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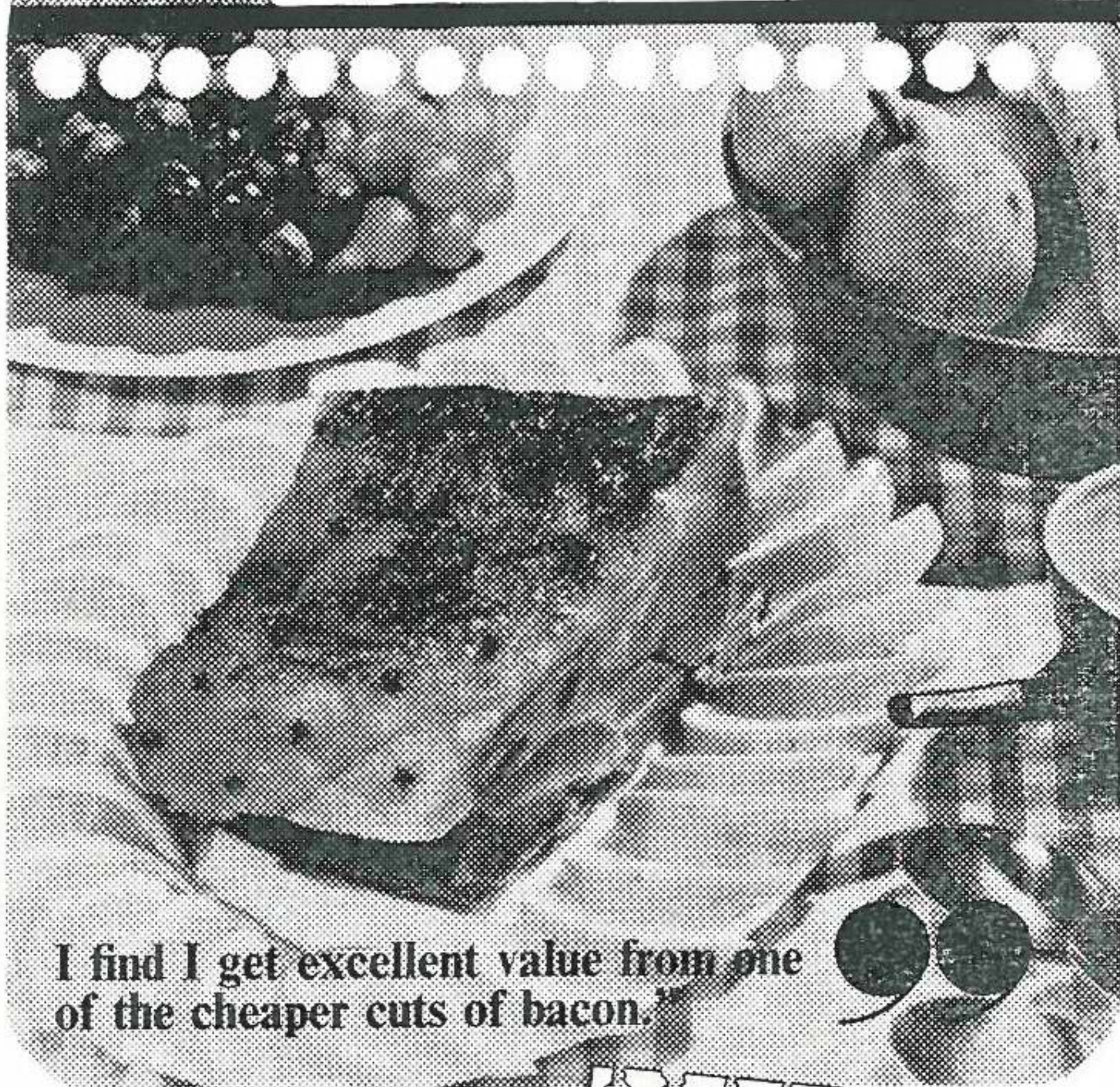
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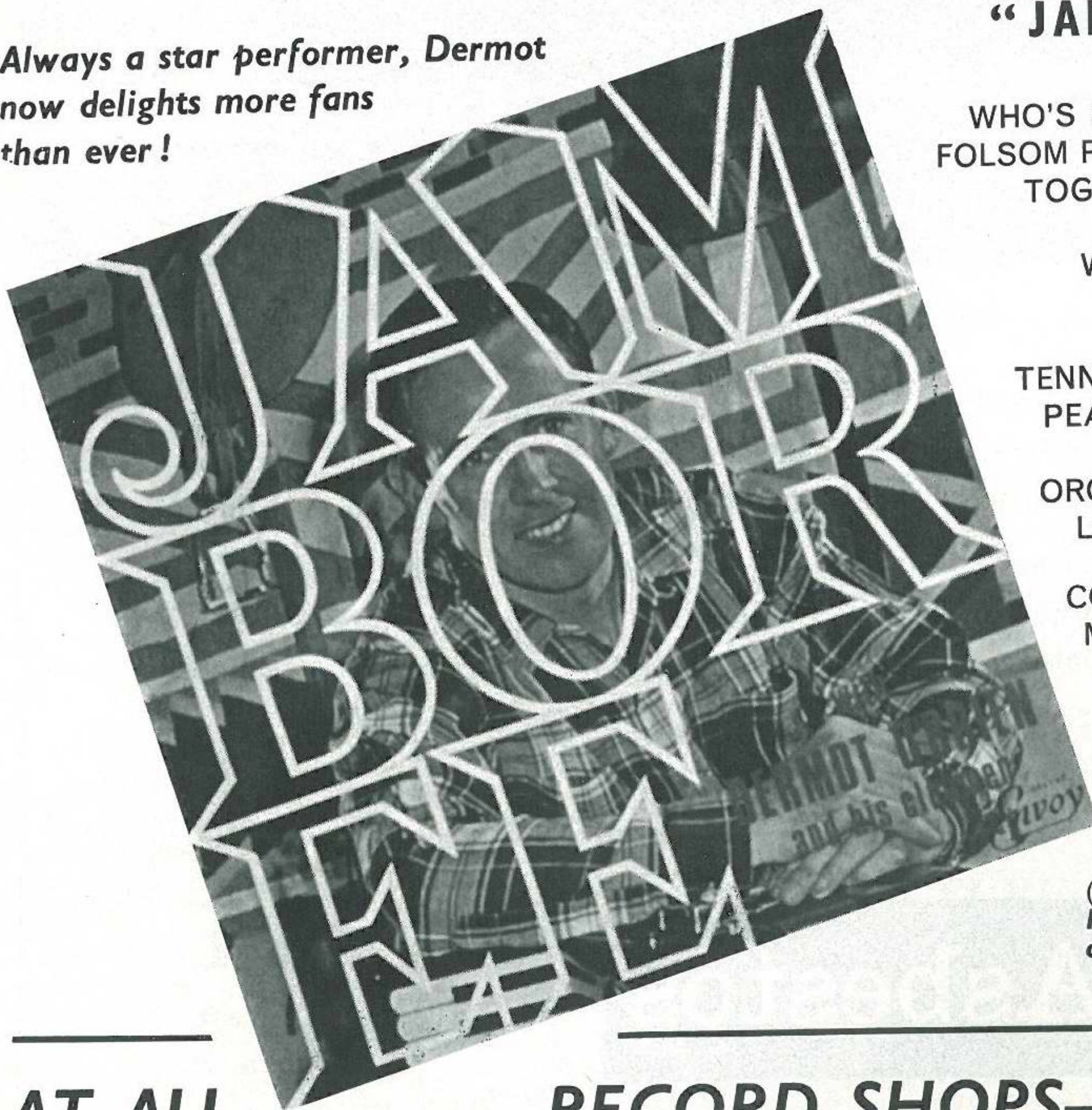
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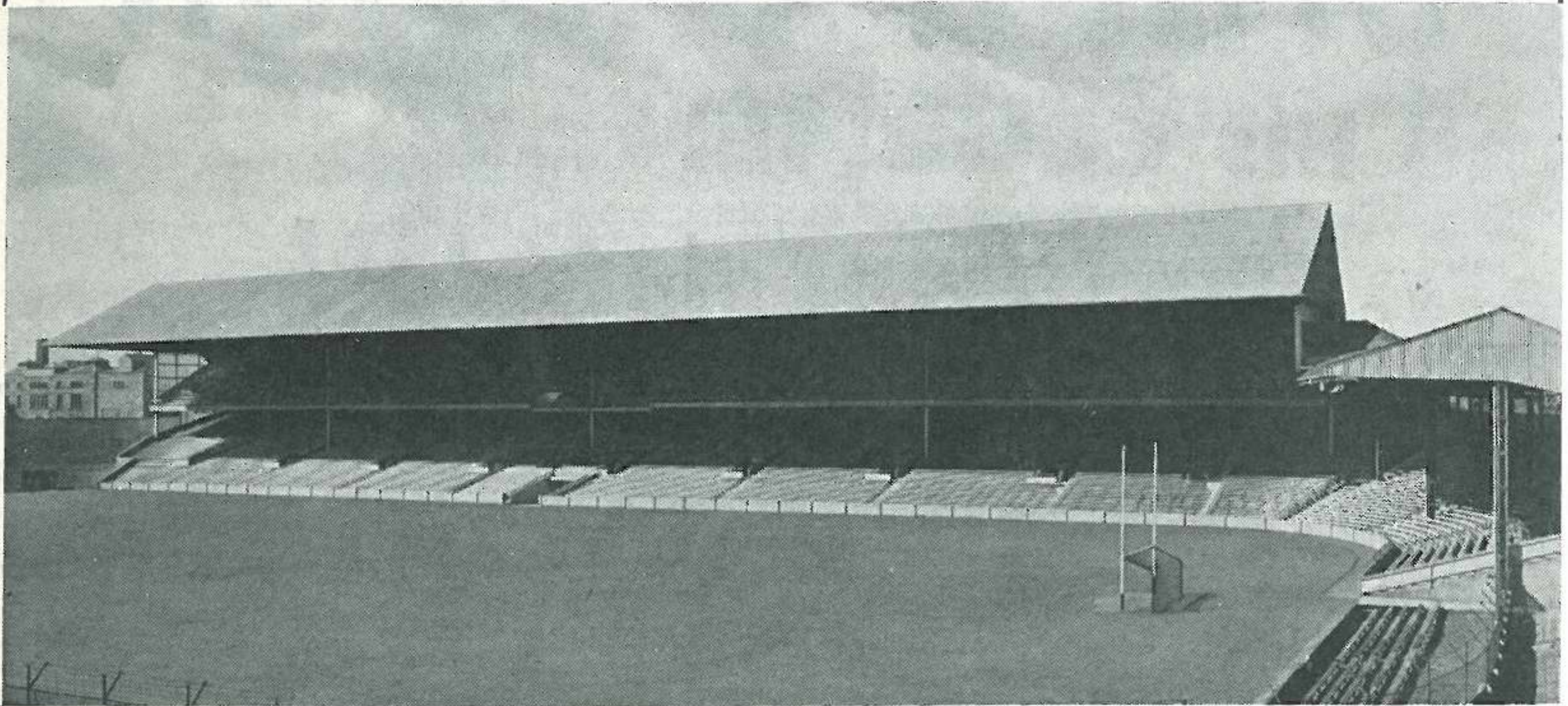
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## THE SCAPEGOAT

Of course, Dr. Mick Loftus could have done this and that during the course of the football final. He could have put off a player early on and thereby given us a ridiculously onesided game and spoiled an All-Ireland final from almost the outset.

He could have put off two or three Kerry men and maybe a Galway man between then and mid-way through the second half—and thereby made it a farcical affair altogether.

Alternatively Dr. Loftus could have stayed at home and looked after his extensive medical practice.

But Mick Loftus like the rest of our referees is a man who asks for nothing except to be allowed participate honestly and honourably in Gaelic affairs. A former county minor, junior and senior star, he is now Chairman of the Crossmolina club and one of the hardest G.A.A. workers in the West of Ireland.

There were thirty-three players and about half as many officials involved in this year's final. We respectfully suggest that most, if not all, of these were more responsible for the depressing happenings of September 26 than was Dr. Mick Loftus.

He came to referee—what a pity all of the players did not come to play football.

### OUR COVER PICTURE

**T**HE agony of a football final: Every face in the picture shows the tension of the moment as Galway's Noel Tierney leaps high in a tussle for the ball with Kerry's Pat Griffin during the All-Ireland decider. On right, Mick O'Dwyer (Kerry) and Sean Meade (Galway) watch the outcome of the duel. For the record, the ball went wide.

# 1965 ALL-IRELAND FINALISTS at PLAYER'S

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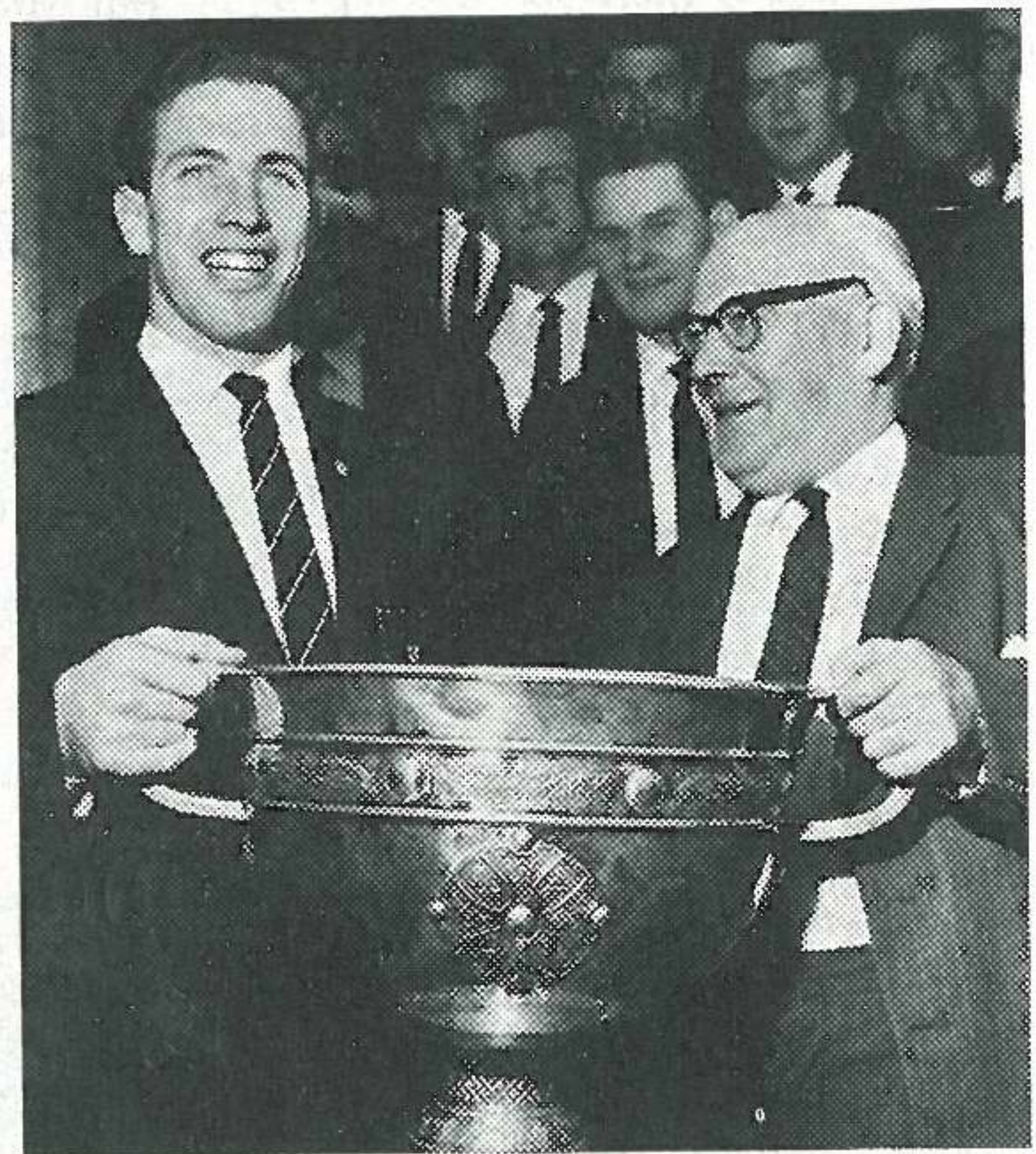
Mr. E. K. Bohane with members of the Tipperary Hurling Team and Officials at Player's Factory on the day after winning their 21st. Championship.



Bosco McDermott (Galway) and Bernie O'Callaghan (Kerry) get together at Player's after the Football Final.



Mr. Bohane presents Tom Neville, the Wexford Team Captain, with a memento of his visit to Player's.



Mr. Bohane, Managing Director of Player's, and Galway's Football Captain, Enda Colleran, holding the Sam Maguire Cup.

# I'M SICK OF THE SAME OLD FACES

says **PATRICK CARVER**

I'LL probably be accused of heresy and a thousand other sins . . . but, God knows, I am heartily sick of Tipperary, Galway, Kerry, Down and Dublin in All-Ireland championships. I'm keeping my fingers crossed that all five of them will be knocked out early in the championship games of next year and that we will have some new and exciting changes in both the hurling and football series.

It is a terrible thing to say but Tipperary have become such a power in hurling that they are rapidly killing interest in the game. My honest opinion is that if they win the All-Ireland final again next year—and who would be prepared to bet against them?—no one will bother to turn up to see them win the All-Ireland finals of 1967, 1968, 1969 and 1970.

As for the football, the situation is almost as bad. Kerry come out monotonously from Munster, Galway have Connacht well sewn up, Down are virtually certain to come out of Ulster again next year and, indeed, the only county with a big question mark after it is Dublin.

There has been a thundering amount of rubbish written about this year's All-Ireland final and I am not going to go back on it . . . other than to say that a poor Galway team beat a worse Kerry one.

No one in his sane senses can

possibly claim that this was a great Galway team. They scraped home against a mediocre Sligo team—the paucity of Sligo's strength was shown up subsequently at Croke Park when the Connacht finalists got the mother-and-father of a hiding from Longford—and against Down, Galway were a side of shreds and patches. Indeed, let us be quite honest and say that Galway should never have beaten Down.

Down got enough chances to win the semi-final ten times over and made a complete shambles of their attempt. When they had shot their feeble bolt, Galway, somewhat shakily went on to qualify for the All-Ireland final.

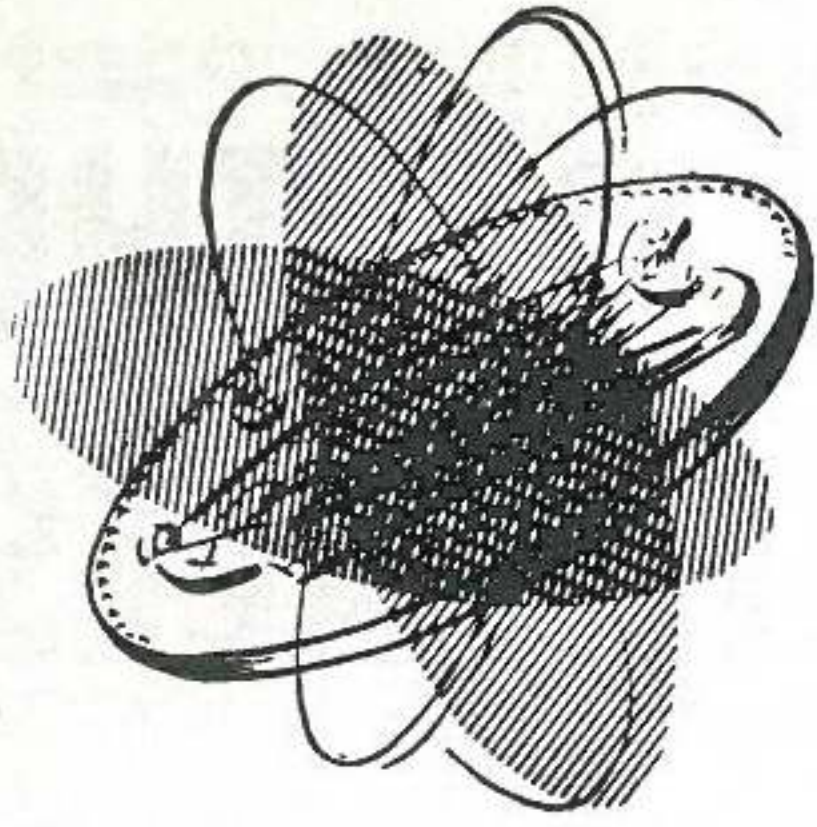
Kerry got the fright of their lives from Limerick and then came to Dublin to take on an extremely poor Dublin team. They won convincingly but most of the experts—and subsequently they were proved right—claimed that there was little beating in a sadly tired Metropolitan side.

It was a poor Kerry side in the final and, God knows, Galway were not much better. Western supporters can yell their heads off about the glorious and unforgettable victory, but in their sober senses, even they must know that Galway achieved very little.

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*Bobby Burns, one of the stars who lead Longford's revival.*



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# HOW MANY WISH - WITH CARVER - FOR A CHANGE NEXT YEAR?



**SEAN FERRITER**  
(Donegal)

## The 'old' and the 'new'

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The only redeeming feature of this year's All-Ireland series in both codes has been the emergence of Longford. In my opinion, they were the best side of the season and only a lack of experience plus a dreadful day at Croke Park prevented them from winning the Leinster final.

On their subsequent form against Sligo, I would pick Longford to wallop any of the All-Ireland semi-finalists of this year.

Please God, there will be some big changes next year. I am looking forward to seeing Longford lead the way and I'll offer up a small prayer that Limerick will knock spots off Kerry in the South. Sligo would be welcome champions from the West and Donegal would revive interest in the North.

We badly need an injection of life into G.A.A. games. Let us all hope that Longford will be the standard-bearers in a great revival.



**THEO ENGLISH**  
(Tipperary)



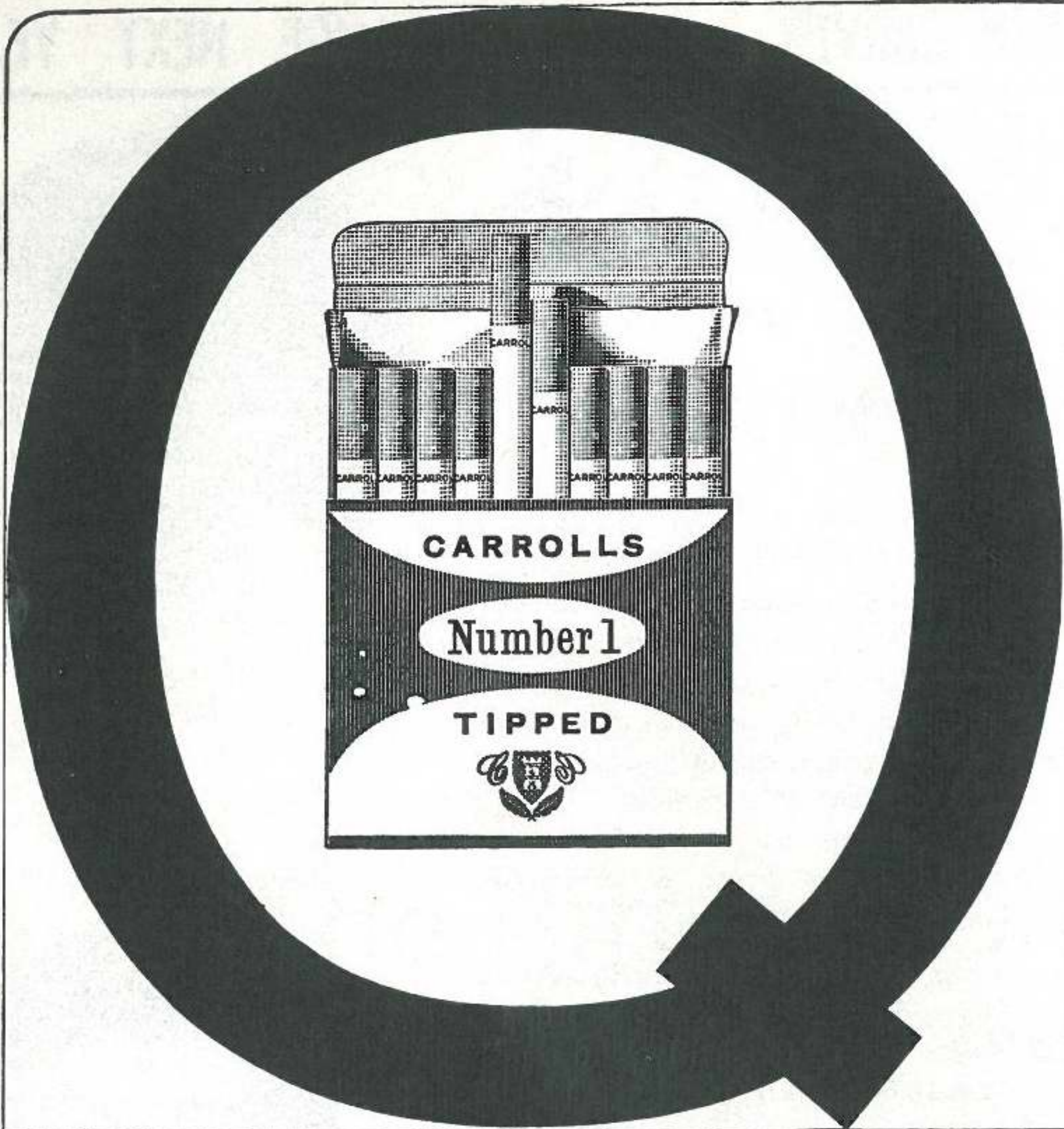
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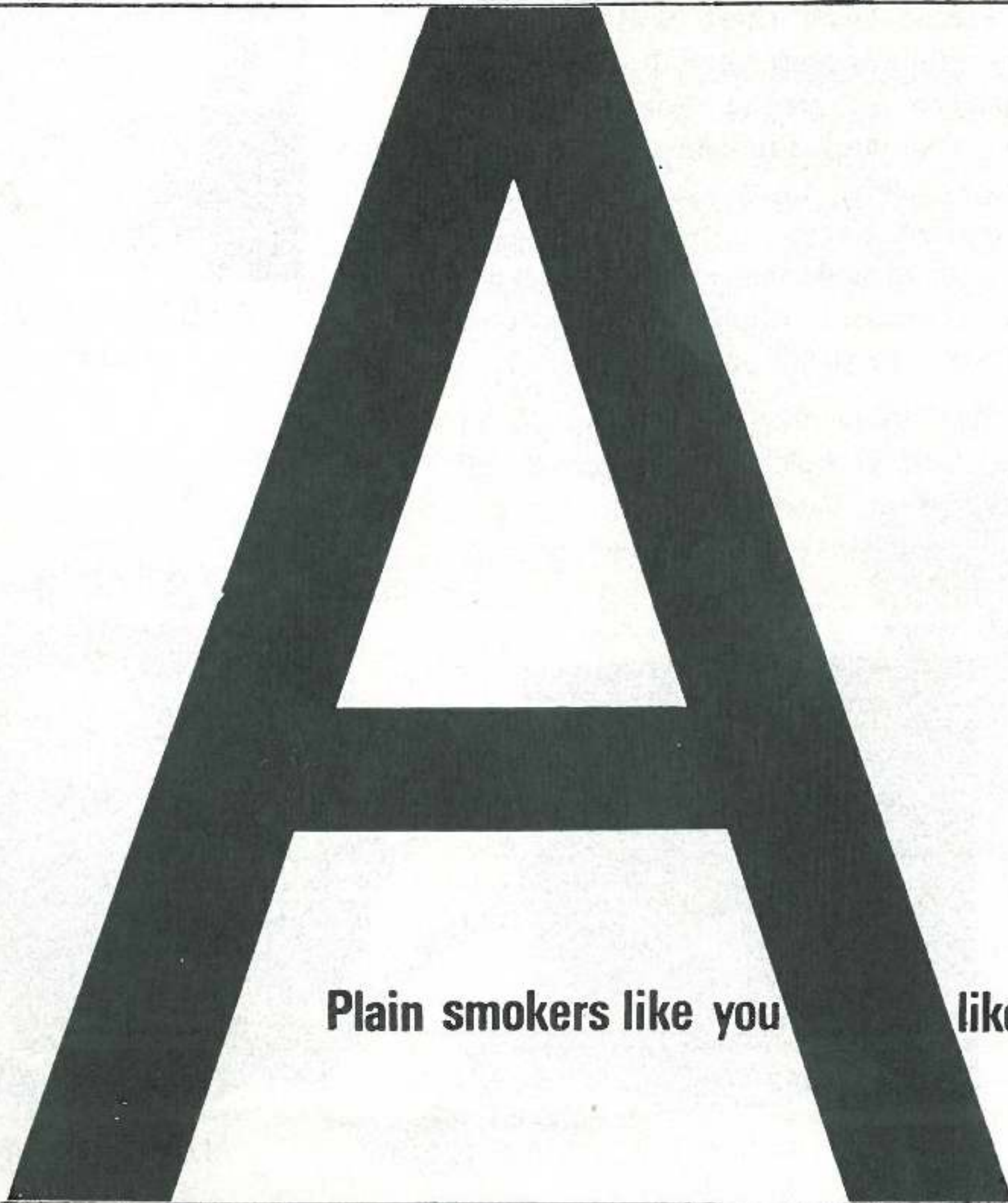
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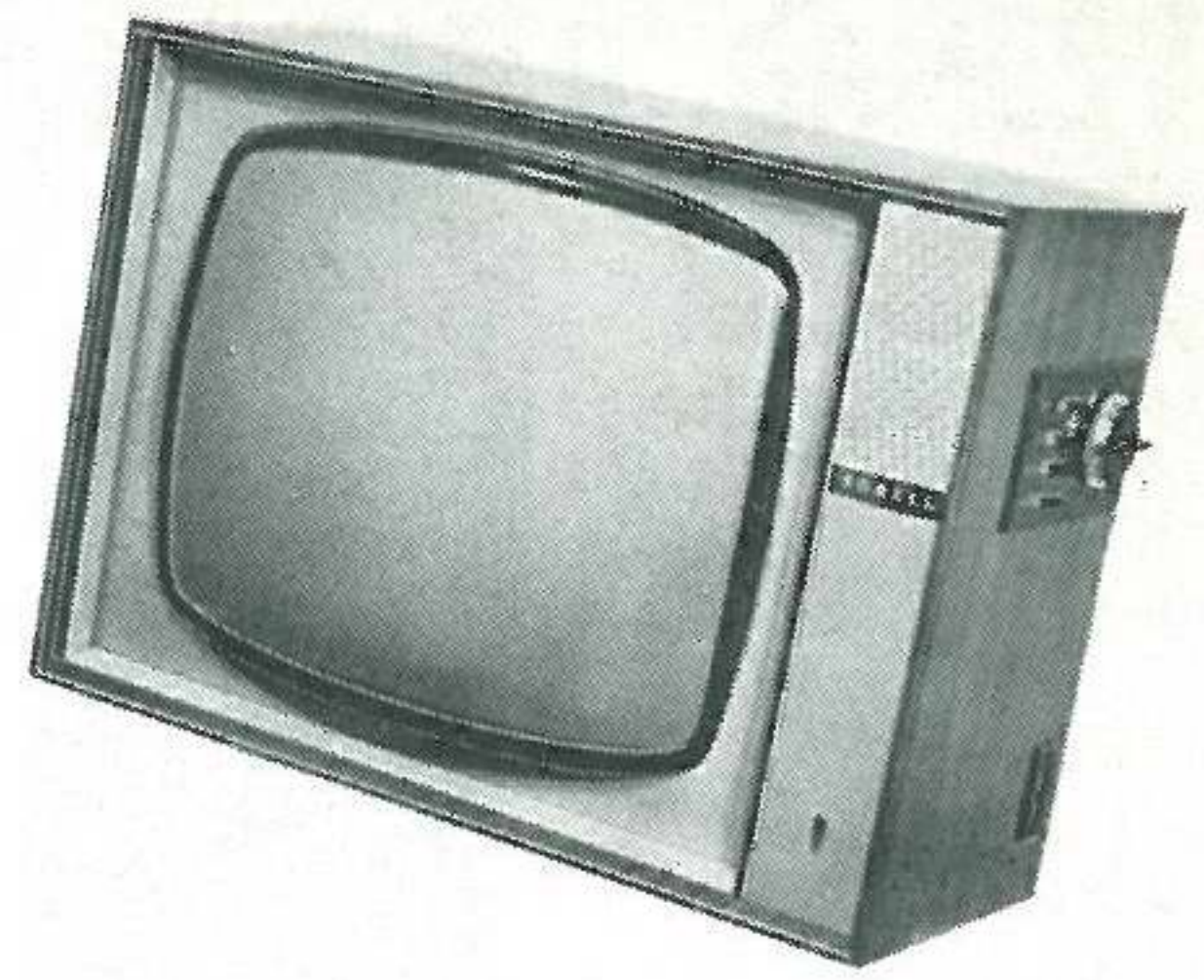
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# Are we really ready for TV?



By EAMONN YOUNG

THE All-Ireland football final set me looking for a few words I wrote on the "Sunday Independent" in June of '61. I wrote that our games were not ready for television and went on like this. I quote.

"Just now some of us are worrying about the reduction in crowds which television may cause. Who says this organisation was founded to draw crowds? What we want is more players and less spectators. Money at the turnstiles is important but surely our aim isn't big business.

"Television of the games will be wonderful. Think of the joy it will bring to the relatives of players who can't see the game; think of the gathering before the screen when the game is "replayed" later in the day. Imagine the joy it will bring to the old-timer. For many the televised games couldn't come fast enough.

"But are our games ready for television. I don't think so. Not until they are cleaned up. And I use the phrase knowing that many won't like it.

"Nearly all of our games are a credit to the men who organise and play them, but there isn't a season when we don't see matches that shame both us and the country.

"Many are convinced that the rules as they stand cannot give a

reasonable guarantee of clean games, and the amendments which I think must be made eventually, are urgent now that we are going on the screen.

"Our games are excellent. They deserve the best thinking we can give them on the eve of their world debut".

In the September issue of GAEILIC SPORT 1961 I continued this subject and concluded thus:

"The amendments I suggest before television are, the abolition of automatic suspension for the player ordered off and the permission to play a substitute for the troublesome man.

"Intercounty men are usually clean players but if one goes wrong a fortnight before his county's big game will he be put off? What is your experience? Better to have him sent to the line if he deserves it and let the committee award the punishment. Already he is a loss to his side for the game. If we admit that our committee's haven't the integrity to award just punishments then let's haul down the flag and go home.

"Secondly a substitute should be allowed when a man is put off. The referees knowing that the spectators don't like fifteen men playing fourteen, usually evens up justifiably of otherwise. Easy to avoid

that by allowing the substitute and counting him as two acts of substitution.

"These changes will transform the referee from his present state to a formidable official whose word is law."

The All-Ireland final wasn't really a tragedy and we'll see many a fine game yet played by the men who didn't finish the hour. But if there was any note of warning sounded—and goodness knows we shouldn't need it to-day when some of us have been crying about it for years—it's the fact that in our great Association the most unliked official is the most important one, the referee.

I have suggested referees' courses, referees' associations, and speakers from those associations at our county boards. Many more have done the same. But we're still getting nowhere.

Honest men tell me the soccer referee has far more respect. I saw on the screen how the referee called the captains together in the Ireland-Wales rugby game last Spring to tell them take it easy. Easier for him.

The G.A.A. referee must be able to put the fear of God into our hearts. The amendments I give above, or a variant of them, will help.



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# CLOVER

# CAN PAID SPORTSMEN PLAY GAELIC GAMES?

*The answer is*

**YES**

**I**N last month's GAELIC SPORT a correspondent, "Curious" from Dublin, posed the question—"Can a paid sportsman play Gaelic football? Can a professional athlete take part in Gaelic games—if so is the G.A.A. an amateur organisation in the strict modern sense of the word?"

Peculiarly enough, while fundamentally the answer to this question is, in my opinion, very simple, "Curious" has, probably unintentionally, complicated the issue by the way in which he has phrased his question.

For instance, what is the strict modern interpretation of an amateur? According to the International Lawn Tennis Federation you can still be an amateur—and collect a couple of thousand pounds a year in expenses and be "sponsored" by various tournament committees at the same time. As far as Olympic athletes are concerned I have long ago ceased trying to figure out how far you can go towards being a full-time athlete—and still remain an "amateur."

Or take another sport, show-jumping. A man can win £10,000 a year in the show rings and still remain an amateur, but if he takes £100 a year for training somebody else to jump, he is rated as a professional.

So far as I can figure out, the only fully acceptable modern definition of an amateur is a man

By

**MOONDHARRIG**

who **does not** earn a full-time or part-time living from playing or teaching his particular sport. (My own definition of an amateur would be a man who takes part in any game simply and solely for the fun of playing it—but I sometimes wonder how many of us are left nowadays?)

In any case, if we accept that a professional is a man who earns his living by playing or teaching his particular sport, we have relatively few professional sportsmen in Ireland and the vast majority of those are to be found in golf and horse-racing.

According to the latest figures available there are approximately 150 golf professionals in Ireland including assistants and associates and the vast majority of these men are somewhat beyond the age for playing competitive field games. In addition the majority of them earn their living rather through making clubs and giving lessons than by actually playing golf.

A considerably greater number of men are full-time riders in the racing stables but again, how many of them are paid full-time to ride on the race-courses only? I think you would find the number surprisingly small. Even our top jockeys exercise horses, ride

gallops, help to break-in young horses and school them over the jumps. I would no sooner prevent a jockey from joining the G.A.A. than I would prevent a trainer or the humblest stable-boy.

After all, trainer, stable-boy and jockey alike make their living out of racing, and so do the bookmakers and the bookmakers' clerks and the men who work full-time for the race-tracks, the Racing Board, the Tote and even for Bord na gCon.

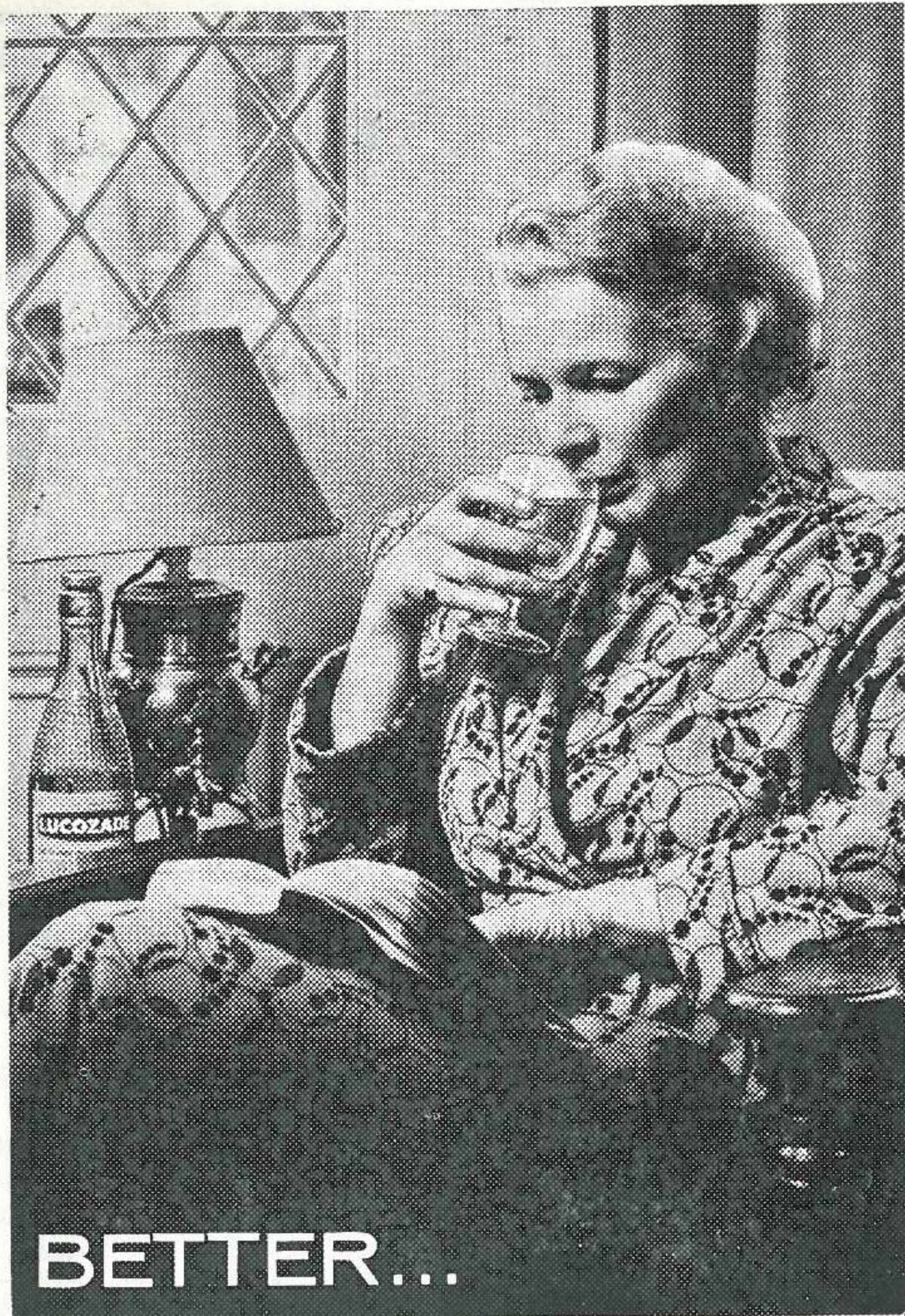
And anyone who has even seen a game in the Stables League in Gaelic football will know how enthusiastic the jockeys are for the game and what fine footballers they are, especially when they hail from what is at the same time football and racing country, Kildare, Meath and the adjacent parts of County Dublin.

In other sports what professionals have we in Ireland? We have, I think, one professional tennis player, who depends on his livelihood I presume, by teaching the game. To cross, for a moment, into prohibited territory we have no professional rugby players, no full-time professional cricketers and the only full-time professional soccer players we have are a very, very privileged few, mainly in the North, who usually act as coaches or managers of their clubs as well.

As for athletics, we have no full-time professional athletes at all and I doubt if we have a score of full-time athletic coaches, and such as we have usually have to act as drill-masters and physical training and education instructors as well.

So that it would seem that there is little danger of paid sportsmen from other sports and organisations ever over-running the ranks of the G.A.A. As for the sport that 'Curious' specifically mentions, professional boxing, I know at the

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# TOP TEN

**T**HIS month's Top Ten lists are based on senior intercounty performances from and including Sunday, September 12, to Sunday, October 10.

Martin Newell heads the football list by virtue of his outstanding performance in the All-Ireland final, while three other Galwaymen find places on the list.

Busy Longford, who during this period won two competitions, have three men included on the football list.

Kilkenny, who had four intercounty outings during the period in question, dominate the hurling list, with Seamus Cleere taking top honours.

## FOOTBALL

1. Martin Newell (Galway).
2. Larry Gillen (Longford).
3. Noel Tierney (Galway).
4. Johnny Culloty (Kerry).
5. Jim Hanniffy (Longford).
6. Mick O'Connell (Kerry).
7. Pat Donnellan (Galway).
8. Enda Colleran (Galway).
9. Bobby Burns (Longford).
10. Michael Kerins (Sligo).

## HURLING

1. Seamus Cleere (Kilkenny).
2. Ollie Walsh (Kilkenny).
3. Jimmy Doyle (Tipperary).
4. Tony Wall (Tipperary).
5. Andy Comerford (Kilkenny).
6. Mike Sweeney (Galway).
7. Tom Neville (Wexford).
8. Pat Nolan (Wexford).
9. Denis O'Riordan (Cork).
10. Tom Ryan (Tipperary).

moment of only three Irishmen who make a full-time living in the ring, Mick Leahy, Jim Monaghan and Young McCormack.

Of these three only McCormack, as far as I know, has ever been a member of the G.A.A. Since a boxer, on his way to the top hardly ever breaks training and, whether in training or not, cannot afford to risk even a slight injury, I consider it extremely unlikely that we shall ever see John McCormack on a competitive football field again.

But, even if he did play competitive football under G.A.A. rules, there is nothing in the Official Guide which implies that he cannot do so. The G.A.A. rules do not define an amateur and do not even specify that the games under the jurisdiction of the Association are confined to amateurs though such a premises has always, of course, been understood and accepted.

Indeed the only references to amateurism in the official Guide are to be found in the Rules prohibiting full-time training and limiting the value of trophies.

The first, Rule 30 (a) prohibits full-time training as being "inconsistent with the amateur status of the members of the Gaelic Athletic Association, while the latest version of Rule 75 limits the value of trophies to £4 each and prohibits the presentation of cash prizes of any kind.

To sum up, amateur status as we know it in the G.A.A. would not be infringed by a man who made a living in an unprohibited sport playing in a G.A.A. competition. A professional jockey, a professional boxer or a professional golfer is, to my mind, as much entitled to play in G.A.A. competitions as a man who makes hurleys or footballs or jerseys and makes his living out of so doing, or makes his living out of selling hurleys or footballs or jerseys for that matter.

## And YES again!

A Chara,—Your 'Curious' correspondent in the October issue wanted to know if a paid sportsman or a professional may play Gaelic Games. The simple answer is Yes. Of course, he may.

The terms amateur and professional have not been defined or even referred to in the Official Guide. The Association is generally regarded as being amateur in so far as players are not paid for playing. This is the only sensible definition of amateur.

As for sportsmen who earn a living from other sports either as performers, managers, promoters, journalists, etc., there is no reason why they should not play or officiate in Gaelic Games.

Some governing bodies of sport like the A.S.A. and A.A.A. have defined these terms and endless havoc within the sport has ensued.

Others, notably cricket, have discarded these anachronistic terms altogether and the question never arises.

The problem originated in 18th century Britain as a mark of class distinction. The upper-class gentry who could afford to play for fun (and often huge side bets) were amateurs. Those who had to work for a living were professionals or menials. Although the professional has been emancipated in many strata of society there are still some circles where he is still regarded as a menial.

Unless we want to resurrect a bit of 18th century Britain, unless we want to have class distinctions and the endless trouble associated with them, the terms should never be defined.

M. Ó LEANNÁIN.

Dublin 10.

Meanwhile, of course, the G.A.A. remains a strictly amateur organisation and will remain so, by any world definition of amateurism, as long as players are not paid for playing hurling or football.

Nor to my mind, does the fact that, as seems likely to happen in the near future, we will have men devoting their time to coaching and teaching G.A.A. games, affect the amateur status of these men as players themselves.

Since this is a new development in G.A.A. games we have no precedent to go by and, after making enquiries, all I can cite is this.

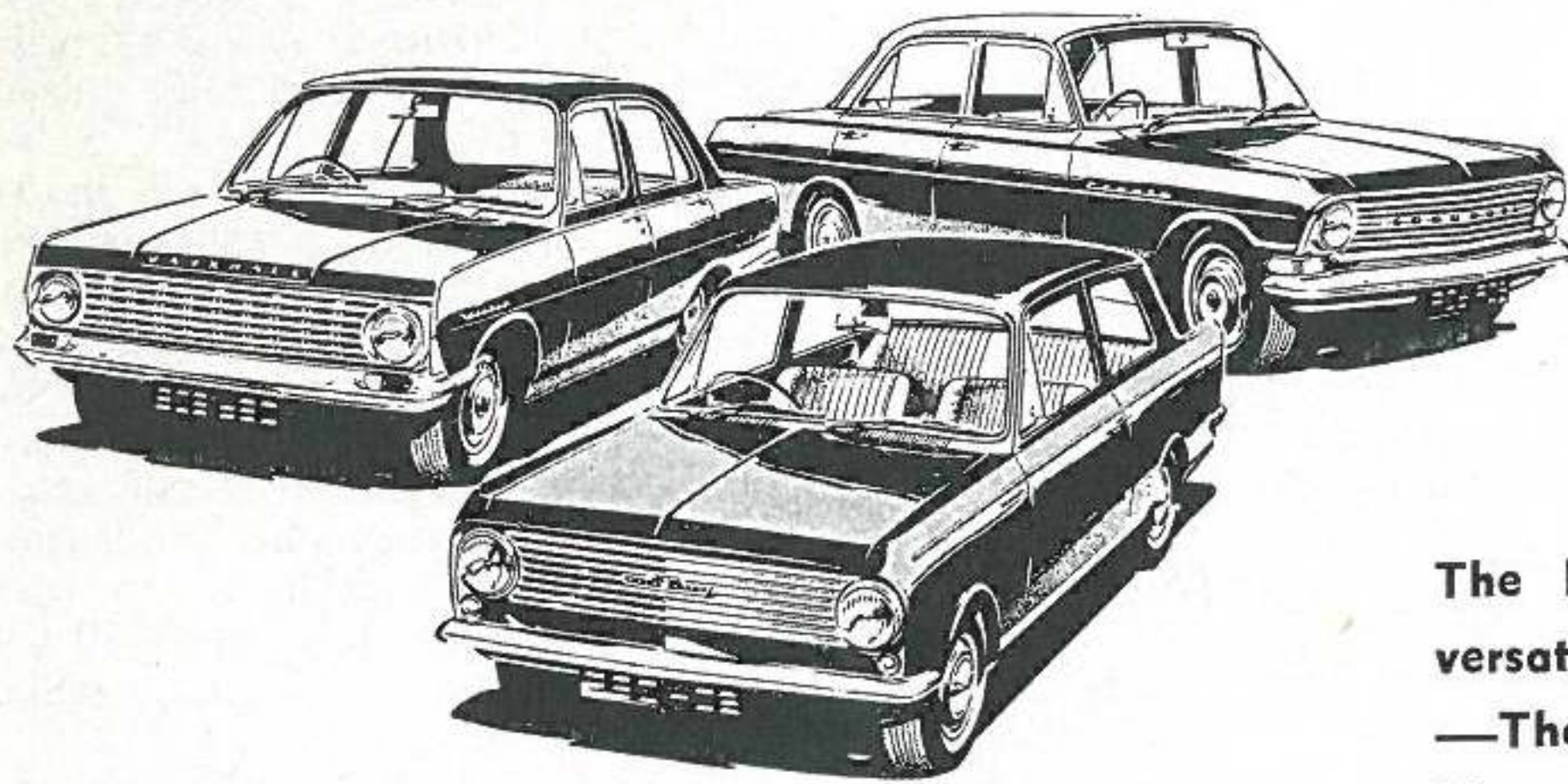
The only physical education schools we have in the Republic that award Diplomas in physical training and games coaching are confined to women (our Department for Education surely is out on a limb there!). And I am informed that the graduates of these schools, even though they earn their livelihood from full-time games teaching and coaching, are accepted as bona fide amateur players by the Ladies' Hockey Unions—which are, I am assured,

among the most conservative bodies on earth.

I am also informed that, as from this year, camogie will be part of the curriculum in at least one of these ladies' Physical Education Schools, and it is a queer twist to Irish education that you can study camogie as a subject for a public examination here at home, while if you want to do a physical education degree that includes hurling and Gaelic football you have to leave the country.

I know that Jim McKeever does an excellent job of teaching physical education in a Training College in Belfast, but there seems to be no machinery whereby would-be pupils from the Republic can be trained in the Six Counties and still have their qualifications recognised in the Twenty-Six.

Anyway to come back to the amateur and the professionals. If Young McCormack at any time wants to come back to the Gaelic fields, the professional boxing career will not count against him in as far as I, for one, can interpret the Rule Book.



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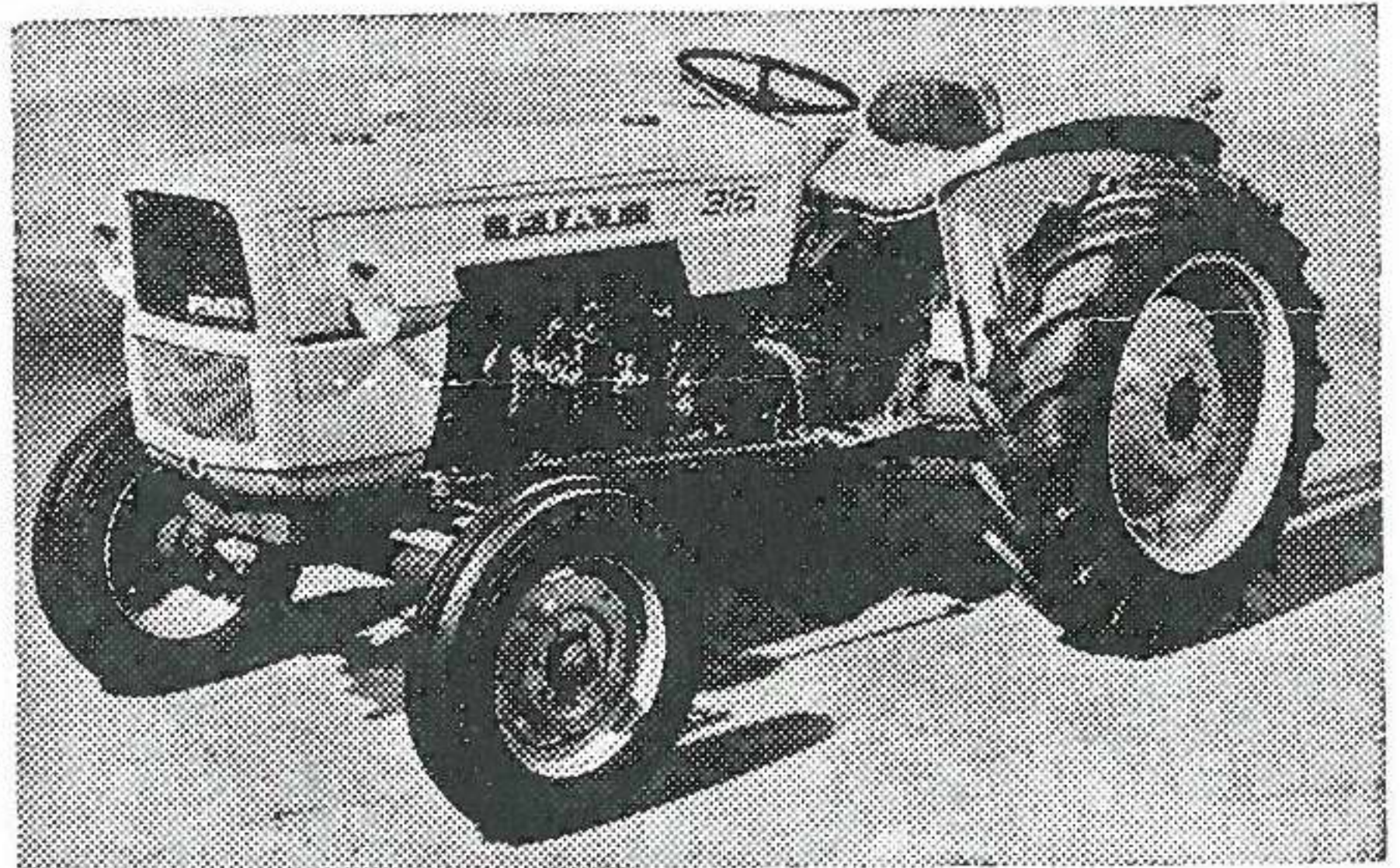
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WHEN it comes to John Timmons few people are neutral—they are either for him or against him. But be one for him or against him, no one ignores Big John — nor have they done since he came to the football forefront in the Wicklow colours a decade ago.

Let's face it—and an awful lot of country people simply will not—Timmons has been one of the great characters and most effective players which the game has seen in recent years. He has been a vital part of a great Dublin era and has carried the Metropolitans to victory on numerous occasions.

Unorthodox, yes, but still most effective, Timmons has scored more for Dublin than has any player since Ollie Freaney hung up his boots. In one game in the Leinster jersey he finished with a personal tally of 1-10.

When I spoke to Big John recently he gave me the impression of being on the verge of retirement. I could be wrong, and of course he may change his mind and let's hope he does — for without him Dublin football would be much poorer.

*O'Donnell—You have played in various positions, which of them do you prefer?*

T. — Centre half forward I like to have room to play the

ball. It is, of course, a very responsible position. I rate it the most important of them all. You have got to be very fit for centre half-forward as it is your job to feed the forwards.

*O'D. — What is your idea of training for top-class football?*

T.—I believe in training right through the winter—a few of us have done this during the past few seasons. Indoor training such as weight-lifting, etc., is also of great benefit. And to get into top-class condition just before the championship I would also recommend cross-country running. If players were fitter we would have a higher standard of football.

*O'D. — How about free-taking. Does this require special training?*

T.—Very much so. It needs hours of practice. Every free counts. So many games are lost by virtue of missed frees. I do feel too that a county should have two free-takers. One man can get tired or suddenly lose his touch.

*O'D. — What do you think of Longford?*

T.—They are definitely a coming team. They are now playing brilliant football and, irrespective of how they fare in the League, I do feel that they are a team to watch in next year's championship.

*O'D.—Are you satisfied with the Rules of the G.A.A.?*

T.—I am—except for one thing. I am convinced that the hand-pass should be brought back.

*O'D. — What players gave you your hardest games?*

T.—There were so many hard games that it is difficult to single them out but Frank Eivers, Jim McKeever and Pa Connolly are three who readily come to mind.

*O'D.—What stars did you look up to as a boy?*

T.—Christo Hand of Meath—and, of course, Paddy O'Brien. Also Gerry O'Reilly of Wicklow, Ollie Freaney and Kevin Heffernan.

*O'D.—What county do you most like playing against?*

T.—Kerry.

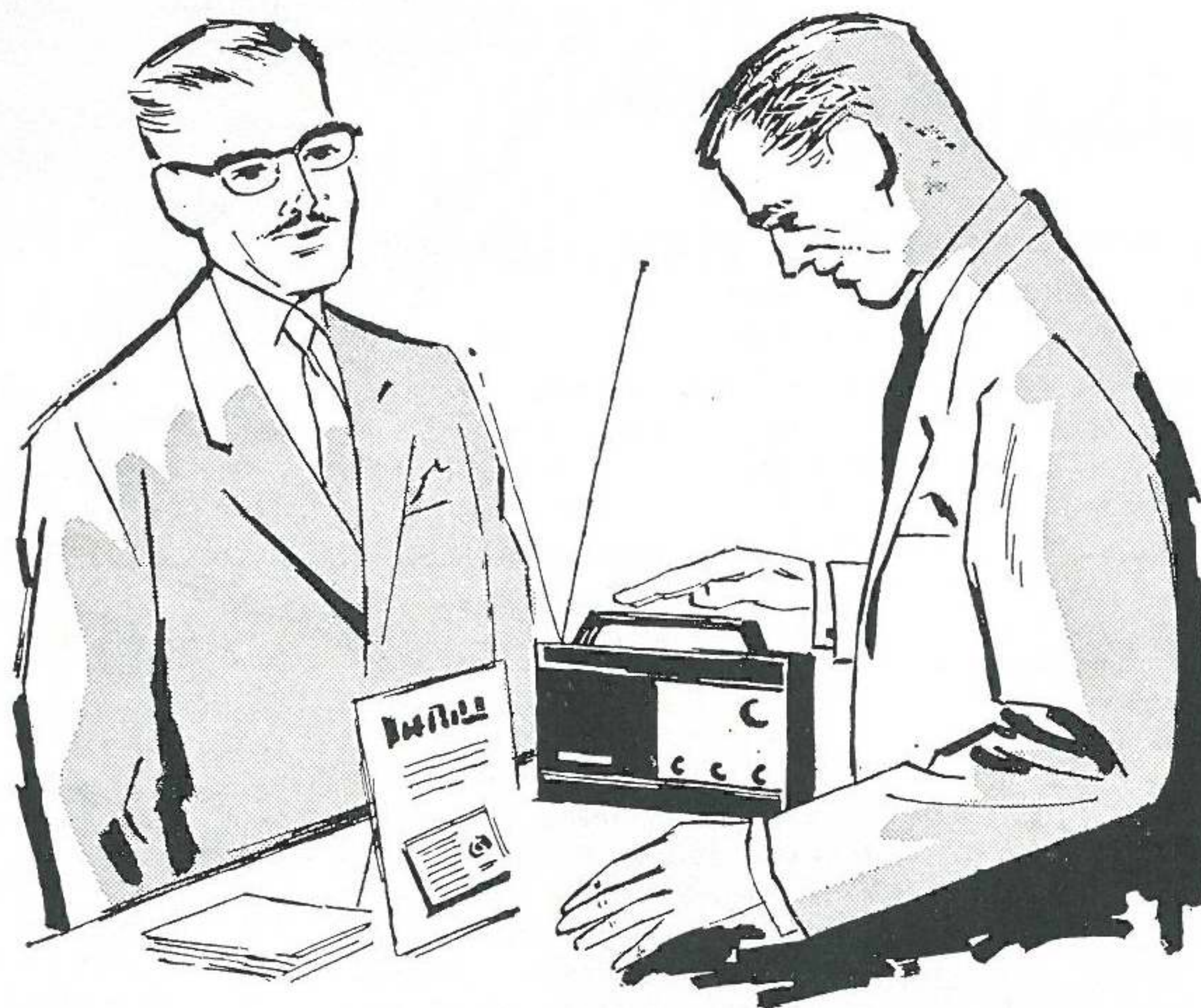
*O'D. — What game gave you most satisfaction?*

T.—Well the 1958 All-Ireland final was a memorable occasion in that it brought me my first All-Ireland medal, but I probably got even more satisfaction from the 1963 Grounds Tournament semi-final victory over Kerry. That was the game they led us by eleven points at one stage and we won in the end when Lar Foley scored a great goal.

*O'D.—How about your greatest disappointment?*

T.—I would say the 1962 semi-final.

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# NURTURE THE UNDER-21 GRADE ... AND LET THE JUNIORS DIE

I LIKE the idea of the under-21 championships very much; I have always liked it, and after the remarkably fine All-Ireland final in the football grade, and the very good game in the hurling, I like it even more.

The one problem which has always struck me about it is that there is not enough emphasis on it yet. Not enough people knew the venues and times of the earlier games in this competition, and, as a consequence, too few people were present. The championships have really been put on the map by the finals this year, and more especially by the football final which was, to my mind, the best game of the whole year. For spectacle, movement, and speed, it left the senior final far behind.

Another problem which stands in the way of the development of this very important competition is that it is considered only a sort of planting-out bed for minors, who might otherwise fail to make the transition from the under-18 grade to the senior ranks, if their only progress were to be through the hard rough and tumble of junior competition.

In fact, the powers in most counties are loath to say a word against the displacement of the junior or intermediate championships as the second most important inter-county competition; this is a mistake, I am sure.

There is little doubt that the ranks of the under-21 players will, in future be a more productive forcing ground for talent for the

senior inter-county team than the junior. In the junior you have too many players gaining honours who would never make the senior team—they have already, in many cases reached the top of their ability, many are on the downward path.

The fact that the junior grade has given some well-deserved recognition and some honours to staunch and true clubmen who fell at all times just short of the standards necessary for success in senior inter-county competition has convinced legislators that the junior championships are the most important of the lesser grades. But, after all, what real significance can a second rate honour have for any man. Little, I am sure. On the way up it might mean something to a young player; to a player on the top of his form and at his best, it can only mean a stark revelation of the writing on the wall—that he is good, but not good enough.

But, the youngster of promise will be taken care of by honours in the under-21 grade anyway, and, to my mind, this is the most conclusive proof that the junior grade would be the one which ought to go. For, it is fairly clear in the terrible glut of competitions and matches to be played that some competition will eventually have to be axed. The under-21 has proved itself, and it must be considered

for expansion and consolidation while the junior must be reduced in significance.

There is another problem: the under-21 is run now at intercounty level, while it is not yet an accomplished fact at club level within the counties. This is, in itself, a major fault in the grade. Competitions should run parallel at club and county level, else the county team will inevitably lose some undiscovered genius who has not had a team to play with, or one whose age has not been brought to the notice of the selection committee.

The problem at club level is a greater one than that at inter-county level. The loss of the junior intercounty competitions would not really seriously grieve many people. (I mean, of course, competitions for the second string of counties who have senior teams too; naturally, the junior competition should remain in its present form as being the top of the ladder for counties which have not a team of sufficient proficiency to challenge the very best as yet.)

But, within each county, the introduction of under-21 championships in football and hurling would be a major headache, since at this level you could not dream of eliminating a junior champion-

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By Jay Drennan

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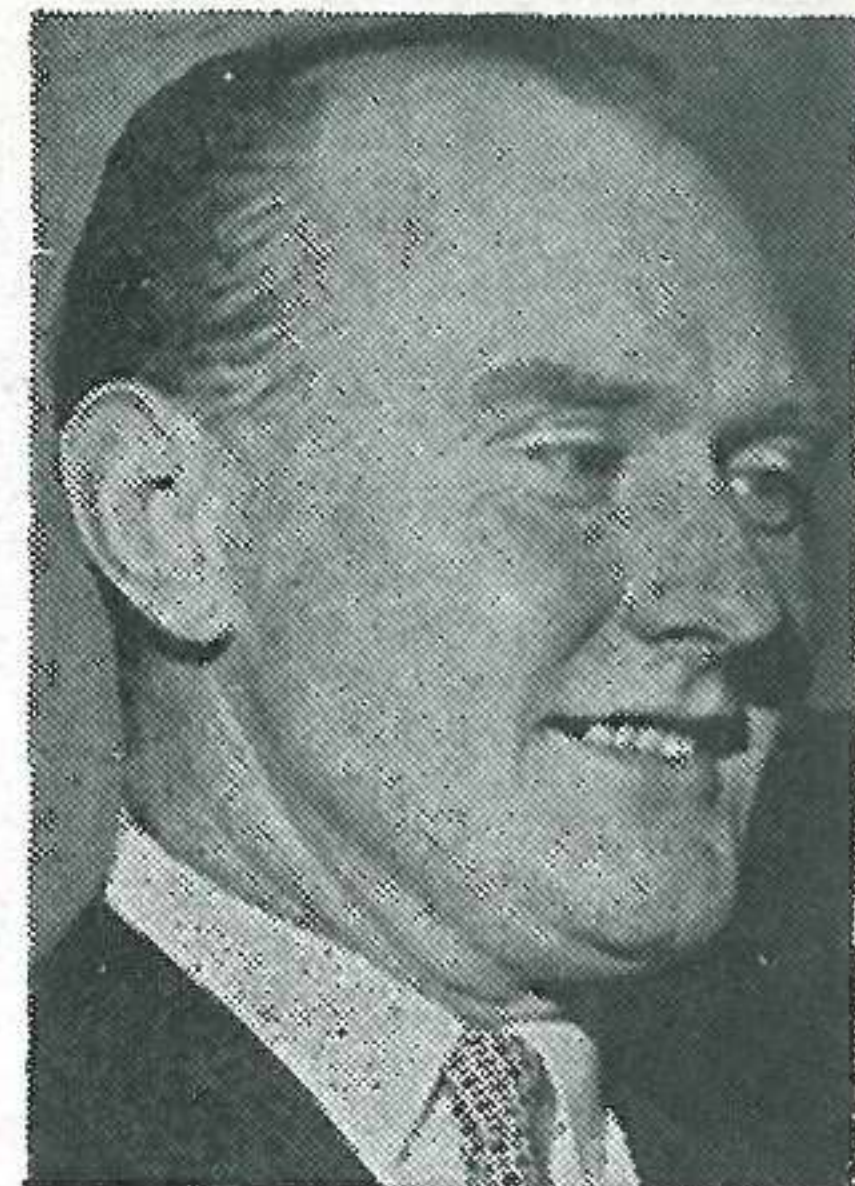


*Dublin hurling goalkeeper Jimmy Gray who recently announced his retirement from the game after nine years of brilliant service with the county senior team.*

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ship to make place for it. And there is the problem that good under 21 players would be playing in several competitions at the same time, causing the fixtures committee added headaches. And, yet, there is no doubt that selecting an under-21 team to play for the county by merely watching the players in minor, or junior, or even senior club games and in very mixed company, is not satisfactory.

Where the solution to the problem lies is not clear to me. There is a great deal of mature thought needed on the subject, and, in general, on the tremendous number of competitions which are proliferating in the G.A.A. world nowadays. The worst aspect of all probably is that the stronger counties seem strong all the time, while the weaker counties are getting few enough chances to play in competitions of any kind for long enough to get their teamwork going, and their confidence roused.

## SMAOINTÍ FÁNACHA



**T**Á an-chuid ráite is scríofa, go nuige seo, faoi na craobh-chluichí peile 1965 ach tá cúpla pointe gur mian liom a thabhairt chun chuimhne an léitheora.

'Sna blianta 1940-42 bhí foireann na Gaillimhe sa choimhlint sna trí craobh-chluichí agus buadh orthu ins gach ceann díobh. Cé bhí 'na gcoinne? Áth Cliath uair amháin agus Ciarraí fá dhó. 'Sna blianta 1963-65 bhí foireann na Gaillimhe páirteach sna trí craobh-chluichí arís. Cé bhí na gcoinne? Áth Cliath uair amháin agus Ciarraí fá dhó! Ach bhí a mhalairt de scéal ann an tárna babhta; bhuaigh Gaillimh an craobh i 1964 agus 1965 agus bhí mí-ádh orthu i 1963 mar fuair foireann Átha Cliath cúl ó chic sleasa tuathalach.

Ag caint ar chúil, b'é sin an taon chúil a fuaireathas sna trí craobh-chluichí 1963-65. Mar sin tá clú ar Ghaillimh mar gur imríodar i dtí chraobh-chluichí in dhiaidh a chéile agus níor ghnóthaigh siad oiread is cúl amháin, ainneoin go bhfuil sé tugtha suas dóibh go raibh na tosaigh ab' fhearr in Eirinn aca le linn na blianta úda!

Cé'n "múineadh" (dár le Aesop) atá le fáil ó sin? I'm thuairim 'sé an cheacht atá ann ná gur fearr

d'fhoirinn, sa lá atá inniu ann, iarracht a dhéanamh i gcónaí a gcuid gcúilíní a ghlacadh nuair a bhíonn an deis ann agus má tá cúl le teacht tiocfaidh sé; ach ní foláir tacaí den chéad-scoth a bheith ag an bhfoireann chomh maith ionas nach féidir leis an bhfreasúra cúl nó dhó a gnóthú go héasca.

### FREASTAL

Tá na slóite ag freastal ar Pháirc an Crócaigh go fóill ach tá laghdú tagtha orthu le cúpla bliain anuas.

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An amhlaidh go bhfuil an teilifís a chur isteach ar an bhfreastal? Níl aon dabht faoi. Nuair a smaoinítear ar an mhéid daoine a lorgaíonn ticéidí ardáin agus nach bhfuil sásta seasamh de réir deallraimh; a dheacair is atá sé lóistín fháil sa chathair an tráth seo den bhliain; an dáinséar ar na bóithre de dheasca tiúghdas na tráchta;

nuair a tugtar na rúdaí seo chun chuimhne is éasca a shamhlú go bhfuil na mílte ón dtuaith gur fearr leo suí sna cathaoireacha sógha ag breathnú ar an teilifís.

An bhfuil leigheas air? Ceapaim gur fiú don Árd-Chomhairle athsmaoineamh ar seo agus leigint do Theilifís Eireann an cluiche a chur amach níos déanaí oíche Domhnaigh. Bhéadh buntaistí le seo — ceann aca go bhféadfadh na fóirne breathnú orthu féin.

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Ar filleadh abhaile don bhfoireann Dé Luain taréis an cluiche bhí na slóite bailithe ins gach baile ó Bhleá Cliath ar aghaidh chun gáir molta a chur asta don bhfoireann cliútach seo. O chathair Árd Macha go dtí Machaire Átha bhí na teinte cnámh ar lasadh dóibh. Molaim iad agus táim ag súil go bhfeicfead mar sinsir iad i gceann ceithre bliana nó mar sin ag breith craobh sinsearach Uile-Eireann leo.

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## EAMONN YOUNG ON THE LEAGUES



**T**HE new National Leagues are interesting. It is a good thing to change for nothing dulls the appetite like monotony.

For some years we have been seeing the same sides meet in the National Leagues and some of those winter games were as dull as the skies that glowed on them. Not until the very last clashes was there any spark of real interest.

In any secondary competition that's pretty hard to avoid but now, just by a little astute juggling, the Central Council has let in a breath of fresh air which may give that extra in oxygen to revitalise the competition.

In Division One of the football league eight of the Ulster counties meet so that there is little change from other years. Antrim, Down, Armagh and Monaghan are in section "A" of the division and in the other section are Donegal, Derry, Tyrone and Fermanagh.

Down and Donegal are thus separated and Cavan, the other strong team, is in another division. The principle of seeding or keeping the best teams or individuals apart until the later stages of a competition is followed in many spheres and leads to excellent clashes in the ultimate stages. In our All-Ireland series that is not possible until we have an open draw, which we aren't prepared to allow while the provincial championships retain their present appeal.

Perhaps when we can drop out

of the skies on small airports all over the country we'll have Donegal playing Cork in the All-Ireland first round football (or better still in hurling) at Ballyshannon or the boys of Antrim slipping down to play Kerry in Killarney and still being back in Belfast before closing time on Sunday night.

Meanwhile we rely on the League to allow "strange" teams to meet and I notice that the Central Council is getting over the probability of financial loss by telling the counties to pay their own expenses in the opening three games. More of that anon.

In Division Two of the football league, which like the other three divisions has eight teams—Sligo, Leitrim, Longford and Cavan are drawn together in section "A" and in the other half we have Louth, Meath, Kerry and Wicklow.

There will be some nice games here. Either of the first four could come out on top in section "A"

## Central Council lets in fresh air

and those who said Meath should have beaten Galway will have a chance of proving their assertion that the Royal County would have beaten Kerry. This is a very interesting division.

Thank the Lord there's a change in Division Three. Everyone to his own bellyache and certainly we were tired of seeing poor old Cork footballers hammering away at Carlow, Wexford, Kerry and Kildare, with the winners of the group taking on one of the following—Limerick, Waterford, Clare, Tipperary or Kilkenny.

Now in the first section of the eight we have Kildare, Laois, Dublin and Cork, while in the second Waterford, Wexford, Kilkenny and Carlow fight it out.

It's twenty years I suppose since I last saw Laois, led by Bill Delaney, come out against Cork in a game down here and certainly the inclusion of Dublin, one of the

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glamour teams of the country, will wake up that section.

Fr. McCarthy, the Limerick Chairman, had great fun pulling my leg about Limerick on the day of the Munster championship hurling by the Shannon. He gave me a forecast of the National League groupings and with glee pointed out that his county being at the time a provincial finalist in football would have a better position in the League than mine. I'm glad to say that while his forecast isn't far off the ball he's quite welcome to the attention of Mayo, Clare and Galway.

Limerick, of course, are a vastly improved side and anyone who thinks he'll walk on them—while the present wave of enthusiasm lasts—is in for a big drop. Don't be surprised if they beat Mayo and Clare to give Galway a lively hour.

Westmeath, Tipperary, Roscommon and Offaly should provide good games in the other section and the best part of it is that either of the four has a good chance for, sentiment apart, they do play good football in Tipperary, where I hope my friend Sean Minogue of Ardfinnan, who spent his youth in Dundalk playing for Pierce O'Mahony's, is still coaching the team.

Sean played in the forward line for Cork and Tipperary in the 'forties and has a Munster championship medal.

In the hurling there's a welcome change also. Cork, after that wretched Munster final joust with Tipperary, are taken away from the big fellas. We don't like it but maybe our daddies know what's good for us. We wouldn't be Corkmen if we agreed they did.

So along with Tipperary, who like Julius Caesar are striding this narrow blasted world like a Colossus, the Council threw in Wexford, Laois, Waterford and Kilkenny. I hope Laois win the section.

## MANNERS AND ALL THAT

Sir,—Your comment in the October edition plus Chris Murray's catty remarks about Down supporters and his unwarranted attack on Larry Powell were quite uncalled for.

It is a pity both of you did not wait until after the All-Ireland Final to deliver your nauseating, holier-than-thou comments. If you were to exclude all ill-mannered spectators from Croke Park or any other park, I'm afraid your terraces would be rather empty. As for playing etiquette, Murray must be joking. There are few angels playing top-class county football anywhere.

I know Larry Powell as well as any other player and I have yet to see him commit a dirty or vicious foul. If he did walk across the path of a free-taker, I'm sure it was unintentional. At least, the referee did not see fit to make an issue of it.

The referee however did see fit to penalise so much that he angered the crowd. It may not be the best of good manners to booh or slow handclap but we're not dealing with an audience at an opera, we're dealing with an energetic and enthusiastic bunch of supporters who feel (and I'm inclined to agree with them) that they are entitled to voice their disapproval.

JOE LENNON.

Gormanston,  
Co. Meath.

In the other half there's Clare, Dublin, Limerick, Galway and a lonely band of fellows in red jerseys that are going to take a lease of Croke Park one of these days and sell again only when they get tired of it.

Now the plan in the two leagues is that the two leading teams in each section will play against the two best teams in the other section and the winners play a Division final. Thus Antrim and Down for instance could meet Donegal and Derry with say Down and Donegal qualifying for the final of Division One.

For argument let's pick Donegal to win that Division and Meath, Dublin and Galway to win the others. Each team of the thirty-two would have had three games and a great chance of another one or two before the Division is complete.

I don't worry about the top four. These glamour teams get enough matches anyway. But teams like

Limerick could get five in the football competition with an excellent chance of a similar number in the hurling.

The money goes out in the first three games for as mentioned above one has to pay his own expenses. The proceeds from the other fifteen games are pooled and should be worth something to everybody when the great divide is made.

Altogether I like this new set-up. The players will meet new opposition and play at new venues that they might never see without this change. The final stages should draw big crowds in May.

Like everybody I do look forward to the day when in the hurling competition we'll have more than four teams from Leinster and one from Connacht to add to Munster's five. The only way to take away our honours is to fight hard for them—in your own backyards first.

## PLEA FOR THE PARISH CLUB

**T**OO many of our Gaelic clubs are like plants—they wither and die when November comes, and only return to active life with the return of spring.

Some sound judges who have studied the position maintain that almost eighty per cent. of Gaelic clubs come into this category, whilst some others are only saved from the same fate through the fact that championships run late and they remain vitally interested in the destiny of the laurels.

This is a situation that must be remedied if the G.A.A. is to play its intended part in the life of the nation.

The paramount aim of the G.A.A. is a club in every parish, and that accomplished it must be stressed that a Gaelic club has much more to do than the mere fielding of a team or teams for championship, league or tournament ties.

One of the serious problems of the present day as far as rural parish clubs are concerned is the drift from the land, now, unfortunately a loss to the nation, for the big majority of those leaving are crossing the seas to help in the building of other lands.

A very practical activity for every Gaelic club—at home and overseas—this November would be the encouragement by every means at their disposal of the “Buy Irish” campaign. Every extra penny kept in Ireland helps to keep a bread-

winner in gainful employment and is the only certain way of stemming emigration.

We all know that not all who emigrate are forced to do so, and we are also painfully aware that many Irishmen in foreign lands work far harder than they ever did at home and under conditions far removed from the happy-go-lucky life of an Irish countryside.

We have welcome evidence of late that more and more are beginning to appreciate this fact, and quite a few who have returned from exile have not been slow in stressing the advantages of life in Ireland, nor insincere in saying that work at home is far more pleasant and rewarding than the best elsewhere.

We must not lose sight of the fact that the club is the basic unit of the G.A.A. and as such has a responsibility to the Association to ensure the full implementation of its policy, which extends to the promotion and propagation of not only Gaelic games, but of all aspects of Gaelic culture.

The parish is and must remain the bedrock of the G.A.A. The drift to the towns in some places has been responsible for moves towards the amalgamation of clubs, but such efforts should be resisted, no matter the circumstances.

Parish sentiment, if properly nourished is still strong enough to turn out the requisite number of players to form a hurling or foot-

ball team, and all that is needed in many instances is a leader.

This has been demonstrated time out of number, and we have many illustrations of what even one dedicated man can accomplish in a parish.

There is no district so destitute of young manhood as to be unable to field fifteen players. I remember a group debating this point with a former All-Ireland star in a once strong parish where the club had lapsed.

The veteran insisted it was impossible to collect a team, but the group were gathered on the brow of a hill, from where they were able to pick out nearly thirty homes.

It was plain as a pikestaff that plenty of players could be found, but equally clear that the quiet-spoken and easy-going star of other days was not the man to tackle the task.

After a short search the leader was found, and within a few short years that parish was back amongst the foremost — where it still remains.

The club should be the rallying point for its area, and a centre of life and vitality in the parish.

And in order to maintain its pre-eminence, the club must be prepared to cater adequately for the entire youth of the parish. This cannot be accomplished without hard work and a go-ahead spirit that makes light of obstacles.



*Players and committee members of Clann Eireann, which may be cited once again as the supreme example of what a well-organised, efficiently-run G.A.A. club should be.*

We have, however, ample evidence of the success achieved in places where local endeavour rose to the necessary heights, and such centres should serve as a headline to others.

The pride and glory of the parish is a great incentive on the playing field, but it should also act as a powerhouse diffusing the necessary spirit to ensure the preservation of the life blood of a parish by attending to the other details which help to make life pleasant and attractive.

The G.A.A. club is primarily intended to cater for the youth, but it is a big mistake to think there is no place for the older members.

Every self-respecting parish, in addition to its church and school, should have a playing field, a parish hall and a handball court, and it is the duty of the old players in a district to ensure that these essentials are provided.

The playing field is important from the health viewpoint, and in the main this should be simple in design and equipment, as elaborate schemes too often place a burden on clubs — and this must be avoided.

Hurling, football and camogie should be encouraged, and it helps to assign special times to each. The old love of the G.A.A. for athletics could be revived by the organisation of occasional sports meetings of a modest nature.

An ideal training for other pastimes is handball, which is one of our greatest games. A ballcourt in a parish is an incalculable asset.

The playing field should not be left idle when parish teams are eliminated from outside competitions. The winter months are ideal for parish leagues, which can provide splendid sport, and help in developing the games in a district.

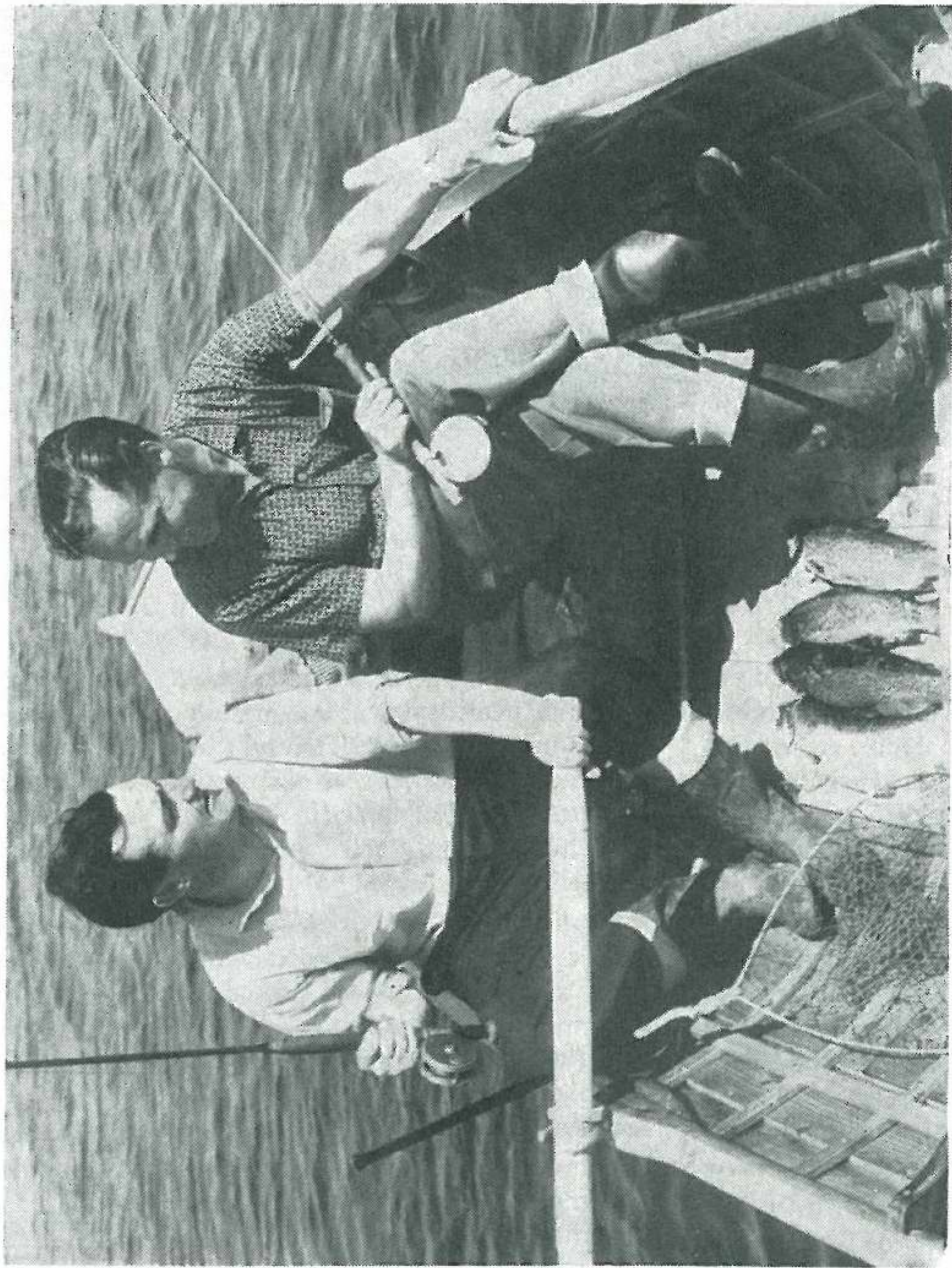
Some parishes who in recent years organised tournaments with

nearby clubs participating have discovered that after-Mass games in winter months are quite attractive and have turned out more successful financially and otherwise than the generally favoured after-tea ties on summer evenings.

The G.A.A. club is the organisation in many of our parishes which is truly representative of all sections of the community, and it owes it to the Association to be active in the promotion of various social activities in keeping with where the parish hall comes in.

From all this it will be appreciated that G.A.A. clubs have more than the games to play. Their task is to save the youth of Ireland, and for its completion the Association depends on the enthusiasm and devotion of the little known men in the country parishes. If they fail, the games in the rural areas must surely die, and with them the whole purpose and meaning of the G.A.A.

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# OUR YEAR OF DESTINY

By AGNES HOURIGAN

PERHAPS I am wrong, I hope I am not, but I just cannot get the idea out of my head that in future years we will look back on 1965 as the time when camogie really reached something like its proper status in the world of Gaelic games.

We had closely contested finals in three of the four provinces, the only exception was Ulster where Antrim won without really being challenged. We had one wonderful All-Ireland semi-final and we had an All-Ireland final that not alone was brilliantly contested but that drew the biggest crowd for some years. Afterwards, for, I think the first time ever, both the daily papers that make such an award, elected a camogie player as Sports Star of that particular week. In addition, of course, the final was broadcast.

Now, all these may be small points in themselves, but taken together they add up to a fair sized advance, and what is more give us every hope for the future.

What I found particularly encouraging, however, was the increased attendance at the All-Ireland final. This was all the more significant because, in the first place, the newspaper strike had only ended a few days beforehand and the game did not get nearly as much publicity as it would have received in more normal circumstances. In the second place Dublin were playing, and there is a widespread belief in camogie circles that there will never again be a

really big crowd at a camogie final until Dublin's record unbeaten run is ended.

Yet, the attendance figures showed an amazing increase on percentage this year, although the actual attendance is still only a fraction of what it should be.

Still, the crowd at this year's final was heartening and, what is more, I believe that those who did attend were so satisfied with the standard of play that they will all be back next year. Moreover, I am sure a certain number of those who saw the excerpts from the game on television or heard the radio commentary will come along next year to see the game at first hand.

I also feel that the bigger crowd at this final provided the first fruits of the decision to endow the Camogie Association with a fixed Croke Park date for the final.

Despite the lack of advance newspaper publicity, keen camogie players knew for months beforehand that the final would be played on the third Sunday in September and were able to plan accordingly. Now the real beauty of a fixed date is that we already know on what day and date the final will be played next year.

So I would suggest to all camogie lovers, and to clubs and county boards in particular, that they should be already making plans now that will enable them to turn up at Croke Park on the third Sunday in September 1966. Because, entirely irrespective of

what teams may be in the decider, All-Ireland final day should be the great rallying day of the year for all camogie players, officials and followers alike.

Until now, because there was never any set date for the final, which might be played at any time between mid-August and mid-November, there was no chance to plan ahead. Now that there is a fixed date, clubs and parties of enthusiasts can plan a final trip to Croke Park well in advance, old friends can arrange to meet in Dublin that day and some, I am sure, will arrange their holidays to coincide with the final.

I know it may take some time for the idea of making a date for the camogie final' to catch on, but catch on it will and I confidently look forward to the day, and that day not so far distant, when a crowd of ten thousand at a camogie final will cause no surprise to anybody.

Another most encouraging feature of the recent final was this. It is only five years since the Leinster colleges competitions started, not long enough ago, one would have thought, to have any great effect at All-Ireland level. Yet two stars of the colleges' fields, Ora Ni Shiochain and Anne Carroll, were among the stars of this senior final in which Anne Carroll was actually captain of Tipperary.

Indeed, of the Dublin team, several had been outstanding in their day in the Dublin colleges' competitions.

# Cavan marksman leads averages on football chart

## CHARLIE GALLAGHER SETS NEW SCORING FIGURES



By OWEN McCANN

CHARLIE GALLAGHER has established a new scoring record with a total of 3-29 (38 pts.) from five games to earn the No. 1 spot in both codes for the 1965 senior championships. This is three points ahead of the previous best in football of 4-23 in six games by Paddy Doherty in 1960. I have been keeping these records since 1955.

The Cavan marksman, whose total is almost unbelievably exactly the same as that which earned him first place in football for the 1964-'65 National League, also in five outings, is, however, well behind the hurling best. This is 12-15 (51 pts.) by Nick Rackard in four engagements in 1956.

Gallagher's match average is the best in the current football chart, but, impressive though it is at 7.60 points per game, it is still only narrowly ahead of the totals for Danny McHugh and Michael McLoone. The Sligoman averaged 7.50 minors a game, as against McLoone's seven points. The record match average for the code stands to the credit of Carlow's Brendan Hayden, who chalked up 10.50 points a game in 1962.

The Breffni sharpshooter was the

second highest football scorer last year with 0-23 in four games.

Offaly's interprovincial hurler Paddy Molloy, took the hurling honours. Although he played only two games, he finished no fewer than five points in front with 4-12 which works out at twelve points a match. Only one other hurler has bettered this match average—Nick Rackard with 12.75 points in that 1956 record total.

Molloy, who notched 2-7 against Carlow at Portlaoise, the highest tally by a hurler in one championship game this year, and 2-5 v. Laois, is the first Leinster hurler, outside of Wexford or Kilkenny, to top the list. Molloy's total is the second lowest by a leading championship marksman. In 1961, Jimmy Doyle notched 2-17 (23 pts.) in three outings.

McLoone's total in football establishes a new record for a Donegalman. The previous best was 2-10 (16 pts.) in three games that earned Harry Lafferty third place in 1963. Michael Kearns is the first Sligo player to get into the top five in any year so far.

Football's ace marksman last year, Cyril Dunne, is well down the list. He scored in three games no fewer than 13 points less than the

0-28 (from only one game more) which gave him a five points lead in the code in 1964.

Ulster take three of the top five spots in football. Munster hold down the second spot, and Connaught have the fifth place, leaving Leinster's two top scorers on the No. 6 mark. This is the first time that the East has not been represented in the top five in football.

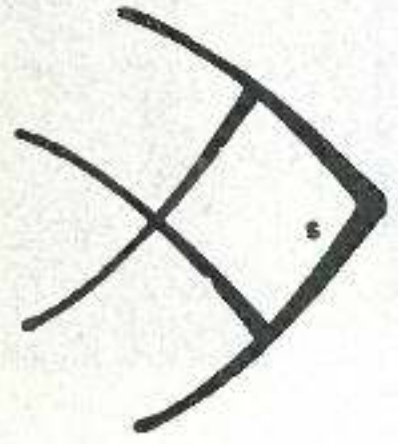
The leading marksmen for the 1965 Senior Championship are:

### FOOTBALL

		Games	Aver.
1.	C. Gallagher	3-29 (5)	7.60
2.	B. O'Callaghan	3-13 (4)	5.50
3.	M. McLoone	1-18 (3)	7.00
4.	P. Doherty	3-11 (4)	5.00
5.	M. Kearns	1-15 (3)	6.00
6.	J. Timmons	1-14 (3)	5.66
	S. Murray	2-11 (4)	4.25
8.	D. McHugh	3-6 (2)	7.50
	E. Cregan	2-9 (3)	5.00
	C. Dunne	0-15 (3)	5.00

### HURLING

1.	P. Molloy	4-12 (2)	12.00
2.	S. McLoughlin	6-1 (3)	6.33
	C. O'Brien	4-7 (3)	6.33
4.	J. Doyle	0-14 (3)	4.66
5.	J. Bennett	1-10 (3)	4.33
6.	E. Keher	1-9 (2)	6.00
7.	T. Walsh	2-5 (2)	5.50
8.	P. Grimes	2-4 (3)	3.33
	F. Walsh	2-4 (3)	3.33



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# MUNSTER MEDLEY

## Work continues at major playing fields

By SEAMUS O CEALLAIGH

SOUTHERN playing fields are surely getting a face lift this season. Thurles has been closed since springtime and a really big job is in progress there. It is slow work so far, the contractor had other irons in the fire nearby, but from this on it will be full steam ahead and hopes are high that everything will be in readiness for next year's Munster championship programme. The big crowds were missed this year, whilst Limerick had one of their best seasons ever.

Extensive work is also in progress by Shannonside and travellers on the Ennis Road are beginning to ask the meaning of the big pillars dominating the landscape at the Limerick end of the grounds. Regular patrons of the venue can now get a better idea of what is happening and it is evident that much improved seated accommodation will be available before the new year is too old.

Games have continued all the time at Limerick and, although they must have proved a serious embarrassment to the contractors time out of number, the closing of the grounds was out of the question, in view of the acute shortage of playing fields in or near the City.

The City Board are striving very hard to get the Canon Punch Park into playable condition. The work

of enclosing the grounds has been completed and the playing pitch has actually been laid out but cutting high grass presented a bit of a problem, which should be resolved as soon as work on saving the harvest eases.

Labour for this type of job is not easy to find during the busy period, but the Board are determined on getting the pitch into action as quickly as possible so that some heavy arrears of games can be worked off.

A somewhat similar problem is being experienced in Waterford where the historic old sportsfield—once the scene of a bitter fight to establish it as a centre for Gaelic games only—has been almost completely transformed since it was closed to play several months ago.

The new pitch will be as good as is to be found anywhere, whilst the accommodation, increased threefold, will make Walsh Park a much more attractive venue, in keeping with the importance of Waterford as a centre of Gaeldom.

### TICKETS

As a usual aftermath of the All-Ireland finals we find plenty of complaints, especially from old players, concerning the difficulty of securing the much in demand and highly prized stand tickets.

In fact, the situation appears to have been worse than ever in some

of the Southern counties this year, and men who saw every All-Ireland final over a long spell had to be content with the television coverage, particularly as far as the football final was concerned.

A lot of the difficulties seem to stem from the system of distribution of the tickets. The bulk of them go to the clubs, and most of these take the easy way out.

They raffle them amongst their members. Too often the wrong people get the tickets and it is in this way some of them get to the black market, or are passed on to individuals who hardly deserve the seats that many old-timers would give a lot to get.

There are people in almost every county who are to be seen occupying stand seats at the big games, but who very rarely patronise local matches. Some of the same individuals often too boast of having tickets for internationals for other codes. They seem to have the knack of picking up such things.

We all realise the problem facing a club with say half a dozen tickets and maybe fifty or sixty members. It is not easy to solve such a situation, yet many feel the younger members should not press their claims, rather should they do the generous thing and give the older

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Frank Evers (left) the former Galway midfield star, talking with Martin Newell and Mattie McDonagh at the reception in Players' Tobacco Factory for the All-Ireland champions. Galway and the runners-up, Kerry, on the morning after the football final.

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 member the opportunity that they will be glad to get themselves some day, when they will be less able than they are now to rough it on the banks.

**IN BRIEF**

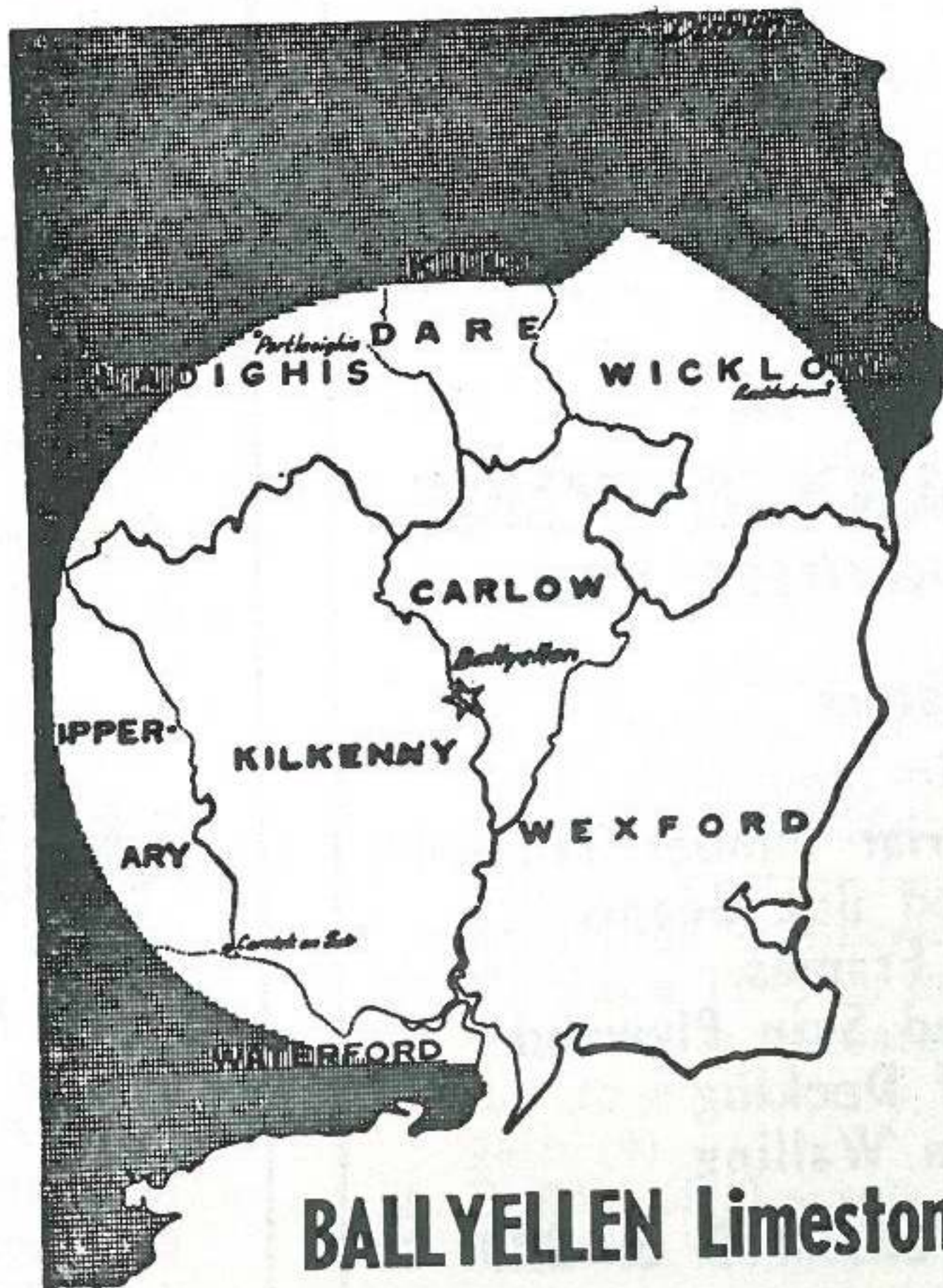
Dave Murphy of Castletown-roche, who captained the Cork team which brought the first Intermediate All-Ireland hurling title to Leeside, is nephew of a former Cork All-Ireland hurler.

The death of Mick Rochford severs another link with the Limerick All-Ireland senior hurling success of 1918. At the period Mick had won a junior and three senior county medals with his club, Cloughaun, and the addition of the Munster and All-Ireland medal left him with almost all the honours it was possible to win on the hurling field at a time when National Leagues and interprovincial championships were unknown, and minor ties and overseas tours things very much of the future.

Mick was a great hurling defender, lively and uncompromising, in the finest traditions of the then great Cloughaun club of which he was such a splendid representative. He gave much to hurling, and his name will be honoured by Shanonside as long as great deeds on the playing field find a responsive chord.

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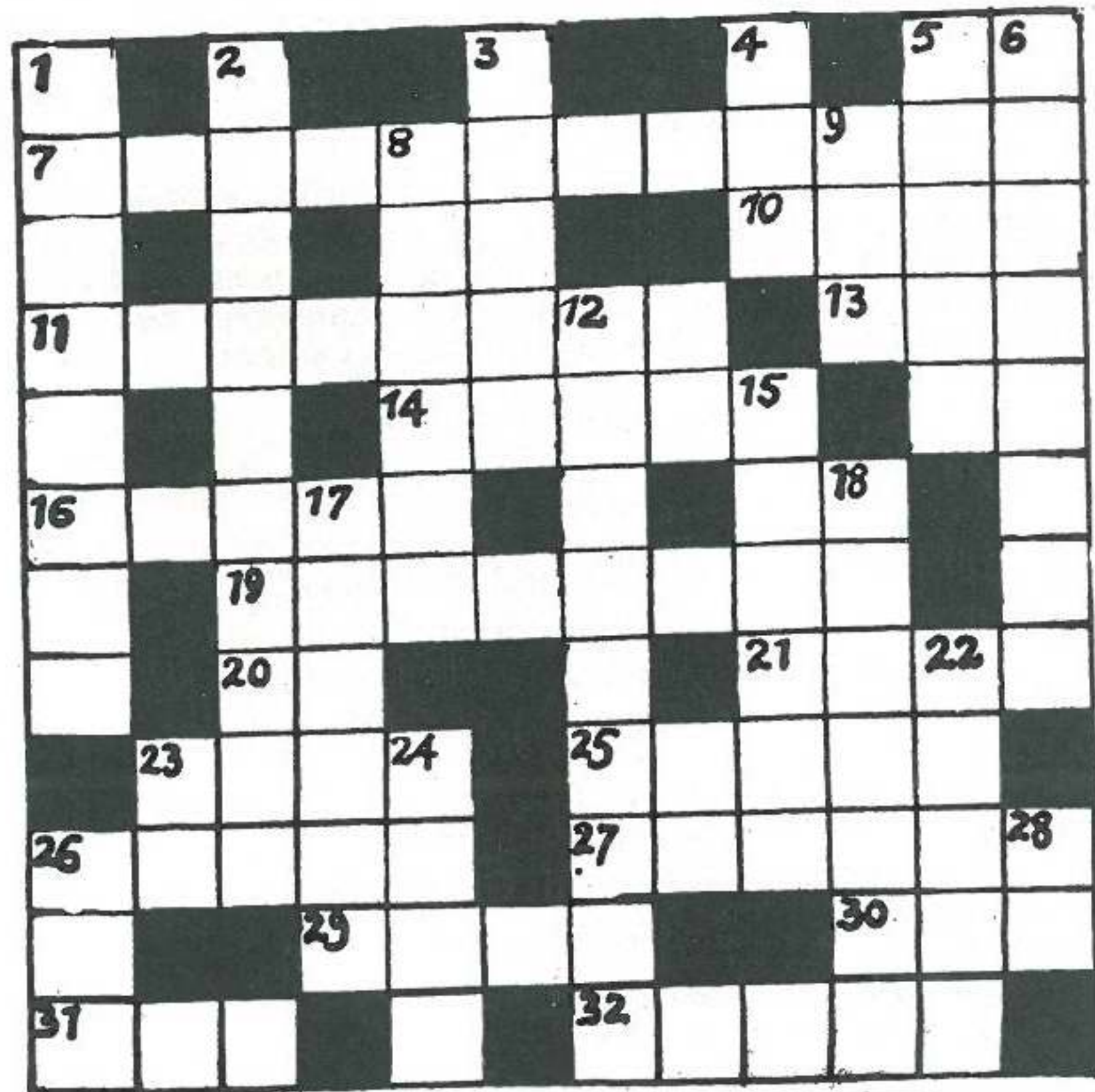
By PERMUTER

## ACROSS :

7. To make a Donegal midfielder a 'terrifier'. (4, 8)
10. Four-fifths of a third introduces an undesirable element into the play. (4)
11. 'E of rally was often the cause for Dublin, though playing in the backs. (3, 5)
13. Mr. I could make a Member of Royal Institute. (3)
14. Almost a winner by nature, it seems, who kept goal for Mayo in All-Ireland years. (5)
16. Perhaps some players will nag re. the distance from which frees are to be from goal. (5)
19. Clare native, representing Tipperary, who was President of the Association in the forties. (8)
20. Outstanding Wexford corner-back. (Initials) (2)
23. A Kerryman—certainly not a short one—who has played both in defence and attack. (4)
25. Cunning, crafty player who would be an asset to any side; age at the core may be the reason. (5)
26. 'Rodon' presents a trophy for competition. (5)
27. Give Ned a loy and he becomes a dangerous wing-forward with the champions. (6)
29. "Amen" said the referee when he had noted it. (4)
30. Number of Leinster senior football championships won by Carlow. (3)
31. Send the bus for a replacement. (3)
32. A Sad Registered Nurse mends the holes in players' stockings. (5)

## DOWN :

1. Individual U.N.O. solar sortie. (1, 4, 3)
2. Harton surrounds Ring to make a distinguished Cork defender of a few years back (in football). (10)
3. See 5 down.
4. No container is complete without a cover such as this. (3)
5. Christian name and (3 down) surname of Cork hurler from Tracton with a stylish approach. Centre-field or centre-forward a few years ago. (5, 5)



6. I try star for the stylishness of hurling. (8)
8. The kind of ornamental plant which you will not find growing on sportsfields; though, you might meet a low ref. occasionally. (6)
9. Christian name of well-known Wexford forward, in spate in the fifties. (3)
12. When pressure is heaviest a goalie may find himself thus enclosed by ringing forwards. (19)
15. Greeny substance to give dash and strength. (6)
17. Leitrim man who played in the Railway Cup semi-final, but was unable to play in the final this year. (6)
18. Con Reed is a Macroom star who was a dangerous corner forward for Cork, before emigrating to America. (7)
22. He was a Tiger on the sly. (5)
24. The reverse of barge (almost), yet to do this to a player is a foul, especially his garb. (4)
26. Brother of 11 across. (3)
28. Direction of Antrim. (2)

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# THE STORY

# OF AMERICAN

# HANDBALL

By  
ALLEYMAN

**T**HIS is the story of American handball.

It is tinged with irony in that while the game was introduced there by Irish immigrants, America is now the undisputed master of the art.

The first four-wall championship handball court in the United States was constructed in Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1886. Consisting of a front wall 30 feet high and 25 feet wide, with cement side walls 65 feet long and a rear wall 12 feet high, it was acknowledged to be one of the finest courts ever built in the United States.

It was known as "Casey's Court" as a tribute to the fabled player of the same name who built it.

Phil Casey actually played a memorable game there on November 29, 1887, when he tackled John Lawlor, the Irish champion in the second stage of a twenty-one game World Championship.

The first series took place at Cork on August 4, 1887, when Lawlor won by six games to four. Little wonder, then, that when the return took place in Brooklyn, the gallery could not accommodate the vast numbers who wished to see it.

But the issue fizzled out like a damp squib, as Casey won seven straight games, and, in turn, the entire match.

In succeeding years, he continued to extol his qualities as a player and retired undefeated around 1900.

Players in that era, were, essentially, hardball exponents, for it was not until some few years prior to 1900, that the softball made its appearance. It was in the form of a coverless tennis ball, and its popularity in the smaller four-wall courts spread throughout New York City. Soon it became contagious and swept through the cities of the United States.

Time made adjustments, especially in the case of the large tennis-type ball, which was found to be unsatisfactory, and was substituted by a smaller one, which immediately gave the game an added impetus.

Handball, was now making remarkable progress, and, in quick time the Middle West, came into prominence as a centre of concentrated activity.

The Detroit Athletic Club led the way, erected wonderful four-walled courts, and, at considerable expense, invited prominent players from various parts of the country to compete in tournaments.

The first of these was held in 1915, and was won by Fritz Seivered of Cleveland, who repeated the feat in 1917. In 1918 an other representative of the East, Bill Sakmann was crowned champion.

While the Detroit Athletic Club was holding these invitational tournaments, four-walled handball was making a strong bid for recognition on the Pacific Coast, and, shortly, budding champions were

emerging from Los Angeles, and San Francisco. In time, the three Organisations which now promote handball in the United States were born. In 1919, the Amateur Athletic Union held its first championship in Detroit, which was won by Bill Ranft of the Los Angeles Athletic Club.

The Y.M.C.A. held its first National Championship in 1926 and since then both these organisations have sponsored tournaments annually.

In 1951, the United States Handball Association was officially founded, with Robert W. Kendler as president. Mr. Kendler has made many contributions to the development of handball, principally in his pioneering the use of glass in the construction and re-modelling of four-walled courts. His generous support was a major factor in the erection of the beautiful all-glass court at the Aurora, Illinois, Y.M.C.A.

Nowadays, there are three officially recognised games of handball in the United States, namely, one, three and four-walled handball.

One-walled handball is chiefly confined to the Metropolitan New York City area, and is not at all popular in the Middle West or on the Pacific Coast.

Three-walled courts with front and two side-walls (no back wall), are not very plentiful either and this type of play is confined mostly to Detroit, where the U.S.H.R. holds the Championship each year.

Three-walled type courts are a recent innovation in the parks and playgrounds of New York City. They comprise a front wall, back wall, one side wall with the other side open, to allow spectators an opportunity of seeing the various

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# MY GOOD COMPANIONS

## *(The ticket hunters)*

IN the month of August I was what one might call a mildly popular man. I could walk in to my local hostelry on a Saturday night and be sure that I would get a salute here and there. Occasionally someone might come up to me to have a few words of desultory conversation about a football match, the state of the weather or about one of those "nags" that had finished well down the field in a three-horse race.

September, however, was another story. All of a sudden I became the man to talk to in the local. Fellows who might normally bid me the time of night or nod casually in my direction became admiring friends. Every word that dropped from my lips was pure gold. All because the word has got around that I was tied up with sports journalism.

And, begor, if I had an association with sports journalism, that meant, of course, that I was a man with All-Ireland influence. I was in the way of tickets.

And now it is October—and even the mild popularity has disappeared. I am a social outcast. I walk in to the local on a Saturday night and all the talk vanishes when I go in the door. I can call for my pint in almost absolute silence and I can feel the eyes of everyone on me when I take the first sip from it. One gets the distinct feeling that everyone there is hoping that it will poison me.

I had better tell you all about it . . .

Where the All-Ireland finals are concerned, I am a privileged man. I have two tickets for every All-Ireland final. I use one of them; my son uses the other. After that I have no more chance of getting an extra ticket than I have of being the first man to reach the moon. Does anyone believe that? Not on your life. Just because I am a sports journalist and work on a national daily newspaper, the general feeling is that Sean O'Siochain rushes around to our office every September beseeching me to take as many extra tickets as I can carry.

Bearing that mistaken belief in mind, stick with me now and I'll tell you just a few experiences that befell me last month. We'll take—let's call him John—as the first case.

He rang me at home one Saturday afternoon and, in an extraordinary serious voice, told me that he had to see me in the local that night. A matter of life or death. Yes, indeed, it was something that he could only discuss with me.

So we duly met in the local and, of course, he insisted on the first round. A small whiskey for himself; a large "Paddy" and a pint for me.

Then he broke his troubles to me. He did not want a ticket for himself. He had a cousin down in Kerry who had done a great turn for him and this cousin had a friend who was just back in Ireland after eighteen years in the Phillipines with the lepers. All the

time he had been out in the Phillipines, this friend had dreamt of just the one thing—seeing an All-Ireland football final.

What could I do? All I could say was that I would try. With that there was another large "Paddy" and a pint in front of me.

Nothing ever came of my promise and, needless to remark, I lost a "friend". Well, for the next few months anyway.

The sequel to this little story is that on the day of the Galway-Kerry match, John was sitting about two rows in front of me. With him he had his wife and three children and a woman who looked for all the world, like his mother-in-law. The friend from the Phillipines? There was not a sign of him. For all I know he may still be out there with the lepers.

Then there was Michael. He told me that his son was allergic to crowds, loved Croke Park, but could not go on Hill 16. He was liable to faint. His story was a heart-rending one . . . but there was nothing I could do about it.

A few nights later, in the course of a conversation I happened to mention Michael's name and I heard another friend of his complain; "Isn't it about time that fellow got married. He's been going around with the woman for almost ten years and he is still talking about getting married."

The best one was probably the young man who wrote to me from

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# NO TALK OF RETIRAL

—John Doyle



By SEAN O'DONNELL

John  
Doyle

## TICKET HUNTERS

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Glasgow. His demands were small. He wrote: "I am bringing over a party of 70 for the Galway-Kerry match. Would you ever collect 70 stand tickets from Croke Park and pay for them. I'll call in on the Saturday before the game and then you can collect the money from all my friends. We are coming over to play a football game against the Insurance companies of Dublin."

An optimistic young man. Just for cussedness I asked a friend in the Insurance Companies if any such match had been planned and he told me he knew nothing about it.

I had urgent appeals from our doctor, our dentist, our vegetable man . . . and from the young man who delivers the laundry.

Callous as I am I turned them all down.

And the funny thing about everything is that I did get an extra ticket on the morning of the match. And the big problem was what to do with it?

You won't believe it. I tried about ten people and they all told me that they had tickets. My wife would not come and as for the rest of the kids . . . well, they all had something else planned for the day.

Eventually I managed to get rid of it . . . to our vegetable man. And that was not a bad move. You should see the potatoes, turnips and cabbages that my wife has been getting for the past few weeks. At least I am popular with him.

But in my local pub, the silence is frightening. No one talks to me; no one gives a damn whether I am alive or dead.

It's getting a bit dreary these nights . . . and every now and then I find myself turning towards the door with the faint hope that our vegetable man may drop in for a drink.

"YOU can ask me anything you like—except when am I going to retire". So said John Doyle to me after I had fought my way to him in a cram-packed Tipperary dressing-room after the All-Ireland hurling final.

There were television cameras, men with microphones, journalists with pads and pencils and hundreds upon hundreds of fans pushing and shoving just to get near to him. It took me a long time but finally I was alongside the great man who had just captured his eighth All-Ireland medal.

I had just begun this interview when suddenly someone grabbed one of John's stockings. However, the souvenir was retrieved and someone gave them a boot-lace instead. The souvenir-seeker appeared contented.

Doyle was obviously delighted at winning his eighth senior medal. I asked him if the game was faster now than it was in 1949 when he won his first All-Ireland medal.

Numerous people shook his hand before he had a chance to answer. Then he told me that, yes, the game was faster.

Did the game give him as much

pleasure now as it used to? "Sure it does", he answered, "I love every minute of it". As to which medal he would most treasure his first or his eighth, I was surprised to learn his first was nearest to his heart.

There was another surprise when I asked as to the opponent who gave him his hardest games. I had expected him to say Christy Ring. But it was Paddy Barry he chose. I did not ask him to elaborate.

By now it was almost impossible to continue the conversation. There were others who wanted to ask the same questions and they had to get a chance—so I vacated my position and began the long fight to the exit, leaving behind a very happy and contented John Doyle.

Doyle's achievement had made the occasion special. Otherwise one felt that Tipperary's victory was somewhat accepted. They had retained the title which they had been firm favourites to retain.

Since that day John Doyle has won his 11th National League medal in New York. A unique man surely this big hard-pulling hurler from Holycross.



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# LOOK AFTER YOUR KIT

Says **JOE LENNON**

ONE of the interesting aspects of teaching physical education is the occasional invitation which comes from manufacturers of sports goods to look over their range of products. Occasionally, when I was teaching in Kidderminster, an invitation would come from a manufacturer of gymnastic equipment or swimming pools or athletic equipment or balls and P.E. footwear. In England the P.E. specialist is responsible for equipping his Department and his purchases range from trampolines to tennis balls. His budget depends on the number of pupils on roll plus his ability to scrounge from the school fund and or the sports fund. Usually, in a medium sized secondary school (400—500 pupils) he has £250 to £300 to spend, hence the invitations and hence the opportunity to get the very best value from your budget (which is never quite big enough).

I was quite surprised recently when two invitations came in to look over the products of an Irish footwear manufacturer and also a sports outfitter. Some time ago, in *Gaelic Sport* I wrote an article about kit. I am very concerned that so little attention is paid to kit generally by Gaelic teams and players. Irish men as a whole are not very fashion conscious but this outlook is quickly changing due, no doubt to the influence of television.

Being well dressed gives a man

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Joe Lennon discussing the importance of proper fitting football boots with ex-Dublin player Paddy Coyle. "It costs no more to buy boots which fit," says Lennon.

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a certain poise and confidence and a certain advantage over his untidy fellow-man. The same is true in games. The player who is well dressed in freshly laundered kit, neat stockings properly fastened up and comfortable plus good fitting boots has a distinct advantage over the untidy player with his dirty jersey and shorts, baggy, rolled-down socks and kinky boots with the inevitable spliced laces (or binder twine). It is largely a question of attitudes; dress reflects one's attitude towards the game and life in general. It costs no more to buy boots which fit and there's no one nowadays who cannot afford to have his kit washed. Not only can we buy the kit we need for our national games but most sports stores offer a wide range of styles in each item to suit all pockets and tastes.

For example in Boylans of Aungier Street, I found most everything which the modern sportsman needs. In stock were a wide selection of football boots, footballs, sliothars, camans, jerseys, togs, stockings and shin-guards. Paddy Coyle who showed me around is an ex-Dublin hurler, and he too expressed concern at the indifference of sportsmen generally towards their equipment.

I have often wondered how the new multi stud, bonded rubber soled, football boots are made. Now I know, but though very interesting, it's a rather long and involved story. It took the most of an afternoon to tour Donaghy's footwear factory in Drogheda. At one end are the raw hides, at the other end, a hundred machines later, are boxes and boxes of shining new football boots. It takes six minutes to "roast" the sole on to a Bantam boot and once on six wild horses won't kick or pull it off. The Bantam is a new boot on the market and is an all-Irish product.

It is important that players buy

right and equally important that they take good care to have all their kit clean and well serviced. The player who cares about his kit cares about his game and his Association, and I would suggest, to the younger players especially, to take advantage of the winter break

to do some stock-taking regarding their equipment, so that with the coming of spring and the commencement of a new season they can run out on the field, not alone feeling good, but with that extra confidence which comes from being well togged-out.

## **Brian Geraghty's**

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**WHEN** Galway defeated Hertfordshire in the Junior All-Ireland football final at Luton recently by 1-8 to 0-4, Galwayman Brian Geraghty, who also captained the winning side, collected his fourth All-Ireland medal. Nothing extraordinary about that you might think, until you realise that Brian's first three medals were acquired **WITHOUT** ever appearing in a final.



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Father Fitzsimons, former chairman of the Tuam Stars G.A.A. club, presents the Fr. Fitzsimons Cup to Johnny Traynor, captain of the winning St. Enda's team. With him are, from left: Philip Joyce, Asst. Sec., and Miko Kelly, Sec. Recently Fr. Fitzsimons was transferred to Mountbellew after spending many years in Tuam.

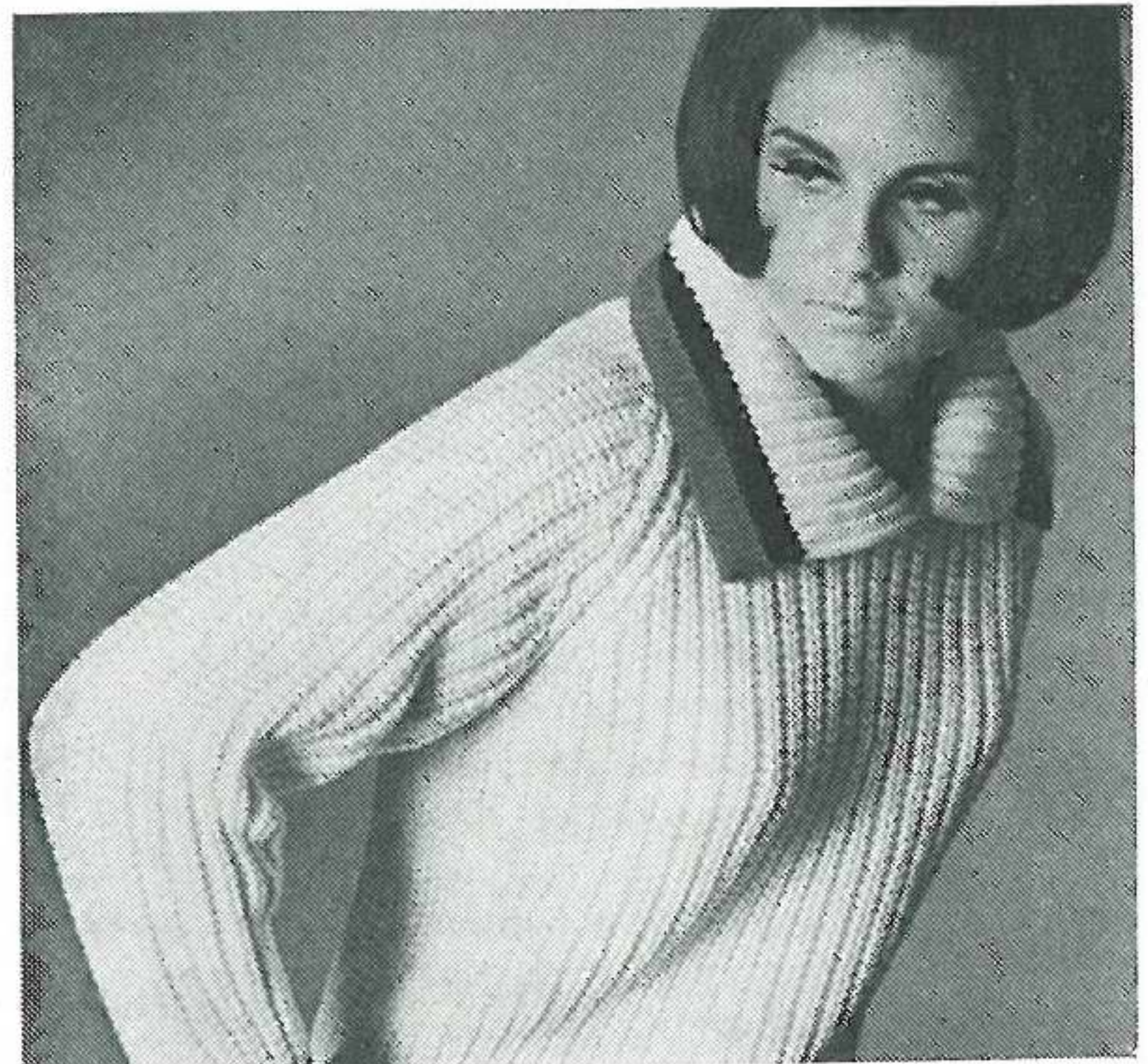
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By CHRIS MURRAY

# CONNACHT COMMENT

## MATTIE IS HERO OF THE WEST

IT may be a month or more now since it all happened, but down here in the West we are still talking about Galway's All-Ireland victory and the men who brought it off. Everybody has his own views as to who was the hero of the 1965 campaign but I do feel that if a vote was taken among Galway people, Mattie McDonagh would win at a canter.

Though no Sean Purcell in style or skill, McDonagh is the powerhouse of this Galway side and without him the Galway attack would lack much of its strength. Yes, Mattie McDonagh hero of the West.

### SLIGO AGAIN

Sligo slipped up badly against Longford in the "Gaelic Weekly" final, but I do feel that it was not a true reflection of them. They were, of course, under-strength and having missed those few early scores, they were never quite in it. Still, I feel quite sure that we will be hearing more from them.

### FRIENDLY RIVALS

When Gerry O'Malley won that long-overdue All-Ireland medal, one of the first to congratulate him was his old rival, Sean Purcell, who drove over specially to be on hand to pay tribute to a great sportsman.

### PAT CLARKE

Roscommon minor full back, Pat Clarke went reasonably close to an All-Ireland football medal



GERRY O'MALLEY  
*Tribute from Purcell.*

this year and had he won it what a year it would have been for him. Since the minor semi-final against Derry he has won the All-Ireland minor softball singles title beating P. Kelly of Offaly in two straight games. Pat has also won three All-Ireland Colleges handball titles this year.

His father, Jim Clarke, also represented Roscommon in football and handball, while his brother Jim was on the Roscommon junior football team which won last year's Connacht title.

### JIMMY DUGGAN

No not the hurler but the brilliant St. Jarlath's College star who is available again for his College

this year. One of Galway's Under-21 football stars in their defeat by Cork, Jimmy is a son of Joe Duggan the former Galway hero from Annaghdown, and a nephew of Paddy Stephens, current President of the Galway Football Board.

Two years ago young Jimmy Duggan was one of the stars of the St. Jarlath's team, which beat St. Mel's College, Longford, in the Hogan Cup final and last year again was Jarlath's supreme player in their narrow defeat by St. Columb's College, Derry. He seems set to become one of the great footballers of the next decade.

### IN REPLY TO DOWN

I had a letter from Down supporter, Finn Nonnell of Newry enclosing a newspaper cutting of the John Donnellan-Derry O'Shea photograph. It was all a retaliation as a result of my comments in the September issue regarding Down's performance in the semi-final.

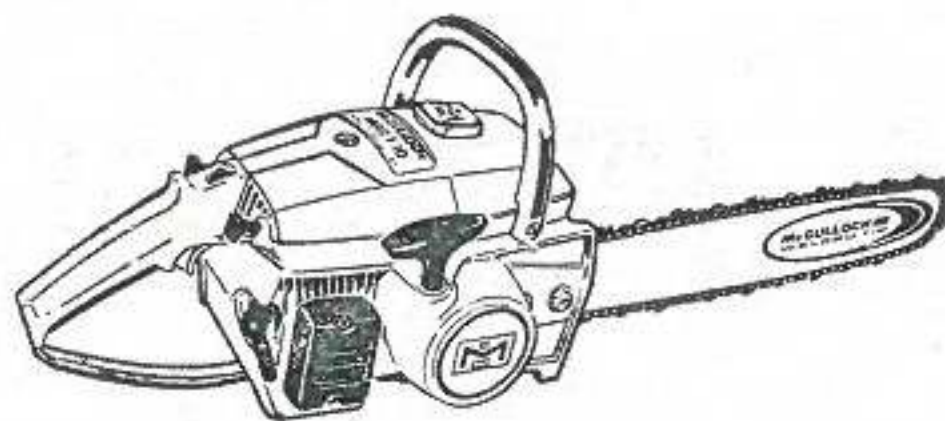
I agree John Donnellan fouled—what player has not done so off and on. My point though is that most Down supporters are not willing to see the fouls committed by their own players. Downmen seemingly cannot do anything wrong in other Downmen's eyes.

This is the fault I see with the Mournemen and is the point I was making when I first referred to Down sportsmanship — "none so blind as those who are not willing to see."

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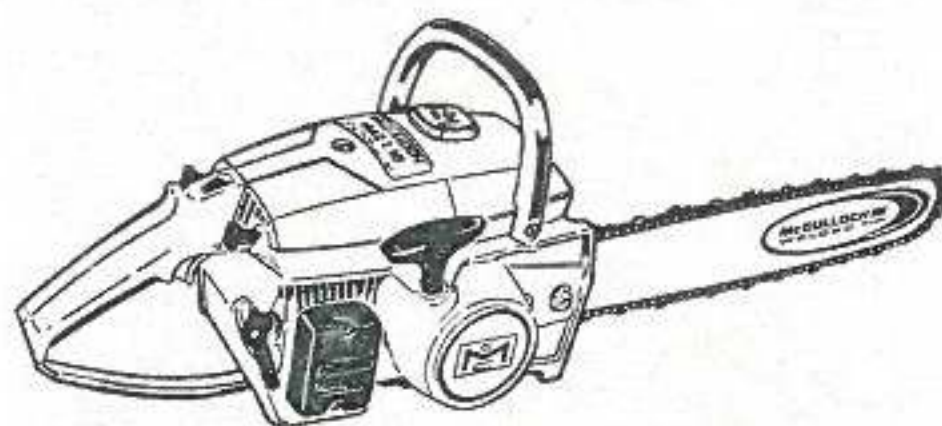
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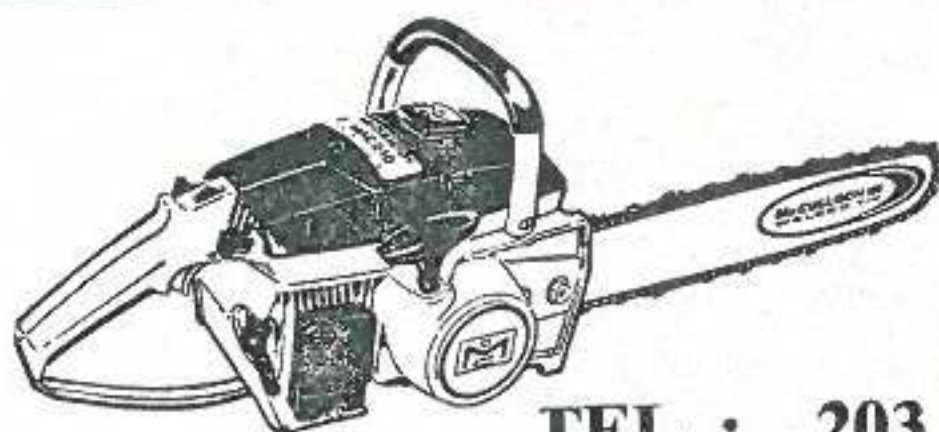
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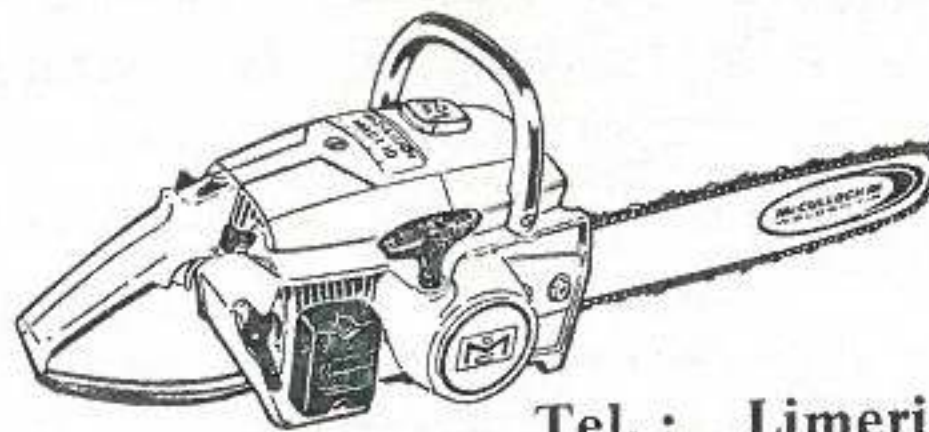
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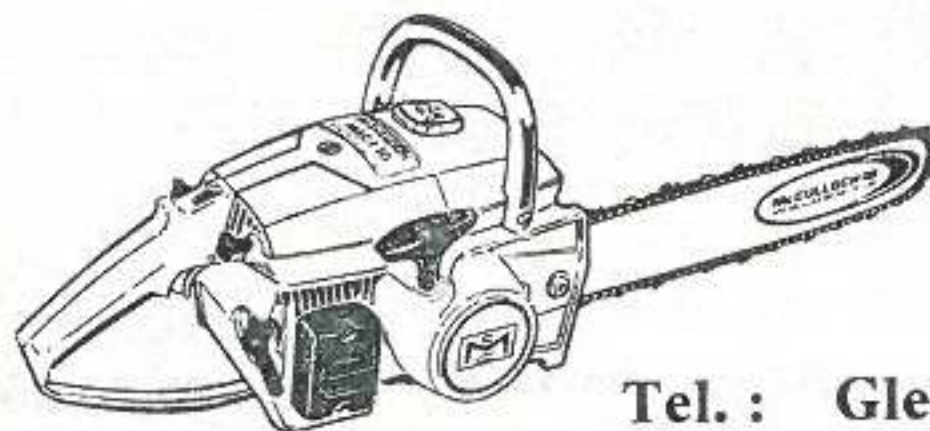
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**FRANK HUGHES SAYS :**

# KERRY ARE A SPENT FORCE

**A**RE Kerry finished as a major football stronghold? I think so and I will tell you why.

As I see it there are two reasons. Firstly football has

changed. It probably started with the Dublin team of the mid-fifties. They started it and Down brought it to fruition.

During their peak years, Down

were Kerry's masters. That was 1960-'61. Down went out in 1962 and so Kerry slipped back to pick up an easy title against Roscommon.

However come 1963 and Dublin beat Kerry. In the 1964 and '65 finals Galway beat them.

I think most readers will agree that there was a basic similarity between the styles of Down, Dublin and Galway — especially when they are compared with that of Kerry.

These counties are playing a more polished and scientific brand of football. They use the open spaces, are inclined to keep the ball low and rely on a keenly developed combination.

This style has consistently beaten Kerry since 1960.

But it does not end there. You just take a look at the teams coming up. The brilliant Derry minors outclassed their Kerry counterparts using the "new" style. It was this same style which was displayed by the Kildare under-21 team during their entire campaign. Most people agree that these Kildaremen were the team of the year.

Even the Cork under-21 team which put up such a fine show in the All-Ireland final were playing football of the Down-Dublin-Galway mould. Longford, too, are playing it and it is bringing them places where they had never been before.

I could go on but I think most readers will agree that combination football is taking over and dominating—to the exclusion of the traditional catch and kick.

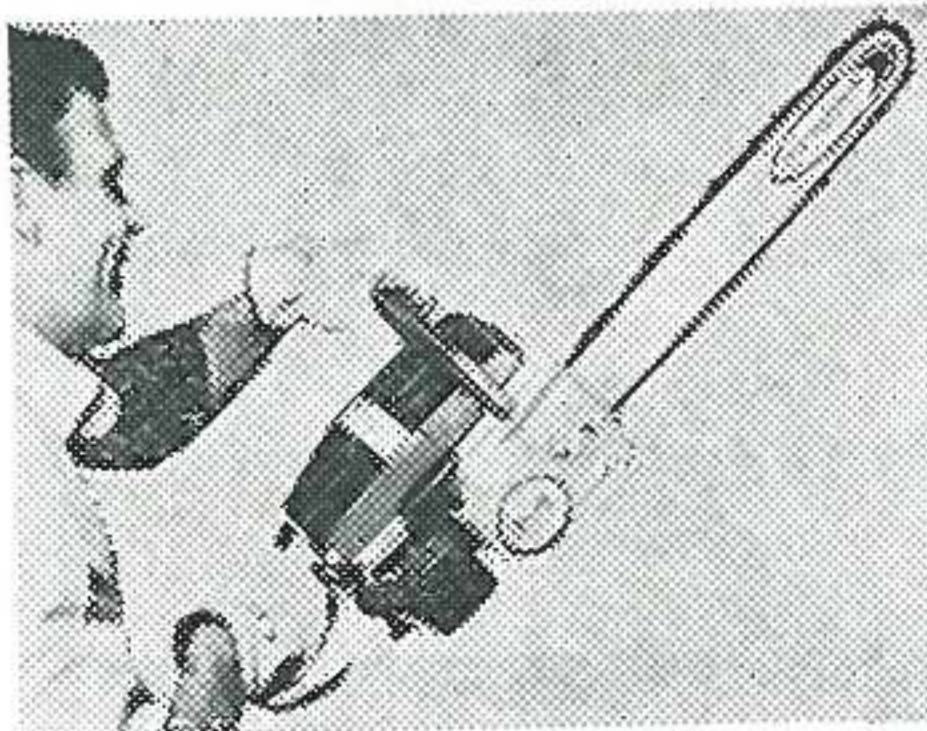
My second point is that it is the combination football which the public wants. They like it. It is

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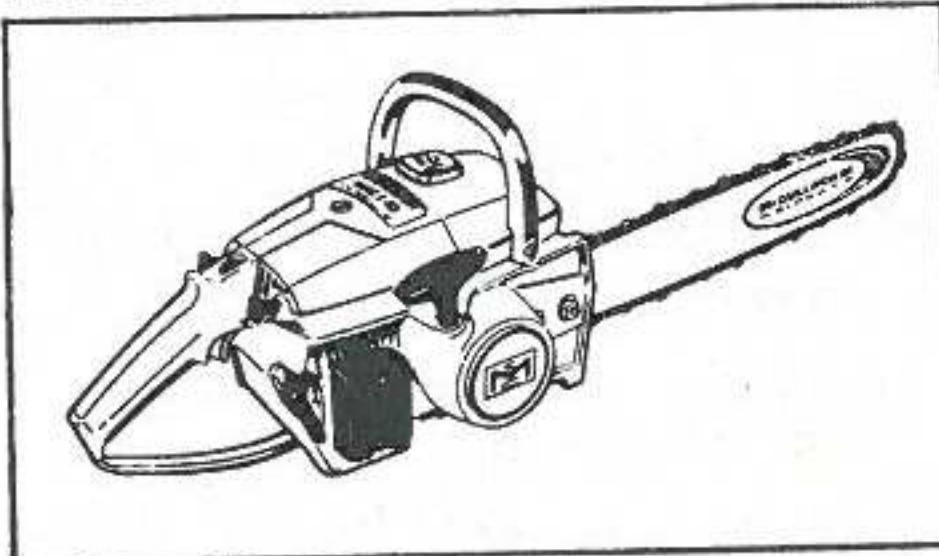
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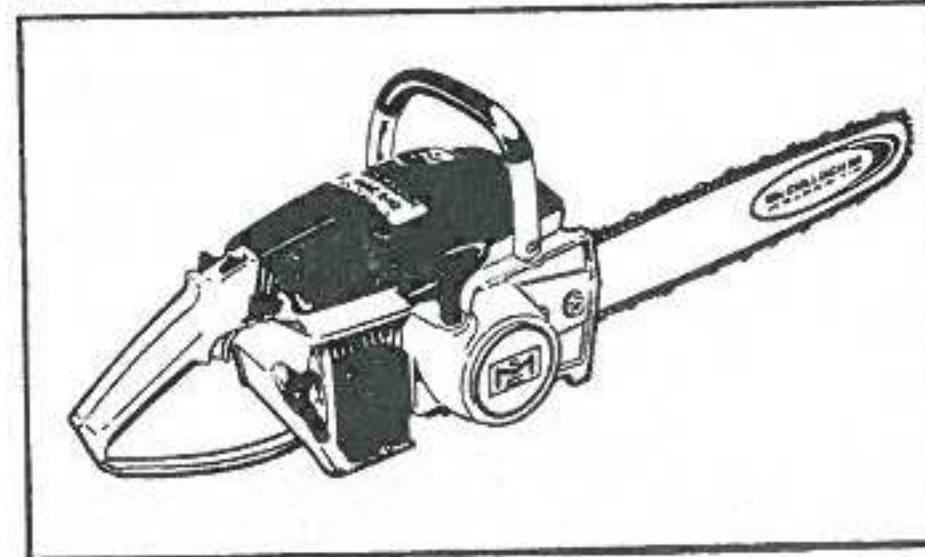
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more sophisticated—more in keeping with the latter end of the twentieth century.

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In this regard I feel Kerry are handicapped. They are the custodians of a traditional style. It is a historical heritage. They have it in their blood. It would be impossible to drop it and overnight join the slick-moving Galway, Down and Dublin.

This is why I believe that Kerry are finished as the major football power. Sure they will remain a strong football county but their days of domination are over. They will pick up the odd title when Dublin are poor, as they were this year, or when counties such as Down and Galway have worn-out one team before building another.

And, of course, in future years there will be the slick-moving teams from Kildare, Derry, Longford and other such counties who have the facility to adopt the "new" style.

Finally, I leave Kerry supporters, who might not agree with a word I have said, with the following thought. In the 'twenties they won three titles; in the 'thirties they won five; in the 'forties they won three; in the 'fifties three. Only four years remain in the 'sixties and so far they have collected but that "soft" title in 1962. I have a strong feeling that this is the only senior title they will still have at the end of the 'sixties.

Yes, as I see it the Kingdom is a thing of the past.

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# GAELDOM MOURNS FOR MATTIE POWER



By **FRANK HUGHES**

ALL Leinster mourns the passing of Mattie Power, one of the greatest hurlers of all-time and a much loved figure. A gentleman both off and on the field, Mattie will be remembered and spoken of while young men still strive to emulate his feats.

With the exception of Christy Ring, it is doubtful if there has ever been a sweeter or more stylish forward than the lightly built Kilkenny flyer. He won All-Ireland medals with both Dublin and Kilkenny and reigned supreme for more than a decade and a half.

Trócaire ó Dhia air.

## RESURGENT LONGFORD

I remember reading an interview with Longford's Sean Murray which was in the March, 1964 issue of GAELIC SPORT. In that interview Sean expressed the view that Longford were at last on the verge of a break-through.

Like most others who read that article, I considered Sean's words to be little more than wishful thinking on his part. How wrong we were and how right was the fleet-footed Longfordman.

I now stick my neck out and tip Longford to win the 1966 Leinster title.

## MEATH INCIDENTS

Elderly people and children were

knocked off their seats during a melee after a game at Pairc Tailteann, An Uaimh, which saw Colmille Gaels beat Walterstown.

When the match finished a Walterstown player ran up the steps of the stand and a free-for-all began. This was disclosed at a recent Meath County Board meeting.

Before the same meeting too was a report of the Kilberry-Meath Hill junior game. This game was called off after twenty minutes.

The referee's report stated :



SEAN CLOHESEY  
Promoted.

"They kicked and boxed each other from the start . . . This was not a case involving one of two players; there was a free-for-all every few minutes".

Depressing reading surely!

## JACK BELL

Back home for a visit after nine years in Canada, former Louth star, Jack Bell, was given an official welcome by the Ardee Town Commissioners and also by the Louth County Board.

## WESTMEATH DINNER

As has been the custom in recent years, the Westmeath County Board provided a dinner for both winners and losers following the county senior football final.

For the record Athlone beat Ballymore 2-7 to 0-6 in the final, thereby regaining the Cup which they last held in 1960.

## HURLING STAR PROMOTED

Former Kilkenny All-Ireland star, Sean Clohesy, has been promoted and transferred from Dublin to the National Bank, Patrick Street, Cork.

## TEMPORARY LOSS

Westmeath's popular County Chairman, Comdt. Denis O'Callaghan, has taken up an appointment as Liaison Officer at United Nations Staff Headquarters in Nicosia, Cyprus.

# A WORD OF THANKS TO PLAYERS



By Brian Doherty

FOR some years now John Player & Sons have given a very pleasant reception on the morning following the All-Ireland finals. I have been lucky enough to attend most of them but never, one feels, was the Players' function so significant as this year's football final.

Informality is the key-note of these receptions, which are organised on the buffet basis, thereby allowing everybody to mingle. It was good to see the Kerry and Galway men, who less than twenty-four hours previous had been "battling it out" at Croke Park, mixing and chatting like old friends.

One felt like proposing a vote of thanks to John Player & Sons.

## CARLOW PRESS-BAN

Unless there is an official

apology from the Nurney, Co. Carlow, club the "Nationalist and Leinster Times" newspaper will not report or preview any fixture in which any Nurney team appears.

So stated the newspaper's Editor in a recent issue when he explained how a "Nationalist" reporter had been ordered from the Nurney dressing-room after a game at Dr. Cullen Park.

## ROSCOMMON EXILES

Every battle but their own . . . Eamon Curley scored five points for Bailieboro' in the Cavan County final; John Oliver Moran, was starring for Treaty Sarsfields in the Limerick championship; George Geraghty was outstanding for Castlebar in the Mayo final, while Christy Grogan of Ballin-

tubber had a goal-less game in goal when Athlone won the Westmeath senior title.

On the Roscommon home-front, St. Phail's made history by winning their first ever senior title, having graduated from junior ranks only in 1963.

## LOST FRIENDS

God be with George Ormsby, one of the greats of all-time. How quickly they are passing. Gone are Jim Hurley, Paul Russell, Matty Power and George—just to name four of those whom we have lost this year.

We have no hall of fame in Gaelic Games—none in the usual sense that is, but we have something even more worthy of our heroes—a lasting place in the memory of all Gaels.

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Leitrim has a panel of senior footballers training at Carrick-on-Shannon every Wednesday evening, while in Dublin more Leitrim players are working-out under the instruction of former county player Leo Heslin.

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Many former Tipperary hurling stars donated medals to the Thurles Polio Committee for the Feile Rince which the Committee held in the town.

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## "Our Games" Review

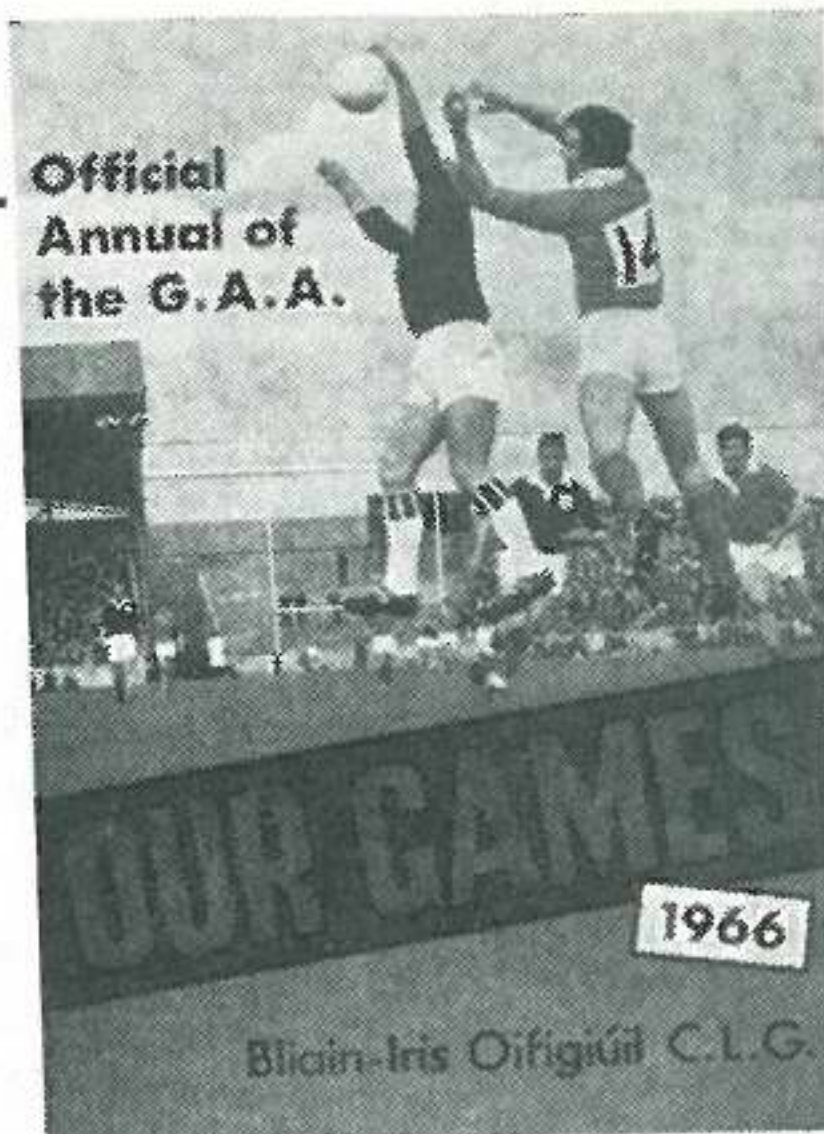
THE G.A.A.'s official Annual, "Our Games," which has just appeared in the bookshops, in many respects surpasses the splendid production which set new standards for Irish sports publications last year.

The 1966 edition the seventh in the present series published by the Central Council, will provide followers of our national games with stimulating and delightful reading on the long evenings of winter. It will also make a handsome addition to their bookcases.

The objective of the "new look" 1966 edition—which was to combine visual appeal with a high level of content—has once again been achieved. An outstanding feature is the attractive four-colour cover, and the stiff, glossy board makes durable binding for the Annual's 128 pages. Two colours are used throughout all text pages, and employed to such excellent effect in layout and design that the over-all impression is of richness and dignity in an ideal fusion.

A foreword by the General Secretary, Seán Ó Síocháin, is followed by editorial matter of a variety and quality that must appeal to readers of all ages and tastes.

Since this edition of the Annual coincides with the 50th anniversary of the 1916 Rising it is appropriate that the central theme is a reiteration and a commemoration of the spirit and ideals which inspired the greatest event in Irish history. It also places in its proper perspective the G.A.A.'s role in that event and its mission



to complete the work which the sacrifice of 1916 began.

An article by the Association's President, Alf Ó Muirí, sets the mood and the course for this theme, but the whole thing is achieved without obtrusiveness and the book, as its name implies, is essentially compiled to entertain the follower of Gaelic games.

Among the well-known names who contribute this entertainment are Bryan MacMahon, Seamus de Faoite, Liam Mac Gabhann, Seamus Ó Braónáin, Pádraig Puirseál, Mick Dunne, Des Ferguson, Philip Roderick, Donal Carroll, Seán Ó Dúnagáin, Marcus de Búrca and Seamus Ó Ceallaigh.

"Our Games" is profusely illustrated with pictures from all the big games of 1965. As an example of top-class journalism it is a credit to its editors, Brendan Mac Lua, the Croke Park Executive Officer, and Paddy Downey. As a technical production it is a fine specimen of the craftsmanship of its printers, Cityview Press, Dublin.

At six shillings I can recommend it as far and away the best value in the bookshops this year.

L. McC.

## HANDBALL

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shots and skills of the players.

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# ULSTER SPOTLIGHT

By CONNALLACH

**C**AVAN'S gallant Jim McDonnell may have gone from the intercounty scene without the All-Ireland medal he deserved, but he did have the honour recently of leading his club, Cavan Gaels, to the county senior football title.

It was McDonnell's leadership more than anything else which saw Cavan Gaels upset fancied Bailieboro' in the county final. Playing at mid-field, he held sway there throughout.

Not alone did McDonnell captain the team but he trained them as well. It was Jim's first senior championship medal.

Another member of the Cavan Gaels side deserving of special mention was 42-years-old John O'Rourke who played in goal. It was his 23rd year in senior club competition and his first county championship medal.

### DERRY REVIVAL

It was a night to remember in the wee village of Maghera when the victorious Derry minors

brought home the All-Ireland minor crown. Things will never be quite the same again in Derry.

There is now a new air of confidence in the county. Coupled with the victory of St. Columb's College earlier this year there is now in the county the beginning of a great senior revival.

It will not, of course, come immediately. First we can look to another bid for honours by St. Columbs and the Derry minors of 1966. Then will come a first-class under-21 team. We can be looking out for the Derry seniors in Croke Park in 1969 or '70.

### MONAGHAN NEWS

Mr. E. J. Clerkin, Monaghan's long-serving County Treasurer is not to seek re-election at next year's County Convention.

Also while on the subject of Monaghan, hearty congratulations to County Secretary, John McArdle on his recent marriage.

### OLLIE O'ROURKE

The best individual display I have seen in Ulster club competition this year was given by Ollie O'Rourke in the Monaghan semi-final. Yes, indeed, the same Ollie O'Rourke who starred for Monaghan and Ulster in the early 'fifties.

### BELLAGHY WOLFE TONE'S

Congratulations to Bellaghy Wolfe Tone's on retaining the Derry county title. A truly great club this. In a recent challenge game at Portglenone, Co. Antrim, they beat St. Vincents, Dublin.

A fine national spirit prevails in this area on the banks of the Bann.

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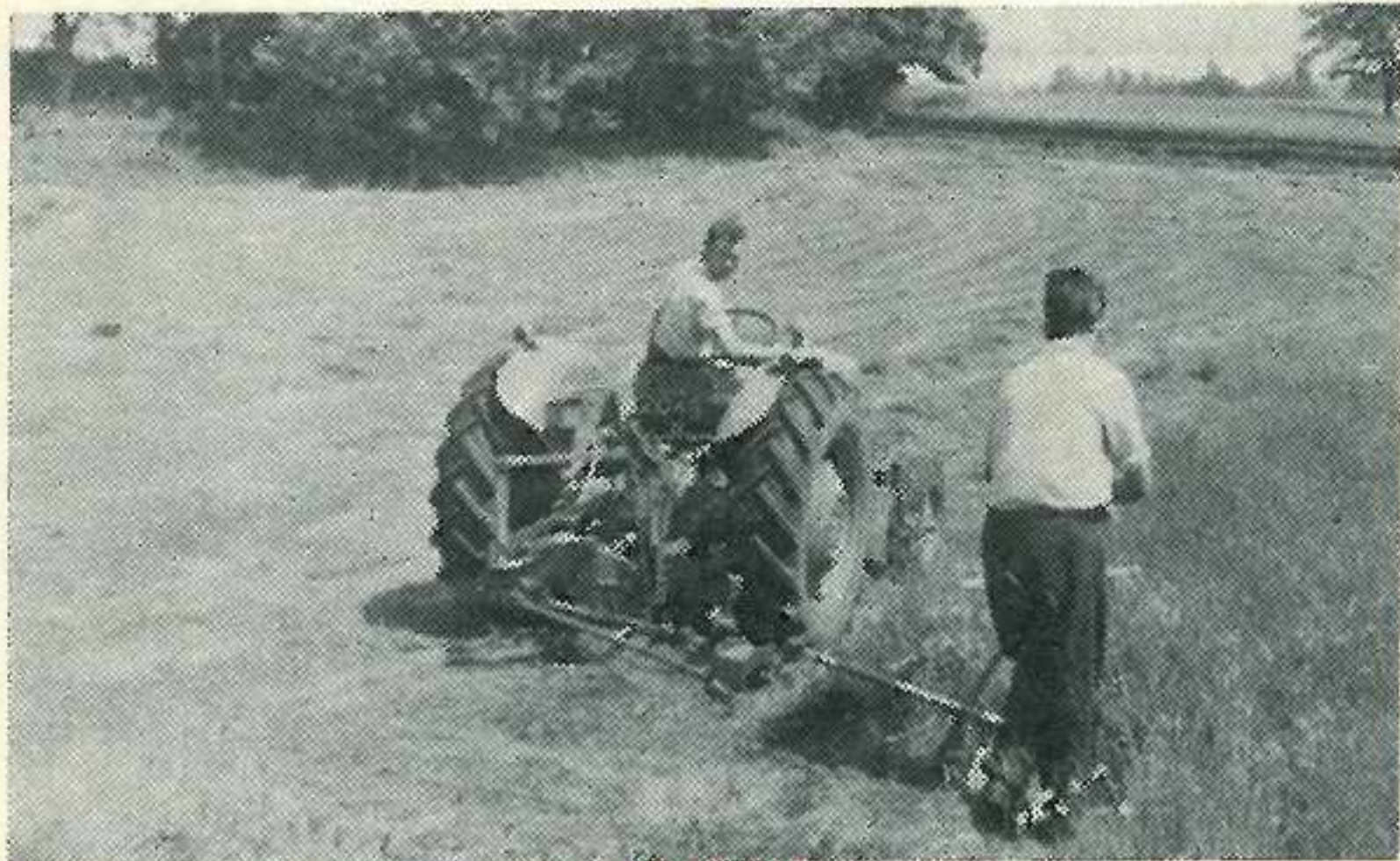
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