

# End of an era

*Pallasgreen*

IT was with great sadness that the entire Pallasgreen area learned of the death of Michael O'Dwyer, of the "Cross", Pallasgreen.

He will be an immense loss to the community and beyond, being one of the community's elder statesmen, and especially for his contribution to the community as a whole.

As a local historian, everybody would approach Michael for information on events that happened many years ago. He contributed to many magazines, chronicles and parish histories, to name but a few.

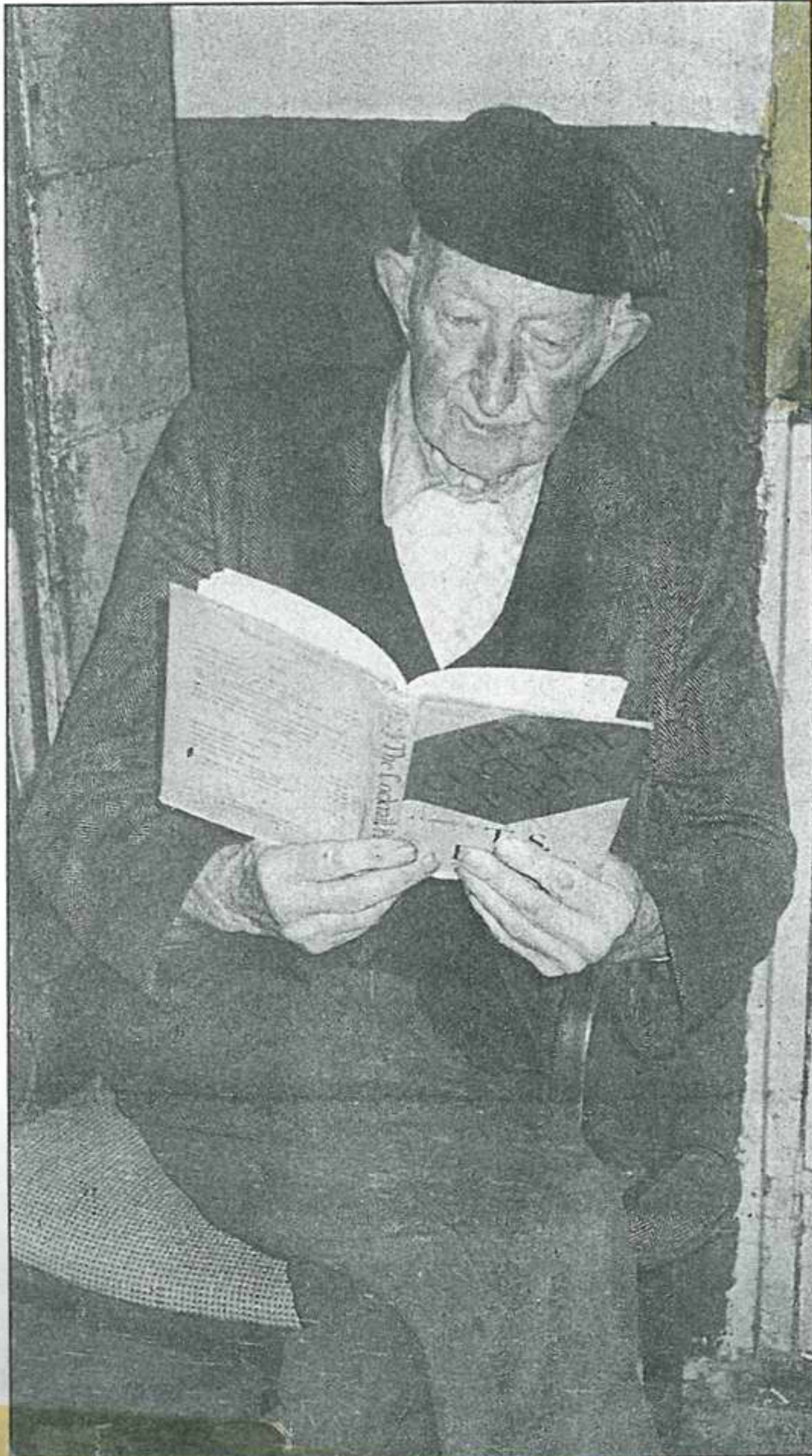
He was one of the main contributors to the Grean magazine for over 13 years. This magazine is now being used widely as a reference for school and college students. Michael had a wonderful archival memory, as can be testified by one of his friends, Ger O'Connell.

Michael made many radio contributions through the years and, more recently, as a panelist to Radio Limerick RLO on Sunday nights, shows which were a delight to listen to, as recalled by an old friend, Tony Browne, who got to know him through the Thomond Archaeological Society.

He was a mine of information. Hundreds of people called on Michael down through the years, to help trace their "roots" or on school projects or on local history. Michael was kind and gentle to all his callers.

He was pre-deceased by his mother, Ellen, a native of Castleconnell, by some 25 years, and more recently by his sister, Winifred, and brother-in-law, Edward Chamberlain. The family used own what became known later as The Chaser bar in Pallasgreen, his mother being the last owner.

Born in 1912, Michael never married, and had no children, whatsoever.



The late Michael O'Dwyer, Pallasgreen

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# in historic debate

which won the all-Ireland hurling at a field called McGrath's in Tipperary town in 1897. Jim died in 1918, a victim of the black 'flu.

Jimmy's father, Hugh (Curry) excelled at tug-o-war and pulled with the Knockea team which won Munster honours during the opening years of World War Two.

Presently, his son, Finbarr, is playing in goal with the Limerick team in New York. Finbarr also played with South Liberties, continuing a tradition set by his father.

while attending a business appointment at Nenagh, Co Tipperary.

In his mid-forties, he was a man of great physique and an indomitable spirit, a man of kind and gentle disposition towards his fellow man, rich and poor, and always ready to land a helping hand to anyone in distress.

He went about his daily work with a cheerful disposition and was always read to lift the gloom from those with a sad story to tell.

He is mourned by his loving mother, brothers,

all who knew her as a quiet-spoken gentle lady who bore her ill-health of recent years with great courage and determination.

Nora, who was a native of Caherhayes, Abbeyfeale, returned to Ireland in August 1971 with her husband, Jim, and children, Theresa and Michael, having spent 13 years in the United States.

Both Jim and Nora were very well known among followers of greyhound sport. Jim went to his eternal reward in September 2000.

Patrick, of Tarbert, brothers-in-law Tom and John, sisters-in-law Mary and Philomena, aunts Mrs Josie O'Connell, Mrs Kathleen Kennelly, and Mrs Eily Hartnett, nephews, nieces and other relatives.

(Tarbert)

## Willie Pierce, B'bunion

A CLOUD of sadness descended over the town of Ballybunion with the news of the death of

by his opponents on and off the field.

He was father of Fergal McCormack, who has distinguished himself with the Cork senior hurling team.

Michael's death at a young age is a major loss to his employers with whom he had a harmonious relationship and had a similar understanding with his colleagues, all of whom feel the loss of a man of the highest-calibre who will not be easily replaced.

(Galbally)

Mick Lynch,