

# Gaelic **ECHO**

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## Disgraceful Scenes Mar Waterford Game

### Big Loss To Tipp

A BIG loss to South Tipperary hurling and football is the departure of Mr. Donal Nealon, Principal, Crough National School, Goatbridge, Ardfinnan, to Crumlin C.B.S., Dublin.

A native of Youghal, Nenagh, Dony is aged 21, and is son of Mr Rody Nealon, N.T., a prominent member of the Tipperary County Board. A past-pupil of St. Flannan's College, Ennis, Dony won a Dr. Harty Cup medal with the college in 1954, and scored eight points in the final against Thurles C.B.S.

In the 1954 Dr. Harty Cup campaign, Dony had a total of three goals and 22 points from four games, and was a member of the Munster Colleges' team which narrowly lost to Leinster at Croke Park.

He went to Saint Patrick's Training College, Drumcondra in 1954 and captained the Erin's Hope

team which won Intermediate League honours and the Kavanagh Cup competition in 1955 and '56. Previously he won an intermediate medal with Youghal, Borris in 1953, and another in 1956.

He came to Crough National School in July, 1956. He assisted Liam Lynch's in junior hurling, and played senior football with Ardfinnan.

He was a member of the South Tipperary junior hurling selection which gave Thurles Sarsfields such a great game in the County Tipperary senior hurling final, and played junior hurling with Tipperary for the past two years.

Dony comes of a family long associated with the teaching profession. His father, his grandfather, grandmother, and many of his uncles and aunts were all teachers. His uncle, Rev. Fr. Sean Nealon, C.S.S.P., is a professor in Rockwell College.

#### From OUR SOUTHERN CORRESPONDENT

FOLLOWING two of the most disgraceful scenes ever witnessed on a hurling pitch, the West Waterford junior hurling semi-final between Lismore and Tallow at Cappoquin had to be abandoned with only eight minutes left for play. Two players received severe injuries from hurleys.

Shortly after the interval it became evident that the game would not finish, but referee P. Cunningham (Cappoquin) got things going again after a ten minutes free-for-all.

Later, however, a mass invasion from the sideline put an end to a savage second half.

Lismore were leading on the score of 5-9 to 0-4.

### INTER-CLUB GAMES ROUSE NATIONAL INTEREST

says PETER BYRNE

G.A.A. circles are humming at the moment with talk of an inter-club competition on a national scale.

No doubt, the various challenge games in very recent years have given rise to all the 'fuss', and into this category comes the recent challenges between Tuam Stars and Dublin St. Vincents.

Many are of the opinion that the Marino man would "walk" such a competition, and that opinion is most certainly well founded, for since the famed Vincents came on the big-time scene in the late forties they have supplied a host of names to Dublin county teams.

Can any other football club in Ireland equal that?

Before attempting to answer let me point out, without meaning to take away from St. Vincents, that it is really the only top club in Dublin with native membership. Others such as Na Fianna, Parnells, etc., are making great strides, but it must be agreed that St. Vincents carry the heavy guns.

#### Equal Strength

Right now take Louth for instance, where you have Oliver Plunketts, St. Marys Ardee, Gaels, Young Irelands and many others, all sharing equal billing so to speak and with the stars spread around accordingly.

Yet, from the late forties on you will find the Ardee club supplying about twenty inter-county men, with Dundalk Young Irelands not far behind.

About equals St. Vincents don't you think?

Then in hurling there are Thurles Sarsfields, St. Aidans Enniscorthy and so on.

No, I don't think the Dublin champions would walk over an inter-club competition.

Finally, just a suggestion. What about a St. Vincents v St. Marys challenge in the near future. Any bets on the Louth men?

## Fethard Regain Title

FETHARD, holders of twelve Co. Tipperary senior football championships, won back the title they last held in 1954 when they defeated a gallant Loughmore side in Cashel on the score of 2-4 to 1-4.

At the three-quarter way stage the scores were level at 1-4 all, but veteran Mick Byrne then got possession to score the winning goal. The previous Sunday he notched three goals and a point in the county semi-final.

A member of the Fethard team was Roscommon born Leo English, who also had the good luck to win a county medal last year. He was then a member of the Clonmel Commercial club whom he helped beat this year.

Incidentally Fethard also won the Co. Tipperary minor football championship to bring off a notable double.

### Mickey Byrne's Staggering Record

Of the County Tipperary senior, junior and minor hurling finals, Thurles Sarsfields have already won two. They retained their senior and minor crowns, and are also likely to retain their junior title.

Mick Byrne, whose football career dates over a period of 27 years, recently came out of retirement to play for Fethard in the County Tipperary senior football semi-final against North Tipperary. The former full-back, playing in the unusual position of full-forward, gave a magnificent display to score three goals and a point.

David Hurley, Chief Agricultural Officer for South Tipperary County Council, is a former All-Ireland hurler, and played with both Dublin and his native Limerick.

## Johnny Culloty Comes Back



JOHNNY CULLOTY AS KERRY'S HURLING GOALKEEPER

KERRY football got a recent transfusion with the return of Johnny Culloty to his old position on the county fifteen.

In his first outing against Wexford the young Killarney lad showed much of his former fire and dash, scoring a goal and a point of his team's total.

Those who saw the 1955 final, when Kerry captured the title after a thrill-packed hour with Dublin, will remember the lightly-built fair-haired Culloty at right full-forward.

His dashing play on that day marked him as one of the game's most dangerous score-getters.

Although then only nineteen, Johnny showed all the qualities of greatness and proved that his lack of inches was no hindrance in his quest for glory.

Honoured by the Munster selectors in 1956, Culloty's career was rudely interrupted by a knee injury against Ulster.

Johnny is now back in the harness of the Green and Gold to continue his brilliant career. Kerry can sure do with him.

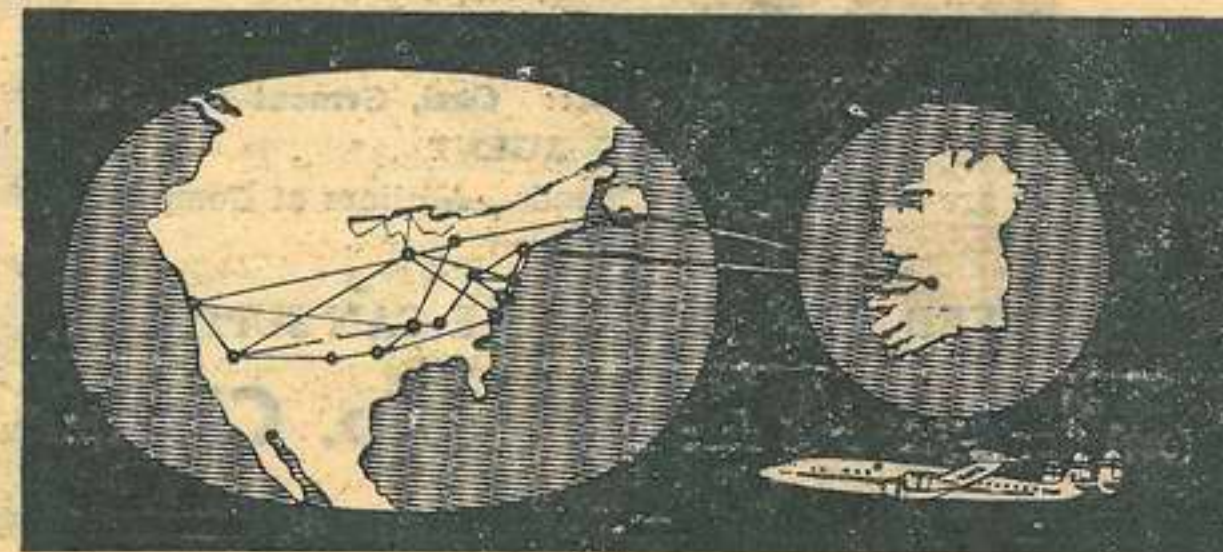
## Tribute To Seamus Power

SEAMUS POWER, the Waterford hurler, was presented with a Waterford cut glass vase from his colleagues in the Waterford Post Office at a ceremony in the P.O. Workers' Club at Henrietta St., Waterford, recently. The presentation was in recognition of Seamus's splendid performance in the

All-Ireland hurling final.

The vase, which has a photographic engraving of Seamus in action in the All-Ireland final, bears the inscription: "To Seamus Power on his outstanding display for Waterford, All-Ireland final, 1957, from his colleagues in the Waterford G.P.O."

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# Clown Prince Of The Olympic Games

**AN OLYMPIC MARATHON RACE IS INVARIABLY DRAMATIC AND COLOURFUL SOMETIMES FUNNY, SOMETIMES TRAGIC.**

Look back over Olympic history and you'll see what I mean . . . Spiridon Louis's inspired victory for Greece at Athens in 1896 . . . Dorando's immortal failure at Shepherd's Bush in 1908 . . . Gailly's desperate and pitiful battle at Wembley in 1948 . . . Zatopek's resounding and effortless triumph at Helsinki in 1952 . . . and Mimoun's sensational and unexpected win at Melbourne last year.

But, never in the history of this sport, never in the history of this event has there been such a hilarious race as the 1904 marathon

at St. Louis . . . and, never has there been a competitor to equal Felix Carvagal of Cuba — Clown Prince of the Olympic marathon!

**HOW FELIX HEARD OF THE OLYMPIC GAMES IN ST. LOUIS IS A MYSTERY. WHY HE DECIDED TO TRAVEL TO AMERICA IS ANOTHER MYSTERY . . . AND WHY HE PICKED THE MARATHON IS THE GREATEST MYSTERY OF ALL.**

Carvagal was a postman in Havana. Somehow or other, he heard of the Games in America, and one bright morning, completely out of the blue, he made the impulsive announcement that he was going to compete in the Olympic marathon and bring a gold medal home to Cuba.

Right away, he quit his job, and set about his first task—raising the necessary funds to get him to St. Louis.

### MONEY SPINNER

This posed no problem for the resourceful Carvagal. On a sunny afternoon, while most of the good citizens of Havana were slumbering peacefully and happily in their daily siestas, they were suddenly shocked into life. The bold Felix, yelling and shouting, was galloping in and around the city square!

His money was too good to miss . . .

He had no time at all, a large crowd had gathered, curious to

find out what particular form of

insanity had possessed their

former postman.

When the crowd was large enough, Carvagal stopped his running. Mounting a large barrel, he proceeded to expound his plan for getting to St. Louis. The people of Havana, benevolent and generous, would contribute the money to send him!

His must have been a persuasive tongue—the cash rolled in, and with enough to buy a ticket to the

United States, and a little pocket money over and above, Felix thanked his people, and promptly disappeared in the direction of the nearest shipping office.

### DISASTER!

He reached New Orleans safely. Then came disaster. He got into a poker game with a few Southern "gentlemen," and in less than an hour, he had been relieved of all his spare cash.

### HE WAS ALONE IN A STRANGE COUNTRY AND PENNILESS.

Not that it worried our hero! Undaunted, he set off for St. Louis. He hitch-hiked the whole way—begging for food, sometimes working for it, and more often than not, stealing it, when a suitable opportunity presented itself!

Word of his coming went before him, and by the time he reached St. Louis, his escapades had made headline news in the American papers. The entire population of the city turned out to welcome him.

After a tremendous reception, he was taken in hand by the giant weight throwers, Ralph Rose, Jim Mitchell, Etienne Desmarteau and Martin Sheridan, who housed him in their quarters, fed him, and legs of the trousers . . . and, in the marathon.

## No Training

During those seven days, it gradually came to light that Carvagal had never competed in a marathon. Worst still, he was delightfully vague about the distance of the race! But . . . he was full of confidence—he didn't even bother to train!

In due course, he lined up with the rest of the runners on the day of the race. His appearance caused an uproar.

Felix turned up in his ordinary clothes . . . covered by a long-sleeved garment, that looked suspiciously like one of John Flanagan's nightshirts!

The event was delayed while Martin Sheridan did a tailoring job on Carvagal's running attire.

With a large scissors, he snipped off the shirt sleeves, trimmed the bottom of the shirt, nipped off the legs of the trousers . . . and, in the resultant weird outfit, Felix Carvagal, marathon runner by accident, made his bow into Olympic history.

Off he went, light-heartedly and gay, on his long 26-mile trek. He joked and clowned with the spectators, picked apples and ate them, stole peaches and ran off with them, and throughout the race, kept up a non-stop commentary in pidgin English.

## Winner's Collapse

The eventual winner of the race was Hicks of the U.S.A. He staggered into the Stadium in a pitiful condition, and tottered his way blindly towards the finishing line. He had to be held upright while Mrs. Roosevelt presented him with the Olympic medal. Then he sat down . . . and fell asleep!

The second and third runners — Corey and Newton of America—arrived in much the same condition, and had to receive medical attention.

**THEN CAME CARVAGAL . . . FULL OF LIFE, AND STILL PLAYING TO THE GALLERY. HE DANCED HIS WAY AROUND THE TRACK, WAVED TO THE CROWDS, BOWED ELABORATELY TO THEIR APPLAUSE . . . AND LED A GREAT BURST OF CHEERING AS HE CROSSED THE FINISHING LINE.**

In response to the continuous cheering, he did two laps of honour, waltzing most of the way, with occasional stops for a chat here and there!

How he taken the race seriously nothing is more certain than that Felix Carvagal, one-time Havana postman, would now be in the company of Louis, Sherring, Hayes, Stenroos, Zabala, Son, Carbrera and Zatopek, and the others who have won Olympic marathon championships.

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# Wining And Dining Led To Kilkenny Crash'

**THE WINNING OF AN ALL-IRELAND FINAL IMPOSES A SEVERE STRAIN ON A TEAM, AS WELL AS ITS OFFICIALS, BUT THE CELEBRATIONS THAT FOLLOW WOULD APPEAR TO PROVE EVEN MORE EXACTING.**

Following the wining and dining the celebrations eventually come to an end and everyone concerned has again to face up to their responsibilities and get down to bedrock.

To the credit of both of this year's winners Kilkenny and Louth, neither neglected their commitments. Kilkenny were in action immediately against Wexford in the Oireachtas semi-final at New Ross, where they scored an astounding victory. Likewise, Louth, who fulfilled their engagement against Tyrone at Castleblaney in a special tournament and they also were successful.

Kilkenny, however, were working at high pressure and by taking on both Clare and Dublin in successive weeks, the machine refused to function. Although they came through both games with a slight margin to spare, the strain began to tell.

## Gloom In Wexford

Wexford were watching events, closely and, taking their cue from the two foregoing events, they struck a hard blow at Nowlan Park, which led to the early defeat of the All-Ireland champions in their first real test.

Following on Wexford's defeat by Kilkenny in this year's championship, there was certainly gloom in Wexford, and still more after their defeat in the Oireachtas at New Ross.

Wexford folk had a long period of waiting—well over thirty years. From 1918 to 1950. From 1951 onwards, a new era commenced, which led to the team winning every honour that could be gained.

The Leinster championships, All-Ireland titles, National Leagues, Oireachtas Cups, the main bulk of the team regaining the Railway Cup for Leinster and a special congress that granted permission for a visit to the United States.

## Juniors Fail

This year some of the players decided to call it a day, and while the Juniors failed to do all that was expected, nevertheless, they made their imprint on the senior team.

The Wexford victory over Kilkenny comes at a stage very opportune for the expected revival. Wexford unlike in the past, have a fine string of minor hurlers coming along and one of their most promising products is from Billy Goodisons home town, Oliver "Hopper" McGrath (no relation of the "Jobber").

This promising young player made

## Gaelic Sports

### Review

By Sean

O'Callaghan

his mark with the minor team a couple of years back, and was the top marksman of the day against Kilkenny.

This year, McGrath helped in Wexford's success in the winning of the Leinster Junior title, and then came his promotion to the senior side against Kilkenny in the Oireachtas. This was followed by his inclusion in the team against Kilkenny in the League, so he can be said to have a quick rise to hurling fame.

## Louth Cut Out Tournament Requests

What a great pity that the Louth Co. Board could not see their way to comply with the request by Dublin to send the All-Ireland team to the new grounds at Kilmagee.

The Louth officials decided to cut out all tournament requests and play only in the league.

It may prove sound policy on their part, but somehow or another such a conservative outlook, was the opposite to both the Dublin and Galway system. Both counties were at the disposal of their neighbours in furthering all charitable objects.

All the more credit to the men of Meath who unhesitatingly stepped into the breach and no doubt, Louth will have an opportunity to gain the feel of the new grounds, which has been named "Lorcan O'Toole Park" to commemorate the memory of Dublin's former secretary. R.I.P.



CLOSE WORK . . . Wexford's Tim Flood and Jim Hogan of Kilkenny tussle for possession at Nowlan Park.

## Shocks Mark League Opening

Both the hurling and football league games opened on a surprising note. The defeat of the Cork footballers by Carlow was the real upheaval of the day. To make matters worse the Cork team came to Croke Park and were beaten again by Tyrone in the tournament final.

One may well ask what has happened to Cork; there is definitely something the matter and if this is not attended to immediately, something worse is bound to happen.

All the training and preparation appears to have been on the board, so far as the forwards were concerned.

Watching the game against Tyrone, it was evident that the Cork forwards have fallen again into their wasteful ways, and have no sense of direction.

But while the forwards were bad enough the methods employed by some of their defenders are sure and certain to cause the downfall of the team, when any measure of pressure is applied.

## GLORIOUS RETURN BY "THAT MAN"

One of the games greatest personalities—Christy Ring, made a welcome return to the playing field, when he lined out for Cork against Waterford in the League at Cork, after a six months absence through injury. Christy showed that he had lost none of his old craft when he notched three goals against the Munster champions.

The Glen Rovers man may be in the running for yet another All-Ireland medal, and not alone surpass his own record but equal another held by Kathleen Mills of Dublin.

## Seamus In Cork

Some time ago we reported that Wexford's fine midfielder, Seamus Hearne, had gone to England. Now we are happy to relate that Seamus has returned to Ireland again and has taken up employment in Cork. Since first making the county team some years back, Seamus has been a tower of strength in his mid-field berth and his fiery hurling may be just the thing to restore Wexford's flagging fortunes.

## PHENOMENON!

The people of Newbridge are about to witness one of those mysterious rarities . . . a Dublin-born Garda. And the man in question is sturdy Pat Feeney, one of the best young 'all-rounders' playing in the Metropolis.

Pat, who had a few outings with the Dublin senior team this year, has been posted to Newbridge where, no doubt, his services will be eagerly sought after by the local club.

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**"Fear Feasa Is Out On His Feet . . .  
.. I Don't Want To Hit Him Again.."**

says MAC LUA

IT seems to be my task once more to reply to "Fear Feasa" on the issue of the Ban, which he first introduced in the August issue.

For the benefit of all, and to clarify the situation, I will recapitulate on exchanges so far.

In his first sally, "Fear Feasa" suggested a more liberal approach by the G.A.A., suggesting that only the British occupying forces in the Six Counties should be banned from playing Gaelic games.

In the September issue in an endeavour to enlighten our friend I pointed out that the G.A.A. was a national organisation based on national ideals of an Ireland Gaelic as well as free and that just as the British occupying forces are an obstacle to that goal so also are all aspects of foreign influence and culture which includes foreign games.

To this "Fear Feasa" answers the third bell with a flurry of hooks, all of which are off the mark and in no way relevant to what I had asked and stated in my first reply.

He suggests that he is "sick of hearing old slogans such as 'Irish Ireland', 'Gaelic and Free' etc. brandished in ban discussions," and with that he leaves the National issue (on which is based not alone my argument, but the fundamental principle of the G.A.A.)

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Having so 'deftly' considered the mention of national ideals as cliches "Fear Feasa" moves rather fast throwing out tentative straight lefts—such a statement completely out of context—that I am supposed to have suggested that outside of the G.A.A. there is little patriotism.

Of course there is plenty of patriotism outside of the G.A.A. in individuals and in organisations but there is definitely little of it to be found in associations who at times play under the Union Jack and British National Anthem and who retain a memorial to those who died in British uniforms at their headquarters.

Then deciding that if he were to register at all more was needed "Fear Feasa" threw a few feints, which fooled nobody, and then crossed his right—it landed—but lacking in power, did no damage. Powderpuff left jabs followed and then his armoury was empty.

The right cross said "no need for the ban" and the jabs I note as A, B and C.

Now I move in—first to the body and after a softening up I move upstairs. "That there is no need for the ban" is what I replied to in the September issue and I dislike repetition.

**Off The Mark**

The jabs all suggested "that the abolition of the ban would (a) make the G.A.A. truly democratic." Counter—this is laughable for as we all know the ban is retained on a democratic vote of Congress and it is only the undemocratic-minded like my now retreating opponent who wish to oppose a majority ruling; (b) "that liberalism would attract our youth". Counter—I resent this remark, for our youth are 90 per cent. in the playing fields of the G.A.A. with the majority of the remaining 10 per cent. being unfortunate products of certain institutions who themselves excel in bans.

And as long the policies of such scholastic institutions remain such the removal of the ban would only prove a victory for their shoneenism.

Jab C did carry a certain amount of sting when it stated that "many of our players and officials are defying the ban and attending foreign games."

**Exception**

Here of course the word should have been some not many. Yes, a small percentage are attending foreign games at the risk of suspension, and it is to be deplored, for if these people are not willing to accept the rules of the Association then they should leave it (and no one can deny but that an organisation is entitled to lay down its own rules).

I do not, though, see why the ban needs to be removed because a few of our members lack the principle demanded by common honesty in either obeying association rules or leaving.

In his last and indeed very weak effort "Fear Feasa" threw a right swing which was miles off the mark—"Great bodies" he says "including the greatest of all—the Catholic Church—move with the times without departing from their principles."

Yes, indeed, they do and so does the Gaelic Athletic Association, for, like the Catholic Church, in retaining its principles it also has to retain certain bans. The Church bans its members from attending any worship of another creed and likewise the G.A.A., in retaining its principles, bans its members from attending or supporting foreign games.

NOTE.—Rule six of boxing's Marquis of Queensberry Rules states: "the referee shall have power to stop the contest if, in his opinion, a contest is being out-classed and award the decision to his opponent." Therefore Mr. Editor, I call on you as referee of this contest to use your prerogative as "Fear Feasa" is "out on his feet" and I hate hitting a defenceless man.

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**By Hugh O'Donnell**

since they won their last title in 1912, being led on that day by the now legendary Jack (Sandman) Carvin.



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

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It was their second title, having acquired their first two years previously when Kerry did not travel for the final (due to unfair treatment from the then railway authorities).

### Strange Final

Kerry and Louth did, of course, renew their undecided business on many an occasion in the years that followed and in 1916 they both reached the final of a national

tournament in aid of the Volunteers, defeating provincial victors Monaghan and Mayo respectively in the semi-finals.

The decider was undoubtedly the strangest final in the annals of our native games, being played, not in Croke Park, but in Frongoch where almost all of both the Louth and Kerry players were interned.

Tom Burke led the men of Louth and the Kingdom were captained by the immortal Dick Fitzgerald.

After a thrilling hour's play Kerry won with not much to spare, but on that day victory was not decided by the scoreboard, for it was jointly shared by the unconquerable spirit of both teams. It was an Irish victory over British captivity and truly symbolic of both these counties.

### Long Odds

At the beginning of this year's championship who would have named Louth as the eventual winners?

But with an air of tenacity and determination they tackled each hurdle, overcoming at each outing a more difficult opponent. In each game they fought clearly and well and in the end victory was theirs in all its glory.

The thrilling second half against Dublin, the great coolness and determination against Tyrone, and then the final greatness against Cork—all memories ever to be treasured by the Louth of today, memories to be passed on to the coming generations to become part of the folklore of the Wee County.

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# LEAN YEARS FOR COOLEY

By TOM O'NEILL

THE number of championship victories to its credit is understandably the guide to the fame of a club. Taken in this light, Cooley Kickhams can hardly hope to stand in line with St. Vincens, Ahane, Thurles Sarsfields and so many others in G.A.A. glory.

But the North Louth Club can proudly show its face anywhere great clubs are mentioned, for it has given to Louth and Leinster football some of the greatest names in history.

And that for a club with only two senior championship titles to its credit is some going.

Oldtimers like to remember the great Intermediate team of 1907 or to nine years later when the Kickhams captured the junior title. But it was a long wait for senior honours. Nineteen years to be exact. It was worthwhile, nevertheless, for the late 1930's saw Cooley at its football peak.

### FIRST EVER

In 1934 the club swept all before it in winning junior honours and going senior in 1935 made history with the first senior championship ever to reach the district.

And what a host of great names: James McKeivitt, Mike Boyle, Mick Callaghan, Tom Murphy, Owen Connolly, the Delanys, the McKeowns and a youngster named



A scene from the Louth v. O'Italy game at Ardee. Louth won by 2-16 to 0-8 and are now chasing National League honours.

Eddie Boyle who went on to become Louth's No. 1 star of all time.

Yes, they were great years, and great men. Years when Louth teams included almost 50 per cent Cooleymen, quite a change from the present day.

### EQUAL STANDARD

If the 1935 team was a great one, the 1939 (also Louth senior champions) must stand side by side with it.

That side included Eddie Boyle, Sean Boyle, Jim Thornton, Tommy Clarke, and the Rev. Fathers Killen and Campbell.

And it is still the opinion in Cooley that that team would have beaten everything in Ireland. As it was, the bag of victories was sensational.

Then came a lean period insofar as honours were concerned. But don't forget the Louth's All-Ireland seeking 1943 team had the Boyles, Clarke, Thornton, Fr. Kevin Connolly and Fr. Mick Hardy representing the Penninsula.

The 1948 fifteen also had six Cooleymen, Sean Thornton and Stephen White being the newcomer with Jim Thornton and Tommy Clarke dropping out.

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### New Revival

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It's a sad story that this year's champion Louth team includes only Stephen White from Cooley and then the Glennore man is not in the club's colours nowadays. Mayo-man Seamus O'Donnell is the club's sole representative.

I learn that the local League has recently been revived, maybe it will be the stepping stone that the hard-working committee needs so badly to recover lost glories.

It's time you came back Cooley, back to the days of say 1935 to '39 and starting filling up those Louth team positions.

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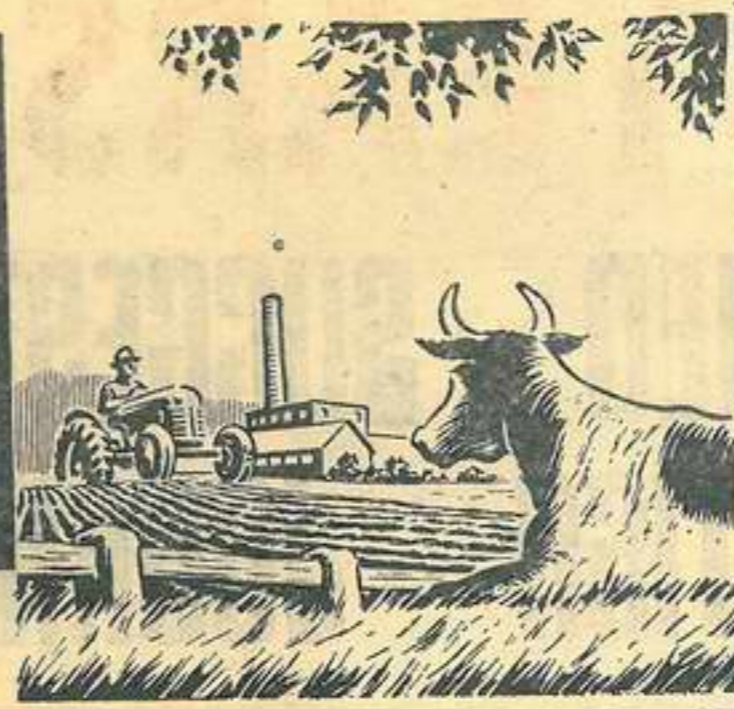
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## Should Ireland Go Into Free Trade Area ?

# HOW MANY BASKETS

# FOR OUR EGGS ?

By OUR SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

**ALTHOUGH** the question being asked at most of the discussions on the proposed Free Trade Area in Europe is: should Ireland go into it? It might be more pertinent to ask: can Ireland afford to stay out of it? Or even, can Ireland stay out of it?

Our position vis-a-vis the countries which are going to be the most powerful of the free trade group is such that we must have their goodwill if we are even to hold our present markets, not to speak of expanding them, as we hope to do.

To think of this country isolated from a union of the most powerful of the Western European countries is rather like thinking of a small barefoot child outside the door of the rich mansion looking in at the luxury inside.

We do not want to be reduced to that position. Our people have tasted a high standard of living for too long now to allow any government to take an action that would lower it, or fail to take an action that would maintain it or improve it.

## Agriculture

On the face of it there seems to be very good reasons for believing that free trade in agriculture will not be instituted for a considerable time after other industries have been affected by whatever agreement is reached between the countries.

Every European country that has a considerable agricultural output has found it necessary in the post-war years to bolster up prices so that home production of food would continue and even increase in volume.

The popular demand for cheap food, combined with rising costs of production, made it essential that the gap between selling prices and costs of production should be bridged if the farmers were to keep up output.

The only solution that appeared possible in any country was Government support for prices.

As has been pointed out several times in recent months, this policy has made things difficult for exporting countries like ours to find a way into the foreign markets, but there are still outlets which we can use.

## Market Research

Before we can hope to use these entrances to the foreign markets, however, we need to reorganise our production and institute extensive market research.

As has been said in these columns many times before, unless we know what is needed and at what prices commodities will sell, we can only grope in the dark.

If we bring down costs of production to the lowest possible level, produce a quality food packed and prepared to attract a demand, we could find ourselves in a very good position under free trade.

Without these improvements in our home set-up we are likely to remain under an increasing disadvantage, depending more and more on the single market in Britain. It has always been regarded as dangerous to carry all your eggs in one basket.

## Grain Stores Should Be Spotless

**THE** practice of storing grain, to get the higher price in the case of wheat, and for feeding on the farm in the case of barley, is growing, but many farms it is not realised that considerable loss is caused by insects.

Insects attacking stored grain cause loss of weight, loss of food value, heating and contamination, which may be severe enough to make the difference between profit and loss on a large stock.

The source of insects is hired sacks, but it is important always to have the grain stores meticulously clean. Insects like dirt. Chemical killers can be got, but it is better to keep the insects out.

If stored grain shows signs of being bored by insects, a thorough examination should be carried out on the whole lot to see how bad the infestation is, and swift measures taken to check it.

Why feed insects that you cannot sell or milk? When taking grain out of store, always take first the bags that have been longest there.

## SCOTCH THE SCUTCH

**HEAVY** soils infested with scutch grass should be tackled at this time of the year. Ploughing to five or six inches deep turns up the roots and many of them will die off if the weather is dry. If not, they ought to be raked together and burned. The weedkiller T.C.A. has been found effective for scutch, but is best used with a high volume sprayer—20lb. to 100 gallons of water per statute acre. After a couple of light cultivations a second spraying has to be carried out about four or five weeks after the first. Then after a final cultivation the field is left uncropped until spring.

## THE KERRY COW - WHY SHE IS FAMOUS

**THE** excellence of the Kerry cow makes it difficult to find a reason for the breed's gradual confinement to a particular region, or virtual confinement at any rate. For centuries the Kerry cow was the only breed in Ireland, but the publicity given to other breeds, as well as other factors, have combined to oust her from this proud position.

A Kerry cow is a small animal, weighing about 750lbs. in good condition, and a bull weighs about 1,250lbs. Bulls are usually easy to handle, which is a useful feature.

A fact that is often overlooked is that the Kerry will fatten readily into a useful type of beef animal. The breed is primarily a milking breed, but fat Kerry bullocks shown at Smithfield market in London some time ago caused considerable surprise by their high quality.

## Good Qualities

A Kerry cow of normal quality and size will give about 700 gallons in a lactation, with ordinary

management, and butter fat content will be about 4 per cent. The breed is noted for a strong constitution, easy and regular calving, low cost of maintenance, long-living, and the ability to find adequate food where other cattle will go back.

Apart from this, the Kerry is not usually bothered by small ailments which are common to some other breeds.

A hardy little animal, easy to keep and not expensive to feed, giving a good return for her board and lodging—this would about describe the Kerry cow.

Quite a number of them have given over the 1,000 gallons in a lactation, and many come regularly very close to this figure.

## Better Yield

Kerry cows' milk is very suitable for children, having small fat globules which are easily digestible.

The use of Kerry bulls at the Co. Kerry A I station has given a chance for farmers to upgrade their herds, and an improvement in yields and quality is likely as a result.

With all its natural advantages, the Kerry only needs publicity to bring it into the prominence it deserves.

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These birds lay in quantity only when egg prices are rock bottom and therefore could not possibly pay their keep.

Poultry keepers should endeavour to replace at least half their laying stock each year as a hen is without value after its second year.

The present high Autumn egg prices confirm this swing over.

## Free Of Disease

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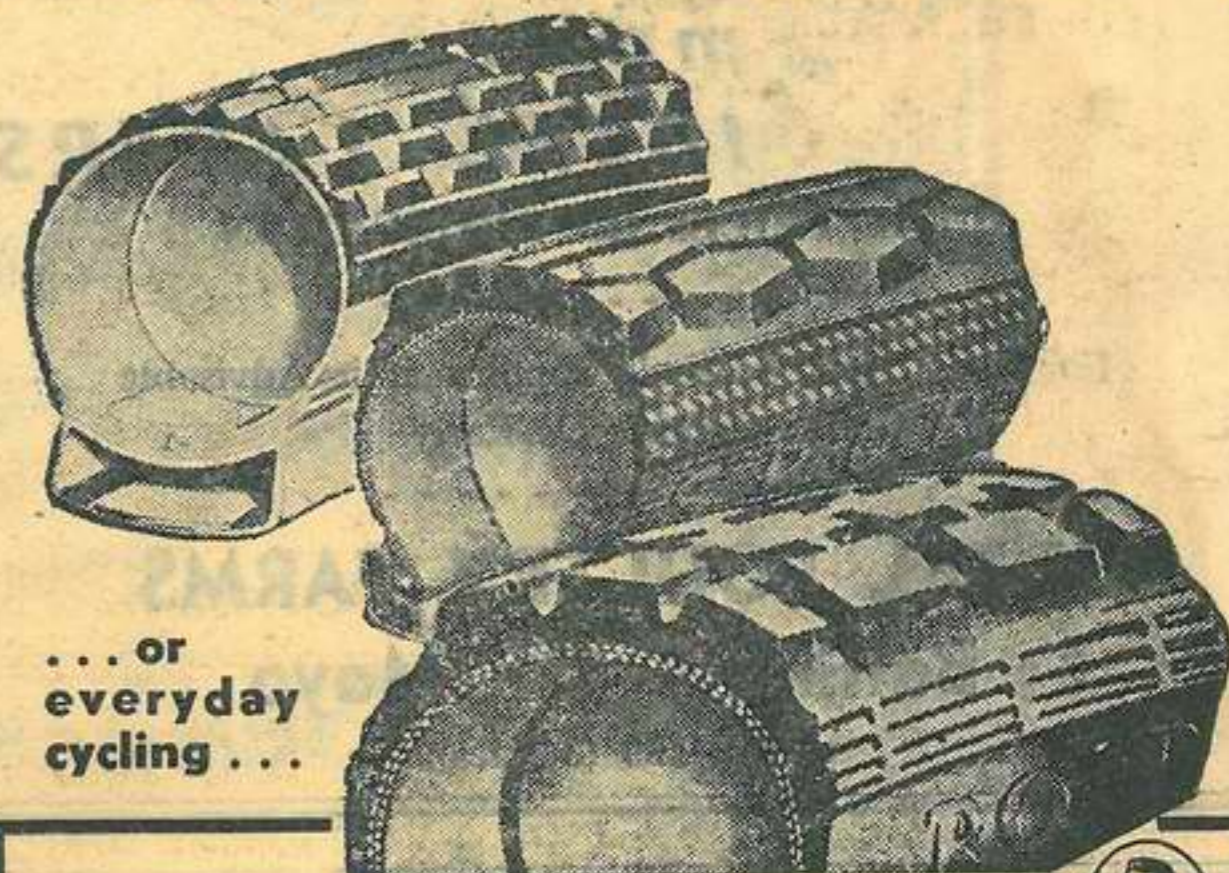
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## NEW IDEA IS 300 YEARS OLD

**A**N idea which has been used for some years in the U.S. is now being tried out by a few farmers in Britain. The idea is to cut the grass in the field and cart it to the cattle, which are kept all the time in yards and houses.

It is reported to have been done 300 years ago, like so many of our so-called modern practices, but it is estimated that the same number of cattle can be kept on half the area of grass by this method, due to cutting out fouling, selective grazing by the animals and the cutting up of the grass by their hooves.

Parasites which lodge in grass would also be rapidly eliminated.

The grass comes to the cattle with a lower moisture content, which has certain advantages.

The cost, according to one report, is about a penny per gallon, with a 900-gallon average for a herd of 120 cows, the operation being completely mechanised with a silorator and tipping lorries.

**T**HE suggestion in a British poultry journal recently that the use of American eggs to start broiler production in this country may be a source of danger to Britain from fowl pest seemed rather far-fetched at the time.

Whether it was prompted by a desire to help the British broiler industry by throwing suspicion on Irish birds, or whether there was a genuine fear at the back of the writer's

mind, the suggestion seems to have got very little support from the people most concerned — the British poultry producers and the Ministry of Agriculture.

Veterinary authorities on this and the other side of the Irish sea have always worked hand in hand on matters affecting the safety of the two countries in regard to animal diseases.

## Co-Operation

The British authorities have always recognised that an island so close to their own shores, stocked with animals having a high degree of freedom from disease, is a distinct advantage.

For that reason they have at all times cooperated in measures designed to retain Ireland's reputation for disease-freedom.

At the same time they are just as careful as our own people to see that no disease is introduced from outside, even from this country, and we may be sure that if they had the slightest suspicion that there might be a source of trouble here, they would clamp down on imports of Irish origin.

## Time For Slag

**T**HE best time for dressing grassland with basic slag is autumn, as this is a slow-acting fertiliser. It is usually better to use high-grade slag with up to 18 per cent phosphate. If you have had your soil tested you will know how much phosphate it needs, but most soils will do with a dressing of 6 cwt. of slag to the statute acre every three years.

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## Autumn Calves Less Costly

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## INJECT THE EWES

**I**N-LAMB ewes can be injected now to guard against lamb dysentery and pulpy kidney. A second injection is needed about 10 days before lambing. If these diseases occur regularly on the farm the lambs will need to be injected within 12 hours after birth. A talk with your vet. on an injection programme would be a good thing.

## HOW TO AVOID MILK TAIN

**K**ALE fed to milking cows will taint the milk if the feeding is done within too short a time before milking. The way to avoid it is to feed the kale after the morning milking, if it is strip-grazed. Let the cows out for about two hours, which should be ample time to get

their ration. In frosty weather wait a while before letting them into the kale, and it is a good idea to feed hay or straw beforehand. If the kale is being fed by hand it should not be fed until milking is over and the milk has all been taken out of the byre. Milk will take a taint from the kale through the air.

## Sheep Can Increase Your Income

**S**HEEP are often regarded by farmers as adding considerably to the labour needs of a farm. In fact, the number of man-days required by a flock, even of ewes, taken over a whole year is very small. An English experiment showed that the labour worked out at one man-day per ewe per year, the peak work being at lambing time, of course. With a flock of 40 ewes, equipment consisted of a couple of feeding racks, a few rolls of netting wire and stake and a dozen hurdles. Sheep can increase your income without adding significantly to current expense or labour.

## INCREASE YOUR BEEF PROFITS

Trials recently carried out in England with the injection of hormones into beef cattle are reported to have given a weight increase equal to £5-10s. per head more in the selling price. The report states that the extra weight did not come in the form of fat, and that the hormone-treated cattle showed better carcasses than those not treated but fed with them. The cost per animal worked out at 4/-, but the treatment was not successful with heifers.

## Storing Loose Grain

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## 'Our Pretty Girls Are Dowdy'



"IRISH girls really are the prettiest, you know." My informant, a moderately widely travelled, and in his own eyes an ultra experienced bachelor, was replying to my question as to how he had enjoyed his holiday at one of the bigger British resorts. He has a one-track mind.

I grinned, and indignantly was told that he wasn't trying to flatter me. "I'm perfectly serious," said the connoisseur.

"The only other European girls who are as pretty are the Italians, but they get fat so quickly, and then they go off terribly. The English girls are all superficially pretty, but they look so mass produced they are all the same."

I was very thrilled, and said so, but there was a snag. Irish girls have good hair, beautiful skin, pretty good figures" I was told, "but they are the dowdiest lot!"

And as for social behaviour—well, put them in a setting which requires some degree of sophistication, and they show up beside their British sisters in a very bad light, and are absolutely childish beside any French girl! Why won't they do something about this?"

### No Answer

I really hadn't an answer to this, as I knew it to be very true, so I asked him if it wasn't better to have so many pretty unspoiled girls here, weren't they better than any degree of the glamorous and hardboiled misses who were so fashionable these days in other countries.

"Not at all" was the reply, "the charms of the simple, old-world, unspoiled girl are very over-rated.

For example, bring a French woman to say—a race meeting. She may turn up in her oldest shoes, and a heavy mac but she will look fine, and will walk anywhere and won't mind mud or rain.

### Discretion!

She will probably know enough of what is going on to follow it intelligently, and if she doesn't, will keep her mouth shut, and not make a show of you.

The Irish girl will probably turn up in a pair of spindle heeled shoes, and won't walk more than two yards for fear of losing her hat.

And she will probably ask silly questions at inopportune moments.

"All right, don't say it," he continued, "how do I know?"

Well, you don't think I haven't found out the hard way. Unfortunately I have, and not so very long ago, too".

I was pretty speechless by then, having seen that particular incident more than a couple of times myself, so I let him have his point.

### Same Opinion

I made enquiries just to see if there was any hope for us, and most of the bachelors of over 24 whom I asked seemed of the same opinion—prettiest, dowdiest, and least sophisticated.

## TRY LEMONS FOR BEAUTY

By "P.H."

THE humble lemon has many uses for health and beauty. Lemon, eaten raw, are a perfect tonic, rich in vitamins. Their juice (contrary to public opinion) keeps the blood-stream alkalised and healthy. What's more, eaten this way they help to keep the common cold at bay. In the sick-room a slice of lemon dipped in coarse sugar eaten by an invalid cleanses the mouth.

As an aid to beauty, lemon juice is excellent. Try this treatment for a few weeks, and notice the improvement in your complexion. After carefully removing all make-up at bedtime, rub a slice of lemon over the face and neck, and notice the improvement. You will be delighted.

Should you be troubled with freckles, this treatment will soon make them disappear, as lemon juice has a bleaching effect on the skin. It also acts as an astringent keepings wrinkles and crows' feet at bay.

### STAIN REMOVER

Rubbed over the hands at night, lemon juice keeps them beautifully soft and white. It also removes stains from the hands, e.g., fruit stains. In fact lemon juice removes all stains.

After washing the hair, a teaspoonful or so of lemon juice in the rinsing water will bring out the "lights" in blonde hair.

## NOW FOR THOSE CHRISTMAS PRESENTS

HAVE you been promised a Christmas present for the house this year, housewives?

Here are a few suggestions. Perhaps if you were to leave these around, husbands might take a hint.

● An angle-poise reading lamp, can be useful to both of you. Placed in the correct position it is absolutely invaluable for reading sewing or any other work in the home.

● Want to re-convert your kitchen? A new product, Marley-film, will cover shelves, floors, tables, with a fine stain-proof, and moderately heat-proof film, and can be obtained in all sorts of attractive shades. This is also fine for nursery and bathroom.

● Rejuvenate the bedroom with a new candlewick bedspread, and perhaps a bedside rug to match.

● What about a picture for the sitting room, or living room? Tweed pictures are very fashionable at present, also marquetry pictures (those made in different woods) will tone with any of the contemporary houses.

## DO YOU KNOW?

THAT pure lard is just as good as cold cream for removing make-up from the face, and that a thin film left on the face nourishes the skin during sleep.

THAT sour milk (the thicker the better) is an old-fashioned and well-known beautifier for the complexion.

THAT to suck lemon drops or barley sugar sweets, has been known to prevent travel sickness on long journey.

THAT old newspapers can be used for cleaning windows, and give a wonderful polish to the glass.

## Put Winter To Good Use

DON'T feel depressed now that summer is over. Though the holiday season is past, there are plenty of new fields open to everyone.

Were you at a loss on that holiday abroad this year when you couldn't make yourself understood? Take a course of lessons in the language.

Do you find that you cannot afford as many clothes as you would like? Solve the problem by spending some of the winter nights at a sewing class.

If you want to keep fit for the summer spend some nights at the local badminton club, or table tennis club.

Swimming fans will find that many clubs have indoor swimming sessions in the off season.

### HOUSE CRAFT

For the girl with a spring wedding in mind a house craft class will provide the answer to many furnishing problems, such things as lamp shades, cushions, trays, etc., can be made at little cost.

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One enterprising lady I know, took lessons in carpentry and she has made endless improvements in her home which her husband would have been too tired to tackle after work.

Lastly it is true that the way to a man's heart is through his stomach. If you want to try, take cookery lessons, and don't be the 'can't boil an egg' type when the right man comes along.

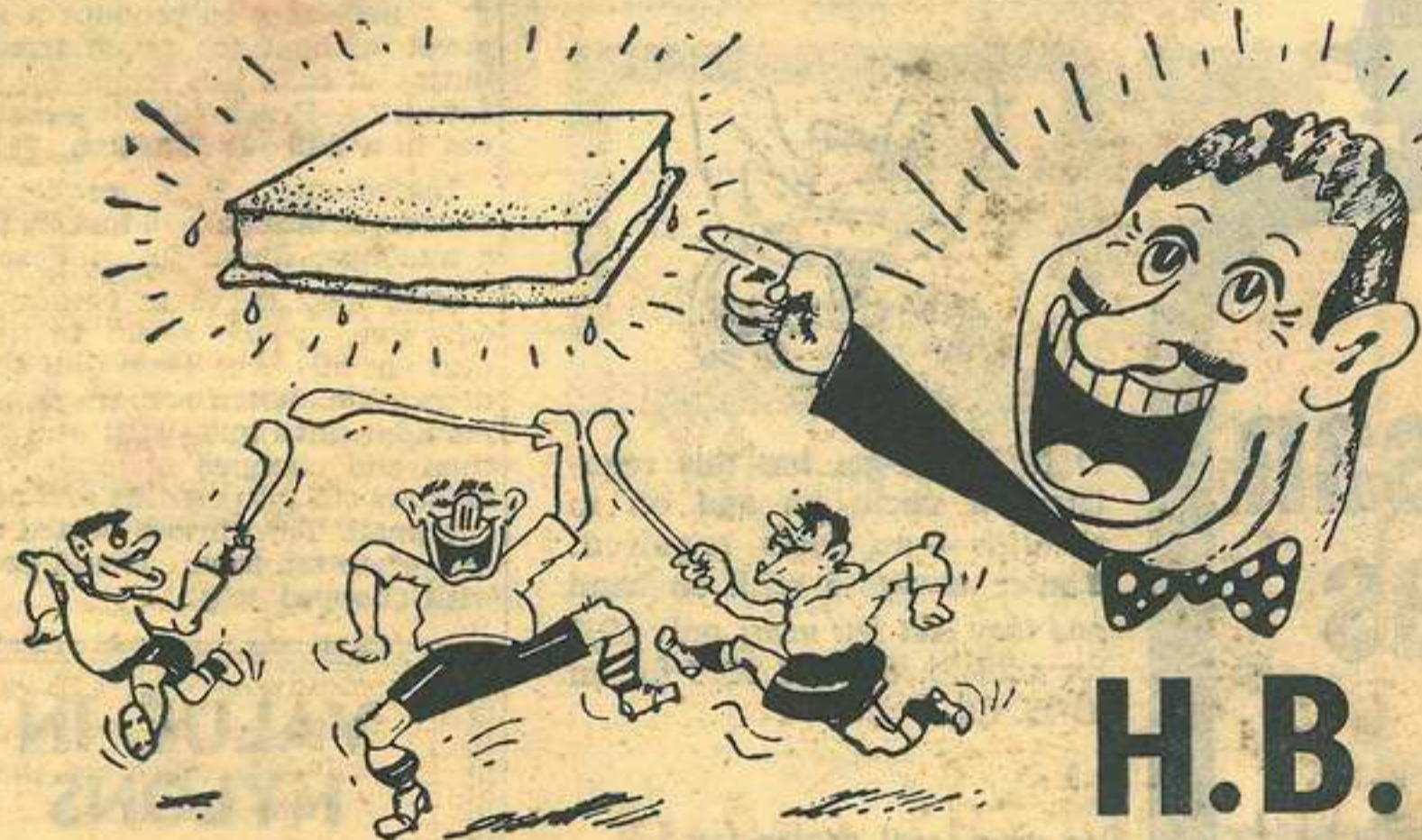
## APPEARANCE DOES MATTER

READING the other day of the free facial treatment which is being provided regularly by the authorities for the inmates of a women's Mental Home in England, and of how well this idea is working, I thought that it was about time somebody realised that a woman's looks matter

to her even in a mental hospital.

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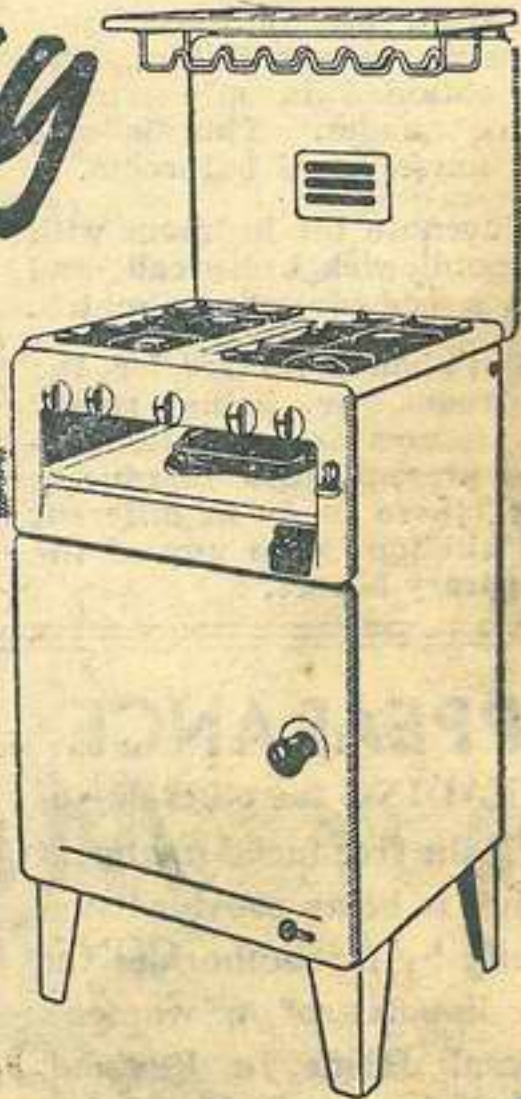
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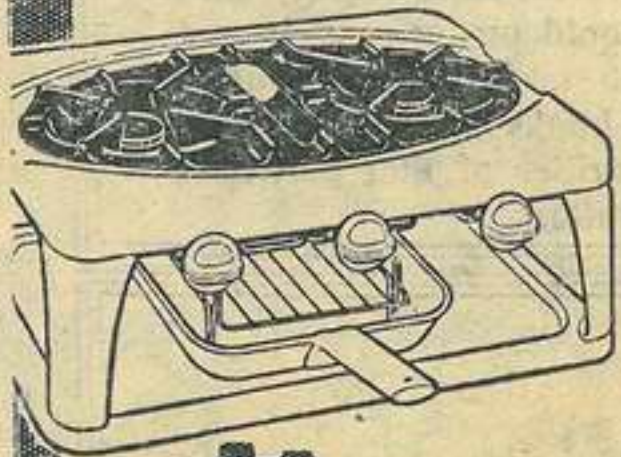
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## Kitchen Hints

IT is often as useful to know what causes failures in baking as it is to know what makes success. Even if you may seem to have followed all the rules of the book, sometimes you can have a cake that is too dry or too moist, cracks and bumps on the surface, or a crumbly crust like a macaroon. Hereunder are some of the more common faults and their reasons.

**Dry Cake:** Too much flour; too little fat; too much baking powder.  
**Heavy gummy cake:** too much sugar; too little baking powder. A cake falling: too much flour; too much fat; too little baking; too much sugar. **An uneven colour:** too little mixing; too fast baking.

**F**OR a special occasion when it is necessary to produce a special sweet without too much trouble or outlay of cash this recipe for a firm favourite—Peach Mallow—may help out in a difficult situation.

Ingredients: Pint packet Jelly (lemon or orange); 10 marshmallows 6 almonds; Small tin of Peaches.

Melt jelly cubes in boiling water add some peach syrup to make 1/2 pint (in all). Put aside 1/4 of this for decoration. When set, whisk the remainder until quite stiff and frothy, then add chopped almonds, marshmallows cut into eighths and peaches cut small. Turn into a wetted mould and when set, turn out and decorate with chopped jelly.

## VALUE IN NYLONS

**N**YLONS are getting a different look at the moment. Two large British firms are going in for coloured nylons—one for a nylon and terylene mixture stocking in candy stripes, and the colours to be used are lemon, pink, blue and white. Well, they may suit the hep cats! Although the manufacturers swear that the overall effect will be of a charming translucent shaded effect. Another firm is bringing new nylons in what they call Fuschia, two shades of pink mixed with silver.

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By "P.R."

WINTER IS HERE . . . AND WITH IT, THE LONG COLD EVENINGS. NOW WHAT DOES THAT CONJURE UP? AN ARMCHAIR, COMFORTABLE SLIPPERS, THE EVENING PAPER, A LITTLE MUSIC IN THE BACKGROUND . . . AND HEAT! Heat? Yes, indeed . . . for without

heat, there can be no comfort on a dreary winter's evening.

And, good heating is not such a problem nowadays. Engineers and technicians have evolved and improved many new and varied methods of heating, and these are now available to every household in the country.

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As I said before, home heating these days no longer poses a problem. If by chance you do have one . . . all you have to do is see your local trader, supplier or heating agent. If the problem is too weighty for him, well then, you have the manufacturers, and they can provide the answer to any heating difficulty.

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The Adoption Board in 45 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, will probably be able to help you if you write to them or call to their offices. I think it is a very good idea, and you and your husband are to be commended for your kind act.

SORRY now, Portlaoise: I was going out with a boy for two years and we were planning to be married shortly. Then two weeks ago we had a trifling row as a result of which we both said a lot of things we didn't mean. I haven't seen him since, and wonder whether it would be wrong for me to write and apologise for my behaviour in the whole matter.

Of course, you should apologise if you mean what you say. You should have done it as soon as possible after the row. If this boy is any good he will be ashamed of his part of the row, and like you will probably be wondering whether he should apologise to you. He will probably be very pleased at any overtures you will make.

## Here Is The Remedy

ASIAN FLU has been here now for a couple of weeks. If it has not hit you yet or if you feel it coming on to-day—here is the remedy. Simply go to bed for the few days it requires for the virus to clear up. Even though you may feel terrible, you are not going to die, as the doctors say the infection is not serious.

On the other hand, if you are careless, and decide to stay on your feet, besides giving it to everyone you know, there is a grave danger that it will turn into pneumonia, and then it will be serious. So if you feel a germ coming on — be kind to yourself—go to bed and get rid of it in comfort.

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Our mothers would have been horrified if they knew that anyone in their circle ever wore anything not their own. People, they heard, did such things, but only in a very hole and corner manner, and nobody but the theatrical costumiers ever came out into the open about their goods.

**NOW, ENTIRE OUTFITS FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY CAN BE HIRED FOR A WEDDING, FROM THE BRIDE'S DRESS, AND HER FATHER'S TOP HAT, TO THE ACTUAL WEDDING CAKE.**

If you want to impress the boy friend, you can hire a fur coat for the big night he has promised you. If you want evening shoes you can hire them also. Saves you the bother of wearing in new ones.

It is a sobering thought that when you go to a party nowadays, the table cloth, the cocktail cabinet, the radiogram, and that lovely record it is playing may all be hired for the occasion.

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# A Success Story

**FIFTEEN** minutes in the lounge of any hotel, time your arrival to meal time and, if you are observant, you will come away knowing all you want to learn about the standard it offers by watching the clientele come in.

Because it was Saturday, always a busy day for Mrs. O'Regan and staff, proprietor of Crofton House, Dun Laoire, I called in the early afternoon. Even then the lounge was not empty. One group sitting close to my table were talking animatedly. Someone entered and called a greeting to Max. He replied in French.

From my window-seat I could see across Dublin Bay to Howth. Late sunlight burnished the sky and sea to a golden amber. It was a wonderful sight. Knowing what visitors remember about a new country I could not help thinking that most of them would return again on holiday to Crofton House.

member long after they have forgotten the excellent quality of the food. "We were not hoteliers when we came from Roscommon to Dublin; on the contrary, when we first opened my husband and I had no experience of hotel business at all."

### Hard Work

Behind this simple statement one can estimate an amount of hard work because a name like Crofton House is not built up over night. "Our day begins about 6 a.m. and can end early in the morning, particularly when we have a dance on" Mrs. O'Regan said.

My guess is, to make a success of the hotel business you must certainly like people, and then never tire of the endless round of work.

Soon daughter Ena, eldest of the five O'Regan children, will be able to take over and manage part of this work. Pupil at Shannon Airport catering school, she was leaving to complete the final two years of her course in Germany when I called at Crofton House.

When she returns there will be plenty of work for her because Mrs. O'Regan has plans to open a second hotel in Carlow any of these days.

### Small Start

That was how it began seven years ago for Mrs. O'Regan and her husband. When they bought the handsome, eight roomed family house their plans were modest. A few guests in summer, increased and kept returning as year after year went by and as the demand for more accommodation grew Mr. O'Regan decided to extend and build.

To-day Crofton House has 46 bedrooms, a ballroom—the biggest in Dun Laoire, and a reputation for excellent service and good food, which is another reason why it is proving popular with Dubliners as well as visitors and holiday-makers from all parts.

Behind this success story is charming Mrs. O'Regan, who gives that personal touch that people re-

## "ALL IN A DAY'S WORK"

**SLIM**, debonair, Joe McDonnell has all those qualities one expects of hotel and restaurant managers. But he has, in addition, quick humour which betrays eyes and mouth every time he smiles.

Mrs. O'Regan made no secret that Joe was indeed her right hand as restaurant manager of Crofton House. "I have seen him come out smiling," she said, "after as many as 20 weddings in three days, followed up by dinner dances at night."

"All in a day's work," was Joe's comment, though there is no doubt to do a job like that one must really like it.

Though he mentioned other names, Johnny Opperman rang a bell when Joe said he had worked under him at Dublin Airport.

"Do you work at home," I asked, thinking what his experience could do for any kitchen. Joe's eyes crinkled. "What! Do my wife out of a job" he said.

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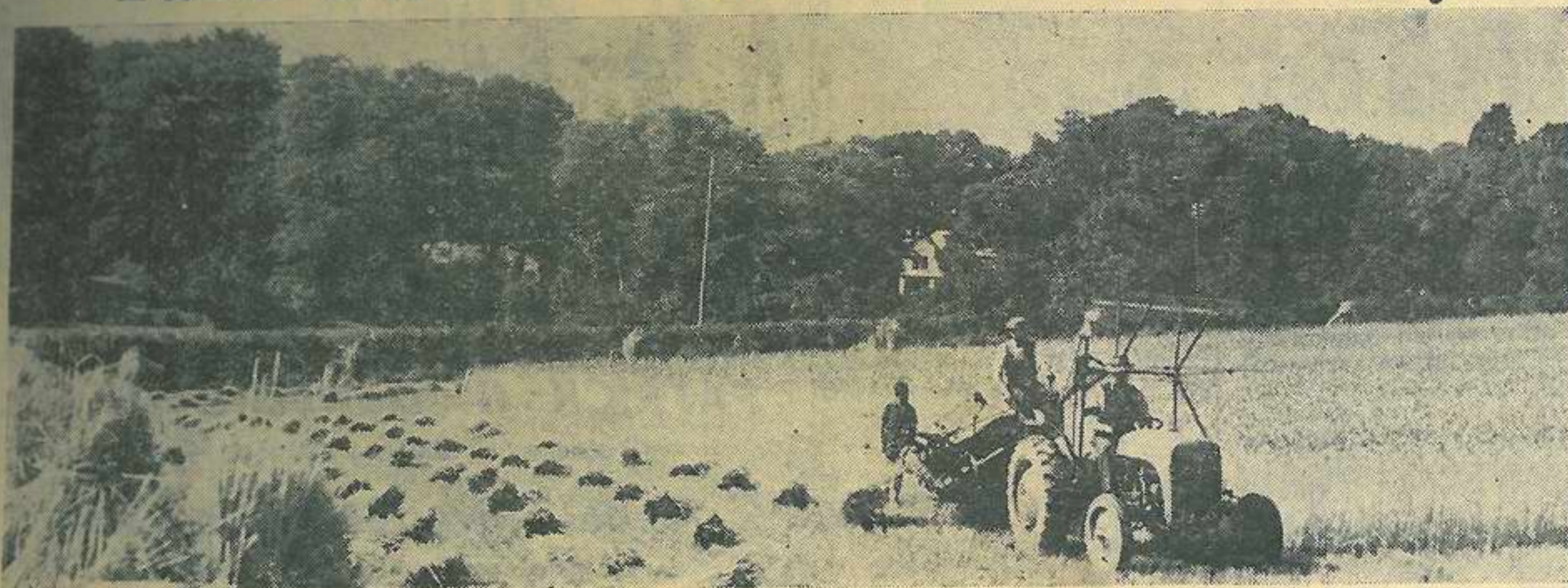
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## BREAKDOWNS COST TIME AND MONEY

By Frank Deasy

**FARMERS** who have become fairly highly mechanised have found that a good deal of time is wasted on account of breakdowns while machinery is working at high pressure peak period.

Even though they may have taken all reasonable precautions to guard against mishap, the occasional accident happens and somebody has to rush into the nearest town, or maybe further, for spare parts.

On most machines there are certain weak links, sometimes put in deliberately by the makers to avoid smashing more expensive parts if the strain on the machine becomes too great, in the same way as electric circuits always include fuses.

As well as these, parts which are constantly under strain are more likely to go than others and where the replacements cause a lot of time to be lost it is a good plan to have a stock of spare parts on hands.

Of course, this means laying out money, and if there is a good stockist within easy reach it may be more sensible to rely on him.

But Irish shops and forges are not always well stocked with such things, and many farmers will find it advisable to have a box of spare parts on the farm.

A difficulty, after deciding to follow this line, is to find what spares you ought to keep. A record of purchases over a couple of years will give you a guide, but if you talked it over with somebody in

the trade you will get some helpful suggestions.

Anybody selling spares will know which are most frequently asked for.

### Full Range

As well as spare parts for machines, it is a good practice to have a collection of nuts, bolts, split pins, screws, washers, nails and the various other items coming into use on a busy farm. Each box ought to be clearly labelled and not used for anything other than that named on the label.

Do not rely too much on old screws and similar things taken from broken machine or elsewhere. Though one of these will often save a bit of time, it should be replaced by a new one as soon as possible.

A good way of keeping small objects is to use glass jars with screw tops. If the tops are nailed to the under side of a shelf the jars can be screwed in, leaving them suspended with the contents in easy view.

## Accurate Food Records Could Be Revelation

**FARMERS** who feed large quantities of concentrates, such as pig-farmers with a high output, poultry farmers and those with high-yielding cow herds, will find it worth while to keep accurate records of the amounts of these expensive foods fed to their animals.

It is particularly important where part of the food is bought in.

Records can be kept in various ways, most of which will not be of much use. The only right way is to get a proper book for the purpose. The use of odd bits of paper is useless in the hands of most people, whereas the regular entering of a proper book quickly becomes a habit, and the results will show up weaknesses that may have gone unsuspected for years.

If records show that food is not giving the results it should, the first thing to look for is sources of waste. Eliminating these will save something.

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The size of the orchard and the number of trees were not mentioned, but it appeared that the area was not great. For years the trees had been neglected and the orchard had got no more attention than a lot of crab apples in a hedge.

Under the influence of the local horticultural instructor the boy tilled the ground, got it analysed and fertilised it according to the requirements shown by the analysis.

## Nice Profit

He pruned the trees with the help of the instructor, in his spare time, and the result was £40 in his pocket that would not have got there if he had not seen the possibility in the previously wasted trees.

This is a possibility for everyone who has an old orchard. The trees may include one or two not worth bothering about, and these can be cut down and new ones planted in their stead.

But the trees are usually good and need merely pruning, spraying and a bit of care to make them bear well. Once the thing is started there is less and less trouble until the job becomes automatic and there is a constant supply of apples either direct from the trees in autumn or from drawers and cases during the rest of the year.

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In recent years the benefits of skim milk as an animal food have been stressed by all advisory workers and proved by scientific investigation, and most farmers have realised that with skim milk and home-grown barley, pig-keeping can be a profitable enterprise even though prices fall a bit from time to time.

## Little Chance

Calves are, of course, being fed on skim milk all over the country for years, and many of them had little or no chance of escaping tuberculosis from the day of their birth.

The declaration of Co. Sligo as a clearance area, for bovine tuberculosis was given its due prominence in the past few weeks, and it is to be hoped that the 15 per cent of Sligo farmers who have not yet come into the scheme will not have to be forced by Government action.

The final clearance of the disease from the county depends on these men, and whether it is reluctance or circumstances which kept them out up to this, they must take another look at it now.

## Slow Process

The eradication drive is gaining momentum, though it is going to be years yet before any area, even Sligo, can be declared completely free.

In the meantime, it is hoped that when a substantial part of that county becomes free, some arrangements will be made with the British authorities to allow cattle direct from these areas to the attested parts of Britain.

A similar status is likely to be reached within a comparatively short time in parts of other counties where incentive measures are now being used, and it seems likely that before any critical stage is reached there will be sufficient numbers of clean cattle available for the British market.

As a recent Department statement pointed out, Government action can go only so far. After that it is in the hands of the farmers.

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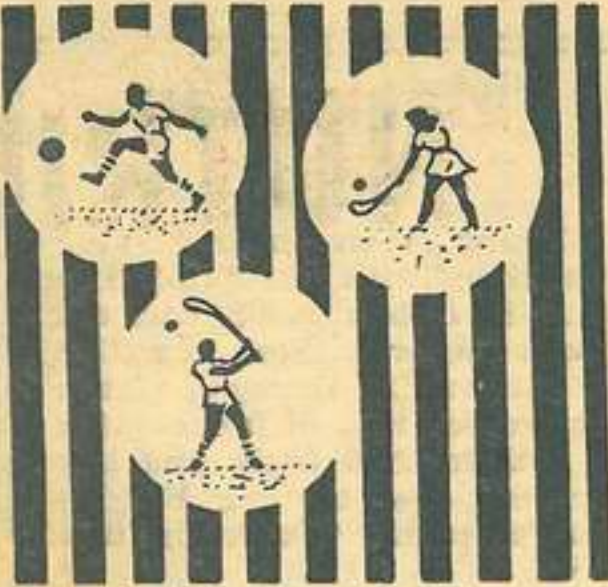
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Straightaway let me say that I row in with those people who maintain that the boarding schools do, in fact, hold a distinct advantage over the boys going to day schools.

**By Peadar Byrne**

### Novel Hurling Competition

SOUTH Galway G.A.A. Board, who are to be congratulated on their determination to improve the standard of hurling in their area have devised a novel competition to revive interest in the game and also to enable parishes, once the strongholds of famous hurling clubs, but now denuded of players through emigration or other causes, to field senior sides once more.

The teams are to have only 11 players aside, with games lasting 40 minutes, 20 minutes in each half, which should enable most parishes to field a team.

A happy augury of success and a sign of appreciation of the admirable purpose behind the scheme, is the very large entry of 14 teams. Draws were made, already some fixtures have been played, proving the Board right in their claim that the interest in the game was there if an attractive competition were run.

The Board, the 14 teams and the Galway supporters deserve the highest praise and support in their gallant venture and courageous determination in tackling a major problem in such a workmanlike, ambitious and novel way.

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In support of that I point to the record book. Just tot up the number of titles won by day schools down through the years. Not many, is it?

Take a glance at the number of times the Leinster football title has gone to Dublin. If you look long enough, I think you'll find that, in all its year of existence, the trophy has rested only once in the Metropolis . . . . . in St. Joseph's, Fairview, to be precise.

And don't tell me the average Dublin youth is not as good as his counter-part in the provinces. As a matter of fact, due to all the juvenile competitions in Dublin, he's much better.

#### ADVANTAGES

Why the difference? For one thing, the boarding schools hold a tremendous advantage in training facilities.

Whereas most of the day pupils I know, have to trek long distances to the school grounds, the boarder merely has to open the study hall door and he's there.

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#### DECISIVE FACTOR

Then again, the athletic-minded boarder usually "lives" hurling and football. Really, when he packs away his books, he has nothing else to do except to don the football boots.

Not so with the lad out in the outside world who finds it hard even to fit in an odd evening for training.

**THIS EXPLAINS THE DIFFERENCE IN FITNESS—SO OFTEN THE DECISIVE FACTOR—IN GAMES WHERE BOARDERS AND DAY PUPILS CROSS SWORDS.**

In view of this, it does take a really good day school to win a college title. Not alone are their training facilities limited, but also the urge to win is not quite the same as it is in the resident colleges.

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## LOSS TO DONEGAL

**D**ONEGAL football has suffered a severe loss through the death of the late Mr. Sean O'Caide. The Ardara man was connected with the Association for over

thirty years, during which time he devoted himself wholeheartedly to the development of our National Games. May he rest in peace.

## Marksman Sean

Young man hitting the headlines with the Erin's Isle club in Dublin, is 20 years old Sean Rafferty. Sean, a native of Kiltar, Co. Donegal, makes up for his lack of inches with a real football brain and has proved one of the Finglas club's leading marksmen this year.

## Professionalism In G.A.A. ? asks Patrick Carver

**T**HERE'S nothing in the G.A.A. official guide about professionalism. Nothing that says a G.A.A. player must be a true-blue amateur. Correct? Yes,—it's quite true. I know.

But... It's also true that one of our proudest boasts to-day is that

the G.A.A. is probably the most amateur and non-commercial sports association in the world. Then, why was a prominent southern milk firm permitted to use a picture of several members of this year's Cork All-Ireland team in a recent advertisement? Anyone like to tell me?

## HINDERING INTERESTS OF IRISH SPORT

# Olympic Council Should Be Scrapped

**I**F THE MELBOURNE OLYMPIAD PROVED ANYTHING IT PROVED THAT THE TIME HAS COME TO DO AWAY WITH THAT AUGUST BODY KNOWN AS THE IRISH OLYMPIC COUNCIL.

This undemocratic self-appointed body has certainly out-lived any usefulness it may have had, although I have yet to hear of anything useful it ever did.

I suggest that its present members should do Irish sport one favour—resign and let more capable men take over.

This, you may say, is a rather sweeping statement. It is, but here are my reasons.

1. Whether other sports may like it or not the big thing in the Olympics is the Athletics Championships.

All other events are merely side shows. Yet the Irish Olympic Council has no representatives from any athletic body. Yes, it is fantastic but true, nevertheless.

This is due to a somewhat hypocritical role of the I.O.C. which confines membership to 32 County Associations, although the I.O.C. selects members of 26 County Associations to represent Ireland.

Therefore the AAUE is not accepted as the IOC in its alleged Nationalism will not accept a Partitionist Organisation.

The NACA is not accepted because it is not recognised internationally. Thus we have the ridiculous spectacle of Boxers and Show Jumpers selecting Athletic Teams.

### Biggest Job

The I.O.C. has done nothing about this even though the fact that this omission lies heavy on its conscience can be proved by the I.O.C. sponsored headlines in the Daily Press announcing that the I.O.C. through the agency of its President—Lord Killannin—had fixed up our Border problems in athletics.

**THIS, OF COURSE, IS UNTRUE AS ALL THE VENERABLE LORD HAS DONE WAS TO CHANGE THE NAME OF THE 26 COUNTIES FROM EIRE TO IRELAND FOR OLYMPIC PURPOSES.**

A rose by any other name would smell as sweet.

3. The I.O.C. has no popular support. Indeed were it not for the Government Grant plus the fact that a number of the organisations whose men were going to Melbourne paid their men's way there would not have been any Irish representation.

I do not know the exact figures but I doubt if the I.O.C. raised £100.

Yet the outlawed National Cycling Association was able to raise sufficient cash to send out a three-man team at a cost of approximately £600 each. This in spite of being repudiated by the I.O.C. and slandered by the English Press.

### Bad Handling

4. Any lingering hopes of an I.O.C. move to fix up our representation was killed by the actions of the I.O.C. Officials and Competitors at Melbourne.

When Delaney won the 1,500

metres he was interviewed on a World Wide Radio Hook Up.

All he said was "I won for Ireland" and then after a short pause he repeated the word "Ireland".

This proves that Delany's conscience was at him but does not help to improve our representation problem.

It was quite obvious that the winner of the 1,500 metres—one of the feature events—would receive fantastic publicity. If Delany had not the sense to realise this one of the officials should have had and should have told Delany to plug the Irish position when he got a chance.

He did not have to make a political speech.

Something on the following lines would have filled the bill. "I am very proud to have won this race for Ireland, although the Olympic Rules will allow me to represent only a part of Ireland. Irishmen have won many Olympic Medals in the past and will do so again in the future, but unfortunately Ireland cannot be properly represented in the Olympics unless Irishmen are prepared to sell their birthright and acknowledge the right of England to select athletes from the North of Ireland. This 99 per cent are not prepared to do and I appeal to the sportsmen of the World to insist that Irish Athletics get justice."

### Bad Manners

This would have sufficed to set Melbourne on fire and would have given our chances of getting proper representation its greatest boost ever. Unfortunately all we got was Delany's conscience-stricken mumblyings quoted above.

The bad handling of Delany's chance of getting in a blow was bad enough, but worse was to come at the end of the week when the I.O.C. proved that it has no interest whatever in settling our athletic problems.

One of the highlights of the Olympics is the closing ceremonies and it is downright insulting to the closing. Yet the Irish party left the day before.

### The Day Before

Why? I'll tell you. One of the final events of the Olympiad was the Cycling Road Race. The National Cycling Association of Ireland had announced its intention of sending a team to this race even though as a 32 County Association it was not eligible. The I.O.C. had refused to send on the NCA entry but surely if it has sincere interest in Irish sport it should have sent a representative to the race to plead the cyclists cause.

**'Gaelic Echo'**  
columnist  
**CON KELLY**  
hits out

However, the I.O.C. had cleared out of Melbourne the night before and we had the humiliating sight of Danes and Italians pleading with the Race Officials to let the Irish start.

As a columnist in one of the Dublin evening papers put it.

Would it not have been a wonderful thing if our Gold Medallist, Ron Delany had gone to the start of the race to ask for justice for the Irish Cyclists.

Yes, it would but it would have been a lot better if the I.O.C., whose job it was to look after the interests of the Irish Sportsmen in Melbourne, had gone there instead of sneaking away like thieves in the night.

### Boxing Council

5. The bad handling of the Athletic and Cycling interests is bad enough but the I.O.C. can always plead that Athletics and Cycling is not represented in its list of members.

However, it cannot say the same about Boxing. The three top men are Boxing Representatives. In fact there are so many boxers on the Council that it could well be called the Irish Boxing Council.

**YET WHEN IRISH BOXERS WERE THE VICTIMS OF DISGRACEFUL DECISIONS THERE WAS NO PROTEST.**

All we were told is that the man sitting beside Lord Killannin said the Irishman should have won.

I could go on listing the defects of the I.O.C. for hours but will content myself with the above five points.

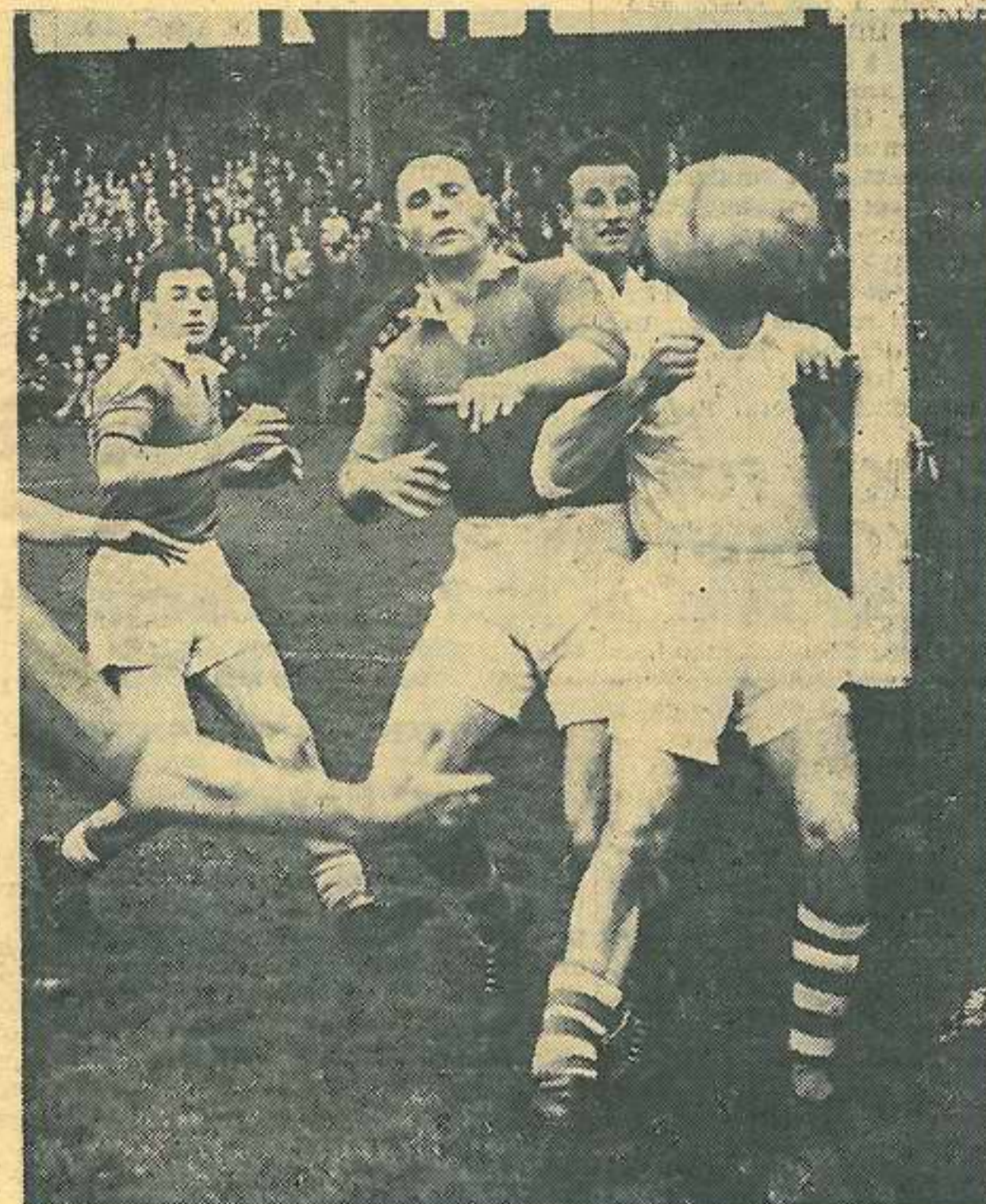
To conclude I say to the I.O.C. Please do Irish Sport a favour. Pack up and let more capable men take over. All you are doing is hindering the interests of Irish Sport.

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Not so long ago road cycle racing was practically unknown in Tipperary, but a few years ago, local secretary Bill Hyland started the revival of a sport that was most popular amongst the youth of Clonmel in the early part of the present century.

At first defeats were many and victories were very few, but as always perseverance brought its reward, and this year Clonmel cyclists had their greatest season ever. They captured several national titles, and although they did not bring home the team prize from Ras Tailteann, they are more than hopeful of doing so next year.

## CLOCKS FOR TIPP. TOURISTS

Saint Patrick's Hall, Clonmel, was packed to capacity at a farewell ceili for the three Clonmel members of the Tipperary senior hurling team which travelled to America in October. The three players—Messrs. Theo English, Mick Ryan and Phil Shanahan, all resident in the town—were presented with a cheque and travelling clocks by Mr. Paddy Hogan, Chairman of the Marlfield Hurling Club.

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# When Tipperary Taught Football To Kerry!

IT is now 22 years since Tipperary won a Munster senior football championship, and football in the Premier County has reached such a low ebb that one would find it hard to believe that in the closing years of the last century a team from Tipperary was asked to participate in a match in Kerry to help foster Gaelic football in the Kingdom County!

This may seem a bit of a paradox but it really did happen. In fact there was a time when Tipperary were amongst the giants of the football world, and were more than able to hold their own in any company.

One of the heroes of the great Tipperary teams of the early 1900's was Jack Dwan of Four Mile Water. Although he is a Waterford man Jack will always be associated with Tipperary, as it was in the golden days of Tipperary football at the turn of the century that he made a name for himself.

Aged 77, Jack is one of the few surviving members of the famous team that won the 1900 All-Ireland football final for Tipperary.

## Cup For Noel

NOAL STAPLETON, the former Munster and Tipperary senior footballer, is at present making quite a name for himself in Tipperary golfing circles. At the Clonmel Golf Links, recently, he captured one of the major trophies of the year when he won the Arthur J. Morris Cup.

By  
**Don Finlay**

In those far-off days the G.A.A. was not as efficiently organised as it is now, and the 1900 All-Ireland final was not played until October 26, 1902, at Jones' Road.

At that time the county champions had the right of selection for the inter-county championships, and the Clonmel Shamrocks selection trounced London Hibernians in the final on the score 3-7 to 0-2.

In the home final they had previously accounted for Galway by the fantastic score of 2-20 to 0-1.

Those were the days of the 17-a-side teams, but Jack has no difficulty in remembering the names of the players of the Tipperary team. Here they are: Jack Tobin (captain), Larry Tobin, Bill McRell, Jack ("Farrier") O'Brien, Paddy Myers, David Smyth and Jack Dwan (all of Clonmel Shamrocks); Bobby Quann and Dick Hourigan of Tipperary town; Michael Walsh and Jack Hayes of Fethard; Paddy Moloney, Kilsheelan; Paddy Wall, Jim Cooney, Dan Harney, William O'Toole and Jack O'Shea, all from Grangemockler.

## Sam Maguire

The London Hibernians proved to be no match for Tipperary, but yet they were noted footballers. Among their players on that day in 1902, was one Sam Maguire, the Dunmanway man who was to give his name and his memory to the G.A.A. for all time on the All-Ireland football trophy.

The year 1902 was, incidentally, the year of a Tipperary double, for in that year Two-Mile-Borris won the 1900 All-Ireland hurling championship by beating London Desmonds in the final (2-5 to 0-6). In the home final Tipperary defeated Galway (5-7 to 0-1).

In the years that followed Jack played with nearly every club in the county in "invitation" games, and won prizes galore. While working in the grocery business in Limerick Jack played with Limerick Commercials for three years, and won a county championship with them.

He was a two-footed player, but it seems he had a lethal left. It was while playing in Tipperary against Dublin in a challenge game at Waterford in 1904, that Jack scored a remarkable goal from 78½ yards out! Yes, it was measured afterwards!

## Athlete, Too

In his young days, Jack was a well-known athlete, and competed in all the local sports meetings. He thinks that very few of the present day athletes could hope to compete with the feats of the men of his day even though the modern athletes have all the advantages of scientific training and methods.

He remembers the Leahys of Charleville, Paddy, Tom, Con and Joe, who each used to jump 6ft. 2ins. to 6ft. 4ins. regularly with just a "short straight run and over the bar."

Other great athletes Jack knew were Tom and Pat Flynn (Tom won a road race from Drogheda to Navan in amazingly fast time); Pierry and Watty Butler from Kilnamack, John Conway of Ballymacarbry; and the great Jim Ryan of Rockwell.

In those days most of the young men of the period went in for the long jump, the hop-step-and-jump, and the hurdles. Jack's best effort at the long jump was 23 ft. 5 ins. A great jump by any standards.

To-day Jack Dwan lives on his farm at pleasant Four Mile Water. He has with him memories of many different sports. Jack, in fact, tried his hand at nearly every kind of sport. He was also a keen fisherman and a slipper at numerous coursing meetings.

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### Referee Panel

Mid-Roscommon Board, in an effort to ensure an ample supply of referees within their division, have decided to form a panel of referees, each club to nominate a member as a potential referee.

Those so named will, from time to time, meet, to discuss matters concerning this most important branch of G.A.A. administration, exchanging views on debateable incidents and decisions.

### Connacht County Champions

THE winners of titles in the various Connacht counties in 1957 are to date:—

|                            |   |
|----------------------------|---|
| Senior Championship        | Sen. League   |
| Mayo: <b>EAST MAYO</b>     | Do.   |
| Sligo: <b>TUBBERCERRY</b>  | Do.   |
| Galway: <b>TUAM STARS</b>  | Not yet finished.   |
| Roscommon: <b>ELPHIN</b>   | Not yet finished.   |
| Leitrim: <b>BORNACoola</b> | No such competition heretofore, but one decided on recently for the O'Rourke Cup. |

# Alma Mater Of Western Stars

**ST. NATHY'S** surmounted the first hurdle in the defence of their Connacht junior football title when they defeated St. Muredach's, Ballina, in a thrilling game in Ballaghaderreen.

Three of last year's side are still available: **Batty McLoughlin** (capt.) Noel Collins and **Kevin O'Doherty**. A nephew of **Tom Kilcoyne**, popular secretary of the Connacht Council, **Faddy Kilcoyne**, the fourth brother to wear the St. Nathy's jersey, figures with success in the forward line.

The College is very hopeful of retaining the All-Ireland handball title won so convincingly last season with **Kenneth Sheridan** the dominant figure in their success, available again this year.

A new pair must be found to defend the title won by the exceptionally good junior partnership of **Sheridan** and **MacGrath**, but talent is abundant and the title will not be relinquished without a strong defence.

Handball is the most popular game in St. Nathy's and the house leagues are contested, as one who knows remarked "with all the fervour and fever of a Munster hurling final."

Which is what one might expect in the Alma Mater of great col-

leges' handball star of the '30's, **Billy Durcan** of Swinford, who, incidentally, won junior and senior All-Ireland medals in football with his native Mayo.

**Padraic Carney**, dominant figure on Mayo sides from '46 to '52, proud possessor of two All-Ireland senior medals, two National League medals a Railway Cup trophy, three All-Ireland jerseys four Connacht senior and one minor medals, starting his football career on the playing fields of St. Nathy's. Another star of the same college was **Fr. Padraic MacGovern**, who represented his native Sligo in all three grades of football in the one year while still a pupil of the college.

### ROUND THE CLUBS

Next month 'Roadman' will visit a number of NCA clubs and let you in on their history, together with a few pen pictures of cycling personalities. If you would like your club publicised in the 'Gaelic Echo' contact me by sending a line to 13 Parliament Street, Dublin.

### ACTIONS SPEAK LOUDER THAN WORDS

# American Dollars For Pearse Park

By OUR WESTERN CORRESPONDENT

**GALWAY EXILES** believe that actions speak louder than words, as is proved by the generous gesture of the Galway Men's Association in New York, who entrusted one of their officers, Mr. James Goode, now holidaying in his native county, with the pleasant duty of presenting a cheque for £300 as a subscription from the Association towards the PAIRC AN PHIARSAIGH, Salt-hill, Fund.

Other practical steps taken by those exiled Tribesmen include a monster reception and dinner to welcome the Galway team, National League winners, on their arrival in the U.S.; a "flight of the Tribesmen" to Ireland next year in conjunction with the games arranged between exiles and home sides at Pairc an Phiarraig next May.

### Scholarships

A further laudable scheme is the **Fr. MacLoughlin** Scholarship, endowed by the Association and tenable at U.C.G., at present confined to the Arts Faculty but which may be opened to all faculties.

Galway may well feel proud of its exiles who show their pride in their native county in such a practical way.

### Made The Grade

One of the most surprising features of Dublin Junior football this year has been the great strides made by **St. Cailins**. Although only a few years years in existence, St. Cailins succeeded in winning the Junior 'B' football league this year, and with footballers of the calibre of James, Hyland, O'Neill and the Murphy's to call upon, they may well become a force on the Senior scene in the near future.

### New Exciting Greeting Cards

So. Joseph's Press of Leinster Square, Dublin gave us an original and unusual Press Conference—the "Tasting of the Mead"—at the Oak Room in the Mansion House . . . and they also gave us a peep at their new and exciting Christmas Cards.

Beautifully designed by Michael O'Connor—illuminated lettering in Celtic patterns with Latin texts—the new cards will retail at twenty five shillings for a box of twenty four.

They should have wide sales in this country, and already they have been ordered by several Embassies, as fitting greetings from Ireland to their Governments and friends abroad.

## Con Carr — Iron Man Of Cycling

By "Roadman"

WITH a complete season behind them, the racing men during the month of October are kept busy arranging their annual meetings and making preparation for the forthcoming Congress.

Social functions also help to keep them in a relaxing mood, but not so for everybody, in particular the individual who, while the others are participating in carefree enjoyment, spends the cool autumn evenings piling up the miles in preparation for place to place record attacks.

Within the past few years cyclists have stepped into line with athletes and the rest to prove that they can break records, and I suppose the man to thank should be the iron-hearted veteran from Monasterevan, **Con Carr**.

### Great Feat

Con made everyone sit up in bewilderment in 1955 when he shattered the Cork/Dublin record taking no less than half an hour off the previous best held by **Tommy Quinn**.

Astonishing as Carr's performance may have seemed he was determined to prove that it was no fluke or flash in the pan when shortly afterwards the Limerick-Dublin record fell in his devastating stride.

The rigorous training the Monasterevan man mapped out for himself reaped further reward when last year he broke the Galway-Dublin record.

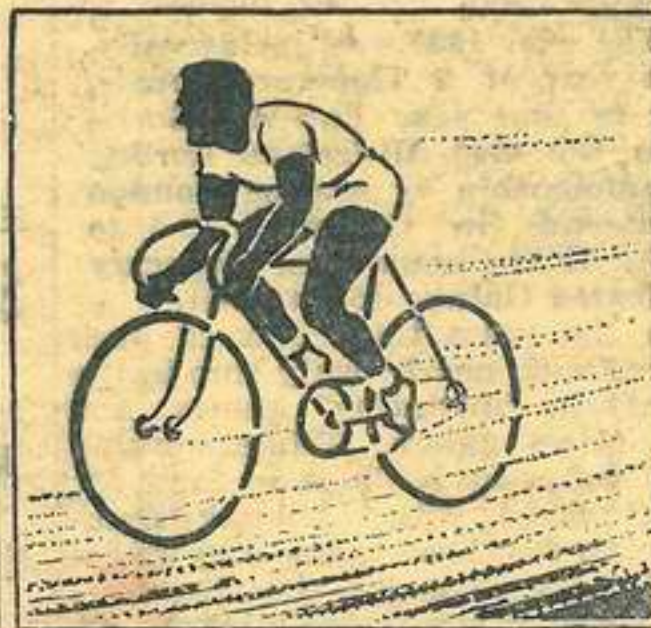
To speak of Carr alone as a record breaker would not be sufficient as there were other men with the same ideas. For instance the doyen of the sprinters, **Frank Baird** and his young clubmate, **Denis O'Connor**. Frank has been in the cycling limelight for the past 22 years and his performance in equalling the Irish 25-mile tandem record and breaking the Galway/Dublin tandem record with O'Connor shows that he will be at the top for many more years to come.

### More Expected

This year should see a few more new times set up in cycling records as, I believe, **Con Carr** is hard at it and intends attacking the Waterford Dublin figures in November.

**Con** also has his eye on the Dublin-Kilkenny-Dublin trip and it will be no surprise if we read of new figures for this also. **Baird** informs me that if **Denis O'Connor** can get fit he will take on a few more record attempts, too.

**Denis**, by the way, has been handicapped recently by long working hours away from home and has not been able to train the necessary long



miles required for record-breaking work.

However, I see no reason when **Denis** gets back to it, why new tandem figures should not be set up.

**Denis** has in him everything that is required for the front position of a tandem. I wish **Baird**, **O'Connor** and **Carr** all the best in their record attempts and hope that when this column appears next month it will contain news of yet a few more cycling records.

### Kilkenny Had Successful Season

Kilkenny N.C.A. Board recently reviewed a very successful cycling season, and elected the following officers: Chairman, **Mr. W. F. O'Sullivan**, Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. **D. Roche**, **P. Walsh**, **J. Benson**; hon. secretary and treasurer, **Mr. Lorcan Bergin**. Delegate to Athletic Board **Mr. J. Cuddihy**. Delegates to Congress, Messrs. **W. O'Sullivan** and **P. Breen**.

It was agreed to table a motion at the N.C.A. Congress in December requesting that all National Cycling League dates be closed ones.

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## Leo Nealon Presents Cup

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## Want To Race?

'Roadman' asking this question of all young readers of the 'Gaelic Echo'. Next month, for their benefit, he will discuss the initial stages of a racing cyclist's career, including some tips for potential champions. DON'T MISS THIS. Also, if you have any questions, or require any information about cycling just drop a note to: ROADMAN, c/o THE GAELIC ECHO, 13, Parliament Street, Dublin.

# YEAR OF TRIUMPH FOR LEINSTER

By Bill Fallon

WHEN SEAN CUNNINGHAM FLASHED KEVIN BEAHAN'S SIDELINE KICK INTO THE BACK OF THE CORK NET IN THE ALL-IRELAND FINAL, HE SET THE SEAL ON A TRULY WONDERFUL CAMPAIGN FOR LEINSTER.

Not only did that golden goal win back for Louth the Sam Maguire Cup, but it also meant that, for the first time in years, Leinster had brought off the "Senior Double."

Throw in Meath's spectacular win in the All-Ireland Minor football championship and you'll see what I mean when I say 1957 will go down as a red-letter year in the annals of the Leinster G.A.A.

Of the three wins, I rate Kilkenny's triumph in the Senior Hurling championship the most significant. It confirmed Wexford's victories in the past two All-Irelands and showed that the Eastern province has at last broken the back of Munsters' hurling dominance.

For years the Southern virtually 'farmed' this title. At one stage, it became a mere formality for the winners of the Munster championship to come to play a game in Croke Park and collect the McCarthy Cup in the process.

Just as easy as that!

## Changed Scene

But all that is changed now and this year's Kilkenny team was as good as any that ever came out of the South. Waterford were worthy standard bearers of the Southern province but, pitted against the speed and skill of the Kilkenny men, they just weren't good enough.

And remember, the Noresiders had been held to a draw by Dublin earlier in the championships while Wexford subsequently beat them in the National League. ....

All of which goes to prove that at present, the all-round standard of hurling in Leinster is much higher than in any of the other provinces.

On the football front, Louth's

Indeed, I rated their game against Dublin, in the provincial final, their hardest battle.

As usual, they trailed the Metropolitan for long periods but once again that indomitable fighting spirit showed itself and their last-quarter display bore the hallmark of class.

## Personal Triumph

What a triumph this was for Louth's long-serving trio, Stephen White, Jim McDonnell and Tom Conlon.

In the twilight of their brilliant football careers, they were never more majestic.

When the peril was greatest they were the men in the gap for Louth and with all due respect to their younger colleagues, it was the sterling work of this stout-hearted trio which, more than anything else, brought the All-Ireland back to Louth.

While Louth were full value for their great win, the most accomplished winners of the years were Minor football king-pins, Meath. The Royal County boys fairly pulverised all opposition and the manner in which they steam-rolled Armagh in the final, stamped them as one of the greatest Minor teams seen in Croke Park for many years.

With lads like this on the way up, many more Senior All-Ireland titles should come to Leinster in the not-to-distant future.

## NEVER WON AN ALL-IRELAND MEDAL

# "THE LITTLE MAN" STILL FIGHTS ON

A 5' 5" bundle of dynamite carrying 11 stone 11lbs. of manhood in the colours of the Commercials Hurling Club from 1900 to 1929 and nicknamed "The Little Man," was Offaly-born Willie Leonard, 4, Rutledge's Cottages, Meath Street, Dublin.

Willie was born in Killoughy, County Offaly in 1881, and first donned the Commercials jersey in 1900. With that famous club he captured Senior League, Senior Championship and Leinster Championship medals in 1905. He played his last game with his Club in 1929 at the age of 48 and won a senior medal.

"The Little Man," both as full forward and centre-half forward, was the terror of backs all over the country and, as he said himself: "I did something in my time that even the great Christy Ring never did. I scored 2 goals and 2 points in the first seven minutes of the All-Ireland Final in 1906."

### MISSING MEDAL

In that final, Willie was playing with Faughs selected.

Willie's only regret now as he looks back on his athletic days is that he never won an All-Ireland medal.

He was on the losing side in 1906 and again in 1908, when Dublin went under to Tipperary in the replay of that year's decider in Athy.

The game that stands out in his memory is the final of the Croke Cup played in Athlone in 1915. In that famous game Willie played against "Dodger" Considine, whose two brothers, Billy and Joe, were club-mates of his on the Commercials team.

Dublin won that game and the Clare team knew what it was to play against a team that included "The Little Man."

WILLIE SCORED 2 GOALS AND 3 POINTS IN THIS GAME.

Another game that thrills him when he recalls it is the 1907 final

## Bundle Of Dynamite



WILLIE LEONARD

against the Davis Club. With 15 minutes to go to the final whistle, Davis's were leading by 11 points, but Willie had a big say in the Commercials rally that finally won the day by a margin of 6 points.

Paddy Hayes was the captain on that day and another Commercials stalwart was Jack Ryan, of Lord Edward House, Thomas Street.

## Quicksilver

Willie was so fast on the field that, as he told me himself, "I'd run Ronnie Delany in those days without any bother."

He was so elusive that opposing backs often said that he must have hidden behind a tuft of grass, otherwise he could not appear so quickly on a loose ball and crash it to the back of the net.

He played against the famous Jack Rochford, of Kilkenny, "Dodger" Considine of Clare, Tom Keyes of Offaly, and Jack Brennan of Laois, but the outstanding player of all time in Willie's estimation was Mick Mackey, of Limerick. "He was the best player I ever saw to take a man and ball without any fancy play or frills."

This year saw "The Little Man" in the toughest struggle of his career. His right leg was amputated last Christmas, but despite this heavy handicap, he was looking forward to seeing the two All-Ireland Finals. Unfortunately, he had to return to hospital a few weeks before the hurling decider,

By

Paddy Hanly

and thus he missed Croke Park for the first time in many years.

## Never Say Die

This 76 years old gentleman is undaunted by this handicap and, as his doctor told him after the operation, "you're as strong as a horse in any race."

He was very disappointed when Wexford and Galway failed to retain their crowns but, like the sportsman that he is, he gave full credit to Kilkenny and Louth for succeeding against the odds.

"The Little Man" has the mental alertness of youth and, as he did all through his life, he still enjoys smoking and drinking in moderation and nothing gives him greater pleasure than recalling the games he played, the giants of the arena he matched muscle, brain and brawn with, and the friendships he created.

## "Home For Good,"

HOME from America is the well-known St. Vincent's and Dublin all-rounder, Paddy Haughey. Paddy, who emigrated six months ago, is home for good this time and has already set about winning back his place on the Dublin team.

## A REMINDER TO CYCLISTS

Congress this year will be held on Sunday, December 8, at the Ormond Hotel, Dublin. Clubs are reminded that closing date for nominations and Notices of Motion is November 18. As announced in last month's issue, the Ras Tailteann Dinner and Prize Presentation will take place the previous evening at the same venue.

Tickets for this are now available, price 17/6, and can be had from Paddy Doyle, 638 Whitechurch Cottages, Rathfarnham.

Paddy, who is the new secretary of Clann Brughna tells me that the demand for tickets is greater than he ever expected.

## GENEROUS GESTURE BY HOWTH CLUB

DOFF your hats this month, gentlemen, in appreciation of a really fine gesture by the Beann Eadair football club in Dublin.

A little over a year ago, the Howth club lost one of its finest members when Liam Moore was drowned in a tragic sea accident. Although still not out of his 'teens, Liam had been a great clubman both on and off the field.

Such was the esteem in which he was held by his clubmates that they decided to buy a trophy to perpetuate his name. And so, last month, the secretary of the club handed over a magnificent silver trophy to the Dublin Junior Board for competition in the Junior 'B' Football League.

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# CEILI MAKES AN EXCITING RETURN

By "Philip"

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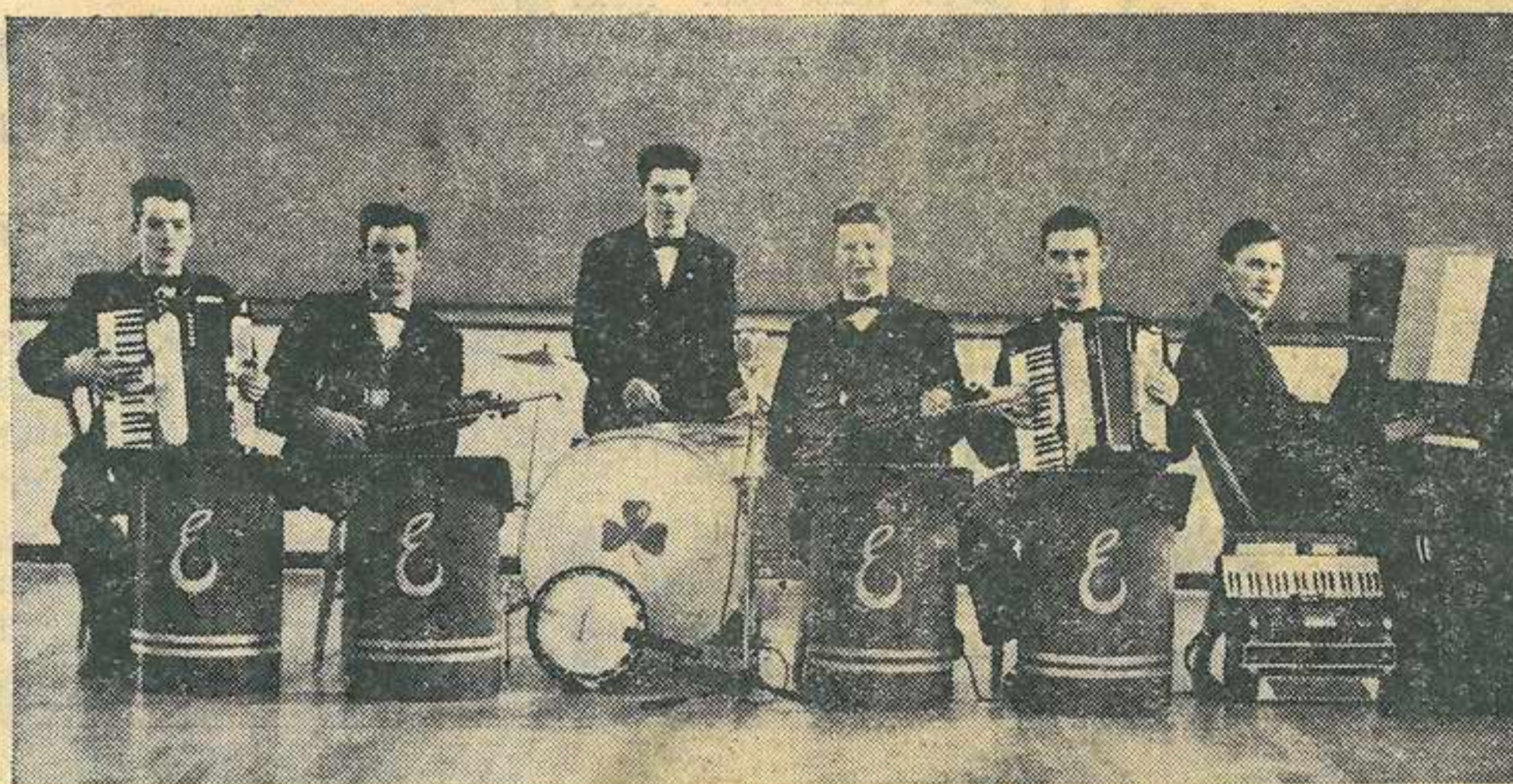
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By "Roderick"

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