

# Gaelic ECHO

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## Can Cork Curb The Tuam 'Twins'?

asks Hugh O'Donnell

TO MOST GAELS THE DEFEAT OF KERRY IN THE OPENING ROUND OF THIS YEAR'S SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP MEANT ONLY ONE THING—THAT GALWAY WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY CONTEST THE ALL-IRELAND FINAL.

### Semi-final Dates

The following is the All-Ireland Football Semi-finals Draw: Galway play Cork on August 11, and Louth meet the Ulster champions on August 18. Both games are at Croke Park.

Kerry, on their National League form, looked capable of beating Galway, and the rout of the Kingdom men seemed at that time to remove

a Munster challenge from Galway's path.

Now things have changed, for Cork, in retaining their Southern title, have forced many shrewd judges to retrieve their thinking caps.

This is an improved Cork; a Cork, who in my opinion, have thrown open the championship to a much greater extent than it was

In their first outing against Clare, Cork looked no world-beaters, but in the Munster final they played a very definite game, not copy-book and as smooth moving as Galway maybe, but direct and productive, and at the end of the hour sixteen scores were no small tally.

### No 'Cake-Walk'

When one looks back on the meeting of Galway and Cork in last year's final one should remember that it was far from a "cake-walk" for the Tribesmen.

Victory was decided by the Purcell-Stockwell combination and the Southern mentors have the task of countering this machine if they hope to fulfil their ambition.

This is Cork's main problem for the semi-final and I believe if they can succeed in this department that they will oust the champions, for in almost all other parts of the field they are the Connachtmen's match.

But can Purcell and Stockwell be held?

At least it has been proven that one half of the combination can be nullified and with the experience dearly bought in last year's final I expect the Leesiders to tackle the problem in a more constructive fashion this time.

## THE BATTLE AGAINST ROCK 'N' ROLL

IN the present day world of rock and roll, jazz and calypso, it is pleasing to see a society making progressive strides towards the re-establishment of Irish music and pastimes.

The Clonmel St. Patrick's Day Society made a big step when they took over the local Casino Ballroom, but their initiative and enterprise has been well rewarded.

Ceilithe are held in the re-named St. Patrick's Hall on every Sunday and Friday nights and despite several counter-attractions, are steadily growing in popularity. The Clonmel Branch of the Irish Red Cross have booked the ballroom on the first and third Fridays of every month, and their ceilithe are also proving to be quite popular.

Resident band is the Knocknagow Ceili Band, and this combination won first prize at the ceili bands competition at Felle Chluain Meala.

St. Senan's, Kilmacow (Co. Kerry) scored a ten points' victory over Killenaula (Co. Tipperary) in the final of the Windgap senior hurling tournament. Outstanding for the losers was last year's minor star, Willie O'Grady, who figured prominently both at mid-field and in attack.



Cork's stonewall goalkeeper, Mick Cashman, gets away a high Waterford drive in the Munster hurling final at Thurles.

## They're Everywhere!

AT New Eltham, London, Young Ireland's (1956 champions) defeated Brian Boru's in the semi-final of the London senior hurling championship by 5-2 to 3-4.

Tipperary hurlers who played for Young Ireland's were: Joe Ryan (Dundrum, captain), Mick Daly (Mullinahone), Mick Wade (Kickhams, West), Jack McCullagh (Templemore), John Bradshaw (Thurles); Larry Friday (Kickhams West), Charlie Lonergan (Carrick), Sub., Joe Friday (Kickhams).

Outstanding for the losers was Paddy Ryan (The Ragg, Thurles), at centre half-back.

### Another Doyle

Paddy Doyle, a younger brother of star minor, Jimmy Doyle, made his debut in the Tipperary colours when he played with the Tipp. minors against Kerry. In Thurles Sarsfields' recent defeat of Glengoose in the recent Mid-Tipperary junior hurling championship, Paddy gave a classical display by scoring 4-5 of his side's total.

## Jumper Who Could Tell A 'Tall One'

By PATRICK CARVER

THE late Mike Creed of Elton, Co. Limerick, was—for his size—one of the greatest Irish high jumpers of all time. During his career in the early years of the century, he won several Irish championships, jumped 6'-0" consistently and, on one occasion, was credited with a wonderful leap of 6'-3".

But... Mike was more than just a high jumper; he was also a prolific weaver of fantastic and outrageous stories, in which he, himself, usually played the leading role. And, of course, he always emerged as the hero!

Some of his glorious stories have lasted down through the years, and recently, I heard another—an absolute "gem"—from a well-known parish priest in Co. Limerick, who knew Mike well in his best days.

Mike had been to Rome to compete in the Jubilee Games, and on his return home to Elton, he entertained his friends one night in the local pub with the following story.

"When the high jump was over," he said, "I was invited up to this magnificent house in the heart of Rome."

"On my arrival there, I was ushered in to a beautiful

room. The walls were lined with thousands of books, and I spent half an hour or so looking at them.

Then the door opened, and this venerable old gentleman, wearing a robe of golden cloth, walked in.

He made straight for me, and after apologising for keeping me waiting, he said:

"You're Mike Creed of Elton the great high jumper?"

"That I am," I told him, "But, I'm afraid you have the advantage of me".

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Sticking His Neck Out, Peadar Byrne says—

# 'Louth Are Home And Dried'

GET SET, YOU LOUTH FOLLOWERS, TO CELEBRATE YOUR COUNTY'S FIRST ALL-IRELAND SUCCESS IN FORTY-FIVE YEARS. BE PREPARED, YOU NEUTRALS, TO SEE A DEVASTATING DISPLAY OF HIGH-POWER FOOTBALL WHEN THE WEE COUNTY CROSS SWORDS WITH THE ULSTER CHAMPIONS AT CROKE PARK ON AUGUST 18 IN THE ALL-IRELAND SEMI-FINAL.

And expect most of that devastating football to come from the Leinstermen. For, as I see it, Ulster or Munster won't be able to put anything in the field to touch Louth, and when it comes to the inevitable 'showdown' with the reigning champions, Galway, you can have a 'tank' on the Wee County.

For, make no mistake about it, Louth are going places this year. That unyielding "we'll win" spirit was there for all to see when they beat Dublin in the Leinster final, but even more important was the thoroughly impressive manner in which they accomplished their task.

It was accomplished in the main by men who have given years of good service to the County—tried and trusted stalwarts steeped in the rigours of championship battles long before now.

Into this category comes "Mr. Louth Football" himself, Stephen White. After years of earnest endeavour, Stephen is now within sight of his goal.

Just watch for his dynamic display in the semi-final as he tries to bring his life-long dream one step nearer reality.

## Conlon's Form

Another big factor in Louth's come-back has been the form of Big Tom Conlon at full-back. The Stabannon man is right back to his sparking 1950 form, and fairly silenced his critics by holding Kevin Heffernan in the Leinster final.

So watch out, Frank Stockwell and Co.

White and Conlon have played their parts in regal fashion in bringing the Wee County into the All-Ireland series but, without doubt, the man of the hour in Louth football just now is that shrewd campaigner Jim McDonnell whose ace opportunism has sounded the death knell to the hopes of more than one county already this year.

## Keyman

While all-round solidarity rather than individual brilliance has been the key to all Louth's successes so far, there is no denying that most of the Wee County's hopes are pinned on that bundle of guile and craft that is Jim McDonnell.

HERE IS A MAN WHO, WITH ONE DEFT FLICK OF THE FOOT, CAN CHANGE THE WHOLE TREND OF A GAME WITH ONE OF THOSE TYPICAL McDONNELL GOALS.

Add to these the powerful mid-field pairing of Kevin Beahan and Dan O'Neill; the sterling defensive work of Jim McArdle and Ollie Reilly; the cool, calculated football of forwards Dermot O'Brien and Jimmy Roe and you see what an imposing force Louth really are.

Can any other county put such a formidable team in the field? Can any other county find a man capable of spiking Jim McDonnell's I say no.

REACH FOR THE SKY!



Dublin's Kevin Heffernan gets higher than Kilkenny opponents in the drawn Leinster S.H. semi-final at Croke Park.

## Summing Up The Leinster Hurling Final

# WEXFORD TO WIN

FOR those of you who like your hurling with plenty of vim in it, the Wexford-Kilkenny Leinster Senior Hurling Championship final is a 'must' in your diary for August 4.

As always, rivalry is running high between these two neighbouring counties and the fact that the winners will start firm favourites to take the All-Ireland crown later in the year should ensure a truly titanic battle next Sunday, writes Peadar Byrne.

King-pins of the hurling world for the past two years, Wexford are by way of being favourites, but the hurling resurgence that has been brewing in Kilkenny for the past few years is due to reach fruition point any day now.

So don't be surprised if they bring in a win next Sunday. True, they had to go to a replay before accounting for Dublin in the semi-final, but I prefer to judge them on the brilliant form they displayed in the early stages of the National League.

Their defence, built around Paddy Buggy, Johnny McGovern, and the Walshes is sound enough, while on his day, Mick Brophy is peerless in his mid-field berth.

Chief cause of the trouble so far has been the attack where there was a decided lack of punch against Dublin.

After Wexford's eclipse in this year's National League many said the champion's star had set. But the Slaneysider's recent performances have given the lie to that theory and, given any scope, Nick Rackard and his burly men will play havoc with Kilkenny's title ambitions next Sunday.

## Favourites

Whichever way it goes, I think the winners will go on to capture All-Ireland honours on the first Sunday in September.

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and Cork will need to tighten up their ranks a lot if they hope to bring the trophy south again.

So on my reckoning, the All-Ireland title as well as the Leinster crown hinges on the outcome of this Wexford-Kilkenny struggle.

It's going to be a throbbing, pulsating battle but in the final analysis I think the more direct methods of the Wexford front line will see the champions through.

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### Gael Passes

The death took place recently of Patrick Golden, who hurled with the Craughwell (Co. Galway) team in his young days.

### PORTUMNA'S NEW PITCH

A LARGE attendance turned out for the official opening of Portumna's new sportsfield, the Mons. Joyce Memorial Park. The park is as yet undeveloped, but plans are laid to bring it stage by stage to one of the best in Co. Galway. When finally completed the new pitch should be a big asset to the town.

### Ill-Luck Dogs A Great Sportsman, But...

# BOBBY WILL PLAY AGAIN

By Sean O'Neill

THERE are in the calendar of G.A.A. stars, both of past and of present, some which spring to mind whenever we discuss "the greats." And as we think over these players and their careers we find that usually those we remember best possessed something else besides competitive excellence, for great playing ability in itself seldom wins immortality.

The men we remember best, and especially those to whom we give pride of place in reminiscences had, along with being great, some other quality which drew public liking.

It may have been colour, character or flamboyance. In other words, together with finding them great players from our distant viewings, we also find them human, and that brings a nearness.

Perhaps the best example to-day of this type is Bobby Rackard, and the news of his unfortunate accident has spread a cloud of sorrow over all Gaeldom, a cloud which will not pass until the dashing Rathnure man takes his place once more in the colours of his native county.

### Great Man

Bobby will be remembered when many of his contemporaries and probably equally great fellow-players will seldom be spoken of. For, together with being great as a player he stands in the eyes of all followers of our native games as also a great man.

And this, in itself, is a quality which wins pride of place in the hearts of all. A quality which outshines vain colour or flamboyance for it is something which truly magnifies greatness.

When we think back on the playing career of Bobby Rackard a career which began with Wexford in 1945 a number of pictures come to mind.

Firstly we remember the great centre-half back of the late forties and early fifties, tall, graceful, bedecked with cap, grabbing ball after ball with amazing disregard for self-preservation and then clearing them with that inward stroke which somehow never got hooked.

### Grand Style

Each of these clearances was done in a definite and decisive manner—no rooting about—the ball just snatched from the air and cleared. Then the tall figure is missing from the Wexford team. He is seriously ill.

Then, somehow, he is back having won another great victory. Resurgent Wexford march on to the '54 All-Ireland final and who will ever forget the Bobby Rackard of that day. At least none of those who saw the game ever will, for to thousands of them it was the greatest individual display they had ever seen.

Others will even go further and say it was the greatest individual display ever given.

The final picture of Bobby Rackard which springs to mind, probably emphasises more than any of the others his true greatness as a man. Last September's final. The Rackard versus Ring duel, the tall graceful figure matching the wiles of the maestro himself.

### In The Balance

Then Ring comes on top, sheer brilliancy transcends greatness and an All-Ireland title wavers in doubt as the Cloyne machine moves in mercurial, quivering motion.

YET, WE HAVE AN UNCHANGED BOBBY RACKARD HURLING WITH THAT SAME IMMACULATE CLEANNESS THAT HAS ALWAYS BEEN THE HALL-MARK OF HIS HURLING.

Then at the final whistle we find the man who is legend being proudly borne on the shoulder of Bobby Rackard.

This was surely sportsmanship in its essence.

A scene to be remembered and spoken of by the unborn generation of Gaels. This was surely a man.

Bobby's recent ill-luck is an immense loss to Wexford, but to Gaelic games at large it is even more, for he stood (and we hope will again shortly stand) a symbol of all that was great and noble in our native games.

### Feile Chluain Meala

"I HAVE never heard such a splendid collection of fine voices before and I congratulate them all," said Doctor J. J. O'Reilly, Vice-Principal, Municipal School of Music, Dublin, after the male senior solo competition at Feile Chluain Meala recently.

The Feile, which is an annual event, was opened by the Minister for Education, Mr. Jack Lynch. It lasted one week, and the standards in most sections was exceptionally high.

## FIRST TROPHY IN TWELVE YEARS

By "BARROWSIDER"

SOME MONTHS AGO, I WROTE IN THE "GAELIC ECHO" THAT THE GERALDINE - O'HANRAHAN HURLING AND FOOTBALL CLUB (WEXFORD) WAS A GO-AHEAD ONE.

On that occasion, I wrote that in order to prepare for the coming year's championship they were leaving no stone unturned in an effort to be fit when the vital time came.

They got themselves fit, or into fair shape, by plenty of practice—mostly matches against teams who were just that bit better themselves.

The fruits of all this practice was evident recently when, for the first time in twelve years, they won a major trophy when they defeated Ballygunner (Co. Waterford) in the final of the Slieve Rua hurling Tournament (Co. Kilkenny).

Not since 1945 have the club won

any important game and last year when they were forced to revert to the intermediate grade they reached the final only to taste defeat again.

Of the 1945 team only one is now an active player—Mick O'Brien, at one time a member of the Wexford Co. side.

Another member of the side who has given continued service since 1946 is Tim Russell, the present Chairman of the Club.

Tim, a Cork man, has the distinction of representing both Cork and Wexford in All-Ireland finals. With Cork, in 1944 and Wexford in 1951. He is now a Wexford senior selector.

Others of the club who have worn the County senior jersey are Mick Morrissey, Jimmy O'Brien, Jimmy Deegan, Maurice Kehoe and John O'Brien.

Sean Somers, Jim Sutton and Martin Lyng are present members of the County junior side.

These, with up and coming youngsters Joe Colfer, John Kavanagh, Jim Lyng (Co. Minors) form the backbone of a very useful team. So 1957 should be a year to recapture some of the glory that was theirs in the past.

## You Can't Keep Good Men Down!

"THE old dog for the hard road" is a well-known maxim with sportsmen the world over. Recently there were two instances which more than prove the truth of that adage in the world of the G.A.A.

In a Meath championship game, that hero of a hundred Meath battles, Peter McDermott, pulled on the jersey of Navan O'Mahoney's again and had a big say in his side's great win over a Syddan team that included another all-time "great" of Meath football, Paddy Meegan.

PETER TOOK ON THE UNUSUAL ROLE OF GOAL-KEEPER IN THAT ENCOUNTER, BUT ALL THE OLD CUNNING WAS VERY MUCH IN EVIDENCE AND, TRY AS THEY WOULD, MEEGAN AND

CO. WERE UNABLE TO GET ONE PAST HIM.

Come-back No. 2 concerns that great-hearted old warrior of Dublin hurling, Kevin Matthews. For a long time Kevin was about the only Dubliner on the Dublin team and although he failed in his quest for an All-Ireland medal, he won nearly every other honour in the game in his goal-keeping position before he tucked away his hurley three years ago. But now Kevin is back on the hurling scene again—only this time as a forward.

Since his return, Kevin has proved himself a marksman of the highest calibre and, thanks to him his club, Eoghan Ruadh, are enjoying a very successful run in the Dublin Senior League just now.

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Among them are well-known athletes in Brian Bell (Dublin), Terry O'Sullivan (Kerry), both former Irish champions; Tommy Murray (Carlow), Tom Convoy (Galway), Pat Hallinan (Louth Long Jump champion), Dan McAulliffe (former Cork 16 lb. shot and 56 lb. champion), Gabriel McCormack (Meath 440 yards champion), Michael Barrett (Kerry

56 lb. runner-up), T. J. Quinlan (Cork 100 yards runner-up), Leo O'Brien (Cork), Paddy Sweeney and Jim Tracey (Carlow), Jim McCabe and Tom Cummins (Clare).

Three men to watch this year are—T. J. Quinlan, who has clocked 10.2 for the 100 yards; John Sullivan (Cork) who has run the 880 yards in 1 min. 58.8 secs., and Tommy Greene (Limerick) who has put up the good time of 4 mins. 26 secs. for the mile.

## Irish Tour

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## Looking Around

# No Offence, Mr. Kavanagh

By "The Hawk"

READ this, for goodness' sake! It appeared in a report of a Mayo senior football match in a western paper lately. "MR. TOMMY KAVANAGH WAS AN IMPARTIAL REFEREE."

At first the naked, pathetic paragraph amused me. And then the troubled, disquieting question seeped through: So what? Was that not Mr. Kavanagh's job and duty? (I don't know Mr. Kavanagh, but if he is a good referee—and there is no reason to doubt it—he would be the last person to expect "favourable comment" on his impartiality).

I have picked this case only as an illustration of a problem which has deep roots, growing deeper. It implies that there are referees in Gaelic games who ARE NOT IMPARTIAL. I sincerely believe that that is untrue. But it is a dangerous insinuation which could breed a general antipathy towards referees in the public mind.

## Defaulters

Blame must lie with our sports reporters—the whole herd. It boils down to inferiority complex—a characteristic of the Irish race, maybe.

Just read the reports, cliché-ridden, from week to week:

"A grand sporting contest", "hard knocks given and taken in true sporting fashion", "there were no unpleasant incidents to mar a great game", "Both sides played the game in the best sporting traditions of the Gael" . . . . .

If there are no fights in a game is it necessary to say so? Why emphasise normality? Enemies of the games delight in it. "Seldom is wonderful" they say.

There is a lot more to be said about this business. I'll come round to it soon.

## First-Class

Give me Thurles for a big match every time. I went down to see the Munster hurling final. As usual the stewarding was top rate; the crowds orderly and good-humoured; no crush, and after the match an easy get-away, over the Railway bridge and down the hill to the welcoming town, where brown-faced hurling men talked quietly in the Square or quenched thirst in cool taverns.

But I have one "crib". The broadcasting box was occupied (why wasn't there a Radio commentary on the game?) by someone who delivered an almost unceasing stream of announcements and appeals during the game.

Nothing wrong with them—many of them were very important—but was it so vitally necessary to distract players' and spectators' concentration at hectic moments of play?

LITTLE JOHNNY MULLARKEY COULD SURELY HAVE WAITED FOR HIS MOTHER AT THE MAIN ENTRANCE GATE UNTIL MICK CASHMAN OR JIM BROHAN OR SOMEONE ELSE HAD CLEARED THE BALL FROM THE MILLING GOALMOUTH.

Over-zealous Public Address men can be a hindrance rather than a help sometimes.

## Again?

A question that troubles hurling men these days: Have the Tipperary selectors ruined another brilliant young hurler? Remember what happened to Billy Quinn two or three years ago? Tipp. played him on the county senior team too soon.

The result? He faded out after a few games.

Now it's Jimmy Doyle, fabulous minor of the past three years. He played at left half forward in the Munster semi-final against Cork, and Pat Dowling hurled him out of the game. Doyle, I think, is streets ahead of Dowling as a hurler, but he is not yet mature, physically. The toughness of a Munster championship is too much for him yet.

Give him a chance, Tipp. Keep him off the county team for another couple of years.

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### WHAT ABOUT A SCHOOLBOYS' ALL-IRELAND?

It's not so impossible as some would lead you to believe. It's the life's ambition of every schoolboy, hurler and footballer, to play in an All-Ireland final, and if I had my

By Jimmy Magee

way they wouldn't have to wait until they reach manhood, or for that matter even minor age.

But, how could a county team be picked from thousands of schoolboys? Not any more difficult than picking a senior team from just as many seniors.

First of all, the best players who come to light through inter-schools competitions would go forward to make up the district team under the wing of the local senior club, if possible.

District plays district in competition and from there on it's plain sailing to selecting two trial teams and finally the county team.

### Usual System

My aim is to play it on the accepted inter-provincial system in use in the senior All-Irelands.

BY THE WAY, IT IS WORTH NOTING THAT RECENTLY INTER-COUNTY JUVENILE CONTESTS BETWEEN CORK AND WATERFORD HAVE BEEN QUITE A SUCCESS.

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Just think of the help a school-boys All-Ireland would be to county teams in later years, particularly provincial counties.

Promising youngsters could be "nursed" from schoolboy to minor and up the ladder to senior and with it would come teamwork unsurpassed.

### Your Views?

Well boys, what do you think? If you are in favour by all mean let

us know, or better still try to interest your teachers, local officials and indeed everyone in getting it going on a definite basis.

WORDS WITHOUT ACTION ARE PERHAPS OF LITTLE USE. SO ACT NOW AND TRY TO BRING ABOUT THIS GREAT NEW COMPETITION.

To the older boys say: don't take the defeatist attitude just because you are passing out of that age group. Instead put your best foot forward and perhaps one day you'll be proud of the part you played.

## ANOTHER FREE PRIZE!

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### ... And Away To Safety



Galway full-back, Gerry Daly, gathers the ball to clear in the Connacht S.F. final against Leitrim. Galway easily retained their title by 4-8 to 0-4.

# "Greatest Minor Of Them All" RISE OF A NEW STAR

MEET the best-known player in G.A.A. minor competitions to-day. He's equally brilliant at hurling or football; he already bids fair to become a maestro in either: he is only seventeen, yet he has more medals than the majority of men twice his age.

HIS NAME IS DES. FOLEY.

A product of St. Joseph's, Fairview, Des first hit the headlines in the Dublin Primary Schools League, cradle of many a scintillating G.A. star. Here he won many trophies with the all-conquering "Joey's" team, and represented Dublin in the annual inter-city games with Belfast. When he graduated into secon-

### Tough Work!

Take a look at the number of competitions in which Des Foley played last year. He played in the minor and under 16's grades for St. Vincent's in both hurling and football league and championship games. On the Colleges front he played for St. Joseph's in both codes in the senior and junior tests, while he also assisted his school in the Dublin Secondary Schools League. And then to cap it all he played on both Dublin minor teams.

dary school ranks, Des found himself equally busy between playing for his school in the Junior Colleges tests and helping St. Vincent's in Dublin juvenile competitions.

Still the medals kept rolling in, but if they did, Des found it tough going trying to keep abreast of all his athletic engagements.

### Many Medals

Came 1956 and the most hectic year in Des's career so far. First he help St. Joseph's to a great win in the Leinster Colleges' football championship, then he won Dublin minor championship and League medals with St. Vincent's.

In between, he won a spate (CONTD. ON PAGE 6)

## ÁR DTEANSA Féin

"Oisín" DO SCRIB

Tá an t-easairéir tar éir a máb lú, an curar deirneac, a cáirce óga, go rabar éin colmúin fé leir do ríri díb zac mí. Ceana féin, cáim tan éir cúis nó fé lreaca ó fáil ó báoine anro ir anróo ar fuair na tíre. Do ríri bean maíalta ó ceann der na cloair i mbá Cliaé, asur adubairt rí go maib áear uirí, asur d'iarí rí omi saebilge, an-rimlúe do ríri. "Tá maiz saebilge azam i mbliana" adeir rí, "asur tá mo ériúe bhírca aca. Táio an-laz ar fad, ar fad. Táio az ullamú i scóir na meán ceirriméaraéca, an bliain seo cúgáinn. Da maie liom go scógrá ceann der na leabra saebilge acá ar an scéar, asur

go ríriúbra ríora bun — rmaoineam, cabaral ar cabaral. Cearam go scabhrócaó fé rín go móir liom, asur go scurraeó na cailín an-rum ann. D'féadrá an níó céadna a déanam leir na dána. An bun-cúrra acá zá déanam azaim, asur tá fé rín deacain go leir bóib ríú amáin".

mian duine eile

Táimz licir eile ó buacail ríole acá na cónnuide i sConnrae Corcaige. Sé an níó acá ón mbuacail seo, ná, go mbead cunncaz azam zac mí ar na cluicé móra acá az ceacé, asur a cur in-níúil do cao é an condae a baifríó amac craob na h-éiréann i bpeit ir in-íománióct i mbliana. "íomániúe fead mé féin adeir fé." Táim-re mar éar-caen ar an bhruieann fé ceacáir-óeaz anro ra páriúca. D'imrígeamar feacé zcuicé le deanáide. Buadamar zac ceann aca, ac ceann amáin. Ní feadar cao a éarúa dúinn an lá ran. Níl a feor azam ó éalam an domáin, cao a éarúa dár scúil báire an lá úo. Dó leoz fé irceac trí cúil go h-an-bos ar fad."

buaib ár scóir

Licir eile a táimz cúgam-ceann ó cailín beaz ó lár na h-éiréann. Do bí an-cúr ríor aic ar an bhreir áicúit. Seo zioca ar an licir a éuir rí cúgam. "Do bí feir iongancaé azaim anro a "Oisín". Do bí zac-cailín ón ár ríol páirceacé ann. Fuairéadar go leir beaz-nac duair de ríazar éizín. Fuair níóirín, dhíriúir liom, fuair rí bonn óir i scóir ríealíocta. Bí áear an domáin ar maím. Do bí óbir azaim leir. Do buadamar an comórcar rín có maie. Canamar dá amáin saebilge "Cáic ní d'uirí" ir "Jime" níó míle scóir". Do bí cúis ríolteanna páirceacé an n. Fuairéamar corín móir aigró mar duair. Adubairt an máizircear liom-ra é do bhreir ábairt liom, asur é do éoimeáó ann ar fead feacéamaino".

Deiú conne azam le cúpla licir maib go leir mí. Níl bíóó aon eagla oparb ríri cúgam. Ir maie liom lreacaó ó fáil ó báoine óga.

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# Is This Farewell?

## Catholic Students Games

All arrangements have been made and the Irish team is training assiduously for the Catholic Students' Games which will be held in Dublin from August 12 to 18 inclusive. The Games are being promoted here by the Irish Council of the International Catholic Sports Education Federation.

The Irish boys are expected to do well in the various events, though they will be up against tough opposition from England, France, Germany, Belgium, Portugal and Austria.

We wish them good luck.

## PALE SHADOW OF ONCE GREAT DUBLIN TEAM By "Dubgael"

THERE was something sad and final about Dublin's defeat by Louth in the Leinster football decider for those faithful followers who, since St. Vincents became the symbol of a real Dublin team, have given their unstinted support both at home and away.

In many ways it has been a frustrating period for those fans. When hopes were highest they often had to endure humiliating defeat; those early trips to Drogheda and Navan and later Portlaoise will be related whenever Dublin Gaels congregate.

Of course, St. Vincent's reign had its triumph too. Their unequalled run of county championship successes, their National League titles, their reaching the All-Ireland final in 1955, the wonderful and, I hope, lasting tonic which they gave to

football in the Metropolis; all these things will be remembered.

### Fell Short

But for the loyal fans the record falls short; they did not win an all-Ireland title.

That is why they are probably the most frustrating side in the history of the game.

There were times when they seemed to have Gaeldom at their feet but a lack of balance and head deprived them of highest honours and it was always argued by those who did not favour a truly native selection that they did not pick promising players from clubs other than St. Vincents.

Certainly, in their early years, they were unrivalled.

Successive selection committees and county boards held trials and gave other players a chance, but Vincent's were obviously superior.

In latter times it could certainly be argued that players were on the side-lines who should have been original choices.

### Wrong Approach

In fact, I think it could truly be said that had some of the established stars been given a rest in the Leinster final, Dublin might well have won.

It was pathetic to watch some of the men whose names have become household words in Dublin, and indeed throughout the land, floundering and fumbling, where once their every move brought a thrill.

Was it that luck was against them? Was it that they had not sufficiently enlightened direction from the side-line?

WAS IT THAT LACK OF "HEAD" AND CUTENESS ON THE BIG OCCASION TOLD HEAVILY AGAINST THEM?

All these factors contributed, at different times, to their failure to achieve what was expected of them, but I think that what they lacked most was the ability to realise when victory was in sight, so that a super-human effort could be produced to clinch the issue.

Perhaps too many voices on the side-line was responsible for this!

### Facing Facts

However, life is real and in the end of all we must face the fact that the All-Ireland title eluded them.

But there are compensations. Memories of scintillating football against Cavan when Dublin won the league title; the sweet wings over Meath in league and championship in 1955; the never-to-be-forgotten All-Ireland semi-final battles with Mayo and, although they lost to Kerry, the 1955 All-Ireland final.

Most of the fans will cherish these memories, but they will remember too the other days—the days we should have won and didn't.

Let us hope that the work so well begun by St. Vincent's will continue, and that perhaps the example which they have given will inspire succeeding youth to attain heights of achievement which eluded the Marino men.

## RISE OF A STAR

(CONTD. FROM PAGE 5)

of medals with the Marino team in juvenile competitions, as well as capturing Junior Colleges' honours with St. Joseph's.

Later on in the year he helped Dublin in the Leinster minor hurling championship, and then climaxed a great season by playing a big part in bringing the football title to the Metropolis for the third year running.

He again figured on both Dublin teams this year and, while, the Metropolitans were eclipsed in both the hurling and football tests, Foley emerged from the series with even greater stature.

### What Price?

The above is only a brief survey

of the number of competitions Des has won so far. But being a star has its drawbacks, too. For one thing, it means that your services are always in demand and that for Des Foley usually entailed an average of three games a week during last year.

Despite all the honours that have come his way, Des has no false illusions about his ability. For he realises that he has still much to learn and is constantly striving to improve his game. That is the spirit that makes for greatness.

Yes indeed, take note of the name, Des Foley, for you'll be hearing quite a lot of it in the near future.

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Now for our July winner. Out of the hat came Pdraig Mulhare of Banagher St., Cloghan, Offaly, with an all-correct solution, and he will receive our Free Prize of Half a Guinea.

The correct answers were: (1) Leitrim; (2) Ashes; (3) Fur; (4) R; (5) Old; (6) Bread; (7) Brosnan. Reading the circled letters downwards gave you the name of the town where the G.A.A. was founded—Thurles.

This month we are offering another prize of Half a Guinea. Why not have a shot at it?

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coupon, 1, 2, 3 and so on. Write your name and address clearly underneath and post your entry, marked "Junior Competition" on the corner of the envelope, to: "GAELIC ECHO," 13 PARLIAMENT ST., DUBLIN.

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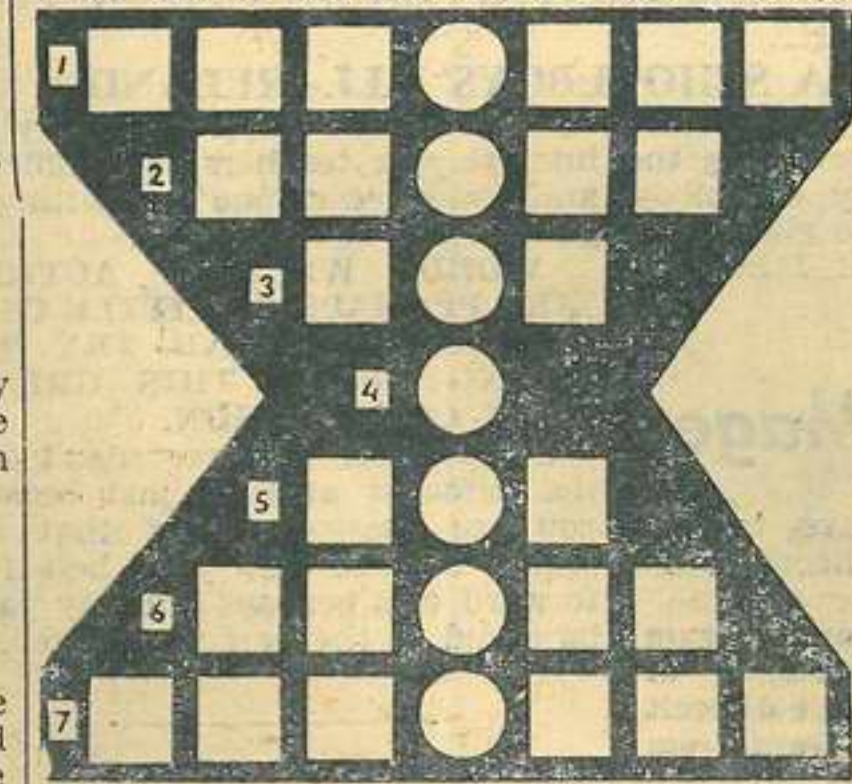
4. When you say this letter, it sounds as though you were hissing, which of course, you should never do!

5. Past tense of the verb EAT.

6. One of the colours of the Irish flag.

7. If your name is this you will probably be called Charlie.

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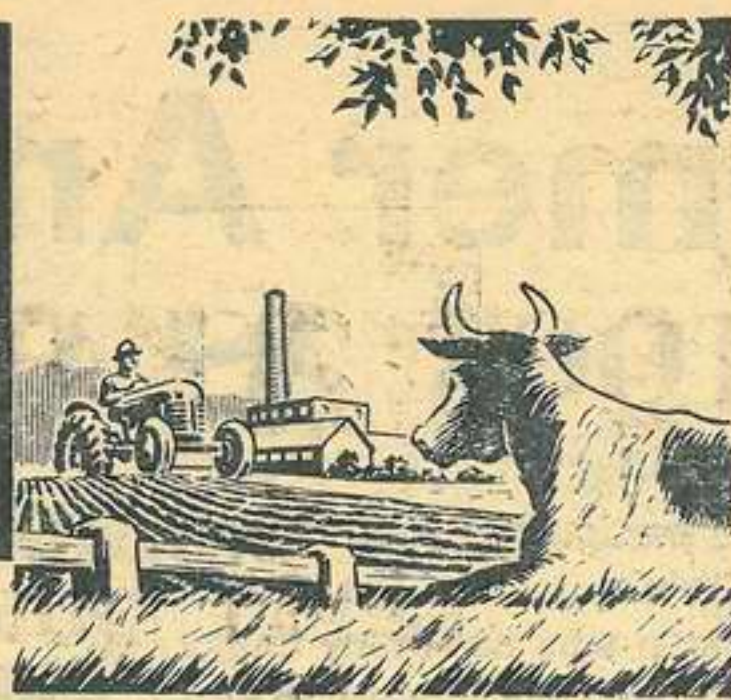
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# Farming Times

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## What About A Catch Crop?

A CATCH crop can be sown this month to give extra feeding next spring and is useful in bringing out stock in top condition to get top spring prices. A mixture of rye and vetches, rape and Italian ryegrass, or any two or three of these, can be sown this month. Rye, rape or ryegrass can be sown singly, and rye can be sown as late as early September.

If a catch crop follows potatoes they will not need farmyard manure, but a light dressing of artificials is useful. It is best to sow after a crop that has had farmyard manure as otherwise the results may be disappointing.

Coming up to the time next spring when these crops will be needed a dressing of nitrogenous fertiliser will give them a boost and increase the bulk for grazing or cutting.

## BARLEY CROP IS BETTER THAN OATS

ALTHOUGH there has been a considerable increase in the use of modern varieties of feeding barley on farms in this country, there are still some farmers who have a prejudice against it.

Possibly this comes from their innate conservatism which works against their using anything new, merely because it is new and unfamiliar.

Various objections are put forward against feeding barley, one of the most frequent being that it is no substitute for oats for young stock.

Actually, with some protein added, it can be used instead of oats, and as a greater yield of barley than of oats can be got from the same land as a rule, there is an advantage in bulk in growing the barley.

Feeding varieties can give up to two tons per statute acre without very much trouble, provided they are treated right.

Barley is better rolled than hammer-milled for young stock, as dustiness often causes coughing, which is not harmful in itself, but may give rise to anxiety because the cause is not realised.

To offset the dustiness an admixture of beet pulp is useful, or mixing with pulped mangolds if these are being fed.

Farmer P. J. Dillon says: "Tillage Means Prosperity For All"

# HE FARMS 800 ACRES — AT 25

By P. K. DOWNEY

"TILLAGE—ON A LARGE SCALE—IS THE ANSWER TO MANY OF IRELAND'S ECONOMIC PROBLEMS." THE QUIET-SPOKEN, ALMOST BOYISH YOUNG MAN WAS INTENSELY SERIOUS, SURE OF HIMSELF.

We had run down to Kilmoon (Co. Meath) to talk to Patrick J. (Paddy) Dillon. And we talked about farming to the man who is the talk of Meath and a headline to every farmer in Ireland.

Paddy Dillon, at 25, is farming 800 acres in Kilmoon. He has been doing so scientifically and successfully for the past five years. Doing it in a way that shatters one's belief in the old dictum that the experience of age is the safest and surest way to continued success in business undertakings.

But Paddy Dillon has experience too, gathered the hard way since he set his hand to big-time farming at the age of twenty. More impor-

vigance, can be largely avoided, while the weather here, with a few rare exceptions, is never really disastrous.

In a very good summer like 1955 our grain crops will compare with the best in the world.

This year Paddy Dillon has 600 acres under cereals: 300 acres of wheat, 180 of barley and 120 of oats. His 200 acres of meadow have already been saved.

Paddy has taken many chances during his five years of farming. And they have all come off.

THE SECRET? JUST GOOD MANAGEMENT.

A tip from the man who is typical of the avant garde of the young generation of go-ahead Irish farmers:

"I SUPPOSE YOU NEED A BIT OF COURAGE TO START OFF ON YOUR OWN AS I DID. BUT THE FIRST STEP IS TO PERSUADE YOUR FATHER TO LET YOU TAKE THE CHANCE."



PATRICK J. DILLON

tant, he has initiative and courage—the courage to take big risks from year to year—and the business ability, technical knowledge and sound commonsense that show their reward in rich harvests.

### Plough More

The quiet man from Kilmoon believes that every available acre of our land should be put under the plough.

Paddy said: "Raise crops, and you raise the standard of living all round. But it must be done with up-to-date methods, scientifically."

"IT WOULD GO A LONG WAY, TOO, IN STEMMING EMIGRATION FROM RURAL AREAS. TILLAGE PROVIDES STEADY EMPLOYMENT FOR LOCAL WORKERS AT DECENT WAGES."

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"The men, too, can make a good deal on overtime, especially during the busy seasons."

Paddy Dillon admitted that a farmer can make good profit with less trouble in livestock. But he was quick to stress that the only people who do make money in that way are the farmers and cattle dealers, or auctioneers.

### Wealth Increases

"With tillage," he said, "the money circulates. You give more employment on the farm itself; you spend money on seeds and fertilizers, on machinery, petrol and oil. Then there is transport, constant maintenance of equipment, and so on. Many people benefit and wealth increases."

There are big risks, however, in climate and disease. But the latter, with proper knowledge and

## HOW HE STARTED

I HAVE made a success of farming," said Paddy Dillon. "Thanks to my father for giving me a free hand, and to the late P. J. Nulty of Nulty Seeds and Fertilizers of Ashbourne and Rathcoffey. He was one of my best friends and gave me a lot of advice and encouragement. He was a wonderful man."

Mr. Nulty was killed accidentally on August Bank Holiday last year when a wheat bin exploded at his business in Ashbourne.

## WHY NOT KEEP SHEEP—THEY PAY

THERE was a time when sheep-farming was confined to the men of certain areas and sheep were rare in other parts. Nowadays, however, the sheep is coming to be recognised as something that can be used as a separate farm enterprise on a mixed farm to make use of ground that otherwise might be under-producing.

Sheep offer the mixed farmer a number of choices. He can keep a "flying flock" of ewes, which will give him several choices of management. He can sell ewes and lambs together in the spring or early summer; he may sell fat lambs (a lucrative trade up to the present) in the spring, summer and autumn, or he may sell store lambs in the autumn. He can carry the flock on himself and arrange his programme accordingly to the market if he becomes adept in the business.

YOUNG EWES COST RATHER HIGH, BUT AFTER YIELDING THEIR CROP OF LAMBS THEY CAN BE SOLD OFF OR KEPT FOR FURTHER BREEDING. IF OLD EWES ARE BOUGHT MOST OF THEM WILL HAVE TO BE REPLACED IF THE FARMER DECIDES THAT HE LIKES WORKING WITH SHEEP.

Another possibility is to buy in a flock of shearing wethers or fattening hoggets to use up grazing and to be sold off fat. The margin here is usually not

big, but profit can be made, and the land is enriched and pastures benefitted by careful management.

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It is a mistake to look at sheep as the speciality of a few.

### The Weaned Lambs

Newly-weaned lambs should never be put on pastures where there is any risk of their picking up internal parasites. A clean, new sward is best and on the stubble fields they will get good pickings.

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# The Farmer And The Horse Show

## BLOODSTOCK AS AN ENTERPRISE

By DENIS FISHER

QUITE a large number of farmers, particularly those within reasonable driving distance of Dublin, go to the Horse Show. There they meet a type of person who has many things in common with themselves, but who has this interest in and knowledge of horses added to his farming side and largely overshadowing it.

There seems a world of difference between the two, but, in fact, there is no such thing and each has much to teach the other.

The ordinary farmer seldom thinks of bloodstock as a possible enterprise, although one prominent and successful farming writer in Britain said that he always had a young horse growing into money on his farm. He used it for riding on tours of inspection as part of its training.

In fact by a closer marriage of farming proper with the bloodstock enterprise, the owner of a bloodstock farm can increase his income and improve the quality of all his produce.

The typical bloodstock farm contains a large area of land around a large house. It is owned by people who love horses, who have been brought up in a horsey atmosphere, hunting, showing, breeding, nursing and coddling horses in a way that seems to come from some quality of the blood rather than a recognition of the value of the animals with which they deal.

These people find their best metier in this activity—they know horses instinctively and it is in the country's interests that their sympathy and skill, their innate ability to deal with horses, should be helped and encouraged.

### Top Class

This country has a reputation for producing top-class bloodstock that is worth many millions of pounds every year, and the people who own the bloodstock farms or work on them are the most important factor in this national wealth. They have brought things to the present high pitch and any improvement will depend on them.

It is, therefore, rather a bad thing to see some of them occasionally threatened with disaster through modern economic difficulties, and it is the object of this article to suggest how some of them may be helped to weather the storm.

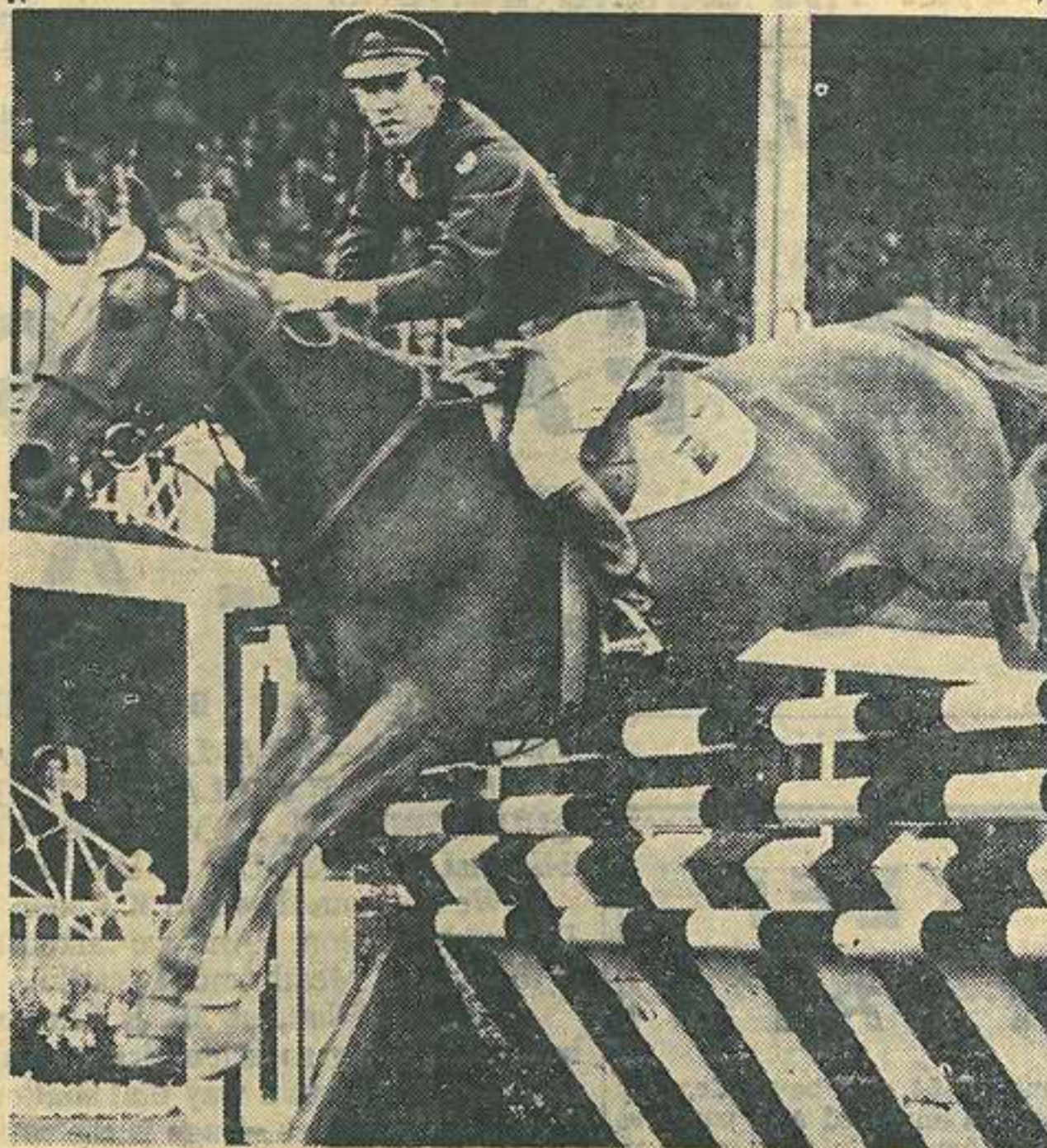
### Must Be Good

At the present time bloodstock is in the same category as many other products—only the best is economically worth producing. Top-class bloodlines must be kept if the enterprise is to pay, and these cost enormous sums to procure.

Management has to be of a high order if it is to succeed, and if it can be integrated with sound farm management, it seems to me that the chances of success are greatly enhanced.

If established bloodstock breeders who are feeling the pinch

### UP AND OVER



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would think more seriously of doing the right thing by their farming proper as well as the animal end of things, they would quickly see the way out of their difficulties.

Farming and bloodstock are closely inter-related, and on any bloodstock farm they ought to be closely knit into an over-all policy that will aim at high production from all enterprises on the farm.

The bloodstock market is subject to ups and downs that often mean differences of thousands of pounds to people who are selling. If prices are down, this is a loss, if they are up the seller is lucky, but if he is producing really high quality stuff, in first-class condition, he has the best chance of doing well. If he also has a properly-run farm, producing cash crops, feeding and so on, he has still a greater chance of making ready money every year.

### Expert Advice

Already a number of bloodstock producers have taken expert advice about their farming and have found it a tremendous advantage. They have had non-productive land, of which there is usually a fairly large proportion on these farms, brought into production through the Land Rehabilitation Project.

They have produced their own feed—high quality grain, hay and grass—much cheaper than formerly, and have seen the improvement in the condition of their horses resulting from the improvement in the land.

Parts of these farms, which formerly were good snipe shooting grounds, but nothing else, are now producing hay and grazing of a quality that was never thought possible by former owners, or even by present owners before they took the advice of their local agricultural experts.

### Advantages

It seems to me that through an extension of this plan we can enhance our bloodstock industry, increase the reputation of our horses abroad, take advantage of the growing American market for them, and put the whole business on a progress towards even greater prosperity.

This is an aspect of national recovery which has not yet had its full significance recognised, and by the marriage of straight farming with bloodstock raising it is obvious that a tremendous contribution to our recovery can be made.

The institution of the Land Project has given new hope to bloodstock raisers who had seen parts of their land go back to bog without being able to do anything about it. For people in such a position a wise procedure, already proved in a

enterprise, just as other farm plans are directed towards cattle, milk or pig production with others as ancillary.

### Make A Plan

A study of the map of the farm will show how ditches can be removed by the Land Project machinery, allowing the over-all layout to be planned on rational lines. Generally speaking, such a farm is likely to include two sections, one composed of a number of conveniently sized paddocks, say 8 to 10 of them, which are used for stallions, mares and foals, weaned colts and fillies, or in-training animals.

There will, of course, be slight differences between the stud farm, the breeding farm and the training stables, but generally this principle applies. All these types of farm will have as their main needs good early grass from disease-free pastures, high-quality grain and hay for winter feeding and, possibly, a quantity of lucerne for summer "soiling."

Some bloodstock raisers use cow's milk to augment the feeding of young horses, to supply calcium for bone-formation, which means that cows will be kept as a commercial herd or just to supply stable and house needs.

### Best Results

If the best results are to be got from the paddocks, it is advisable to lay on a management plan and routine to be adhered to throughout. The best results probably will be got by ploughing up each pasture once in ten years or even more often. If the grass gets ahead of the grazing horses it can be grazed by cattle or cut for silage to add to the feeding on the livestock end of the farm operations.

After ploughing and taking a crop off each paddock and laying it down to a good grass mixture, regular and timely manuring with farmyard manure, lime, and possibly basic slag to supply some mineral deficiencies the only loss on each paddock, to the bloodstock end of

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# BLOODSTOCK BREEDING

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things, will be for the year or so before the grass comes into production.

Even then, there will be a grain crop sold for cash or used for feeding, a contribution of importance to the over-all management of the farm.

## Grazing Programme

With rotational grazing, using bullocks, cows, and heifers if available before or after the bloodstock, these paddocks can be kept in production for 7 to 10 years at a pretty high level. Management will include, as well as the rotational grazing, topping to prevent too stemmy growth and possibly a hay or silage but where the stock cannot keep up with the growth.

The use of farmyard manure of such grass appears to give something that artificial fertilisers lack and with a good herd of cows and other cattle, this is always ensured.

The use of bullocks to graze bloodstock paddocks is beneficial to the grass because horses tend to use one part of a field as a dunging area, eating none of the grass in that section, but the bullocks will eat that grass, thus ensuring an even use of all the growth of the field. Such areas can be mowed, of course, but it is better farming to have the fresh grass going into some sort of stomach to turn into money.

## A Danger

There is no danger in running cattle with horses, but it is always better to have dehorned or polled cattle on a bloodstock farm to avoid the possibility of injury to valuable animals.

Pastures can be kept up to scratch by proper manuring, the use of the pitchpole harrow in winter to eliminate moss and by top-dressing with

Nitrogenous manures to promote grass growth at the required times.

Heavy stocking is better than too light and basic slag will help to supply any mineral deficiencies such as molybdenum, zinc, etc., that may make their appearance to the detriment of the stock if not catered for.

The proper management of the paddocks will ensure that the young horses are well catered for. A herd of cows will supply feeding and as well as the rather large house needs that are usual where a number of stable boys and others are kept. Any surplus can be used for pig-feeding.

## Blocks System

If the remainder of the farm is planned in due time, with a system of blocks of ground worked out, production can be stepped up fairly rapidly. Usually such an establishment has a large lawn which the owner is loath to touch. With top-dressing, harrowing and topping as needed, production from this can be very greatly increased.

After blocking out the outer part of the farm (the paddocks are usually nearest the house) these can be put through a rotational plan to produce food for bloodstock and farm animals, store cattle, cows and pigs.

## Remember The Cows

In the rush of harvesting it is easy to forget that the cows and young cattle should have been moved to a fresh pasture. Milk yields will go down if the cows are not moved once they have got the best off the fields they are in at the moment. If you have been troubled with worms in young cattle, the moving of these is doubly important.

A flying flock of sheep might easily be kept to give autumn lambs for the Christmas market, an excellent producer of ready cash, or even a breeding herd of ewes for late lambing might be fitted in.

Many bloodstock owners use lucerne as a soiling material and this can be grown on a small block, any surplus going to fill in space in the silage pit. In a dry summer lucerne is particularly useful on this type of farm.

## Surplus Space

With the needs of the stock being met from the rejuvenated fields, it may well be found that there is a surplus of space, and this can be used to produce cash through grain or beet, peas, brassicas for seed, or even grass for seed, all of which can make very welcome additions to the over-all income.

Thus we can form an over-all picture of a large area of land gradually being brought into high production, increasing the income of the owner so that he can invest more widely in his main interest—bloodstock raising, increasing his number of horses improving their quality and gradually getting into the top flight in his chosen field.

## Why Waste Liquid Manure?

IT is possible on many farms throughout the country to trace the drainage from the farmyards, wherever it can reach a field, by the difference in the grass or crop along the line of the flow.

It will usually be found that in the area on to which the water from the yard and houses runs, the grass or crop will be greener, higher and altogether better than on the rest of the field, unless there has been a really high proportion of fertiliser used.

In spite of this sort of demonstration, few farmers have come to realise that the liquid running out of the cowhouse, the piggery and the other stock houses is worth something, and that it would save them some of their fertiliser bills if they made the effort necessary to collect it.

## Comparison

A ton of cow urine is equal to a hundredweight of Nitrate of Soda, but the great difference between the two is that one can be had for nothing once the collecting

arrangements have been laid on.

A leaflet compiled by the Department of Agriculture gives plans and instructions for the installation of a liquid manure tank of a rather elaborate type, but the average farmer could very easily construct one himself, provided that he has the help of gravity in filling it.

A barrell cart with spray attachment, or some spraying device, is needed to spread the liquid manure to the best advantage.

## Absorbents

It is, however, possible to save the liquid manure without building a tank at all. All that is needed being a method for soaking up the liquid in some absorbent medium which can be carted to the fields and spread with reasonable ease. Where fairly dry peat moss can be obtained easily it can be spread wherever the liquid manure can be soaked up in the byre and around the dung heap.

When this peat moss (also called turf mould) is applied to land it not only adds the liquid manure but also helps in improving soil structure and conserving moisture.

Sea sand is also used to absorb liquid manure, but it is heavy to handle, though it is useful as an improver of heavy clay structures.

Some farmers use ground limestone as an absorbent, and this has the obvious advantage that it is in itself a fertiliser.

If an improvised method of collecting liquid manure is set up rain should be excluded, as it only adds to the bulk to be handled without adding to the value of the whole.

## Modern Cowstalls

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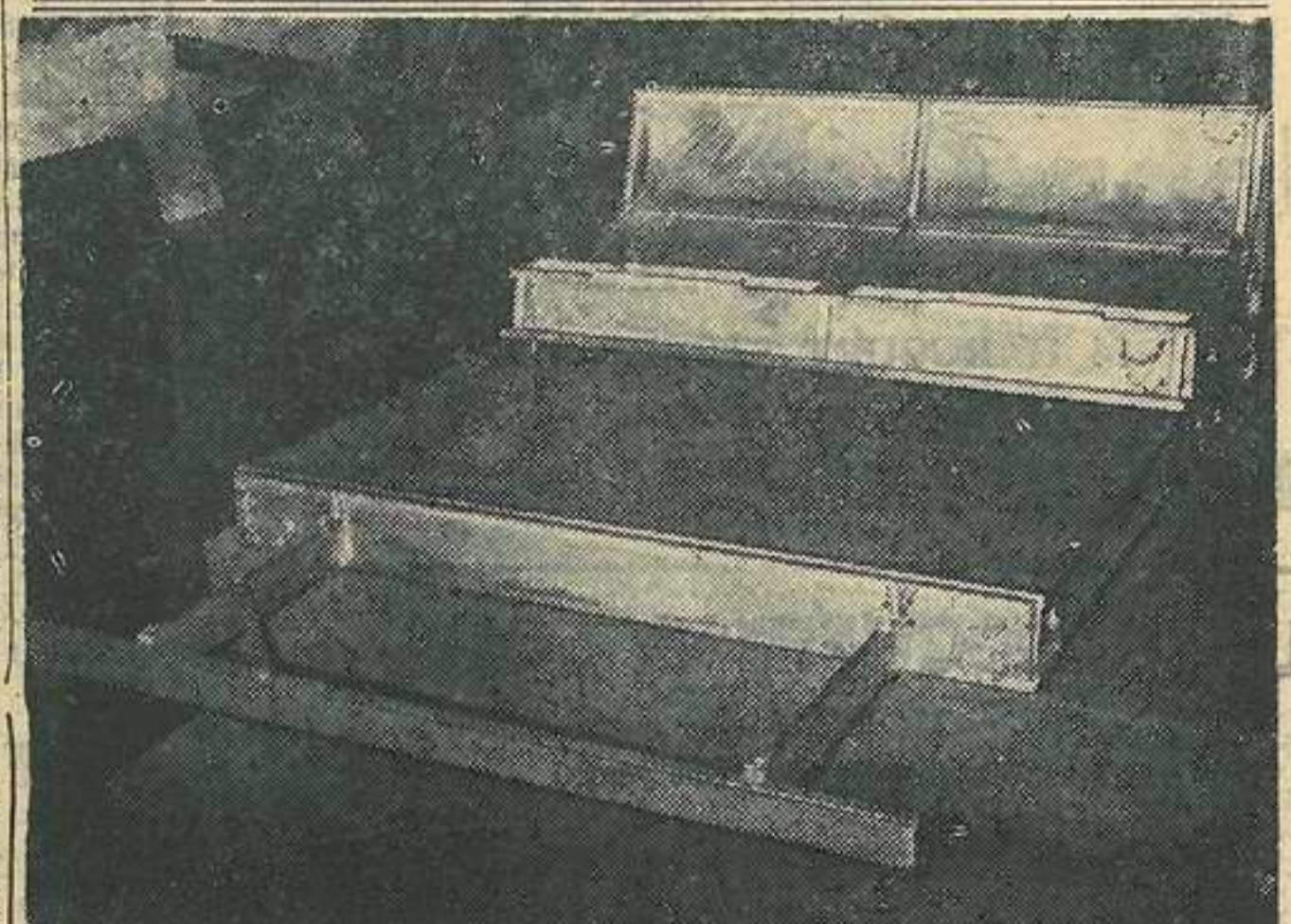
This height in front of the cow is most important as she adjusts her position on the standing from this; and when the former is the correct length for the herd, well, the manure channel is a manure channel.

The length of the standing varies from 4' 6" to 5' 2". Compensated levels laid on the casing ensure the correct drainage slope both from the standing into the manure

channel, and also, in this, right down the length of the byre.

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**Death In The Fields**

The practice of using sprays for different purposes has grown very rapidly in agriculture and horticulture, and some of these sprays are poisonous and must be treated with respect for their lethal qualities. The makers of such sprays give warnings against their improper use, but carelessness is apt to creep in here too, with nasty results.

Factory workers are protected to a certain extent by Acts of Parliament which enforce a certain standard of safety in factory machinery, but these Acts could hardly be applied to farms, where conditions are so much different. There are a few measures on the British Statute Book governing precautions on chaff-cutters and

threshing machines, which probably apply here, and which could possibly be brought up to date and made to include other machines as well, particularly stationary plant.

Pulley belts, circular saws, edged tools of any kind, the new portable mechanical saws driven by electricity or petrol engines, are all potential sources of accidents. So far uneven floors that can cause falls, ladders with rotten or faulty rungs, bad electric wiring, unprotected fires. In all cases the right precautions are obvious, but it is astonishing how often they are ignored.

Commonsense is sufficient to keep death out of the farmyard and fields.

**Poultry On The General Farm**

By "Chic"

ON almost every farm throughout the country to-day, poultry-keeping is carried on in some form or another. It is indeed unusual to find a farm where hens are not part of the daily chores of the housewife.

In recent years, however, with the advent of hatcheries and the introduction of specialised feeding stuffs to the average household, poultry husbandry has become a specialised branch on many of our farms and a keen interest is being taken by the farmer as well as his wife.

The hatcheries have done a very great deal to solve the question of the breeding and selection of our stocks, as day-old chicks are now within easy reach of every poultry-keeper.

These Day-old Chicks are hatched from eggs purchased by the hatchery owner from specially selected Department approved farms so that the stock problem is now mainly a matter of selection of breed. In this connection it is very important that the poultry keeper should know the breed characteristics and defects of the type of stock kept and be able to select potential "money-makers" from the general flock.

**Three Types**

Before going further it is well to know that poultry breeds may be classified under three main headings, viz.: the General Purpose Breeds, the Light or Non-Sitting Breeds and the Table Poultry Breeds.

The General Purpose Breeds include the White Wyandotte, Rhode Island Red, Light Sussex, and Plymouth Rocks. As the name indicates this class of poultry combines many good qualities which make them a favourite on the general farm.

They are good egg producers and the cockerels can be fattened off for table purposes quite satisfactorily. In addition they are usually hardy, easily reared, and will thrive better under poor conditions.

The Light or Non-Sitting Breeds include the White or Brown Leghorn, the Minorcas and Auconas. These breeds are generally the choice of the poultry-keeper whose aim is high egg-production with a minimum of feeding. They mature early, lay well and are light-eaters. The cockerels are poor fatteners, however, and are rarely an economic proposition to feed nowadays. They require a light sandy soil on which to thrive and consequently are not so popular as the General Purpose Breeds.

**Table Breeds**

The Table Poultry Breeds, include certain strains of the Light Sussex, Indian or English Game, or a cross between the two. Table Poultry Breeding is not carried out to any great extent in this country as it is generally found that the surplus from our General Purpose Breeds suffices for our table poultry needs.

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**Danger From Old Potatoes**

With the big potato crop of last year, there may be some farms where some left-over tubers are still being fed. If these have sprouted they may be a danger to the stock, as the sprouts may contain a substance called Solanin. The sprouts should be removed if it is intended to feed these potatoes.

**When To Stack**

If you are not sure when to stack a corn crop, push your hand into the middle of a sheaf, to the tightest part in the centre under the twine. If the straw feels brittle and quite dry in the middle of the sheaf, and the grain heads are also perfectly dry, it is safe to stack.

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# Woman's News

## OVER TO YOU, GIRLS!

### MEN ANALYSED

By Peg McGehan

**FELLAS!** Here it is. I have questioned the ladies. Five of 'em will open your eyes to the things they like, dislike and notice about men.

About the others. Well, the majority of them don't like beards . . . Teddy Boy hair-cuts . . . brown shoes with navy suits . . . and I was warned to mention braces. These are an eye-sore when you're sporting yourself in shirt and pants. But, back to the five . . . these meet you almost every day.

**BARMAID BETTY SAYS:** "I cigarette. It can reveal more of his think every girl should spend a character to me than hours of his week serving behind a bar, because palavering talk. This is an education from the woman's point of view. Here you meet all the types, and many a gentleman (so-called) reveals his true character after one or two bottles of stout."

Betty says: "I like a man who can always remember his manners, not forget to say 'Please' and 'Thanks.' I admire the man who has character to stop drinking when he knows he has had enough."

#### Worst Type

**WAITRESS MARY SAYS:** "Oddly enough, I prefer serving men. They are usually more patient, more understanding, and less likely to kick up a fuss. Of course, there are some exceptions. I think the worst type of man to live with is the one who is finicky about food."

Again, Mary appreciates good manners. She says: "I prefer a man to say 'please' and 'thanks,' than the gruff, ill-mannered ones who may leave a large tip."

**LIBRARIAN EILEEN SAYS:** "I can always tell a careful, tidy, considerate man by the way he handles a book. His taste in reading tells me a lot about his character, too. Men who read are usually so mixed and varied that it is hard to lay down any binding rules. Most of them coming into this library are cheerful, and I have learned 'never judge a man's mind by the cut of his clothes.'"

#### Character

**TOBACCONIST MARGARET SAYS:** "I can tell much from the way a man holds and smokes a

"A gentleman," she said, "does not drag at the butt end, holding it between thumb and first finger . . . and that goes for ladies, too," she added, as she demonstrated how to enjoy a smoke.

**USHERETTE JOAN SAYS:** "You may think I notice nothing, because in a cinema I work mostly when the lights are out, but you are wrong. I can see how helpful gallant and courteous a gentleman always is, by the way he escorts a lady in, and helps her off with her coat."

"A considerate man," she said, "will never push his way and try to break a queue." Again words like "Thanks," and "Please" are important to Joan.

### APPEAL



—Courtesy "Evening Mail."

### PERFUME POINTS

#### TO NOTE

- When you are going dancing, put a dab of perfume on your right temple; it will be nearest your partner as you dance.
- When wearing your crisp Summer dresses, sprinkle scent along the hem of your petticoat, and you will perfume the air as you walk.
- Your clothes will smell enchantingly if you hang a sachet of perfume in your wardrobe. It's a safeguard against moths, too.
- Artificial flowers are right in fashion, so wear one in your low decollete, in your hair, at your waist . . . with perfume to match.
- Don't throw away your empty perfume phials . . . put them in among your lingerie, and you will get a light delicate scent from all your clothes.
- Just before that special outing, touch the tip of your tongue with a scent stopper. It will taste a little bitter, but will keep your breath smelling sweet for hours.

## THE FRENCH KNOW HOW!

says Joan Kelly

**LEAVE** it to the French! They say, "a woman without perfume is like a day without sunshine," and between you and me this is no season to be going about under a cloud.

What amazes me is the number of Irishwomen who will budget for hair-do's, make-up, and clothes, but when it comes to spending a few bob on a bottle of perfume,

they are virtual heroines . . . the way they fight shy.

"Such extravagance!" they say, having queried the price. But have you noticed, they are never shy to ask for the bottle and isn't it maddening when they float off having scented themselves generously behind the ears. But we'll leave 'em alone . . .

For you, there is a wonderful variety of Summer perfumes to choose from, and if it is floral fragrances you like, you will have no difficulty at all.

In Summer, I think we all feel the need to splash it on, and toilet water is the answer, if you want to stop measuring every time you remove the top.

Choice, of course, is a personal matter, but have you tried "Midnight" by Dorothea Gray . . . you might like it for a change.

You know, there is a lot to be said for purchasing a spray or an atomiser, I found after trial and error, that a spray gave the most value to the perfume I bought.

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writing to catch up on, this is the place to go.

Besides, you have a lot to gain, apart from a change of air.

You will live in comfortable quarters, have good food, some pocket money, peace and quiet so it is one way out of the rut, if there is a "no exit sign" at the other side.

Snags? None. So quit thinking, you are a guinea pig, be-

cause I am told medical treatment takes up the minimum of your time.

It's almost too good to be true. Well, that's what I'm thinking, so if you are smart you will write for vacant dates and other details to:-

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The Common Cold Research Unit, Harvard Hospital, Coombe Road, Sailbury, Wilts., England . . . before the house is booked out.

## Clan Tie

UNLESS they are challenged Irishmen are rarely boastful at home. But let them lose sight of the Emerald Isle, and every Paddy and Jack of 'em are proud to be Irish.

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# What's Your Problem

EILEEN of Galway writes:— My friend and I go to dances together. She seems to mix easily and make friends with her partners. I find I cannot relax, and she accuses me of being a "spoil-sport." At times I have refused to join after dance parties, and because of my attitude my friend and I are likely to fall out. How can I make a firm stand for my own principles, without appearing a "stick in the mud."

I think your friend and you have not the same sense of values, so I shouldn't be worried too much if you did fall out. You are right to stick to your own principles, and I wouldn't try to act happy, just to be considered a sport.

HANS ANFEAT: I regret I cannot deal with your problem here. If you are quite serious about what you say, I think you should seek medical advice without delay. If you send me a stamped addressed envelope I can give you a confidential reply.

BASHFUL writes: I have just begun work, and I never realised how shy I am, and it makes me most unhappy, because there is a very nice boy in the office, and I feel sure he would invite me out, if only I could learn not to blush, and stammer each time he speaks to me. Please tell me what to do?

I don't think your shyness should worry you. You may not believe it, but I think this boy you are attracted to is just as shy as you. One way to gain confidence is to stop thinking about yourself, and think for a change how the other person feels. Do this next time he talks to you. I bet you will feel much more at ease. . .

L. B. of Ballsbridge writes: I hope you excuse a mere male writing to you, but I have a problem. For two years I have been keeping company with a girl I love very "dearly", but she refuses to be practical, has developed into a "good time girl", and "dearly" is now the operative word. What I'm afraid of is, will she "throw me over" if a richer man comes along. What am I to do?

"Mere male", oh no!, I am happy, and flattered, and of course, you are welcome and excused. It strikes me you are not sure of yourself, and you are too ready to allow yourself be used. Stand firm is my advice. Take no nonsense. "Are you a man or a mouse"!

LILY of Sth. Cir. Rd. writes: I am eighteen years old, good looking, but I worry because I am not a success with the boys. I am in love with a very nice one, but he does not seem to want to be more than friends with me. Without making yourself too cheap how can I let him know how I feel about him.

I think you worry too much about your success with men, when I am certain you have nothing to really worry about. In your shoes I would settle for being friends. I would advise you not to let him know how you feel. By doing this, you could easily spoil a pleasant friendship, and also the possibility that one day he may really fall in love with you.

WORRIED Blue Eyes writes: My best friend is eager to marry, and though she has lots of boy friends, they seem to disappear after one or two dates. She is clever and attractive, but too eager I think. Do you think it is advisable to bring men home, or does this frighten them away?

You sound as if your friend were stalking, instead of making friends. Perhaps she is. Remember it is a man's prerogative to chase, so I think your friend is not quite as "clever" as you seem to think she is.

(Address your problems to Mary Ferguson, c/o Gaelic Echo, 13 Parliament St., Dublin).

## BEAUTY ON THE BEACH



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FOUR minutes from the foyer of the Regent Hotel, D'Olier St., and you have crossed O'Connell Bridge, or arrived at the bottom of Grafton Street. This is something to know if you have never experienced the crowds, the queues and the traffic hold-ups during Horse Show Week in Dublin.

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As a rendezvous, the comfortable lounge of the Regent is an ideal centre for meeting your friends. There in a friendly, informal atmosphere, and you can enjoy a late evening without that nagging worry of missing a last bus. If there is a toast to be drunk, or a reunion that calls for a drink, well have no worries, the Regent can provide this too.

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now colouring the hedgegroves, you probably pass them every day, and never think how delightful they look, arranged and on show in a home.

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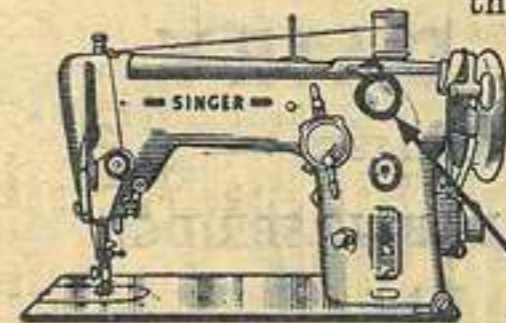
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says *Terry Delargy*

**C**OME off it! Stop acting the martyr. Stop saying "you can't go here, and you can't go there, you must stay in and cook that dinner." That's an empty excuse.

What about Mrs. Next-Door, and all those women who successfully run a home as well as a career? How do they manage?

I will tell you.

**They are sensible women. They see the value of dinner in terms of labour. Whenever they want the morning off, for beach, for town, or for the garden, they cut out all the unnecessary martyrdom of yours . . . by using a tin-opener.**

Now, I don't expect your approval. Somewhere back the line you got it into your head that if you didn't buy, clean, and prepare everything you serve the family, you were nothing better than an imposter.

Well, you have a lot to learn.

You, when vegetables are scarce and therefore, dear, have probably gone from one shop to another in search of something you cannot buy half as cheap as you can in a tin.

Rather than buy one, you would prefer to return home having paid anything up to two and six for a miserable bunch of carrots.

### Home Produce

If our tinned foods were all imported it would be a loyal gesture on your part to support the Irish market gardener.

However, we have an industry of our own, Batchelor and Co., Ireland, Ltd., and though it works under severe limitations, in comparison with similar organisations in other countries, yet the beans, carrots, beetroot and mixed vegetables they are canning, are as good, if not better than what you buy raw, and cook after your own fashion at home.

English housewives refuse to be martyrs; like their American sisters they were smart to recognise the value of canned foods. Batchelors Peas are a favourite across the water, in fact, we export the bulk of our season's stock to Britain every year.

### Employment

This leads to another question, a burning one at the present day—employment.

We are an agricultural country, and the best form of secondary industry is to process the produce of our farms.

Batchelors depend on the Irish farmer, and market gardeners to supply vegetables and other

fruits for canning and jam-making. This means employment for packers, processors, and others connected with all aspects of factory work.

For you and I it means less hours in the kitchen. It could mean the difference between a happy housewife and a self made drudge.

So come off it again!

## IF IT'S A DANCE YOU WANT . . .

"RURAL areas must provide amusements for the young people," said Paddy Dillon, "something to fill their leisure hours." Otherwise they will be tempted to fly to the bright lights of the cities."

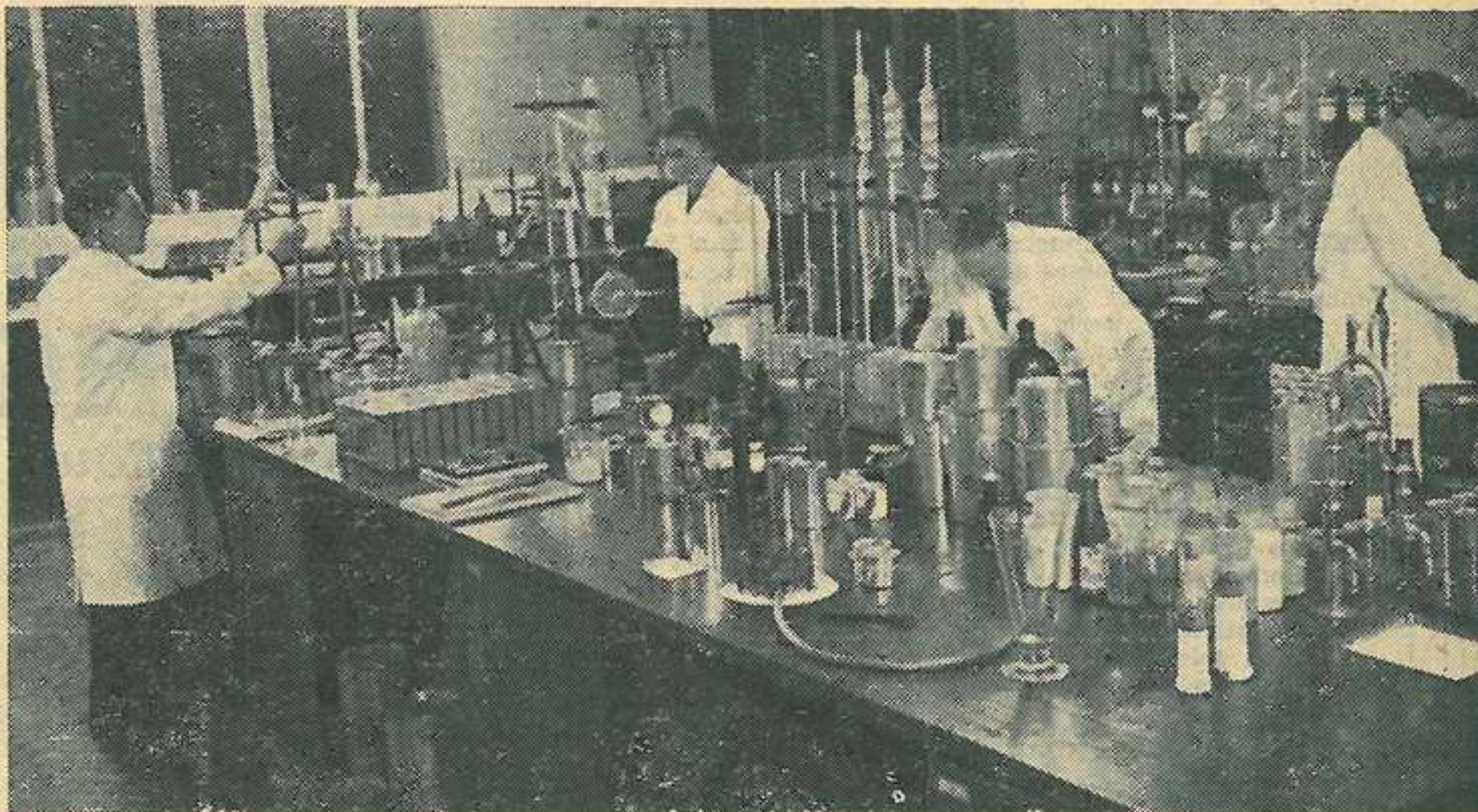
Eight-hundred-acres farmer, Paddy (see special feature in *Farming Times*) finds time from his farming duties to run Kilmoon (Co. Meath) Dance hall, which is a Sunday night attraction not only for the people of the district, but also for many in Drogheda, Dublin, Navan and Naas.

Erected about six years ago—the first in the area—the Hall holds 300 people comfortably. Apart from its modern lay-out and excellent lighting, a well-sprung maple floor is one of the main features of this favourite visiting-place of the leading dance bands in Ireland.

### Croke Park Fan

Paddy, who is an ardent hurling and football follower. ("I never miss a match in Croke Park") regularly hires out the hall for various functions to local hurling and football clubs.

He still recalls with pleasure a memorable night in the autumn of 1954 when the Meath football team with their captain, Peter McDermott, attended a reception in Kilmoon Hall in honour of their great victory over Kerry in the All-Ireland final of that year.



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## Some Canned Facts For You

- \* Think a dented can is a sign of spoilage? Unless it actually leaks there is nothing wrong with the food inside.
- \* Liquid surrounding canned vegetables may be used for making soup, or gravy, while the syrup from canned fruit forms an excellent basis for fruit jellies.
- \* Know how long canned foods keep after the can is opened?

Just as long as the same food you normally prepare yourself. If you intend leaving it in the can, it is advisable to keep the can covered in a refrigerator, or in a cool place.

change somewhat, if it is left in the open can too long.

- \* Bulges sometimes appear at either end of a can. This can mean either of two things: hydrogen gas or bacteria growing in the food and forming gases inside. These cans should be unhesitatingly discarded. No attempt should be made to reclaim contents by boiling. Never put food from such a can to your mouth.
- \* Canned fruit should be turned out of the can, since flavour does

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# GLAMOUR AT THE SHOW

WHO says Thursday? You and I know that every day is Ladies' Day at the Dublin Horse Show. Now whether you come for a day or plan for a week's holiday, once you visit the R.D.S. grounds, in fact once you pass the turnstile, you will find fashionable ladies as much in the foreground as horses and jockhairs.

During Show week hats come in to their own. You may recall how, yearly, they catch the eye of photographers. You may not compete for the camera, but this is one week of the year when it is a feminine crime to go hatless. So bring it along. It should be flattering. If it is a cool summery white, or better still a creation, it is a MUST when you mingle with the colourful crowds at Ballsbridge.

Anyone with a day's experience of "doing the show" realises the importance of comfortable footwear.

Once you enter the grounds parade is the operative word, and you are likely to spend hours walking around seeing the exhibits.

Five inch heels look ultra smart... with a time limit... aching feet show in the face... so be wise—put comfort first where your feet are concerned.

## Accessories

How many will have the frock, the suit, or whatever style it is they intend to wear, but when it comes to looking well-dressed will spoil their whole appearance by neglect-

ing the importance of accessories. Remember gloves should be white, one wear and they are certain to look grubby, so if you have a few pairs bring them along.

Even better are the nylon styles which can be washed overnight, and come out a sparkling white in the morning.

During these weeks of heat

## WHEN EVENING FALLS...

I have seen the loveliest of frocks spoilt on the prettiest of girls. Why? Because they insist on coming out in the cool of the evening in the dreariest of cardigans.

Now a cardigan has a place of its own. It is fine with a skirt and a blouse, but put it aside, or leave it at home, if you are planning to bring the cottons and silks, and the seasonable separates.

## Stoles

Stoles are not very dear; in fact I have seen the loveliest ones for half the cost of a cardigan. There are wonderful colours, and a variety of fabrics from woollen to nylon to choose from.

Worn with any frock these enhance your entire appearance and serve a purpose by keeping you warm as well as glamorous.

An alternative to the stoles are the rayon, linen or popular poplin duster coats. Unlined, and available in styles from

full to waist length, these are ideal in the cool of the evening.

Dining, wining, dancing, be prepared when you come for Show week. Come in your smartest clothes, bring that hat... and now let's talk about how, and where, you can round off these Show days with good food and entertainment.

## Out Of Town

No better place for working up an appetite than at the Showgrounds. Avoid down-town traffic, delays, and queues by going direct from Ballsbridge to Crofton House Hotel, Dun Laoghaire. There, in excellent surroundings, overlooking the sea, you can enjoy good food, good wine, and lively conversation. Special six-course dinner available between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. price 12s. 6d. I must add, sea foods are a speciality of this house, and if it's a salmon steak, or a lobster mayonnaise you fancy, then speak to connoisseur Mr. Joe McDonagh, who is restaurant manager.

## Vitit Dublin's Soho

If it is the bizarre, the exciting, the unusual dishes that whet your appetite, and stimulate your palate, well, Dublin can provide them, for we can now offer Chinese, Indian, Italian, and a variety of Continental dishes to visitors.

## The Golden Orient

What do you know about curry? Indian Curry. Well it is not as most people think, something that burns the mouth, and deadly for those unaccustomed.

Mahmood Butt, charming manager of this restaurant offers curry to suit every taste. In fact Indian dishes are becoming a fast favourite with many Dubliners.

Boti-kebab, a speciality of this house means in food terms, sirloin steak pieces, grilled on skewers over an open fire, with various sauces. A base of curry is used, and this delicious dish, is most satisfying, and the modest price, 8s. 6d. I must mention, European dishes are also served, and if you are put off by Indian names you will be pleased to know that the English equivalent is printed on the menu. Open: noon to 1 a.m. Bus route: 11, 13, 46A. Look for The Golden Orient, Lr. Leeson St.

## Chinese Restaurant

Same bus route will bring you to Chinese foods. In fact almost directly across from the Golden Orient you can enjoy chop-suey. What is it? Well proprietor Mrs. King tried to explain, and it is really no particular dish, but a Chinese way of cooking anything from pork to chicken.

Bamboo shoot, bean straw, and wooden ear, vegetables unfamiliar to us, plus sauce, go to make up whatever meat is chop-suey.

Chinese cooking, though apparently complicated is, in reality, simple. Bon Bon Chicken Chunking may bowl you over, but this delicious dish is simply chicken a la Chinese, or sliced chicken cooked in sauces. I cannot elaborate here on the variety of exciting and unusual foods you can taste from the king of the fruit Lychees to the soups—a work of art in themselves at the Asian Restaurant. Go and discover. Yes, chop sticks are offered, but stick to the knife

## "New Look" Cafe In Portlaoise

"WE'LL stop at Portlaoise". Two out of every five travellers say it—and stop. For the pleasant and prosperous Laois capital, through necessity or tradition, has become known and liked as a refreshment halt on the road to and from Dublin and the South of Ireland.

And those who know Portlaoise know Egan's cafe-restaurant, ideal spot for a snack or a quick substantial meal. But if you haven't been in Egan's lately, you won't know it when next you call. It has been completely transformed within the last three months, and now compares, in elegance, decor and comfort with the best cafes in any city or town in Ireland.

### REASONABLE

The cuisine is in keeping with the excellence of the restaurant, the menu is varied and the prices reasonable.

Air-conditioning and thermostatic heating add to the comfort of the surroundings, and the easy-on-the-eye contemporary decor heightens the effect of warmth and ease.

The air-conditioned kitchen is fitted with automatic cooking and dish-washing apparatus, refrigerators, and cooking fumes are automatically extracted through a large canopy.

Egan's was always worth a visit. Try it now and you will like it more than ever.

and fork until you have practice. Open: 12.30 to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 12 p.m. Prices reasonable.

## Bernados

Bus from the show grounds will pass Lincoln Place, about two minutes walk from Kildare St.

Those who know their Italian dishes know the difference between a real spaghetti and that from a tin. Well this is where they go to find it.

Again there are many dishes with names like "Chicken à la Cacciatora" which you will enjoy though your palate has never been further than Ireland. I must mention the piano, and the Italian songs, which are all part of the atmosphere you will find at Bernados. Open: 1.30 p.m. to 3 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 1 a.m. Prices are very reasonable.

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# Why Not An All-Irish Loaf?

## Home-Grown Wheat Is Suitable

By Frank Deasy

**T**HE present state of our economy makes it of prime importance that we should cut imports and expand exports to the greatest degree possible. Already some success has been achieved in this direction, but there are still huge import bills to be paid every year for commodities which we could produce ourselves from our own land. Among the most important of these is wheat.

The reason why we import wheat has always been given as the fact that, although we can grow this cereal quite well in this country, we cannot grow the type of "hard" wheat which is necessary to make white bread. It is always added that if our bread were to be made of Irish wheat only the consumption of bread would drop drastically, with consequent unemployment as bakeries cut down staffs.

This explanation has been accepted by farmers for many years, but within the past year or so the National Farmers' Association has challenged it and put up the proposition that an all-Irish loaf could be made of a quality equal to that at present sold.

The next thing we heard was that if this were to be done it would need special equipment in all the bakeries, which would cost huge sums to

install and in fact the bakeries would hardly be able to afford the change-over, so the position had better be left as it was.

### In Production

But this explanation was not accepted and the pressure of the adverse balance of trade was a potent force behind the N.F.A. demand that research into the use of Irish wheat to produce a high-grade white loaf be started.

It has now been started and

quite a few people have already eaten bread baked entirely from home-grown wheat and pronounced it as good as anything they have got from their bakers.

In essence, the problem is one of the physical and chemical content of the wheat grain. The amount of gluten, with other factors, controls the baking quality of the flour, and the proper constituents are not present, according to the millers, in flour made from all-Irish wheat.

The NFA a year or so ago obtained the help of Swedish scientists, who made tests with Irish wheat and reported it quite capable of producing a high-quality loaf. It would appear, however, that special techniques were necessary in the baking, and possibly in the preparation of the flour. At present tests are still going on under the auspices of our own government which may be published this year and, perhaps, give us the final word on the matter.

### Strong Demand

If these come down on the side of the all-Irish loaf, it will be up to the millers and bakers to follow the finger post, and if they do not there will be a strong demand from the farmers' representatives for some form of pressure from the Government.

In the meantime the big Dublin millers and bakers have been extending their hold on the whole country.

For some years past their bread has been infiltrating in greater and greater quantity into the provinces, where the old-established small local bakers have begun to feel the pinch, some of them very badly. Now the big concerns have bought up a number of these small businesses and thus consolidated their position even more.

In recent statements, the N.F.A. leaders have voiced the fear that the result of this will be that the big millers will be in such a position that they can dictate policy to the Government behind the scenes, holding out the threat of unemployment and collapse of the wheat market.

### Drastic View

This would seem a rather drastic view to take of the mentality of those who direct the milling industry of the country, who could reasonably be regarded as wishful to do the best they can for the national future.

Naturally, they will be reluctant to embark on a costly programme of change of plant and machinery, but there is hope that such will not be found necessary.

It would appear that the correct use of nitrogenous manure in the production of wheat is a governing factor in producing grain of millable quality, and present experiments will certainly produce further information which can be passed on to the farmers so that ultimately, we can produce wheat equal to that imported for milling quality.

For years it has been thought by farmers that wheat was a bad crop to grow; that it depleted fertility and that we could never hope to get a good crop.

With the growth of knowledge of proper fertilising of land, the improvement of varieties of the grain and improved harvesting methods, this belief has been killed, and wheat is now one of our most important cash crops.

The system of guaranteed prices has helped to put the crop in this important position, and with the growing confidence of farmers in dealing with wheat, thoughts have turned to the millions of pounds spent yearly on wheat imports.

### Some Problems

Farmers now feel that they can grow all the wheat we need, and there is no doubt that they are right. The climate is a limiting factor on quality, while transport to the mills after harvest often presents problems. But improved harvesting methods, the use of the combine harvester and the grain drier, can overcome much of the

## Output And Costs In Bakery Trade

**T**HE following figures and statistics in relation to the Bread and Confectionery Industry in Ireland (26 Counties) will be of interest:—

The number of Bakeries in production in 1954 (the latest year for which figures are available in the Irish Trade Journal) was 292 large and 162 small establishments.

Their gross output of bread (2 lb. loaves) for that year was 226,891,000—net selling value, £8,175,219. In comparison to 1951, there was a drop of over 40,000 in the number of loaves produced. Figures for 1951: 268,802,471 at a net selling value of £7,197,473. Net selling value of flour

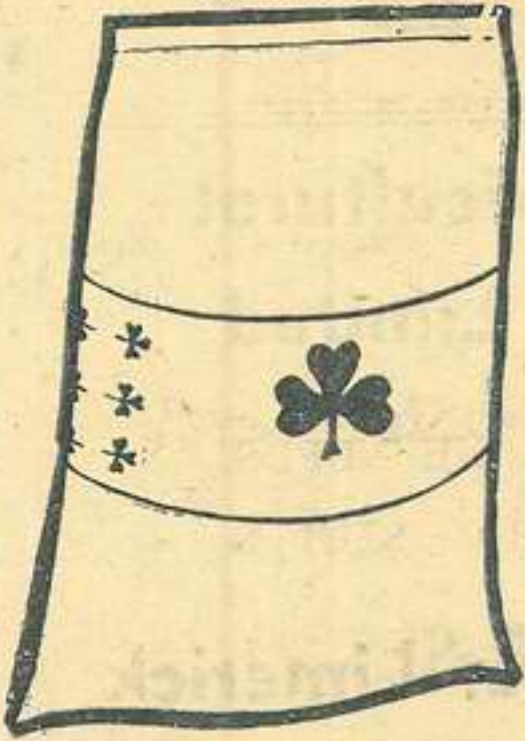
confectionery, biscuits and other bakery products for the same years were: 1951—£6,542,723; 1954—£6,499,103.

In the large establishments alone, 3,412,483 cwt. of wheaten flour was used in 1954 at a cost of £4,634,746; and other flour and meal cost £149,145 (quantity not stated). Total cost of all ingredients, in the large establishments' products (including yeast, sugar, fats and oils, fruits, spices, etc., eggs and egg liquid) amounted to £7,840,435.

The number of persons engaged in the production of bread, biscuits and flour confectionery at the end of March 1956 was 10,504. Grain milling and animal feeding stuffs employed 5,002 at March 1956.

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By JOHN FEELY

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I WOULD LIKE TO AVAIL MYSELF OF THIS OPPORTUNITY TO THANK THE "GAELIC ECHO" FOR HAVING INVITED ME TO CONTRIBUTE TO ITS COLUMNS AN ARTICLE ON THE DAIRY INDUSTRY.

Your request indicates that the directors of your progressive paper have a keen appreciation of the intrinsic as well as the fundamental value of dairying to the nation, and I would be very remiss indeed had I failed to accept your kind offer to place your columns at my disposal for a special contribution.

In this connection, I regret that you did not select one more capable than myself of dealing with our key industry, but since you have done me the honour, I will endeavour to give to your readers some of the more salient facts bearing on the principal arm of our national economy.

To begin with, let me state that in the twenty-six counties we have 142 co-operative Central Creameries, apart from many auxiliaries, and those other creameries that are operated by the Dairy Disposal Board.

In 1956, the latest year for which figures are available, 262,000,000 gallons of milk were delivered to Creameries constituting an all-time high record.

This fact should indicate that the dairy farmer appreciates the importance of increased production and that the only incentive he needs is a reasonable return to compensate him for his labours and which are not, by the way, fixed for him by Statute, but by the laws of nature.

**Export Trade**

It should be of general interest for me to mention that of the total quantity of milk supplied to the creameries last year, 220,000,000 gallons were utilised in the manufacture of high grade Creamery butter, and that the balance—40,000,000 gallons—were converted into chocolate crumb, cheese, cream and various other dried milk products, most of which were exported.

In relation to this question of exports, the fact should be emphasised that the dairy farmer is the bed-rock of our export trade.

Were it not for him there would be no livestock for foreign markets, the value of which last year was in the region of £42,000,000, while our milk product exports realised in or around £8,000,000.

IT IS NOT GENERALLY REALISED, I FEAR, THAT WERE IT NOT FOR DAIRYING—IN OTHER WORDS, IF THERE WERE NO COWS—THERE COULD BE NO YOUNG STOCK FOR CONVERSION INTO BEEF.

Too many amongst us, and when saying this I have not in mind the townsman, would appear to profess ignorance of the vital part the dairy farmer is playing in our economy.

**Source Of Wealth**

There can be no two opinions that the dairy farmer—the average holding does not exceed 30 acres, and the average number of cows for each farmer, varies between 8 to 10—is the very foundation of the country's source of wealth.

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creameries or in other dairy services. In this rather brief review I have made no mention of bacon and poultry, though both are closely allied to dairying. No one can challenge the statement that pig and poultry rearing are a vital part of the dairy farmer's economy. In other words, were it not for him the bacon curing industry and the poultry trade would come to an end.

**A Tribute**

I think I have said enough to demonstrate the great part dairying is playing in the rehabilitation of the country, and in passing, I desire to pay a deserved tribute to our creamery managers for their continued help and co-operation.

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Again, let me point out that our dairy farms provide employment for approximately 200,000 family hands, and in addition, pay 70,000 external labour. These figures do not take into account employment in

**IRISH EXPORTS OF CAKE AND BISCUITS**

THE following table shows in quantity and value the fluctuations in Ireland's exports of Cakes (whole and slab) and Biscuits from 1951 to 1956.

The sharp drop in the five-year span is not to be taken as a decline in the normal export trade, however. The relatively high figures for 1951 were the result of a rapid expansion in the early post-war years due to an abnormal demand for this type of goods on the British market. As conditions returned to normal in Britain her imports from here gradually dropped. Thus, the figures covering the three years 1954 to '56 give a more balanced picture of stable annual exports of Cakes and Biscuits.

	EXPORTS		Gt. Britain	
	Total Cwt.	Value	Cwt.	Value
1951				
*CAKES	135,759	£1,447,957	131,176	£1,397,980
BISCUITS	17,978	117,957	119	1,258
1953				
*CAKES	93,948	£1,004,171	86,246	£917,458
BISCUITS	21,988	166,069	4,017	41,454
1954				
*CAKES	60,028	£568,724	58,018	£550,126
BISCUITS	18,632	137,458	2,428	19,390
1955				
*CAKES	73,108	£666,649	68,125	£618,604
BISCUITS	18,799	146,277	1,770	13,532
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climatic difficulties, while the transport trouble can be overcome with proper organisation, and increase in local storage space and in

that on farms.

A higher price is already being paid for wheat kept for a couple of months before sale, and with a greater volume of grain being produced many farmers would be induced to build granaries which would ultimately pay for themselves through this bonus system.

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## The All - Irish Loaf

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### Swing Over

If the knowledge gained through the survey is followed in any strength by the farmers it will mean a big swing over to arable farming, and here wheat will play an important part. Proper rotations will take the place of "dog and stick farming" and wheat will be part of those rotations.

If, therefore, the whole of our Irish bread were to be made from Irish wheat, the expanded market would encourage farmers to go into arable farming on a greater scale because of the guaranteed price and assured market. The effect on our balance of trade would be considerable, which is a vital matter to the national economy at the present time.

The NFA has advocated very strongly the setting up of a Wheat Board with an adequate representation for the growers. It may be that the farmers' fear of the millers is exaggerated, but at the same time it is the democratic method to allow fair representation on such bodies for all the interests affected.

Already the Minister for Agriculture, Senator Moylan, has shown that he is keenly interested in this question of the all-Irish loaf, and there can be no doubt that the Government shares his interest. When the results of present experiments become known we may expect some more definite pronouncements on the whole matter.

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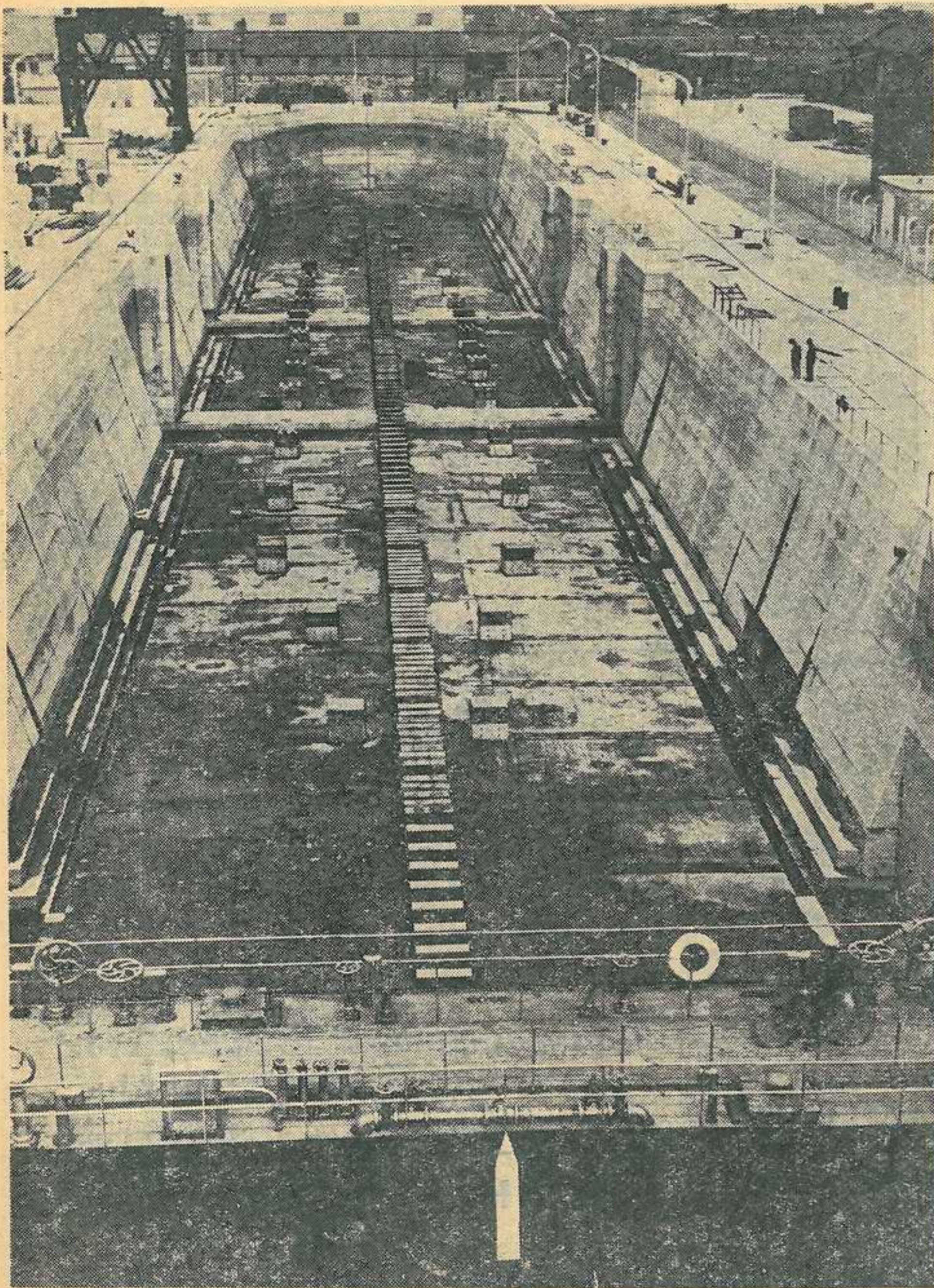
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## Dublin Port Expands

SIX years of hard work, beset with many problems, came gloriously to an end on June 27, when Dublin Port's new £1,400,000 graving dock at Alexandra Basin was officially opened by the President, Mr. Sean T. O'Kelly.

Before the opening, the new dock was blessed by Very Rev. J. F. Murnane, P.P., St. Laurence O'Toole's, Dublin.

The completion of the graving dock is a significant milestone in the progress of the Port Development Plan, which aims at an Ocean Terminal worthy of comparison with any port of similar size in the world.

With the expansion of Ireland's overseas trade and the rapid growth of our own merchant fleet, the old dock, built almost one hundred years ago, and measuring 337ft x 70ft wide, was unable to provide the modern facilities and accommodation for the large increase in ocean-going tonnage entering the port in recent times.

The new dock, with measurements of 663ft. x 80ft. wide is now adequate to dock and repair the biggest ships calling on Dublin.

### Other Changes

But this great achievement is apt to dwarf many progressive changes

in the dock area since the Port Development Plan got under way in 1939.

Before the Plan was initiated most of the berthage in the Port could accommodate only vessels of shallow draught. The Ocean Pier Plan was drawn up to remedy this, but the war brought work to a standstill until 1946.

Work recommenced then, and the bar was deepened to 23ft at low water and now varies from 33ft to 35ft at high water, thus allowing the safe movement of ships over a greater range of tide.

Another necessity was the establishment of an "oil zone", due to the

vast increase in the quantity of fuel oil imports since 1939. Forty acres of land were reclaimed and sites for storage were leased to the oil companies. This zone now provides storage facilities for over 50,000,000 gallons.

### Efficiency

Oil cargoes are now discharged at two tanker jetties adjoining the oil zone. These jetties are connected by pipe-lines to the older storage tanks, thus ensuring greater efficiency and safety in the handling of cargoes.

As a separate undertaking the Dublin Port and Docks Board operates the largest warehousing business in the country. Several great warehouses were acquired or built, one of which has a total covered floor area of six acres.

The benefit of this warehouse accommodation in Ireland may be judged from the fact that prior to 1939 many commodities were brought to British ports from overseas, warehoused there, and then sent to Ireland in small lots by coastal vessels. Now the cargoes are unloaded and warehoused in Dublin thus increasing revenue and avoiding delay and inconvenience.

A view of the new £1,400,000 Graving Dock which was opened recently at Alexandra Basin, Dublin.

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It is a magnificent perpetual challenge cup, presented by Gaelic Echo (1954) Ltd., for junior football competition in the capital's C.B. Secondary Schools' League.

St. Vincents (Glasnevin), who won the league in 1957, are the present proud holders.

In presenting Corn Gaelic Echo to Bro. Cantwell (vice-chairman of the League) at a function at St. Vincent's College, Mr. B. J. Farrell, Managing Director, Gaelic Echo (1954) Ltd., said:

"Our Board of Directors are very glad of the opportunity to present this trophy for Christian Brothers Schools competition in Dublin. I don't have to emphasise the magnificent work which this order has done throughout the years for the promotion of Gaelic games, not only in Dublin, but all over the country. Indeed, there can be no doubt that but for their enthusiasm, loyalty and hard work, the National games would never have achieved the vast

### Cup For Winning Captain

A VALUABLE replica of Corn Gaelic Echo was presented to Jimmy Goss, captain of St. Vincent's College, winners of the 1957 C.B. Secondary Schools junior football league.

A similar replica will be presented to the captain of the victorious team each year.



At the presentation of Corn "Gaelic Echo" to the Dublin C.B.S. Secondary School's League (Peil Soisear) at St. Vincents College, Glasnevin. From left: Brother Devane, Hon. Treas., C.B.S. League; Brother Cantwell (receiving cup), Vice-C.M., C.B.S. League; Mr. P. K. Downey, Editor, "Gaelic Echo"; Mr. M. G. Farrell (making presentation), Managing Director of "Gaelic Echo" (1954), Ltd.; Mr. John Joe Lavin, former Sligo and Connacht footballer and Director of "Gaelic Echo"; Mr. Jimmy Goss, Captain of St. Vincents, the 1957 winners, seen here holding replica of the perpetual challenge cup; Rev. Brother O'Shea, Rev. Brother Farrell, Secretary, C.B.S. League.



St. Vincents, Glasnevin, Dublin, Christian Brothers' Secondary Schools junior football league champions and first holders of Corn Gaelic Echo. From left (back row): G. Hughes, F. Scully, C. Evers, G. MacEvoy, G. Smyth, F. Grimes, B. Scully, H. Killeen. Front: P. Mervyn, J. MacCann, L. McGreavy, J. Goss (capt.), J. Connolly, N. Boland, M. O'Brien and S. Collins.

playing membership and widespread popularity which are their to-day."

### Attractive Prize

In congratulating St. Vincent's College on being the first holders of Corn Gaelic Echo, Mr. Farrell said that he felt sure that the trophy would prove an attractive prize in the C.B. junior football league every year.

Replying Bro. Cantwell thanked the "Gaelic Echo" for providing such a grand cup for their Junior

football league. "As a trophy," said Bro. Cantwell, "it compares with the best in any Schools or Colleges competition in Ireland."

Continuing, he said that it would be a wonderful incentive to the teams taking part in the League; and the enthusiasm and keenness which it was sure to promote among the boys would shortly show results in a still higher standard of Gaelic football in the Christian Brothers Schools, and consequently all over the city.

### Unselfish Work

Mr. John Joe Lavin, Director of Gaelic Echo (1954) Ltd., and former Sligo and Connacht football star, paid tribute to the great and unselfish work which the Irish Christian Brothers were doing for the National games.

"In my playing days," said Mr. Lavin, "I played against almost every county in Ireland, and there was not one of them that did not include at least one or two ex-Christian Brothers Boys. In some cases more than half the team—and they were usually the best footballers."

Mr. Lavin went on to compare the Christian Brothers' Schools and Colleges throughout the country with those educational establishments which ignore or virtually ban Gaelic football and hurling.

He hoped that the day would soon come when those Colleges would shed their shoneenism and take a lead from the Christian Brothers.

"THE DAY MUST COME," ADDED MR. LAVIN, "WHEN ONLY GAELIC GAMES ARE PLAYED IN IRISH COLLEGES."

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# CHAMPIONS TOPPLE

**BY THE TIME THAT THE 1957 PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS HAVE CONCLUDED, THERE WILL BE VERY FEW OF THE REIGNING CHAMPIONS REMAINING.**

Practically every other Sunday of July brought about the downfall of one or other of the holders, so that by the time the concluding stages have been reached, new teams and fresh players will enter the arena in their quest for All-Ireland honours.

Of the many new champions who will tread the All-Ireland path this year comes the Waterford hurlers. In this instance, the county cannot be said to be overloaded with Munster titles.

The Waterford record is most unique. They have just succeeded in acquiring their third title, and that after a lapse of almost a decade. Waterford won their first Munster title in 1938, and lost to Dublin in the All-Ireland final.

They came again ten years later, to beat Dublin in 1948 and win their first All-Ireland.

of their Connacht final at the New Park at Salthill. Leitrim showed up surprisingly well in the first half and caused the All-Ireland champions a few spots of bother.

However, when the game was resumed, Galway opened up and the issue was settled in the course of eight minutes when Purcell, young Stockwell and McDonagh all landed a goal each.

Leitrim were back where they began and the champions and league holders were good winners.

## Meath's Feat

In my earlier reference to new champions this year, I am glad to record the fact that Meath minor footballers have at least won the Leinster title. They were runners-up to Dublin for the past three years, and in the course of the campaign beat Dublin's conquerors, Longford.

They were up against a very poor team in Offaly, and won by an 0-8 to 0-5 margin in the final played at Mullingar.

The Croke Park hoodoo was broken this year anyway.

## Poor Dublin Final

THE eagerly-awaited Dublin senior football final, in which St. Vincent's and Clan na Gael were the contenders, has passed into history, and the impression left behind is that it was one of the poorest finals of years past, writes Sean O'Callaghan.

Fact of the matter is, Clan na Gael, with all of their so-called inter-county talent, were no match for their opponents; and not alone were they well beaten, but were practically outclassed.

The "clans" team included representatives from several counties. Such well known players as Brendan Keane (Mayo) who won a Dublin championship last year with Erin's Hope, figured at full back.

He had as his opponent one of St. Vincent's four young ex minors of a year ago, Cyril Meehan.

## On The Mark

St. Vincent's also included Charlie "Buster" Leeney (St. Joseph's and Leinster Colleges), Dan Foley (last year's Dublin minor captain), together with two 1955 minors, Johnny Joyce and Paddy Heron.

The story of the game begins and ends with Cathal O'Leary, who gave one of his best ever displays. He completely dominated the midfield exchanges and Clan

na Gael were hard set to keep changing players around this sector in order to curtail his efforts.

Paddy O'Reilly (Leitrim), Jim Harold (Longford) and Tom Long (Kerry) all had a turn in the course of the game, but all ended up with the same result.

O'Leary's speed and stamina proved altogether too much and he found time to complete a series of solo runs and score a brace of points.

## No Leader

It certainly was neither lack of class nor football ability that caused the downfall of Clan na Gael. Such men as Johnny Boyle (Dublin), Tony Gillan (Dublin), Eamon Kehoe (Carlow) and M. J. Hawkshaw (Galway, all played well enough to put "Clans" in a challenging position.

In my opinion, however, they lacked leadership. They had no one to inspire them. On top of it all, there was a little too much generalship displayed from the sideline.

Some of the critics that I heard after the game were of the opinion that if the same St. Vincent's fifteen had represented Dublin against Louth, the result would have been different.

I don't agree with that theory. There was certainly no comparison with the Louth selection and Clan na Gael.

## Their Record

Here are some remarkable facts concerning Waterford, and covers a period of over 30 years.

They have played in nine Munster finals, won three and secured one All-Ireland title.

- 1925 lost to Tipperary 6-6 to 1-2
- 1929 lost to Cork 4-3 to 2-2
- 1931 lost to Cork in replay 5-4 to 1-2
- 1933 lost to Limerick 3-7 to 1-2
- 1934 lost to Limerick 4-8 to 2-5
- 1938 defeated Clare by 3-5 to 2-5
- 1943 lost to Cork 2-13 to 3-8
- 1948 defeated Cork by 4-7 to 3-9
- 1957 defeated Cork by 1-11 to 1-6

In the All-Ireland semi-final of 1938, Waterford defeated Galway 4-8 to 3-1, and were in turn defeated by Dublin in the final 2-5 to 1-6.

In 1948, after winning the Munster title, they again encountered Galway and won by 3-7 to 1-6, and then went on to beat Dublin 6-7 to 4-2 and win their one and only All-Ireland title.

## Two Chances

The next set of new champions are Louth, who regained the Leinster football title last held in 1953.

Louth seniors will meet the Ulster champions this year.

Hopes of a Leitrim victory over Galway collapsed at the interval

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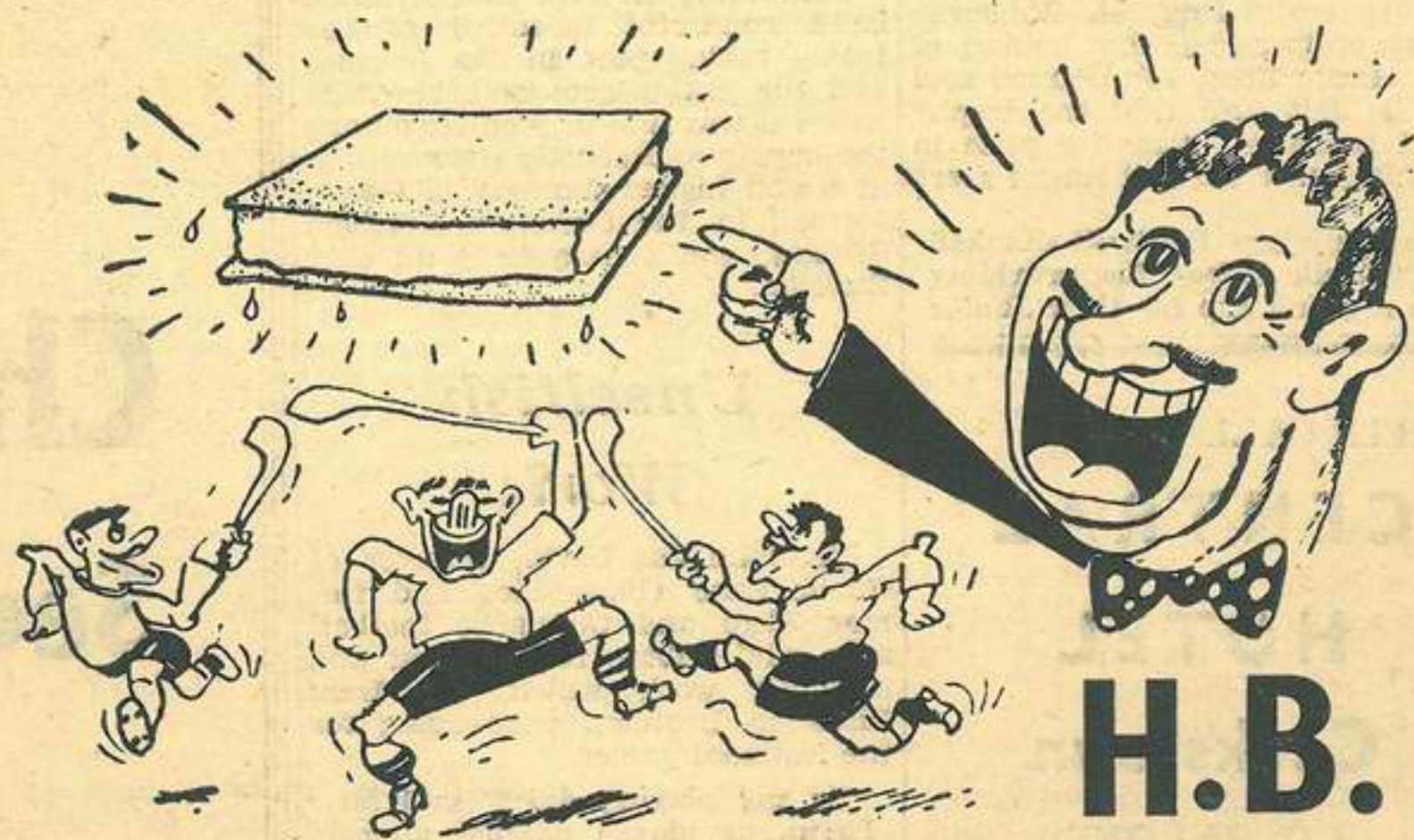
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# Names In The News

**MIKE SWEENEY**, Connacht and Galway hurling goalkeeper is now starring as a forward for his club, Loughrea. He is pushing in the scores all right, but a big drawback in his game is evident in his tendency to life the ball at all times.

Tipperary born **JIMMY COLLINS** is now playing great hurling at centre-field for Liam Mellows. With Mike Sweeney he may yet solve a couple of Galway's forward problems.

On American Independence Day, July 4, hurling and football matches were played at Gaelic Park, New York in aid of Galway's new Pearse Stadium. Hurling rivals were Galway and Cork, while Kerry met Mayo in football.

**Fohenagh and Castlegar** have all qualified for the semi-finals of the Galway county senior hurling cup. The games will be played shortly.

Congratulations to **Eyrecourt** on their narrow victory over **Loughrea** boys in the final of the East Galway juvenile hurling championship. A brilliant goal in the last seconds of the game gave Eyrecourt the cup by two points.



Lillis (Dublin) beaten by Dwyer (Kilkenny) in the Leinster S.H. semi-final

## Poor Reward

**WATCHING** Noel "Snit-chie" Drumgoole play a "blinder" at full-back for Dublin in their recent Leinster championship tilt with Kilkenny, one couldn't help wondering how more representative honours haven't come the way of this versatile hurler.

For years now, Noel has been a pillar of strength in the Dublin defence, but unless memory fails me, I can only recall him playing one game for Leinster—against Connaught in 1955. Drumgoole is also an accomplished footballer, and is now the established net-minder on the famous St. Vincent's team. Mention of all-rounders brings to mind the large number of dual performers on the "Vins" team. Men like Des. Ferguson, Kevin Heffernan, Tony Young, Marcus Wilson and Paddy Heron are equally at home in either code, while two more, Norman Allen and Paddy Haughey, also commanded places on both Dublin teams until their recent departure to America.

**Jimmy Magee** tells the Amazing Inside Story of Louth football star, **STEPHEN WHITE**—

# An Outcast In His Own Town

**STEPHEN WHITE.** That name rings a bell on inter-county football fields from Casement Park to Cork, from Dublin to Castlebar.

Keyman of Louth teams for almost ten years, Stephen is an idol with football fans all over the country. His stylish, dashing play is appreciated and applauded everywhere—with one exception:

**STEPHEN WHITE IS AN OUTCAST IN HIS NATIVE COOLEY.**

Why? I shall tell you some of the harsh facts behind this amazing and bitter boycott.

Stephen White, after playing his school football in the Cooley district, graduated to the local Kickhams club, and while still only a school-boy played a big part in their winning of the 1947 Louth junior championship.

His fine displays earned for him a place on the county junior team and a few months later promotion to the senior side.

Then for some unknown reason a certain section of the local population, quite sizeable I might add, took exception to his rapid climb, and from there began the shameful, bitter jealousy that could have destroyed his career.

grand player like Stephen White. But it is fact, shameful fact.

Still on the sunny side of thirty, Stephen has lots more football left, but nevertheless I hope that 1957 will see him get that elusive All-Ireland medal with the Louth he has served so faithfully.

**AND IF THE SAM MAGUIRE CUP DOES REACH THE "WEE COUNTY" YOU CAN BE SURE THAT STEPHEN WILL HAVE PLAYED MORE THAN HIS PART IN BRINGING IT THERE.**

**Unrewarded Footballer**

Interesting figure on the Wicklow football team that faced Dublin in this year's Leinster semi-final was sturdy **Lorcan Redmond**.

Play-anywhere Lorcan has given years of fine service to the St. Margaret's team in Dublin but despite his undoubted talent he hasn't got many major football trophies to his credit. But now that St. Margaret's have strung together a useful fifteen the turning of the road is in sight, and Lorcan may yet get those football 'plums' he so richly deserves.



Leinster S.H. semi-final, while T. Flood (Wexford) follows up. Offaly goalkeeper A. Gallagher gets down to a Wexford shot in the

**Good News For Laois**

**GOOD** news for Laois football followers is the fact that Fintan Walsh has secured a teaching post in his native county and will play in next year's Laois championship. During his stay at St. Patrick's Training College (Dublin), Fintan won many admirers when leading Erin's Hope to that sensational win over St. Vincent's in last year's Dublin final.

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**Antagonism**

I don't know now, and I probably never will, why these "followers" instead of welcoming a "local boy makes good", peered and sneered to leave Stephen a most unhappy young man.

**WAS IT BECAUSE HE PROVED THE MASTER FOOTBALLER AND GENTLEMAN IN LOCAL COMPETITIONS? WAS IT BECAUSE THEY THOUGHT HE HAD A "PULL" WHICH GOT HIM ON THE COUNTY TEAM; OR PERHAPS HE WASN'T BIG AND STRONG ENOUGH, HAVING MORE BRAIN THAN BRAWN?**

But he earned all his honours through **MERIT** alone, as every follower of the sport knows.

Would you stay with a club whose "supporters" stone home your car after a local match, boo you on the playing field, resent your county selection and encourage opponents to injure you?

I know your answer and so did Stephen, so he packed his bags and left to join **Dundalk Young Irelands** where he has been an ever-present since 1948.

He may have been an outcast before but on joining **Young Irelands** he was treated as a leper by his "friends" at home.

**Last Laugh**

Mind you, there were those who admired and protected him, but it didn't compensate, for as one former Louth star told me at the time (for obvious reasons he must remain anonymous): "This silly boycott is a bitter sin but he'll have the last laugh."

It was true. For in addition to his unbroken service on the Louth team, he has gained Leinster and Ireland honours, and best of all the sincere admiration of colleagues and opponents alike that will forever make him a credit to his hometown.

Even on his great days, his displays were mocked at by the boycotters and made light of by remarks like "the fellow he was marking was poor. He was lucky." or "he got the breaks and all the loose play."

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## Fran Makes The Grade

MAN to watch on the Eoghan Ruadh (Dublin) team is 21 years old Fran Whelan, whose fiery, fearless hurling has brought him to the forefront as the best wing-back in the county. Fran, who gained an All-Ireland

minor championship medal with Dublin in 1954, lost some of his form after going into senior ranks, but he is now back at his best and looks certain to hold down the left-half berth on the Dublin team for many years to come.

## A DARING SAVE



Tyrone goalkeeper, Thady Turbett, saving a hot shot in the Ulster semi-final against Donegal.

## IRISHMAN LED OLYMPIC STRIKE

THERE'S nothing unusual about strikes—official or unofficial—these days. In the last ten years or so, they have become part and parcel of our daily lives.

But I wonder how many of you know that at one time in Olympic Games history there was a strike by the athletes . . . and led, by of all people—an Irishman!

It happened at Antwerp in 1920. When the American athletes landed in Belgium, they found they were to be quartered, not in a luxurious, comfortable hotel, but in an empty Antwerp schoolhouse, that had previously been used as a barracks during the first World war.

Not unnaturally, they took a very dim view of this.

Dan Ahearne of Athea, County Limerick, the veteran hop, step and jump representative on the American team didn't like the accommodation, so he did something about it.

The officials issued a warning that all athletes would have to be inside the schoolhouse by 10 p.m., but Dan didn't show up at 10 p.m., nor at 11 p.m., nor even at midnight. In fact, Dan didn't show up at all.

He had gone down town and found himself a comfortable bed in one of the local pubs!

The result? When this became known, Dan was promptly tossed off the team for insubordination. Dan got annoyed. In a fiery speech, he denounced the American officials . . . and called for a show of indignation.

A petition, signed by over 200 athletes, was presented to the American officials, demanding better living quarters, and Dan's restoration to the team. The officials turned it down flat!

So . . . the athletes went on strike, and threatened to boycott the Games.

In the end, when things began to look very serious, the officials wisely repented. Dan was reinstated and peace was restored.

## FOR NOTHING! Womans News — and — Farming Times

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# Should The Ban Remain?

asks "Fear Feasa"

HAS THE FOREIGN GAMES BAN OUTLIVED ITS USEFULNESS? THIS IS A QUESTION OFTEN ASKED NOWADAYS, NOT ALONE BY THOSE OUTSIDE THE G.A.A.—FOR THEM IT HAS LONG BEEN AN ACCEPTED FACT—BUT BY MANY INSIDE THE ORGANISATION AS WELL.

The younger generation, especially in the bigger centres of population, search their minds in vain for sensible and tangible reasons why the ban remains.

They have not been helped by statements from G.A.A. officials from time to time, which vaguely refer to the distant past and partition.

The young men argue: aren't we playing the games; what harm can come of watching or even playing—some of them say—one of the games at present banned?

And they point out with all the forthright logic of youth that there are many violations of the Rule

one of the main original reasons for the ban—and that while that is so the Rule must be retained.

Undoubtedly this is sound reasoning but is it the complete answer? The games of the Gael are firmly entrenched in the partitioned part of our country and surely the obvious plan there would be merely to exclude members of the British forces and police.

### ABOLITION?

Another argument which is frequently heard is, that those who join the G.A.A. should be prepared to abide by its Rules.

Fair enough.

BUT LIKE ALL DEMOCRATIC

The views expressed in this article are not necessarily those of the Gaelic Echo.—Ed.

## LONE BATTLE



High fielding in the Derry-Cavan Ulster S.F. semi-final.

(enough to make it a mockery) by rank and file players and by star players and County Board officials, that go unpunished even though the facts are known.

IS THIS HONEST THEY SAY? WOULD IT NOT BE BETTER TO DO AWAY WITH THE BAN AND LEAVE IT TO THE INDIVIDUAL TO DECIDE WHETHER TO ATTEND THOSE GAMES OR NOT?

Then it is pointed out that where vigilance committees exist justice is often not done.

### WRONGED

We all remember with a certain amount of pain, the occasion on which that wonderful sportsman and player, Tyrone's Eddie Devlin, had a shadow cast on his name when he was accused of attending a foreign game. As it happened, the charge was baseless, but the harm was done.

Those who favour the ban point to the fact that part of our land is still occupied by British troops—

INSTITUTIONS THE MACHINERY IS THERE FOR CHANGING OR ELIMINATING EXISTING RULES AND IT SEEMS TO ME THAT THE TIME IS NOT FAR DISTANT WHEN THE BAN WILL BE ABOLISHED—BY POPULAR VOTE AT CONGRESS.

And perhaps it will be all to the good. For a more liberally-minded association would make a greater appeal to those who at present hover on the fringe, unwilling to suffer restriction in choice of game but at the same time sympathetic towards Gaelic games and the Gaelic movement as a whole.

At all events, it seems to me there is more to be gained than lost by the abolition of the ban.

It must be remembered that the youth of to-day have grown up in a different political climate than their fathers and forefathers, who had the stimulus of the obnoxious British occupation to fire their minds with zeal to make and maintain such radical measures as the ban.

## HE NOW PLAYS FISH!

### Cup Collectors

Ardara (Co. Donegal) minor footballers are stacking up trophies these days. They recently added the Mayo and DunKineely Cups (South-West Donegal Divisional championship) to the Inniskeel Cup which they captured earlier this season.

MR. JAMES MAXWELL, former Donegal inter-county footballer is nowadays "starring" in another sport—salmon fishing.

Mr. Maxwell who is regarded as Ardara's No. 1 angler, has had many fine catches this season, including one that 'couldn't get away'. While playing a 7 pounder recently his line broke. He searched along the bank, found the broken end, repaired it, and started to play the fish again. But it broke a second time! He

## DONEGAL'S GREAT BID

UP in Donegal they are still talking about the wonderful display which their county team gave in the recent Ulster S. F. semi-final against Tyrone.

And it's "hats off" to Seamus Hoare for a splendid display of

goalkeeping.

The score of 3-5 to 2-3 is evidence of the gallant fight put up by the Donegal men, and raises hope that next year may bring the reward for which they have waited so long.

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## 'The Hawk' Hits Out!

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**TIPP. NEWS BRIEFS**

Old Bridge, Clonmel, further established their claim as being replay specialists when they scored a two points' victory over Ardinnan in the replay of their first round tie of the South Tipperary senior football championship at Cahir.

Both teams also drew in the first round of last year's championship, and once again Old

Bridge triumphed in the replay.

Carrick-on-Suir Davins, winners of last season's South Tipperary junior hurling championship, made an early exit for this year's senior championship when they were trounced by Group C (juniors selected from Carrick, Kilsheelan and Fethard-Killusty).

**POSTS FOR PLAYERS**

Gus Danagher, the well-known Fethard and Tipperary senior inter-county footballer, has taken up employment in Dublin, but will continue to play with Fethard.

Congratulations to Gerry Carey (Clonmel Commercials), another Tipperary senior footballer, who has obtained a Civil Service post in Dublin. Last season, he won a Co. Tipperary senior football medal with Commercials.

**THE SPIRIT OF SPORT**

By "Fear Siuil"

WESTPORT TEAM HAS WITHDRAWN FROM THE CURRENT WEST MAYO CHAMPIONSHIP BECAUSE THEY ARE RE-CONSTRUCTING THEIR CLUB FIELD AND COULD NOT TAKE HOME FIXTURES.

At a recent meeting of the West Mayo Board, their delegate explained their position, regretting that they had to take such a decision, but stating that his club considered the provision of a field more important to the players than winning a championship.

In these days when one considers the win-at-any-cost attitude of some teams, a spirit such as shown by the Westport club is rare, praiseworthy and refreshing.

The thankless job of collecting the necessary funds to purchase and remodel the field has been going on for some time and now the playing members of the club are ready and willing to pitch in and give of their leisure hours to ensure that their long dream of club park becomes a reality.

**No Home**

For long years the club was dependant on the generosity of owners of fields suitable for match-play but but were never really happy about their position.

Thanks to the courage and foresight of a few staunch, never-say-die Gaels, a suitable site was procured and bought, with those same Gaels providing the financial backing.

Silver circles and raffles were run to raise money and here a word of thanks must go to St. Mary's Camogie Club, who simply can't take "No" for an answer and helped to make these undertakings such a success.

**The "Pook" In Action**



Determined Tom Dillon clears for Galway. Is he on the way to another All-Ireland medal?

**A MOCKERY!**

**Foreign Dances Aid Pearse Park**

By Con Kelly

RULE 26 of the G.A.A. states: "A Council, Committee or a Club shall not run any entertainment at which foreign dances are permitted." This must surely be the most abused rule of the Association.

In an organisation such as the G.A.A., which can be more correctly called a way of life rather than just a mere sports-promoting body, the allowing of any relaxation of principle could well prove to be the thin end of a wedge which would split the association asunder.

The G.A.A. is the target of enough attacks from its sworn enemies, The Rearguard of West Britannia, without having to endure the criticism of those who are normally the G.A.A.'s best friends.

By allowing such lapses as the brazen flouting of the rule quoted above we can only have a repetition of the admonishments handed out by the President of Comhaltas Ceoiltoiri na h-Eireann at the recent Fleadh Ceol held in Dungarvan.

Normally, attacks upon the G.A.A. are not really worth going into as they are the mere mouthing of fools.

However, when the President of the body whose aim is to foster our native music finds that he has to take to task the G.A.A., a body pledged to foster the Irish way of life, the time has come to examine our consciences.

**Justified?**

Was this attack justified?

Yes, a thousand times yes. The Foreign Dances rule is being broken left, right and centre. In certain areas where the County Boards are on their toes. Clubs get around the rule by running Dances under the auspices of "Social Clubs."

These are, of course, just G.A.A. Clubs under a different name.

This is despicable and is far worse than the open running of dances as is done in some areas.

This is, of course, an infringement of the rule but at least it is more honest and upright than the deceitful social club method.

Incidentally, it does not speak well for the vigilance of the local County Board.

**Mockery**

The saddest infringement of this rule which has come to my knowledge

occurred recently in Galway. Imagine my disgust when visiting the City of the Tribes recently to find a large poster displayed prominently at Salthill advertising the fact that Mick Delahunty would be playing at a dance run in aid of the Pearse Park Fund.

**WHAT A MOCKERY OF THE IDEALS OF THE GENTLE PEARSE. HE MUST HAVE TURNED IN HIS GRAVE.**

To think that there in Galway, the gateway to the Connemara he loved, anyone should stoop to running a foreign dance to help to build a stadium in his honour.

What a denial of his famous statement of his hopes for the Ireland of to-day:

"Not merely Gaelic but Free as well . . . Not merely Free but Gaelic as well . . ."

True enough, we are not yet free but surely we can at least be Gaelic.

As much as the G.A.A. requires stadia I think it would be far better if we did without them if this is the way they are to be paid for.

The end can never justify the means.

**AT LAST!**

AFTER many pleas in the "Gaelic Echo," development work has once again commenced on Loughrea's town Park. The clay dumped on the pitch has been levelled, and the townspeople are hoping that this time work will continue until the park is fully developed.

**"Monty" Returns**

Home on holidays from the U.S. is former CLAREMORRIS goalie, FRANK (MONTY) CONROY. The promise shown by this unassuming Gael before emigration, has been fulfilled in New York, where he is net-minder for the Mayo team and for the New York side which has figured so often against county teams from Ireland in National League and 'tour' games.

**Tuam Take On The "Slashers"**

TUAM STARS, Connacht club champions, pay a visit to LONGFORD SLASHERS on August 15, whom they defeated 5-6 to 2-8, in a recent challenge game at Tuam Stadium.

They intend to take no chances with the Midland side who impressed many shrewd judges at the Tuam match, and are fielding their strongest fifteen, including JACK MANGAN, SEAN PURCELL, FRANK STOCKWELL, the Galway senior team stars as well as JOHN NALLEN, Mayo's brilliant midfielder and captain, MURT BURKE and SEAMUS COLLERAN, who have had outings with the Galway senior side.

**RULE-BREAKERS WARNED**

WEST Mayo Board have decided to ask the chairman man of the Co. Board to appoint a vigilance committee with a view to eradicate the alleged abuse of playing players, who play other codes during the winter season.

**Glorious In Defeat**

ELPHIN went down fighting in the semi-final of the MIDLAND CUP tournament, sponsored by the WESTMEATH CO. BOARD, after an exciting 60 minute thriller with Longford title-holders, LONGFORD SLASHERS.

**GALWAY AGAIN!**

GALWAY retained their Connacht crown in a provincial decider that petered out like a damp squib and left me wondering how good this Tribesmen's team is, writes Liam O h-Oistin.

In a thrilling first half, a fit and fighting Leitrim side, facing sun, wind and a slight incline, held a strangely unimpressive Galway attack to a three point lead, which did not look sufficient against the lively challengers, now favoured by the elements in the second half.

But it was the Champions who called the tune after the interval and the high-powered attack waltzed through the opposing defence in dazzling moves that left the Leitrim backs flat-footed and kept the scorekeeper busy.

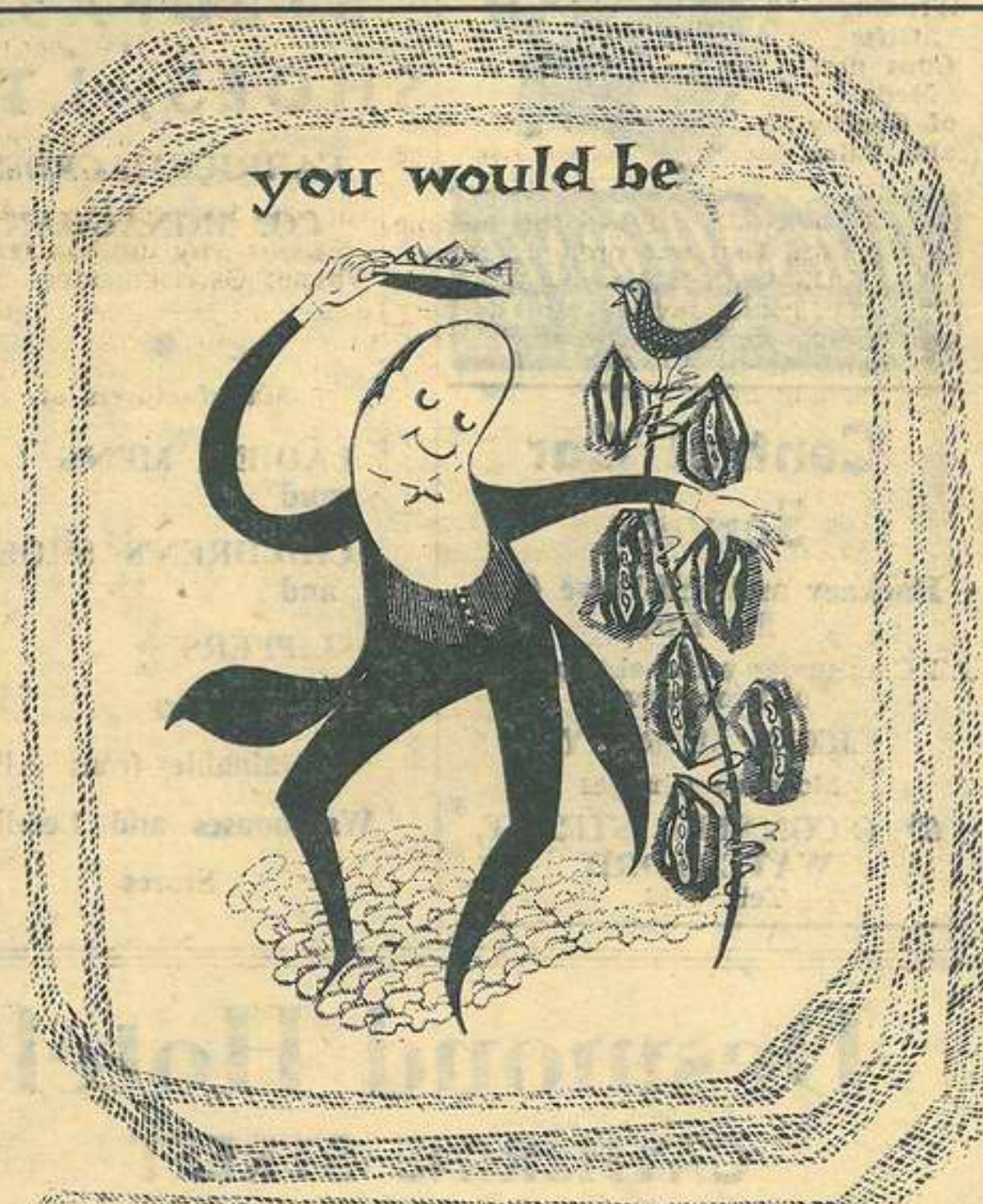
Purcell, Stockwell, Young and sub. Hawkshaw and the ever-foraging Mac Donagh all played their part in the picture movements and the important scores, while Evers Mahon, Greally and Kissane left the last line of defence with very little to do.

Purcell's goal in the sixth minute was, in my opinion, the decisive score—Leitrim never recovered.

**THE TEAM THAT BEATS GALWAY WILL WIN THE 1957 TITILE.**

Cork or the Ulster representatives are not good enough to do so. Louth, whom I have not seen, may—but if they do, then they are a team out of the ordinary and that is something I do not and can not believe.

So, for me, it is Galway once again for the Sam, Maguire.



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### Strong Teams

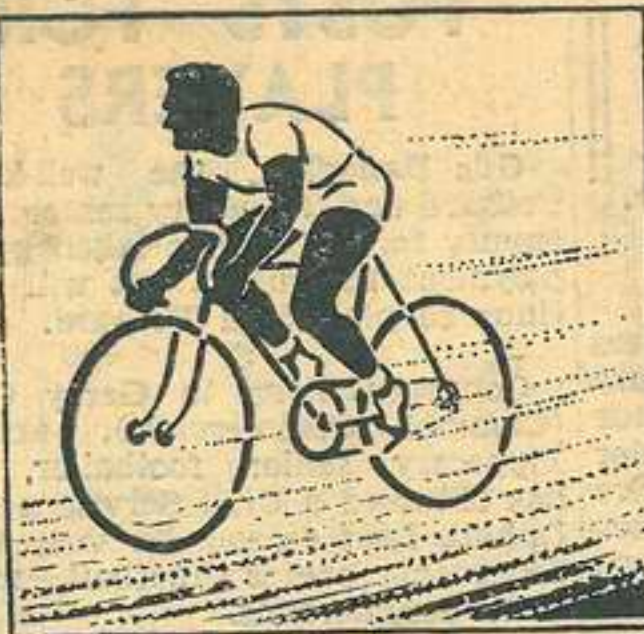
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4—Castlebar, Ballinrobe, Kilmaine, Tuam, Moylough, Mountbellew, Ballyforan, Athlone, Ballinahown, Ferbane, Cloghan, Birr, Borrisokane, Nenagh (120 miles). 5—Nenagh, Limerick, Croom, Rathluirc, Drumcolliher, Newcastle West, Abbeyfeale, Castle island, Tralee (100 miles).

6—Tralee, Killarney, Kenmare, Glengariff, Bantry, Drimoleague, Dunmanway, Clonakilty (115 miles).

7—Clonakilty, Bandon, Cork, Fermoy, Mitchelstown, Ballyporeen, Clogheen, Ardinnan, Clonmel, Kilkenny (120 miles). 8—Kilkenny, Freshford, Urlingford, Durrow, Abbeyleix, Portlaoise, Monasterevan, Kildare, Newbridge, Naas, Dublin finish (100 miles).

The KING OF THE MOUNTAINS will be decided on the following hills: Ladie's View, Killarney (6th stage); The Tunnel Road, Killarney (6th stage); Clocamorra (7th stage); Glenbower, Tipperary (7th stage).

Judging by their performances during the year, Steve Abbot (Dublin), Bernie O'Brien (Kildare) and Jim McGurry (Belfast) look capable of accomplishing the feats, so I will take a chance and nominate them to fill the first three places.  
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## Clonmel Favoured

By PREMIER.  
IN recent months the phenomenal rise to fame of Clonmel cyclists has caused quite a stir in Irish cycling circles, and in some quarters the Clonmel Club are already regarded as favourites to win this year's Ras Tailteann.

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As in most success stories, the Clonmel Club's path to the top of the cycling world has been a hard and difficult one. Not so long ago cycling aroused little or no interest in Clonmel, and the number of cyclists in the town could be counted on the fingers of one hand.

In the first Ras Tailteann, Clonmel's, and indeed Tipperary's only representative in the race was S. Slattery who without the assistance of clubmates, or proper mechanical facilities, put up a truly wonderful performance to finish the race.

Cycling made tremendous strides in Clonmel following the 1955 Ras Tailteann, and when the 1956 "Ras" came around Tipperary were represented by four Clonmel riders and one from Carrick and Nenagh. Three Clonmel cyclists — Johnny Gearon, Tom Whelan and Tom Kiely—gave a wonderful performance to finish fourth in the team section, while Gearon also had the distinction of finishing sixth in the individual classification.

One man who has been responsible more than anybody else for reviving cycling in Clonmel is Bill Hyland, holder of the All-Army Hammer championship for some twelve years past. He is secretary of the local club, and hopes that with a little bit of luck Clonmel will be the winners of the 1957 Ras Tailteann.

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## SPIRIT OF SPORT

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### FINE DISPLAY BY "TUBBER"

TUBBERCERRY, winners of the Ballymote gold medal tournament, made a successful 'raid' on Leinster, when they won the COLM-CILLE club (Longford) tournament by defeating the promoting club in the recently-played final.

In a thrilling game of first-class football JOE MASTEYSON showed that he is still a master tactician and was ably aided and abetted by RAY TULLY, MICK BRETT, SEAN COLUMB and Wicklow player, TOM MAGEE.

The purchase money has been paid off; a goodly surplus has been laid by, the contract has been signed and Westport's club park is in sight.

### No Notions

Club is the operative word because Westport Gaels do not want, or believe in, a stadium. But they do believe that every club should have a decent playing field, fully equipped with dressingrooms for the players and with comfortable accommodation for the spectators.

They realise quite well that, without players or/and spectators, the G.A.A. would not be the strong body it is to-day.

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