

Gerard and Frank Duggan with their impressive array of medals and trophies.

## Brothers bring sporting glory to Garryowen

**BRINGING** more glory to Garryowen are the Duggan brothers, Gerard and Christopher, of 38 Singland Court. Gerard has had remarkable success as an athlete, and Christopher has had some impressive performances on the sportsfield.

Although only 11 years old, Gerard has won 45 medals, five cups, three plaques and a medallion for athletics and soccer.

His record on the sportsfield, if not unique, is very unusual indeed. In his first competitive outing at Kilmallock early last year he collected five championship titles and later he performed a similar feat at Parteen.

At Kilmallock he won the 100 yards event, the long jump (13 ft. 8 ins.), the half-mile, the high jump (3 ft. 8 ins.) and the 24 kilos shot. Since then he has gone from success to success.

In the under-13 road championship race at Ballysheedy he was on the Limerick A.C. team with Terry O'Connell, Ger O'Mahony, Mick Ryan and Chris Duggan, who won the team prize and the Baron Hanley Cup.

At the Crescent Grounds he won the hurdles event from Jim Ryan, and in the long jump he beat Pat Fitzgibbon.

These successes gave Ger the right to compete in the Munster championships at Tipperary, where he came second in the long jump and third in the hurdles (80 yds.). From there he qualified for the All-Ireland championships at Iveagh Grounds, and fared exceptionally well against much more seasoned opponents.

His next successes were at the County Primary Sports, where he won the 100 yds. under-12, and in the long jump event in the under 12 and 14 age groups he beat the All-Ireland champion.

### RARE FEAT

At Parteen last October he performed another rare feat by winning five events—the 100 yds. high jump, 440 yds. shot and treble jump. In the county decathlon at the same venue he totalled 12,000 points for the ten events—100 yds. hurdles, long jump, high jump, shot, javelin, discus, pole vault, 15,000 metres, half-mile treble jump.

He won the under-12 section at Parteen and was placed 4th in the under-14 age group. He also qualified for the Telefis Eireann sports with other members of Limerick

A.C. Ter O'Connell, Joe Waters and Mick White, and was guest of T.E. in Dublin for a week-end.

Ger has also acquitted himself with distinction in road events, winning the under-12 inter-county road race at Shannon Airport last year, and the 3-mile event at Parteen. With Donal Slattery, Dave Browne and Robert McCoy, he was on the Limerick A.C. team that won the road relay at Ballysheedy.

His next big success was at Ennis, when he helped his club to win the much sought after Marian Shield.

He does not confine his sporting activities to athletics. He captained the Hyde Rovers team that reached the under-12 cup final last season with Mick Sheehan, Tom Irwin, George Ryan, Pat Franklin and Tom Power.

He also played half-back on Hyde's under 13 team and helped them collect the league table.

### CHRISTOPHER

Christopher's favourite game is hurling and very recently he was given a trial for the Limerick C.B.S. Rice Cup team which competes in Munster Colleges hurling competition. He is at present engaged in class leagues at C.B.S. where, under the guidance of Mr. Con McGrath and Bro. O'Halloran he is showing marked progress in hurling.

A former member of Limerick A.C., Christopher competed with them in under 13 events. Later he joined Hyde Rovers and met with many successes.

In his first season with Hyde he was a regular member of the under-12 team and reached the semi-final of the cup. The following season he met with his first major success when he was on the Hyde team that won the 13 league title. Other members of the side were Jack Ryan, Phil Collins, Jim Finucane, Christy Gavin and Fred Aylmer.

Last season Christopher was selected to play right full back with Hyde's under 14 team and they had little difficulty in winning the league title. Two seasons ago he won a seven-a-side medal with the

club and in the coming months he will assist in under 14 and 15 ranks.

His ambition in soccer is to help Hyde win the Evans Cup for the first time. Like other schoolboy soccer players he would like to see proper dressing room accommodation provided at Caledonian Park. His other interests are swimming, fishing, cycling and golf.

Gerard and Christopher are sons of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Duggan. They have one sister, Miriam. Mr. Frank Duggan is a former Wembley Rovers player and helped to win the Cromer Cup. He also played rugby with Thomond and Presentation. He is employed as a foreman with C.I.E. Rail Dept.

## Forty Years Coursing

The Golden Jubilee Dinner of the Ardpatrick and Kilfinane Coursing Club was a notable milestone in the history of Munster sport, and for Mr. Pat McCarthy, too, it was an occasion of moment: it marked his 40th year of membership of the club.

Pat, now the oldest member, has attended all the club fixtures over the past fifty years, and he claims the most memorable of all the many buckles was that between The Staker and Odd Blade in the mid-1920's. The issue was very close and the decision very controversial.

His successes at coursing included a duffer stake and the division of an all-aged back in 1930's, and last year he had the honour of nominating the runner-up, Glen Loo.

Many of the older generation of track racing devotees will remember the sterling performances of Pat's Cottage Fire, which won 16 out of 17 races and also made its mark as a courser.

Pat lives in Kilfinane, where he conducts a bar and undertaking business.

## GLIMPSE OF 'OLD FREEMAN'

A bird's-eye view of social conditions in the area of "old Freemantle" a century ago is gleaned from a letter which the well-known local chemist and water-skiing enthusiast, Mr. Frawley, found recently among some family papers.

The letter, from a police constable in Williamstown, is dated February 17, 1860, and reads:

"Dear Sir—It becomes my very pleasing duty to address you as a friend, trusting that the circumstances under which I do so will meet with you and your family's kind approbation regarding your daughter, Eliza, to whom I have been married on the 17th of July last.

Although the humble capacity of life which is allotted to me does not partake much of opulence or affluence, yet, thanks be to God, we can live very comfortably.

My calling is that of police constable; my pay is 10/6 per diem, with free quarters, which latter benefit I derive from the class of duty which I am appointed to perform, being that of clerk and watch-house keeper, which, I may add, is one of the choicest offices in the force.

All other married constables have to provide their own quarters, the cost of which is about 12/- per week.

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## 'RE-VUE AND ME' BE MEMORABLE

**DES KEOGH'S** "solo saucypan of satire entitled "Re-Vue and Me," at the R Hotel on Thursday night next promise polished, funny and highly entertaining by this master of radio, television and s-

Des, son of the manager of a Birr bank, had a distinguished academic career before he adopted the stage as a profession. He was educated at the Dominican Convent School, Wicklow; Glenstal College, and U.C.D., where he graduated a B.A. in French and German. At the King's Inn he studied law and qualified as a barrister.

While yet at U.C.D. he was awarded a German scholarship to the University of Munich. It was there, during a year's study of German and Continental drama, that he began to take a serious interest in the theatre.

However, his great talent as an actor was evident from the time of his days at Glenstal, where in particular his interpretation of "Lady Blacknell" in Oscar Wilde's "The Importance of Being Ernest" was a brilliant piece of stagecraft. Even to-day, the part is his favourite role.

During his time at U.C.D. he appeared in "The Merchant of Venice," "Murder in The Cathedral," "She Stoops To Conquer" with Fergus Linehan, Rosaleen Linehan, Lelia Doohan and Ann O'Dwyer.

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