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## The "Double" For Waterford?

By Hugh O'Donnell

WHEN TOM CUNNINGHAM SHOT THE WINNING POINT WHICH BLASTED KERRY FROM THE MUNSTER CHAMPIONSHIP, HE SET ALL GAELDOM TO DEBATE.

"A fluke, but what a fluke" seemed to express the opinions of most. Others said it was what Kerry football needed. But now that the time has almost come and the stage is set for the Southern provincial decider, opinions seem to vary.

Was it altogether a fluke? Did Kerry not get a clear forewarning of what might come when Noel Power put home the first Waterford goal, which still left the Kingdom three points ahead? Still Kerry could do nothing to ward off this threatening defeat.

Did Waterford not miss a great goal in the nineteenth minute of the second half and again did they not miss a sitting point just before Cunningham came to the rescue?

Maybe they beat Kerry on merit and football ability as did Galway in the National League decider? Maybe they have the beating of Cork — or more?

### Changed Views

Yes, indeed, the views have changed, it's Waterford's win, not Kerry's defeat, which now becomes the subject for debate.

To most Gaels this Waterford challenge is something which cannot be judged for few have seen these resurgent Southerners.

But you can take it from me that

they are by no means overnight sproutings for men like Billy Kirwan, Seamus Power, Tom Cunningham and Mick O'Connor have over the past few years proven themselves comparable to any of Munster's best and if what I am told is true these four are by no means lonelights in this Waterford challenge.

So it is with no feeling of inferiority that the Deise men will take their

### Hurlers, Too

By their smashing win over Limerick in the semi-final, Waterford's hurlers have also qualified for the Munster hurling final. At the moment the County is agog at the prospect of two Southern titles.

place in the battle for Munster supremacy.

### Hard Task

Their task, though, is no simple one for although Cork were no copybook team against a less copybook Clare they still are a very experienced side strongly backed by tradition for the Kerry and Cork monopoly of Munster football has had few breaks.

In 1949, Clare preceded Waterford's feat, beating Kerry in Ennis, yet three weeks later they were routed by Cork in the Munster final, suffering a nine points defeat.

Yes, Waterford face the odds in

### HE SHOWS THE WAY

WATERFORD, although never winners of the All-Ireland football crown still proudly possess two football medals.

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In the early part of the century the Kirwans, Jim, Rody, Eddie, Percy and Pat were the leading lights of not alone Waterford football, hurling

and athletics, but Munster's as well.

Rody, probably the best known of the five, played with Waterford, Wexford and later with Kerry footballers winning two All-Ireland titles with the latter.

So should Waterford overcome the might of Cork in the Munster football final they will be setting out on a road already travelled with distinction by a proud Waterford son of the past.



M. McGrath (No. 11), Clare, outfields C. O'Shea (No. 19), Cork, in the Munster football semi-final at Limerick.

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size, experience and tradition — but I am not the man to say they can't overcome them.

### FOOTBALL IN THE BLOOD

A FEATURE of the Grangemockler team which defeated Mullinahone in the South Tipperary junior football championship at Fethard recently was the fact that it included no less than five Tobins. Harry and Phil, who played at midfield, are brothers, and are members of the Tobin family of Breanormore, Ninemilehouse. They are first cousins of Harry, Dick and Pete Tobin, who hail from Glenbower, Carrick.

Leo English, the former Roscommon inter-county footballer, played with Fethard in this year's Tipperary senior football championships. A member of the Garda Siochana, he was centre-forward on the Clonmel Commercial team which won last year's county senior football final by defeating holders, Loughmore. He also played with Tipperary in this year's Munster championships.

Newcastle (South) made a winning debut in the County Tipperary camogie championships by scoring a 5-0 to nil victory over Portroe (North). The game was played at Templemore, and Newcastle's scorers were C. O'Keeffe and Kit Condon.

County Tipperary senior football champions Clonmel Commercial, took the first step in defence of their title by defeating Cahir Slashers on the score of 2-9 to 1-6. Inter-county hurler Theo English had to retire during the game with a shoulder injury. He played at midfield for the Clonmel team.

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# IT'S WORTH A TRY

By "BARROWSIDER."

ONE SUNDAY RECENTLY, I WAS ASKED TO TAKE A SEAT IN A CAR BY A COUPLE OF LADS GOING TO SEE A HURLING MATCH.

I was not very enthusiastic until I learned who the two teams taking part were.

Well, I went, and believe me I saw hurling at its very best. Followers of county teams will talk in terms of All-Irelands. But give me club hurling every time, especially if it is between Co. Champions of their counties. Had I refused to take that seat in the car and heard about that game afterwards, I would have been moaning for a week. FOR THRILLS IT WAS TO ME A LITTLE ALL-IRELAND.

After the game we adjourned for some refreshments and listening to comments from supporters of both teams and the ordinary followers of the game, I began to think (some job) why not an All-Ireland Club Championship. When one could see the Co. champions of the various counties without travelling long distances.

When I mentioned this to some prominent members of the Association, some were agreed that it would be a good idea; others were not so sure.

But the arguments for such a championship were far greater than those against.

Those in favour pointed out the many teams that travel to play in tournaments all over the

country.

For example, let us take such teams as St. Vincents (Dublin), Glen Rovers (Cork), Bennettsbridge (Kilkenny), and Mount Sion (Waterford), to name but four, that many people would go a long way to see. And there are many more teams that I could mention whose pairings would draw the crowds.

Before this article will appear in print, I will have seen two of the above teams in action in my own back yard so to speak, i.e. Bennettsbridge and Mount Sion.

Why not substitute the annual match, Ireland v. The Rest with two good club teams, and give spectators real value for their money.

## LOOKING AROUND

# I Warned You!

By "The Hawk"

AMONG many things this is going to be a column of bones. Bones will be picked—and the meatier the better. Crows will be plucked, and skeletons will be pulled unceremoniously from cupboards. In short, this will be a column of comment and criticism, where no punches will be pulled, but where praise and the kudos will be doled out, too—when someone has earned them.

I can foresee some joker dubbing it a graveyard—with all those bones around. It may be that, too. A graveyard from which lost causes will be resurrected and the best facets of "dead losses" brought to light.

Let's get cracking. And praise for a kick-off.

It's old news by now, but the footballers of Waterford deserve one more clap on the back for their bombshell win over Kerry in the Munster senior football championship. Shades of a sunny July evening in 1949 when Clare accomplished a similar feat and Kerry men thought, even two weeks afterwards, that they would yet awake from a bad dream!

But Clare were really the dreamers then as Waterford are now. Dreams of a Munster title and an All-Ireland—maybe. Let the "form" men talk. A win over Kerry, "shock" or otherwise, is good reason for a hope or a dream. Men used to a stereotyped pattern of All-Ireland champions find it hard to accept the possibility of a lowly football county like Waterford hitting the jackpot for once. But Roscommon did it, remember, in 1943 and '44, and Waterford's own hurlers in 1948.

I'm not tipping them, mind you, but Waterford could now succeed where Clare failed in 1949.

### Broadcasts

There is now an immense following for Gaelic games throughout the country, and it is growing yearly. Daily papers have sized up the situation and, hardly for the love of it, are now devoting enormous space to hurling and football. They are right. Circulation—no little thing—means a lot.

But has Radio Eireann cashed in in the same way on their equivalent of circulation—listeners? Not at all. A small increase in the number of matches broadcast over the year, perhaps, but nothing like the coverage that the popularity of the games now deserve—indeed demand.

Championship matches are played almost every Sunday from May to September. Many of them are of nationwide interest; all of them are important to at least the followers of the counties participating. How many of those games does R.E. broadcast?

Although two months of matches have now passed I will leave readers to count for themselves between this and the end of September. More will be said about it here when the time is ripe.

### Ref., Please

Some folk take a long time to learn. At the 1955 G.A.A. Congress a rule was passed which permits a player (in football) to place the ball for a free kick.

A new rule was not really necessary because this permission was implied in the previous wording of the relevant section of the O.G.—". . . the referee shall INDICATE the spot from which the free shall be taken . . ." But referees had insisted all along the line to PLACE the ball themselves. Thus the new rule was introduced to obviate a slight ambiguity.

But give some players an inch and they will take a yard. Maybe they don't know the rules! At a guess I would say that in three cases out of ten, free-kickers touch the ball on the ground after the referee has whistled to signal the restart of play. That is a foul, and the penalty should be a free for the other side. All referees slip up on this point.

Some people should read the rule book.

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### Where The Titles May Go

**THE CHAMPIONSHIP SEASON IS ADVANCING RAPIDLY. HERE WE ARE FACING JULY AND THE VARIOUS FINALS, WHATEVER THEY MAY HOLD IN STORE.**

Looking broadly over the picture of the championships in the various provinces, what do we find? Major upsets, big surprises, and counties who were expected to figure prominently in the concluding stages all gone in the first round games.

This applies mostly to counties like Kerry, Mayo, Meath, Limerick and Kildare, all of whom had great expectations.

1957 looks like producing many new champions in all of the different grades. There may be a couple of exceptions, but very few as the position stands.

One of the first of the titleholders to make their departure was Monaghan junior footballers. The selectors in Monaghan had difficulty to find a new team to replace the men who had gained promotion and the county have made their exit in both senior and junior.

Incidentally Cavan replace Monaghan as the new Ulster champions in fact they are the first of the new batch of 1957 winners.

#### Shock Result

One of the counties to lose not alone their provincial title but their All-Ireland crown as well was Dublin minor footballers. The Dublin boys set up a fine record of three All-Irelands in a row.

During their spell of supremacy they blighted the hopes of Tipperary, Limerick and Leitrim, as well as Meath whom they defeated in three consecutive Leinster championship finals.

Kildare lost both of their provincial football titles—senior and junior. In neither instance was there any element of surprise. Few expected that Kildare would make any great headway this year, except within the confines of the short grass county. To add to the story Kerry juniors, both hurlers and footballers, have gone out, and to complete the picture Sligo finished on the wrong end of the sheet, leaving the issue rest between

Galway and Mayo to decide the ownership of the 1957 title.

#### History Makers

The county which is really making history this year is Waterford. Following on the defeat of Kerry on the unexpected score of 2-5 to 0-10 their hurlers followed up that great win with another over Limerick in hurling: 4-12 to 5-5.

This is the first occasion since 1948, when they defeated Dublin, to win their one and only senior All-Ireland.

Waterford have reached another Munster senior hurling final. What will be Waterford's prospects for a Munster title this year?

Judging from what has been seen so far, they have an equal chance with the remainder. The manner in which Cork beat Clare in football at Rathluirc did not indicate that under the same conditions they would have beaten Kerry.

Possibly if Kerry had been playing Cork they would have had a different approach to the game. It all goes to show that nothing can be taken for granted.

Kerry have learned a lesson and when Cork meet Waterford in the football final their is one thing certain, they will take no chances.

Getting back to affairs in Leinster, the up and coming side this year is Louth no matter how one looks at the picture. They have qualified for two finals the same as Kildare did last year but they may hardly get them as soft.

#### Kilkenny's Chances

Kilkenny are Louth's opponents in junior football. This is a grade in which Kilkenny have never had a victory. The fact of having no senior team entered for the championship leaves them in a position to pick from the county at large, and according to reports they have a more than useful side at present.

Louth generally have a good junior side and this year they left the juniors alone and let them develop without choosing any of them for the senior side. I believe at least three of them would be well worth their place in any senior team.

So, the junior final holds bright prospects of producing a first-class battle. It would be Kilkenny's first football final for many years.

How good are the Louth seniors? It's a matter of opinion as to whether they are as good a team as they showed against Kildare or, are the latter as bad as they shaped

on June 16.

At the moment of writing I only have the Dublin team 'as selected' in front of me which is due to play Wicklow. If Dublin can beat Wicklow at Droichead Nua there is every prospect of a great Leinster final. On the other hand, if the 'country venue' which may not be Dublin's dish favours Wicklow, I believe Louth will canter through.

I base my opinion on the fact that Wicklow never won a Leinster senior football title in their history. In days gone by they had teams equal to what they have today, even last year at Enniscorthy when they made an all out effort to beat Dublin, yet they failed to succeed.

#### Timmins The Star

Their two victories in the earlier rounds of the championship were accomplished at the expense of Laois and Meath. They beat the latter by a one-point margin at Athy. Hero of the struggle was J. Timmins whose great scoring feats was a feature.

#### Ulster Games

The fact of Cavan having overcome Monaghan, and Donegal accounting for Down clears the air, in preparation for the main battles ahead in the Ulster senior championship. What will happen later remains to be seen.

Tyrone did not come through unscathed from New York. They have lost their captain Iggy Jones and some others of the team are stiff—suffering from the effects of the New York trip.

Out Connacht way the defeat of Mayo by Roscommon was nearly as big a shock as the downfall of Kerry to Waterford. It removes from the scene one of the bright lights of the Connacht year. However, Galway meet Roscommon and the fact that the game will be played in Roscommon should be a big factor for the home team. This will be a real battle, particularly where O'Malley and Purcell are concerned.

#### Offaly's Task

The Leinster hurling championship this year is not likely to undergo any radical changes so far as the semi-finals are concerned. Wexford make the trip to Kilkenny where they play Offaly. That should provide a nice enjoyable outing for the All-Ireland champions and put them into ship-shape for the final.

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# Handball Spotlight

(BY J. K. CLARKE).

## THE DELANEYS OF KILKENNY

**LEADING AMONGST KILKENNY'S PRESENT CROP OF BALL-PLAYERS ARE SURELY THE DELANEY BROTHERS, CHRIS. AND JOE, OF TALBOTS INCH.**

No doubt the County has produced greater performers, for instance, Jim Lucas, who first brought National Laurels to Kilkenny way back in 1932, when defeating Paddy Bell of Meath, in the final of the senior H.B. singles.

Then there was Jasper Dunne, Tom Jordan, Alf. Cullen and Paddy Dalton, amongst others, and, of course, the greatest of them all—J. J. Gilmartin, win-

ner of twenty-five All-Irelands between the years 1935-50.

Nevertheless, as individual players and also as a combination, with the softball, they are amongst the most tenacious and have won a sideboard of trophies between them and are capable of holding their own with the best.

Christy, the elder, came into prominence as a junior in 1949, figuring in Leinster and Irish finals for two years before defeating Ml. Doherty of Mayo, in 1951, for the National Junior S.B. title.

### Beat Champion

In 1953, he caused a mild sensation by his defeat of John Ryan (Wexford)—the National senior H. and S.B. Champion, in a softball exhibition at Talbot's Inch, in connection with that court's Silver

Jubilee Celebrations thus gaining the Smithwick Challenge Cup.

The alley was originally opened in 1928, by the then President of the Executive Council of the Government, Mr. W. T. Cosgrave, T.D.

In the same year, Christy reached the final of the Leinster senior S.B. Championship, where he was beaten by the ever-green Larry Roe of Dublin, after a titanic struggle.

Joe's first inter-county success came also in 1953, when he took the Leinster Junior S.B. title, defeating M. Fahy (Dublin) in the decider, going on subsequently to meet Munster Champion P. McCarthy (Kerry) who beat him 3-2 in the National final.

Joe made no mistake the following year—1954—winning the Leinster and Irish Junior S.B. titles beating Connacht Champion S. Casey in the latter decider and taking the Leinster and Irish H.B. titles, accounting for Munster Champion T. Doherty (Tipperary), by the odd game in five in the final of the latter—for which he gained in addition to the usual championship medals, the Elvery and Dunlop Challenge Shields, respectively, the first year in which they were presented for competition.

With J. Mahon as partner, Joe, also won the Leinster S.B.D. title.

### Christy's Progress

Christy meanwhile was not idle, while his brother was making Handball History, for in 1954 also he and Jasper Dunne—the latter now in the veteran stage—won the Leinster senior S.B. title beating the holders—J. Ryan and J. Doyle (Wexford) 3/1 in the final, going on to take the National Crown, through a 4/3 games defeat of Connacht champions, P. Clarke and R. Foy, at Horse and Jockey Court, Tipperary.

1955 proved the big year for the brothers as a combination, starting off by taking the Leinster senior S.B.D. title, beating the renowned J. Ryan and J. Doyle (Wexford) in the final.

In the Irish semi-final which followed they accounted for Ulster champions, V. Sherlock and J. Gargan (Cavan)—3 games to nil—only to fail in the final, played at Ballypatrick, going under to P. Downey and J. O'Brien (Kerry)—the Munster Champions—in straight games.

In the Gael Linn Cup Competition—30 minutes play per contest—Christy finished second to D. Dillon of Dublin, from an original entry of close on 200 competitors drawn from all over the country.

Earlier, J. Ryan (Wexford), succeeded in bringing the Smithwick Cup to Wexford, defeating Christy for possession at Talbot's Inch.

Christy climaxed the season by winning the Inter-Provincial Tostal S.B. Competition and Shield, in partnership with National singles champion Jn. Ryan (Wexford).

### Second Again

In 1956, Christy again finished second in the All-Ireland Gael-Linn Cup Competition, this time to J. Ryan (Wexford)—who had not competed the previous year, while in last winter's event, Joe took a hand and reached the quarter final where he was beaten by J. Kirby of Clare, after more than 250 competitors had been eliminated in earlier rounds.

In 1956 the brothers won the Inter-Provincial Tostal Shields, beating Munster Champions P. Downey and J. O'Brien (Kerry) in the final at Horse and Jockey glass back-walled court.

These are no mean achievements, and ones of which the Delaney boys can justly feel proud.

## Plea For More Playing Time

**DO** you, as a neutral on-looker, ever feel cheated when the referee blows the final whistle at the end of an exciting hurling or football game. Ever feel as if you would give your right arm just to see another ten minutes of a certain encounter, writes Peadar Byrne.

We all get that cheated feeling at some time or other. It may be at a local game or it may be a vital All-Ireland championship tie, but our reactions are just the same—if only the referee would delay that dreaded long whistle just a few minutes longer.

That is why I say, extend the duration of our Gaelic games. Throw in ten minutes extra each way and the standard of our national games will reach a new high.

Most of the 'as you were' advocates maintain that sixty minutes is long enough for any team to assert its superiority.

### BAD START

In most cases, yes, but the theory is not always water-

tight. Take the case of a side that gets off to a whirlwind start by scoring a few early goals. The odds are stacked very heavily indeed, against the opposition recovering from such a disastrous start to make up the leeway.

All too often I've seen teams stage a gripping second half recovery only to be beaten by the referee's watch. Such efforts deserve a better reward.

In those days of unsurpassed athletic achievements it is absurd to think that our young manhood cannot last an hour and a half of football. Why, even our camogie friends can keep going for sixty minutes.

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Everything points to an extension of the playing time in hurling and football matches. So what about it, legislators?

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How will the advent of T.V. affect the G.A.A.? Will it be welcome or unwelcome? General Secretary O'Keeffe has provided the simple answer to both these questions: included in the plans for the new Hogan Stand are facilities for television and sound broadcasting.

Of course, snags will crop up. Attendances may show a decline and like many big sports organisations throughout the world, the G.A.A. may be forced to place certain restrictions on the televising of games.

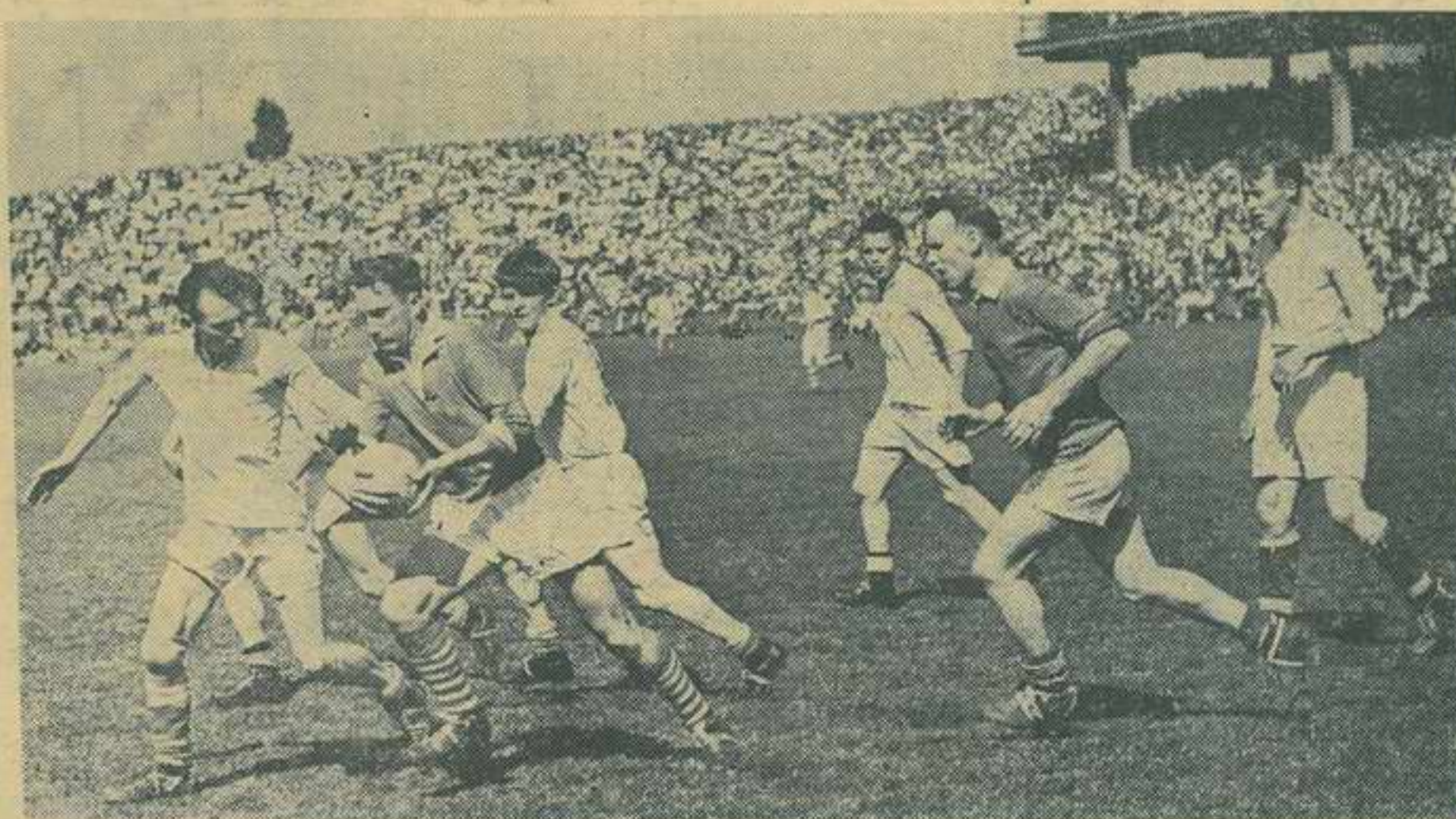
Or they may simply make all the big games all ticket affairs, so that no matter what the weather is like, the "gate" won't suffer.

## Great Prospects

Whatever difficulties arise, the Secretary must be congratulated for this sensible and at the same time courageous decision to make provision for T.V. cameras on the new stand: sensible because it is keeping in step with progress; courageous because it could conceivably cause seats to be empty in this very stand where the cameras are in action.

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A Louth man comes away with the ball in the Leinster senior football semi-final at Croke Park.

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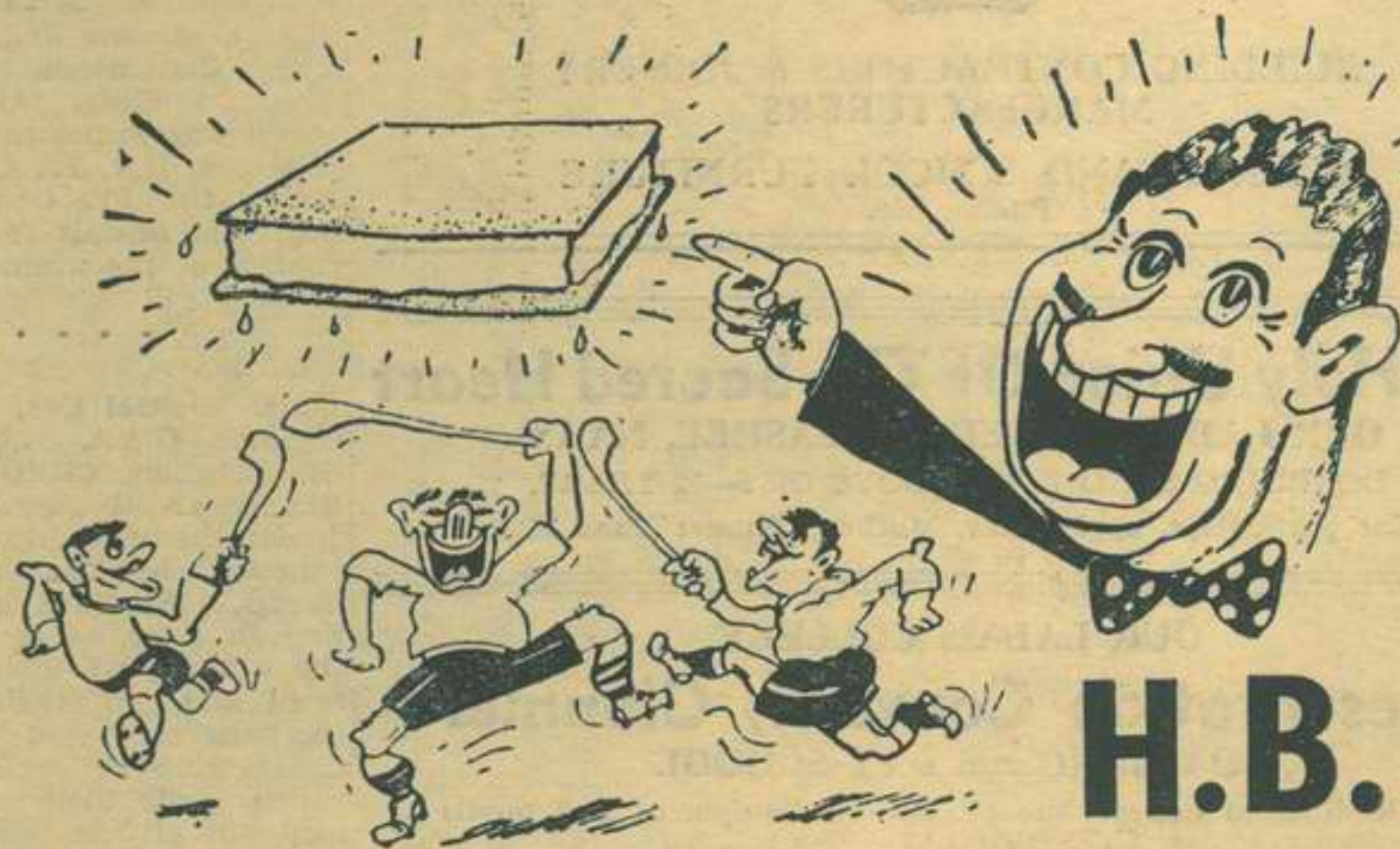
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## Passing Of London Gael

Many London Gaels were present at the Good Shepherd Church, Moorside Road, Downham, Kent, on June, 15th, for the Requiem of Mrs. Alice Shalloe which preceded the interment at Hither Green. Mrs. Shalloe was the wife of Mr. Jack Shalloe of Ballinacree, Kilmacow, Co. Kilkenny, and widespread sympathy has been extended also to her daughter, Mrs. Kitty Doolin, her son-in-law, Mr. Michael Doolin, of Shambo, Glenmore, Co. Waterford, and the grandchildren, John and Eileen. Mrs. Shalloe was keenly interested in and very active in Irish affairs. Her husband was Chairman of the Peckham branch of the Irish Self-Determination League and one of the chief founders of the Bros. Pearse G.A.A. Club in London (in 1920). This is the oldest club in the London G.A.A.

The Peckham Branch and the Peases ran cells at the Fellowship Hall in Peckham, and Mrs. Shalloe used prepare refreshments; she also washed the playing togs. At that time there were only four clubs in London—the Peases, the Fintan Lalors, the O'Rahillys and the McCurtains. Mrs. Shalloe was a regular attender at the matches for years and kept up her interest when her husband was chairman of the L.C.B. for two sessions and on the Provincial and Central Councils in recent years.

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# Handball Trives In Delvin

**D**ELVIN (Co. Westmeath) handballers can be justly proud of the fact that they are members of one of the most go-ahead clubs in the country. A first-class alley has been erected in the town on the site of an older alley, incorporating a fine new back wall and gallery.

The annual tournament of the Delvin club will be held on August 15 and it is hoped that 30 teams will compete. Joey Maher of Drogheda, who was All-Ireland junior champion three times is among the entrants and a large attendance is expected.

Driving force behind the Delvin Handball Club is supplied principally by Paddy O'Shaughnessy, popular local publican, and Harry Barry, turf accountant.

Paddy O'Shaughnessy starred in Westmeath's Leinster junior softball doubles win in 1956. This busy man who is willing to sacri-

fice his valuable time for his favourite game has been playing for almost a quarter of a century and is still able to hold his own with the best of them. During his long and successful career Paddy has won numerous medals as well as five cups.

Delvin Handball Club has won numerous competitions during the last few years including 13 county championship medals in 1953-'57 and its members have often had the honour of representing Westmeath in senior and junior inter-county matches.

Well-known Delvin minors William Mullan and Peter Geelan, who are expected to go far in the game will be seen in action at the August tournament.

Prominent among those helping the Delvin club along the road to success are: Brendan Mullins, Pat Gaffney, Joe Tierney, Thomas Linahan, John Devereux, Sean Fitzsimons and Brendan Kearney.

# Remember Them



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## HERE AND THERE IN THE WEST

By "FEAR SIUL"

**A**LTHOUGH SEAN FLANAGAN holds two All-Ireland medals, two National League trophies, a Railway Cup medal, five Connacht senior and one minor trophy, not to mention the wide collection of medals won in dozens of tournament games, Dublin club competitions, inter-Varsity games, Ireland v. The Universities games, etc., he had to wait until 1957 to win his first medal in his native Mayo, when he helped **EAST MAYO** to defeat Claremorris in this year's Senior League final. Perseverance and the never-say-die spirit, so characteristic of this football star, has reaped its reward and achieved a long-cherished ambition.

Congratulations to **FR. GRIF-FIN'S**, Galway, on their fine performance in winning the final of the **FR. CONROY** Tournament, which was played in aid of the newly-opened **MILLTOWN** Park, after a stirring and exciting game with Claremorris, Mayo Senior League finalists. After the game, which was witnessed by a large attendance, Rev. Fr. Concannon presented the Fr. Conroy Perpetual Cup and Medals to **Jimmy Ward**, captain of the winning team.

Mr. Michael Cox, Co. Sec., Roscommon G.A.A. Board, presented the victorious **CREGGS** team with the medals they won in the 1956 junior championship, at a pleasant function in the Parnell Hall, Creggs. Speaking in Irish and in English, Mr. Cox congratulated the winners on their fine achievement and on their outstanding sportsmanship and welcomed the Creggs club to senior ranks, to which grade their advent would assuredly give an enormous fillip.

East Mayo Board made presentations to two of its best-known footballers prior to their departure from their native land. They were Michael McDermott, Charles and Alec Slattery, Ballaghaderreen, a member of the League-winning East Mayo team, who has emigrated to America. Another young Western Gael, Bernie Leech, of Kinyara, star hurler, footballer and swimmer, has left for Canada. Emigration is leaving a heavy mark on Gaelic affairs in Connacht by its constant drain on the youth of the province. Can nothing be done to even abate this national evil that is denuding our land of the flower of our youth?

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Our Free Prize of Half a Guinea will be awarded to the first correct entry opened.

Remember: (1) There is **NO** Entry Fee, and (2) you must be under sixteen years to be eligible for the Prize.

Winner's name will be announced in our August issue.

### CLUES

1. This Connaught County contested the All-Ireland minor Football Final with Dublin last year. It begins with the letter L.

2. The remains of something burnt—to be found in the grate.

3. Some women wear this type of coat in Winter.

4. Last letter of 3 across.

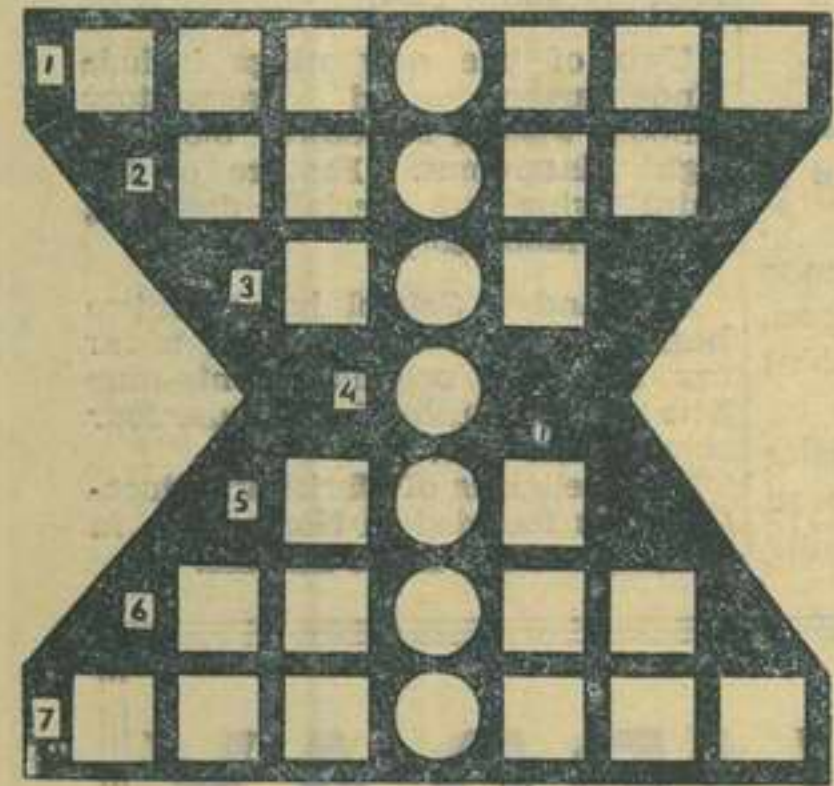
5. Opposite to young.

6. Made from Flour—you eat it every day.

7. Surname of well-known former Kerry Footballer, his initials are P.B.

The letters in the Circles, when read downwards, give the name of the Tipperary Town in which the GAA was founded.

**NOTE THE CLOSING DATE FOR ENTRIES: JULY 16th**



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## CLUB LEABHAR NA SOISEAR

REIGS CARLO

Ni bheadh aon rogha de leabhra don aos og iomlan gan saothar le Cathal O Sandair ina measc. Agus, ta leabhar le Cathal ar liosta na bliana—REIGS CARLO i gCORCAIGH. On Ghum a thainig an ceann sin. O shairseal & Dill, aris, a thainig cuigiú leathar na bliana — sreath de ghearr-aisti a bhfuil an greann go laidir iontu. Taisiadh bunaithe ar charachtar og airithe a bhfuil mianach Jimin Mhaire Thaidhg ann ach culra de

shaghas eile ar fad. MAIDHC is ainm don gharsun neamhchoitianta seo, agus sin e, freisin, is teideal don leabhar. Scribheoir nua a chum— P. D. Lidin.

Is cosuil gurb e an margadh a spreagann na scríbhneoirí agus na foilsitheoirí, agus gur ar eigin is fíor go bhfasann an margadh TAR EIS do na scríbhneoirí an saothar a chur ar fail. Sin ceist le fíoras ag Bord Stait!

Agus sin agaibh strac-fheachaint siar ar bhliain tosaigh Chlub Leabhar na Soisear.

**Feis Na Suire**  
CARRICK-ON-SUIR'S annual feis, Feis na Suire, normally held in early summer, will this year not take place until late Autumn, probably in September. The reason for the change of date is believed to be so as to cause no interruption in the end of term studies of children who would be competing in the Feis. Entries for the Feis, which enjoys a national reputation, each year exceed the 1,000 mark.

# Too Young Or Too Young?

asks Sean O'Neill

**"HE WAS A GREAT MINOR BUT NEVER MADE THE GRADE AS A SENIOR. PERSONALLY, I THINK HE WAS RUSHED—YOU KNOW, SHOVED IN AGAINST RUGGED, MATURE MEN TOO SOON."**

How often have we heard this remark and in many instances it sums up the playing career of quite a few of our players. It also gives rise to the question as to when is a young man old enough? When can a boy be sent to do a man's job?

Personally, I don't think this question can be directly and conclusively decided, for although we have indeed many "spoiled minors," we also have a long and colourful list of stars who made the grade and rated with the country's best long before reaching the age of manhood.

Miko Doyle, famed Kerry star of the thirties, was the holder of three All-Ireland medals before he ever had the right to vote. The 1937 Kingdom team, which drew with Cavan in the All-Ireland final and later trounced the Breffni men in the replay, held at least eight or nine young men who had not then reached their twenty-first birthday.

At the present day we have busy Jimmy Doyle of Tipperary starting on both minor and senior Premier county teams. Tyrone captain and Ulster centrefield man Jody O'Neill is another example of the present day, already the powerfully built Ulsterman has an illustrious career behind him without having yet reached the age of manhood.

### OUTNUMBERED

Yes, there are many youngsters capable of taking their place with the "old stagers," but if a close study could be made of this subject I am sure we would find the number of rushed players, who as a result have faded into oblivion, completely outnumbering those who made the grade.

Professional boxing, although in the old days many of its greatest champions were only youngsters, decided some years back that no man could fight for a title either world and national until he had reached the age of twenty-one and this ruling has since proven its worth.

The applying of a somewhat similar rule to hurling and football is, of course, completely uncalled for but it should at least prompt us to the realisation that no matter how good a minor or a teenager is he MAY be too young to play either club or intercounty senior.

I emphasise the word MAY for cases will differ and it is up to the mentors at each level to decide.

### METHODS

In deciding, though, they should realize that size alone does not qualify a boy to do a man's job (although it may help). Much depends on the young man's psychological approach to the game and also on his method of playing it.

If the youth, no matter how good in his own class, is the type who is over-conscious of his age and therefore as a result will suffer an inferiority complex when matching veteran opponents, then there is every likelihood that he will not play well and probably end up by begin unjustly classified a "funk."

If the young man is the type who

ground before being rushed from minor into senior grade, but there are also many others, and the decisions and the futures of many of our youngsters rest with the selectors and mentors. It is they who must decide and in doing so they must consider all the aspects, taking each case individually, for each case will differ.

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### Your Opinion?

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An rud is neamhchoitianta, b'fheidir, fe na scoileanna a shabhail an Club i mbliana is ea a chothraime is ata siad roinnte ar an tir. Scoileanna beaga is ea roinnt mhaith acu, cuid acu suite in Ath Cliath, cuid acu i mbailte beaga fen tuaithe, cuid acu gur scoileanna lae iad, cuid acu gur scoileanna conaitheacha iad, cuid acu sna Se Contaethe.

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### BUIOCHAS

D'eirigh go geal leis an gClub sa mheid sin—ni b'fhearr na d'fheadfadh einne a bheith ag suil go n-eireodh. A bhuiochas sin do scribhneoiri a bhfuil feith na ceapadoireachta iontu, tuiscint do mhianta leitheoireachta na ndeag-oiri, agus fonn oibre orthu. A chion den bhuiochas, freisin, do na foilsitheoiri agus go speisialta do Shairseal agus Dill a ghlac an chuid is troime den obair orthu fein, a rinne teagmhail le na scribhneoiri, a chuir i mbun pinn iad, agus a thug an saothar criochnaithe amach in am.

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On the face of it, at least, it looks as if the University authorities have completely ignored all the urgent talk that has been going on about the absolute need for increased know-how among our farmers if production is to be increased and the country saved from bankruptcy.

It has been said over and over again that agriculture is the only lifeline we have that will stand the strain of pulling us out of the bog of economic difficulty into which the country has slipped, yet we find that the very institution which should be most concerned about strengthening this lifeline appears to be doing the opposite.

It is agreed that our agricultural production can only be increased by educating the farmers in modern ways of husbandry, of management and of looking at their job. Research is urgently needed also so that those farmers who are making an endeavour to increase output can be given the solutions to problems which they are meeting every day.

The work done through the advisory services and the research institutions already has proved itself of the utmost value, and all this work has been done by university graduates, thus unequivocally demonstrating that the agricultural graduate is a key man in the national economy.

This would lead us to expect that the universities would make every endeavour to increase the flow of qualified men into the service of the country, instead of doing the opposite, as is now being threatened by U.C.D.

### T.C.D. Expands

It is remarkable, too, that at a time when Trinity College, Dublin, has bought a farm and announced its use as a broadening factor in their agricultural education pro-

gramme, the premier college of the national university (or the one which ought to be premier) announces this curtailment.

It has not been announced that the curtailment is a means of improving the faculty or increasing its efficiency; in fact, no reason has been assigned to the action that would convince any interested person that the college authorities realise the significance of what they propose.

A reduction in the teaching staff of any college or school always leads to a deterioration in the quality of the teaching, to stereotyped methods of imparting knowledge and to the turning out of students on an assembly line basis, which is the negation of all that university education stands for. If this is the aim of U.C.D. we can look forward to graduates in future years coming from the college after cramming courses which will have helped each in no way to find his own individual bent.

### Lower Level

If this is so the general level of agricultural instruction around the country will deteriorate rapidly, farmers will lose interest and the general level of production is more likely to be impaired than assisted.

The Taoiseach has a long and honoured association with the National University, and whether his opinion was sought before this new move was made has not been told, but it is hard to think of him condoning it in view of his pronouncements on the need for agricultural education in ever-widening measure.

Was the move made in defiance of the Taoiseach's opinion? It would be interesting to know. Why have not the college authorities given reasons? Is it meant as a move to put the other constituent colleges into more important positions in this sphere of education.

### Irresponsible

Or, is it a move to force the hand of the Government to get the proposed Agricultural Institute on a factual footing at last?

These are all possibilities, but some cogent reasons ought to have been given, so that interested persons (and that includes the whole country in the last analysis) could have an opportunity of judging whether they were adequate. As the situation is, one can come to no other conclusion than that the college authorities have acted irresponsibly.

### CAREFUL CALF FEEDING

LOWER the amount of the calf's milk ration gradually when changing on to dry feed. A sudden change in a young animal's food is likely to cause bad scouring or other trouble. Condition is lost in this way and the calf left open to all sorts of infection.

## PEAS ON TRIPODS

THE usefulness of tripods in saving hay and corn has been mentioned here before, but these articles are useful particularly to growers of commercial pea crops.

Peas  $\frac{3}{4}$ " length saved on tripods are always a better yielding crop than others, and if the use of tripods became more generally understood more farmers would probably grow this crop, either as a protein-producer and soil conditioner, or as a commercial crop.

Canning firms annually arrange contracts with farmers to grow peas for sale as dried peas or canned and cooked, and the crop pays well without being very troublesome.

Peas leave behind a supply of nitrogen available to succeeding crops, and returns on the cash side are comparable with those from wheat of good quality. There is thus a double benefit which the grain crop does not give.

As feeding, peas are first-class

concentrated food, rich in protein and palatable to stock.

### WIDER USE

A wider use of the tripod method of saving hay and other crops would be of benefit to the country, as forestry poles are the most useful stuff to make tripods from and a demand for more of these would mean more work for forestry men.

The canning of peas helps to give employment in the processing plants and furthers the link that binds the industrial and farming communities in the country for the national good.

AS WELL AS THE BENEFITS CONFERRED BY THE PEA CROP MENTIONED EARLIER, ITS INCLUSION IN THE ROTATION GIVES A FURTHER BREAK WHICH HELPS WITH THE SUPPRESSION OF RECURRING DISEASES OF CROPS AND PESTS SUCH AS EELWORM.

Farmers who make a practice of cutting hay early will find that harvesting the pea crop comes at about the time when haying is finished, that is, about this time of year, and helps in that way to give a greater spread-over of farm labour through the summer.

## SWINE FEVER

SWINE fever has been spreading over a wide area of the country, due to lack of co-operation with the Department. If you have sick pigs, get the vet, and if there is any suspicion of swine fever you are bound to report it to the Gardai. There is no excuse for failure to report a death among your pigs, unless the cause is definitely established as other than swine fever. You can help to get rid of this very serious disease if you co-operate.

## Good News! A Cure For Hoose

ALL farmers have welcomed the announcement of a cure for hush or hoose. It is one of the major causes of unthriftiness in cattle and must cause many thousands of pounds loss in meat and milk every year. Imperial Chemical Industries have named their new drug Helmox, and they report that it kills the lung worms which cause the disease.

It is interesting too that the drug will work with cattle, sheep, pigs and goats, and can be given as a drench or an injection.

The makers have stated that the drug is effective only against the worms themselves; in other words it will not cure any attendant condition such as pneumonia caused by their presence and the lowered condition of the animal.

### EARLY DOSING

Early dosing is therefore, advisable, so as to kill off the parasites before they give rise to any other trouble. This is an obvious precaution, and it has the added advantage that loss of condition in the affected animals will be prevented, an important factor since

this is one of the chief difficulties with this disease.

### TREAT THE LOT

The makers also advise that if hoose is found in a herd the whole lot should be treated with the drug, each animal being given three doses, one at the first signs of trouble, the second five days later and the third 21 days after the first, this last treatment being necessary to kill off any worms picked up by the animal during the period of treatment.

Injection is reserved for severe cases, and the drug can be given in food, but the makers recommend that the vet should be called in before treating milking cattle or pigs.

### WATCH NEW STOCK

One of the things which farmers may overlook with hoose, now that they have a cure, is that it can be introduced after the herd has been cleared. So bought-in stock ought to be isolated for three weeks and given the doses as outlined above, so that the pastures will not be contaminated if the animal actually has hush.

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# SILAGE FOR THE TEST TUBE

## Bad Show—But Feeding Is The Real Thing

By "PLOWMAN"

**BAD SHOW—BUT FEEDING IS THE REAL TRIAL.**  
RECENT FINDINGS BY DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE EXPERTS ON THE QUALITY OF THE SILAGE PRODUCED BY FARMERS IN THIS COUNTRY LOOKED, AT FIRST SIGHT, RATHER DISCOURAGING.

Comment in the published report was that "in general the results indicated that much of the silage at present being made in the country is of inferior quality," but the thing to remember is that these tests were made on chemical and similar analysis. They were not made on the feeding value of the silage as indicated by the results obtained from actual feeding.

Obviously a test based on this method of determination would be a colossal affair, involving the movement of large quantities of silage to a central feeding point, the selection of cattle and other animals for feeding and other matters which are complicated and expensive. In all feeding trials it is extremely difficult to get together animals of comparable quality, conversion rates and so on, so that results are never much more than general and accuracy is hardly obtainable at all.

### General Rule

However, there is the fact that few farmers feeding stock who have tried silage-making with any degree of success ever give it up

They find that no matter how bad their silage looks, short of being rotten, it will be eaten by their stock and that the stock will do better on it than on hay as a general rule. So that the farmers' experience and the official tests seem to be at variance.

Of course, the ideals of the experts are one thing and the farmers aims entirely another. The scientist is inclined to aim at perfection, while the farmer knows that perfection is impossible to attain.

Nevertheless, it would be desirable for the Department to do some more practical tests than those of the test tube on such a vital matter as silage-making. Excellent silage is being made, especially that made under the supervision of agricultural advisors, and the knowledge of the good technique is spreading. As usual, there is a tendency for some farmers to regard this technique as something

bordering on the occult, something that their own humble intelligence could not hope to encompass, which is all rot, of course.

If it can be demonstrated that silage is easily made and that it seldom if ever fails to feed animals, and that animals will eat it, then these farmers would believe it not beyond their powers and the result would be a better use of grass in many parts of the country. At

the moment the women on the farms are apt to object to silage because of its smell.

They find the smell pervading their houses, carried on hen's boots and clothing, and if the silage pit is in a particular quarter the prevailing wind makes it certain that those in the house will have the smell in their nostrils most of the day, every day. Nevertheless, if the farmer and

farmers, so that they would lose their fear of adventuring into a new field and taking what they regard as a big risk with considerable quantities of grass. It could, perhaps, be demonstrated that poor silage is better than poor hay, a fact that any farmer who has made both is well aware of.

It could also be demonstrated that stock will eat silage, a fact that many non-silage-making farmers are not sure of at all. Many of us have had the experience of seeing cattle grub out a heap of grass toppings which has lain for weeks, and eat it with relish in preference of poor winter pastures. This is the sort of lesson we often fail to learn, though animals have been showing us the way for as long, probably, as they have been domesticated.

### Best Advice

A similar idea might be applied to soil-testing. The very useful tests carried out at Johnstown Castle have made a tremendous difference to fertiliser and lime usage all over the country, but it is not likely that such tests will ever rule out the visual impressions gained by an experienced man. The ideal is the marrying of the two things—test tube and personal experience—to give the farmer the benefit of the best advice that he can have, and to that we can add the empirical experience with the farm animal.

### Overlooked

It seems particularly wonderful that Irish farmers did not catch on to the self-fed silage idea long before anybody else, seeing that they have been using it in the western counties with hay—the stack with the pole down the centre from which sheep feed.

Laboratory tests are tremendously useful things, but it is as well not to divorce them from practical applications. In other words, to have a test-tube standard against which to test silage is useful in indicating certain things, but the farm animal's reaction is too valuable to forget altogether.

### PRACTICAL EXAMPLE

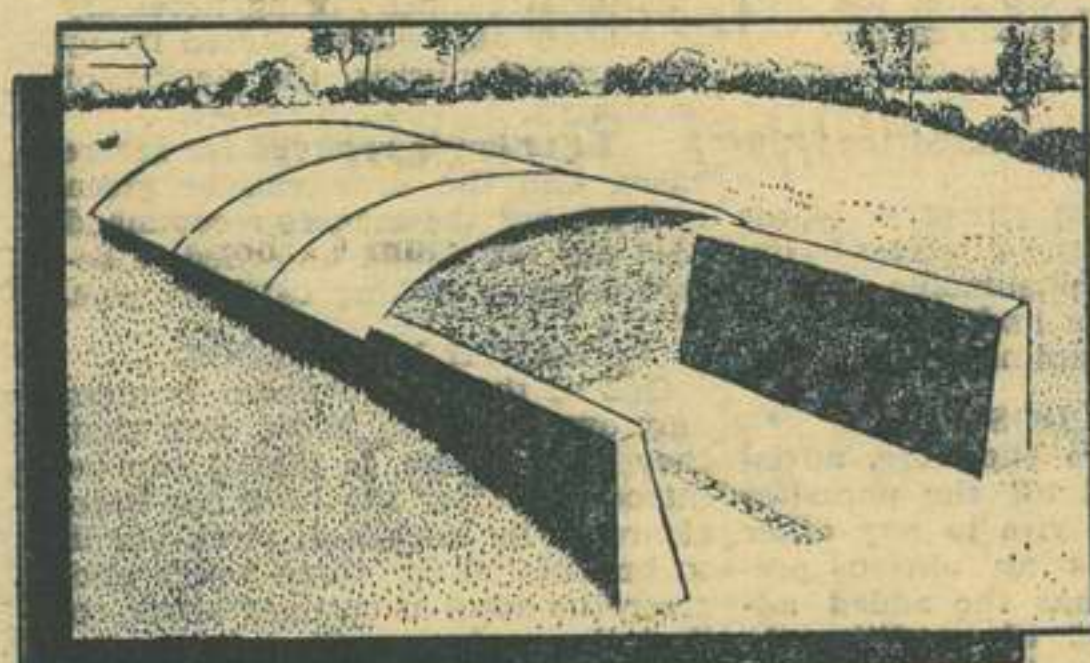


SIMPLE FIELD-TRENCH FOR GRASS SILAGE

his family realise that silage means more money, they will overcome their objections to the smell and, apart from that it is not difficult to arrange things so that much of the nuisance is eliminated.

### Rarely Wasted

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3. Fill the silo to a depth of 3 to 4 feet the day you begin.
4. Let a day or two pass for this filling to heat up to body heat (98°F).
5. Now fill in and trample well day after day until the silo is filled.
6. Fill the silo slowly if you are dealing with rich young grass in wet weather: molasses will help under these conditions. Fill quickly and pack hard if the grass is stemmy or the weather is warm and dry and temperature rises above 98°F.
7. Finish the silo by sealing off and putting on some type of covering to throw off the rain.

If you are making silage for the first time or if you have any problems, be sure to consult your Instructor in Agriculture or Parish Agent.

Read the Department's brochure on Silage.

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## LEAD IS A CATTLE KILLER

THE number of cases of lead poisoning among cattle, particularly younger animals, which have been dealt with by the Department of Agriculture laboratories at Thorndale, Dublin, suggest that this trouble is rather more common than might have been supposed.

In a recent note, Dr. L. O'Moore, of the Department staff, said that five cases of lead poisoning had been confirmed, per month, in the State laboratories, and these had come from a small number of vets. This would lead us to conclude that there were numbers of lead-poisoned cattle which died without a proper diagnosis being made, and also to imagine that the source of the poison may not have been removed.

It appears that paint is a common source, especially among young cattle, since these have a habit of chewing or licking old paint off buildings, even where the paint had been covered with whitewash. In one case 12 old paint tins, with paint still in them, had been found on a dump near a farm where cattle died from lead poisoning and it was obvious that the animals had been eating the paint out of the tins.

### Diagnosis

Other cases had been caused by cattle chewing such things as old

car battery plates, roofing felt, old tarpaulin and lumps of putty. Red lead used to mark calves had been licked off their backs by the animals and caused some deaths on another farm.

For the vet there is some difficulty in diagnosing lead poisoning and it may be confused with hair-ball, grass tetany or plant poisoning.

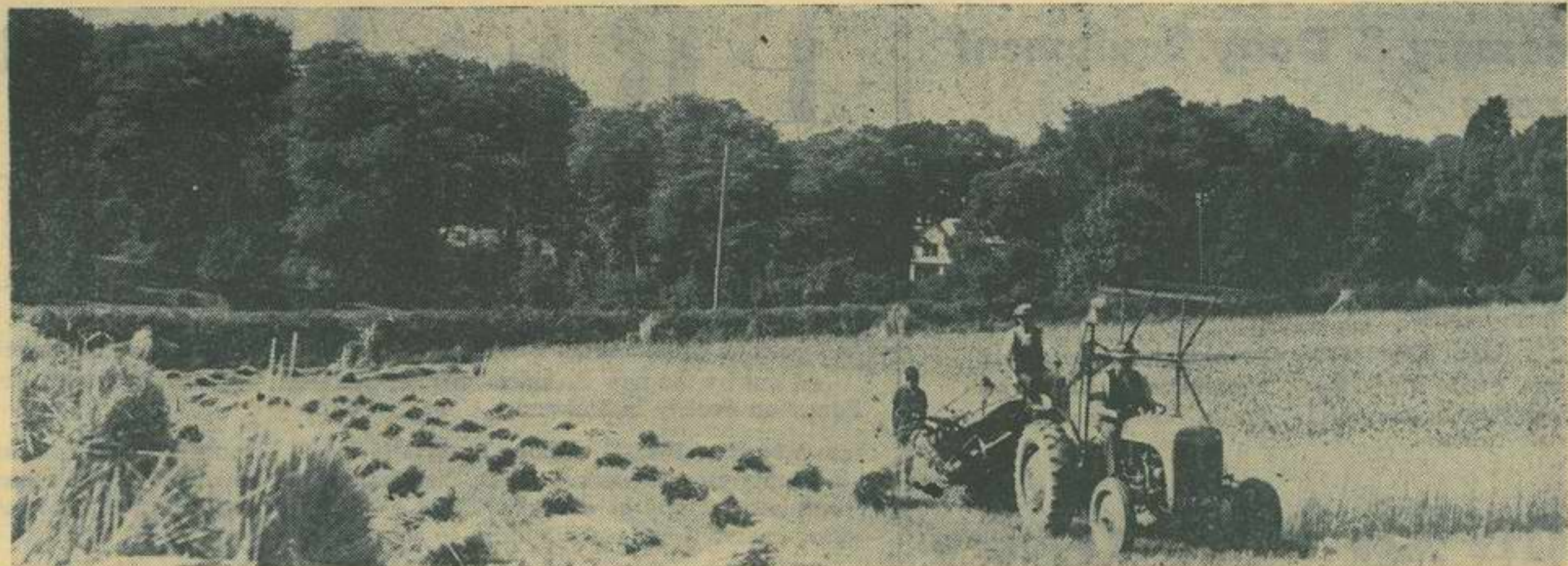
The trouble can be cured if caught in time. An animal poisoned by lead will be dull, grind its teeth and show signs of abdominal pain. Sometimes it may go blind and tremble, or it may only appear nervous and uneasy. Sometimes the animal will stand with its head pushed against a wall for an hour or more. Later there comes a sudden frenzy, the animal bellowing and charging and often trying to get up a wall. The last stage is collapse, with convulsions becoming more frequent until the animal dies.

Prevention is the answer to this trouble. Don't leave old paint tins around, let paint dry well on houses or preferably don't use it at all where cattle can get at it, and bury anything that is thrown out but may have lead in it.



### FILLING THE SILO

CHOPPED or lacerated grass in the silo makes it somewhat easier for the cattle to eat if they are self-fed. Trials indicate that cattle fed silage in troughs eat somewhat more than those self-fed, and that chopped silage is easier for them to eat from the pit face. However, the great thing about self-fed silage is the saving in labour, time and bother. Any disadvantage is slight and more than offset by this.



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IF YOU CAN GET DELIVERY OF THE LIMESTONE AND GET IT ON TO THE LAND, DO SO WITHOUT DELAY, BECAUSE THE LONGER IT IS ON THE LAND (UP TO A POINT) THE MORE GOOD IT WILL DO YOU.

The old practice of applying a certain prejudice against summer burnt lime to the land in winter liming, but this is merely a prejudice and has no basis in common-sense.

The advantages of summer liming are that it is usually easier to get delivery then, with the spring rush on the production plants over, and the cost is sometimes lower, and the fields are usually firm and dry, so that the spreaders can work rapidly and easily. The chance of getting a very windy day is also less in summer than at other times of the year. Also, it is easier to find a day with nothing more urgent to do.

So, if you can get your limestone delivered now, do so, and have it in the ground working for you. If you are cutting hay the only consideration is that it probably would be better to spread after the cut is made, similarly with silage cuts.

But ground limestone does not harm grazing stock when spread on grass. If spread on short grass it will all the sooner get to the ground of course.

### Apply Early

If lime is to be applied to land for ploughing, it is better to do so some time beforehand, as ploughing soon after applying the lime will only mean that it is buried where it will not do most good. If it is applied a year and a half before land is ploughed it will have been well washed into the earth and it will assist the rotting down of ploughed-in vegetation and make it a more efficient nutrient for the crop.

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# PRESIDENT'S BLUE-PRINT

THE position of Macra na Feirme and Macra na Tuaithe in the national agricultural pattern was set out by the new President, Mr. P. T. Donnelly, in a speech to the meeting of the Adult Education Society in University College, Cork.

From a basis of 200,000 working farmers (not Mr. Donnelly's estimate, but near enough, he thought, to work from) he worked it out that there is a potential 25,000 members possible for the two organisations, and he discarded 5,000 as a likely figure for those who from apathy or shyness or other causes would not be likely to join.

With a subscription of 5s. per member, plus 5s. from each club for each member, this, in Mr. Donnelly's thesis, gave an income of £10,000 annually, which, he said, would be needed to staff a headquarters in such a way that the job of Macra could really be done as it ought to be done.

#### EFFICIENCY AND LOYALTY

With the building of a new headquarters, paying high salaries to get efficient and loyal key officers and the working out of worthwhile programmes, this money would be needed as a starting point.

To bridge the gap between the present annual income of £3,000 and the £10,000 potential, Mr.

Donnelly recalled that the National Council had considered various ways. He did not advocate any particular way, but pointed out the necessity for getting the money if the movement was to be kept going at an accelerated pace, which was absolutely essential to its continued influence in the country.

#### Special Teachers

Deploring the fact that there was no curriculum with an agricultural slant in the national schools, Mr. Donnelly said that it should be possible to introduce this on a regional basis, with five-school groups of senior pupils meeting under a special teacher at one of the five schools for a certain number of hours each week.

This would produce youngsters who would have some idea of what farming was all about and who would be able to judge, to some extent, what appeal it had for them as a mode of earning their living.

Mr. Donnelly pointed out that the boy who is to inherit his father's farm was very often in a disadvantageous position. He was not given any opportunity for specialist education, but was expected to work hard from the school-leaving age and before it; was not encouraged to go to evening classes or to an agricultural school. His interests, which were the interests of farming in general, were sacrificed to those of the other members of the family who would become doctors, solicitors, civil servants and so on.

#### Ladder Of Enlightenment

The "ladder of enlightenment" visualised by Mr. Donnelly was through these special classes for the national school boys and girls, through Macra na Tuaithe branches based on the vocational schools, into Macra na Feirme, thence into the National Farmers Association, the Irish Countrywomen's Association and Muintir na Tire, where the former school children, now young adults, would take their place in a more significant way because of the education they had had on the various rungs of the ladder.

Macra would take care of the young people up to 25 years of age, but Mr. Donnelly envisaged

an ultimate reduction of the upper age limit of Macra to 21 years.

This looks like a sound scheme, since it gives the term 'Young Farmers' Clubs' some significance but Mr. Donnelly did not fail to pay tribute to the older members who had steered the clubs through their early formative years. He advocated the early introduction of the 25-year upper age limit, with a gradual reduction to 21 over a period of 20 years or so.

#### An Essential

Mr. Donnelly said that a new headquarters was essential and could be built for £3,000 or £4,000, he thought, leaving room for expansion as needed. This ought to be staffed with as efficient a personnel as could be got, and to get this they would have to pay high

#### CALF DEATHS

THERE is seldom a real excuse for a calf's death. The number of serious calf diseases is small, and the rest are easily treated or prevented. Numbers of calf deaths on any farm can be regarded as an indictment of the farmer and his methods.

salaries, which would also ensure that trained people would not desert the organisation for other fields at a time when they had become most useful.

The keyman, Mr. Donnelly saw as an educational director, who should be paid full expenses as well as a high salary, but who would be expected to formulate a full organisational programme

with courses, competitions, lectures, exchange visits, field days, tours, film-making, an apprenticeship scheme and the organisation of Macra na Tuaithe.

#### Further Help

This programme would be financed otherwise than out of the £10,000 annual revenue, and he hoped that earlier sources of aid such as commercial firms, the American Government and others would continue to be available. There was hope of further help from such things as the Kellogg Foundation, the Shaw Trust, the Carnegie Trust and the State.

Mr. Donnelly concluded by pointing out that Macra na Feirme, with Macra na Tuaithe, has filled a void in agricultural education that does not exist in other spheres—the professions, trades and management. He said that agriculture need knowledge as much as any of these and Macra was the only organisation that could see to its supply.

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By JOAN KELLY

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#### Details

Each applicant is asked to complete an enrolment form, giving in absolute confidence the essential details of themselves, the social and financial position being very important.

Also asked are your own wishes in regard to an 'ideal partner', and Mr. Brewster told me that most men show preference for girls with long, flowing hair.

Two clear post-card size photographs are required from every applicant writing into the marriage society. These and personal details are then filed into various groups of suitability. When a possible match arrives, each applicant receives a photograph with relevant details, and if both parties are interested a meeting is arranged.

The advantage of this system of

introduction is that the man and woman can consider not only the photographic qualities, but the social position, hobbies, family background and general interests so

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### STRAW HAT WITH FRILLS



This frilly hat, in fancy Swiss straw, has a double pie-frill trimming of nylon net.

### COOL NOTES

**Note:** A stiff petticoat under your dress not only rustles prettily, but is cooler to wear than a silky one that clings.

**Note:** If the day is a real scorcher, the more skin you expose to the sun the hotter you feel.

**Note:** To freshen up during the day, keep a sprinkle-top container of talcum powder in your office drawer.

**Note:** Stockings keep your feet from feeling sticky. To feel comfortable in warm weather, dust them with foot powder before beginning the day.

**Note:** Invaluable for quick

energy in tiring weather, a wineglassful of Lucozade. Children love it, too.

**Note:** Hands that grow moist in hot weather will benefit from a light spraying with one of the anti-perspirants that come in a squeezer-spray bottle.

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### FICKLE FASHION

This year the high Empire Bust-line tops the fashion pole and waist-lines mustn't be seen at all. To give last year's frock this new fashion look introduce a really wide cummerbund, reaching from under the bust-line, to just below the waist. This trick gives the latest line to last season's dresses, besides taking inches off and giving a flattering trimness to the waist.

Though fashion is fickle, white as a popular Summer colour will always remain. To give that extra something to the outdated suntop sew a band of snow white lace around the top edges and shoulder straps and presto! you are in fashion again.

White rims on your dark sun glasses make a flattering contrast against bronzed skin. If you wear specs normally, be fashionable and buy special tinted lenses that clip securely over ordinary frames.



# BEACHWEAR

By  
**TERRY DELARGY**



*Comfortable,  
Cool... and  
Attractive*

**T**HE cutest, smartest, most looked-after gals on the beach don't leave their fashion-sense for indoor occasions. For them all the sand is a stage and, being smart, they recognise where poise is needed.

Because there is more of you showing, more of you exposed to every eye, this is why a day on the beach can be a triumph for some, and a self-conscious ordeal for others. But it is up to you! Come out looking your best and you will feel it. The type who says "but look at my figure," should be consoled to know that few have the ideal measurements. But the smart girl scores by wearing clothes that could camouflage, yet catch the eye. She is clever too because she conceals by drawing attention to her best points.

## LOOK YOUR BEST THIS YEAR

### Do It The Easy Way

\* A tablespoon of ammonia, placed on a saucer, and left overnight in oven, stove, or cooker... is an easy and effective way of removing grease and stains.

\* Plums and like fruits, can be easily stoned without cutting them or losing the juice, if placed on the open neck of a bottle and the stone pushed through with a skewer.

\* An easy way to separate yolk from white of an egg, is to break it into a funnel.

\* To give glass that extra polish, and sparkle, try washing it in "blue" water. Then dry thoroughly with soft clean cloth.



Begin with your swim-suit, put it on. Look at your reflection and answer honestly, does it flatter the figure. Now, you want to look slender, and sleek. You want most of all to feel comfortable as you trip to the water. If the answer is no, well the time is at hand now to do something about it.

This year there is a wonderful variety of eye-catching models in all the shops designed to fit every type of figure. Be sure to try on before buying. Points to watch: your thighs, if they need reducing. Then select one with a pretty frilly skirt, or the newest bloomer styling. These are ideal for concealing.

A firm bra is another must in every suit, and all models on sale are fitted with some form of boning in the bodice. The larger, fuller, figures will be specially interested in designs which feature a fitted underbelt. These give just the support which is needed for the stomach muscles. Designers have used every trick in this season's display of swimsuits. So away with that moth-eaten togs. Hang on to it and you hang on to a complex.

### Good News

During the time you spend on the beach, how little of it you spend in the water. Ideal for a sun and sea background are fashionable towelling tops and these are real good news because they are inexpensive. Priced as low as 27/- they can be made to any pattern, in the gayest of towelling which can be bought from 9/11 a yard upwards.

Apart from the glamour they add when worn over shorts or a swim-suit, they are practical, too, because they are warm, so can serve as a cardigan.

Irishwomen, unless they are on continental shores, or on the Riviera where style is a must, are inclined to say "look at the Irish Summers... why bother about beachwear".

### Relax

The answer is if you are to take the beach in your stride, feel relaxed, happy and poised even for one annual outing. So what you wear is of utmost importance.

Go to the sea with a swimsuit you have outgrown and outworn and when the moment arrives to undress you are certain to feel as uncomfortable as a fish must out of water.

Beach wear once bought can take you through many a Summer, so it is worth the initial expense. It is worth having in your wardrobe a flattering swimsuit, a towelling top, a button through frock, or a dazzling, gay-coloured skirt that can be worn with a suntop.

If you want to go really gay, pick one of those brilliant straw hats, and you are ready to meet any eye on the beach.

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# BECKERS TEA

## Do You Wear Sunglasses?

**B**ECAUSE SUNGLASSES ADD MYSTERY TO EVERY FACE, I THINK THAT IS WHY THE MAJORITY OF US CAN NEVER RESIST THEM.

We may fool ourselves into seeking protection from the sun, yet how many of us consider our eyes, when we are attracted by glamorous frames, and see a flattering reflection of ourselves in a mirror.

Dark glasses give such a protection to the eyes behind them that it has become a fashion to wear them to-day in places where sun has never been known to shine. Such fashion could easily lead to early blindness.

If your eyes are young and healthy there is no real danger or risk to the eyes if you buy the cheaper glasses provided, of course, you only wear them occasionally. But if your eyes are weak; if you wear glasses normally, then it is essential for you to know what's in the sunglasses you buy, and if they are designed to suit you.

### Seek Advice

Moulded glass may appear all right, but if they are not ground & distortion near the edges may unknowingly do further harm to your sight. So if you are wise, before buying sunglasses, you will consult an optician.

Even the cheaper glasses should be tried for size, before handing your money over the counter. The right ones are those that reach far enough above the eye to protect from the downward rays of the sun. They should also be wide enough to protect the eyes at the corners.

Glasses need to be bowed, curved sufficiently to bend towards the temples. If they are too straight, a gap left at the sides has been responsible for many a blinding sun headache.

### Light Tints

Now, the normal healthy eye can take a certain amount of sun without any discomfort, so resist the temptation of living in your sunglasses. In Ireland we rarely get that white glare that calls for the heavily darkened lens, so pick ones that are lightly tinted.

Glasses should be meticulously clean, and it is a good idea to keep them in a case free of stains and fingermarks.

One last word... remember when you are getting up a tan on the rest of your face that you have eyes, too. So take off the specs or you could easily achieve an owl-like appearance.

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# Irish Men Want To Marry

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there is a common ground established before two people meet. One rigid rule of the society is that two people of different religions are never introduced.

## 90 per cent

"I believe," Mr. Brewster said, that 90 per cent. of Irishmen want to marry, but they are slow about making up their minds. "Some hold back for economic reasons, and it is a very small percentage that play the field." There has always been a great demand for farmers' daughters, and any girl who wants to marry a farmer is a sure bet."

With 700 marriages to the society's credit, Mr. Brewster is in the best position I know to speak authoritatively on the subject of the vanishing Irish.

"I do not hold with it for one moment" he said. "In this country there is a tendency for both men and women to delay serious intentions of marriage. Then it becomes difficult to meet partners. What I would worry about is not the vanishing problem, but the number of Irish people who leave marriage until it is sometimes too late."

## Advice

Mr. Brewster's advice for Irish girls is "Set your caps for 'em then go after 'em, and cut out all this nonsense about not wanting a man". "It is a girl's duty" he said, "to make provision for marriage just as much as it is a man's". "Most girls to-day spend every penny on style and amusements, and when the dream boy appears there's noth-

ing in the kitty towards the furnishing of a home."

This marriage society is the modern version of the old match-making idea, which has been a most successful feature of rural life. Sincerity is the keynote, and the Brewsters have the full approval of the Church for the work they are doing. So if you are marriageable, and unattached and the prospects are dim here's a solution.

Stay single if you wish, but remember you have only yourself to blame if you are left sitting on the shelf!

## Real Pleasure

IT used to be said that the one unfailing tonic for feminine spirits was a new hat, but it would seem that millinery has lost pride of place to nylons. Certainly there is no gift more sure of giving real pleasure, nothing in which a woman takes more pride, than nylons. The certainty that her stockings are good looking is guaranteed to give a lift to the feminine heart — stockings have, in fact, become "big business."

# Want

# Pretty Folk Dancers



Polish girls in traditional costume (at a reception by the Folk Dance and Song Society) are (l. to r.): J. Maciuszko, S. Kempa, A. Sukienicka, W. Rytwinska and W. Binieda.

# Lisdoonvarna Queen of Holiday Spas

IN the past, visitors to the above famous Spa were afforded a concrete opportunity of enjoying a perfect holiday. They had health-giving waters, bracing air, beautiful scenery and well-known social charm. Lisdoonvarna was baptised as the "Queen of the holiday Spas." The famous waters of the district are efficacious in the treatment of many bodily ailments and deficiencies. The waters comprise the sulphurous of which there are two springs and the chalybeate or iron. All the waters contain iodine, the sulphur being richest in iodine content, much of the efficacy of the waters, especially the sulphur water, is ascribed to their radio-active properties.

Lisdoonvarna, is patronised and enjoyed by both young and old.

Golf is now provided by a new 9-hole Pitch and Putt course amidst sylvan splendour in the Park.

Walks, numerous and pleasant, may be enjoyed in the vicinity of Lisdoonvarna. The Bog Road and the circular walk by the famous Spectacle Bridge is most popular with visitors.

Lisdoonvarna is justly proud of its hotels, their cuisine and service. They are imitated by many, equalled by few and surpassed by none.

## DID YOU DO IT?

Did you bottle any fruit?

Did you make any jam?

What did you do with all the black currants? Did the blackbirds eat them all?

Are your pantry shelves filling up again with gooseberry, raspberry and rhubarb jam?

If not . . . tis time to hurry on with the job.

In addition to the hot sulphur baths, treatments include various electric and medicated baths, ionization and electric massage. Also available are Infra Red treatment, Radiant Heat, Faradism, massage, wax baths and Short Wave Diathermy at a cost from 5/- to 10/-. A qualified masseur and masseuse are in attendance during the season.

Visitors to the above Spa can enjoy its holiday atmosphere, its gaiety and hospitality, the spirit of comradeship that prevails among its visitors and the ease with which one can slip into the whirl of spontaneous enjoyment. Lisdoonvarna is the land of perpetual youth, the old become young and the young become younger and the birthplace of eternal friendships.

The following necessarily summarised list of unequalled attractions shows what Lisdoonvarna can provide for the visitor.

A thirty-acre Park laid out with walks, seats, shrubs and trees—a Paradise for those who need a restful holiday.

Dances are held regularly in the spacious Pavilion and in some of the spacious hotels at which all visitors are always welcome.

Bathing at Doolin, four miles from

## HOT WATER IS CHEAP.

THERE was a time when grandfather had to break the ice before washing his face on a Winter's morning, but I doubt if there are any homes in the country where this happens to-day. Hot water is no longer a luxury. Without it, real cleanliness becomes difficult, and comfort ceases to be a matter of routine. . .

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# Are You Faddy About Food?

FROM gourmet to picker, we all have our fads about food. Some take water with a meal, others believe it is the very worst thing for the digestion. Particular fads apart, there are many others that have been passed on and handed down from one generation to another, so if any of the following are yours, now is the time to get rid of them.

**Q.**—Are you faddy about eggs? Do you think brown eggs more nutritious than white?

**A.**—Eggs are eggs. Food value may vary slightly only according to the diet of the hen, so never judge the egg by the colour.

**Q.**—Do you think beef should be eaten rare, believing that the rich red juices are good for the blood stream?

**A.**—Well, blood is completely indigestible so the "rich red juices" have no special merit. Take your beef as you like, as long as it isn't burnt to a crisp. Careful studies show that it makes no difference whether the beef is rare, medium or well-done.

**Q.**—Do you think fish is a brain food?

**A.**—Fish contains phosphorus; so does brain tissue. But no food "feeds" a specific organ. Phosphorus from fish may end up in brain, nerves, or teeth, along with phosphor-

ous from milk, beefsteak, etc.

**Q.**—Do you believe fried foods are generally hard on the stomach?

**A.**—Well, you are not alone, for this belief is widespread. However, careful investigation finds no evidence and fried eggs are as easily digested as those that are boiled. The Council on Foods and Nutrition says that the fat of the popular fried food, the doughnut, and of similar products, is digested and utilized just as easily as the same amount of fat in different form. Fat remaining in the stomach longer than other food elements, but that does not mean indigestibility. Buttered toast lingers longer than dried toast, makes it more satisfying. Improperly fried foods in which the fat is greasy, lumpy, or scorched are, of course, more difficult to handle.

**Q.**—Do you think sugar is a superior energy-giving food?

**A.**—Energy food is a misleading term because all common food, except salt, and water supply energy, which has nothing to do with energy in the popular sense of vigour and endurance. Food energy is measured in calories. Too many of these make you fat. Sugar and other simple carbohydrates are quickly digested; their chemical energy runs quickly into the bloodstream.

## Latest In Hairstyles



# What's Your Problem?

WHEN the Editor asked me to take over the Problem Corner of "Woman's News," I must admit I was a little sceptical. Who would bother writing to me I thought. You see, I am inclined to be cynical. I thought what people like to-day is a name, and I knew if I mentioned mine it would convey nothing. To my surprise, nameless me got a stack of letters. Some I shall have to reply to personally, others, because of space, I will hold over until next month. I can now sign my name and ask you to write whenever you have a problem. Need I add I will give them my personal attention.

Sincerely yours,  
MARY FERGUSON.

### SKERRIES READER WRITES:

I was charmed by the tips given in last month's article, "Glamour Bride" for £55. My daughter is getting married in September and she intends wearing an oatmeal frock with lemon accessories. What flowers would you suggest for her bouquet.

I am no expert on flowers, but I rang "Marie Jeane," florist of Dawson St. and asked for advice. She suggested a carrying bouquet of lemon roses. My good wishes to the future bride.

### CITY GAL WRITES:

Last year on holidays I met a very nice boy and we have been corresponding regularly. He has visited me in the city many times, and now he has asked me to marry him. I love him dearly, but I feel a city girl like me would never make a farmer's wife. Can you advise me.

I know many a city girl who has married a farmer, and managed to live happily ever afterwards. But it is up to you. If you love this boy you should be prepared to make a few sacrifices. Somehow I think you don't, or you would not have hesitated.

### K.B. OF RATHGAR WRITES:

I am thirty years old, and for the past two years I have been doing a lina with a boy who is seven years

my junior. He is very much in love with me and wants me to marry him next year. I love him too, but I wonder would our love overcome the difference in our years? Please advise me.

Of course it would. If it was to make a big difference, this boy and you would have broken off long before now. One cannot generalise about age; some men are naturally attracted to the older woman. If your sense of values is the same, I can't see how a few years here or there would make any difference to your marriage.

### B.K. OF SANDYMOUNT WRITES:

I have been keeping company with a girl friend for two years; we had a disagreement and parted. I have now made a new friendship with another girl, whom I met on a few occasions. My first girl friend has now written an apology to me. Should I go back to her or stay with my new girl friend.

Must say this beats me. I like the sound of a girl who can see where she is wrong and apologises. But what about No. 2. After all, she deserves more than a brush off. If I were in your shoes I would meet the first girl, accept her apology, see how I feel about her before making any final decision.

### BLONDIE FROM LIXNAW WRITES:

I am naturally shy or self-conscious (I do not know which), and I am inclined to blush for no reason whatsoever. I have tried to prevent myself. Can you suggest any way of overcoming this feeling as I feel so embarrassed. I take this opportunity to wish you every success with "What's Your Problem."

Thank you, Blondie. I suggest you stop thinking about it. You are not helping yourself when you think about blushing the way you do. What's wrong with a blush anyway. I think it is one of the most refreshing things to see. It suggests somebody sensitive, and uncertain. Believe you me, these signs always go to the onlooker's heart. Me—I only regret I can't blush. I used to once but I grew out of it long ago.

## SUMMER TIT-BIT

THE old cooks never let the season go by without making a pie or tart from gooseberries. Gooseberries smell of summer days—long and sunny—and have a piquant flavour all their own. The recipe for this tart is from memory—

½lb. gooseberries  
4 or 5oz. sugar  
Very little water.

Top and tail the gooseberries and stew them in very little water—just enough to keep them from sticking to the saucepan. When soft, add the sugar and boil for a couple of minutes. Allow to cool.

Make a short crust pastry with 6oz. flour, 4oz. butter or margarine, pinch of salt.

Roll out pastry to ¼" thickness. Spread the stewed cold gooseberries on it and cover with remainder of pastry. Press edges well together and seal them off. Bake in a hot oven till lightly browned (about 20 minutes). Cool a little and slightly dust with castor sugar. Eat while still slightly warm.

## Stock Up While The Sun Shines

SUMMER sun, heat waves and days by the cooling sea. Who would bother to think now of winter warmth and cheery turf fires dancing merrily in the grate.

Not many; and that is where they are wrong. For this is the right time of year to lay in your fuel supplies for the long winter ahead.

"Winter" you will say, "who wants to think about it now. Perish the thought."

Well, here are a few tips. If you buy Bord na Mona's machine-won turf NOW you can be sure of getting the very best quality. Give in your order and there will be no delay for supply conditions are easiest at this time of year. Transport is plentiful, and haulage rates, with little current demand for this kind of work are relatively cheap.

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*Peg McGehan Tells How To—*

**FURNISH YOUR DREAM HOUSE**

I DON'T MIND ADMITTING IT . . . BILL AND I HAD NOT A PENNY TO OUR NAMES WHEN HE PROPOSED TO ME AND I ACCEPTED. ME, WELL I WAS ALWAYS A ONE TO SPEND. NOT THAT I EARNED VERY MUCH AS A TYPIST—WHAT WITH THE ODD DANCE, THE BIT OF STYLE, AND THE CIGARETTES, I WAS USUALLY DOWN TO THE LAST BOB WHEN IT CAME TO FRIDAY.

Bill was the same. If anything he was worse. Had he been rich, I would have got a Jag. and a mink during the first months of our courtship. However, once we made up our minds to get married, we got down to brass tacks, and began saving as hard as we could.

Surprising what you can do when you really make up your mind to do it. Cigarettes had to go. I spent a week snapping off people; after that I wondered why I had ever bothered smoking at all.

I won't bore you listing off the niggling and pinching we had to do before accumulating £600. I will just mention the time. It took most of two years, and I think it only fair to mention that £100 of that sum was made easy when Bill in real hero style decided to sell his little two seater car.

Our wedding was modest, I made practically everything I wore. We had a week in London and after that we came back and lived in a wretched flat for six months before moving into our own house. Moving in sounds easy if you have never experienced what it really means to buy a house. First there's the site, then the builder, then the loan, after that the deposit, and by the time we really owned the key, I began to wish we had never got married at all.

**Waiting . . .**

It was the flat, I think, that was getting me down. The unopened presents, the feeling that there was absolutely no point doing anything because after all we were going to move out. Some time before we actually did, I had been looking around in the shops. Examining cookers, furniture, curtains, floor coverings, in fact the lot. When the time came to move in, all I wanted was Bill's O.K. on my ideas. I was lucky. We thought alike.

That evening I brought him up to Brendan Dunne's wonderful showrooms in Dawson Street, I thought my heart would sing when he approved of my contemporary ideas.

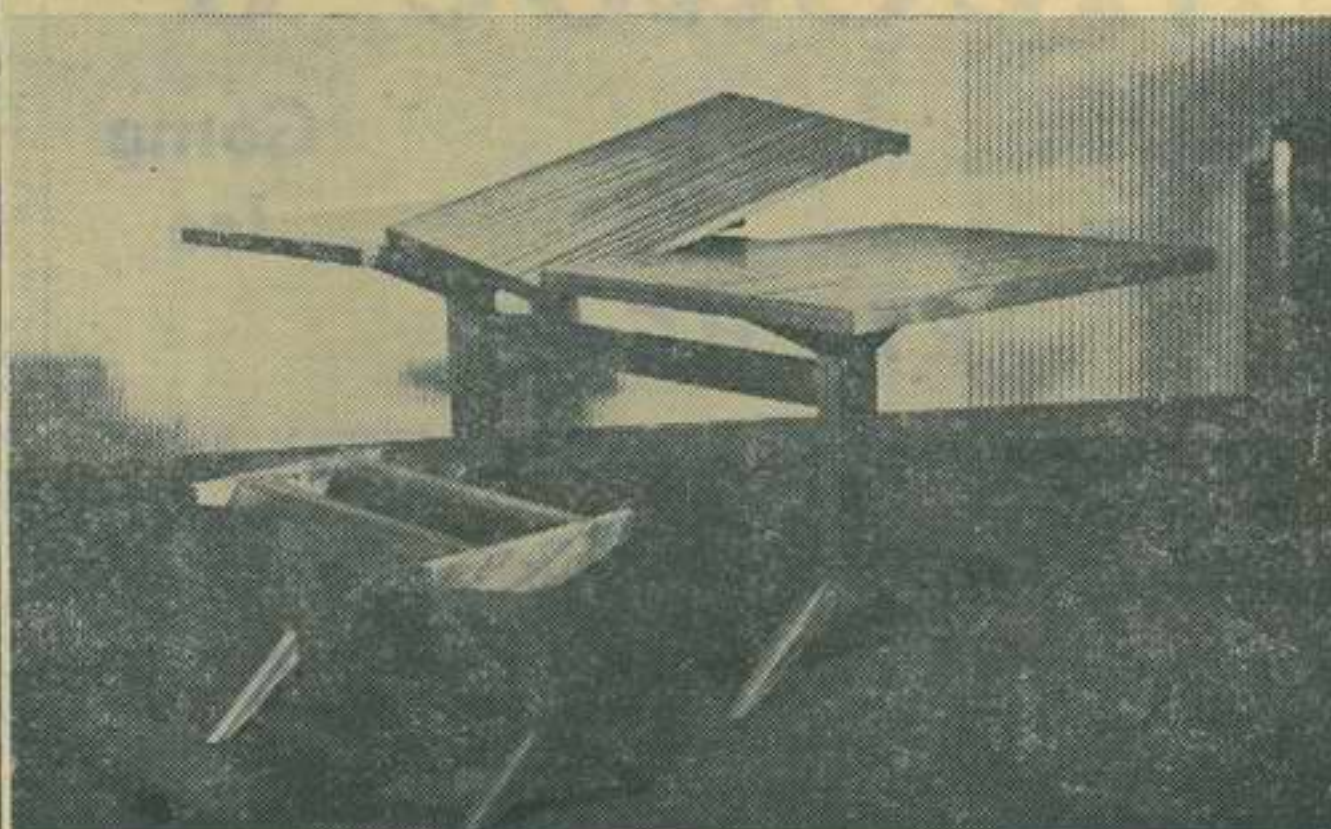
You see, I had been thinking it out. Even on the honeymoon I caught myself thinking of furniture, carpets and fittings. Everywhere we went I found myself looking around and turning over in my head other people's ideas. So when I dreamed it out, it was always a contemporary house.

We had £380 for furnishings and if you think I am extravagant, let me tell you I bought essentials and sacrificed even a washing machine, in order to put covering on the stairs. Apart from the cooker which cost £46 10s. from the E.S.B., and the kitchen table with Formica top, and two matching stools, all the rest of our furniture, curtains and flooring came from Brendan Dunne's.

**Guarantee**

For the bedroom we bought a divan bed 4' 6", and wonderfully sprung. It cost £21-12-0 and with it went a five-year guarantee. Built-in wardrobes did away with the need to provide for holding our clothes. For a dressing table I picked the "Annette" design,

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TELESCOPIC TABLE . . . Note the clever way contemporary design has solved that problem of the spare leaf. Price, £34-15s.

In our living room we have four easy, comfortable chairs, plus the occasional table which is part of the dining room suite. To balance the budget we varied the price of the fireside chairs. Two we got at the low price of £7 a piece. Then we went for broke and spent £22 on the other two chairs.

So I am wildly extravagant? Perhaps you could furnish a house on less than £380—and have enough left over for labour-saving ideas. One thing I know, you could have a contemporary house much, much

cheaper. Mr. Dunne has a wonderful budget offer . . . B/R, D/R, and L/R for a total of £170. But then you are you. What I have is my own particular dream come true.

In my home is the furniture I know I can live with. It is elegant, well designed, and suits my taste. It is said that our homes reflect our personalities . . . so Bill and I are always glad that we saved up to make our home comfortable, exciting, and interesting to the stranger's eye.

**BUYING POINTS**

\* When you are buying a wardrobe, swing open the door and see how firmly the whole piece is built. Run your hand inside the top, if it is solid there should be no break in the surface from door to back. Examine and see it is sensibly fitted—there are fittings like shoe and tie rails that will prove very handy.

\* A dressing table is not an ornament so sit at it, and look into the mirror. See how evenly it reflects. If it is good you should not detect the slightest trace of blemish. Do not forget to examine the drawers, pull them out, see that they slide in and out smoothly.

\* When you have chosen the

pieces of furniture that meet your requirements look at the back before deciding finally, for this is the tell-tale place where skimping and bad workmanship can be detected.

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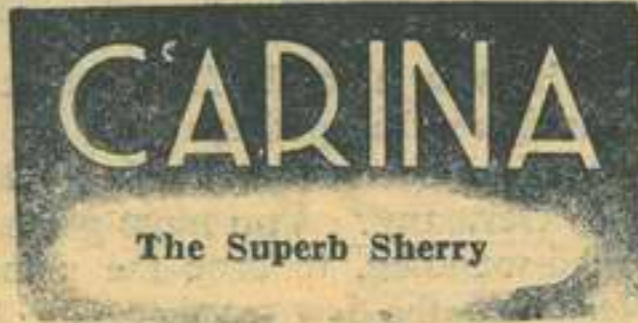
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The Ormonde Hotel was apparently a popular meeting place for the men-about-town of the day. Probably frequented too, by Joyce himself. But popularity of the well known Dublin hotel, much larger now, does not depend on the immortality of Joyce's literature. It has built its own reputation through the years for comfort, service and good food.

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### New Extension

Up to recently the Ormonde Hotel which was comprised of 8, 9, 10 and 11 Ormond Quay, contained 60 bedrooms—all with modern amenities, and some with private bathrooms attached. A sizeable hotel at that, but ever increasing popularity called for further expansion. A new extension was planned this year. Premises next door were acquired, and a new up-to-date wing is just now in the final stages of completion.

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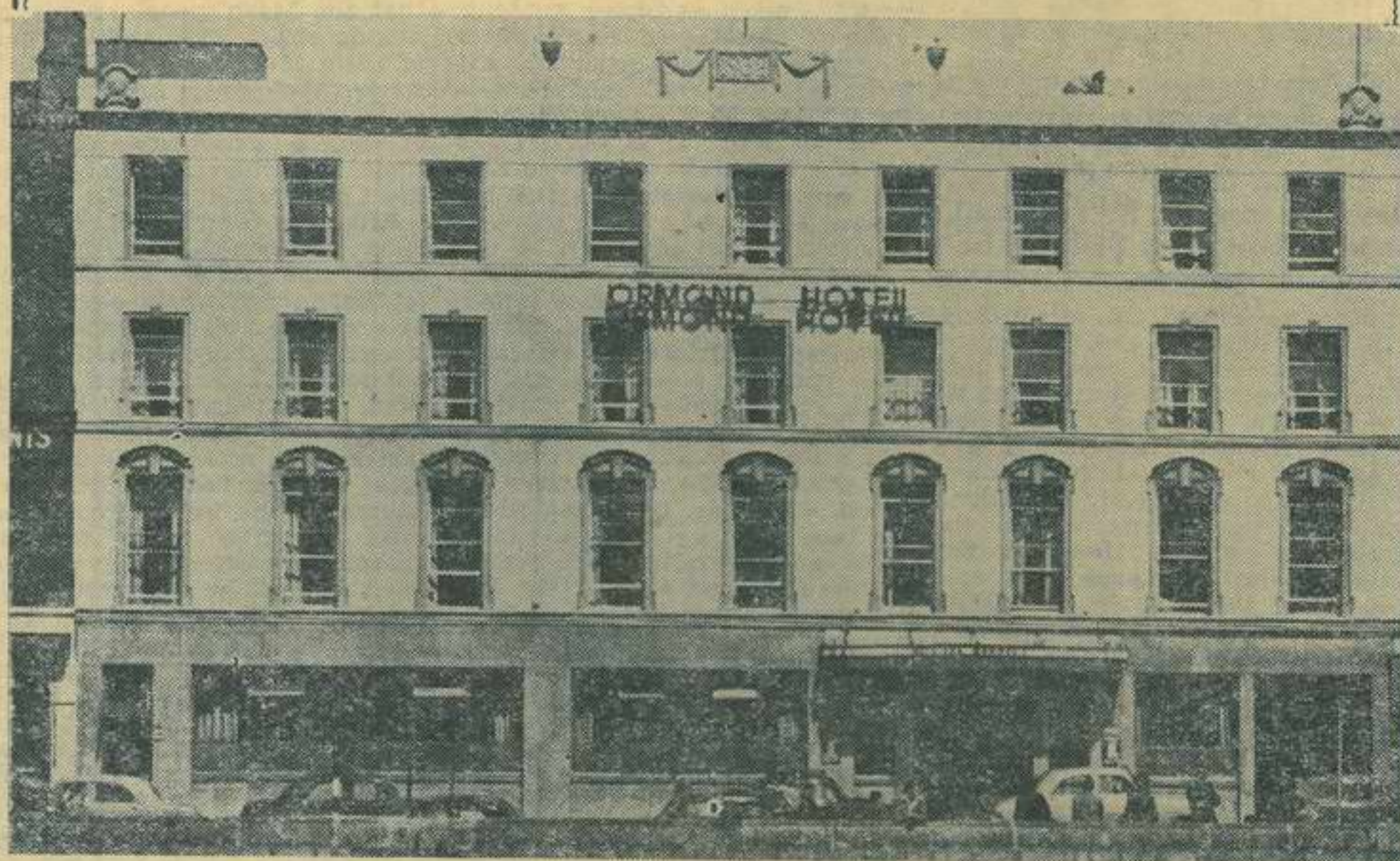


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Private bathrooms are attached to nearly all the bedrooms in the new section, and each of the 12 will have its own telephone.

The ground floor of the extension is being rented to the Irish Sewing Cotton Co. of Westport, Co. Mayo, who will use it as a depot for their Dublin and export trade, while the hotel laundry will take over the basement.

During the present renovations, too, the Ormond's complete heating and cooking system is being changed over to oil.

Yes, it is a far cry from the 16th of June, 1904. The Ormond Hotel today, in size and all modern amenities, is one of the finest in Ireland.

... Ghosts of Mr. Dedalus, Blazes Boylan and Lenehan drinking in the cool bar . . . and Leopold Bloom hidden, eating liverslices, fried cod's roes, sipping cider, and Ritchie Goulding across the room.

"Bronze by gold, Miss Douce's

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## Through The Years

**MEET** Frank Heaney, long service head cellarman in the Ormond Hotel. He came there when Mr. P. J. O'Malley, one of the well-known Westport family, took over the hotel in 1922.

Frank, as much a part of the place as the very walls, has many memories of his years in the Ormond.

**TRAGEDY:** Sean Hales leaving the hotel with Padraig O Maille one day during the fierce fighting of the Civil War. Mounting a sidecar outside. A shot rang out and Sean Hales dropped dead in his seat.

### HUMOUR and a TRIUMPH

When the old Ormond, No's. 8 and 9 Ormond Quay, took over No's 10 and 11 next door the existing wine and spirit licence would not be extended to the new premises. An incongruous situation thus arose. The new diningroom extended across portions of the old and new sections: drink could be served to customers on the old side but not on the new. Partition on a new scale! The authorities said "not an inch".

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## DOWN BY THE SALLY GARDEN

By K. O'BRIEN.

MANY a rod I cut of fine sally to beat myself. I can't say if the application of that pliable bough made me the better or worse. What matter anyway? But the sally itself grew in a spot more conducive to dreams than a call to the bar of justice.

You came to it: if you walked up the boren lined with white-thorn and woodbine in the evening, when the perfume of both drowns the air, you could linger there, 'till the call to the Rosary came over the fields and you lazily and reluctantly got up from your rest and surveyed the fern fronds towering over the smaller growths of the wayside.

### COOL WATERS

If you had walked on instead of lingering, you would have come to the sally garden, sloping down to the river. You could have hoisted yourself on to the branches that leaned out over the water and dipped your toes in the little wavelets caused by the sudden scurry of a water hen from the edge of the stream.

In summer you could fill your arms with wild yellow irises or marigolds of the same colour, and if you had a hat at all you could be your own milliner, for there were thousands of little forget-me-nots starring the stream-side.

A little twist and chain made them into the loveliest spray that looked wonderful when fresh, but faded, alas! overnight.

### FAIRY FLOWERS

Underfoot it was always moist and soft. The sun came only slantingly over the moss; the grass was greener and longer by the stream; the marigolds caught and held the rain or dew-drops. If you touched them, the silver liquid slid over the petals and was lost among the grasses. Dandelion 'clocks' grew like fairy lollipops on the bank; no matter how many you blew on to tell the time, no two ever registered the same hour.

### HIDING

It was a great place for hide and seek. You could lie unobserved for hours in the tall reeds; you could scamper round the holly bush—the only patch of dark green in the place; you could dodge from iris clump to iris clump and if nobody noticed the tall stems bent, you could lie there too.

If you had luck in your cap you could swing out on a branch and jump to the opposite side of the stream, leaving the seekers at a dead loss. You could run home with a load of flowering gorse, golden or speckled with purple, to find, perhaps, the seekers there before you, for the longest way round wasn't the shortest way home from the sally garden.

# Hints On Holidays

By MALACHY HYNES

FOR since the thought got into my head, I can neither stand nor sit until I find myself in the middle of the County Mayo!

That, poetically, was how "Blind" Raftery felt while working up a holiday mood, and naturally enough, since he was a Mayo man. But if you're not from Mayo, and if you've not yet definitely made up your own, your wife's and your family's minds as to where you all will frolic the hollies this summer, it's very hard, indeed, to advise you simply because almost every place in Ireland is just as attractive as another for this purpose.

Now, I had a map on the floor, looking down on it from this typewriter as I was mentally floundering around for a handy way to start this article to give you some tips on your forthcoming holiday agenda. I couldn't, of course, mention all the likely spots, even if I had this entire issue of "Woman's News" to describe half of them—that was the snag. In the throes of the dilemma the door buzzer buzzed, and I jumped up so precipitously that I knocked over an ink bottle, and it knocked against my tobacco jar and shot splatters all over that afore-map of Ireland on the floor. So I noted the places the largest splashes thus accidentally indicated, and here is the result:—

Bray, Bri Cualann — the Hill of Cuala—only 13 miles from the metropolis has, with its mild climate and the wide wonder of its lashings of picturesqueness, attractions galore for the holiday-goer of every inclination. The over-a-mile-long beach basking beneath that majestic headland — the secluded beach walks, the rowing trips and diverse other aquatic features—are rivalled by the tug of the attractions spread out all over the Wicklow Mountains all within a short ride from this hearty and hospitable town, which has relaxing, or stimulating appeals for each and every member of your family.

### CAPSIZED INKPOT

So much for one of the largest spots my capsized inkpot made at random on the Tourist map. Now for another—Warrenpoint.

County Down's terrain is as full of ups and downs as its very bumpy

history is; indeed, in all Ireland, there are hardly more hilly countryside than in this beautiful northerly prospect, where lush fertility everywhere gladdens the view. Small, verdant nicely-rounded and bedecked with romantic legendary, these hills sit prettily throughout most of the County but in the peninsula between Dundrum Bay and Carlingford Lough they rear up into the 15-mile stretch of Mourne's mountain wonderland, topped by Slieve Donard's 2,769 feet. While you're up there, visit Kilkeel, (ten miles from Rostrevor) which in recent times has become as famous as a holiday favourite as it always was as a fishing port. Up stream on the Kilkeel river you'll find one of the most charming of all northern beauty spots—the Silent Valley. And by the way, you anglers will find salmon and trout on the Annalong and White Water, as game as those of the Corrib.

Somehow or other that tourist guide of a crashed inkpot created quite a few rather large splashes in the northern part of that map of Ireland spread beneath my typewriter; but I must hasten to describe other strong holiday possibilities thus indicated, so in the words of Yeats—"I will arise now, and go to Innisfree".

Which brings us to Sligo, a city and county of such compelling charm that even that most sour of all philosophers, Carlyle, waxed rhapsodic when it worked him under its spell. From every angle of its approaches, the visitor is conditioned to striking beauty, particularly if

one drives down from Donegal.

Sitting prettily below squat Bulbin on the very historic Garavogue, Sligo's spick and span, go-getting port has about as high a concentration of true Gaelic hospitality as Connacht has; and modern as is its bustling impression, reminders of its antiquity are on every hand.

And so to Mayo: If you're thinking of a few weeks sojourn in Sligo this summer, thoughts of the bordering Mayo, can't be far away, so let's take a brief once-over.

Of Mayo's 1,355,048 acres, 57,940 comprise its lakes, and there is more water and vastly more islands (in Clew Bay) in front of it than many Irish counties along our glorious Atlantic approaches, its coastline being beautifully battered by the wild artistry of that ocean, resulting in those wordless seascapes of Achill, Clew Bay, Belmullet, Blacksod Bay, etc. Its rivers are full of fishes, and so are its lakes. Indeed, to "the Compleat Angler," the Moy and Lough Conn are synonymous with the word "salmon". Like everything else in the Mayo holiday line, Mayo's mountains are "Big Stuff" and they're attractively arranged all over the place in magnificent scenery from Nephin (2,646 feet) away down to Croagh Patrick

(2,500). Having large areas of bogs, hosts of legends arise from its pre-historic mists. Adding up these vacation assets and keeping in mind that the Mayo people never stop talking about Mayo and that many of them are quite well able to describe, photograph and paint it, it seems rather superfluous further to enumerate its particularly recreative spots. But wherever you go there, don't miss Achill.

Killarney, Galway and all sorts of other vacation haunts I see are largely splashed on my tourist map by that inkpot, which elected itself as a tourist guide as already described; but there are all sorts of not so well known places which it (and the tourist writers) skip, though the world-travelled vacationists who, accidentally discovered these off the beaten track beauty haunts by themselves would gladly extol for you their variegated charms at greater length and with more compelling arguments than those which the professional Travel writers have so perfunctorily lavished on Ireland's foremost tourist 'Musts'. So at Miltown-Malbay of Spanish Point glories, by far one of the grandest of all these holiday possibilities, I leave you. Tell them I sent you.

## THE ORMOND HOTEL

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head by Miss Kennedy's head, over the crossblind of the Ormond bar . . .

And a voice, singing:

"Braintipped, cheek touched with flame, they listened feeling that flow endearing flow over skin limbs human heart soul spine. Bloom signed to Pat, bald Pat is a waiter hard of hearing, to set ajar the door of the bar . . . Through the hush

of air a voice sang to them low, not rain, not leaves in murmur, like no voice of strings of reeds or whatdo-youcallthem dulcimers, touching their still ears with words, still hearts of their each his remembered lives. Good, good to hear: sorrow from them each seemed to from both depart when first they heard . . ."

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In whatever other directions she may have succumbed Ireland has until now seemed safe from this particular American influence because serving merchandise through machines has lent itself more to

ritual than to mechanical operation.

### ALL REQUIREMENTS

But now at last the ceremony of the warmed pot and the freshly boiled water is being challenged. An automatic machine now dispenses a warm pot of tea with or without sugar. The machines also dispense Coffee, with or without cream, with or without sugar. Soup, Soft drinks, Nylon Stockings, Cold Beverages, Cigarettes, Handkerchiefs, Books, Perfume, Bubble Gum, Card Gum Vendors, Role of Films, etc.

While it is still too early to say whether Irish families will take it to their hearts and hearths, it is said to be proving popular in sports clubs, canteens and other social centres.

### TEA MACHINE

Two coin slots are provided on this machine—one for tea with sugar, one for tea without. The tea in the machine has been extracted from the leaf by a special process. After extraction it is canned and deep frozen to keep it fresh until ready for use. The milk is kept in a refrigerated compartment of the machine until the customer's coin trips the mechanism which delivers milk, tea and hot water into a cardboard cup. The machine will fill 150 cups before it has to be recharged.

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Horse-jumping will be one of the major attractions at the Kildare County Show at Athy on July 10 and 11. Above is a picture of the most famous show-jumping pair of all time—Colonel Harry Llewellyn on the superb Foxhunter.

The Show will be held in Athy's spacious Show Grounds on Wednesday and Thursday, July 10 and 11.

This will be the third successive year for Athy Show Society to promote the County Show, and the fifth time since the Society was reformed in 1952.

The Athy Show Society, ably led by its secretary, Mr. Leonard F. Craig, have devoted a tremendous amount of time and energy for many weeks past to the hundred and one jobs that will dovetail into making the Show the success that it has been in recent years.

Entries, which closed on June 29, have once again flowed in from all parts of the country. Almost every county in Ireland will be represented in one or other of the sections which go to make up a very heavy and varied programme.

It includes Sections for Cattle, Horses, Sheep and Pigs, Farm and Garden Produce, Flowers, Dairy and Poultry, Home Produce, and Home Industries.

### Attraction

Jumping, one of the big attractions of the Show, will be held on Wednesday and Thursday. Only Ballsbridge can boast of horse-jumping competitions of the quality and interest of those which have been seen at Athy Show, and visitors can be certain that the standard this year will measure up to that set in the past.

The jumping enclosure is probably the best in rural Ireland. The Society own their own fences, which are second only to those at Ballsbridge.

There is a large members' enclosure with comfortable seating, and with its own bar and refreshments. Another big attraction will be the Championship Dog Show (Wed. 10).

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## HAY MAKES CREAM

PROFESSOR H. D. KAY, of the National Institute for Research in Dairying, England, said during his recent visit to Cork that if the butter-fat content of cows' milk drops in summer it can often be raised again by feeding them some hay before they go out to pasture in the morning after milking.

## Meath Grass Tests Quash Old Theory

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The same applies to milk production. The need for fertiliser is actually greater on farms where milk is produced and young stock are reared. This is a rather important fact in Meath as many farmers have gone into milk production in recent years without making any arrangements for increased fertiliser consumption to offset the greater drain of fertility from their land. In Ireland today on a few farms yields of up to 600 gallons of milk per Irish acre are being secured where the owner has taken a keen interest in fertilising grass. These farmers are keeping a cow on less than an Irish acre with full feed for the whole year—the diet consisting of good grass and good silage.

### DOES MANURING PAY DIVIDENDS?

This is probably the first question ever asked about manures. It is a natural question however as one would not have any justification in urging farmers to use fertiliser if the results did not show a profit.

The farmer who uses no manures

on grass usually consoles himself by declaring that it's a waste of good money. The progressive grassland farmer, however, will be the first to admit that every bag he used has shown a profit. Which of them can we believe? It is certainly a strange situation: many farmers would not dream of spending £5 per Irish acre on improving the grass on their own farm, and at the same time they are prepared to outbid their neighbour to the tune of £15 to £20 an acre for the purpose of renting conacre for grazing on farms which possibly have not had a bag of fertiliser since Adam was a boy—a strange situation surely! A change of mind among farmers towards this whole conacre system is years overdue.

Another important point is that the Co. Meath producer of beef, lamb and liquid milk can increase his output confident that this increase will not be met by lower prices and a fall in demand. The demand is there for these products and prices have been firm in recent times. We have the English market to ourselves for forward stores and fat cattle. In the case of bacon and eggs we must compete with the Danes who have brought high production and efficient marketing to a fine art. We should take advantage of this fact that we have the cattle market to ourselves.

### BETTER GRASS USE MEANS MORE PROFITS

Grass is recognised by most farmers as the cheapest source of feed. The provision of feed absorbs the largest part of the dairy farmer's outlay. Consequently, the optimum use of grass is an important factor in profitability. The authors of a recent report by I.C.I. show just how important it can become.

## NITROGEN HELPS TO BRIDGE THAT 'HUNGRY GAP'

By PHIL CREAVER

IN New Zealand, nitrogenous manures are used only to a very small extent, the farmers preferring to grow clovers which fix nitrogen in the soil, getting it from the air through the medium of bacteria in their roots.

This is probably a limiting factor on production, but it is, of course, cheaper than bag nitrogen since the clover also is excellent feeding.

The farmer using this method has to cut his cloth according to his measure and whether the New Zealanders have the best of it remains to be proved.

For farmers in this country, and most others, it would appear that bag Nitrogen has a definite place, particularly in the production of early grass to lengthen the grazing season and bridge the gap between the time winter feed runs out and grass comes into full production—the "hungry gap" of tradition.

Temporary leys have proved their value many times over, giving very good feeding in April, after dressing with 1 cwt. or 1½ cwt. of a nitrogenous manure, providing the potash and phosphate status is also correct, as well as that of lime.

Even new permanent leys can be induced to produce earlier in their first three or four years by this sort of treatment.

Many farmers get excellent results from them by strip grazing and making applications of nitrogenous manures at two or three weeks intervals. Where early lambs, suckling ewes or dairy cows have been fed on fields treated in this way, a second dressing of manure and the grass rested for a while, will bring the grass back into full production to give a cut for hay or silage.

It is often found that the clover in these fields is not doing as well as expected, but a dressing of potash will usually help it. The clover plant develops later than most grasses, so it may get left behind in the race that is stimulated by the nitrogen.

If, however, the fields are grazed off fairly bare in April, left to rest during early May and the clovers allowed to come on, these will build up the Nitrogen in the soil during the summer.

## WATCH FOR RINGWORM ON CATTLE

THIS is the time to start keeping an eye open for the appearance of ringworm, particularly in store cattle and calves. If the cattle are not in the best condition they are more likely to show attacks, so good feeding and proper management are a help towards prevention.

Ringworm is another of those diseases which are caused by fungus growth, and it can be passed from animal to animal or through affected cattle rubbing themselves against posts, trees, walls or other objects, from which the healthy cattle pick up the fungus when they in turn rub the same spots. It is extremely contagious and will, like every other ailment, cause loss of money by loss of condition in the animals.

At the first sign of the ringworm, you should separate the animals affected from the rest of the herd and put them in a place where they can be easily handled, or, if it is a house, pick one that can be readily disinfected so as to prevent spread of the trouble. Feed them well during treatment.

The treatment consists in first removing any hair around the affected parts and then scrubbing them with a brush dipped in hot solution of washing soda—a quarter pound to a quart of hot water. This will soften the crust on the sore spot and you can then easily remove the crust, which should be burned immediately.

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# Peak Season For 'Minerals'

## GROWTH OF SOFT DRINK INDUSTRY IN IRELAND

THIS is the season of Soft Drinks. Heat waves and long, parching days, call for cooling draughts: mineral waters, fruit juices, squashes, etc., provide the answer. Even in Ireland where the people have not yet become really soft drink conscious, hun-

dreds of gallons of these drinks cool burning throats every day in shops, factories and offices, at home and by the seaside. Mineral water manufacturers are working feverishly to meet the demand. No aspect of modern life is more

marked than the increase that has taken place in the consumption of Soft drinks. The practice has ceased to be a luxury; it has become a regular habit in the community.

The fact that the climb in sales is still taking place can be seen when the trade figures for 1955 and 1956 are compared.

The hot summer of 1955 boosted the Soft Drink Industry to a new high level. And yet, though the 1956 season was one of the coolest in years, sales in Britain showed very little decrease. So far 1957 promises to be a record year.

### Sales Dropped

In Ireland, unfortunately, the 1956 trade dropped well below the 1955 mark, but this was mainly attributable to scarcity in money through the increase in unemployment.

A statistical comparison of the Soft drinking habits of the people of Ireland, Britain and the United States is of interest. In Ireland the annual consumption is 1.8 gallons per head of the population. Britain consumes six gallons per head and the United States 12 gallons per head.

Our taste for minerals looks small in that light, but an increase is apparent annually.

This increase is greatly to be welcomed. Particularly with those drinks based on fruit juices where the fruit vitamins are present. These products not only provide the natural benefits of the fruit but stimulate the fluid intake in a palatable form, which is necessary to good health.

### Benefits

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The quality of Soft drinks in Ireland cannot be bettered anywhere in the world. This fact has been constantly borne out by visitors whose comments are always enthusiastic on sampling local products.

One can understand, therefore, why imported products have been unable to displace Irish brands on the home market.

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There is a tradition and a reputation to uphold, for the original soda water was first produced in Ireland. In 1773, Augustine Thwaites, a chemist in Liffey Street, Dublin, having discovered the medicinal value of mineral spring water, began to import bottled spring water from continental Spas.

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Between 1,700 and 1,800 workers were employed in the production

of Soft drinks in 1939. To-day there are over 2,000 engaged in almost 80 mineral water factories throughout the country.

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# MODERN MARKETING

## Still Time For Rape And Kale

By "Fencer"

**THERE IS STILL TIME TO SOW RAPE AND KALE FOR WINTER FEEDING. WHERE THERE IS A DRY FIELD HANDY FOR FEEDING THE CATTLE, A CROP OF KALE CAN BE VERY USEFUL. IF TURNIPS HAVE FAILED TO ANY EXTENT, THIS WILL BE A WISE MEASURE, AS KALE IS BETTER FEEDING THAN ROOTS, AND A SMALLER ACREAGE OF IT WILL SUBSTITUTE FOR WHATEVER IS MISSED OUT OF THE ROOT CROP.**

Kale gives a high per-acre return of nutritious, protein-rich and mineral-rich food which cattle enjoy eating. It is easy to feed, even if it has to be carted to the stock, having a lower content of hand-labour than roots.

If sown now, kale will not grow too high, which is often a reason why the electric fence cannot be used with this crop. A couple of acres sown now will give excellent feeding in January and February. It is rather late to sow Hungry Gap kale, but Marrowstem will be in good time.

### Rape

Rape can still be sown, and has most of the advantages of kale. A poor meadow or a field where seeds have failed to any great extent would be better ploughed up and sown to rape, in whole or part, as soon as possible.

If roots have failed or are looking likely to yield much less than they should, the same could be done with the turnip field, or part of it.

Sowing rape is an ideal way of

treating an old field which will later be sown with a cereal crop or otherwise brought into the rotation next year. Lime can be spread and this will be incorporated with the old sod, while the feeding of the rape by cattle or sheep will mean a great deal of dung left on the field for the benefit of the following crop.

An early sown rape crop can be eaten down by Christmas, and then left to recover until the spring, when the new shoots will give an excellent food at a time when any addition to the larder is much appreciated.

### Mixing

A modern plan is to sow 2lb. of rape seed mixed with ryegrass which will extend the grazing even as far as March or early April, the grass coming on after the rape has been eaten down. If heavy seedings, up to 5 or 6lb. are used, there is no room for grass to grow.

It is possible to get a contract from some of the seedsmen to grow rape for seed, and the crop can be eaten by sheep during the winter and then let run on to seed.

If this is intended, it is necessary to see that the sheep do not punish the growing crop too severely. For this a back fence of some sort is advised so that the sheep are confined to the uneaten part of the crop and that part that they have eaten is protected and allowed to recover sufficiently to set the seed. It may, in fact, not be necessary to use a fence in front of the sheep at all, but the back fence is essential if seed is expected to be produced.

### EFFICIENT MILKING

**THE** period during which a cow lets down her milks is said to be five to seven minutes, so efficient drill in milking is essential if the best results are to be got. Do not delay after washing the udder with a warm damp cloth and taking the fore-milk. If you do you are shortening the time in which the cow lets down the milk and thus lowering the yield.

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**L**AST month the Minister for Agriculture, Mr. Moylan, opened two more Co-operative Auction Marts, one at Fermoy and the other at Bandon. Both Auction Marts were blessed by the Bishop of Cloyne and among the attendance were Rev. Dr. Perdue, Bishop of Cork, Cloyne and Ross; Lieut. General M. J. Costello, Manager of the Irish Sugar Company; Mr. H. Kennedy, Secretary I.A.O.S., and Dr. L. Smith, Economic Advisor to the N.F.A.

The opening of these two Auction Marts is a further part of the N.F.A.'s programme to develop more orderly marketing and they are a result of a plan initiated two years ago to sponsor the establishment of such Marts throughout the country. At the end of two years it cannot be said that they have reached the goal, but it is reasonably true to state that a firm foundation has been laid.

In Waterford and Kilkenny cities Bunclody, Co. Wexford; Nenagh, Co. Tipperary, and Bandon and Fermoy in Co. Cork co-operative livestock marts are already in operation.

Each mart costs approximately £15,000 of farmer share capital to establish and this is collected in amounts ranging from the minimum of £10 to the maximum of £200.

Apart from the above-mentioned marts which are already functioning the Golden Vale mart in Kilmallock and the Middleton mart in Co. Cork are nearing completion.

### Organisers

While basically the N.F.A. branches in these areas provided a fertile ground for collection of share capital and general organisation tribute must be paid to the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society and particularly to Messrs. Michael Murphy and J. C. Maloney, officials of that organisation who

By  
**SEAN FITZMAURICE**

have given such unsparing service over the past two years, in making this undertaking successful.

From the farmers' point of view they gave their support because of the realisation that more efficient marketing of livestock is a vital necessity and because the old system of 'tangling' at fairs is out-dated and that furthermore as a result of these practices, buyers from outside the country were reluctant to attend these fairs.

Looming up, too, is the urgent necessity to eradicate bovine tuberculosis and the people who put up the share capital to establish these marts realise that the modern livestock sales with clean disinfected concrete and tubular steel railings is a necessary adjunct to any T.B. eradication scheme.

Organisation generally leaves nothing to be desired. A catalogue is provided and if late entries are taken an addendum to the original catalogue is available.

### Transport

Transport arrangements are well looked after and apart from C.I.E. trucks more committees have organised private lorry pools. In fact the whole idea underlying the organisation of these marts is to provide top service for the buyer and to cut to the minimum the amounts of money that might be lost between the seller and the purchaser. Charges are 1½d. to the buyer and 1½d. in the £ to the seller or a total of 3d. in every £'s worth of business transacted.

There is a further charge of 2s. entry fee and again the reason for this charge is to discourage farmers from putting livestock through the sales ring merely for the purpose of ascertaining their value without really intending to sell.

These sales are by no means intended to cater only for cattle. Already Nenagh in Co. Tipp. and Kilkenny have held their sheep sales and Bandon mart is constructed to handle pigs. In fact the layout of each mart is such as to reflect the local farming conditions and the type of livestock that would be on offer.

### Opposition

One of the things that the committees of these co-operative auc-

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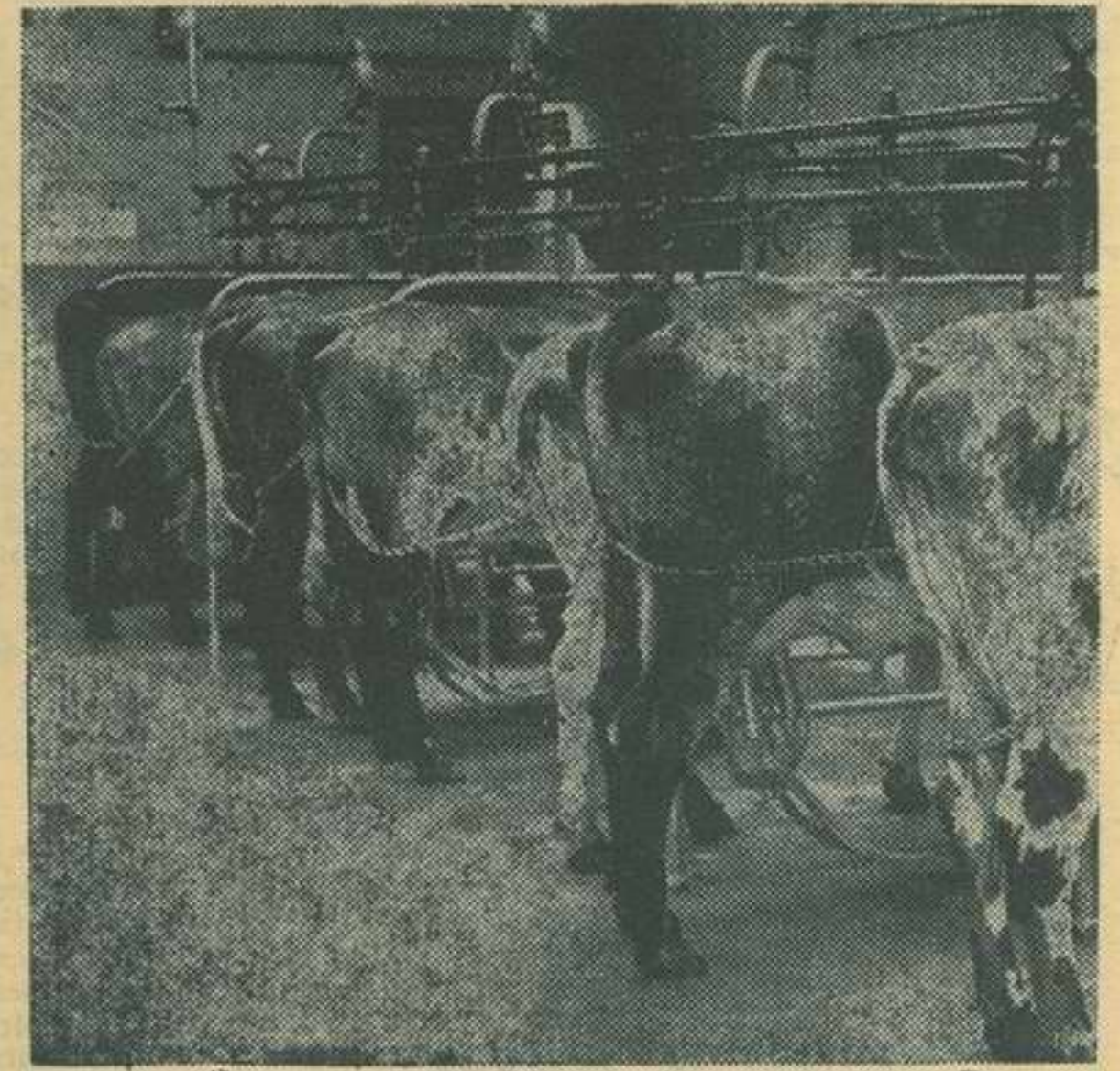
## WATCH FOR RINGWORM

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(bluestone), one pound in a gallon of water, should be used to wash the spots. Sometimes one wash of copper sulphate solution is enough to cure the spot, but it is always better to repeat the treatment in a couple of days.

If you prefer it, you can make up an ointment of 1 part sulphur and 10 parts of lard and dress the spots with that instead of washing with the sulphate solution. There are also ready-made dressings available in the chemists.

To prevent further outbreaks, all litter, fodder and other materials with which the affected animals have been in contact should be burned. The walls of any houses they have been in, as well as posts, mangers and anything that they may have rubbed against must be treated either with a blow-lamp or with strong disinfectant solution.



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# NEW THURLES SCHOOL OPENED

ANOTHER milestone in the proud history of the Presentation Sisters of Thurles was marked a few weeks ago when Mr. Jack Lynch, Minister for Education (and former Cork All-Ireland hurler and footballer) officially opened the Community's new £100,000 Primary in the cradle town of the G.A.A.

Most Rev. Dr. Kinane, Archbishop of Cashel and Patron of the G.A.A. blessed the new Scoil Mhuire which will accommodate 820 pupils in its 25 up-to-date classrooms.

Most Rev. Dr. Kinane pointed out that in the 140 years that the Presentation Sisters had been teaching in Thurles this had been the only State school building grant received by them.

"Ireland owes them a deep debt of gratitude" said Dr. Kinane.

#### HAPPY RELATIONS

Irish Catholics were specially fortunate in their system of primary education because of the happy relations which existed between Church and State, continued Dr. Kinane.

...Commending the State's generous grant, nevertheless, went on the

Archbishop, the Presentation Sisters had to pay £20,000 as well as the total cost (£30,000) of converting

the old primary school into a modern secondary school.

The new school, which has been in use since last November, is claimed to be the best equipped and laid-out of its kind in Ireland.

Mr. Malachy Burke, representing Messrs. Burke of Galway, the contractors, presented Mr. Lynch with a gold key for the opening ceremony.

#### 140 YEARS OLD

Thurles Presentation Convent was established in January, 1817, by Sister M. Frances Comain. The community's first Convent was a small house at Stradavoher, given by a brother of Miss Nano Nagle, the founder of the Order.

## Dubgael Spotlights— BAD MISTAKE BY REFEREE

IT seemed to me that referee Moclain erred when he allowed a Dublin player to take a free kick in the last second of their minor championship game with Longford at Mullingar without telling him that he must score from the kick.

As it was, he blew the whistle as the ball sailed towards the goal, which, of course, made nonsense of the free—he might just as easily, and certainly more sensibly, have blown up without giving the free.

It was not a matter of life and death for Dublin, so in that sense the decision made no difference, but had it been a needle game, with only a point between the teams at that stage, it could have been nasty.

That is where referees come under the spotlight—where their decision means the winning or losing of an important game.

#### WRONG DECISION

And it is in a case like this, that uniformity is necessary. Nothing annoys the public more than to see one player getting away with a foul and an opponent being whistled back for a similar offence, perhaps after he has scored a winning point.

This sort of thing destroys confidence in the referee and often is a direct cause of the incidents which we all deplore.

Dublin fans were quick to notice the Mullingar incident because they remember only too well their League final with Cork in 1952, when with a few seconds to go and Dublin a point behind they were awarded a free. As Kevin Heffernan prepared to take this important kick, he was told by the referee that he must score directly from the kick and I think the same should have been done in the Mullingar game.

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I cannot say why the Leinster football final is not fixed for Croke Park when the fixtures are being made originally. Croke Park is the obvious place for any game that can draw 40,000 spectators or more.

#### HOME GROUND?

No doubt when the draws were being made, the planners had their eyes fixed on the possibility of Dublin being in the final.

Surely this should not be the only consideration. It is all very well for other counties to say that Croke Park is a home ground for Dublin.

That's true enough, but look back the records—certainly in the Leinster championship—and you will find that Louth and Meath, at any rate, have played most of their games at Headquarters.

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But coming back to basics, the loyal fans deserve consideration too. Most of the grounds outside of Croke Park are really not adequate for big crowds—20,000 is their limit and even then they are bulging at the seams.

Add this to lack of catering facilities and it all makes for the discomfort of the man who is paying his shilling.

Apart from this there is the question of expense. To undertake a trip to Mullingar, for instance, on the most modest budget would cost at least 25/-.

Newbridge is a short journey, but it will still cost about 15/-.

I doubt if any of the Dublin fans who follow their team, think about the expense, but surely they are entitled to one game in the provincial championship which they don't have to travel to see.

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# Junior ECHO

Value Of Juvenile Competitions

## DUBLIN SETS A HEADLINE

TO those of you living in Dublin I feel quite sure you will understand the importance the Primary Schools Hurling and Football Competitions have on the future of the G.A.A.

I know, of course, that many provincial areas have their own schools championships and no doubt this is a great sign, for no words of mine will convey the tremendous importance of these tests.

Unfortunately, I'm afraid, the effort in the 'country' a fine one though it is, is not quite keeping up the good work in latter years.

I have in mind a certain parish in Co. Louth, rich in football background, where a successful annual primary schools competition takes place. I have seen many budding stars shine in these same "little All-Irelands". Yes, indeed, really grand footballers, only to have my original enthusiasm dampened when the boys passed school-leaving age, and found no outlet for their talent.

### Time Lag

It's a good four years gap from under 14 to minor and in the meantime the young footballers must wait around without playing a serious game. Is there an answer to all this?

I say of course there is, let the local football or hurling club organise under 15, 16, and 17 com-

petitions and so build the boys up to attain peak performance—physical and otherwise—when they reach manhood.

After all, say a brilliant boy leaves national school at 14 and doesn't see a grammar book, arithmetic or geography for the next four or five years you wouldn't expect him to pass the leaving certificate examination would you?

Well, same thing with a young footballer or hurler. You can't hope that, after four years without competitive sport, he'll make the grade when pushed into minor or junior ranks.

A few succeed, but they're glaring exceptions. To the boys I say train hard, play all you can and if there aren't competitions for you after school years, create them, select your own little teams and from there your own leagues.

As I have already stated these

competitions are a very big success in Dublin and while still playing with their schools quite a number of the boys are attached to clubs in the city.

I know how difficult it must be for young men to do likewise in most other counties but always remember "where there's a will there's a way" so go to it and keep up the good work in the tradition of your club, county and your parent body the G.A.A.

And finally, just let me remind you, train hard, practice all the essential arts, such as catching, punting, place-kicking, and in hurling overhead striking and ground pulling, sidelinecuts and watch all the great players you can manage to see—men like Christy Ring, Sean Purcell and Paddy Kenny (are a sports education in themselves.

### Ar dtéarma féin

Tá pé ar aighe agaim a cáirde óga liom, roinnt saeúitge a beir agaim fa éolmhuir seo saé aon mí. Tá fear coíca agaim éin na h-oidhre seo a d'éanaí uáinn. Fear aorta 'reab é. Tá caicige go leór aige ar d'aoine óga. Múinteóir do b'ead é féin uair amáin, ac tá pé an-éinnona anoir. Tá saeúitge go leór aige. Caintéóir uicéar é ac saeúitge an-riprúide a labairteann pé, go móir móir nuair a bíonn pé ag caint le daoine óga. Tuiseann pé daoine óga go h-ana náir. Tuiseann pé go bfuil pe dian orna an saeúitge do bhócaú ruar. Acheir pé liom go ndéanfaid pé a uicéall saeúitge an-riprúide do rcpí, i uicéad ir go mbeid pé ar cumar saé reoláire, ón zcuígmáú nansra bun ríoil go deí an buacail nó go deí an cailín, acá fan Arp ceir-tímeanaac a cuio saeúitge do léigean, ir do cuisrinc go ruirre.

Arnd-meas uinní  
...Tá Arp mear aige féin ar an nsaeúitge. Tá pé car éir a faoal go léir do éiteamí ad iarraid, i do éur an acair. Taob amuis den éirdeamí féin, acheir pé, ná bfuil aon reob agaim acá nior cábaicéir, nó nior luacáma ná i. Tá an t-áb linn, agus fear mar é d'páil. Beid nuv éigin nua le ráo aige óib saé mí. Nuv eile acheir pé liom, acheir pé zur náir leir leir, nó rcpélin nó nuv éigin mar rin d'páil uair féin ó am go h-am.

Do b'réar leir, leir d'páil ó buine ós, buacail beas, no cailín beas, ná ceann d'páil ó buine fá rta. Cuirid pé cuio aca irceac fa éolmhuir seo, má r mian leir na rcpíob-neóirí féin é. ná biob aon eagla oraid rcpí, cuise. Má d'éanann ríó bacún zruamadais nó bacún d'áon t-rafar eile, ir cuma leir é rin Anoir a leandáí tá fear agaid. Cé cuirid an éob leir cuise, agus an carpa ceann, ir an rcpímaó ceann?

CABAIR IS CONGHAI  
Uéinear deapmáó a innrinc úib, cao é an ainn ar an zcaraid nua seo acá agaid. "Oirín" ir ainn ób. Tá pé aorta, agus beazáinín cpoméa le fear-aoir, ac tá cpóide ós aige. Ir máir leir a beir as cabairmú le buacailí beaga agus le cailíní beaga, a cuireann ruim a ucean-áin a uicpe féin. Do bí pé as ráó liom an tuar veirneac, zur éainis pé irceac anpno go rcpíobraó pé airí beaga zéarra, a beab úráibeac i zcpí buacailí a beab as d'éanamí rcpíobáin. Cpóicéir pé b'réir le cabair ar ceann der na leabra acá ar an zcuíra don meán-ceircpímearaac. Anoir tá fear agaid. Cpíobáid féin cuise, agus abair leir cao ba mian líb.

WELL HELD, HAMILL!



B. Hamill (No. 4), Monaghan full back, catches safely, in the Cavan-Monaghan Ulster Championship tie recently.

### Kiely Tradition

SEVENTEEN years old Anthony Kiely of Anne Street, Clonmel, recently scored his first major cycling success when he won the 20 miles Sheridan Cup race at Waterford. Still only a student, he is grandson of former world champion ath-

lete Tom Kiely of Carrick-on-Suir. Anthony rides with Clonmel Athletic and Cycling Club, and is brother of Tom Kiely, who was a member of the Tipperary team which finished fourth in last year's Ras Tailteann.

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# Man To Man



ABOVE: Meath's Brian Smith blocks down a Wicklow clearance in the Leinster championship tie a few weeks ago. BELOW: Wexford and Louth men tussle in the Leinster S.F. championship. Louth won and went on to beat Kildare in the semi-final.



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COLAISTE IOGNAID S.J.,  
 GAILLIMH

Cluichi Gaelacha Amhain

"Roadman" has a few tips for those of you who regard cycling with a certain amount of awe

## Clever Team Tactics Mean More Wins

MANY OF OUR READERS, WHO ARE NOT FAMILIAR WITH CYCLING BUT WHO ARE NEVERTHELESS INTERESTED IN THE SPORT, HAVE ASKED ME TO EXPLAIN THE MYSTERIOUS JARGON WE USE AS A MATTER OF COURSE WHEN WRITING AND TALKING CYCLING.

Among the more usual events are the Massed Starts, Competitor Paced, Time Trials, Hill Climbs and Multi-stage Racing, all of which are Road Races; handicap, scratch and pursuit races are usually held on the track.

Massed start races are probably the most popular, so I will explain how they are run.

As the name suggests, all the riders assemble at a starting point, where they are given final instructions as to the route, etc. The race can be any distance but the 100 miles and 100 kilos (62 miles), approximately, are most popular among racing men.

For these long events, the rider must bring refreshments with him, otherwise he will get what cyclists call the "Hunger Knock", which is really weakness from a lack of calories.

Cycling takes a great toll on stamina so the strength must be maintained by nourishing foods of which the main constituent is glucose.

The liquid refreshment is usually carried in two flasks and the rider carries solids (chocolates, biscuits and fruit) in the special pockets in the back and front of his jersey.

The bicycles are examined before the start to ensure that all the machines are roadworthy. This precaution has frequently prevented a serious accident in the course of a race.

### Team Tactics

This finished, the cyclists come under starter's orders and off they go. Many people seem to think that there is just a wild dash for the front, but this is not so. As a matter of fact, in a long distance massed start, a top-class cyclist seldom makes his effort until there is only 20 miles to go.

Team tactics always play a major part in the pattern of a road race and it often happens that cyclists slow up deliberately, so that a team-mate can win.

As there are different cycle races there are different cyclists, too. Some are notable for their finishing speed—they are called sprinters—and they usually sit and wait till the last 200 yards to make their effort, after keeping behind the other riders to avoid wind resistance.

Other cyclists are noted for hill-climbing and on a hilly course usually leave the sprinters behind on the climbs, the heavy going being too much for the more speedy sprinter. Then there is the Time Trialist, who rides alone and performs best when unassisted by groups. This man's job is to break-away alone and win.

### Final Dash

This gives you some idea of what goes on out the road, with the Time Trialist Forcing the Pace and continuously breaking away, and the Tough Mountain Climbers breaking their hearts on the mountains while the Cagney Sprinter is forever trying to hang on for a bunch finish and use his turn of speed to help him in the last two hundred yards.

So the next time you see a bunch of sweating, straining riders, or read about so-and-so winning a massed start with a sprint finish, you'll have an idea what it's all about. More next month.



### NEW PITCH IS KEPT GOING

Pearse Stadium, Galway's new Park, will not have many idle Sundays if one is to judge by the spate of fixtures allotted to it. Undoubtedly, the new park is a necessary acquisition to clubs around Galway city, but one wonders if the ground, after so much use, will be in perfect condition for the Con-nacht Senior Football Final to be played there in mid-July.

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# WEXFORD FOOTBALL DIES

IN a recent issue of "Gaelic Echo" Peadar Byrne asks what is wrong with Dublin football? Well, recently I have been asking myself the same question about the game here in Wexford.

Last year, Wexford reached the Leinster final at the expense of Westmeath and Dublin and great things were expected of them. Of the final itself the least said the better. Wexford lost it on

fouls alone. We can forget the National League, and that brings us to the present year's championships.

We met Louth (who had beaten the poorest Carlow team in years) with a good deal of confidence but again had the bitter experience of defeat.

Who to blame for that defeat is hard to tell. Some say the team, through lack of training, some say the selectors. Me? I say the selec-

tors, of course. We can all be selectors but, who listens?

Here in Wexford due to the rise in hurling in the last few years football has taken a back seat even in the lower grades. In places where football was prominent hurling has taken over.

To prove my point, only a couple of weeks ago I saw two juvenile teams trying to play football. I say trying because they didn't want to. They didn't know how. If they caught the ball they couldn't kick

it but, it was not caught very often. They either boxed it or let it pass them by or made a kick at it and missed and when the final whistle blew you could see the look of relief on their faces as if to say: "Thank God that's over".

But give them a hurley and they were ready to tackle a senior team.

Even between senior sides it is usually a scrambled affair. Nobody wants to play football in Wexford today and more is the pity.

## LONGFORD'S AIM: FIRST-CLASS PITCH

LONGFORD Co. Board are leaving no stone unturned to make their county ground, PAIRC AN PHIARSAIGH, Longford, second to none. At the moment, work is in progress in the first stage of its development, for which ambitious plans have been confirmed, entailing the building of a concrete surrounding wall, a stand and fully-equipped dressing-rooms. All those improvements entail quite a costly sum and ways and means are being examined in an all-out effort to raise a reasonable fund to supplement the generous grant given by the Leinster Council.

At present an active committee is sponsoring a weekly draw—to be known as An Carnan Oir—offering generous weekly prizes for a mere shilling. That the people of the county want their park to be first-class is evident from the wide-spread interest shown in the work and the support accorded the weekly draw.

## NACA School Of Athletics

THE fifth Summer School of Athletics, sponsored by the N.A.C.A., will be held this year in the grounds of Newman House, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, from July 22 to the 26th inclusive.

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The school has already proved an outstanding success and this year the sponsors hope to achieve even better results.

# A. A. U. MUST GO

## Only Way To Athletic Unity

By Patrick Carver

THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION OF EIRE—THE UNWANTED OFFSPRING OF A DISASTROUS AND UNBLESSSED MARRIAGE BETWEEN THE NORTHERN IRELAND AMATEUR ATHLETIC ASSOCIATION AND THE BRITISH A.A.U.—HAS NOW BEEN IN EXISTENCE SINCE APRIL, 22, 1937, AND, IN MY OPINION, THAT'S JUST OVER TWENTY YEARS TOO LONG.

In that time, it has struggled precariously from year to year—held together by a few big-name athletes, bolstered up by an occasional, over-publicised, sensational "international" promotion, but otherwise dragging out a feeble, pitiful and miserable existence—and it will continue to do so, while there are still gullible young men in this country who can be swayed by the empty and highly-coloured promises of international competition.

As long as the A.A.U. is permitted to exist and function, there can never be any hope of unity in Irish athletics.

Yes, I'm afraid, that's all too true. Most of you know that over the past ten or fifteen years, hundreds of schemes for settlement—mostly based on a compromise on the part of either the A.A.U. or the N.A.C.A.—have been discussed and examined, and all, without exception, have failed lamentably.

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO PEACE NOW, AND THAT, I BELIEVE, LIES IN THE SWIFT AND SUDDEN DEATH OF THE AMATEUR ATHLETIC UNION.

And . . . if it died in the morning few, I imagine, would mourn its passing.

### Their Aims

Let's take a good look at the Amateur Athletic Union, as it stands at the moment. I wonder how many of you know, or remember, its original objectives?

1. To enable all Irishmen, wherever resident, to come together on the field of sport.
  2. To provide Irish athletes with international competition, and to provide the necessary incentive to schoolboys to continue at the sport of athletics after leaving school.
  3. To put Ireland back on the athletic map.
- Have these objectives been attained? Let's examine them and see. The first doesn't merit very much comment, for since the A.A.U. was conceived, very few Irishmen, living outside this country, have ever

bothered to return to Ireland to compete at A.A.U. meetings.

Possibly they remember the fate of one Irishman who crossed over from London some years ago to compete in the hammer event in the so-called All-Ireland championships sponsored by the A.A.U. and the N.I.A.A.A. When he arrived in Dublin, he discovered there was no hammer to throw!

Or maybe they remember the case of one Corporal Baldwin, who came to Dublin in 1938 to represent Ireland in the international contest at Lansdowne Road. He was claimed by England on the day of the contest and actually ran for the English team in the 880 yards!

### Ballyhoo

As for the second objective, I'm afraid this international competition business—with the occasional exception, of course, of one of the "mammoth, colossal, stupendous, breath-taking, out of this world, here for one day only" promotions in Lansdowne Road—is a bit of a myth.

If we exclude Delany, Kinsella and one or two others, the average athlete in the Amateur Athletic Union doesn't even get a "smell" of international competition. Nor is he likely to, now that the Triangular International matches have been abandoned.

What incentive has the A.A.U. provided for schoolboys? Possibly the graded meetings—I can't think of anything else—and I doubt that they provided much incentive. From a young man who came over to the N.A.C.A. recently, I believe the winners in last year's graded championships haven't yet been awarded their certificates!

### A Force?

And now for the third and final objective. Has the Amateur Athletic Union put Ireland back on the athletic map? Is Ireland—and remember, Ronnie Delany is only an individual—a force in world athletics to-day?

I hardly think so. Three years ago, the international matches were abandoned by the promoters, on the grounds that Ireland and Scotland—even together!—were no longer able to provide a decent match for England. Little wonder, considering that Ireland was represented by a group of athletes from Dublin and Belfast clubs!

The Amateur Athletic Union has not fulfilled its objectives, nor is it ever likely to. And yet, foolish people that we are, we have allowed it to dray on its dreary existence for over twenty years!

Personally I think the time has come for Irish athletes to demand its immediate and utter disintegration.

## CAMOGIE TOO "REFINED"

(A READER'S VIEW)

Dear Sir,

I was a spectator at the Leinster Camogie Championship between Laois and Kilkenny, at Ballylinan, on Sunday, 9th June, and in the interest of the game wish to record my impressions.

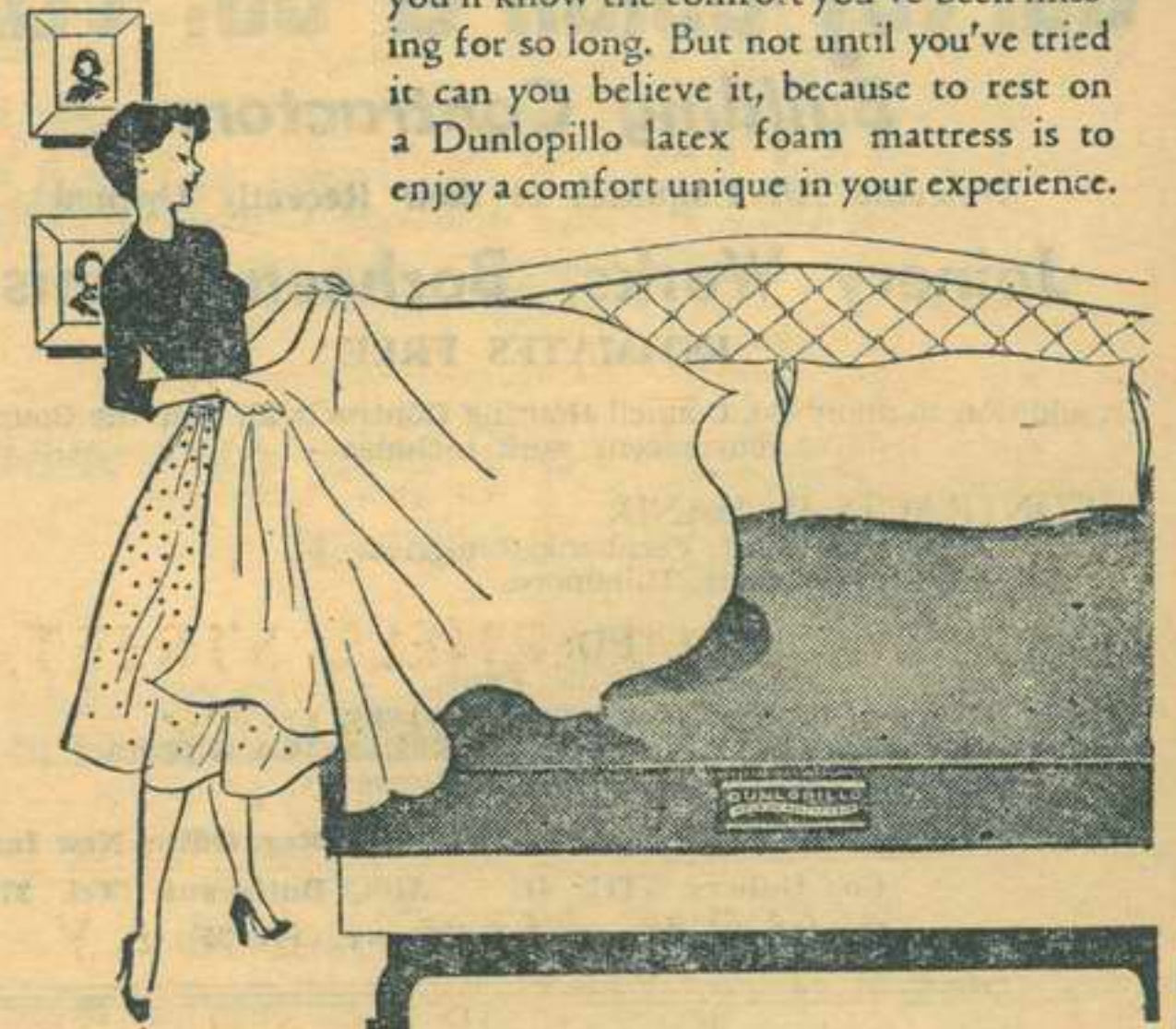
It appears those in charge of Camogie are endeavouring to make it a real gentle game—a sort of refined Hockey. The rules, as interpreted by the referee in that game, say players must not strike at the ball if it is in front of an opponent; players must not run three steps with ball in hand; there must be two cross bars on the goal posts; under the lower one is a goal, under the top one is a point. This is to stop hard hitting. Then we have women goal umpires and only women referees. These are two positions when women's reactions are not always fast enough.

Camogie now has a chance of spreading after 50 years of lethargy, but more liberty must be given to players to let themselves go. If Headquarters insist in making a sort of parlour game out of it, progress will be slow. Let us, at least, have male referees and umpires.

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Says Sean O'Neill

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In these days when we wonder at the feats of such men of sound vintage as Sugar Ray Robinson, Archie Moore or our own Christy Ring or Nick Rackard, let us not forget probably the greatest defier of age athletics has ever known—Matthew J. McGrath of Nenagh.

Born in the year 1876, McGrath emigrated to the States in his late teens, bringing with him his childhood ambition to become a great master of the hammer.

Years went by and it did not seem as if McGrath was ever to realise his early desires. But then when least expected Matt blossomed forth and

at the ripe age of 30 he won the Canadian championships with a record-breaking throw of 173' 9".

When the 1908 Olympic Games came about Matt was chosen to represent America and so in London McGrath found himself face to face with the idol of his youth, the maestro and father of modern hammer throwers himself. John J. Flanagan of Kilmallock.

Flanagan was already twice Olympic champion having collected the title first in the year 1900 in Paris and retained it four years later in St. Louis.

Mingling with the champions of the nations of the world the two Irishmen took the field and before

the competition had reached midway only two remained to fight for the final glory.

And fight they did, the powerfully built and unbeaten Flanagan of Kilmallock and the taller and more graceful McGrath of Nenagh.

With his final throw Matt reached 167' 8" three feet ahead of the champion, all seemed over—but wait, the maestro had yet one throw and what a throw it was. Collecting up every ounce of his remaining strength the mighty John J. swung, the hammer sailed forth to land with a thud six inches beyond the 170' mark.

For the third time in succession Flanagan was champion and next to the Kilmallock man there was no prouder man in London that day than Matt McGrath.

## Open Field

A year later Flanagan retired leaving McGrath an open field to conquer and conquer he did for at the 1912 Olympics in Stockholm he stood 21 feet ahead of his nearest rival Gilles of Canada and 30 feet beyond the third man Lind of Sweden, when the hammer competition was over.

McGrath's mark measured 179' 11", an Olympic record which stood until 1936 when surpassed by German, Karl Hein, in Berlin. Matt was now 37 and stood champion without a challenger.

The 1914-'18 war deprived McGrath of a sure second Olympic title for there were no Olympics in 1916 and although by now almost 44 Matt sailed for Antwerp in 1920 confident of retaining the title he won eight years previously and it is more than likely that he would have done so had not misfortune struck when in a bout of training prior to the games McGrath injured his right knee and as a result threw 20 feet short of his average throw and was forced into fifth place. (Incidentally, it was Pat Ryan, of Pallasgreen, Co. Limerick, who won the title on that day.)

One would have expected McGrath to retire at this stage but not Matt, and in 1924 he returned to Ireland to win the Tailteann Games title in Croke Park and shortly afterwards he was in Paris battling for his Olympic title once more. And how this veteran of 48 did battle, for at his final throw he stood at 166', just a fraction behind the winner Freddie Tootell.

Never since or before has a man of his age been placed in an Olympic athletic event and I don't imagine there ever shall be another to equal McGrath's feat.

Ten years later, and nearing his sixties, the mighty and undaunted McGrath was still holding his own with America's best hammer men. Yes, the brave son of Nenagh, who passed to his eternal rest in 1941, was an athletic freak—a marvel of his age and ours. An Irishman who defied the rules of age and came out on top.

## New Records

Such is the advance being made in Connacht athletics that seven new records were set up at the recent provincial championships held at Garbally Park, Ballinasloe. Competition was very keen with athletes from all the Connacht counties competing and the promoters have reason to feel proud of their efforts which were so justly rewarded. To Rev. Fr. Kevin Ryle, Sec. of the organising body, and to his hard-working band of helpers, we say "well done."



Cork's Mick Guold jumps high for a great catch in the recent Cork v. Clare Munster senior football semi-final.

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# Elphin Enters Midland Tourney

ELPHIN, Roscommon senior champions 1956, were invited to play in the new competition, the Midland Perpetual Cup tournament, sponsored by the Westmeath County Board, all matches to be played in Cusack Park, Mullingar. The competition consists of two semi-finals and a final for this fine trophy and the honour of being acclaimed the

best club in the Midlands. The other competing teams are Athlone (Westmeath champions), Tullamore (Offaly standard-bearers), and Longford Slashers (title-holders in their own county). The draws for the semi-finals worked out as follows: Elphin v. Longford Slashers; Athlone v. Tullamore.

## THE OLD BOGEY

EMIGRATION is hitting South Galway clubs harder than ever these days. Biggest loss lately was sustained by the Craughwell club when Frank Connolly their star midfielder and captain left for New York.

Frank is one of four brothers who have been the mainstay of the Craughwell hurling team for the past few years. He helped them to win several South Galway and Galway junior championships and he played for the county in minor, junior and senior ranks. This year he was chosen as a sub on the Connacht Railway Cup side.

He received many presentations from well-wishers before he left, but the one he will cherish most, perhaps, was a set of 12 hurleys given by his former team-mates.

Another very promising hurler, Bernie Leech, of Kinvara, has left for Toronto. He assisted Kinvara in winning South Board championships in hurling and football.

Third hurler to leave was Martin Collins of Gort. He was a prominent member of the Beagh team and a brilliant athlete in school days.

# SCRAP THE FANCY

## PLEA GOES UNHEEDED

THE plea sent out by Rev. Father O'Callaghan, Adm., at the annual meeting of the Loughrea hurling club for the development of the local town park into a first class hurling pitch seems to have gone unheeded writes our Galway correspondent.

Early in the year it was indicated by the committee that an all-out effort would be made to have the pitch ready for games in 1958. So far nothing has been done to level the clay dumped on to the pitch for re-seeding.

Townpeople are beginning to envy their 'neighbours' Athenry who have received all the top-class attractions this year. These matches have been an enormous boon to the town. If Loughrea people do not wake up, their proud boast of being the 'centre' of hurling in Co. Galway will soon be taken from them.

## Sean Duggan Plays Again

Sean Duggan made a welcome return to senior hurling in Co. Galway when he lined out as corner forward for his old club, Liam Mellows, in a recent county cup tie. He showed that he still has lost none of the style that won him the admiration of followers throughout Ireland a few years back. His unselfish distribution of the ball made many scores for his colleagues.

# FORWARDS

says Liam O h-Oistin

SOME TIME AGO, I POINTED OUT IN THE "GAELIC ECHO" WHAT I CONSIDERED TO BE MAYO'S GREATEST NEED TO MAKE THE SENIOR TEAM A FIRST-CLASS ONE. "WANTED SCORING FORWARDS" WAS THE HEADING OF THE ARTICLE, IN WHICH I STRESSED THE FACT THAT EVERY TEAM WITH TITLE AMBITIONS MUST POSSESS FORWARDS WHO CAN SCORE.

How often have we seen teams who monopolize a whole hour's play but cannot translate their superiority into scores, which, after all, are the deciding factors in every match.

Missed scores never count—scores notched, even "flukey" scores, win matches.

That my summing-up of the greatest Mayo weakness was fairly accurate was proved in the recent Roscommon-Mayo tie, in which supporters of their team saw the wearers of the green and red go down in a match which they could have won, if, and what an if, they had even one forward who could turn even one-tenth of the scoring chances afforded them to account.

## Sound

The defence, although presenting dead shot free specialist Eamon Donoghue, with four 'gifts', played soundly enough, while Bill Shannon at centre field, despite lack of any noticeable assistance, provided the Mayo attack with a steady stream

of passes right through the hour.

Fourteen wides and 'umpteenth missed, messed and 'mussed' opportunities was the return for the day. Yes, six points were scored but 60 were missed!

That the Mayo mentors realised that the team carried 'fiddling' forwards is shown by the prolonged discussion of this question by the Co. Board at a recent meeting when drastic measures were proposed to eradicate this senseless, aimless toe-tapping and ball-jugglery, so attractive a spectacle, but so barren of results. No decision was reached on the question but the recent inept display ensures another discussion on this major fault so evident and prevalent in recent years.

## A Cure?

Is there any cure for this disease or any means to ensure that there will not be a repetition? There is—a very old remedy. Select those only who are willing to have a 'go' for a point when they get possession of the ball instead of trying to walk their way into the opponents' net, or getting tied up in knots of their own making, after much elaborate 'fiddling'.

Never venture, never win—never shoot never score. Any back will agree that he never fears a forward who holds on to the ball—the fellow who shoots is the danger man.

So let's get back to the old time style of shooting from far out—what if we do miss at first. We miss, too, when near in. But assiduous practice will bring perfection and accuracy. "Fiddling," as I see it, is the admission of lack of practice, enterprise, accuracy and self-confidence.

## HURLERS ORDAINED

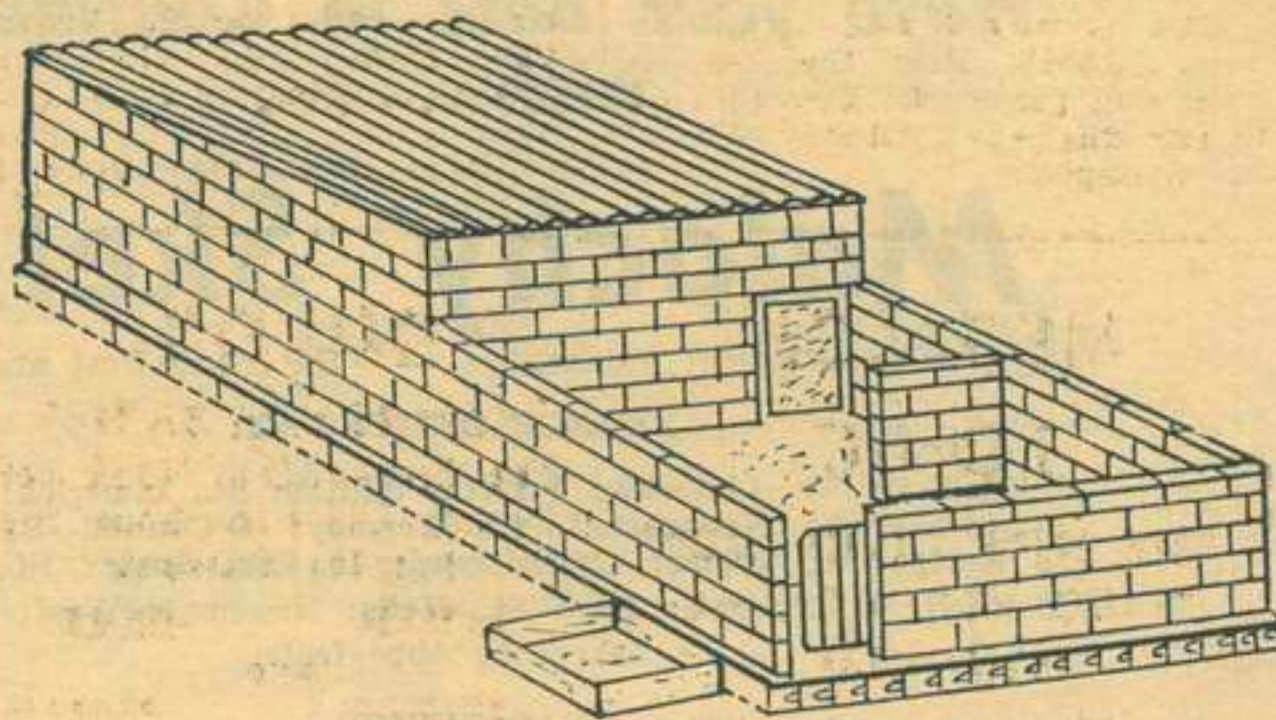
Rev. Fr. Noel Fogarty Beag received a tumultuous welcome when he returned to his native parish, Shanaglish, after his ordination at St. Peter's, Wexford. Over 1,000 people carrying banners and flags awaited his arrival. Members of the Beagh hurling team, in black and amber jerseys and togs with their hurleys on their shoulders marched to greet him. He will be remembered as a brilliant goalkeeper for the Beagh team and for the Galway minor, junior and senior teams.

Rev. Fr. Paddy Callanan, Closetoken, also received a great welcome when he returned to Closetoken. Although only 23 years he played on the Galway minor and junior teams for the past six years.



Sligo defenders quell a Leitrim attack in the Connacht senior football semi-final. From left: P. Christie (No. 5), J. Killoran (No. 2), S. Sexton (No. 4).

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**TIPP. NEWS BRIEFS**

Seven-a-side football tournaments are at present becoming popular throughout South Tipperary. Saint Patrick's G.A.A. Club, Drangan, held a tournament in connection with Drangan Field Day recently and received an entry of seven teams. Ardinnan beat Mullinahone in the final.

John Keating, the Ardinnan and Tipperary senior inter-county footballer, is now making quite a name for himself in athletic circles. At the County Tipperary Athletic and Cycling championships held at Cahir he won the high jump with an effort of 5 feet 2 inches.

Walter Scott, the former Tipperary senior cross-country champion, also plays junior football with Mullinahone.

Two prominent Clonmel footballers who recently emigrated to England were Johnny Ryan and Jimmy Collins. Both players were members of the Commercials Football Club, and Ryan played senior inter-county football with Tipperary. Ryan has been in sparkling form in London recently, and the London selectors have included him on the county team for the Provincial championships.

**Basketball Win For  
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CLONMEL F.C.A. defeated the 13th Battalion, Clonmel, by 32 points to 22 points in the final of the County Tipperary Basketball Championship, played at Clonmel recently.

The Army, who recently won the Southern Com-

mand Championship, were warm favourites, but the F.C.A. settled down quickly to score a surprise victory.

Top scorer on the winning team was Timmy O'Dwyer, a prominent playing member of Clonmel Commercials' Football Club.

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With these people the Eastern Province just doesn't enter into the reckoning for honours this year. They look to either Connaught or Ulster to provide this season's champions and consider Leinster and Munster out of the race to all intents and purposes.

I don't agree. Leinster will regain the Blue Riband of Gaelic football this year . . . if only some of our best-known forwards can regain their shooting boots. 'Scoring forwards wanted'—that's the sign hanging over most of the Leinster camps just now. I know at least one county that would 'skate up' if only they could find a man capable of rounding off their fine work outfield.

**SOUND BACKS**

Defences generally are sound enough. Teams like Louth and Dublin are both capably served in the rear-guard and at mid-field but both have a common problem—no incisive attackers.

Both these forward lines are brimful of clever, attractive football. But style alone never won an All-Ireland crown—a lesson Dublin should never forget after that hectic campaign in 1955.

That is why I say: scrap this fancy football. Play the rest at their own game and Leinster will furnish this year's All-Ireland football champions.

**By Peadar Byrne**

**Leinster Roundabout . . .  
TIMES CHANGE**

HOW clubs change with the times. A few short years ago, Westerns with their all-star array of talent, were one of the most powerful teams in Dublin if not in all Ireland.

Backboned by men like Gerry O'Reilly, Peter Donoghoe and Tom Dillon they had a really great side in those days and although usually beaten by St. Vincent's they always gave the famous Marino combination a hectic time of it. But those days have gone and

Kevin Heffernan (No. 14), Dublin's ace full-forward, tries to break through the Wicklow defence in the Leinster senior football semi-final on June 23rd. Wicklow players (in foreground) from left are: Tommy Carr, Paddy Roche and Andy Phillips.



Westerns have temporarily slipped back into comparative obscurity. Such is the fighting spirit of the club however, that their relapse can only be a short one and in a few short years I expect that Westerns will be up there slogging it out with as much gusto as ever with the "giants" of Dublin football.

Into their place as opposition-chiefs to St. Vincent's step Clanna Gael. Not since the halcyon days of Jim Morris and Co. have the teachers put such a formidable side in the field and their achievement in reaching this year's Dublin final was indeed a meritorious one.

Strange thing about this Clans side is that it contains only three native Dubliners, Sean Boyle, Tony Gillen and Con McSweeney. The remainder of the country is well represented with Kildare claiming Dan Flood and Dermot Sweeney while Jim Harold is Longford's able standard-bearer.

But an all-star team doesn't necessarily spell success. Take the case of U.C.D. who recently travelled down to contest the annual Rathcoffey 7-a-side tournament.

Included in their seven were such famous names as the McKnight brothers (Armagh), Jim McDonnell (Cavan) and John McGuire (Fermanagh). Yet the students came a cropper in the very first round against a Maynooth team that didn't include a single County player. Incidentally, the tournament was eventually won by Ballymore who defeated Clane in the final despite the heroic efforts of John O'Donnell and Sean Connolly.

There is much speculation in the Short Grass County about the outcome of this year's County championship. The holders, Military College have already been dethroned but another Army team, The Curragh, are being freely tipped to succeed them.



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# The Graces Of Tullaroan

FROM the pleasant Tullaroan country in West Kilkenny, and not too far from the Tipperary border, came many great hurlers and famous hurling families. None shed such lustre on the great game of hurling as the Grace family of stalwarts—Jack, Dick and Pierce. The Graces held spacious and fertile farms in the Tullaroan and Threecastles area and they farmed well.

First of the Graces that I knew and hurled against was Jack Grace, who was at that time attached to one of the big drapery houses in Dublin.

One of the strongest dual clubs in the whole G.A.A. range of the early century was the Dublin Kickhams, distinguished alike in hurling and football. As long ago as 1889, C. J. Kickhams won the Hurling All-Ireland, and in 1897 they achieved like honours in football.

Jack Grace came to them early in the new century and whilst still under 20 represented Dublin in

hurling and football.

Whatever club won the Dublin championship, the wonderful Jack Grace was certain to be selected either in hurling or football.

He was in two hurling finals, where Dublin drew and lost the replays—one against Cork and one against Tipperary. Jack was luckier in the football championships, captaining the Kickhams in 1906, he led his men to many victories before winning the final from Cork (Fermoy selection) after a great game at Athy (0-5 to 0-4).

A year later the same two counties went through to the final and on a broiling summer's day in Tipperary town, Grace and his

By  
**P. D. Mehigan**

gallant band won through—8 points to 2.

In 1908, Geraldines won the Dublin title from Kickhams, but Jack Grace was again selected with Dave Kelleher of Geraldines as Captain. That was one of Jack Grace's best games and he won his third title in a row when helping to beat Kerry (Tralee Mitchells). It was a tremendous game for 40 minutes, but Dublin were the fitter side and won by the unexpected score of 10 points to 3.

## Dual Star

I had often played with and against Dick Grace and I always place him side by side with Billie Mackessy, of Cork, as the greatest dual players, which the GAA has seen.

Jack Grace was no more than 5 feet 9 inches in height but he was beautifully built—12½ stone of solid bone and muscle; he had the heart of a lion.

He was an outstanding hurler and had few equals as wing half-back in his period—his ground drives off right and left were of surpassing length and his stamina seemed endless.

In football he showed rare judgement, was a sound fielder and an accurate kicker.

The "living-in" system prevailed in the drapery houses in Dublin at the time and poor Jack Grace's health failed unexpectedly. He died in the fullness of manhood—he was nature's gentleman, R.I.P.

## Noble Part

No Kilkenny men who ever loved hurling can forget Dick Grace of Tullaroan. There was a first cousin of his, also D. Grace, of Three Castles, who shone with Kilkenny winning teams of 1904, 1905 and 1907; but so far as my recollection goes, young Dick Grace of Tullaroan made his first appearance with Kilkenny as a sub. in the great games of 1909.

Thence forward to the All-Ireland final of 1922, Dick Grace played a noble part in the abundant Kilkenny victories.

He starred with the winning Kilkenny teams of 1909, 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1922, getting five All-Ireland championship medals and missing three more narrowly.

Dick Grace, a successful and progressive farmer, was almost six feet tall and of wiry, steely mould. He could hurl in the open with smooth mastery touch; in the close clashes he was rugged and fearless; he could use a legitimate shoulder or hip with devastating effect.

## All The Art

He had a great command of the ash both overhead and on the sod; his judgement of men was razor keen and he had all the hurling artistry which in later years distinguished his famous nephew, Lory Meagher.

Dick Grace loved hurling with a

great love. He worked hard on the land and he trained hard of evenings and week-ends. He was loyal to his county and his comrades—a pillar of Kilkenny hurling to this day. Dick Grace like brother Jack, usually shone as wing half back—a master hurler and hard as nails.

The younger brother, Pierce Grace went off to college at an early date, but he was quite as good a hurler as his more famous brothers.

He was on the great Kilkenny sides that won the 1911 and 1912 All-Ireland Championships. He also played for Dublin teams before qualifying in his profession of medicine, where he became well-known—as much for his great humanity as for his medical skill.

## Football, Too

Pierce Grace, was I think, the tallest of all the brothers and he was a grand striker with all the family love for the game.

A good footballer, too, he helped

his University during his student days, when Gaelic Games were introduced to the Colleges for the first time.

Now in retirement Dr. Pierce Grace came to live near Kilkenny city, where his popularity is immense. Both Dick and Dr. Pierce take a lively interest in their native parish club at Tullaroan.

## Undying Fame

Somebody told me that another brother, Jim, was as good a hurler as any of the group; he loved his home and farm so much, however, that he could never be induced to train.

The fame of the Graces will live as long as there is hurling in Kilkenny. And to judge by recent results, that unique style and artistry is not likely to fade for many a day.

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