

Obituaries & Deaths

Paddy Enright

Famed Ahane and Limerick hurler of the 1950s

WHEN Ahane hit a low spot prior to taking the county senior hurling crown in 1955, it came as no surprise that replacements for men of the calibre of the Mackey brothers, Sean Herbert, Thomas O'Brien, Jack Power, John Mulcahy, Mick Herbert, Con Birrane, Timmy Ryan, Dan Meskell and a host of some of the greatest hurlers ever to grace a playing arena would be difficult to replace. Into the breach came Paddy Enright.

The famed green and gold was out of the limelight for 15 years in this period. They showed promise in 1953, though falling to Treaty Sarsfields in the county final at Kilmallock. The Thomondgate 15 played some powerful hurling and the Ahane team and mentors returned to Castleconnell full of hope for better things. Ambitions were realised two years later with some fresh names and Paddy Enright who had been soldiering in the green and gold colours since 1949. Paddy who was called to his Maker recently, was in the full back position on the team who had Ahane in pole position once more.

Paddy won his county medal at the expense of Geraldines, a selection from the junior clubs in east Limerick. Dick Leonard captained the team which lined out - Paddy Byrnes, John Doyle, Paddy Enright, Sean Herbert, Phil Aherne, Paddy Kelly, Liam Kelly, Willie Keane, Tommy Casey, John Ryan, Dick Leonard, Donal Houlihan, Joe Graham, Sean Leonard, Jackie Power and substitutes Archie Graham, Thomas O'Brien and Con Crowley.

Then followed a long, long wait for the next success, 43 years to be exact and Paddy was an excited spectator when Ahane beat Patrickswell in 1998.

A star wearing the Ahane colours was a ready made addition to the county team and so it was with Paddy Enright. Mick Mackey a fellow clubman was at the helm for Limerick in 1955 and he had no hesitation in selecting him at full back.

The Munster championship took an unusual turn in 1955 with Clare overcoming Cork and Tipperary and they faced Limerick in the decider at the Gaelic Grounds. The tag of favourites did not do any good to Clare who lost 2-16 to 2-6 and Paddy became another Ahane great to win a Munster hurling medal. On the team was - Paddy Cuneen, Donal Broderick, Paddy Enright, Jim Keogh, Eugene Noonan, Seamus Ryan, Jack Quaid, Tommy Casey, Jim Quaid, Liam Ryan, Dermot Kelly, Ralph Pendergast, Gerry Fitzgerald, Sean Leonard and Vivian Cobbe. Next stop was Croke Park in the All-Ireland semi final but one of the finest teams of the time, Wexford, proved too strong, winning 2-12 to 2-3.

Paddy chased another Munster medal in 1956 at Thurles against Cork. Three Christy Ring goals in the second half did the trick for the Leesiders.

Friends of Paddy paid tribute to a sportsman and hurler at his 80th birthday in Herbert's pub only three years past. At the celebrations was Willie Ryan, a poet of

renown from Ballymackeogh, Newport and a colleague of Paddy. Willie who passed on earlier this year, recited his own composition of a tribute to Paddy and one verse gives a vivid description of the hurling prowess of the Ahane man: *-Then, against the men from Boolavogue in Croke Park they made a stand,*

How proud they were on that hallowed spot, marching behind the Artane band,

And although they were unsuccessful, Paddy gave a great display,

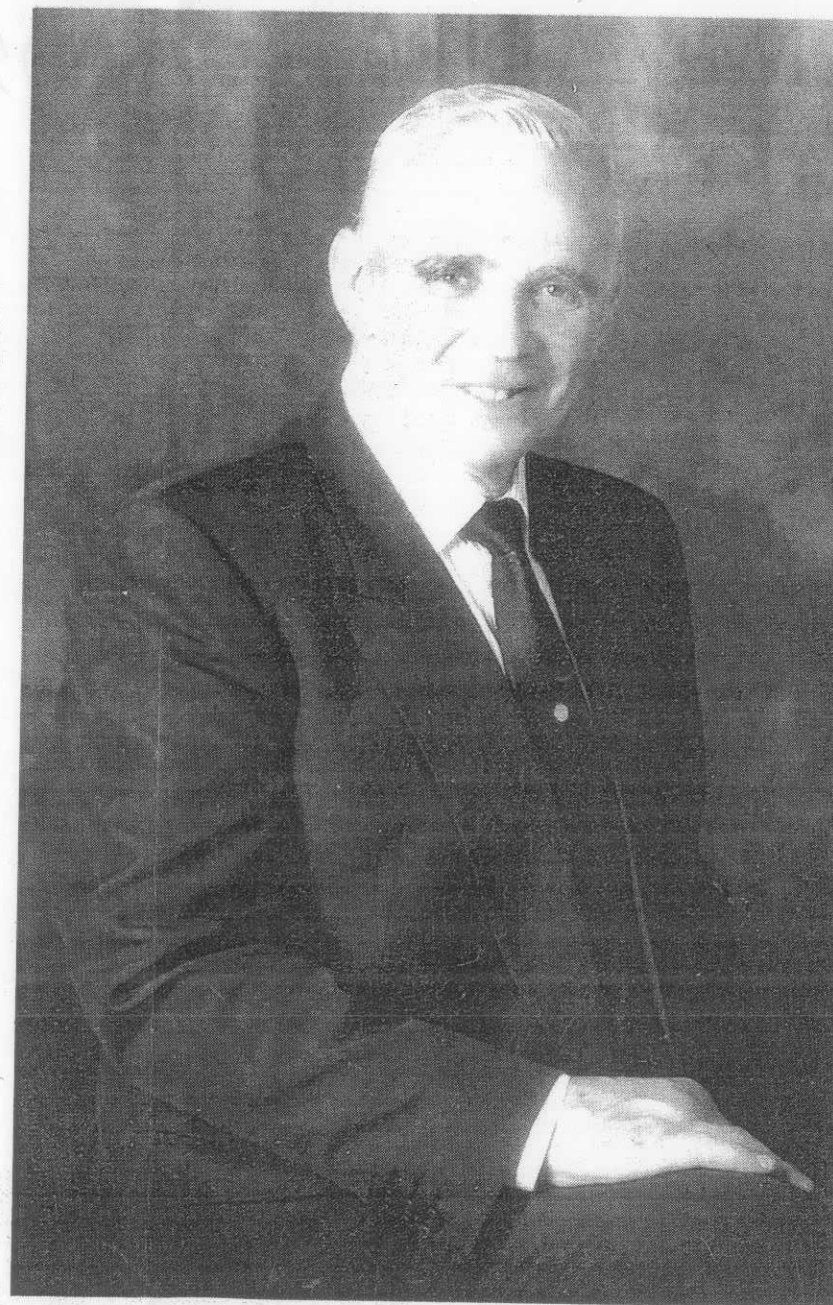
And he held Nicky Rackard scoreless on that sunny August day.

The Sean Gaels of East Limerick paid their tribute to Paddy when naming him a star of the past and a huge contingent of supporters came from Ahane in that special evening in Caherconlish.

Paddy who came from the townland of Ballyavarra, worked with C.I.E. in Limerick, married Kathleen Collins from nearby Annacotty. They had three children, Ger, Pat and Mary and all his six grandchildren, Jeff, Evan, Vicky, Sorcha, Shona and Killian are playing Gaelic games with Ahane. His sisters Mai and Delia and brothers Tom, Johnny, Con and Mick are still living as is Anne and Angela, sisters-in-law. All the above including wife Kathleen, mourned the passing of an Ahane hurler and dedicated father and husband.

Paddy Enright; born 11 April 1926, died 12 October 2009.

Harry Greensmyth



Paddy Enright was one of the finest hurlers ever to come out of Ahane

DEATHS ANNOUNCED IN THE PAST WEEK

BREEN Mary (née Dooley), Caherelly, Grange, Kilmallock. On November 14. Wife of the late Michael. Deeply regretted by her sister Anna (Dooley), nephews, nieces, grandnephews, grandnieces, relatives, neighbours and friends

Wednesday evening at 8pm. Requiem Mass on Thursday morning at 11am. Burial afterwards in Doonass Cemetery.

MCINERNEY John Joe, Ballycar Road, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co Clare. On November 14.

MULLEN Anthony (Tony), 31 Ballycannon Heights, Meelick, Co Clare. On November 14.

MCINERNEY Mary (née Gleeson), Ralahine South, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co Clare. On November 10.

MOLONEY Dan, Mount Mahon, Abbeyfeale. On November 14. Formerly of New York and Templeglantine. Reposing in Harnett's Funeral Home, Abbeyfeale this Wednesday from 5pm with removal at 7pm to The Church of the Assumption, Abbeyfeale. Requiem Mass on Thursday at 1.30pm, followed by burial in Reilig Ide Naofa, Abbeyfeale.

O'BRIEN James, Kennedy Park, Limerick City. Late of Catherine McAuley and REM Rehab, Raheen, Limerick. Deeply regretted by his brothers Christopher and David and sisters Marie and Geraldine. Removal from Cross's Funeral Home this Wednesday evening at 7pm to Our Lady of Queen of Peace Church. Requiem Mass on Thursday morning at 11am, followed by burial in Mount St. Oliver Cemetery.

O'CONNELL Sheila (née O'Riordan), Kilconly Lower, Abbeyfeale. On November 16. Reposing in Harnett's Funeral Home, Abbeyfeale this Wednesday evening, at 7.30pm with removal at 9pm to the Church of the Assumption, Abbeyfeale. Requiem Mass on Thursday morning at 11am. Burial afterwards in Reilig Ide Naofa.

O'SHAUGHNESSY William (Willie), Stonepark, Ballyneety. On November 15. Very deeply regretted by his loving nieces Margaret, Marie and Amy, brother, sisters, nephews and nieces, other relatives and friends.

O'CONNELL Seán, 71 Silverbrook, Mill Road, Corbally, Limerick. On November 10. Formerly of San Diego and late of the Department of Social and Family Affairs and Harmony Menswear.

O'NEILL Donal, 17 St Mary's Terrace, Cappamore. On November 14. Late on An Post.

O'NEILL John (Jackie), Ballinlough, Kiltelly. On November 10.

BROSAN Grace Mary (née Normoyle), Knocknagorna, Athea and late of Carrigerry and Flax Bourton, Somerset. On November 11.

BURKE John (Jack), Ballynoe, Ballingarry. On November 12.

CAREY Michael, Patrickswell and 4 Dromsally Woods, Cappamore. On November 17. Late of Five Star Supermarkets and City Cabs. Reposing in Meehan's Funeral Home, Castleconnell this Wednesday evening from 5.30pm with removal at 7.30pm to Castleconnell Church. Requiem Mass on Thursday morning at 11.30am. Burial afterwards in St Joseph's Cemetery, Castleconnell.

CARROLL Sr Elizabeth, Marie Reparatrice Convent, Laurel Hill Avenue, South Circular Road, Limerick and late of Fermoy, Cork. On November 14. Deeply regretted by her community, her sister Maura, nephews, nieces, grandnephews, grandnieces, great grandnephews, great grandnieces, relatives and friends.

CONSIDINE Matthew (Matt), Lemanagh, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co Clare. On November 15.

COLEMAN Mary (née O'Neill), Hillview Grove, Doon. On November 14.

COSTELLO Paddy, Birmingham, England, and late of Carnagh, Ballynahill.

DANAHER Tom, Boola, Broadford, Co Limerick. On November 10. Late of Coillte.

GAVIN Jim, Ennis Road, Limerick City. On November 14.

HANRAHAN Charlie (Senior), Boreen-Na-Tobair, South Circular Road, Limerick. Late of Alfred O'Dwyer, Railway Stores and Limerick Boat Club. On November 12.

LACEY Myles, Glasgow Park, Limerick City and formerly of Cappamore, Co. Tipperary and late of Eircom. On November 16. Very deeply regretted by his loving wife Geraldine, sons Myles, Adam and Liam, daughters Stephanie and Melanie, father Patrick, brothers

Joe Quinn

Successful construction company owner who worked on many projects in Limerick

JOSEPH (Joe) Quinn died unexpectedly at home in Faha Kildimo, on October 1, 2009. His

to Limerick in 1983, eventually settling in Kildimo from where he ran his new construction

exercise from his home in Faha and by his dogged pursuit of rehabilitation in his home gym.

