for his blow in advance.

He lived royally, but without the purple and fine linen. His sister—an Amazon if our parish ever produced one—was his cook and she never neglected him. He took her attentions as his due, as lord and master, for he used say: "tis a bad farm can't afford one gentleman." Mounted on a well-bred horse . . . he looked the part.

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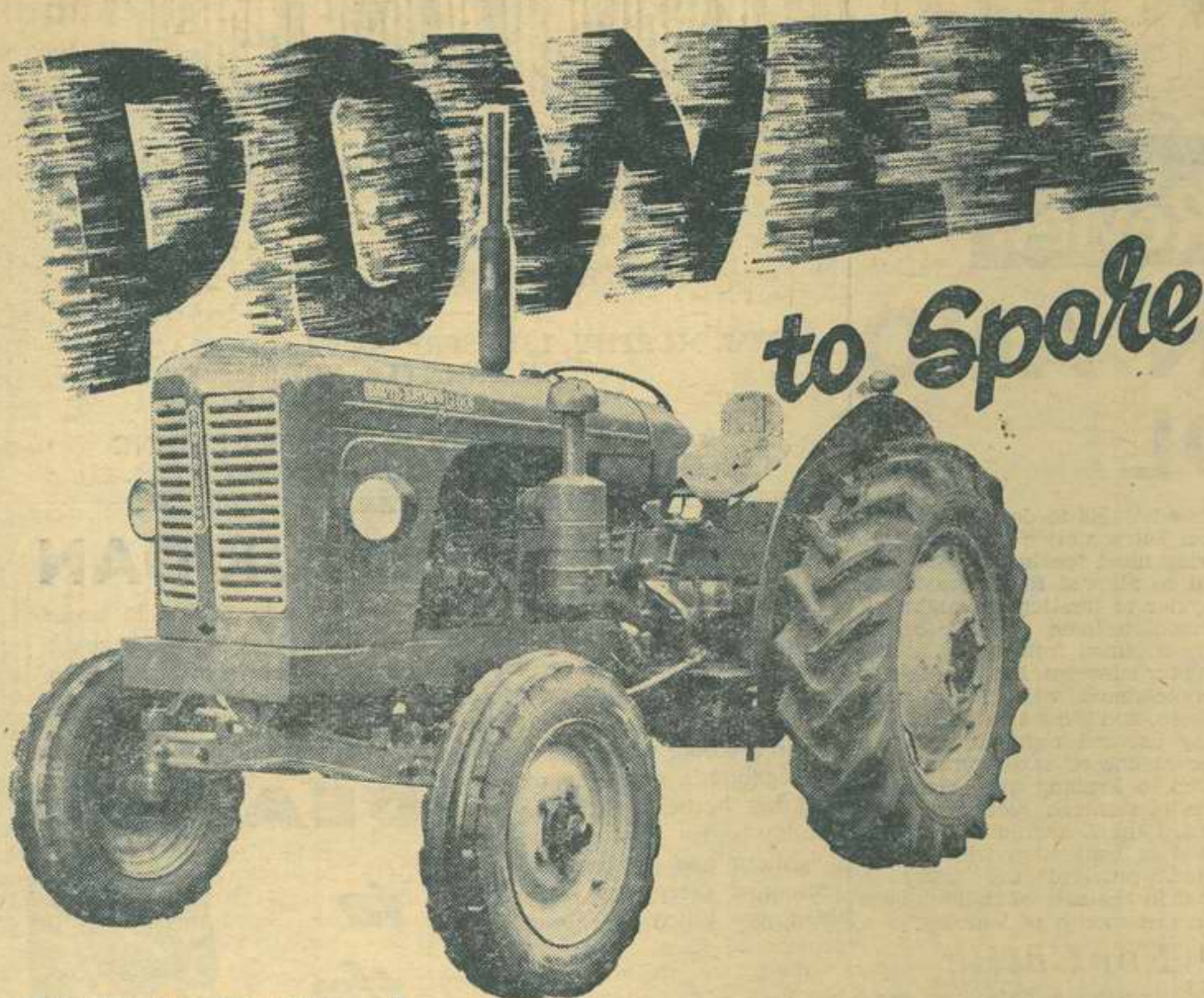


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The demand for electricity doubles approximately, every five years and the new station will be one of the thirteen additional sources of supply for the extra current. Close on eighty men found employment in the erection of the power station. The technicians are now finishing off the installation of machinery.

To encourage the project the Clare County Council, with the aid of special grants, repaired the roads leading from the bogs to the station. But so far producers have shown a certain apathy regarding the new market, due to the fact that a

ready market can be found this year in the county's towns and villages as well as at Limerick and Tipperary, for their surplus supplies as a result of the very wet summer, which made the cutting and drying of turf very difficult.

Wild Fowl

THE honk-honk of wild geese is very much in evidence these days, as they go north by Lough Corrib. Their flight can't be mistaken as they form a v in the course of their journey. One man near Headford at Greenfield, the popular fishing district, shot one down, which weighed about 9 lbs. Rabbits are plentiful again and game is brisk in the pheasant shooting grounds, Lisheen, Greenfields.

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THE NEW DAVID BROWN 900 TRACTOR

THE Tractor Division of the David Brown Companies has a flair for capturing the limelight at International exhibitions. Last December they introduced the revolutionary 12 horse power tractor—the D.B. 2D—a machine which caused a sensation in agricultural machinery circles when it was shown for the first time at the Smithfield Show. On the opening day of the 1956 Smithfield Show another new David Brown—the D.B. 900—made its debut and judging from the reception it has received this new tractor will prove a worthwhile addition to the David Brown range.

Powered by a 40 horse power Diesel engine, with an exceptionally low fuel consumption, the "900" has a twin range gear-box giving 6 forward and 2 reverse speeds, 2 speed power take off and pulley, overload release (a safety device which automatically stops the tractor and prevents damage when the implement strikes an obstacle), independent footbrakes and a Traction Control Unit, a revolutionary hydraulic device patented by David Browns, which enables their tractors to work in ground conditions which other machines find impossible due to wheel slip.

Pulling Power

Among the many new features of the power packed "900" tractor are its exceptionally strong front axle, which is adjustable in 4 inch steps to give wheel settings from

52 to 76 inches; lower geared steering, giving a remarkably small turning radius of 7 feet 8 inches in each direction; and increased hydraulic lift capacity to cater for the heaviest implements. In addition the new "900" has clip-on radiator grilles, a new type detachable bonnet which gives complete accessibility in a matter of seconds, and is finished in attractive two-tone colours.

David Brown Tractors have always been noted for their remarkable pulling power. Farmers throughout Ireland have already seen the performance of 4-furrow ploughing by the 25 horse power tractor, the D.B. 25D. The new "900" with its powerful 40 horse power engine goes one step further for at a recent demonstration held at The Ward, Co. Dublin, the new machine pulled a huge 5-furrow plough at a depth of 7 inches in heavy stubble land. This was the first public demonstration of 5-furrow ploughing held in Ireland and judging by the reception it received from the large attendance, the tractor has made a mark for itself in Irish agriculture.

At the same demonstration the new machine pulled a heavy 6 feet trailer Rotavator at a depth of 6 inches. Previous to this demonstration no other tractor had operated this machine deeper than 4 inches but the new David Brown "900" performed the job with the greatest ease.

This tractor has literally power



The new 40 h.p. David Brown 900 with five-furrow plough, which was demonstrated before an attendance of 400 people at the Ward, Co. Dublin, on December 8th last.

to spare and no farm work would appear to be heavy enough to tax its capabilities. In fact, it is reported the machine has been demonstrated pulling a 6-furrow plough, and this surely must break all records.

The price of the new "900" Diesel is £675, and this price includes hydraulic lift, overload release, hand parking brake, independent foot brakes, lights, drawbar and T.C.U. This price is £25 cheaper than the old 30 horse power David Brown model which the D.B. "900" succeeds, and makes the tractor a very attractive purchase.

It is also worth noting the price of the David Brown 25 horse power tractors has been reduced and the popular 25D Diesel model now retails at £695 complete with the same specifications as the D.B. "900"

White Hawk At Galway Bay

A GALWAY fowler was successful in shooting a white hawk (the rarest of all predatory birds) while on an early morning shooting expedition. Great commotion prevailed among the different species of birds at the presence of the rare visitor; it was this that attracted Mr. Byrne, and just as the hawk was about to make a sea gull his prey, the shot dealt with both the attacker and intended prey. It is hoped to have the white hawk stuffed and mounted in Dublin.

Roots For Cows

MANGOLDS, beet, or swedes will not change the butter-fat content of milk, though some people would have us believe to the contrary. They will increase the yield very considerably in spite of the scientists who say that these foods are mostly water. One notable effect of feeding swedes or mangolds is that they increase the cow's weight. Where a cow that is milking well gets two or three stone of roots a day she will give more milk, eat less fodder and obviously put on weight. This may be because the roots keep the beasts in better digestive action or for some obscure reason.

The swedes seem more effective than mangolds or beet, and fodder beet more effective still. Even white turnips have considerable value this way.

Pony Show

The date fixed for the annual Connemara Pony Show has been Wednesday, August 14th, 1957. It will be held at Clifden, Co. Galway.

Two Lamb Crops Per Year

EXPERIMENTS in various countries show that sheep can be given Hormone injections so that they will breed at any season of the year. This means that two lamb crops a year are possible. Now, practically all sheep in these countries, except Dorset Horn, come in season in the autumn, but they can be bred at any time of the year if they are so treated that they will develop the Hormones themselves.

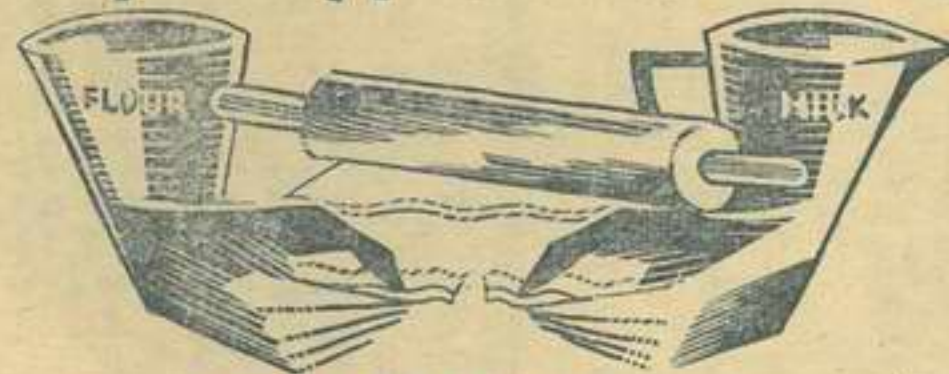
When Arthur Young visited Ireland he found that sheep yearned at all seasons of the year, and it is quite possible to set up breeding conditions by housing the sheep under artificial light.

If the cost of the Hormone injection is not high, two crops of lambs in a year would be attractive.

Rat Causes Black Out

MANY places in the North Galway area were in darkness for a short period due to a rat having entered the E.S.B. power station at Tuam by an underground cable channel. The rat came in contact with a 10,000 volts current and was electrocuted instantly. As a result most of the North Galway was immediately plunged into darkness. No sooner were lamps and candles procured and lighted than electricity was restored—thanks to the efficient officials of ESB.

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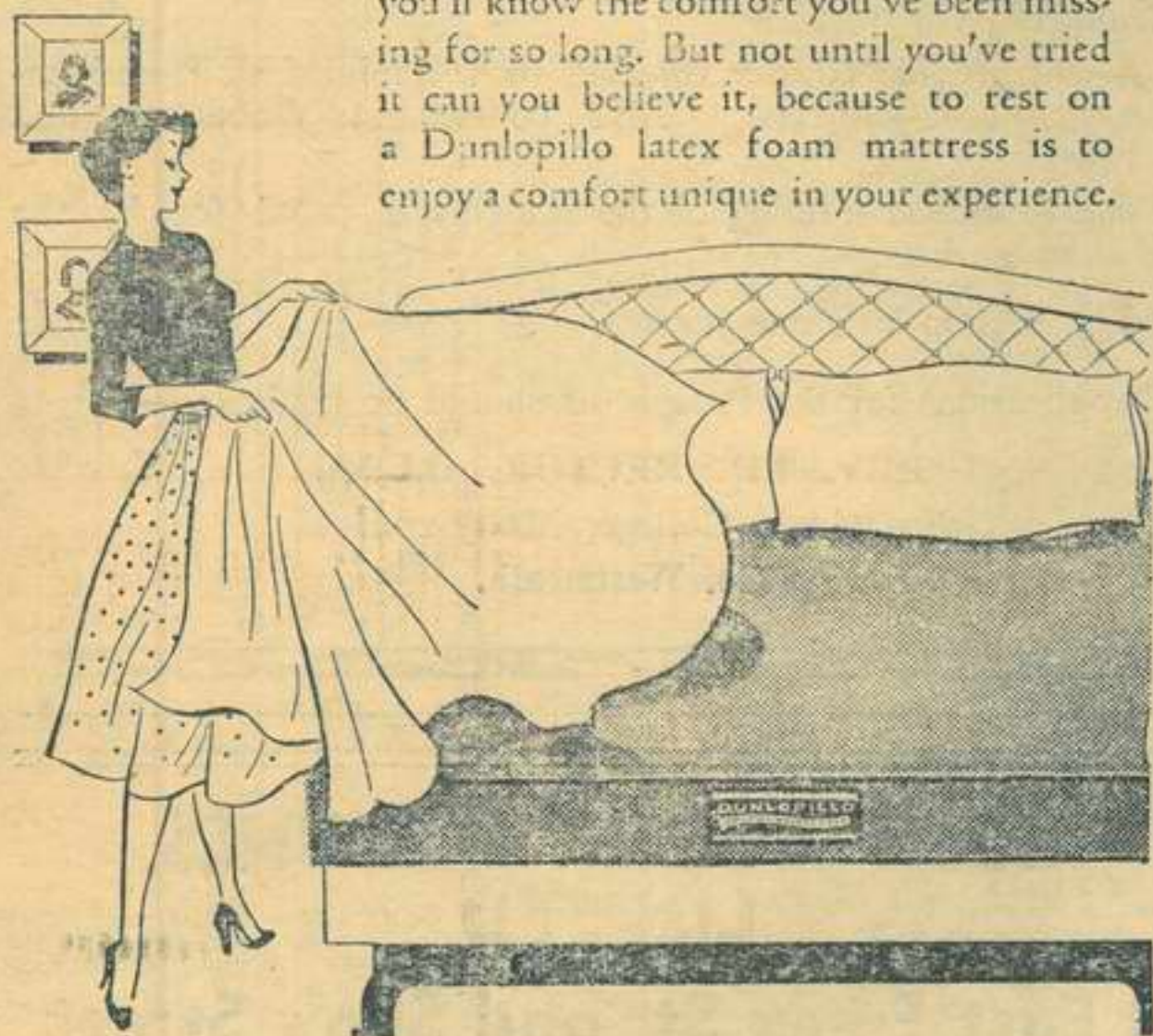
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GREAT EXPANSION OF FRANCISCAN COLLEGE

THE new Franciscan College at Gormanstown, Co. Meath, completely overshadows the former college accommodation which was contained in Gormanstown Castle. Formerly there was provision for forty students but now, linked to the Castle by a two-storied passageway, is the new college buildings to accommodate four hundred students in addition to teachers staff and despite the fact that the college is still not completed.

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When completed the overall plan will include a Senior Students' extension, a continuation of the completed Junior Section which is at present accommodating 250 students. Some distance to the rear will be built a pavilion to serve no less than 14 playing fields, tennis courts, six ball alleys, etc. In one wing there will be a large indoor swimming pool with dressing rooms, and in the other a general Assembly Hall.

Behind the Castle, to the left rear, a theatre will be built complete in every detail while to the extreme right front a chapel will be erected.

WALKS AND FLOWERBEDS

All these buildings will be linked by gravelled drives and ingenious inter-communication telephone-radio and loud-speaker system.

The College will be self contained complete with a beautifully designed refectory, enormous study hall, an ultra modern kitchen block, library, music rooms, science rooms, games rooms, a hospital, a cinema-theatre, an internal and external broadcasting system, a gymnasium, two oratories, and a main chapel. The grounds, already beautiful with ornamental shrubs and pools, will be laid out in walks and flowerbeds.

Constructed of faced concrete and reinforced steel, with great glass windows banding each of the three lofty floors, the great glistening white buildings are in keeping with the grey white stone of the castle counterpart of the old religious and cultural centres, little townships of learning, for which Ireland was world-famed in the long ago.

FROM ALL PARTS OF IRELAND

Students attend the College from every part of Ireland, and there are two students from Iceland. The staff, under Very Rev. Father Felix Butler, O.F.M., Rector and Definitor, includes fifteen Franciscan priests and regular lay-teachers with part-time external staff.

The new College has been dedicated to the memory of Father Luke Wadding, and the blessing and laying of the inscribed foundation stone in the main entrance porch was part of the tercentenary celebrations of the death of the Waterford-born Franciscan. Church and State were fully represented at the impressive ceremony.

Occupying the place of honour in the beautiful entrance hall is an original painting by Carlo Meratti of Father Luke Wadding.

WAS PURCHASED TEN YEARS AGO

It was in September, 1947, that the Franciscans purchased Gormanstown Castle, the grounds (260 acres) and some of its contents to transform into a College. Little was done until 1954 and then forty boys were admitted and the school formally opened.

Applications for entrance to Franciscan schools in Ireland had long exceeded the accommodation and the opening of the new college at Gormanstown had to a small extent met some of the needs. Before long it was realised that much greater provision must be made and it was a question whether to extend the Franciscan establishment at Multyfarnham or build at Gormanstown.

The fine estate at Gormanstown, flat and luxuriant and in a climate where there is very little rainfall compared to the rest of Ireland, was ideal for the purpose and the decision was made to build a college adjoining the Castle which would meet needs for many years to come.

The project was ambitious and much thought was given to planning. Emissaries of the College travelled far afield studying similar educational establishments on the Continent—Italy, Germany and Holland. Visits were made to England

speed the great structure took shape, rising steadily foot by foot above the basement and ground level.

THE NEW PUPILS MOVED IN

The students, as much as the teachers, watched progress with great interest, for many had been shown a plan of the future College and it was indeed something to marvel at. Each one felt that they were witnessing the shaping of an historic event in the educational history of Ireland and of the Franciscan Order.

Within one year new pupils were enrolled and commenced to move into the Junior Section of the College. . . . To-day this section, with a roll of almost 250, is fully functioning, while a few hundred yards further along the Senior Section is being completed. It won't be long until that, too, is in full operation.

To walk round the College, progressing towards completion, is to find something to wonder at at almost every step.

to study the most modern in school furniture and apparatus.

A LITTLE OVER TWELVE MONTHS

That was a little over a year ago. Building commenced immediately the Castle outhouses were demolished. When excavations for the foundations were being made it was decided to make a large basement floor. No sooner said than done. The plans were changed immediately. No time was wasted. School life went on as usual.

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Whose Job Is It To Save The Language?

By FEAR SIUIL

WHEN Pádraig Pearse founded St. Enda's, he visualised an Ireland in which the native tongue would hold an equally prominent importance, at least, as the tongue of the stranger. He intended this country to be, at least, bilingual, with Irish occupying the premier position.

This policy or ideal has been endorsed by successive native governments, by the Church bodies and by many other national movements.

But talk is cheap — action and endeavour requires a little more work and much more sacrifice.

While we all, being Irish, are masters of theory and possessors of the gift of the "gab", we are not equally proficient when it comes to practising what we preach.

And the few who try to translate theories into action get discouraged very easily and very quickly when they see that hard work is not easy!

It demands hard work, continued determination and courage in the face of indifference, criticism, hostility and thinly-veiled sneers to achieve, even partially, our ideal. It takes more than sentiment or emotionalism to get the job done, it takes—if I may be pardoned for using the expression—"guts".

A Big Job

We must realise that this is no small assignment, this restoration of the native language to its rightful place. We must realise that it is a necessary part of our heritage to build for ourselves a bulwark against imperialism, against commercialism, against materialism, against every "-ism" foreign to our national culture.

Hungary held on to its language it still holds fair and unswayed its proud heritage of love of freedom and justice.

It was this same language of ours and the love that men can give it, and the faith and spirit it can engender, that gave us the measure of freedom we now possess.

It is our only hope of survival as a nation, as a proud separate entity in this world of false values and false prophets.

Who Will Lead?

To whom must we look to lead the revival? To the State, to the Church, to the educated among our people, to the GAA? They have all done their bit, not generously enough, perhaps, and the results are none too comforting.

No—we must look into our own hearts, each and every one of us and examine our own conscience.

And then we must get down to work and use the "guts" referred to above, to do our part in spite of everything, to put our native tongue in its rightful position — not in school-tests, nor in Governments Departments, nor in Museums, but as a living, pulsing part of our everyday life.

It can be done if we have the will, the heart, and the "guts". Seo chuige anois, in ainm De.

Leatannata eile

le seán o neill

In Athens a bi cluici Olympic na bliana 1906 agus nuair a buair fear arís caol dubh an comórtar preab, céim ir ceim (hop, step and jump) le fáil 46' 2" dóigis an flua le h-ádhú dóigis na SaXon agus folluna bhac an ní.

Di cnaob eite buairce as "Saranna", deut rin mar a ceap an flua pé rseát é, 50 urí 50 h-bann bí an sairciód áro caol ina fearaib i léir an fáice agus beir eite in éiní leir agus bhac á cnaob arge—bhac glar uaine bán 'gur but.

Oo tórnús an tráir de fósar timceall na páirce agus mar tapar fear an focal rfo an flua—Eireannais a deaó na rir rfo—rei é a mbac féin a bí aca—reab bí éire paol éir as Saranna agus bí an tráir rfo as ceapáint 50 pab tír od gcuo féin aca agus gur beas a mbeann ar Saranna.

Scap an rseát agus rula pab cúpla riac eirca díod as rir an bhac bí gac mac mádarí de'n flua, riu púinnra píoga na ríoge féin ar a gcoraib agus o' éirig gáir moita na ngeabéat ir oo macalla arís ir arís eite de fallai marmar an fáice.

'Dé rin an tá, ceann oer na leatannata eite ará iméite ac gur aubinn linn rfo out riar ar beirín na rmaoince agus gionnoar agus mórtar 'nár gcoraite as rmaoince arca.

'Dé rpaob ó Concubair an sairciód 'Dé rpaob ó Concubair, a rusaó ar an 19 Meán-Foixáir, 1872, i gConnoac Cille Maucáin, fear an bhac an tá úo in Athens agus san oabé ir cinnce gurp é rouine oer na rpaó léimé a rpaor oar éuaid i gcomórtar riam.

Sa blian 1896 agus é in aoir a ceoéire blian ir ríde bhuirig a feircim nár bpaob 50 mbead rpaob ar báir nuair léim ré 22' 6" i mbeal áca na flua.

Ceirpe bliana ina díad rir as Comórtair Ceannair na h-Eireann i nOroiceas na Doerpa léim ré 24' 9" agus é as rcaatad báirce.

Di an cnaob buairce aise agus rpaó nua nár rproreab riam poume rir in áir ar bíe ra veinan rproire aise, ac bí léim eite aise rfo ar an ocalah rluic rleahain rir oi léim ó Concubair arís agus rroir 25' 5".

D'ioáncad an léim i ac rpaor rpaó beas veir ar áir níor cnaob rpaó aiseah í, ac mar rir veir cunnie ar 50 veó mar ní oabé ar bíe ac máireac an aimpéar 50 rpaó rpaob éar an marc ré rpaóige ir rpaó, agus cunnig ar gurp 26' 8". Cnaob an dohain rpaó leáir agus gur coriú 50 mbeid marc Olympic na bliana rpaó ré'n ríde ré rpaó.

CRAOB AN DOHAIN

Cé gur oóca gurp é rpaó an tá a rpaor a bí as ó Concubair riam, buair ré Cnaob an Dohain ní ina díad rir i mDuffalo, nua Caipac.

Di rpaob arís 50 maie an tá úo in Athens nuair buair ré an cnaob

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Thrills And Upsets In Colleges' Games

By M. O DUBHGHAILL

WE ARE NOT UNMINDFUL OF THE FACT THAT BY THE TIME THIS COMMENTARY APPEARS IN PRINT THAT PLAYERS AND EXECUTIVES WILL BE ENJOYING A WELL-EARNED CHRISTMAS RECESS.

The rhythm of school life ordains that the curtain rings down on field and forum in early December; suspending all games' activities until after mid-January. From all this it looks as if the present is the ideal period for review and preview.

With space at a premium, both of these must be brief.

Looking through our diary of Colleges' encounters over the past term, we are happy to recall increased activities, more especially in the junior grades of the various competitions.

ULSTER ACTIVE

This seems to be particularly true in the Ulster scene, and is, of course, a very welcome healthy feature of Gaelic life up North.

In the majority of games to date, we noted that an all too common feature was the overwhelming score in favour of the winners. There were, of course, exceptions—more of these later.

We recall that we made much the same commentary in our intermission commentary in '55. But then it is not unusual to find the good wine kept until post-Christmas games.

Our preview hope then, is that the razor-keen encounters are a treat in store for us in the February-April matches.

DRAMATIC WIN

What was the dramatic highlight in recent senior games? We plump at once for the Patrician College, 4-2; St. Finian's, Mullingar, 3-3; victory, on that last Thursday in November at Tullamore.

So evenly matched are these Midland rivals, that the issue between them is rarely decided without thrills and upsets. And this, their latest encounter was no exception.

Well led at four minutes to full time—their forwards even balked by a resolute Mullingar defence—it looked very much like curtain for the Ballyfin side in the 1956-57 series.

But then the sheet lightning of thrills flashed and struck, leaving the most phlegmatic spectator in the throes of excitement. And small wonder, for the four remaining minutes produced a goal a minute; but of these three went to Patrician College, to see them through to the next round of a two point margin.

NARROW SQUEAK

The St. Joseph's (Fairview) Franciscan College (Gormanston) Leinster Senior Football Championship tie was just another of these games where impending defeat was turned into a resounding victory, some ten minutes from full time.

The Gormanston boys deserve the highest praise for their workmanlike, fearless approach to their game.

The Dublin side, had six of last year's winning team, yet were being led at the three-quarter stage by 2-4 to 1-3.

But when Foley and O'Flaherty took command at centre-field, the Fairview boys mounted up a succession of scores to make the issue safe for them, 3-8 to 2-4.

Ach dob innholta ar fad an iarracht a rinne buchaili na Midhe! cia gur innholta fuireann Sheosaimh Naofa co maith ceanna. Níorbh iona linn da mbainfeadh stad Craobh Laighean amach arís i mbliana. Adh mor ortha i mbun an tsaothair sin.

EXCEPTIONS

You may recall that earlier on, we did promise to return to those games which were exceptional—exceptional in that the issue was so closely knit that it was undecided

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A REMARKABLE PERFORMANCE

CONGRATULATIONS are extended to Frank O'Leary on his selection as a substitute on the Combined University team.

This brilliant player first came into prominence in 1954 when he played right half-back on the Kerry minor football team which was beaten by Dublin in the All-Ireland final.

He represented Dingle C.B.S. on the Munster Colleges' team in 1955, which was beaten by Leinster by 2-8 to 0-12.

That year he also played centre-field on the Kerry minor football team which lost to Tipperary in the

Munster final.

In the summer of that year, Frank's home was moved to Westmeath. Soon after this he came on as a substitute for Westmeath senior team in a National League game with Sligo and scored two goals which gave the home side a point victory and the only success in the league.

In 1956 he represented Mullingar C.B.S. on the victorious Leinster Colleges' team which defeated Munster in the final. Thus, Frank had the rare distinction of representing two provinces in Colleges Inter-Provincial football.

He also played for the Westmeath minor football team in the Leinster championship.

On entering University College, Dublin, he played at centre-field in the Dublin Championship and later in the League, when he helped the students to beat St. Vincents—their first defeat in eight years. He played on the victorious Sigerson Cup team in Belfast and to crown his great performance, he was selected as a substitute on the Combined University team to play The Rest of Ireland in February. This is really a remarkable performance for a boy who is just nineteen!

Crucial Tests Ahead For Leinster

By PEADAR BYRNE

THE coming inter-provincial campaign will be a momentous one for Leinster. Never, perhaps was the status of the Eastern province in the world of G.A.A. so much in doubt and with the other provinces certain to put formidable sides in the field, this year's Railway Cup games should prove the acid test.

Not so very long ago, Leinster were the king-pins of football but the hurlers usually had to bow the knee to Munster. Now the position is directly reversed.

Gone is Munster's supremacy in hurling and Leinster, due mainly to the sterling men of Wexford, have hit the forefront in the caman game. Recent events have tended to undermine that viewpoint however—hence the anxiety about this year's inter-provincial games.

In short, the question perturbing Leinster hurling followers is this. Was Kilkenny's recent victory over Wexford in the National Hurling League due to a falling off in form by the Slaneysiders, or was it the newly-found fighting spirit of Kilkenny that enabled them to carry the day? Around that question hinges the prospects of Leinster retaining their title on March 17 next.

COMBINATION

For my own part, I think it was a combination of both these factors that brought about Kilkenny's shock win. Champions are there to be shot at, we are told, and for 18 long months, Wexford took on the elite of the hurling world and still continued their winning way.

It was inevitable that they would have to fall sometime and to Kilkenny went the great honour of being the first team to lower the champions colours.

Nick Rackard and Co. will be all the better for this defeat and now that they have shed their unbeaten record, I expect that Wexford will be an even greater force in the future.

That win over Wexford has given Kilkenny hurling a real shot-in-the-arm. Enthusiasm is at a high pitch throughout the county and hopes are high that Kilkenny will win that trans-Atlantic trip which goes with the League title this year.

All things considered then, I think that this Wexford-Kilkenny combination will uphold Leinster's high prestige in the game of hurling and enable the province to retain the

hurling trophy for the third successive year.

FOOTBALL PROSPECTS

Uncertainty with a capital 'U' surrounds Leinster's football prospects. From 1952 onwards the Eastern province virtually 'farmed' this title but last year they relinquished it to Ulster.

Will they recapture it this year? Only time can tell but one thing is certain, the Leinster men will have to step up considerably on present form if they are to be concerned in the distination of honours.

Right now football is at a very low ebb in Leinster, a fact that is underlined by the success of a mediocre Kildare team in this year's Championship.

Where then shall the selectors turn—to Dublin perhaps? But did not the Metropolitans supply the bulk of the team which failed so dismally last year, much to the disappointment of followers.

Meath have also hit on a lean spell and followers long for the day when the O'Briens and Kevin McConnell formed the stone-wall defence. Beaten finalists Wexford are not likely to be able to keep out much, while the same applies to such teams as Louth and Offaly.

So pity the selectors then, when they sit down to their man-sized job of trying to put Leinster back on the football map.

Cross-Country For Hungarians

Ardee Athletic Club were one of the first sporting bodies in the country to run a function in aid of the Hungarian refugees, when recently they held a cross-country race for this cause.

At the distribution of the prizes Very Rev. Fr. Downey, P.P., Tallanstown, said that: "Every individual athlete was proud to turn out to do honour to a gallant nation, which has produced athletes of world wide renown, and which is now involved in a life and death struggle against tyranny."

Honour For Fr. Lavin



THE Senate of the National University of Ireland has awarded the D.Ph. degree, in Celtic studies, to the distinguished scholar, Rev. Father T. J. Lavin, C.C., M.A. (U.C.G.), of Tibohine, Castle-rea. He is a noted broadcaster and writer and is a regular contributor to this paper. He is President of the Sligo Co. Board G.A.A. and is a brother of J. J. Lavin, a director of the Gaelic Echo 1954 Ltd.

Wedding Bells

CONGRATULATIONS to Martin Byrne popular Wexford County Treasurer on his marriage to Miss Ann O'Kourke, sister-in-law of Nick O'Donnell, Wexford and All-Ireland full-back. Martin has given long service to Wexford both as a player and official over the past 23 years.

He started his hurling career as a minor in 1933 with New Ross O'Hanrahan's, winning minor county championship medals in 1933, '34, '36; junior, 1937; senior, 1939.

Then with New Ross Geraldine-O'Hanrahan's he won senior medals in 1943, '44, '45, and in 1950 he transferred to Horeswood, his present club, with whom he won a junior football medal in 1951.

Martin represented his county from 1943 to 1952, winning Leinster, Oireachtas 1951, and All-Ireland runners-up in the same year and Wexford Feis medal in 1952.

Martin retired then to devote all his attention to administrative affairs. As well as being county treasurer he has been New Ross district secretary for a number of years.

Gone To America

TWO members of the Oldcastle, County Meath Football Club, M. Hanly and E. Smith are two other names to be added to that ever-increasing list of emigrant Gaels.

They recently sailed for the United States and at a reception prior to their departure they were made presentations by the Club.

Big Improvement

At a recent meeting of the Louth County Board, Mr. J. Mullen of St. Dominic's suggested that as there had been a big improvement in the general standard in the past few months, the Board should enter a junior hurling team in the Leinster Championship this year.

It was agreed that the team should be given a try-out before the Board made a final decision.

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Emigration Greatest Enemy

BY "FEAR SIUIL"
SPEAKING at the recent West Mayo G.A.A. Board annual convention, Paddy Golden, outspoken Kilmecoa delegate, pinpointed our greatest national evil when he expressed the view that scarcity of football talent in the West was due to emigration. "There was a time," he said, "when there were three or four young lads in nearly every house in Kilmecoa. Today, there is only

one boy and he has so much to do that he has not the opportunity nor the energy to train or to play football. "It is quite plain", he continued, "that it is emigration that is the greatest enemy of the G.A.A. in West Mayo." What is true of Kilmecoa is true, unfortunately, of too many areas in the province of Connacht. Emigration is rife in the West and is playing havoc, not only with the

G.A.A., but with life generally in the Western province. Among those lost to the county are such well known figures as Padraig Carney, Billie Kenny, Peter Solan, 'Pop' McNamara, 'Tossie' Quinn, 'Big Pat' McAndrew, Sean and Mick Mulderrig, or their county camogie stalwarts Mary Geraty, Noreen Grimes, Maeve Hastings or Gertie O'Connell—all members of Westport St. Marys.

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Leitrim's Limelight Is Well Deserved

LEITRIM'S rise in the football world from obscurity to blazing limelight is well-deserved and welcomed by their many supporters and well-wishers. What makes this success more praiseworthy is the fact that Leitrim is a small county and suffered more heavily than most counties from emigration.

Yet, at the moment, it is high on the list in football prominence. Its Minor team reached this year's All-Ireland final and the Senior team is only a point behind Cavan, with a match in hand, in Division II of the National League.

Back of this revival lies a story of hard work, perseverance, determination and a never-say-die spirit.

Workers like Armagh-born bank clerk, Leo MacAlinden, who has become more of a Leitrim man than most in the county, or Secretary Tommy O'Riordan can now view their efforts with satisfaction. But these two men will tell you that their efforts showed no great results until the advent of Father Manning to the county.

A Great Judge

There is no doubt that the quiet-spoken sagart is one of the most discerning judges of football or footballers in Ireland—view his record when in charge of St. Mel's College team, when his youthful players "farmed" the Leinster Colleges' titles.

His able counsel and sound advice are decided assets to those long persevering Leitrim workers.

Success has partially crowned their combined efforts—may that success be even greater and more frequent. Tony Hayden, right half back for Leitrim, and Hubie Reynolds, full-forward are two "exiles" who have returned to the home side.

Tony played with Sligo in '55 while Hubie has long been a stalwart for Louth. Eddie Rowley is another "exile"—he played for Mayo this year, but is likely to be asked to declare for his native county.

Frank McKeever, forty-yards man for Longford Slashers, is another Leitrim-born player who may return home.

Top Ten In Connacht

FEAR SIUIL picks his top ten in Connacht for 1956:

1*—**SEAN PURCELL**—who kept on trying till he won an All-Ireland and produced superlative football in the process.

2*—**JACKIE MANGAN**—who captained the Galway team, but paid a greater tribute to Cork than to Galway.

3*—**FATHER SEAN MANNING**—who has sparked Leitrim's comeback.

4* and 5*—**E. CONNOLLY** and **J. FLEMMING**—who brought Mayo its only All-Ireland—the Junior Soft-ball Doubles handball title.

6*—**FR. KEVIN RYLE**—Galbally College, who has done so much for NACA revival in the West.

7*—**PADDY KEANE** (Laught)—the exile who returned to finish second in Ras Tailteann.

8*—**IGNATIUS O'DOWD** (Sligo)—whose versatility has been rewarded with the full back berth on the Connacht Railway Cup team.

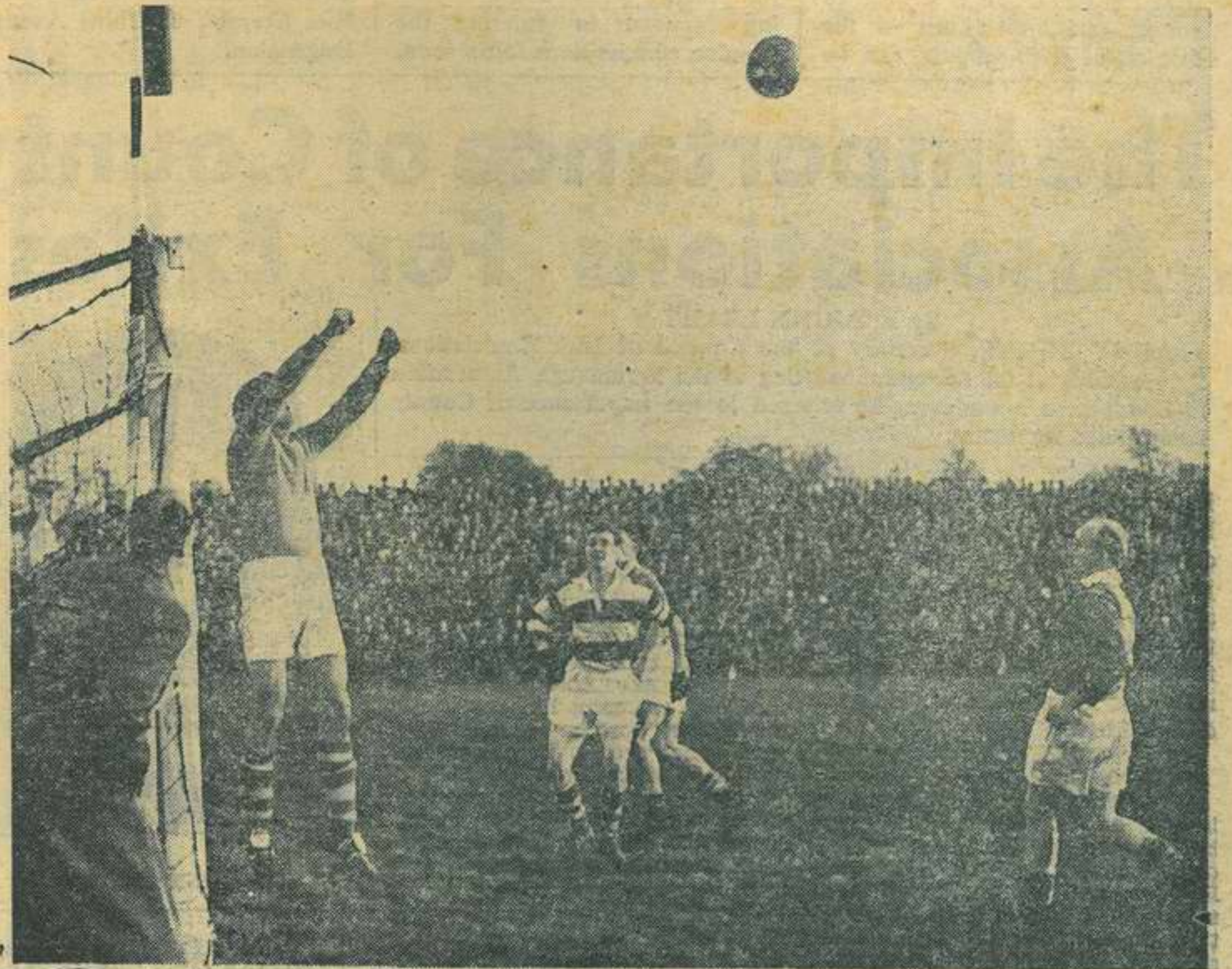
9*—**TOM DILLON**—the Galway veteran, who showed the youngsters how to defend against Cork in the All-Ireland Final.

10*—**GERRY O'MALLEY**—the Roscommon hurler and footballer who would be welcomed with open arms in his present county of residence, but who always "stays home".

Recapturing Past Glory

MAYO Gaelic supporters are being given an opportunity to see again the thrilling highlights of the All-Ireland series, the National League games and even local club games, writes Fear Siuil.

Man behind the camera is Paddy Gilmore of Brickens, Claremorris, who films the games and shows them to the GAA supporters in the various club areas.



ALL EYES ON THE BALL—A tense moment in the goal-mouth, one of those split seconds when players and spectators have the same focal point of interest.

SURPRISES IN RAILWAY CUP FOOTBALL TEAM

THERE are many newcomers on this year's Connacht Railway Cup football team, namely Jack Mangan, Tom Dillon, Frank Evers, Mattie McDonagh, Joe Young and Gerry Kirwan of Galway, as well as Noel Blessing of Leitrim.

Gone are Aiden Brady, Batt Lynch of Roscommon, John Nallen, Sean Flannagan, Jimmy Curran, Paddy Prendergast, Mayo; Billy O'Neill, Galway and Frank Gaffney, Sligo.

Surprise of the team is the placing of former centre half forward, Nace O'Dowd of Sligo at full back, but the wisdom of this move can be seen when one realizes the shortage of good fullbacks in the province.

Many may feel that Galway's Gerry Daly was the man to guard the square, but in all fairness to the up and coming Galwayman it must be admitted that he lacks the experience for such an important position and I think that the versatile O'Dowd is sure to prove a success.

LIKE PURCELL

Incidentally, if Nace keeps changing like this each year he soon will be challenging Galway's Sean Purcell for the title of Ireland's most versatile footballer.

Gerry O'Malley, of Roscommon, moves back from centre field to right half back and here I disagree with the selectors in not playing O'Malley in the centre half back position and the more speedy Mahon of Galway on the right.

Sean Purcell, as was expected, leads the attack at centre half and sharpshooting Packie McGarty of Leitrim, moves further out field on the left wing.

Here is the line-out:

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| J. Mangan (capt.) (Galway) | | |
| W. Casey (Mayo) | N. O'Dowd (Sligo) | T. Dillon (Galway) |
| G. O'Malley (Roscommon) | J. Mahon (Mayo) | E. Moriarty (Mayo) |
| Noel Blessing (Leitrim) | Frank Evers (Galway) | |
| M. McDonagh (Galway) | S. Purcell (Leitrim) | P. McCarthy (Leitrim) |
| J. Young (Galway) | F. Stockwell (Galway) | G. Kirwan (Galway) |
- Personally, I consider this the strongest Railway Cup team to cross the Shannon in years and they are definitely capable of bringing off the surprise of the competition. Galway with nine men have a clear majority in team personnel over the other counties. Mayo with only two have reached a very low level indeed and the choice of Blessing makes it one up for Leitrim, Sligo and Roscommon having one each.

—SEAN O'NEILL

A HOUSE DIVIDED

A HOUSE divided—that's the story of the Swords family of Charlestown, Co. Mayo. Kevin Swords, who has represented U.C.G., Combined Universities, and Mayo on the football field, is also the holder of the Mayo Senior Softball title in handball.

Brother Kevin, also of U.C.G., has won an All-Ireland Senior medal this year with Galway.

Opposing them in the recent Sigerson semi-final was another brother, Colm, full-forward for U.C.D., who has elected to play for Mayo. Confusing, isn't it.

Unusual Game

An unusual football game was played recently at Castlebar, when Claremorris played a team representing West Mayo. It was a battle of fifteen men versus thirteen and believe it or not the lesser team were led at half-time by only two points.

The story behind the game, not a very complimentary one indeed to West Mayo Gaels, is, that only thirteen of the chosen team and subs, were available when the game began. At almost half-time the fourteenth player arrived and in the middle of the second half West Mayo had a full team. The game was won by Claremorris 2-4 to 1-2.

Got Down To It

What would you do if your club was £6,000 in debt? Well there are two things you could do. You could "pack up" or you could just get down to it and that is just what the Castlebar (Co. Mayo) Club did and the result is that after one year's hard work, there is only £700 still to go.

Gone To Canada

Rick Cuddihy of Callan, recently sailed to Canada with some fellow-Kilkennymen. Rick, who won most track events at the G.A.A. sports at New Eltham last year, was the prime mover behind the scenes in the formation of the N.A.C.A. in London. To Rick, 'Fritz' and their friends we say "Go n-eirighidh an bothar libh".



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