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## Enough Of this 'International'

## Baloney

By  
**CON KELLY**

IT would be interesting to know what the verdict of future generations of athletic experts will be on the famous Billy Morton and his ever-growing band of imitators. I have no doubt that they will be found guilty of doing athletics and other sports irreparable harm by their never-ending cult of internationalism and record hunting. Thanks to their ballyhoo the people of Dublin at least are now so record conscious that they will not go near an event that cannot boast of Olympic champions and promise records.

To support that statement I produce two recent Dublin sports events which provided excellent entertainment but which failed to draw the crowds—the Catholic Students Olympics and the Dublin juvenile boxing championships.

While I have no doubt that the former will continue to be run in more enlightened countries than ours, the latter incurred a loss of £125 and it is almost certain that it will never be run again and the Dublin Boxing Board cannot afford such a loss.

**THUS FUTURE IRISH AND WORLD CHAMPIONS WILL BE LOST TO THE SPORT.**

To my mind there is only one reason for these flops. During the past year we have been subjected to a fantastic barrage of International sports events. Mr. Morton has been setting the headlines for some time past and seems to think that it is a waste of time trying to get people to watch athletics for athletic sake or even for the sake of the excitement of close finishes.

### An Overdose

He has certainly proved his point for he has given athletics fans such a dose of Olympic champions and record attempts that any promoter who cannot offer one or both is now doomed to a financial loss.

However the recent promotion in aid of the R.T.B. Fund put the tin hat on it and even out-Mortoned Morton. The R.T.B. people went to the fair altogether and put on a show (I will not call it a sports) that included everything but all the crowned heads of Europe.

They may well have driven the final nail into the coffin of athletics in Dublin as I doubt if any promoter will ever again be able to put on a programme including entrants from almost every country in Europe.

It should be realised that the purpose of athletics is to give youth some healthy exercise to build up their bodies while the healthy competition of one against the other develops their sporting instincts.

### First Things First

Sports meetings can be most enjoyable without any pretensions to record attempts. As many of the current crop of champions have pointed out in an effort to stop Morton and Co., **IT IS NOT THE TIME THAT MATTERS BUT THE RACE.**

The sooner that this truth is realised the better.

Fortunately, however, for the future of Irish athletics Morton and his minions do not operate outside of Dublin. In the provinces the NACA promoters have a more level-headed view and promote very successful meets where the crowds come to see a race and not a record.

These people do not care about records but merely want to see a good battle for honours.

### More Culprits

Irish journalists must also take a large part of the blame for this record cult. The National Press just ignores any event which does not fall into line with the Morton formula. With the Press perhaps lies the solution. It is a powerful weapon with which to influence public opinion. Therefore let our sports writers make a resolution to think before they write and not fall into the trap of lauding International sports to the exclusion of all others. If they do they may well find themselves queuing up at the labour exchanges.

## SARSFIELD'S SECOND TITLE



Action in the Cork S.H. final. Sarsfields beat U.C.C. to win their second Co. title.

## Who's The Boss?

IS six equal to twenty-six? Of course not! Even a child can see that. But... can our friends in the 26-county Amateur Athletic Union see it?

**NOT ON YOUR LIFE.**

Remember last month's international athletics match between "Ireland" and Scotland at College Park?

For weeks before the "Irish" team was picked, the 6-county Northern Ireland A.A.A. "hummed and hawed" about joining forces with the A.A.U. to select an "All-Ireland" team.

Eventually they condescended to compete... and look what happened. They put 14 men and 10 reserves on the

"Irish" team—almost exactly the same as the A.A.U. nominated.

Seems to me it's the old, old... old story of the tail wagging the dog.

What do you think?

—Patrick Carver

## They Did It Again

When Tipperary defeated Kilkenny in the All-Ireland minor hurling final they brought home the county's 11th minor title. Tipperary's minor successes were gained in the years 1930, '32, '33, '34, '47, '49, '52, '53, '55, '56 and '57.

## Death of Famous Tipperary Hurler

ONE of the last remaining links with the great Tubberadora team that won three All-Irelands for Tipperary was severed by the passing of Johnny Walsh.

Regarded as one of the best full-backs the game has known, Johnny was the holder of five All-Ireland senior championship medals which he won in 1895, 1896, 1898, 1899 and 1900. He was father-in-law of Mr. Phil Purcell, the present Tipperary County Secretary. He was aged 85, and had been in failing health for some time.

The funeral took place from Baherlahan Parish Church to Killinan Cemetery. The coffin draped in the club and county colours was carried on the shoulders of old Boherlahan hurlers.

## THEO TURNS TO SKITTLES!

Theo English the well-known Tipperary hurler is now starring at another type of sport. He has joined the Condon's Cross Skittle Club, and was a member of the Condon's Cross team which won the Marlfield Skittles Championship at Marlfield, Clonmel. Captain of the team is Austie English, a younger brother of Theo's.

## 'Tribute' To Hogan's Killers!

Says SEAN O'NEILL.

WHEN the new stand in Croke Park is completed it will be named the Hogan Stand and will stand as a monument to Michael Hogan, murdered by British soldiers when they opened fire on a peaceful game on a quiet Sunday afternoon.

Michael Hogan's blood, together with that of others, flowed freely in Croke Park—innocent blood done to death by the wearers of the khaki uniform. That was thirty-seven years ago.

Yes, the Gaelic Athletic Association and all of Ireland for that

giving us the usual fine selection of traditional airs.

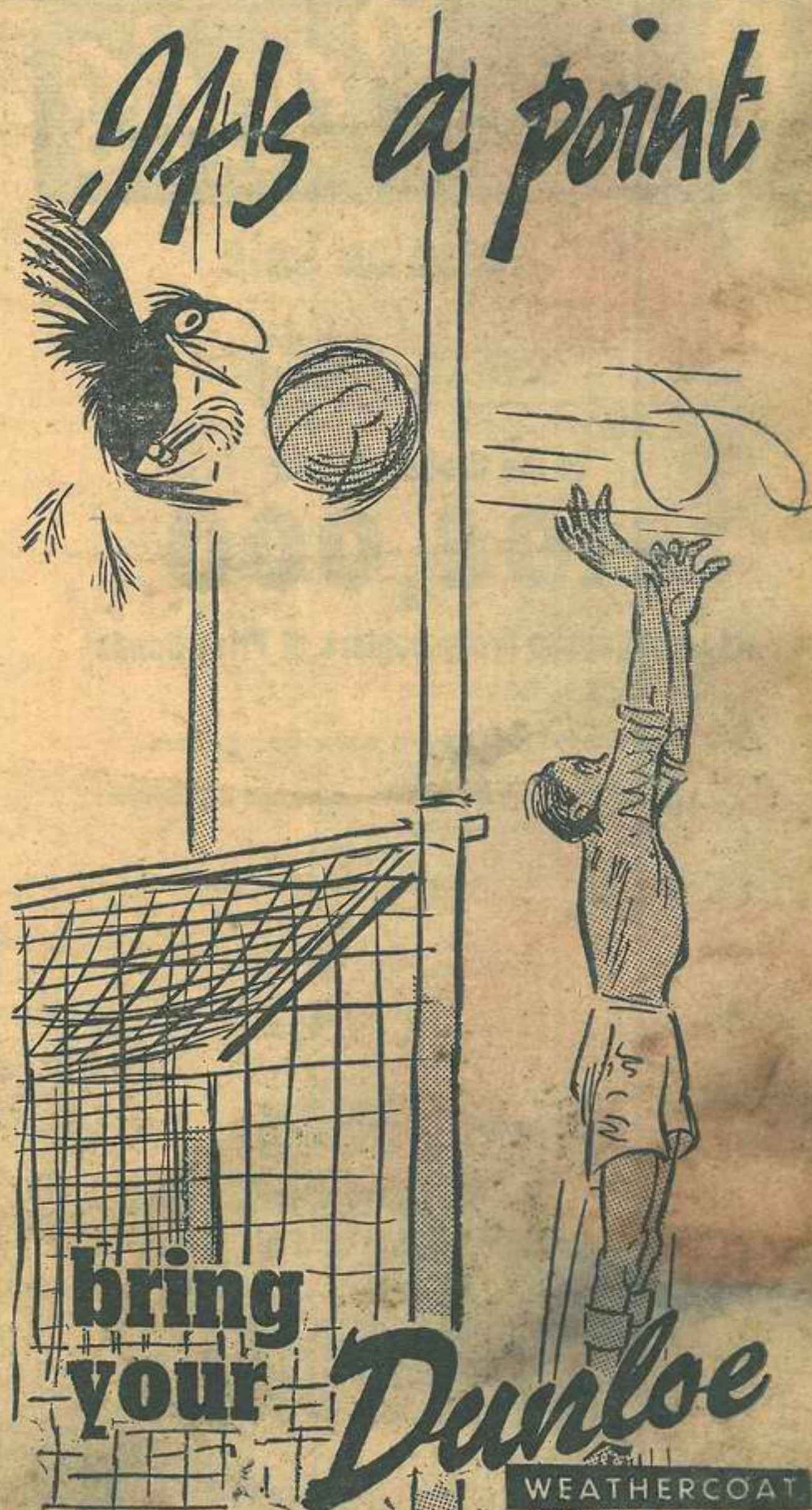
Then, as they drew level with the Cusack Stand, they blazed forth with the present top-hit "Slattery's Mounter Fut".

This I thought was bad taste, but it was nothing to what followed it when the band came to a halt near the New Stand.

This time it was not just a top-hit but a British Guardsman tune which goes "Out on the plains the weary soldiers now are sleeping," and finishes, "Heroes are they, they shall live in song and story. The name of the march: "A Soldier's Dream."

**BAD TASTE**

NOTE—It was not the Artane Boys' Band who were in Croke Park on that day.



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# Kanturk's Olympic Champion

By Don Finlay

**I**N the serene peacefulness of Roseville, Clonmel—miles away from the tense, thrill-packed Olympic Stadiums of Amsterdam and Los Angeles, where he startled the athletic world with his magnificent feats in 1928 and 1932—lives Doctor Pat O'Callaghan.

A fierce upholder of the unification of Ireland in athletics, Doctor O'Callaghan is a man whose deeds will be told of for years to come.

A native of Kanturk Co. Cork, Doctor O'Callaghan has resided in Clonmel since 1930. He received his early education from the Patrician Brothers in

Mallow, and took his degree in medicine at the College of Surgeons, Dublin, in 1927.

Around that period the young doctor began to take athletics very seriously and in 1928 was selected to represent Ireland in the Olympic Games at Amsterdam. It was at these games that Pat O'Callaghan earned the distinction of being the first Irishman ever under the Irish flag to win an Olympic title when he threw the hammer a distance of 168 feet 10 ins.

**In the 1932 games at Los Angeles, Doctor O'Callaghan figured on the Irish**

Olympic team which included the great Bob Tisdall. This time Pat slung the hammer 177 feet 11 inches, and again raised the Tricolour, as also did Bob Tisdall.

In the 1936 games at Berlin, Pat and a number of other fellow Irishmen were debarred from competing because the Olympic authorities would not recognise a team representing an undivided Ireland.

The year 1937 saw Pat attain his peak. At Glasgow that year, he smashed the world hammer record—a feat which is now his

tory and with which every Irishman is familiar.

Although he specialised in the hammer, Pat was also prominent in numerous other athletic events, and his successes include five Irish high jump titles, six national 16lbs. shot titles, six 56lbs. over the bar National titles, five 56lbs. for distance national titles, an international high jump title won at Glasgow, and a national discus championship.

At the moment, carrying on the great O'Callaghan tradition are Doctor Pat's sons Pat, Terry, Brian and Hugh, who have all shown great promise on the athletic field.

# ARTHUR RANK AT CROKE PARK

By Sean O'Neill

**WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THAT REMARKABLE CHARACTER, THE STAGE IRISHMAN? YOU PROBABLY DON'T, YOU JUST DETEST HIM.**

Yet, if you were one of the 70,000 who attended the All-Ireland hurling final you not alone helped in producing another of these weird individuals, but you also took an active part in giving him a necessary background for his next startling appearance.

You don't get it? Well this is how it was. One—J. Arthur Rank, film magnate, Irish flour-miller and bakery owner, recently knighted by the Queen of England, etc. etc., decided that he was to get a new twist for his next film.

Both he and his audiences were, he felt, somewhat tired of seeing small units of the British Army "mop-up" the joint forces of almost every country in the world (maybe Rank began to realise that even fiction has its limits). The Inspector with the pipe from Scotland Yard was becoming a bore and in a lesser degree so also was "stiff upper lip" British comedy.

**NEW ANGLE**

So a new angle had to be found and found it was and who could be more suitable and more fun-loving than his dear old friends the Irish (who, incidentally, contribute millions of pounds per annum to the Rank coffers without the said gentleman paying one penny income-tax to an Irish Government).

And so it is an Irish comedy and the wheels of filmdom began to revolve.

**THE SUBJECT—HURLING; THE HERO—A DOCTOR? A YOUNG BUSINESS MAN? A CLERK?**

No, they don't have any of these gentlemen in poor, dear old Ireland.

The hero is, of course, a dustman who naturally collects bins and who, I expect, segregates all eatables from the rubbish to give to the pigs in Murphy's parlour.

You may say that I am being somewhat hasty in condemning the film; you may consider it a fine thing to have a hurling film at your local cinema and you may ask how do I know it is going to be another stage-Irish affair.

**NOTHING ELSE**

Yes, I admit I have not read the script but if the stars who are to appear in the film are any indication, then it can be nothing else.

Then the film is a comedy, not a drama and when comedies are made (even by our own so called Irish companies) with Ireland or Irishmen as the subject they all have the same stamp.

Time may prove me wrong on this point and the film may be quite pleasant (which I greatly doubt) but this does not retribute in any way for the fact that Rank is the man whose "Universal News" and feature films are England's best source of propaganda, propaganda directed against not alone Irish-Ireland ideals but all ideals of freedom and self-determination in every land where England has her troops.

## Britain Knows Her Friends

**W**HEN Ras Tailteann, one of Europe's finest marathon races, was being run recently, C.R.E. (Ireland's partitionist Cycling Association) ran a two-day race to Galway and back. In actual stature and cycling importance there was no comparison between both events. Yet "Universal News" had its cameraman in Dublin not to film the mass start of Ras Tailteann mind you, but the C.R.E. affair.

Yes, Rank's British propaganda machine surely knows its friends.

## HELPER FOR O'HEHIR?

**I** HAVE often thought that when big G.A.A. matches are broadcast, the commentator in most cases Michael O'h-Eithir—should have an assistant.

The commentator could do with a breather and for the listeners, especially those who were late tuning in, a succinct half time analysis of the play would be welcome.

I am sure most listeners would rather hear a new voice

giving his views on the first half of the big game and possibly the highlights of the minor game—in the case of All-Ireland finals—than hear the half-time break turned into a farce with greetings going to Tom, Dick and Harry.

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# MEMORIES OF LARRY STANLEY

By William Dooley

**JUDGING** at the Catholic Students' Games in Dublin recently was Larry Stanley, Irish and British high jump champion of 1924 and one of the greatest Gaelic footballers that ever played the game. Retaining the springy step of the athlete, he belies his sixty-one years. We talked of days and performances long past. He was a centre of attraction and old pals tarried for handshakes and recounted some of his major exploits to student sons.

Long ago when Larry could juggle with a football in a manner quite beyond his famous contemporaries, I asked him how he perfected his unique one-handed catch.

He told me he practised through throwing a ball against a high gable end. Having very sensitive hands, immediately he felt it touching the tips of his fingers, on falling, he brought back the hand, in circular fashion, limp as a jelly, the ball clinging to it and coming in under his arm.

Larry always treated his footgear with meticulous care and never took the field without every stud in order and every brad secure. Also weather conditions never affected his preparation as he actually loved a training spell in the rain.

Supreme artist — hjjjwm — But Stanley was the artist of a generation and, on occasions when he was devoid of training he could be still the star of the side although his team mates had worked like trojans.

Veteran Bob Mockler, famous Tipperary and Dublin All-Ireland hurler, once commented to me that he saw Stanley do things in Gaelic fields he never saw another player do. And Bob should indeed be a competent authority.

One of the more memorable performances in Irish athletics of the 1920's was Larry's 6' 3 1/2" high jump in the Tailteann Games at Croke Park in 1924 when the American Olympic champion and world record holder, Harold Osborn, could only negotiate an inch higher.

Osborn was then a master of the "Western Roll" or semi-acrobatic form of jump, while Stanley used the old Irish "kick and turn in the air" method.

## First Attempt

Larry's first venture in high jumping was at a sports in Blessington when he won by surmounting 5' 2" wearing football boots.

# FOOTBALL GENIUS

## HAD HE THE GIFT OF A SEVENTH SON ?

He was 27 years when he took to jumping seriously and topped his initial 6' at the Kickham sports in 1923, after having captained the Kildare team to All-championship honours for 1919.

He therefore blossomed into the best high jumper in the British Isles at a time when he should have been well on the decline according to American standards.

He was also on a par with the leading long jumpers of his era,

ranging up to a 23' 2" effort at Daingean.

Favourite here for the Triangular International meeting of 1925 (England-Ireland-Scotland) he led right into the last round, but was then relegated to runner-up berth by the Englishman, Childs.

They say that the youngest of seven sons is gifted. Larry was a seventh son and certainly was one of the most gifted athletes we have had.



Mrs. Esther Murphy, 12 Watkins Buildings, Dublin, presents the Augustine ("Guss") Murphy Cup to Tommy O'Brien, Captain of the Kilbride (Co. Dublin) Gaelic football team. This Memorial Cup will be competed for between the Kilbride, St. Annes (Bohernabreene), Blessington and St. Mary's (Saggart) teams. Liam Murray of Saggart is in the centre. "Guss" Murphy gave his life in action against British forces during the trouble. Mrs. Murphy is the mother of "Guss" Murphy.

# A CLUB CAN MAKE A COUNTY TEAM

By LIAM S. O h-OISTIN

LOOKING back on the prominent county teams, in both football and hurling, that have thrilled Gaelic followers over the past twenty years, one cannot but notice one remarkable and outstanding fact: that each of these teams drew their most prominent players and the back-bone of their team from one unusually strong club within their county confines.

Examples that spring readily to mind are the far-famed hurling clubs of Glen Rovers (Cork), Thurles Sarsfields (Tipperary), Tullaroan (Kilkenny) or Ahane (Limerick). Their football counter-parts are more numerous: Tuam Stars (Galway), St. Vincents (Dublin), Ardee St. Mary's (Louth), Cornafean (Cavan), Harps (Armagh), Ballina Stephenites or Castlebar Mitchells (Mayo), Tarmon St. Patricks or Knockcroghery (Roscommon), or Kerry's own Rock Street, Boherbue, or Legion, Killarney.

It is only natural, of course, that prominent players catch the public fancy and the selectors' eye if they are fortunate enough to be members of a strong club side and provincial and All-Ireland title-winners have been, on occasions, drawn from many clubs not so well known as those listed above.

Such as the Mayo side of the late forties and early fifties, which contested three All-Irelands, winning two and losing the third by a single point, collecting two National Leagues and four successive Connacht crowns.

### "UNKNOWNNS"

Their star side boasted members from such practically unknown (outside Connacht at least) clubs as Islandeady, Louisburgh, Ardarae, Killala, Aughmore or Carramore.

Castlebar and Ballina had members of their clubs on those sides while the declaration rule provided a few most valuable players.

But such a team, drawn from so many sources and still prove itself second to none, may not be built

again so soon—in fact I would consider the rise of such a team as a 'flukey' occurrence, and not to be taken as an example of how to string a title-winning team together.

Rather would I say that any county team, to prove itself in the first grade, must draw its nucleus from one strong club. The history of Gaelic games and the achievements of great teams proves my contention.

THE BACKBONE OF A GOOD TEAM IS THE STRONGEST COUNTY CLUB.

### EXAMPLES

Glen Rovers powered the greatest of Cork's All-Ireland hurling teams, winners from '41 to '44 and again in '46; the Mackey-led Ahane dominated the great Limerick teams of the late thirties; Thurles Sarsfields ruled the roost in '37, '45, when the blue riband of hurling went to Tipp.

In football, St. Vincents led Dublin back to the limelight; Tuam Stars were the force behind Galway's 1956 All-Ireland win; Tarmon and Knockcroghery supplied the bulk of the '43 and '44 Roscommon All-Ireland winners, while all Gaels know the part that Ardee, Cornafean, Armagh Harps and Kerry club teams have played in putting their county teams into the Gaelic forefront.

Why is it that a strong club team has such an effect on the county fifteen or plays such an important part in moulding a potential title-winning side?

The fact that the team draws its framework from one team leaves little to be desired in the line of teamwork and combination, an essential factor in modern games.

### SELECTIONS

Add to this the truth that players from 'outside' teams must, to gain their places against the opposition of the players from the strong team possess ability, football intelligence and adaptability beyond the ordinary, all of which go to ensure that only the best players will be selected.

But, in my opinion, the greatest and most important contribution from the strong team to the county side is the infusion of spirit and comradeship, which the team, to be the strong team it is, must possess and these two factors, to my mind, are the greatest assets in the moulding of a champion side.

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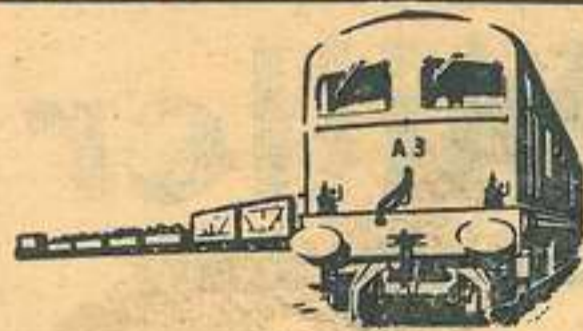
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# "There Must Be A Digging Match"

AS I expected, my article last month has drawn fire. I presume that I am expected to answer the remarks of my esteemed colleague "The Hawk." With a pen-name like his I could easily ridicule him with various puns, but as this is a serious matter I will keep the debate on the plane it merits.

Now Mr. Hawk, I must take exception to your statement that I inferred that fighting and mayhem are inherent in our national games. I inferred nothing of the sort. You back up your arguments by taking sentences out of their context. That is a well-known way of proving that black is white. However, you go further. You misquote the sentence you have taken out of its context. You say that I said that Gaelic games are full blooded pastimes for fiery Irishmen. I said nothing of the sort. What I said was:

"OF COURSE ITS NOT CRICKET. ITS GAELIC GAMES AND THE PLAYERS ARE NOT

NAMBY PAMBY WHITE FLANNED BALL PATTERS EITHER BUT RED BLOODED FIERY IRISHMEN."

Incidentally, a printing error replaced the second "its" with "as" but that is beside the point.

## Inevitable

I stand over that statement. Gaelic games are such that there is an amount of physical contact. Inevitably there must be an occasional "digging match".

Whether you like it or not "Hawk" the Irish are renowned all over this world for their fighting qualities. We are a proud race, easy to take offence (your article

## Con Kelly replies to "The Hawk"

proves that) but if our tempers are easily roused we are also quick to forgive.

Personally I am proud of all our Irish faults and virtues and would hate to be one of a race such as that whose main contribution to sport has been games like cricket or tiddly winks.

The words of our National Anthem prove that we are proud of our fighting qualities.

However, although you do not seem to think so I do not advocate violence in our games. To support this I will quote another sentence which the editor was good enough to print in 7-point black type in my original article. It went thus—

"TO SUM UP, I DO NOT WANT OUR GAMES TO DEVELOP INTO A 'DON'T MIND THE BALL, GET ON WITH THE MATCH' TYPE OF SPORT. HOWEVER, DUE TO THE NATURE OF THE GAMES, THE PLAYERS AND THE SPECTATORS, WE MUST EXPECT INCIDENTS."

In other words I am fed up to teeth of those not so Gaelic scribes who are eager to grasp opportunities to attack the G.A.A. report

## If You Vote . . .

Readers voting on the question set by Con Kelly in this article are requested to write their replies on a plain postcard, addressed to "Ballot Box," Gaelic Echo, 13 Parliament St., Dublin.

every little incident at even five-eighth hurling matches while they gloss over similar or worse in non-G.A.A. games such as the one when one of our delightful Rugger chappies was found trying to bite the ear off an opponent during an International at Lansdowne Road (Yes, this actually happened) when a scrum broke up.

## Headlines

They also forget to mention the ankle tapping and other sly methods of fouling well known in Soccer but if some juvenile player in an inter-class match at Ballymacslattery National School happens to hit his opponent a clout in the heat of the moment we read all about it in the headlines of the National dailies the very next morning.

If however, I am fed up with the reports of those who hate the G.A.A. and all it stands for I am disgusted at the antics of some of those scribes who claim to be Gaels. A number of them are becoming the unwitting tools of West Britannia.

When they are not bemoaning the incidents they are writing about the high standard of sportsmanship shown by the players and spectators at some venue. So what. Ninety-nine per cent. of matches are played without incident. Is it necessary to wail to the high heavens about the odd one per cent or to comment on most of the other 99 per cent as if each one was a miracle?

Last month I quoted the extraordinary precautions that have to be taken in other countries to prevent scenes. So far it has not been necessary here. Our players are as sporting as any in the world. These odd incidents are being magnified out of all proportions. We must expect our enemies to make capital out of every incident. Is it too much to ask our correspondents to at least preserve a charitable silence and not to be adding to the ballyhoo.

(CONTD. ON PAGE 27)

## Will He Go?

It is rumoured that E. Fenlon, who won an All-Ireland hurling medal with Kilkenny this year (as a sub.) will shortly emigrate to England.

# Tipp. Men Had An Interest

ALTHOUGH Tipperary were not directly concerned in the recent All-Ireland senior hurling final, the people of Roscrea had more than a passing interest in the game.

And the man that held their gaze was Waterford's dashing left-half-back Seamus Power. Clerical worker Seamus was formerly attached to Roscrea Post Office, and during his stay there, he toggled out with the local team. Although he failed to win an All-Ireland medal, Seamus has still got the North Tipp. senior championship medal he won in 1949 with Roscrea to be proud of.

## G.A.A. Man Makes Top Golf News

A MAN who has been working overtime lately is Paddy Donnelly, the famous Dublin and St. Vincent's all-rounder. Although nearing thirty, Paddy is still playing as well as ever and it was his power football which more than anything else brought the famous Marino club to this year's junior football final—a competition, which oddly enough, St. Vincents have never won. In between playing hurling and football for St. Vincents, Paddy finds time to do some golfing and only a few months ago he succeeded in landing the coveted Lumsden Cup.

## No Grant For Cusack's Home

Keen disappointment is felt in G.A.A. circles at the refusal of the Central Council to make a grant towards the restoration of Michael Cusack's house. When the matter came before the Clare Co. Board, the chairman stated that the Central Council would be unable to make any further grants until the heavy debt incurred on the reconstruction work in Croke Park was cleared.

## Loss To Meath Handball

Big loss to those trying to put Meath back on the handball map is the resignation of the chairman of the Meath Handball Board, Rev. Bro. Murphy, who has been transferred to Dublin. Into the chair steps Mr Jack Finnegan, M.C.C., Martry, who has already done more than his share for the handballers of Meath.

## A TRIBUTE



Rev. Fr. Vaughan, C.C., Chairman, Offaly Co. Board, G.A.A. speaking on the occasion of the unveiling of a plaque in memory of the late Mr. Stephen Cloonan, after whom the new seating in the Tullamore Ground has been named the Cloonan Terrace.

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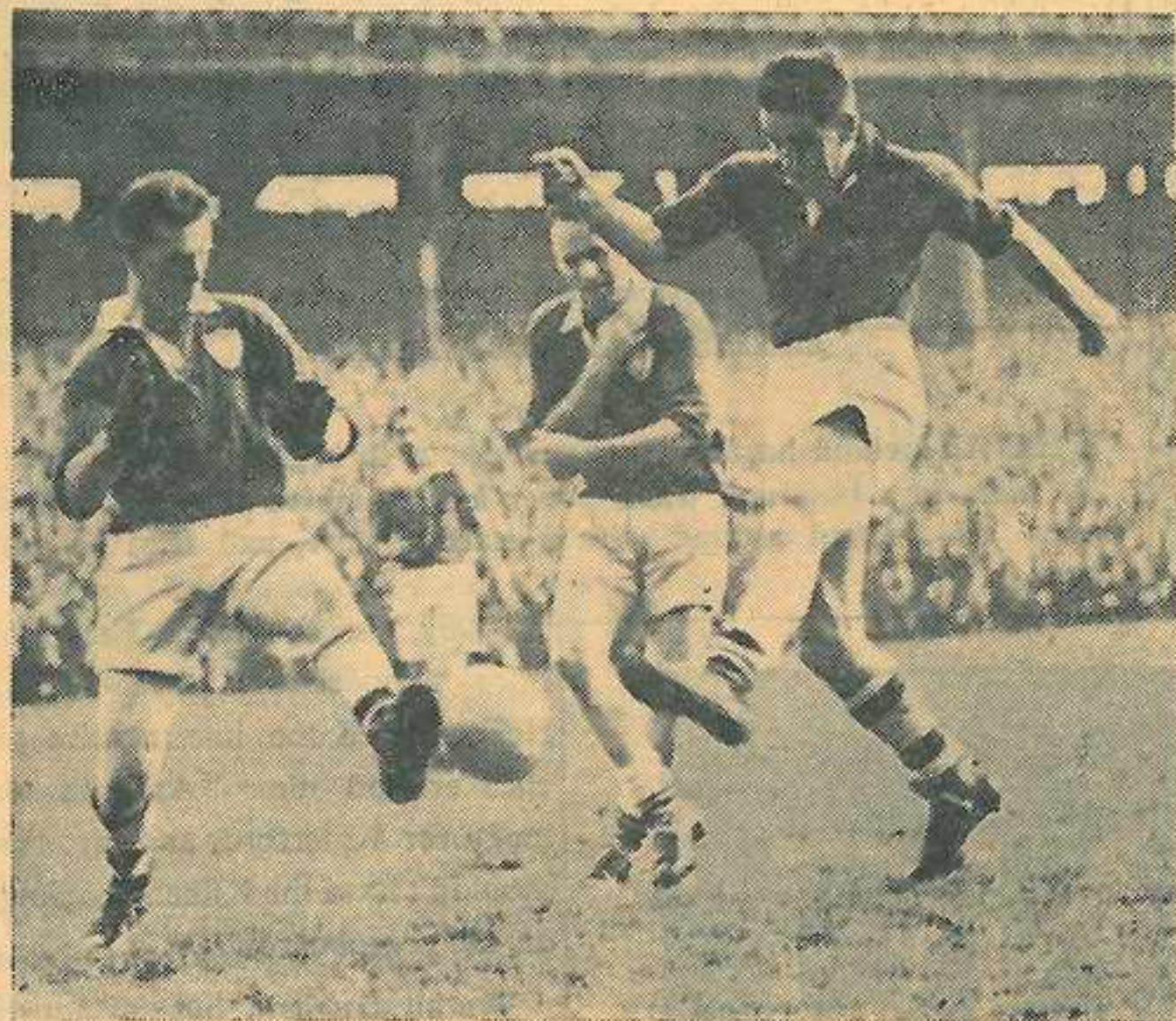
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# The Laurels For Louth



Jim Meehan (left), star of the Louth defence in the football final, blocks down a hard drive by Cork centre-forward Niall Fitzgerald. Stephen White (Louth) stands by in case of danger.



All-Ireland Champions, 1957: Back row (left to right)—Jim McArdle, Dan O'Neill, Jackie Reynolds, Jim Judge, Tom Conlon, Ollie Reilly, Alf Monk, Barney McCoy, Mickey Flood, Sean Og Flood, Aidan McGuinness, Jim Quigley. Front row (left to right)—Stephen White, Frank Lynch, Kevin Behan, Seamus O'Donnell, Dermot O'Brien, Peadar Smith, Patsy Coleman, Jim McDonnell, Sean Cunningham, Jim Roe, Jim Meehan.

## REWARD FOR A

THE crowd was spilling, milling across the pitch. Flags were waving madly and heroes were shouldered high. It was one of the wildest scenes ever witnessed after an All-Ireland final.

A downcast Corkman looking over the railing of the Cusack Stand said: "Twas about time, anyway."

And so it was. Louth had waited forty-five years for that hour and they were savouring every joy-crazy moment of it. The disappointment, bad luck and near misses of all the decades were wiped away as Captain Dermot O'Brien battled his way to

## LONG WAIT

the Hogan Stand to receive the All-Ireland Football Cup for 1957.

**LOUTH HAD WON AGAINST THE ODDS, WHICH MADE THAT VICTORY ALL THE SWEETER.**

Tom Conlon, back from retirement, was magnificent; Jim Meehan, star of the game, could hardly complain at the buffeting which he received from his admirers at the end; lion-hearted Stephen White finished

the hour in a blaze of brilliance; Kevin Behan, Sean Cunningham and Seamus O'Donnell took a large share of the laurels.

But picking the stars is hardly fair in such a victory. Every man played his part gamely and well.

What of Cork? They were sorely disappointed, but had no reason to be ashamed. Had Louth not got that goal from Behan's sideline kick, or had Jim Meehan not saved an almost certain goal in the dying seconds, the Munster men could have been as easily acclaimed worthy winners.

It was Cork's second successive final defeat, but they are still good enough to come back next year. But will Neilly Duggan be back? A sad thought. He deserved a medal more than any man of the thirty that September evening.



A flying catch by Cork centre-back, Paddy Driscoll, cuts off a surging Louth attack in the Final.

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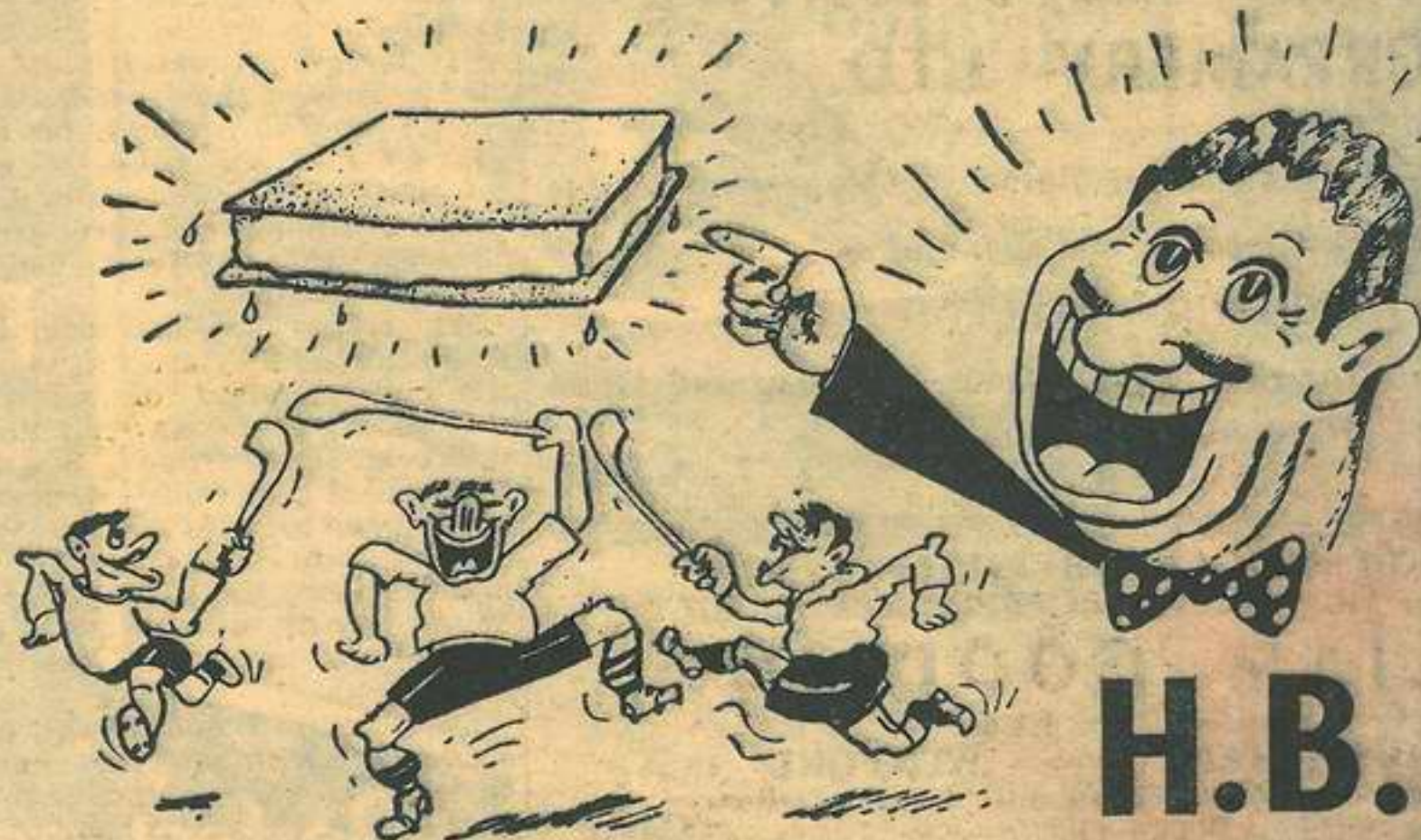
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# He Saw Them Win

## CALL TO R.E.

I THINK it's about time that Gaelic games be given a weekly hour on Radio Eireann. After all, when it is realised how great a following the games have, it will be seen that they do not get radio coverage commensurate with their popularity.

If the leading newspapers see fit to give generous publicity to our National games, why not Radio Eireann.

Admittedly, much time is given to

Gaelic language broadcasts and properly so, but a Gaelic games hour could be made the most lively, interesting and listened-to programme of the week.

All the ingredients are there: wide scope, large public and a team of expert broadcasters already on hand who could bring the personality and personalities of the game on to the air.

—FEAR FEASA.

WHEN Louth lined out against Cork in the All-Ireland final, they had one fervent 'Yankee' on their side. For John 'Peck' Tuite, hero of many a Wee Co. victory in the '20's, had come back from the States to see Louth in the All-Ireland football final.

Castlebellingham-born John nearly got an All-Ireland junior medal himself when he played with Louth in 1925. Louth won the title that year all right but unfortunately for John he had to emigrate before the final and so the chance was lost.

Compensation came eight years later, however, when he captained the visiting American team that played Ireland in Croke Park in the Tailteann Games.

### LOOKING AROUND

# FIGHT TO A FINISH

by "THE HAWK"

THE All-Ireland hurling final was about to begin. A Waterford man, in a blue and white paper hat, stumbled sideways to his seat. He looked around with a startled stare, and then he got mad.

"Hey," he shouted, "That's not fair; they shouldn't take sides." He answered the interrogative silence around him: "And it's unlucky for Waterford, anyway; they shouldn't have the Kilkenny colours on the scoreboards."

We all laughed, but a thought stirred and said: Yes, maybe it is an omen.

But hurling games are never won by symbols, so the Croke Park authorities must be complimented on the new scoreboard colour scheme.

Luminous orange on a black background stands out sharply, and should be a great boon to spectators on dark winter evenings.

A more important innovation, however, is the second board, at the Canal end which caters for many previously unsighted parts of the ground.

### Second Round

Back to Con Kelly. In this issue he replies to my criticisms of his article last month in which he tried to make racial-based excuses for fighting and dirty play in Gaelic games.

#### I DON'T THINK HE HAS SUCCEEDED ONE LITTLE BIT.

He accuses me of quoting him out of context (that's also an old argument to prove that black is white). In or out of context, his meaning stood out like a sore thumb: that in Gaelic games, fighting, pokes, punches and deliberate strokes on a head with a hurley are inevitable and must be accepted (in fact lauded) as part and parcel of our heritage.

How much more ostrich-like can we become?

Con goes on to reprimand "those Gaelic scribes who are eager to attack the G.A.A." Wrong again. Any Gaelic scribes I know (and I know quite a few of them) are eager to attack only the rowdies who are soiling the G.A.A.'s bib. And rightly so.

### All Platitudes

Indeed, too few of them, more's the pity, do even that. But instead, when a game is a good, clean affair (and thank God most of our matches are) they go to town with the "grand, sporting, manly contest" stuff.

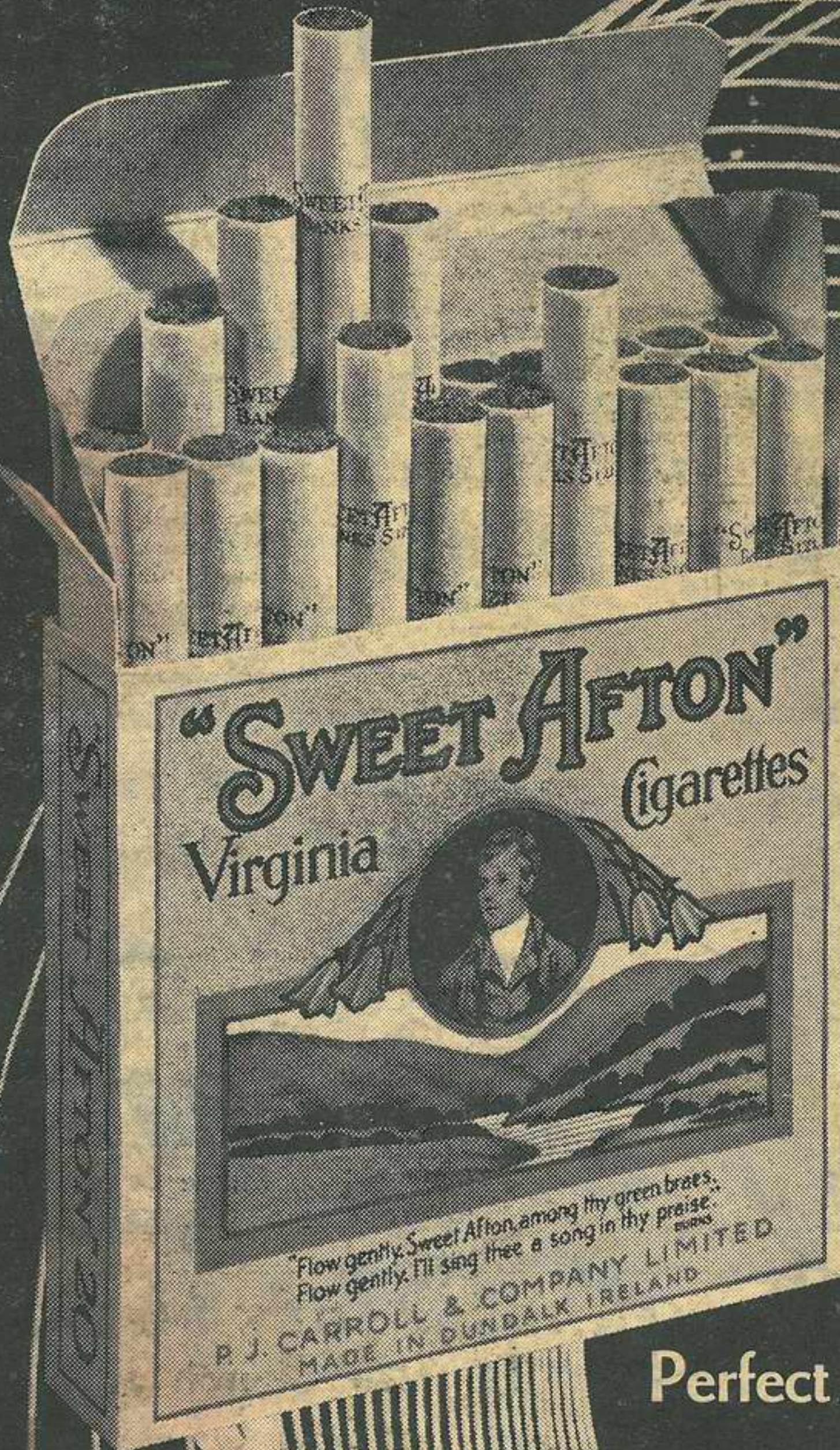
#### ALL IN CHARACTER WITH THE LIFT OF THE CAP AND THE "GOD BLESS YE, YER HONOUR, SIR" INFERIORITY COMPLEX.

I accept your challenge to a duel, Con. And I urge our readers to reply to your question: "Are our games getting too dirty?" And if they wish they may reply at greater length than Yes or No.

But when this poll is over I'll challenge you to a return contest. Without any vagueness or ambiguity I'll word my question thus: IF WE ACCEPT THE TRUE MEANING OF THE WORD SPORT, SHOULD THERE BE ANY DIRT AT ALL IN GAELIC GAMES? And I'll stipulate that only Yes or No will be taken for an answer.

I don't think I could be fairer than that.

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# Junior ECHO



Peadar Byrne's Spotlight On Colleges' Games

## CAN ST. NATHY'S RETAIN TITLE?

THE revival of the All-Ireland tests gave the Colleges games an added fillip last year. Competition was razor-keen, particularly in the battle for football honours, where St. Nathy's College, Ballaghaderreen, one of the dark horses of the competition, reigned supreme.

This success has shot Connaught back into the limelight once again and should prove a great incentive to colleges competing in this year's Western championships.

What of the contestants? Topping the list are, of course, St. Nathy's. The champions have lost the majority of last year's powerful fifteen but I hear there is some good talent on the way up and they are bound to put up a spirited defence of their crown.

But St. Jarlath's and Summerhill have other ideas. Backed by a great tradition, both these teams are intent on regaining lost prestige this term.

### Likely Change

They have the material and the will to win. So, don't be surprised if there is a change of champions here.

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### Flannan's Again!

One thing you can be sure of, however, and that is that Saint Flannan's College are going to be right in there in the fighting line for honours this year. The famous Ennis nursery has always been a force in this competition and with this year's side reputed to be above the average, great things are expected of St. Flannan's.

But this is not going to be any one horse race. Thurles C.B.S. make no secret of their intention to regain the trophy this season while North Mon., Cork, will as usual prove a tough obstacle to overcome.

Ballyvourney, winners of last year's football test, might well complete the double this term. However, with such famed football nurseries as St. Brendan's, Killarney, Saint Michael's, Listowel, and Tralee C.B.S. in the field, their task will not be an easy one.

To sum up, it promises to be a really good year down South and some rousing battles seem certain before the 1957/58 Munster championships are made known.

**Half A Guinea  
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## 'Eye On the Ball' Is Paddy's Secret

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PADDY McENAMIN, centre half-forward on Mayo's Junior team, is an ex-Ballinfad (Castlebar) and Knockbeg Colleges star.

A forceful football, he represented his native county in Minor and Junior grades in '56, and this year has turned in some brilliant performances for Mayo Juniors. His place-kicking should be studied because of the way, once he has placed the ball, he puts his head down and keeps his eye on the ball.

The result is a score almost every time—his tally in the home final against Cork being five points from placed balls.

A native of Belturbet, Paddy plays with the Crossmolina Senior team, runners-up in Mayo championships in '56 and '57.

## Our Mistake

A Chara—I read in your September issue (Junior Echo section), an article in which the writer, Peadar Byrne, states that Jack

Mangan, the Galway goalie and captain was a pupil of St. Jarlath's College, Tuam and that with Sean Purcell "won scores of colleges honours in the '40's."

Permit me to inform Mr. Byrne that Jack was a C.B.S. (Tuam) man as also was Frank Stockwell (both played on Connacht colleges team). Sean Purcell was a St. Jarlath's man but it may be interesting to know that he played on the C.B.S. (Tuam) team which competed for the Galway (minor) county championship in 1945. The final was not played out until early 1946 (I think) and was won by this C.B.S. team, giving Sean Purcell and Frankie Stockwell their first county medals.

Mise le meas,

W. B. Mannion.

Tuam.

### From College Fields . . .

WITH September done and finished with, the college-boys have settled down to another year of college-life with its joys and sorrows, its books and lessons and, of course, its games.

Teams for the various competitions are taking shape and hopes are high in many a breast that a place on the College, Provincial or Cup-winning team may be in store for him who practices long and earnestly.

From time to time we hope to introduce to the readers of this column some of the College players likely likely to hit the headlines in this year's competition, as well as reviews of the prospects of the various College teams in the forthcoming competitions.

## Croke Park Must Cater For Boys

A special enclosure for boys. That is something the G.A.A. MUST provide in the near future. What a "blessing" it would be to adults as well as schoolboys on big-match days.

As things stand now its impossible for young followers to see a game properly, and equally impossible for the grown-ups to have any comfort with boys pushing their way to better viewing positions.

Without the future support of today's schoolboys there would be no players or spectators to keep the G.A.A. going.

YES, THERE IS A 'CUT-PRICE' GATE AT CROKE PARK BUT IT WOULD WANT TO BE, FOR THE VIEW OF THE MATCH IS ALSO OF THE 'CUT-PRICE VARIETY'.

This year's All-Ireland hurling final brought this matter forcibly to my mind. Like other regular fol-

lowers I was in the "two bobs" under the Cusack Stand and throughout was struggling for a good position.

### In Vain

Half way through the minor match two ten-year-olds came on the scene near me. For fully ten minutes I watched and felt them as they trampled on on my toes, pushed here and there and finally gave up the ghost without seeing one puck of the ball.

"What a pity" were the words that echoed all around, but its not too late to do something about it.

Give us, now with the Croke Park improvements under way, a special enclosure for the young men who will one day be All-Ireland men themselves, or maybe just ticket-seeking spectators.

## MEN FROM JARLATH'S

COLM O'TOOLE, full back,  
P. Faye, centre-field,  
Tommy Lyons, right half-back,  
I. Biesty, whose goal and point in home Junior football final were gems, are ex-pupils of that great nursery of stars—St. Jarlath's, Tuam, where Sean Purcell, Jack Mahon and M. G. Halwkslaw of present Galway team also learned their first lessons on Football.

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(1) Nervous, (2) Alive, (3) One, (4) C, (5) Bed, (6) Hands, (7) Kanturk.

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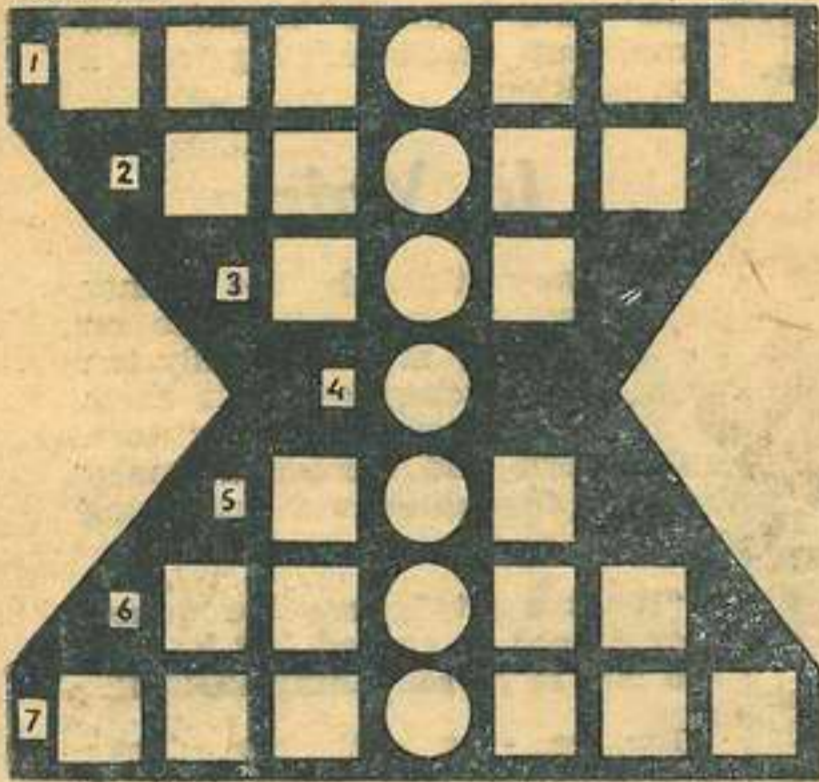
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### CLUES

- (1) A famous place associated with Brian Boru. It begins with K.
- (2) Take the head and tail off Michael.
- (3) The Irish name for Arthur.
- (4) The letter of the alphabet that stands for ME.
- (5) Short for United States of America.
- (6) The language in which a priest says Mass.
- (7) Men who are experts in the Law (the word law forms an important part of this clue).

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Ni bheadh se sin ar eolas agat roimh dul go dtí an Ghaeltacht dhuit, ait ar bith 'na labhartar an Ghaeilge lasmuigh den Mlumhain. Ach nior thugas fein fe ndeara e go dtí go nduir bean a' ti liom sa gcistineach uair, agus cleas deanta ag cat og a bhris plata: "Go sabhaili Dia sinn." Ni 'muid', ach 'sinn'.

Ar Inis Thiar, Oileain Arann, a chualas an bhean sin. Agus tamall beag 'na dhiaidh, agus mise ar lorg na sean phaidreacha, agus iad a scriobh sios agam, thugas fe ndeara an rud ceanna, na raibh oiread is paidir amhain de na cinn ina geantuit fein acu.

Ni he sin a ra, amh, nach gcuirfeadh siad an 'b' isteach san 'acu', agus mar sin de, mar chuirfeadh agus cuireann.

Cad mar gheall ar na paidreacha coitianta? An bhfuil aon difriochta eatarthu ar fud na tire? Ta difriocht mhor idir an leagan den 'Gloire' a fhoghlaimas sa nGall-dacht, nuair a bhios og, agus an leagan a chualas sa nGaeltacht.

Ta an difriocht sin le fail san dara leath, sa leagan a chualas ar Inis Thiar, mar ata: "Gloire don Tea bhi is ata is a bheas go brath le saol na saol, amen."

Cuir e sin i gcomparaid leis an leagan a bhi againn, agus muid inar ndaltai scoile: "Mar a bhi ar

dtuis, mar ata fos, agus mar a bheas go brath, le saol na saol. Amen."

Ni bheinn cinnte, ach dearfainn go bhfuil an dara leagan thuas mar aistriuchan den leagan Bearla.

Duirf fear o Chonamara liom, agus muid ag ple na ceiste sin, go bhfuair se freisin, ar scoil, an dara leagan, ach "Nior dhuit muid ag baile ariamh ach an leagan a thosnaionn le 'Gloire don Te'. Agus bhi an ceart againn, agus ag an bpobal, mar sine an tsli is deise diobh."

Aontaionn leis. Ach ba cheart nach mbeadh ann ach leagan amhain, sean-leagan na ndaoine, ma's feidir e. Ta dha leagan ar a laghad freisin le fail san "Ar nAthair," ach nil fhios agam ciacu is seanda diobh. Nuair bhios og bhi dha leagan ar an Ave Maria comh maith leis, ach ni minic a cloistear inniu "Go mbeannui dhuit, a Mhuire."

Ta an Eaglais ag iarraidh na paidreacha coitianta a chaighdeanu

le tamall beag anuas, agus ta leabhair, no paimfleid, foilsithe acu.

Ach, nior mhaith liom iad a ghlacadh mar ata siad, gan aon diospoireacht a dheanamh futhu. Nach trua e nach bhfuil Acadamh na Teangan againn, mar ata acu sa bhFrainc agus sa Spainn!

O am go ham scriobhann an tAth. O Floinn, Maghnat, in Gaelige agus i mBearla faoi na sean-phaidreacha Gaelacha. Ag eisteacht leis a chuir mise fein ar a dtoir agus b'fui dom e.

D'fheadfadh an cleir iad a mhuineadh dos na paisti ata ag dul ar scoil, ionas go mbeidh siad ar eolas ag chuile dhuine i gceann tamailin. Anios, de reir deal raimh, ta an cleir Eireannach ag obair ar sun na teangan, agus ta se in am, agus thar a bheith in am, go mbeadh na paidreacha la foghlaim ag na paisti agus raithe sa tseipeal i nGaelige agus i Gaelige amhain.

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## Handball Spotlight

By J. K. Clarke

# First For Kerry

JIM O'BRIEN had his first International success, when defeating Tom Ginty of New York at Fermoy, during the American's recent goodwill tour of the country. This tour was under the auspices of the New York Athletic Club and included a series of challenges, arranged by the Irish Handball Association, and played at some dozen venues throughout the four Provinces.

O'Brien is a young Tralee player who, with a fellow Kerryman, Pat Downey, both members of the famous Fitzgerald-Jones Club, founded in 1949, represent our leading softball combination of the past two seasons, defeating all aspirants to the Irish senior S.B. doubles title, which they have held since 1955.

Both came into prominence in their club's foundation year (1949)—Downey winning the club handicap and Barry Cup; O'Brien taking honours in the novice tournament. In the same year Downey annexed the county junior soft singles and doubles (with T. Commane); O'Brien taking the county minor S.B. singles and doubles (with P. McCarthy), the Munster in the same events, and the National crown in soft singles.

### Promotion

The following season (1950) saw O'Brien by-pass the junior into the senior grade to partner Joe Hassett with whom he won the county senior soft and hard doubles, and the Munster title in the latter. He also won the county S.B. singles.

Downey followed up by winning the four county junior titles (partner T. Commane) and both Munster doubles.

In 1951, O'Brien retained his three county titles and Munster H.D. crown, adding the Provincial S. doubles (partner J. Hassett) and the two Irish doubles titles with the same partner.

Downey again won three of the county junior titles, losing the soft singles to partner T. Commane. He also took the Munster hard singles and soft doubles titles (partner T. Commane) going on to annex the Irish junior crowns in hard singles and soft doubles also.

1952 saw Downey's promotion to the senior grade where he won the county singles titles in both codes, also the Munster S.B. singles championship.

O'Brien held on to the county senior H.B. and S.B. doubles titles (with J. Hassett), also the two Provincial crowns in doubles and the National S.B. doubles laurels.

### More Success

In 1953 Downey and O'Brien teamed up as a partnership, winning the four county senior titles between them, O'Brien remaining supreme in the singles. Downey went on to take the Munster hard singles, as well as the doubles part-

nered by J. Hassett as substitute for O'Brien who was unable to play through injury. He also won the National H.B. doubles with Hassett.

Downey and O'Brien remained supreme in county senior circles during 1954, and between them took both Munster doubles titles, with Downey retaining the hard singles crown.

1955 witnessed the partnership's first National success in senior grade, when they annexed the soft ball crown which, as stated above, they have held since. In doing so they defeated the best combinations in the country.

In the same year they again successfully defended all four county titles, going on to retain their three Munster crowns, Downey being defeated by M. Griffin (Cork) in the final of the fourth—the S.B. singles. Downey also reached the final of the National H.B. singles, where he went under to A Clarke (Dublin) in straight games, while he and O'Brien gave the holders, J. Ryan and J. Doyle (Wexford) a great run in the final of the H.B. doubles which went the full distance.

### Back Again

Last year Downey regained the Munster S.B. singles title, lost the H.B. singles to Dillon (Clare), and retained both doubles with O'Brien following their usual successes in the county finals.

As already mentioned, they retained their national S.B.D. crown, were beaten in straight games by J. Ryan and J. Doyle (Wexford) in the National H.B. doubles final; with Downey giving a fine account of himself in the National S.B. singles decider against J. Ryan (Wexford), who only beat him by the odd game in five.

All was going well with the partnership this season, they had taken all four county and Munster titles between them, when P. Downey had his unfortunate mishap in the semi-final of the Irish S.B. singles championship while playing E. Connolly the Connacht title-holder, necessitating his retirement from the competition after a game and a half.

### New Partners

The injury also kept him out of the National S.B.D. semi-final in which however, O'Brien and a sub-

stitute in the person of J. Donovan beat E. Connolly and R. Foy (Mayo).

As to whether he will be fit enough to again take part in the final of this, the only senior championship which J. Ryan of Wexford has never taken, due to Kerry's supremacy in the event, is a matter for conjecture.

We all hope he will, seeing that it is not only a matter of missing one decider but three, as he has also reached the final of the H.B. singles and with O'Brien, the H.B. doubles.

## Great Year For Nathy's

1956-1957 was a record year for St. Nathy's, College, Ballyhadarreen, their representatives winning the Connacht Colleges Senior Cup, Junior Cup, Hogan Cup for individual College championship of Ireland, as well as Connacht and All-Ireland Handball titles. With ten of last year's Junior team available, their able mentor and trainer, Father Tom Lynch, can feel very hopeful for 1957-58.

Summerhill College, Sligo, are very confident that this school-year will prove a successful one for them in the football sphere. Although their list of successful appearances in the Senior Competition is short, yet it can boast of such ex-players as Mattie McDonagh and Mick Greally of the Galway team and John Joe Breslin of the Roscommon Senior side.

## Dublin Must Turn To 'Native' Hurlers

By DUBGAEL

THE success of Kilkenny in the All-Ireland series has given much food for thought in Dublin G.A.A. circles, while little was thought of the Dublin hurlers drawing with Kilkenny early in the championship, their subsequent good fortune has shown the Metropolitanians up in a new light.

However, I think that it is true to say that until the team is entirely native, its efforts will never be crowned with success: the hurling was there but the will to win was missing.

That is not meant as a reflection on those lads from other counties who have thrown in their lot with Dublin and who have given wholehearted service to their adopted county.

But it is not the same. Pride of county, like pride of our country is planted deeply in us all and this spirit is often the spur to victory.

### Vital Point

But the control of the hurling team is still largely out of the hands of the native element—although Vincents have now two delegates on the selection committee—and this is a vital point.

In recent years we have had the spectacle of county players taking umbrage at their own county

board's decisions and promptly declaring for Dublin and being accepted with open arms.

Allied to this is an unwillingness to try and find an all-Dublin blend. A prominent hurling figure dismissed it contemptuously: "You'll never see a native Dublin hurling team."

### Root Cause

This, I believe, is the root cause of the trouble. Dublin boys coming out of school should have the prospect of hurling for their county—as they have in football.

Until this happens hundreds of promising hurlers, just out of school, are being poured down the drain of indifference.

In the words of a correspondent to a Dublin evening paper: "Let's have 15 Dublin men on the team and I don't care if they never win a match."

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**Dedication of New Byzantine Church at Clonskeagh**

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 "The building of the Church at Clonskeagh in honour of Our Lady of the Miraculous Medal has been a work of deep Faith and remarkable courage.  
 "To the Parish Priest and the Curates, to all the Faithful of the Parish of Donnybrook, I am

happy to express my thanks for their loving tribute to Our Blessed Lady and my admiration at their generosity."  
 The Church was solemnly blessed and dedicated by the Archbishop.  
 The new church is designed and executed in the Byzantine style, and features beautiful mosaics depicting the theme of the Miraculous Medal. These are rich in colour, and everywhere, on ceilings and walls, the effect is heightened by the stained glass windows and the multi-coloured rubber flooring in Byzantine design.

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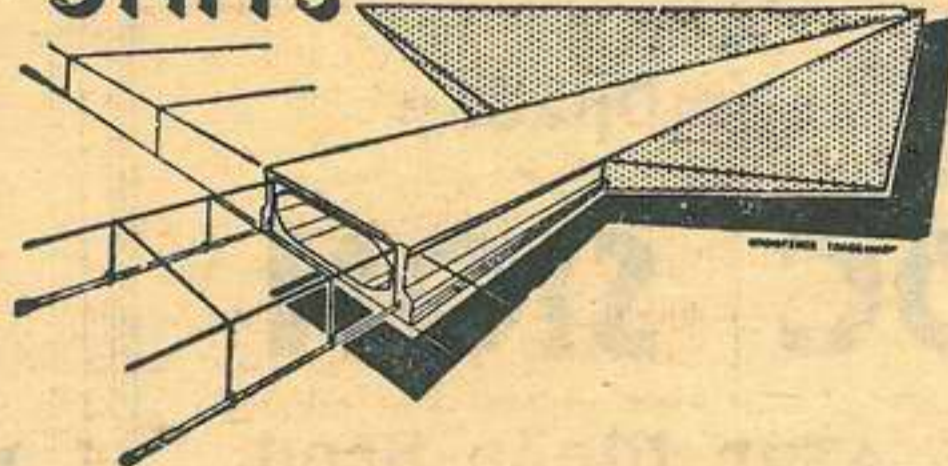
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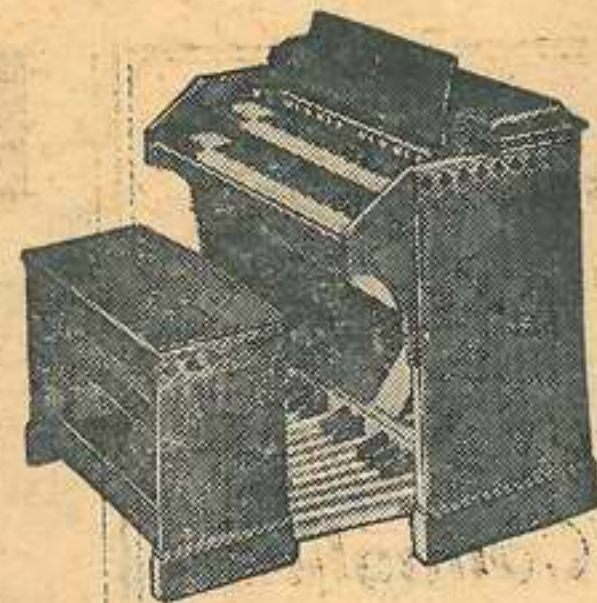
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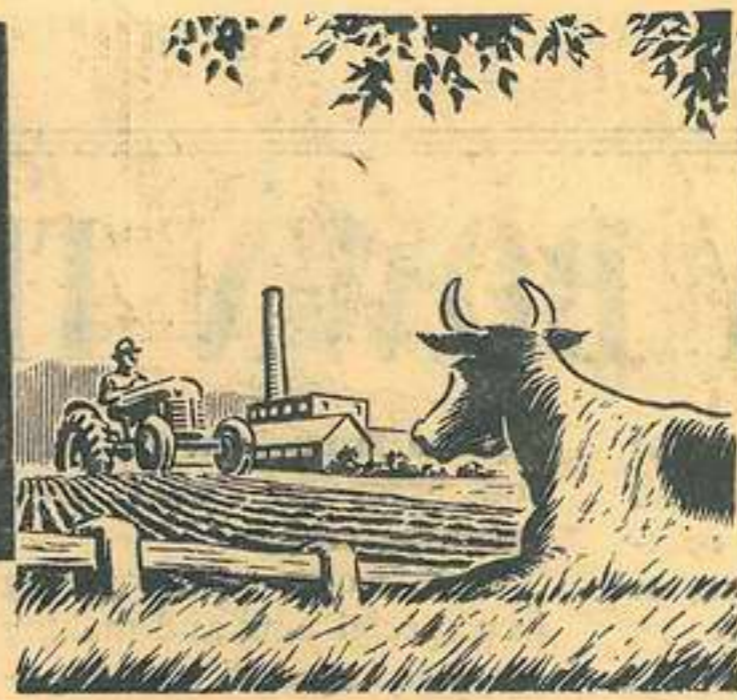




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## IRELAND'S BACON EXPORTS TO BRITAIN IN GRAVE DANGER

# PIG MEN MUST GET TOGETHER

**T**HE fact that the Danes have instituted a special campaign to sell their bacon on the British market did not make very much of a stir in this country, possibly because increased bacon exports have faded more into the realm of hope than of possibility in the minds of many producers.

The 100,000 or so farmers and others who handle pigs in this country include a very large number who never have more than three or four, often as few as one or two animals on hands at any one time.

These producers are not very much concerned where their pigs go so long as they get a reasonably good price for them.

The larger producers, some of them putting out hundreds of animals per year, are the ones we find, usually, on committees and bodies likely to worry about such news.

These are the ones who have been talking about progeny-testing for some time past, about the introduction of the landrace, barley prices and so on.

Doubtless, the results of their occasional deliberations with the Department of Agriculture will react on the smaller men; but until the smaller men and the big men are combined in one good organisation there is little hope that these deliberations will get the results that will put this country back into a position of significance in the international pig trade.

### Urgent Need

The recent results of the pilot pig progeny testing at Ballyhaise Agricultural College have shown the urgent need for a proper set-up for this work, a set-up that can get it started on a national basis which will react swiftly on the quality of animals being produced all over the country.

The results show a conversion rate of around 3.5, which is much too high for economic production for export. Admittedly, the tests are not claimed to be ideal, and the environment of the pigs is not the best, but it probably is better than 75 per cent. of the pigs produced in the country enjoy during their lives.

Which means that our standards of production and breeding will have to be raised considerably.

Some two years ago the erection of a specially-designed pig progeny-testing station was begun by the Board of Works on a site near the Munster Institute outside Cork. The station is still unused, though it is believed that numbers of breeders have entered pigs for the tests.

Some breeders say that the pigs they entered have long ago been sold for killing, but still the station remains unopened.

If this were a factory into which numbers of people had put their capital, we can be certain that it would have been working for over a year now, no matter how complicated the building or equipment of it might be.

It will be interesting to see how the time taken to erect the oil refinery at Cork compares with that for this job.

A daily newspaper agricultural correspondent recently complained that from a visit to the new station it appeared almost ready several months ago, but he could not get any satisfactory explanation as to why it still remained empty and idle.

We understand that this station embodies all the latest ideas that the Department of Agriculture experts could get into the design, but no matter how up-to-date it is now, it may be quite otherwise when it finally goes into production.

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By

Frank Deasy

## LEARN A BIT THIS WINTER

**T**HE theme of many of the addresses at the British Association meeting in Dublin last month was that this country lags behind many others in the knowledge our farmers have of scientific agriculture.

This lack can be offset by organising lectures, demonstrations

and film shows during the winter.

Early work on these lines will ensure a good winter programme, and if there is a Macra na Feirme or NFA branch in your area, get the officers to see that there is plenty of the right sort of information forthcoming during the coming months.

## BIG PRICES FOR SMALL LAMBS

By DENIS FISHER.

**A**NY farmer who heeded the advice of the Department of Agriculture about production of lambs for the export market may find himself on a "good thing" in a year or two.

Studies of both the continental and British markets in the past year or so show that the consumer taste for small joints of meat is extending, or has extended for some time past, to lamb.

One would think that a normal, medium-sized lamb of 45 or 50 pounds carcass weight would give small enough cuts, even for modern finicky tastes, but apparently the demand is for something that would be regarded by Irish farmers, particularly, as tiny.

A figure of 30 lb. weight of carcass has been mentioned as the desirable size, but this is probably impossible

to obtain for most Irish sheep breeders without a radical change in their breeding policy.

Those farmers who have not been able to do anything about getting into this market this year may be able to pick up a suitable ram during the coming year with that object in view. The Down type ram is probably the best sort to produce

well-fleshed lambs of the right weight.

There is a difference of up to 6d per pound in the price for these extremely small lambs, and if a number of them were produced on a farm, giving a good total weight for sale, the trade could be very well worth while.

The smaller lambs will eat less in getting to the right condition; they will be cleared off the farm earlier, leaving grass free for other stock or for hay or silage.

It will need a little time to breed the right sorts, but it seems as if this modern taste is likely to remain and even increase, so for those who can do it, it looks as if the business is worth getting into.

## Spread Manure And . . . Spread Labour

**W**HERE combine harvesting has become standard practice there often will appear a very considerable gap in rush of work between the end of the grain campaign and the beginning of that with the beet and other roots. Although some farmers resent the preaching of more work, it has been recognised that the more the use of labour can be spread throughout the year, leaving no periods of comparative idleness the better the production

level of the farm. So it is in order to suggest that in this easy period after the harvest, farmyard manure could be spread on pastures.

By the old method of carting, even carrying by tractor and trailer, much time is consumed in this job, and where a large amount has to be spread a muck-spreader is worth its cost.

Many farms will not have an amount big enough to make this expenditure worth while, but the job is such that it can be planned fairly well ahead and if a number of neighbouring farmers combined to buy a spreader, they could work it to the advantage of all without any serious risk of disharmony.

One of the aims of the forward-looking farmer is to save his men and himself from the peaks of labour which cost so much in energy and cash.

With the farmyard manure spread during the autumn, ploughing can start whenever the ground is right after winter has set in.

It might even be worth considering growing some winter wheat, which is dealt with in another article.

## Best Results

Trials at the Hannah Dairy Research Institute, England, showed that from grass plots very much better production was obtained where nitrogen, phosphate and potash were used than with nitrogen alone.

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Liquid manure can be

spread throughout the year on grass or almost any growing crop.

It is worth while putting in a special tank and making some arrangement about getting it spread.

Washing-down water can be allowed to run into the tank, but keep the rain out if you can. Otherwise you will

have to be emptying it much too often, and the liquid manure will be rather too much diluted.

Several kinds of sprayers are made for spreading the liquid; one of these was designed to put it below ground to save loss by evaporation, and make it immediately available to the crops.

## POULTRY ON THE GENERAL FARM

# CHICKEN REARING

By MARY PLUNKETT

ONCE the poultry keeper has decided on a particular breed of poultry, having in mind the eventual destiny of the birds, viz., table or egg production, the problem then centres round procuring day-old chicks and rearing a sound, healthy flock with a minimum of loss.

Day-old chicks are available from December onwards from most hatcheries. Chicks for table purposes may be purchased at any time to suit market demands, but chickens which are intended for egg-laying should be bought in the early spring so that they will be matured in the autumn and so fit for prolific winter egg production.

Generally speaking, all general purpose breeds should be bought during January, February and March while the light or non-sitting breeds may be bought during March, April or May, but on no account should chickens intended for egg production be purchased later than mid-May.

### Rearing

Rearing conditions vary very much on every farm, and there are many modern methods which make chick rearing very successful and simple.

On farms where rural electrification is available infra red lamps are used very successfully.

This is a big step forward from the days of the broody hen, but it is well to remember that the chick herself has not changed and her basic requirements still remain the same. These may be said to be as follows:

### Brooding or Heating

Heat may be supplied to chickens in many ways: there is (a) the old-fashioned hay box which is rather troublesome unless there is no other method available; (b) the paraffin oil hover. There are many types of hovers on the market. They can be bought to accommodate any number of chickens and have been used successfully for many years. They are still widely used but where rural electrification is available they are supplanted by (c) infra-red lamps.

They are cleaner and less likely to start a fire but should be used with care just the same. Any heating method will prove successful if temperatures are kept around 90°F for the first week,

80°F for the second week, 70°F for the third week and thus decreasing the heat gradually so to avoid chills.

### Feeding

No food is necessary for day-old chicks for the first 48 hours but clean, slightly warmed drinking water should be available and chicks should be taught to drink by dipping the beaks of a few chicks into the water thus encouraging the others.

For the first meal pinhead oat meal may be given or any of the proprietary brands of chicken mash may be used.

These chicken mashes are now made up with all the vitamins needed for artificial rearing. This is a great boon to the poultry-keeper and makes feeding very simple.

### General Management

Chickens should be bedded with clean fresh chaff, turf mould or wood shavings and be kept in a warm but well-ventilated atmosphere. All feeding and drinking utensils should be clean and kept clean, so that the risk of disease is kept at a minimum. Attention to these points will ensure healthy, productive and profitable birds for the poultry producer.

### Raising Production

ONE of the ways that a quick increase can be made in production on dairy farms is by keeping only a good type of cow. Many farmers forget this and continue to keep low-yielding cows. Often, too, an increase in milk yield can be got by better feeding. Profits are not likely to be raised by adding to the number of cows if the average yield in the herd is poor.

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## GERMS IN THE COW BYRE

WITH the cows in the house all the time, milk production in winter presents difficulties not present for the rest of the year—if the aim is to produce really clean milk.

Contamination from the air of the byre or the animal's coat is much easier in winter and a good drill aimed at cleanliness can always be worked out, no matter how primitive conditions on the farm may be.

For instance, the cows can be groomed a little time before milking begins, to remove dust and muck from their coats. The bedding

should not be disturbed before milking, as dust will rise from it, carrying germs.

If anything is done that will raise dust, time for this to settle should be allowed before milking.

Immediately before milking, each cow, her udder should be thoroughly washed with a cloth steeped in clean tepid water and dried with another clean cloth. Hypochlorite solution or other non-smelling disinfectant can be added to the water with advantage.

All the dirt should be removed from the udder and teats, and they should be thoroughly dried.

### Short Hair

Hair on the cow's flanks and udders should be kept short as these harbour sources of trouble. Clean bedding keeps the cows clean and a clean byre, and clean approaches will keep down the amount of dirt on the animals.

As bacteria penetrate the teat opening, the first few drops of milk should be discarded, after they have been milked into a container and examined for signs of trouble such as mastitis.

Never milk the first few drops on to the floor, where it will only cause a spread of infection if there is anything wrong. Discard it from the strip cup into a larger container and then bury the lot or otherwise ensure that it does not cause trouble.

It need hardly be added that everything that touches the milk, not least the milker's hands, should be scrupulously clean.

## No Growth In The Pit

AS well as blackened potatoes causing losses in potato pits there will always be the difficulty of sprouting tubers if some measures are not taken to prevent this. There are now on the market chemicals which inhibit the growth of the potatoes in the pit, and these are spread on the potatoes as the pit is built up. They will keep the sprouting to a minimum and give more than their cost in the amount of feeding saved.

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# Adoption Of Milk Parlour

## SHOULD HELP IN T.B. ERADICATION

By "ADVISER"

THE recent announcement that the Minister for Agriculture had decided to allow the modern-type milk parlour to qualify for registration under the Milk and Dairies Acts has been welcomed by those interested in the future of milk production. The Amendment to the Act does not condemn the old style of milking byre, but we can look upon it as the thin end of the wedge between these and our dairy farms.

Not that the old type of byre was to be condemned out of hand; it served its purpose well, but it was subject to abuses which were too easily slipped into, even by men whose minds were really open to persuasion, on the merits of cleanliness and a proper routine of milking.

It is to be presumed that the parlour type of milking layout will qualify for the grants which have been operating for cow byres, and the double grants under the Bovine Tuberculosis Eradication Scheme. In fact the modern milking parlour has such advantages in relation to the T.B. eradication drive that it might be a good idea if extra grants were given for them, but of course that would make owners of the old-type byre feel that they had been unfairly treated

### Pessimism

As a matter of fact I overheard teacher who ought to have known better, say that the new amendment to the Act was going to have that effect on many farmers anyhow.

He said that farmers had been compelled by the previous regulations to build costly and elaborate cow byres of the fixed-tie pattern and would be reluctant to start anything new, and thus would have a legitimate grievance against the Department.

He also thought that farmers had been slovenly with the operation of the fixed-tie byre and would be just as much so with the milking parlour, that they would have cows coming into the parlours from dirty yards or fields to be milked in small compartments where dirt would have a chance to concentrate perhaps more than in the old type of byre. "Parlour me eye," was his comment.

### Reluctance

Perhaps this idea is more widespread than anyone with an optimistic view of farmers and agriculture in this country would imagine. If so, it probably played its part in the reluctance of the Department to abandon old ideas readily in this matter.

It can hardly be said that the technical officers of the Department subscribed to this view anyhow, for they have always been in touch with modern developments in all fields, and it is quite possible that the veterinary authorities and the Department of Health had some hand in the conservatism which has been evident.

However, now that we have taken the first step towards official recognition of the milking parlour as a factor in our dairy farming system, it may do some good to have a look at what a milking parlour is, how it works and what are the ideas behind its introduction.

### Not New

Milking parlours are not new—they have been developed over a number of years and have fitted extremely well into the modern system of organising farm work so that the minimum of time, effort and money is lost in producing the milk, meat, grain or whatever the end product may be.

The actual parlour itself is merely a series of standings for cows where they are milked by a milking machine, though hand-milking can be used as well.

The parlour is the centre of a system designed to have the cows passing through the milking point without delay or fuss, in clean conditions, and on a conveyor belt principle that becomes automatic, even

to the animals themselves, after it has been in operation for a short time.

In the properly-run parlour system of milking the cows are drawn in from the fields in summer time and collected in a strawed yard, often covered. From this a number, from 4 to 12 will be drawn off into another, concreted yard beside the actual milking parlour.

### Number Varies

Here a man hoses their legs and feet to remove muck and the first batch are allowed into the parlour itself to start the milking.

The number in this batch varies with the number of milking points in the parlour, but a usual number is three or four points, and these will be arranged rather differently in different models.

Some allow the cows to stand facing all the same way, others have the animals head to tail beside one another, others are arranged slanting at an angle to the central line. Some are triangular, others circular, others rectangular. The underlying idea in all is much the same.

That is to have the cows handy for the milker, and most of the later types of parlours have the operator working in a passage which is somewhat lower than that on which the cows' standings are, so that he has to do very little bend-

ing and thus works in greater comfort and with more speed.

### Time Saving

Cows, as we all know, take different times to milk, and as each is milked she is allowed out of the parlour and another is allowed in after being cleaned off with the hose outside. Thus there is a constant procession of animals through the milking parlour making for the least waste of time until the whole herd has been dealt with.

The fixed type milking machine is probably the best, but for small herds the mobile unit, costing in the region of £100 and for which a loan can be obtained through the Agricultural Credit Corporation, is quite satisfactory. A reasonably intelligent man can learn to operate the machine (CONTD. ON PAGE 4)

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## Points To Remember

The first few days are the most important in the life of a calf. Give the bestings for as long as you can, even up to five days.

A little and often is the best and most natural way of feeding any young animal—that is the way it would feed in natural circumstances.

Bad management accounts for as many deaths as disease among calves;

Always treat bought-in calves as sources of scour and act accordingly.

## HOW TO DISHORN CALVES

IT is better, if a policy of dishorning is decided upon, to begin with calves, since the operation offers little trouble, and can be carried out by the farmer himself.

When the calf is two to seven days old the hair should be clipped from around the budding horns.

The horn tips are then moistened and rubbed with a stick of caustic potash until a slight hollow has been made in the horn tip, which will take about a minute.

It is better to do the two horns at the same time, rubbing each alternately for a while until the slight hollow appears. Care should be taken when moistening the horn and rubbing the tip not to allow any of the moisture to get on to the skin around the horn, as the caustic is likely to damage the skin and cause pain.

To finish off, the hollowed out portion of the horn should be rubbed carefully with the potash stick until a slight sign of blood appears in the centre of the

horn, when rubbing should be stopped.

The calf should be kept from getting wet for a few days after the operation so that the caustic will not be spread on to the surrounding skin.

Do not use this way of dishorning calves unless the animal is less than seven and more than two days old.

Occasionally horns are removed from more mature animals by placing a strong rubber ring around the horn near the base. It is not favoured, as it is believed to cause acute discomfort to the animal.

Removal of horns from older animals is better carried out by a veterinary surgeon, and the law prescribes that the animal must be placed under an anaesthetic during the operation.

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# HAVE YOU A GROOM FOR YOUR CATTLE ?

THERE ARE MANY FARMERS WHO WOULD LAUGH AT YOU IF YOU SUGGESTED THAT THEY SHOULD GROOM THEIR CATTLE EACH DAY.

Yet this is a practice carried out by farmers in many countries as conscientiously as they wash their own faces. The signs of it are in healthy animals with sleek coats,

free from lice and other external troubles.

Lice are a common cause of housed cattle doing less well than their feeding would warrant.

The lice feed on the animal which needs some of its food to make up the deficiency thus caused, and that food does not make meat or milk and so is wasted from the farmer's point of view.

But it has cost the farmer something, so he is in fact, paying for the presence of the lice on his cattle.

### Treatment

A dusting with derris root powder or DDT powder will kill lice, and the dressing should be repeated after 10 days or so to make sure that lice hatched from the eggs of those killed in the first dressing are also disposed of.

If a liquid dressing is used, it should be made from slightly heated water so that there is no danger of chilling the animals.

If the cattle are groomed regularly after the second dressing they will be kept free from lice, and other skin troubles, if they appear, will be detected at an early stage.

## HEAT MAKES BETTER BACON

THE use of an infra-red lamp for pig-rearing is becoming more widespread as farmers realise the saving in bonhams' lives and the amount of food needed to make bacon weight when a lamp is hung in the pigery for the first few weeks.

A study of the temperatures of newly-born pigs shows that from 102 degrees at birth, this drops to about 70 within 24 hours

where no lamp is used. It takes some days to return to normal, during which the young pig is not getting full value from the sow's milk.

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## Milking Time



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# Milk Parlour

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quickly and the cows become used to it, almost without exception, in a very short time.

In the beginning they need to be driven into their places in the milking parlour, but gradually they learn the routine and will move from assembly yard to inner yard to parlour at the mere opening of gates.

### Better Dehorned

It is a great advantage to have the cows dehorned, in view of the fact that they spend some time collected together in a comparatively small space. Horns only make for trouble and the over-all idea of this system of milk-production is to avoid anything that increases the amount of labour and time involved.

It will be found that different cows show different reactions; the heavy milkers will usually try to get into the parlour first. The avaricious type of animal can be quietened by having a ration of meal laid on during the milking.

As a matter of fact, many herd-owners use the milking time to feed their balanced meal rations and the orderliness of the system enables each cow to be given the correct feed in relation to her milking capacity, thus ensuring economy in the use of expensive feeding. The ration is spread over the two daily milkings.

### Fast Work

From the time the cow enters the milking parlour to the time she leaves, a good operator can deal with her in five minutes, and if there are two milking points that means two cows per five minutes, and so on, according to the number of points on the machine. An operator can easily deal with 24 cows in an hour, and a brisk young man can get through 20 cows, including the washing up, cleaning the machine and bedding down the animals afterwards, in one hour.

This is something that can hardly be done by hand, and the expense of the machine and fittings is offset by the release of the man for other productive work elsewhere on the farm.

One young fellow I know and have seen at work gets through 48 cows, washing, handling, bedding and all, in one hour, including treating the machine with the pump-through system of cleaning.

This is in a fairly elaborate, chemically cleansed system that is almost completely automatic and which delivers the milk to churns, cooling it on the way.

### Different Units

For large herds these units are excellent, cost something over £1,000. For an average herd of, say 20 cows, existing buildings can often be converted for assembly yard, covered yard and milk parlour for £200 or £250, and any of the milking-machine makers will gladly discuss the details with anybody interested.

The cost is offset by the economy of labour, which releases a man for other work or saves his wages. The wage of one man for a year will cover the initial cost, while the running costs of tubing, teat cups, washing etc., are light enough.

It is an advantage to have the dairy properly sited in relation to the milking parlour, and well worth while converting another house to this, giving the old dairy over to some other use.

The equipment of white coats for the operators, plastic aprons spare machine units, hosing and so on can be stored, with churns and possibly a small cooler in the dairy if there is a supply of good clean water.

### Cleanliness

The atmosphere of a modern milk parlour is such that operators automatically think in terms of cleanliness and hygiene.

The old tolerance of dirty udders, flanks and tails, careless handling and often abuse of the cows, rapidly disappears, and the owner usually has no difficulty in seeing that the atmosphere of hygienic production is maintained.

Clean hands, brushes, utensils of all kinds, clean clothes and boots, all these become automatic and in many cases it will be found that the men operating a milk parlour become quite rigid in their adherence to a proper drill.

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# Woman's News

Discussing The 'Equality' Question JOAN KELLY Says

## LET'S PUT MEN IN THEIR PLACES!

### YOUR PROBLEMS

Answered and Analysed  
BY MARY FERGUSON  
SEE INSIDE

**EQUALITY OF THE SEXES WILL NEVER TROUBLE THE IRISHMAN, BECAUSE FROM THE MOMENT HE OPENS HIS EYES, HE KNOWS HE'S SUPREME.**

An Irishman's conceit is like the traditional Englishman's "stiff upper lip." It comes natural. Women elsewhere may shout themselves hoarse, saying "anything you can do I can do better." Try it on here! Prove it! But where would it get us?

Having no real argument against the emancipated woman, an Irishman, because he enjoys a fight, likes to believe he has. When he says "why should I give her my seat in the bus?" he is not admitting defeat, only explaining to his better nature why he remained seated.

I firmly believe that when we over-acted the part of being "fragile and weak", as some women over-act the one of "being equal", other men may have been fooled by these acts, but never the Irishman.

### No Praise

What gets me (if you are foolish enough to engage an Irishman in argument on the equality question) is the way he fights back. He will say: "Women to-day are unfeminine. Their independence has robbed them of charm. Their careers keep them from marriage. Men have lost respect for them." Rarely will you meet a fair-minded man who has a word of praise for the modern girl.

### WHY? BECAUSE THEY ARE PREJUDICED OF COURSE.

Are we unfeminine to-day? Yes, when we are compared with the demure, simple, adoring, fragile feminine creature known to men as "ideal woman", who dwells only in the past.

Oddly enough, in Irish history it is not women of this calibre who stand out, but the women of action. Women of character and personality:

Maev, who roused men to battle; Dervorgilla, Deirdre, Grainne, not to mention Grace O'Malley, who cowed even Queen Bess herself.

These on one side to be balanced, or outbalanced, by St. Brigid, Nano Nagle, Mary Aikenhead; but the list is unending. Nothing fragile, or colourless about these women, and they lived, mark you, when women were not intended to have minds of their own.

### Surrender

Independence is what we have gained by the vote, the right to think, train and study for any career, yet how many surrender it, and lose perhaps financially when it comes to a choice between career and having a home.

### HATS OFF MEN, TO WOMEN LIKE THESE. NOTHING LOP-SIDED ABOUT THEIR SENSE OF VALUES.

Look at the American scene, even nearer! Realise if you hold the position you do to-day, where other men have lost ground, it is not your strength that has held you there. Not your purse. Not your master brain, but the good sense of the modern Irish woman who knows when to yield.

Who knows how important it is for living that man should never be parted from his conceit!

## Character In Your Hands

HOW often you hear people say "what a useless pair of hands" or vice versa. Oddly enough you can tell much from the shape and size of palms and fingers. Here is a guide, so train your eye to be observant. Hands fall into four classes.

**THE SQUARE HAND:** Usually a sign of conventional and methodical habits. Sincerity and perseverance are qualities you will also find, but watch out for stubbornness in the square-hand person.

**THE SPATULATE HAND:** Is wide at the wrist, but narrows upwards to base of fingers. Such a hand indicates a practical nature. Sometimes shape is reversed, wide at base of fingers, and narrowing at the wrist, which means besides being practical the owner is adventurous. Fingers of the spatulate hand are always wider at finger-tips than at the first joint. The outstanding characteristic of people with these hands is tremendous energy and inventiveness.

**THE CONIC HAND:** Has a medium sized palm which narrows slightly towards finger, the tips of which are rounded. This is the hand of a dreamer. Such are brilliant conversationalists, deeply sympathetic and intensely responsive to music, poetry and art.

**THE PSYCHIC HAND:** Is long, narrow, with slender fingers tapering to a point. Energy and physical strength are lacking, subject to melancholy, no self-conscious, yet very sympathetic towards others. When this hand has some squareness in its contour, it gives strength and practicality to an otherwise dreamy type.

**VARIATIONS:** Apart from these four types, there are hands of mixed conformation which will share to a mild degree the characteristics of the types observed. For instance, if the palm belongs plainly to the Square or Spatulate, and the fingers only vary, it is a sign of versatility. The owner of the hand may win great distinction in one or even two directions, and more than ordinary ability will be shown.

### Stylish...



This black and white knobby tweed dress was shown recently by Pim Brothers, Georges Street, Dublin. (Courtesy "Evening Mail")

### Brain Waves

**DUSTBINS:** When will they give up a dustbin on wheels. Simple matter of two rollers fixed underneath and it could be pushed without help from the backyard to the gate.

**MILK BOTTLES:** Better designed milk-bottles, with a lip, say, like a jug, and they could come straight from the front porch to the breakfast-table, without looking all wrong.

**TEAPOTS:** Will we see yet a plastic teapot. Transparent so that we can judge at a glance whether the tea is weak, or strong, or whether the pot needs more water without having to remove the lid.



Shown in Berlin lately, this creation, called "Soraya," is of black velvet and pure silk taffeta. (Courtesy "Evening Press")

## Beginners Alphabet

- "A" (for apple).  
To retain their colour when cooking, soak them in water to which lemon juice has been added.
- "B" (for bacon).  
To remove bacon rind, use scissors instead of knife; this you will find much quicker and more economical.
- "C" (for carpet).  
To remove stains, mix tablespoonful of powdered borax, 1 wineglassful of liquid ammonia to quart of hot water. Wring a cloth in this and rub well.
- "D" (for dampness).  
To rid a room of suspected dampness, place a block of camphor in each corner. Within a week the camphor will disappear, and so will the dampness.
- "E" (for enamel).  
To remove stains from enamelled dishes sprinkle a little salt on a cloth soaked in vinegar, and rub hard.
- "F" (for fowl).  
Sick fowl have often been restored to health by mixing some finely-chopped leeks with their food.
- "G" (for gilt).  
Try cleaning gilt with a sponge dipped in oil or turpentine. Let the oil dry on the gilt then shine with a soft cloth.

(To be continued)

### LADIES!

What do you think of "Woman's News"? If you have any ideas or suggestions we shall be glad to consider them. Or, if you have any criticisms to make don't be afraid to state them.

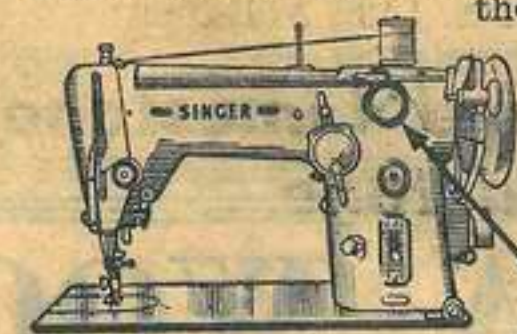
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PROFILE

Queen For A Day

BLONDE, blue-eyed Eilis Macken has a cover-girl face, a dimpled smile, plus those vital statistics, and the total comes to "everything." But what impressed me were facts of another kind. She doesn't smoke. Doesn't drink. And she let somebody else tell me she was this year's "Queen of the Shamrock."

She said: "It was my birthday, and a few of us went to a carnival dance at home in Carrick-on-Shannon. More for laughs than anything else, I entered for the beauty contest that night. The others dared me. I was very excited when I was chosen."

Anyone else but Eilis could say this to me, and it would sound like the excuse some give for suddenly appearing platinum blonde. "It was an accident, I spilt some paroxide."

For a queen crowned with a full American ceremony in "City Centre Ballroom," New York (Mr. Briscoe, and the Grand Marshall of St. Patrick's Day Parade, attending), Eilis remains unspoilt.

I got the impression she loved the wardrobe of clothes presented by Irish firms before departing from Shannon, but got a little tired of the hand-shaking over there.

"I had to appear on T.V. and Radio. I was asked lots of questions, and rushed around so, that I had only one half day alone. By that time I was too tired to enjoy myself."



TO MY QUESTION: "WHAT DID SHE THINK OF AMERICAN MEN?" SHE REPLIED: "THEY WERE POLITE, MADE A GREAT FUSS OF ME, BUT I HAD NO TIME TO KNOW ANYONE INDIVIDUALLY."

Something she will always remember is the ball given by the Leirim Men's Association to honour her in New York. "It was a wonderful night. Just like being at home but all on a magnificent scale," she said.

Praise to those discerning judges who selected beauty and charm without ignominy, and gave to America a "Queen of the Shamrock" whom we can be equally proud of at home.

What's your PROBLEM?

K. E. C. writes: I am twenty, considered attractive, have had a number of boy friends, yet not one proposal of marriage has come my way. At dances the same partner never asks me twice. I am rather shy. Do you think this could be the cause?

Well, if I were a man it wouldn't put me off, but is it so important that the same man dances with you twice? About proposals... well you're in Ireland, girl. Time enough to begin worrying ten years from now!

RED NOSE writes: I suffer from a red nose, and I feel self-conscious about it. Do you know if there is any remedy? Or can you suggest the cause?

I daren't. But if it not what I think it might be, then consult your doctor. Meanwhile try camouflaging with a creamy skin base.

PROBLEM Girl writes: My boy friend is German, and he wrote saying he would like to come to Ireland for a few months to study English. He asked to stay in my home. We are a large family, and have little accomodation, yet I do not want to appear

inhospitable. What do you suggest I do?

You have no alternative but to give him the B and B facts about your home. Suggest that he cut short his visit and stay perhaps in a guest house. I am sure he will understand, and not think badly of you.

MARY ANNE of Cork writes: I am a country woman, and would like your opinion on a cooker. The old oil one I have is worn out. We have electricity now. But I am afraid an electric cooker would be too complicated for me to use. What would you advise?

An electric cooker is quite easy to work, clean, and by no means complicated. Call to E.S.B. show-rooms next time you are in Cork city, and I am sure they will give you a demonstration if that would put you more at ease.

GOOD-TIME Girl writes: I am thirty three. Have a good job, and live at home. I have no great desire to be married, as I don't trust myself to assume the responsibilities of married life. My problem is, a very nice boy wants to marry me. If I don't make up my mind soon, I will probably lose him. Please give me the benefit of your advice.

READ THE "VANISHING IRISH" AND STOP ACTING LIKE A FIVE-YEAR-OLD.

SMALL-FRY writes: Is it true that long clothes make a small person look tall? I am 5'2" and wish to heavens I were 6'. Can you help me give an impression of height.

If you can wear the new stilleto heels these should add an inch or two, but I think the small person has her own attraction in being petite. Work on that. The unbroken "Princess Line" is ideal for you. Long clothes look sloppy on a small person. Instead of adding inches, they bring her closer to the ground.

KILDARE Brunette writes: Nails are my problem. They are brittle and break easily. I can never wear nail polish, though it is one of my ambitions to have long tapering nails. Can you help me to achieve these.

You may like to know that the long nail is no longer fashionable. However, every girl to her taste. Try using "Revellon" nail cream, and avoid filing them. This only strains a weakened nail. To trim, use scissors, even off the edges with emery board. Do this and your ambition will soon be in reach.

WORRIED Teenager writes: I am very much in love with a student, but as he was studying for an exam, and could not see me, I broke it off. Now I am desperately unhappy, and wonder if I should contact him. I would be more understanding now.

Leave him alone until the exam is over. He has enough on his mind just now. However, you owe him an apology, so it would be good-mannered to send him a note. Address your Problems to Mary Ferguson, c/o Gaelic Echo, 13 Parliament Street, Dublin.

Blackberry Recipies

IF the way to a man's heart is through his stomach you could try easing the way a bit with Blackberry Jam, Jelly and delicious Blackberry Pie. Here are a few recipes:

BLACKBERRY JAM

3lb. sugar, 1lb. of fruit, 1/2 gill of water. Clean fruit, removing stalks, and place in a greased preserving pan. Add water and boil until fruit is soft, 30-35 mins. Add sugar. Reboil for 10 mins. Test and put in jars.

BLACKBERRY JELLY

2 quarts blackberries, 2 quarts water. Clean, put in preserving pan and boil fruit and water, bruising the berries with a wooden spoon. Time, 1-1 1/2 hours. Strain through a fine linen bag. Allowing 1lb. sugar to 1 pint of juice. Reboil 20-30 minutes, stirring continually. Skim, and pour into heated jars.

BLACKBERRY PIE

4 ozs. of short pastry, 1lb. blackberries, white of egg, castor sugar. Roll out pastry larger than pie dish. Leave in a cold place until fruit is cleaned and prepared. Cut a strip of pastry 1/2 inch wide, damp round edge of pie-dish and place strip on edge with the cut edge to the outside. Brush the strip with cold water. Place the remainder of pastry on top of pie-dish easing it over the top of the fruit. Press edges well together. Thim with a sharp knife. Bake in hot oven 10-15 minutes, reduce heat until the tart is cooked about 30 minutes or so. Brush over top with a slightly beaten white of egg. Dredge with castor sugar. Return to oven for a few minutes until nicely browned.

BLACKBERRY VINEGAR

This makes a wonderful hot drink, and was a great cure long ago for a troublesome cough. 1 1/2lb. blackberries, 1 pint vinegar (malt), 1lb. brown sugar. Pour vinegar over blackberries and let stand for three days, stirring often. Strain through muslin and boil vinegar with sugar 1015 minutes. Bottle when cold.

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**AUTUMN FASHION REVIEWED—**

# Triumph In Tweed

**BECAUSE** fashion for me probably means the same for you (coat, suit, and a few other items annually, if lucky), this is why I could never be breathless about couture, haute or otherwise. However, when I was invited along to see the Irene Gilbert and Raymond Kenna Autumn Collections, I suffered a change of heart, and came home a fashion enthusiast.

What I admire about these two designers (apart from their wonderful designs) is, that they have never on their way to the top lost sight of you and me, Miss and Mrs. Average. In the shops today we can buy their suits, dresses, and coats, beautifully cut, modestly priced, and this to me means more than the hysterical praise lavished on millionaire designers.

If Miss Connolly said it first in tweed, Miss Gilbert is now repeating the same theme when she uses tweed and bainin. If she wanted to say "I'm Irish and proud of it" she couldn't have said it better than by her brilliant use of native fabrics.

### Elegance

In her series "Irish Elegance" (this is her trade tag in shops, so look for it) I liked in particular, a loose coat in tan and grey-flecked tweed, which was worn over a suit in matching tweed of the same colour.

This delightful number had all the elegance that its name "Merrion Square" suggests. My second choice in this series was a delightful blue and white, check

tweed dress, with blue velvet collar. It was called simply "Exchequer St."

Elegance and femininity, clear cut lines, with vivid jewel colours blending magnificently, that was the note, and a triumphant one, for Miss Gilbert in this season's collection.

Her brilliant handling of lace was shown to advantage in a short sheath dress of black Carrickmacross lace used against a background of pink chiffon and black satin called "Black Diamond". This was a frock any woman would adore.

If Miss Gilbert found inspiration in Ireland, Mr. Kenna sought his further afield, in 17th century Spain. Vivid pinks, deepest purple and much green of a deep and rich hue were the predominant colours in his exciting collection of dresses, frocks and suits.

### Original

The high light, for me anyway, was his introduction of a new line, every bit as startling as Dior's "sack Look"—he calls it "Knickerbocker"—7/8 length coats, smooth shouldered, standaway collars, with hemlines gathered into narrow bands just about the knees. Worn over matching dresses which also tapered kneewards giving a "hobble" effect.

This line, which is startlingly original, may not take with everybody, but I feel sure we will see it much in evidence before the end of the year.

Mr. Kenna's suits lived up to the standard we have come to expect. Slim skirts, fitted jackets, with up-curving fronts in loosely textured tweed of exquisite colour, these were predominant. Top-coats were collarless giving a casual elegance to the matching suits, or companion dresses worn underneath.

### By Martine

"CORNELIAN" (left) — Fitted suit in Peacock and brown flecked Donegal handwoven tweed (Irene Gilbert).  
 "TARA BROOCH" (r.) — Casual suit in Green and Violet handwoven Donegal tweed (Irene Gilbert).



## Plastic Check Points

**THINK** for a minute what your home would be like if everything plastic in it were removed. Week after week new ideas are put on the market so here's a check to see if you are up to date!

**FOR THE SINK:**  
 ● Draining-Boards are made from plastic now. Light and easy to clean they should not become scratched or grazed. If so they will easily stain.

**SPONGES AND POT SCOURERS:**  
 ● See that they are firmly fastened into ball shape. If loosely made they have a tendency to unravel.

**BROOMS AND BRUSHES:**  
 ● These come in wonderful bright colours, many have nylon bristles. Use them in hot water and they tend to soften. Always advisable to hang them up after use.

**TABLE WARE:**  
 ● Cups, saucers and plates, in many designs and gay, bright colours. Children's mugs specially designed to be sterilised. Unbreakable too. Trays in variety of shapes. The more expensive ones are stain and heat resisting. Ideal for picnics are the plastic knives, forks and spoons.

## Tips to remember when BUYING A FUR COAT

**A** CAVE, a club, a man, a woman and a wild animal. So began the Cinderella-like story of fur to the modern mink coat and the millionaire background.

Autumn winds, falling leaves and fur came into my life, not as fur, but as seasonable facts. Calling on old friend Sidney Figgins of Cowan & Co., manufacturing furriers, Middle Abbey St., Dublin, I said: "Furs are like diamonds. I know nothing about them. What should I look for? What points should I watch, if I were here to buy instead of to pile on questions?"

"When buying a fur coat," he said, "never be influenced by price. The good skin, like the good diamond, or the good anything you like, is never reduced. You will have to pay for it. If you have fifty to spend say, on a Beaver, well keep your head. Don't go throwing it away on a Squirrel, in the off chance that the furrier is a philanthropist."

Points to watch for are as follows:  
**Overlap:** See that it is generous.  
**Sleeves:** These should never be tight or skimpy particularly underarm or at the wrists, where fur wears earliest. In a good coat there will be no give-away seams. Skins will be vandyked or dovetailed to blend invisibly, giving an unbroken flow rather than an ugly joining.

### Must be good

For hardwearing fur you cannot beat Musquash, Beaver, Persian Lamb and Ocelot. Provided, of course you buy a good one. The "handle with care" ones are the softer Squirrel, Marmot, Mole and, of course, Mink. But then if that's "U" this season, well I figure you won't be standing around in wet-day bus queues.

For most of us it is getting the coat that is the problem, still you may be interested to know once it arrives it needs protection from moths and other fur-killers during off seasons. For a small cost, approximately thirty shillings, most furriers will store you coat. This service also includes cleaning.

Another point, particularly for those who like their furs in fashion: you can have them altered, re-styled and re-modelled, brought up to date every year if you wish, or every ten, if you think otherwise. One last word . . . if Winter means your old tweed coat, well take heart. Remember Cinderella!

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# "SACK LOOK" IS Sensation! HERE!

By JOAN KELLY  
**DIOR!** You'll never get away with it! This was what I said. But he didn't hear me the first time. So I kept saying it.

But it kept hitting me in the eye. Magazines and newspapers were full of it. So I knew it had arrived.

Then something else occurred. I began noticing what happened when it entered a room. Hush is not for word I'm looking for. Because eyes come into this, too. So I began talking again. Quiet, uneasy kind of talk. Catty if you like. "Well if that does something for her..."

Talk like that. You know where it gets one.

That was how I began the search for the "sack."

## Real Thing

I found it. I put it on. The girl in "Colette Modes" said: "Try another size." I was real grateful to her. She didn't laugh.

I tried a second in tweed, low slung belt, and scooped neck. I looked in the glass. I smiled. The girl smiled. "This is it" I said to myself.

**WHAT I SAW WAS ME MUCH BETTER WITHOUT WAIST. WHAT IT GIVES BACK IS A SUBTLE AND MYSTERIOUS LINE, NOT OUTLINE.**

The beauty of this is, it does not reveal untidy inches. It simply simply conceals yet suggests. Ideal if you're not in the bathing beauty class. The easiest way I know of hitting back on those drastic diets.

I took it home. Oddly enough they didn't laugh. So I am certain they won't laugh at you either.



Two of Dublin's best-known mannequins, Winnie Butler (left) and Adrienne Ring, modelling "Sack-Look" gowns at the "Autumn In Ireland" Fashion Show presented recently by the Miriam Woodbyrne Agency.

(Courtesy "Evening Mail")

# Ideal Homes Exhibition HOUSES OF THE FUTURE

By TERRY DELARGY

"OH to have an ideal home" must have been the wish of every housewife leaving the Mansion House after seeing this year's wonderful and exciting exhibition.

Now in its seventh year, the organisers, Irish Exhibitions, Ltd., must be praised for introducing additional attractions, Art Exhibitions and Mannequin shows, where they could so easily repeat the successful pattern of previous years.

The main idea behind this September exhibition was to show to you and me the progress which science through industry is making in our domestic lives. Simply: bringing us up-to-date.

Problems such as heating, space heating, water heating, and lighting were explained and solved by demonstrators. Several stands showed a range of kitchen aids and equipment that attracted in particular those of the "gadget mind."

"Do-It-Yourself" section in this year's Exhibition proved, by no less than ten stands, that most of us have begun to depend on ourselves.

On view were a range of wood working tools, power tools, and a new French Polishing Kit, which will put all the home woodworkers bang into professional class.

### MODEL KITCHEN

For housewives the undoubted attraction was the model all-electric kitchen, equipped with every electrical kitchen device. Plan adopted was: one side the working area. This comprised sink, unit, cooker (G.E.C. 3-plate), washing machine ("Princess"), rotary iron, while on the other side were storage cupboards for food and vegetables and, of course, the refrigerator.

The use of strip illumination over working areas appeared to lighten any type of work a woman might do.

Food and its preparation is a subject we rarely forget, and a great interest was taken by all visitors in the nine stands devoted to beverages and foods. So easy to watch others prepare and cook a meal, and daily demonstrations by experts always drew the crowds. Recipes and advice were given. It was up to you then to perfect or begin learning how to cook.

### NEW LOOK

Turning the balcony into an Art Gallery gave a new look as it were to the place good paintings have in a home. On view was an exciting and beautiful selection of water colours by W. G. Spencer, who is rapidly gaining popularity for his sensitive and skilful choice of subjects.

Included were many well-known landmarks that many would want to own.

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Giving ladies a preview of Winter and late Autumn fashions were Mannequins from the Miriam Woodbyrne Agency, who held three shows per day in the marquee on the rear lawn. Any wonder this year's exhibition drew record crowds.

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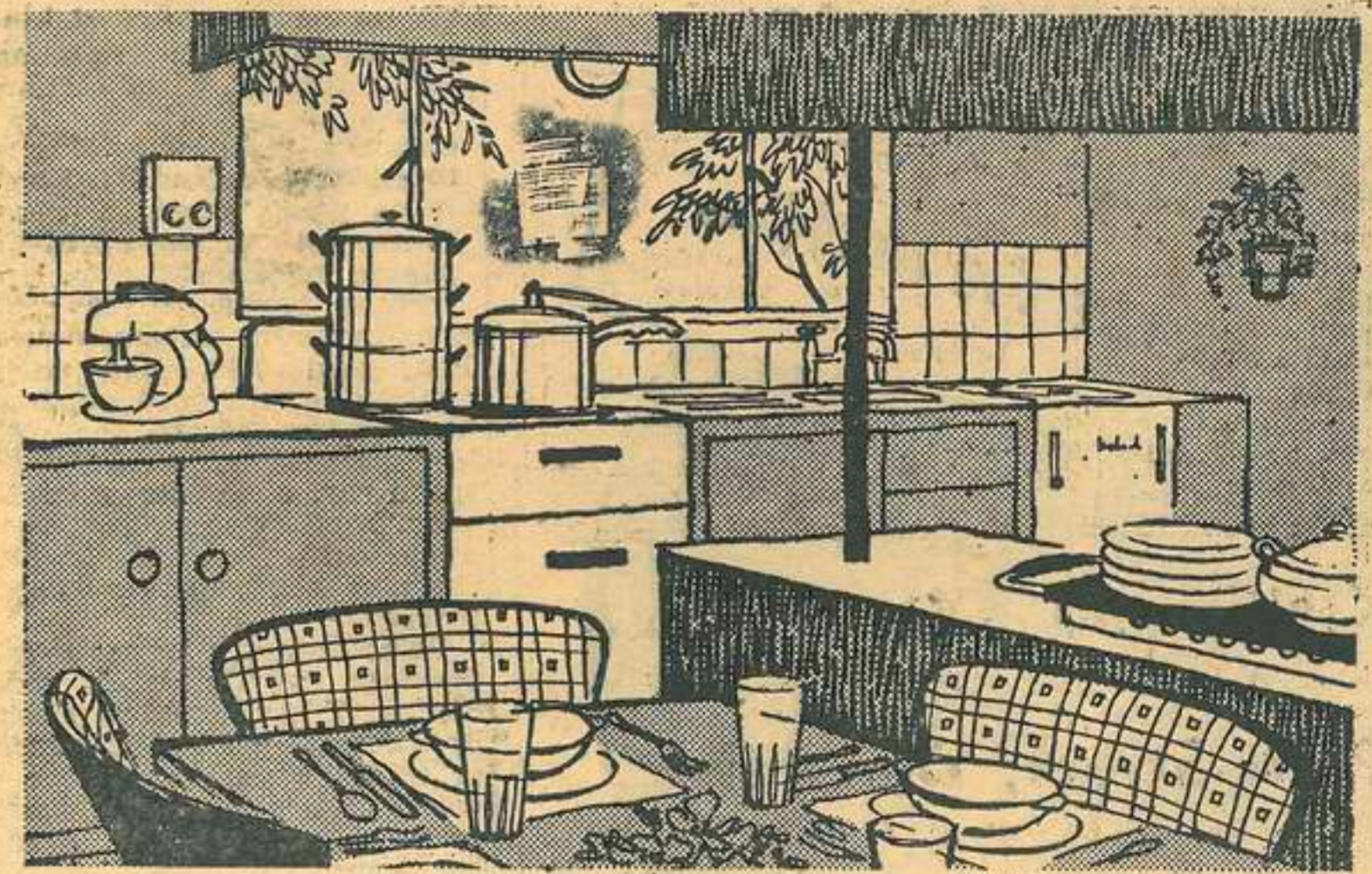
## .. BUTTONS AND BOWS

NO denying east is east, and west is west, but you will hardly believe your eyes when you see how buttons have gone, and how bows have come in and taken over in this season's clothes.

Bows, which were decorative up to this, are now being used to fasten, and you will find them graduating perhaps from a large one under the chin to almost man's bow-tie size at the bottom of your coat. Yes, down the. As the buttons used to be.

Flattering easy-tie bows are transforming necklines. In coats, collars surrender themselves, and soften out into a variety of bows which tie under the chin. In some styles, the practical purpose of fastening the coat is concealed by more decorative bows. One designer brought them down to form side-opening. Another uses them down the front of a skirt, which we will probably soon be calling "bow-through".

When buttons are used at all they are big and ornamental. They turn up where you least of all expect to meet them—on evening, pardon me, late evening clothes.



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# Advantages Of Winter Wheat

By Peter Collins

THE practice of growing winter wheat has declined to a very great extent in this country in recent years, but it still has its advocates, and it may well be that many farmers would find their farming systems better suited by the use of this type of grain crop.

Good seed that is in good condition can be sown shortly after harvest, if conditions are right, in land where there is no danger of water-logging during the winter or next spring.

If spring work in other directions is getting to the point where it is difficult to overtake it all, the sowing of winter wheat will give some relief in that early rush period.

Winter wheat ripens earlier than the spring sown varieties, and this means that harvest work is spread over a longer period and bottlenecks at vital periods avoided.

The weather in August this year proved to many farmers the advisability of planning for just such a spread, and winter wheat offers one way of doing this.

This year, too, winter wheat gave somewhat higher yields than the other varieties in a number of places.

### GOOD QUALITY

Winter wheat seed of good quality is rather dear, but the cost is offset by the yield and quality obtained from a well-done crop.

Before sowing it is advisable to have the seed dressed with a fungicide to control smut and bunt, and it is advisable to have it tarred if there is any danger of crows digging up the newly-sown grain, especially that put in later in the year.

Best results are got by using a combine drill and sowing the seed with two or three cwt. of potassic super. Some farmers like to use Nitrogen with the seed as well, especially if they are sowing early, as it gives the crop a somewhat better start and ensures a good braird that will stand up to winter frosts.

With later sowings the nitrogenous manure is better kept until spring and applied as a top dressing.

### SPOT TEST

Lime is important for winter wheat, and if the land is any way deficient in this, the deficiency should be made good in time. A spot test by the adviser will give you an idea of how much to apply.

There are several good varieties of winter wheat seed available, Rosa, N59 and others, but Capelle is the most popular in this coun-

try at the present time. It appears to give the best results in most districts and is usually advised as the safest.

Other varieties are promised by the plant breeders, but so far they are only in the experimental stage.

Some varieties of spring wheat such as Koga, Atle and Atson can be sown in areas where frosts are not likely to damage them, but if the proper winter varieties are sown there will be little anxiety on this score.

### OBJECTIONS

The traditional objections to winter wheat sowing is that it encourages soil fertility and that it encourages weeds because of the difficulty of dealing with these during the growing period.

The first of these objections is



A five-furrow plough at work.

hardly valid any longer, now that we are conversant with the method of keeping up the fertility of land, or at least have advisers to tell us if we do not know ourselves. The weed trouble can be dealt with by the use of weed-killers. . . .

Advantages of winter wheat growing are, as outlined already, that it gives a spread of work at harvest time, and also that it will be out of

the field in good time for a crop of rape or grass to make a good strike and provide extra winter feeding. It can be undersown with grass, but it is necessary to make careful use of weedkillers in that case.

In Britain this year I saw a crop of Capelle growing which was expected to yield over 20 barrels to the Irish acre, had given three weeks grazing for six ewes and their lambs

per acre and had not been shut up until April 12th. This system of grazing winter wheat in the spring is traditional and is said to give it a stronger straw to stand up against lodging. It is becoming common to use it as the English farmer I mentioned did, as a source of grazing, for sheep but the grazing must be carefully controlled by the electric fence to prevent the animals wandering back onto the eaten portion and damaging it.

The English farmer concerned admitted that grazing probably reduced his yield by a barrel or two to the acre, but he reckoned that the difference was more than offset by the gain to the sheep and the gain to his pastures which were allowed to come more forward while the wheat was being grazed.

Winter wheat usually gives better resistance to disease in normal weather conditions, but fields subject to take-all should be avoided, as with spring wheat. Lodging is less likely as the growth is more forward by the time of the summer rains.

Although it has a good chance of avoiding the worst of the wheat midge's attack, it should be watched for this pest. As well as these points it usually can be harvested fully ripe with a low moisture content, thus qualifying for the highest price.

For a grain-grower in a big way, winter wheat is well worth the candle. It spreads his harvest time and it lightens the spring work, and in a bad harvest year, he may find that winter wheat has been served in much better condition.

## DANGER FROM SPRAYS

### Blood In Milk

IT is quite a common thing to find blood in the milk of a cow after calving, and it is usually a complaint of high-yielding cows rather than the poor producers. Usually the trouble is due to a burst small blood vessel in one quarter, and this quarter, when discovered, should be milked carefully by hand and not stripped, for about a week.

Insertion of a tube of penicillin after one milking will help to keep mastitis away.

WITH the increasing use of sprays of different kinds, the question of danger to humans and other animals, as well as birds and beneficial insects, is important to the farmer and the nation.

Although investigations do not tend to show much mortality among birds or mammals from sprays, there are some of these preparations which are likely to be a danger, and certain precautions are useful.

When using a powder spray in windy weather it is advisable to put some form of apron or cover on the spray booms so that drift will be minimised. This is a help to the effectiveness of the spray on the crop concerned, as well as preventing it from spreading where it is not wanted.

### MAKE SURE

Where spraying is done under contract it is often not possible for the contractor to wait for suitable weather, and a proviso about preventing drift should be made with him when arranging the job.

Local beekeepers may not like to see such sprays as DDT going out on a farm, but by consultation between the farmer and beekeepers the difficulty should be possible to avoid.

The British Ministry of Agriculture has had a committee investigating the general problem of the dangers of poisons used in various ways in farming, but there is still a great deal to be learned about the ultimate effect on the flora of a country.

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**Divided Opinion Among Livestock Men, But Aidan O'Connor Says—**

# Less Trouble With Hornless Cattle

**THERE ARE CERTAIN THINGS THAT ARE SO OBVIOUSLY GOOD FOR THE FARMER THAT IT IS DIFFICULT TO UNDERSTAND WHY THEY HAVE NOT BECOME UNIVERSALLY ADOPTED. ONE OF THESE IS THE SELF-FEEDING OF SILAGE, ANOTHER IS THE DISHORNING OF CATTLE.**

There would appear to be only two reasons why all cattle are not dishorned — laziness and prejudice. A man who is handling a large number of cattle through the year will think twice before taking on the job of having all their horns removed, but if he were able to buy hornless calves he might consider the matter in a new light.

There is undoubtedly a strong prejudice among farmers against dishorning cattle, especially cows of milk breeds, while that prejudice is probably strongest among those who have pedigree stock.

One farmer wants to dishorn his cows, but he knows that if he brings a hornless shorthorn into the fair or market, very few buyers will be prepared to

give him full price. So he allows her to keep her horns.

### Some Have Acted

Yet strong-minded and far-seeing people are "taking the bull by the horns," and taking the horns off, even going to the length of breeding horned strains without horns, if this is not too much of an Irish bull.

Australian cattle breeders recently went to the United States to buy hornless strains of Herefords, because they had found that hornless store cattle made more money. They were cheaper to transport because 18 head of hornless cattle could be fitted into a railway wagon, as against only 14 cattle with horns. This surely is a most important consideration.

Even the more go-ahead among breeders of Ayrshire cattle, on which horns are a very distinctive feature, have started breeding hornless strains, which have appeared in the past couple of years at leading British shows with some success.

They say that they do not want to go back to the horned cattle, which are troublesome in herds.

### More Contented

Although the matter does not seem to have been treated to any sort of really scientific investigation, feeders have found that hornless cattle are always more contented when yarded or housed together. They find that they can get more of these cattle to feed together at troughs, and that there is very much less bullying by more aggressive beasts. All these points are very considerable when numbers of cattle are being kept on a farm.

It has also been found that a bull of a horned breed will be much quieter when dishorned. Every farmer has had instances of injuries caused by horns, while butchers will tell you that they frequently have to discard pounds of meat from carcasses due to discoloration from the horns of other animals.

Dishorned cattle allow the introduction of new animals into herds without fuss, whereas horned animals often make things uncomfortable for newcomers for a time before allowing them to settle down. This period of "trial" means loss of condition, which could be an important factor in a big herd where frequent additions are made.

### A Disadvantage

It is often objected that a horned breed is judged on points which includes horns and that hornless strains would be at a disadvantage in the show ring.

This is probably true in this country, and will be, until the breeders take a strong line and start dishorning on a big scale. In Britain, at least one first prize-winning Ayrshire cow in the past couple of years had been dishorned, but generally it has been found that the top-class cows are not being altered in this way, and the dishorned ones are not of first-prize winning quality.

In Britain it has been suggested that a special price support payment should be made for hornless cattle, but so far it has not gone farther than the mere suggestion.

## Pare The Hooves

If you find footrot among your sheep, do not be content with merely putting them through a foot bath. Look at each sheep's feet if you can, but at least keep a careful watch for any that limp and examine their hooves carefully. All decayed or abnormal horn should be pared off, and a blacksmith's knife is the best tool for this job. Exposed tissue can be treated with a dressing which can be got from the vet. Wash the paring knife in disinfectant after treating each sheep.

### Could Be Tried

It would be easy enough to breed Herefords without horns in this country by introducing a number of bulls of the polled strain from the United States and putting them into AI stations. The effect of this would be felt widely in a few years.

It is in the abattoirs and slaughter houses that the effects of horns are most obvious. A report by a representative of the British Fatstock Marketing Corporation, last year, said that with carcasses showing extensive bruising and goring, after the hides had been removed, it was impossible to tell by looking at the beast before killing that the damage was so extensive.

Even animals which are fed on the same farm and are used to one another will damage each other in this way, but when animals from different farms are put into houses or wagons together, they will be even more savage with one another and cause a great deal more harm and loss.

One of the troubles is that the farmer does not suffer any loss—it is the butcher who is most affected

of heart because butchers would refuse to pay full price for damaged cattle.

The prejudice against hornless strains has been very largely overcome in the U.S., and hornless shorthorns are available now as well as the Herefords.

Many of these animals win prizes at the leading shows each year, showing that judges do not mark them down because of their want of horns. It may happen in time that horns will count against cattle in the show ring, but that time is a long way off.

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Time to start thinking about your old friend in the garage, too — time for old "Lizzie" to get a once-over. Like the rest of us she finds life a shade harder in the winter. So, on your next half-day, why not tackle the job?

First of all it is suggested that this job should coincide with the next visit of your "Did-it-meself" brother-in-law (Most of my brothers-in-law don't visit me anymore!).

Start by giving old Lizzie a good wash down. Next you apply Simoniz — and here is where your man comes in. Throw him a cloth and suggest that he give his side a rub — that should hold. Make sure, though, that the job is well done, because

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### Oil Change

While he is rubbing away contentedly (?), you get down and get under and change the engine oil. Replace with new oil but make sure you use the correct grade. Incidentally, it is a good idea to replace oil filters.

Be well shod for winter. Check your tyres (don't forget the spare) for bald patches, and have any faults here rectified immediately.

Skidding can also be caused on slippery roads by the uneven application of your brakes. Make sure that they are pulling evenly — otherwise they can be very dangerous.

BY  
"Danno"  
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Here is expert advice on the winter maintenance of your car by MR. 'DANNO' MAHONY, Manager, Drumcondra Branch, Smithfield Motor Co., Ltd.

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### Lights, Too

Nearly finished now. Just check the focus of your headlights, dimmed and undimmed. This can best be done on an open road — at night, of course. Finally, fill up your radiator with anti-freeze and you can reckon a good day's work well done.

All that remains is for you to turn to your rubbing brother-in-law, commend him on his work, and suggest a little liquid refreshment.

Only, like me, you may find he had gone home silently hours ago. Just a moment. Maybe you are NOT a handy man with a car. Maybe you have not got a "Did-it-meself" brother-in-law. Or it could

be that you haven't any spare time for a tedious job. Well, the solution is simple: go to your local garage where skilled men will give her a thorough check-up. Expert advice and expert attention will pay you better in the long run, for you can then feel satisfied that your car will be sound and road-worthy for the winter.

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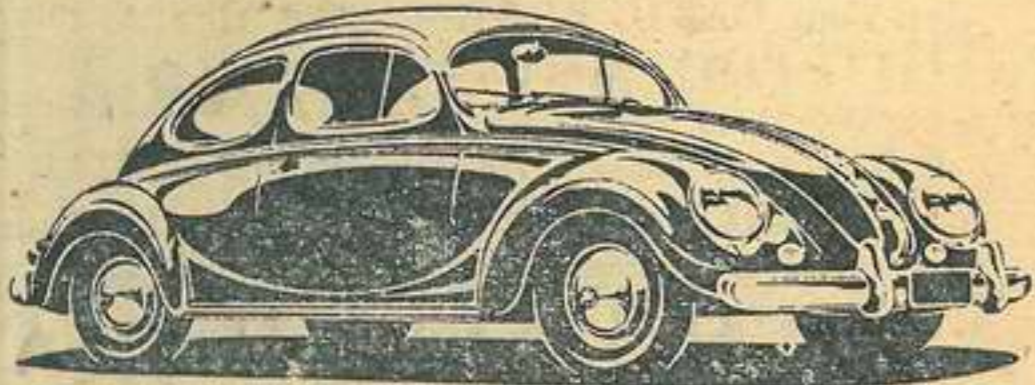
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## IN STEP WITH THE TIMES

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**Gaelic Sports  
Review  
By Sean  
O'Callaghan**

# Features Of The Hurling All-Ireland

**IN** reflecting on some of the best features of the All-Ireland senior hurling final which has just closed, it may prove of interest to go back on some points and see what we can find.

All along the line we were told by one critic or another that the game was lacking in personalities in comparison to other finals, and that the teams were just ordinary. There were no 'Lowry' Meaghers, Mick Mackeys, Christy Rings or such like. In the first instance it was ten years since Kilkenny won their last All-Ireland, and nine years elapsed since Waterford had their one and only success.

The teams were comprised of young players for the most part and in consequence it was impossible to put on the field men of outstanding ability, which is part of the personality build up.

As a matter of interest, that part of the programme was supplied unofficially by the inclusion of the Rank film hero, "Rooney" who at a later stage, will show how to win an All-Ireland.

## Changed Opinions

In keeping to the subject, that the 1957 final would not measure up to the great games of the past, quite a few people had very good reason to change their minds following on the result.

Great personalities arose from the game, and I have no hesitation in saying that the Waterford captain Phil Grimes was as much a hero in defeat as if he had led his men to victory.

The men who were numbered in the Wexford side for the past couple of years, and who climbed the ladder of fame, had to taste defeat before they became the crowned kings of hurling.

So too, with Waterford, a good league spell and a measure of success in the current Oireachtas competition will leave Waterford with personalities galore, when the day comes, say in 12 months time to gain what they lost in 1957.

The All-Ireland title of 1957 rests safely by the Nore, and the long lean years are quickly forgotten.

One of the most remarkable features regarding Kilkenny's victory

was the fact that the winning margin was a single point. Looking back over the years it is merely a repeat of the old story, as no less than seven All-Irelands were won by a single point.

## Great Men

In respect to goalkeepers, Kilkenny have had a few great men in their time. J. Dermody guarded the gap in the hectic days of 1931, when Cork and Kilkenny figured in the three great games of that period. Dermody lasted up to the days when the Kilkenny v. Limerick series began, then Jimmy O'Connell took over. Jimmy was one of the greatest of the great, and figured in five finals. Jim Donegan was in goal in 1947.

Ollie Walsh on whom the mantle now falls, bids fair to follow in the steps of his great predecessors.

Regarded in some quarters as a little too spectacular he will mellow in the course of time and fill the role which such great men as Dr. Tommy Daly, Tommy O'Mara, Paddy Scanlan, J. Duggan and Tony Reddan did in late years.

One great peculiarity regarding the present Kilkenny team is the fact that the majority of them are drawn from South Kilkenny, and most of them are attached to junior clubs.

## Unique Record

**OUT** of 14 All-Irelands to their credit, the following table shows how Kilkenny have won:

1904 Kilkenny 1-9, Cork 1-8  
1907 Kilkenny 3-12, Cork 4-8  
1912 Kilkenny 2-1, Cork 1-3  
1935 Kilkenny 2-5, Limerick 2-4  
1939 Kilkenny 2-7, Cork 3-3  
1947 Kilkenny 0-14, Cork 2-7  
1957 Kilkenny 4-10, Waterford 3-12

In previous days clubs like Urlingford, Dicksboro, James Stephens, and Urlingford supplied the team with their material, but the scene of action has changed.

## Medal For Bill

Those of us in Dublin who hold affiliations with city clubs, were more than delighted that Billy Walsh (Young Irelands) got his chance to participate in the final—an honour that was denied him in 1947 when injury deprived him of his place.

Before taking our leave of the 1957 final, tribute must be paid to two great sporting teams.

My sympathy lay with my very good friend Johnny O'Connor of Waterford, who was far from fit, but like his clubmate John Kiely he is still young enough to go one better next time.

Thank you, men of Kilkenny and Waterford, for a glorious final and may we all be spared for another repeat next year.

# Mick O'Shea Saw Limerick Through

The All-Ireland junior home final resulted in a deluge of scores when Limerick put paid to Galway's hopes with a total of 7-15 to 5-8.

Mick O'Shea was the man of the match so far as Limerick were concerned and with the linking of juniors and seniors in the league now about to commence Limerick can be regarded as a handful for the best in the new campaign which lies ahead.

## A Good Stand

Galway made a very good stand considering the handicap they laboured under. They had to take the field without five of their original selection. This was due to events arising out of a local championship game which resulted in suspension of players and the action of others who did not co-operate with the selectors.

However, that is all a matter that concerns themselves, and resulted in a defeat that may well have been a success if a little wiser counsel had prevailed.

Mayo junior footballers have reached the deciding stage, and will meet the champions of Britain in the final proper. Their victory over Cork, 1-11 to 1-3, was due in no small measure to the bringing on of that very classy young footballer, Johnny Beisty, whose quick goal took a lot of the steam out of Cork.

Cavan folk were very sore over their defeat by Cork, due to a fluke goal as they say, scored from a line ball by Dick Troy.

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# Cuttings From Carlow

**ST. MOLINGS** (Co. Carlow) parish hurlers are having a very successful season. In fact, they may well be on the way to a new record for the parish. So far they have won the Carlow Schools (under 14) hurling championship as well as under 16 county title. Other victories include the first round of the minor and junior hurling championships and the first round of the Cup. The juniors are also in the semi-final of the Graigueanamanagh Silver Cups tournament.

If they win the lot this year it will be a big honour for **Fr. Murphy C.C.**, who came to the parish only last year and has been doing great work for the club since.

### HURLER WEDS

Congratulations to **Mick Morrissey** who was married to **Miss Mal Byrne** of Tinneccarrig, Borris, on September 25. Mick, who has been a star Wexford hurler for several years, and the first Carlow man

ever to win an All-Ireland hurling medal, is now living in New Ross.

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When St. Molings hurlers meet Paulstown in the semi-final of the Graigueanamanagh tournament (date to be fixed) there will be four brothers in action. The **Morrisseys**, **Pat** and **John** will assist St. Molings while **Luke** and **Eddie** will turn out with Paulstown. Incidentally, they are brothers of Wexford left-half back **Mick Morrissey**.

## Fear Feasa's Own View—

# The Ban Is Out Of Date



—But "Barrowsider says . . .

## It Must Stay

I AM thoroughly sick of hearing the old slogans being brandished whenever the Ban is discussed. They are all familiar . . . "our patriot dead" . . . "Ireland Gaelic, Ireland free" . . . "Irish Ireland" . . . they are all trotted out.

Great bodies, including the greatest all—the Catholic Church—move with the times without departing from their principles.

Mac Lua must remember that, originally, the G.A.A. had no Ban. There was no need for it and I maintain that there is no need for it now.

What I particularly object to in Mac Lua's "reply" in last month's Gaelic Echo is the suggestion that outside the G.A.A. there is no patriotism or love of country.

This is an obnoxious allegation and is harmful to the Association itself.

As we know only too well men died for freedom and the game they played or the songs they sang took not a whit from their martyrdom.

### MAIN REASONS

My main reasons for suggesting the removal of the Ban are:

- That there is no further need for it.
  - That it would make the G.A.A. a truly democratic organisation.
  - That such a show of liberalism would influence our youth and attract them to our Association.
  - That at the moment so many of our leading players and officials are defying the foreign games ban that it has become a farce.
- Yes, Mac Lua, let's be sincere. Let's call a spade a spade. Let's shake off this sham. Let's devote our energies to building a bigger and better country for our youth instead of upholding repressive measures. And, incidentally, according to Mac Lua there is no room for the missionary spirit (i.e. winning people over from other codes) in the G.A.A.

Apparently Mac Lua wishes the organisation to be an exclusive body which has no wish to broaden its scope, or for that matter, make any change with the passing years.

### FOOTBALLER BEREAVED

The sympathy of the people of the district goes out to **Mr. John Cassidy**, a former member of the Cavan county football team, now residing in the U.S.A. Also to his mother and sisters, on the tragic death of his father, **Mr. Patrick Cassidy**, Fair Green, Arva, Co. Cavan. Mr. Cassidy, who had reached an advanced age was a popular figure in the fairs and markets of his native district. He also took a keen interest in Gaelic football. His funeral was very large and representative.

IN a recent issue of Gaelic Echo an article appeared under the heading "Should the ban remain?"

I discussed this question very thoroughly with several members of the Association. While some were of the opinion that it was necessary as it stands at present others said that the Ban should remain in order to prevent members of the G.A.A. from playing foreign games and vice-versa.

IT SHOULD NOT BE USED TO PREVENT ANYONE WHO WISHED TO WATCH FOREIGN GAMES.

And to strengthen their arguments they pointed out the number of Gaelic players, and officials, too who attend foreign games and the number of clubs that run these dances in order to raise funds

There they said was the greatest abuse of the ban.

### LARGE NUMBER

They also argued that the number of G.A.A. players who attend one particular game during the winter months are far and away greater than those who play foreign games and also attend Gaelic games in the summer months.

Of course, there is a growing apathy to most things Irish by the present generation who do not know or do not care to know of the struggle of the G.A.A. in the past.

Those are the people who say there is no need for the ban. They want to call themselves Irishmen; yet, they advocate everything that is alien to Irish games.

To my mind the ban is a necessity and therefore must remain.

## National Coaches For Gaelic Games

IS THERE A CASE FOR A NATIONAL COACH FOR HURLING AND FOOTBALL? I THINK THERE IS, AND ONE OF MY MAIN REASONS FOR THIS OPINION IS THAT WEAK COUNTIES IN EITHER CODE WOULD BENEFIT MOST FROM SUCH A MOVE.

It is all very well for the counties who by reason of population or a long tradition of success have all the necessary facilities for training and teaching players.

But what of those who are held together by the unselfish effort of a few enthusiasts and where skill and fitness are lacking because there is no one capable of explaining and demonstrating the finer points of the game.

It's no wonder that some counties get no further than the first round of each year's provincial championship. The tragedy for them is that very often they have the right material but proper direction is lacking.

### No Problem

In hurling, no problem exists. **Christy Ring** stands out as the greatest technician the game has ever known. Any knowledge which **Christy** would pass on would be invaluable to the most proficient senior or the struggling tyro.

Football is a different 'kettle of fish'. While there have been great footballers down through the years, I don't think

any of them have stood out in the way that **Ring** does in hurling.

At the same time there is a wide selection, and I am sure that if the scheme were inaugurated the man for the job could easily be found. I would suggest **Derry's Jim McKeever**.

### All Qualities

He has outstanding qualifications being a brilliant player, a fine sportsman and a physical training instructor into the bargain.

An alternative to this scheme would be for the G.A.A. to follow the lead of the N.A.C.A. and establish an annual school for G.A.A. players.

The N.A.C.A. plan of bringing together teachers and those responsible for training athletes once a year to get tips from expert coaches has proved a great success.

I think that the G.A.A. should they decide to proceed with this plan, would have just as much success.

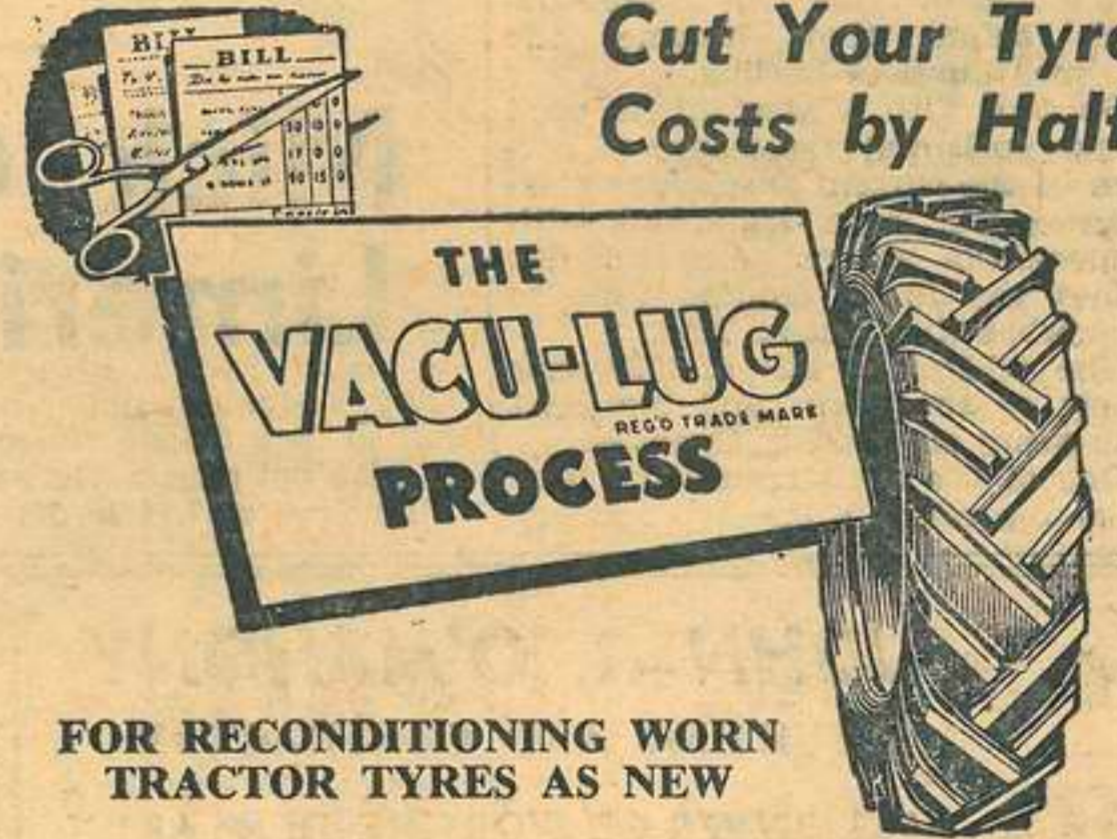
**Peadar Smith** (Louth) left his Armagh opponents "standing" in this incident in a recent challenge game at Drogheda.

## FAREWELL TO ART FOLEY

It is almost certain that **Art Foley**, famous Wexford hurling goalkeeper will emigrate to America shortly. Since first hitting the hurling headlines ten years ago,

Art has been one of the most consistent 'keepers in the games and his loss will be keenly felt by Wexford.

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## Cork News Briefs

WHEN GLANWORTH and MITCHELSTOWN met in a game at Fermoy recently, exchanges were very rough, and Glanworth sprang a surprise by beating their more fancied opponents. During the game OWENIE McAULIFFE—one of Cork's best known footballers—received a broken leg.

AVONDHU footballers shocked everyone when they surprisingly defeated GARDA in the Cork championship. Subsequently, however,

they lost to LEES at Mallow, but were most unlucky to lose.

The final of the Ballyporeen junior football tournament was won by Araglen, who defeated Kilbehenny by 0-8 to 2-1.

Another championship title came to Frank O'Sullivan, Fermoy, when at Ballyhooley sports he won the 1,500 metres Munster cycling championship, beating F. Leahy, Ballymore, and D. Murphy, St. Finbarrs.

## JOHN DOYLE JOINS THE "DUAL" MEN

— BY PREMIER —

JOHN Doyle, the well-known Tipperary inter-county hurling star, recently turned out for Holycross in a Mid Tipperary junior football championship game against Thurles Kickhams. Holycross won on the score 2-2 to 1-3, and John was one of his side's best players.

## THE OLD STORY

### ANOTHER HURLER DEPARTS

AMONG the recent departure of young men from New Ross to England was Sean Somers. Sean was a staunch member of the Geraldine O'Halloran Club and his absence will be severely felt in the championship.

A versatile hurler, he was also good at football.

Sean started his hurling career in goal as a minor in 1947, and has given continuous service ever since. He represented his county in minor hurling in 1951 and 1952, and has played with the senior side on a few occasions and was on the junior selection this year.

Although starting his career in goal he moved out field and proved so good as a forward that he remained there.

But Sean will not be alone across the water as his brother Seamus is also there. And there are many others who were prominent on the home playing fields to keep him company.



John Barron (Waterford) outstrips his Wexford opponent in the Oireachtas semi-final at New Ross.

### Outnumbered

### OLD TEAM-MATES REJOIN FORCES

Keymen in the Military College team which created such a favourable impression in this year's Kildare hurling championship were Lt. Terry O'Neill and Cadet Paddy Murphy. When Paddy entered the college last year he was striking up an old partnership with Terry with whom he wore the Sgoil Uí Conaill jersey in Dublin competitions.

## END OF AN ERA

THE illustrious reign of hurling king-pins, Wexford, is now no more. Tragic is the only word to describe their display in the recent Leinster final as they crumpled to a crushing defeat at the hands of a rampant Kilkenny fifteen.

This wasn't just another defeat. That game marked the end of the road for a great Wexford team—the greatest of the past twenty years.

Hot on the heels of that defeat came the news that Nicky Rackard

had tucked away his hurley for the last time. With Seamus Hearne now domiciled in England and Art Foley all set for the Golden West, the disintegration of the devastating Wexford machine has already begun.

### Time Tells

In the game against Kilkenny it was all too obvious that the passing years had started to catch up on that gallant brigade. Gone was the snap and dash; in its stead a brand of sluggish hurling that never seemed likely to pay off.

And yet as they hurtled to that landslide defeat, one aspect of their former greatness shone forth as brilliantly as ever.

The impeccable sportsmanship which was part and parcel of this great team was never more manifest. Reeling before the Kilkenny challenge, creaking under its every attack, they never resorted to dirty tactics.

It was the abiding memory of the holders' last fling.

### Took Chances

From an early stage it was apparent that the Kilkenny men meant business this year and grabbing their chances with open arms, they succeeded in reaching their objective.

WITH HURLERS OF THE CALIBRE OF OLLIE WALSH, DENIS HEASLIP AND SEAN CLOHESSY TO PILLAR THE SIDE, THEY SHOULDN'T STOP AT ONE.

Still, it's always sad to record the passing of an era and in the case of Wexford it was particularly poignant. They came up the hard way and that indomitable fighting spirit which carried them past the greats of Munster hurling, endeared them to the hearts of all Gael-dom.

## They Met Death - And Turned Back!

By P. R.

IN THE EARLY HOURS OF A DARK AND MISERABLE MORNING, AT THE BEGINNING OF 1933, FIVE KILKENNY ALL-IRELAND HURLERS SHIVERED ON THE EDGE OF THE CANAL AT INCHICORE.

They were Matty Power, "Sag" Carroll, Martin Power, Eddie Byrne and Tommy Leahy.

All five were white-faced and frightened.

A FEW MINUTES BEFORE, DEATH HAD LOOKED THEM STRAIGHT IN THE FACE... RELENTED... AND GIVEN THEM ANOTHER CHANCE.

They were on their way back to Dublin from Kilkenny after a National League match against Laois the previous afternoon. Tired out, Martin Power, Eddie Byrne, Matty Power and Tommy Leahy were asleep in the back of the car. "Sag" Carroll, the Kilkenny left full-back, was in front with the driver.

Rain was falling steadily as they passed Naas. A thick fog was settling down.

### Rude Awakening

The five hurlers slept soundly. Once Tommy Leahy woke up and looked out. It was still raining, and the fog was swirling deeper than ever. He went to sleep again.

THE NEXT TIME HE WOKE UP HE AND HIS COMPANIONS WERE INCHES AWAY FROM ETERNITY.

When they reached Inchicore the driver decided to take a 'short cut' down by the canal, to drop Martin Power at Portobello Barracks. He turned slowly from the main road... and still the five Kilkenny men slept on.

Suddenly 'Sag' Carroll woke up and yelled to the driver to stop.

The driver instinctively jammed on his brakes. The jar woke up the men in the back.

What happened? Had they struck something?

They got out to see—and found that the car was heading straight into the canal. The front bumper was inches away from the edge. As 'Sag' Carroll often said afterwards:

"YOU COULDN'T HAVE POSTED A LETTER BETWEEN THE FRONT OF THE CAR AND THE CANAL EDGE."

What made 'Sag' wake at the moment he did? Why did he shout?

"Nobody knows"—Tommy Leahy told me when I recalled the incident for him—"Nobody—not even 'Sag' himself. But... I'd say the Good Lord was watching over us that morning."

# Club Men Shatter Rule 27

By BILL FALLON

TO be or not to be? Ban-wise speaking, that seems to be the burning topic of the moment in the world of G.A.A.

Recently in the "Gaelic Echo," readers have been given plenty of food for thought both for and against the foreign games ban. My purpose in penning this is not to enlarge on those views, but merely to record a rather peculiar interpretation of the official ruling which I came across recently.

Rule 27b of the G.A.A. states that under no circumstances may a player, suspended under the foreign games rule be re-instated other than between January 1 and Easter Sunday of any year. And the minimum sentence for playing a foreign game is six months.

You didn't know that? Well it's not surprising for I know of one prominent North Co. Dublin senior club who, deliberately or otherwise, shattered Rule 27.

### On Their Own

The club officials—they didn't bother to trouble the county board—suspended one of their own members for playing Soccer. These men meant business and to prove it they re-instated the guilty one just two weeks after they had suspended him!

AND THE DATE OF THE RE-INSTATEMENT? WHY, JUST A MONTH AFTER EASTER.

The rule book says that this man shouldn't have been re-instated—if at all—until January of next year at the earliest.

But then, what does the little book matter when a group of earnest club men don their thinking caps.

### New Rules!

Or maybe the Dublin clubs want to form a rule book of their own.

PERHAPS I'M BEING A LITTLE HARD ON THE METROPOLIS. THE SAME THING IS HAPPENING ALL OVER THE COUNTRY AND PLAYERS ARE GETTING AWAY WITH IT.

My sympathy is with the convicted ones. It is only the unwary that are caught.

In the case I have just mentioned somebody slipped up badly. But then again the foreign games ban is a pit into which people always appear to be stumbling.

The sooner something is done about it the better.

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# Random Pars

**Michael Conlon**, Town Clerk, Athlone, who has been appointed Secretary of South Tipperary County Council, is the youngest Council Secretary in the country. He played for Westmeath in all grades of football, and holds county championship medals for minor, junior, senior and intermediate football. He also plays tennis, and three years ago won the Westmeath singles tennis championship.

It is a great honour to have one of our instructors on the Tipperary hurling team said **Colr. M. Boyle**, Cahir, at a meeting of South Tipperary Committee of Agriculture, when **Mick Maher** the Tipperary full-back applied for leave of absence to go to New York with the County Tipperary senior hurling team in October. The application was unanimously granted.

# Great Revival

Get ready you Midlanders, to welcome a new name on the Offaly hurling scene. In the recent juvenile hurling championship, a brilliant **Kinnitty** fifteen upset all the odds when taking the title at the expense of Clara. Former stronghold of Offaly hurling, Kinnitty has been in the doldrums for some years now but with hurlers of the calibre of young **Harry Ardill**, **John Davis** and **Gerry Fetherston** on the way up, that state of affairs will soon be rectified.

## HE WON HIS MEDAL, THEN SET SAIL

**FR. V. LAWLESS, S.M.A.**, who helped Killconieron win last year's East Galway Junior (B) hurling championship has left for the Mission fields in Africa.

At a presentation to Fr. Lawless by the Killconieron team, Mr. N. Uniache, Chairman of the Club, paid tribute to Fr. Lawless' qualities both as a priest and as a hurler. He is the first priest to be ordained in the parish for more than hundred years.

# Galway Will Not Condone Incidents Firm Stand By Co. Board

By **L. S. O H-OISTIN**

**IN THE LAST ISSUE OF THE "GAELIC ECHO" I WROTE ON THOSE "INCIDENTS" WHICH SO OFTEN ARE OVERLOOKED BY REFEREES AND G.A.A. ADMINISTRATORS.**

In his report on the Galway Senior Hurling semi-final the referee said that the game was played in a good sporting spirit and that the players made his job an easy one.

But the Galway County Board could not agree, described the report as "ridiculous," "inadequate," "not a proper report," in view of the fact that a former Co. Galway player was removed to hospital following an "incident" during the match.

### "GARDEN PARTY"

One member of the Board remarked that "from the referee's report you would imagine he was acting as referee to a garden party."

But the Board thought that the "garden party" was nothing like what it should be.

They summoned two players, allegedly guilty of "bringing the Association into disrepute" and suspended one of them for six months, even though the suspended player was a member of the county Junior team.

**GALWAY ARE TO BE COMMENDED ON THEIR FIRM STAND AND DETERMINED POLICY TO STAMP OUT ANY DANGEROUS PLAY OR UNSEEMLY CONDUCT ON THE PLAYING FIELD.**

And it might indicate to referees who gloss over such incidents that there are other officials who are determined to uphold the proud reputation of the G.A.A.

More important still, it will bring home to players that "crime does not pay," but will be visited by the full punishment for the crime.

# He Retired, Then Won The Medal He Wanted Most

**TWO ALL-IRELAND MEDALS, TWO NATIONAL LEAGUE MEDALS, FIVE CONNACHT SENIOR MEDALS, ONE CONNACHT MINOR MEDAL, A RAILWAY CUP MEDAL, TWO SIGERSON CUP MEDALS, A DUBLIN SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIP MEDAL, A DUBLIN LEAGUE MEDAL, TWO CONNACHT COLLEGES SENIOR MEDALS AND A CONNACHT COLLEGES JUNIOR MEDAL, NOT TO MENTION NUMEROUS OTHER TROPHIES GAINED IN TOURNAMENT AND CHALLENGE MATCHES, MAKE AN ATTRACTIVE COLLECTION ON ANY FOOTBALLER'S SIDEBOARD.**

When the player has played for his county's Senior team for thirteen consecutive years, represented his province for nine of these years, held the left full-back position on Ireland teams for four consecutive years, one would think that he had won every honour in the game.

But this player didn't think, so— he had, without doubt, gained the plaudits and admiration of Gaels all over Ireland, England, and even in the U.S.A., and garnered a very complete set of trophies.

**BUT HE HAD NEVER WON A MEDAL IN HIS NATIVE COUNTY, A SOURCE OF REGRET TO THIS FINE EXPONENT OF GAELIC FOOTBALL.**

And so he retired from the inter-county scene, with one cherished trophy still unwon.

But, just to keep fit—and what a demon he was for fitness—he continued to play with his local junior team in the county championship.

### AN INNOVATION

The county in question, some years ago, to stimulate interest in the Senior championship, to increase the number of teams taking part, to raise the standard of the game within the county confines and to give junior players more games, decided to allow Divisional teams to contest the Senior League and Championship.

This innovation succeeded in all its aims but it did more—it at least prevailed on fortune to smile on the retired star and in 1957 he not only won that championship medal but also a League medal.

Which goes to show what perseverance, determination and pure "cussedness" can do—aided, of course, by quite a lot of skill, a strong leavening of experience and a little luck.

Oh yes—the player—**Sean Flanagan**, Mayo's brilliant captain and left-full back for more years than I can tell. His divisional team—East Mayo, his junior team—Ballyhadereen.

And, so, the sideboard is full, the empty spaces filled—and who knows what 1958 may bring?

## Leitrim News

# FOOTBALLER WEDS

## IN BRIEF

**Paddy Geraghty**, an outstanding backman in the Killconieron (Co. Galway) championship winning team, has left for England.

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Congratulations to **Ballindereen** on winning this year's South Galway senior and Grade A junior hurling championships.

## Back For Final

Remember the name **MIKE DOUGHAN**? Mike, who wore the Roscrea and Tipperary colours with distinction on many occasions is now domiciled in New York but flew in this year to see the hurling final. His comment?—"It was a really great game".

# This Final Was A 'Home' Affair

A UNIQUE situation arose in East Galway this year when two teams from the same parish qualified for the final of the Junior (B) Hurling Championship.

Out of an entry of 16 teams Killconieron and Clostocken from the parish of Carrabane met in a welter of local hurling fever. But the result was an anti-climax for Killconieron beat their old rivals by what must have been the highest score ever recorded in East Galway—13-12 to 1-5.

This was the first title to come to the parish since 1944 when both teams united to win the East Galway intermediate championship.

This year's winning team was—**F. Lawless**, **P. Geraghty**, **E. Cannon**, **S. Moloney**, **M. Moloney**, **P. Hanniffy**, **J. Cannon**, **B. Cannon**, **B. McGlynn**, **M. Fahy**, **P. J. Noone**, **J. Fahy**, **Fr. V. Lawless**, **P. Dolan**, **T. Silke**.

# A Decade's Work Is Almost Done

**WESTPORT'S** Gaelic Park is slowly but surely nearing completion. The pitch has been levelled, the seed is sown, the arena is wired off and the approaches are being prepared. A dressing-room for players is also being provided.

The local Gaels hope to see the fulfilment of a decade's work and the achievement of a long-cherished ambition in June, 1958, when they hope to open the new park.

Already the project has cost £2,000, approximately, and a Silver Circle is being run at present to collect the last few pounds necessary to pay off the cost.

No stadium this, but it is a first-class club playing-field, providing players and spectators with all the amenities of a stadium.

Well done, Westport, and good luck!

## MUINTIR NA TIRE

The monthly meeting of the Aughavas (Co. Leitrim) Guild Muintir na Tire was held recently in Maguire's Hall, Corroneary. There was 100 per cent attendance of members and a long list of importance matters were dealt with. **Rev. A. Flynn, C.C.**, Chairman, presided.

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# The Delaneys Of

**L**AOIGHIS MUST BE THE MOST UNLUCKY OF ALL THE COUNTIES; FROM START TO FINISH THEY HAVE BEEN STRONG IN THE CHAMPIONSHIP HUNT BUT NEVER WON AN ALL-IRELAND FOOTBALL FINAL.

In hurling, too, they kept battling on and sprung a big surprise in the final against Cork in 1915, when they finished with rare dash and stamina in a storm of rain. In football they were repeatedly in the Leinster final and won six times or more; they were unlucky in more than one All-Ireland final.

We will long remember that rousing final between Laoighis and Roscommon in 1946 when a glorious 60th minute rally by Laoighis almost brought victory. It was an all-out dive by Dolan, the Roscommon goalie that deprived Laoighis of victory when a lightening ground shot all but made the winning goal.

With Laoighis then was the most remarkable family that ever graced Gaelic football — the Delaneys of Stradbally.

No less than six of the famous family were on duty and for a full decade and a half the Delaneys were the head and front of Laoighis football.

There was only one family to compare with them in numbers and ability and this was a hurling group of celebrities—the famous Coughlan family of Blackrock H.C., County Cork.

## The Leader

Mr. Jack Delaney of Stradbally was the first to appear and, for half a century, both as footballer and administrator Jack, senior, played a major and untiring part. He was Leinster and Central Council member for many years and his views in council were always listened to with great attention. He was the pioneer and then the captain of the Stradbally Club.

His younger brother Tom, later to be known as Uncle Tom, was capable full back for Laoighis for many years figuring in a full score of championships.

Then came the five brothers, nephews of the two men mentioned above—they were Jackie, Willie, Christie, Michael and Morgan.

All five were powerful men physically and were brainy footballers. They lined out in hundreds of

# Laois

inter-county games for Laoighis in front of Uncle Tom whose position at full back gave him a fine opportunity for directing operations.

## The Greatest

I think the outstanding man of the lot was Willie Delaney, who could play in any part of the field but was at his best on the 40 yards mark where his unselfish distribution of the ball was a treat to watch.

Willie Delaney, like all the group, was powerfully built, yet one characteristic of the Delaneys was that they played beautifully clean football. No matter what the provocation the Delaneys always kept their heads and rarely gave a free away.

Willie was fast as well as strong but it was his brainy swerving movement goalwards and his deadly shooting within range, that made him the terror of opposing backs. He was amongst the first selected in all Leinster selections for Railway Cups and he won many.

He represented Ireland in any National selection during his period. He was on the winning of many League games and when he retired from playing fields he became a capable referee and is now one of the most popular of our champion ship panel.

## Grand Winger

Jackie Delaney, oldest of the group of brothers, was a grand winger. He was particularly fast and had an invaluable swerve. His fielding was well-nigh perfect and he had equal strength and accuracy with left and right foot. Christy was happiest as full forward and he had fine height and range.

He was one of the first full forwards I saw to use the punched or palmed point. He used this very effectively.

Michael and Morgan were also tall, powerful men and could play in any position of the field.

Every man of the party had football brains in a high degree and they were all blessed with very even tempers. They were exemplary young men indeed and an ornament to Gaelic games.

## Many Honours

The Delaney family filled no less than 19 places in Leinster Railway Cup selections and they won many of them. Hard working men, they have built up a very successful garage business in their native village of Stradbally.

It was Jack Delaney, senior, that helped to build the Galbally club which has won many county championships—1905, 1908, 1910, 1911, 1929, 1930, 1932, 1933, 1936, 1937 and 1940. Since then the Stradbally club has played a major part in Laoighis football.

What I liked best about the Delaneys was their inspiring example of sportsmanship. Win or lose they were always the same good-humoured, smiling men. Their physical prowess made them fit to take their football rough and smooth. Yet though men of great courage they always played the ball and ignored the man.

In private life they were widely popular and no brothers ever deserved All-Ireland victories more. They were joyous ever in defeat and a credit to the association to which they belonged.

# 'Digging Match'

CONTD. FROM PAGE 4.

I realise that it would be lovely if all our games were played with never the slightest hint of a row. Unfortunately our men are not all Canonised Saints and therefore we are doomed to have incidents.

be prepared to forgive them even though we do not approve of what they did.

## A Challenge

However, I maintain that these incidents are very much the exception rather than the rule and that they do not merit all the publicity they receive.

The rules clearly lay down the penalties for foul and dangerous play so that dirty players are a hindrance to their team rather than being a help. Therefore selection committees soon drop the habitual dirty player.

No sane committee will pick a man who is liable to throw away a vital match through being unable or unwilling to control himself.

Therefore we can conclude that those who play regularly, and especially those who reach Croke Park for All-Ireland finals are normal sporting types.

However, they are also human and as such they are liable to err, especially in the heat of a hard-fought game. If they do we must

To conclude, I challenge Mr. Hawk to a duel. Under the duelling code the challenged has the right to choose his weapon. However, on this occasion I crave his permission to choose the weapons. I choose the ballot paper. Let the readers decide. Please Mr. Editor give us some of your valuable space to let our readers decide this, one of the burning questions of to-day.

The question I ask them to decide is **ARE OUR GAMES GETTING TOO DIRTY**. All they have to do is to answer yes or no.

However, I warn them not to confuse the issue with the question: "Are you against dirty play?" That in my mind is where most scribes fall down. No one likes to see deliberate dirty play but I maintain that first of all dirty play is the exception rather than the rule and that on the odd occasions it happens it is rarely deliberate but just a lapse in the heat of an exciting moment.

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**LADIES ADMITTED!**

THE annual N.C.A. Congress will be held this year on Sunday, December 8th at Dublin. On the previous evening the very popular Ras Tailteann dinner and prize presentation will be held. This year the organisers are catering for ladies as well, and this news will be welcomed by racing men as a social evening with dancing is promised after the dinner. "Roadman's" advice is: order your tickets NOW as they are only 15/- and there is certain to be a heavy demand on them.

**OCTOBER CYCLING FIXTURES**

Sunday 6th: Co. Louth—50 kilos. All-Ireland Junior M.S. Championship—National C.C.  
 Sunday 13th: Co. Tipperary 50 kilos M.S. (Princess Cup)—Clonmel C.C. 50 kilos, C.P.—Kentstown, Co. Meath. Westmeath 50 kilos M.S. Novice Championship.  
 Sunday 20th: 50 kilos, M.S.—Eagle C.C., Offaly. 50 kilos, M.S. (Kiernan Cup)—North Kildare C.C. 50 kilos, M.S. (St. Beckins)—Eagle C.C.  
 Sunday 27th: 25 miles Time Trial (Cantwell Cup)—Clonmel C.C. 15 miles (Mitchel Memorial)—Naas C.C.

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**CYCLING**

**Abbot's Fine Win**

By Roadman



**STEVE ABBOTT** (Clann Brugha), N.C.A. Road Racing Secretary, has emerged as victor in this year's best all-round road cyclist. Thus, Abbott is the third N.L. champion, as this series was not inaugurated until 1955.

The winner that year was Bernie O'Brien. Abbott finished third the same year. Last year's winner was Tom Flanagan (Navan), who by his success gained a place on the Irish team that went to Melbourne for the Olympic games. Abbott was injured last year and unable to compete in the League.

However, the Clann Brugha rider's consistency was well rewarded this year by a very fine victory indeed. Roadman extends his congratulations and wishes Steve further success next year.

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**LONGER SEASON**

Usually the month of October means time for racing cyclists to hang up their wheels and take that well-earned rest. But not so this season, in fact there is a complete list of fixtures for the month and included is the 50 kilos Junior Massed Start Championship of Ireland. This speaks volumes for the expansion of the N.C.A., being able to extend its calendar to close on the winter months.

But I often wonder is the cyclist doing too much. A heavy racing season from March to November might well do a cyclist more harm than good and it's my opinion that a cyclist should have at least three months rest.

It might be argued that it's up to the cyclist himself to rest if he feels like it. But an enthusiastic cyclist is being promoted.

**THE EXAMPLE**

Examples of what long rest can do for cyclists were displayed by Ras Tailteann winner Frank Ward and his clubmate Christy Duane. This pair did not start racing until late May this year and the results were peak fitness at the right times.

It's my belief that if every cyclist has sufficient rest he will be better fitted for the strenuous racing during the summer and consequently the standards, now the highest event, will be elevated even more.

It must also be considered that next season's training starts in January and racing until November does not give the rider much of a break.

So Roadman respectfully appeals to whoever is responsible for the stretch in the calendar to try and do something to stop what could be the ruin of some promising novices.

"Roadman's" column will have some very special information for cycling enthusiasts next month. In addition he will review the year's cycling.

**Good Finish To Cycling Season**

In Clonmel cycling circles the best finish of the season was provided when local riders Anthony Kiely and Frankie Whelan dead-heated for first place in the Quinlan Cup 50 kilos race. Twenty seven riders from Clonmel, Carrick-on-Suir, Waterford, Ardfinnan, Fermoy and Thomastown competed, with 13 failing to finish.

**Roisin's Camogie Corner**

**Let's Plan Now**

THE VERY CLOSELY CONTESTED MATCHES IN THE PROVINCIAL CAMOGIE DECIDERS, AND ALL-IRELAND GAMES, ARE, INDEED, A VERY WELCOME SIGN. THE UNDERDOGS—IF I CAN USE SUCH A TERM IN REGARD TO OUR CAILINI—ARE AT LAST COMING INTO THEIR OWN.

No longer will we have the same old "hardy annuals" in the penultimate stages for the blue riband of Ireland's National Women's game. Certainly, the current examples of Wicklow, Derry, Tipperary, Mayo and Galway can, and will, no doubt, be followed by other counties in all four Provinces.

Once again I must call on Provincial Councils, County Boards, and club committees throughout the country to meet constantly during the autumn and winter

months, and to plan ahead. Parish championships, inter-street games and indeed, junior county and inter-Provincial games—such as are at present in operation in Ulster—should be arranged in the other provinces.

**More Grounds**

Pitches, too, should be kept in good order, and extended. Many of the complaints I hear, up and down the country, deal with lack of suitable grounds.

This is a matter which must engage the constant attention of the club, county and Provincial officials if the game is to make some headway towards achieving the aims of its founders.

If there is anything that I can do, through the medium of the GAELIC ECHO, to bring to fruition this much longed for position, I will be only too happy to do it.

This monthly camogie feature is, therefore, at the disposal of the clubs, county boards, and provincial councils throughout the country—and much farther afield too—to publicise their efforts, and to submit for their consideration helpful suggestions.

A note to "Roisin", c/o The Gaelic Echo, 13 Parliament Street, Dublin, will have my most careful attention.

**The Language**

Before closing, however, there is one matter to which I must direct the attention of all camogie officials and players throughout the country. It is the all-important question of the Irish language, which should be the paramount feature of a National organisation such as Cullacht Camogiuochta na nGael.

Camogie was nurtured in Gaelic. Its founders and prime movers were Gaelic speakers who realised the importance of our National heritage. It should be the duty of all who profess to love our National games to show an equal, if not greater love for the Irish language. We are not National without our National language, but we possibly could be without a distinctive National game.

I would appeal, then, to all camogies, to initiate a nationwide drive, within their Association, for the Irish language. I feel sure that the Camogie Association would prove a driving force in a campaign to bring our National language back to its rightful place in the life of the Irish Nation.

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