

MINOR HURLING

10/4/48
 Ballygarry proved too strong for Croom in the opening round of the West Limerick Minor hurling championship, played at Croom on Sunday last, Ballygarry winning by 4-6 to 1-1. Playing with the breeze in the first half, Ballygarry ran up a good lead, the score at the interval being: Ballygarry, 3-5; Croom, 1 point. Croom fought gamely on resuming, but their efforts failed against a much stronger Ballygarry side that had little difficulty in holding their interval lead.

Hogan (Ballygarry) opened the scoring after ten minutes play with a point, but K. O'Brien (Croom) levelled shortly afterwards. From then to the interval Ballygarry had much their own way and goals came from P. Hogan and M. Quaid and points from Connell and Quaid, to leave the interval score: Ballygarry, 3-5 to 1 point for Croom.

Croom tried hard to reduce the lead on the resumption, but their efforts failed and Ballygarry, per Connell, added a goal. Cantwell (Croom) replied with a point, but Ballygarry had a point at the other end per Hogan. Towards the close of the game Mullane sent to the net for Croom.

Mr. G. O'Sullivan refereed.

Best for the winners were Quaid, Hogan, Sheehy, Clancy; while Shanahan brothers, Cregan and O'Brien played well for Croom. The teams were:—

Ballygarry—P. Sullivan, D. Hayes, W. Noonan, J. O'Connell, L. Kearns, M. Quaid, M. Fitzpatrick, E. Sheehy, T. Bourke, S. Shea, D. O'Connor, D. Kelly, P. Hogan, J. Clancy, J. Connell.

Croom—S. Fahy, K. O'Brien, W. O'Brien, W. Cregan, W. Tuohy, T. Laffan, L. MacNamee, S. Shanahan, D. Shanahan, L. Cagney, J. Houlihan, C. O'Brien, P. Butler, J. Burke, J. Cantwell, D. Mullane.

Ballygarry

2-10-82
 We have decided this year to organise a local adult Scor competition. This will be staged in the Parochial Hall on 8th December next and is confined to people living in the club catchment area—which is Ballygarry Parish, and to natives of the parish. At present we are looking for entries for the competition and we invite all those who are interested to give their names to either Tom Burke, Main Street, or to Conor Snow right away.

The following is the list of competitions for the show:

1. Ceili or figure dancing; 2. instrumental music; 3. solo singing; 4. novelty act; 5. question time; 6. recitation; 7. ballad group; 8. set dancing.

The rules pertaining to each event can be obtained from the above mentioned people.

We would appreciate the public participation in the competition, otherwise it may not be a success. We have invited all the local clubs to compete in some of the categories but there are a lot of talented people in the parish who are not joined to any clubs and it's at these people that this invitation is aimed at.

Gaels Form A Guard Of Honour

The death of Mr. P. O'Grady, Ballinarouga, Clouncagh, took place at his home early on Monday morning last fortified by all the rites of our Holy Church (writes our Knockaderry correspondent). "Paddy," as he was affectionately known to a very wide circle of friends, was an industrious and progressive farmer. A kindly neighbour and always of a cheerful disposition, he won the respect and esteem of all classes.

There was a very large attendance at the removal of the remains to the parish church at Clouncagh on Monday evening and the funeral on Tuesday was large and representative of all classes. Old Gaels and those of the younger generation of the Ballygarry G.A.A. formed a guard of honour outside the church and the coffin was draped in green and gold, the Club colours.

The guard of honour was marshalled by Messrs. C. O'Connor, Peace Commissioner, and Michael Quaid.

The clergy officiating were:— Rev. Father O'Callaghan, P.P., and Father McCarthy, C.C., Knockaderry; Very Rev. Canon Wall, P.P.; Rev. Father O'Keefe, C.C., and Rev. Father Lyons, C.C., Ballygarry; Very Rev. Canon Carroll, P.P., and Rev. Father Enright, C.C. and Rev. Father Costelloe, C.C., Rathkeale; Rev. Father O'Brien, P.P., Castlemahon; Rev. Father O'Connell, C.C., Coolcappa; Very Rev. Canon Martin, P.P., Croom, and Rev. Father Kirby, C.C., do.

Officers 1911

Ballygarry—chairman, John Kelly, N.T.; vice-chairman, Patrick Daly; treasurer, Dan Dunne; secretary, T. Reidy; capain, Thomas Keating; vice-captain, James O'Grady.

Country

9-12-79
 What a day!

WHEN BALLYGARRY won the Limerick Junior Hurling Championship recently they had four sets of brothers on their side. Three of them were Fitzgeralds—Joe, Liam and David; the O'Keefes, Con and John; the second O'Keefe clan, Davy and Dan, and the Healy's, Michael and Peter. The Fitzgeralds surely made history—when they returned home that evening they learned that their sisters, Rosie Eileen and 10-year-old Mary had helped Croagh-Kilfinny to collect county minor camogie honours. And that's not all. Their father, Richard Fitzgerald played his part in that he is chairman of Ballygarry. Six medals in one day—not bad going for the Fitzgeralds.

MR. JOHN POWER, BALLYGARRY.

The death of Mr. John Power, The Glebe, Ballygarry, West Limerick, has evoked feelings of widespread sympathy from all parts of the county and city of Limerick. The deceased, who had attained the fine age of 87 years, being born on May 13, 1874, was one of the most popular men in West Limerick and represented his division for over 20 years on the old Croom Rural District Council until the change of Government.

Together with being a strong Nationalist he had other and varied interests also. An ardent supporter of the G.A.A., he had an outstanding reputation as a hurler with the old Ballygarry Hurling Club that inspired that beautiful song, "The Vales of Ballyroe." As evidence of his great enthusiasm, he one time drove a pony and back-to-back trap all the way to Nenagh, a distance of over 40 miles in order to see Limerick play.

He was founder of the Granagh-Ballygarry Coursing Club and trained such well-known dogs as Gift o' the Gab and Brave Show. In his early years he contributed news and special articles to "John O' London's Weekly," under the pen-name of "Faugh-a-Ballagh." One of his most cherished memories was his meeting with the late C. S. Parnell in Limerick as a member of a deputation who presented an address of welcome to the Chief. In later years he took an active and

Ballygarry

12-5-82
 Our under-age players deserve a mention this week as they have really done very well on the playing fields. All our under-age teams are, of course, Ballygarry/Granagh combinations. We have a very fine U-14 hurling and football team. We expect the football team to win out the championship, as they have won all their matches convincingly to date. The hurling team were beaten in the county quarter-final in Feile na nGael, but they had an off-night and we can now concentrate on the championship.

The juvenile hurlers also have a strong team and really surprised Drom recently. They have the potential to reach the final stages of the championship.

Our minor hurlers put Feenagh out a few weeks ago and have improved greatly. They can look forward to the next match with confidence.

Last but not least, our U-12 team were beaten in the football, but are still flying their colours in hurling. We wish them all the best.

1961

A Famous Co. Limerick Hurling Team—

The Ballingarry "Jer Learys"

By MICHAEL KERINS

IT is a long cry from 1955 away back to the year 1913, when the famous West Limerick hurling team, the Ballingarry "Jer Learys" chartered Nolan's long car and four horses to take them to Kilmallock to meet an equally famous team, the Commercials, in the county semi-final. That was October 5th, 1913.

During the week previous to October 5th, a clarion call had gone out from Tom Keating, the captain: "Let every player be fit and well for the struggle." His advice was acted on to the letter, and on that Sunday morning at Ballingarry one could not hope to see a finer body of men anywhere. Tall, stout and strong, with bursting muscle, it was with a light heart they boarded the long car and set out on the twelve miles journey to Kilmallock.

Here is a vivid description of the game penned down in a notebook by the late Dannie Dunne, Ballingarry:

"The game opened fiercely and a wild rush by the Commercials was checked by Charley Connors. Clancy relieved easily . . . From the throw in the Commercials scored a goal. From the puck-out Maurice Quaid got possession and in a twinkling found the net. There was a Ballingarry war whoop: "Go on the Learys," and then they went to it and never played so well . . .

"At half-time the Commercials were held and hope was high in the Ballingarry camp. Jim Grady was calm and stolid, and Shea like a child, this giant who was playing pitch and toss with the Commercial's big guns.

SECOND PERIOD

"Referee Treacy's whistle blew and the momentous thirty minutes of the second half was started to decide the fate of the county champions. (Note—Ballingarry had won the 1911 senior championship when they beat South Liberties at Kilmallock.) Soon we had a taste of the Commercials' mettle. They were now storming our citadel and points, points, points were the order until they were only one behind . . .

"What happened? Who's hurt? Jim Grady! And off walks that mighty man whom Tyler Mackey feared. Now, we must admit, the race seemed to be run for Ballingarry. Mick Keefe came on as substitute. Paddy Grady saw the gap left by his brother's retirement, and at once engaged the enemy at centre-field.

"Maurice Quaid got possession and centred well. The City custodian saved admirably at first, but was not on his balance, and he hardly saw the ball as it was sent into the net by Paddy Grady. There was a great shout of "Up the Learys" and Mick Kelly of Lisamore said he should write a song entitled 'It's a nice thing to beat the Learys.'"

"Jack Kelly of the Hill let out a war cry that could be heard at the Galtees. Still the Commercials were forging ahead. They made it hot for Tom Keating and Maurice Hourigan, and by a series of passes found the net rather easily, as Clancy slipped in attempting to save. We were now a point ahead with two minutes to go. Would the Commercials score? It

On that Ballingarry team were:—Tom Keating (captain), Mick and Maurice Quaid, Jim and Paddy Grady, D. Clancy, P. Condon, Paddy Keating, Charley Connors, Jim Cattirill, Jack Donohue, Jack Kiely, M. Hourigan, Jack Burke, Jackie Hennessy, Danny Shea. Of those mentioned above death has claimed the following down the years: Tom Keating, Maurice Quaid, Paddy Condon, Jim Cattirill, Maurice Hourigan and Paddy Grady. They helped in no small way to spread the aims of the G.A.A. and brought honour to Ballingarry and Limerick.

COMMÉMORATION

To commemorate the beating of the Commercials a local scribe, who is still hale and hearty, penned the following lines which now appear for the first time after 42 years. When he composed the song he felt ashamed and shy to show it to anyone.

BALLINGARRY HURLERS. 1913

You noble Gaels of Ballingarry, we look on you with pride.

You are a noble combination, with your camans by your side.

You play for fame, a dashing game

As plainly as you see,

When you field a team it's you they mean

To bring home victory.

Now both teams are on the field,
The "Learys" win the toss;

The referee he lines them up,
And the camans they do cross.

The whistle now is in his mouth,
The watch is in his hand,

The ball is up amongst them,
The Commercials take command.

Play is in the "Learys" ground,
There's danger now at hand.

The forwards are attacking and
Clancy takes command.

They are playing a ball against a wall—

A wall of gallant men—
And in a glance they see their chance.

The flag is raised for them.

The ball is travelling up and down,
It is a brilliant game,

The Commercials are out to lower
our flag,

And defeat our glorious team.

But our brave men, they will hold
out;

They will not slacken ground;
They will hold the fort 'gainst the
city men

Until the whistle's sound.

The men and boys who comprise the
backs

They come of a noble race,
With O'Connor's name in the role
of fame

And Mick Quaid's is no disgrace.

Kiely next, his man perplexed,
And O'Donohue the brave.

Those noble backs they never lack
The goal posts for to save.

Now time is up, the "Learys" win,
That noble fight is fought;

And to the Limerick City boys
A lesson they have taught.

The match that was so long put off
We were eager for to play

Ballingarry Club has
been in existence since the founding
of the G.A.A.

Two members of the Club
helped Kilmallock to win the All
Ireland S. H. Ch. in 1897. They were
these were Jack Reidy and Jim
Catterill, goalkeeper and full
forward respectively. Both
died in the prime of life

Ballingarry were runners up
to Cappamore for 1904 S. H. Ch.,
and won the Inter. H. Ch. in 1910,
and the S. H. Ch. in 1911

Jer Leary living in Ballingarry
- Ratty
went to law with Fraternity (drammy)
Leary lost & youths "kicking him"
often shouted "Ahey Jer Leary"
Jer Leary became a slogan and
outsiders hearing it at matches
dubbed B'garra team "the Jer
Learys"

BALLINGARRY GOLD MEDAL TOURNAMENT

1959

The Ballingarry Gold Medal hurling tournament, run under the auspices of the local Sportsfield Committee, opened with a flourish during the past week-end, when Patrickswell and Newcastle West met in a mighty struggle. The 'Well boys opened up in a brilliant fashion and soon had the Newcastle West boys defending their net. Fighting back in the old Newcastle style, they were unable to pierce the 'Well back line and the half-time whistle saw the 'Well leading by 4 goals 3 points to 2 goals for Newcastle West.

SECOND HALF

Resuming the 'Well boys fell away for a time and soon Newcastle West had three goals in quick succession. The 'Well rallied and from then to the end had matters all their own way, though Newcastle West were always dangerous. The final whistle left the score Patrickswell, 10 goals 5 pts. to 5 goals 2 points for Newcastle West. Referee, Mr. Jim Danaher, Knockaderry.

SECOND MATCH

The second match of the tournament took place on Sunday evening before a very large attendance between Castletown and Granagh - Ballingarry. A very well contested game, with high scoring, saw Castletown winning by 1 goal 2 points, the final score being:— Castletown, 7 goals 5 points; Granagh - Ballingarry, 6 goals 3 points. Referee—J. Danaher.

A CALL TO G.A.A. CLUBS

(To The Editor, Limerick Leader)

Dear Mr. Editor:

Through the courtesy of the "Limerick Leader" I make this appeal to secretaries and members of the G.A.A. Clubs in the county and city of Limerick to send me any old songs or ballads composed with respect to the victories or otherwise gained by their respective teams in either grade of hurling and football. The older those old songs or ballads are the better, but I would also like to have some relating to our later teams. Already I have two grand ballads telling of the glory of the older Ballingarry teams, also some from Kilfinane. In order to preserve those old songs and ballads for the present and coming generations of the youth of Limerick I make this appeal. Do not worry whether your writing is good or bad—I will correct any mistakes. I have nothing to offer in return but my thanks, and an assurance that those songs will be preserved for posterity. Any old Land League songs will also be appreciated. Thanking you, dear Mr. Editor.

MICHAEL KERINS,
Ballingarry, Rathkeale.

1-12-1958.

Ballingarry 1-10
N.C. West 1-7

28-6-80

In a dull dour game at Drom, on Saturday evening, firm favourites Ballingarry were rocketed right back on their heels by N.C. West in the senior hurling championship. Playing with a strong breeze in the first half, the N.C. West forwards had a plentiful supply of ball, but poor finishing coupled with little combined play provided a life line for Ballingarry and left the sides 1-1 to 0-3 at half time.

Top marks must go to N.C. West for an all-out effort in the 2nd half, but the Ballingarry back line held out, and limped rather than

BALLINGARRY AGM

27-3-80

The AGM of the Ballingarry GAA Club was held at the Parish Hall on the 22nd March.

Chairman, Mr. D. Fitzgerald, in his address to the well attended meeting, said that he was proud to be chairman of the Ballingarry Club, proud of our teams and proud of the return of the County Junior Cup to Ballingarry after a lapse of 35 years. He was also pleased to refer to the recent election of Mr. P. Browne as Sec. and Mr. Michael McInerney as P.R.O. to the West Board. He also expressed his thanks to Mr. Eddie Walsh for his presentation of a set of jerseys to the club, and to Mr. Pat Fitzgerald as trainer of the teams.

The Secretary's report from Mr. Tom Burke traced the teams' fortunes during the year with detailed accounts of the major games to the County Final at Drom, when captain, David "Wilson" Keefe received the County Junior Cup.

On completing his report Mr. Burke was warmly thanked by the chairman for presenting so detailed an account of the year's events.

The comprehensive report from treasurer, Mr. P. Healy, showed the club to have a very good financial year.

As a mark of appreciation from the players for their dedication and

hard work, David O'Keefe presented a plaque to Paddy Healy, Mark Kelly, Tom Burke, Matt Enright and D. Fitzgerald.

Election of Officers:

Chairman, D. Fitzgerald; Vice-chairman, John O'Keefe; secretary, Tom Burke; asst. sec., Connor Snow; treasurer, Paddy Healy; asst. treas., Donie O'Grady. Committee: Mark Kelly, Matt Enright, Pat Fitzgerald, Connor O'Keefe, David Fitzgerald. Captain, Senior Team, Mike Healy. Trainer, Pat Fitzgerald.

Ballingarry

23-7-83

The under age club (Granagh-Ballingarry) are going through their best spell for a long time. The under 16 hurlers are in the west final after a great win over Kiledy. They will meet Adare in the decider next week-end and this should be a great match. Not to be outdone, the under 14 hurlers are also storming through the championship and are expected to reach the final after a comprehensive win over Feohanagh in the quarter finals. They will meet Feohanagh in the West Feile na nGael Final. These teams deserve everyone's support in the closing stages of the championship and we wish the juveniles the best of luck next week-end.

Attendances at training have been very encouraging of late with a panel of under 30 players there is a lot of interest being shown in the senior hurling for the first time this year.

Anyone having any data for our club history project should pass it on to either Conor Snow or Patsy Quinn.

Narrowly beaten

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Congratulations to the Ballingarry-Granagh under 14 G.A.A. football team who were narrowly defeated after a thrilling encounter, in the semi-final re-play of the Askeaton Garda Tournament. The players were: Kieran and Seamus Stapleton, John English, John and Mike Sheehan, Paudraig and Aidan Fitzgerald, Barry Burke, James Higgins, Richard O'Keefe, Mike Kelly, Stephen O'Brien, Garry and Derry Tierney, Jim and Shane Hartnett, Joe Kelly, Va Small, Dan O'Connell, Joe O'Con

BALLINGARRY GOLD WATCHES TOURNAMENT

19-4-58

THE New Sportsfield, Ballingarry, West Limerick, was a busy venue during the past week, when the second rounds of the Gold Watches junior hurling tournament were run off. The meeting of Mental Hospital, who recently had a big victory over Cloughaun, and were freely tipped to win the watches, attracted a very large attendance, as their opponents were that well-known West Limerick team, Feenagh-Kilmeedy. The unexpected happened as Feenagh-Kilmeedy, after a rousing game, which had the large attendance chering madly, won on the final score, 6-8 to 7-2 for Mental Hospital.

DROM. v. NEWCASTLE WEST

What would otherwise be a cracking game was marred by an exceedingly heavy downpour of rain which continued for almost two hours before the match and made the pitch very difficult to play on. The opening period was very even with Newcastle West rather unlucky in the matter of scores, but both sides turned over on an even score of Newcastle West, 1-1; Drom, 4 points. In the second period, Newcastle West had the better of the play but the forwards could not break through the Drom defence. Wall, in the forwards, had Drom soon in the lead and the second term score was Drom, 1-4; Newcastle West, nil. Full-time score: Drom, 1-7; Newcastle West, 1-1.

THE SEMI-FINALS

The draws in connection with the semi-finals resulted as follows:— Dromcollogher v. Banogue; Feenagh-Kilmeedy v. Granagh-Ballingarry. The closing stages of this tournament are exciting great interest amongst Gaelic "fans" all over West Limerick. The first semi-final, Drom. v. Banogue, will be played on July 22nd, with the Feenagh-Kilmeedy v. Grange-Ballingarry game on July 24th.

BALLINGARRY 1-5
ATHEA 0-6

Ballingarry held out in an exciting finish to qualify for the Western semi-final when they had a two point win over Athea in a game that never rose to any great heights. The two teams must, however, be congratulated for the wonderful effort they put into the game.

Scorers: Ballingarry: D. O'Grady 1-1, J. Fitzgerald 0-2, J. Costello 0-1, D. Fitzgerald 0-1. Athea: J. Liston 0-5, C. Mullane 0-1. 20-10-79

Teams:
Ballingarry: P. J. Barrett, J. Keefe, D. Cagney, D. Clifford, C. Swan, C. Keefe, D. Keefe, L. Fitzgerald, S. Kennedy, T. Costello, P. Cagney, J. Fitzgerald, S. Dundon, D. Fitzgerald, D. O'Grady.

Athea: N. Barry, P. Higgins, C. Mullane, N. White, G. O'Connor, T. White, T. O'Connor, P. Collins, T. Quaid, T. Scanlan, J. Liston, T. Collins, N. McMahon, S. McNamara, T. Carroll.

Ref.: Mr. Niall Duggan, Rathkeale.

3-4-82
Ballingarry

Our U. 21 hurling team is scheduled to play Croagh-Kilfinny on Sunday, April 4, at Cooleyrue at 3.15 p.m. sharp. The following is the panel of players that are expected to turn up for this match:

Sean Mullane, John Hogan, Tadhg Costello, Kevin Clifford, Joe Burke, Mike Quaid, Tom Quaid, Ned Cagney, Mike Carmody, Seamus Burke, Charles Byrnes, Joe Burke (Town), Anthony Quaid, Tommy Cronin, Brian Mullane, John Burke, Tim Noonan, Denis Hayes, John Sheils, William Quinlan.

It is also important that this panel train together and definitely there could be a better attendance at training from some of the panel.

We were very glad to get two minor championship matches last Sunday week, and if we can put the field in better order perhaps we may be able to get some more championship matches played here.

The new track suits should be available for sale during the coming week-end. For those interested, your £13.60 must be given first to Donaly O'Grady who is looking after the sale of them.

10-4-82
Ballingarry

Please note that the Easter draw is taking place on 10th April. Therefore, all the ticket stubs and money must be given to Donal O'Grady by Thursday, 8th April. John O'Keefe and Liam Fitzgerald are the G.A.A. nominees to the community sports council formed recently. The aim of this Council is to provide adequate playing facilities for the people of the parish. John and Liam were elected chairman and treasurer of this council respectively, and we wish them every success.

Training is well underway at present and from now on there will be training every Tuesday and Thursday with possibly a challenge match or training as well on Sundays. It would be much appreciated if players not attending a session would inform the trainer or captain beforehand as it can be discouraging to other players when people fail to turn up without an excuse being given.

The Bord na nOg executive (Sean O'Grady and David O'Keefe) would much appreciate more support in the transportation of under age players to matches as one of them had to pack 12 players into his car recently because no one else was available to help.

17/4/82
Ballingarry

Our under 21 hurling team played their first game of the championship on Sunday, April 4, at Cooleyrue. Despite losing to Croagh-Kilfinny, there were some very promising displays. We are still in this competition through the losers group and with the return of some players who were absent the last time, and continued training, we could still be a force. The team lined out as follows: A. Quaid, M. Carmody, S. Mullane, C. Burns, J. Forde, K. Clifford, T. Cronin, T. Costelloe, J. Burke, S. Burke, J. Hogan, J. Burke (town), N. Hayes, N. Cagney, J. Higgins. Subs.: J. Burke, J. Sheils, P. Kennedy.

On May 2, the senior hurling team play the first round of the championship against Granagh. As this is less than 3 weeks away all members of the panel must attend all further training sessions.

6-3-82
Ballingarry

Some very interesting draws arose from the recent West Board fixtures meeting, not least being the meeting of Granagh and Ballingarry in the first round of the senior hurling championship. There is great incentive in this fixture not alone to get down to some training.

Our under 21 hurlers will meet Croagh-Kilfinny in the 1st round and our junior footballers have picked a real handful in St. Senans. However, we have a potentially very good football team and we can look forward with confidence to the championship. We are, at present, making an effort to make our hurling field more presentable looking, as it is badly fenced off, uneven, not lined and we have no netting up. Any help or ideas in this venture will be very much appreciated.

Finally, if anyone is interested in Bord na nOg and is willing to lend a hand with the transporting of youngsters to matches please give your name to Mr. David O'Keefe, secretary of Bord na nOg. Involvement at this level can be very rewarding and definitely not enough people were involved last year, but we are expecting better support this year.

13-3-82
Ballingarry

A very successful players meeting was held in the Hall on Saturday, February 27th. It was well attended and those present showed lots of enthusiasm and gave their full commitment for the coming year. The following captains were elected,

Senior Hurling: Captain David O'Keefe, Vice-Captain Conor O'Keefe.

Junior Hurling: Captain John Murphy, Vice-Captain Conor O'Keefe.

Junior Hurling: Captain John Murphy, Vice-Captain Dick Kelly.

Under 21 Hurling: Captain Sean Mullane, Vice-Captain: John Hogan.

Junior Football: Pat Cagney, Vice Captain Sean Kennedy.

We are very glad to welcome back Sgt. Fitzgerald as our trainer this year. He proved himself a great trainer in 1979 and with the right attitude he can lead us to success this year also.

Maintenance work commenced on the field recently, and quite a few turned up to lend a hand. We should have the field looking playable in a few weeks time, once we roll and line it.

Finally, those people interested in buying a Ballingarry G.A.A. Club, track suit, or in joining the new G.A.A. Insurance Scheme should give their names to the Club Secretary right away.

20/3/82
Club G.A.A.:

Ballingarry

Training started on Sunday week last and some players didn't look at all well for a few days after it. It was encouraging to see such a large number turn up on the first day and the selectors assure me that team selection this year will be based purely on effort put in at the training.

It was also good to see most of the selectors at the field and I am sure that the players appreciate this.

On the subject of the Easter draw, every player should make an effort to sell his 20 tickets, as the club badly needs the finances — the cost of hurleys being the biggest outlay.

We have ordered 20 Ballingarry G.A.A. track suits and we would encourage all the panel to get one

Ballingarry

Our A.G.M. was held on Tuesday, February 16th, and it proved a good success, as a lot of lively debate was generated and a lot of constructive suggestions made.

The meeting got underway with the reading of two well prepared reports by the chairman, D. Fitzgerald, and the secretary, Tom Burke, respectively. Both reports recalled our lack of success on the playing fields in the past year, and also expressed our aspirations for the coming one.

Unfortunately D. Fitzgerald and T. Burke decided to step down from their executive positions this year after many years loyalty and service to the club. They are still with us, however, to give help and advice where needed. The treasurer, D. O'Grady, read a very clear and well organised report of the club's finances and reported a profit for the year.

The club officers for the coming year are: president, Archdeacon Lyons; vice-president, D. Fitzgerald; chairman, John O'Keefe; vice-chairman, Gerard McInerney; secretary, Conor Snow; asst. secretary, Liam Fitzgerald; treasurer, Donal O'Grady; asst. treas., Tom Burke.

Committee: Sean O'Grady, D. Fitzgerald, David O'Keefe, and Mick Quaid.

Selectors: Team Trainer, Team Captain, Martin Enright, Mick Quaid, and Ray Moloney.

Team captains will not be picked until the players meeting which will be held on Saturday, February 27th, in the hall. All players are expected to attend this.

The most obvious point which came from the meeting was the very urgent need to obtain a suitable playing field, which could be developed. The help of the other social clubs will be sought in this as it concerns the youth, and how they spend their leisure time.

Finally the last day for receipt of your £20 deposit for the London tour is Saturday, February 27th.

15-5-82
Ballingarry

What a great three weeks it has been for the club.

Congratulations to our under 21 hurling team, who, despite being no-hopers by many, proved worthy representatives, being beaten by just one point by Granagh. These lads showed a new-found determination which should be noted by our other teams in the club.

On May 2nd, at Rathkeale, our senior hurlers made a great start to the championship with a resounding win over near rivals, Granagh. We look forward to the rest of the championship, so keep up the training lads, and success is bound to follow.

Last Sunday, May 9th, our junior football team gave us a great treat by beating last year's West champions, St. Senan's, in the first round of the championship. Great team effort and determination was evident. We wish Sean Kennedy a speedy recovery from his nose injury.

This Thursday we play Old Christians in a senior hurling challenge in Ballingarry. Congratulations to Sean Dunworth and Jack Kelly on their successes in the handball court. Best of luck in your future matches.

LATE P. HOURIGAN

Referring to the late P. Hourigan, the Chairman stated that all the Gaels were shocked at his premature demise. "The deceased," he continued, "was a well-known player, referee and former official of the Board. We extend our deepest sympathy to his family, and hope his noble soul is enjoying eternal rest." 17-6-82

BALLINGARRY ^{20/10/67}

TAKE TITLE

By S.M.

Herbertstown were within three minutes of breaking their 75 year old hoodoo of having never won a Limerick G.A.A. championship at the Gaelic Grounds yesterday when their juvenile hurlers, after leading all through, were clinging grimly to a point lead, disaster struck and in a goalmouth melee John Cagney, the Ballingarry full-forward, shot to the net for the decisive goal to give his side victory on the score of 1-3 to 0-4.

What a pity there had to be a loser in this thrilling exhibition of hurling which had the large crowd captivated throughout the entire 40 minutes. These young exponents gave their senior compatriots plenty of food for thought as they entered into the fray with rare abandon, in the most sporting manner. This game had everything—the speed of the opening 20 minutes was exhilarating, ground pulling, overhead striking,

clearances and deft touches of passing were also features which make this game one of the best seen at headquarters this year.

Herbertstown opened the scoring after 30 seconds when their blonde midfielder shot over the bar and repeated this effort after 10 minutes with a pack from 50 yards.

Joe Fitzgerald reduced the leeway for Ballingarry with a point from a free in the 14th minute but Jimmy Higgins restored Herbertstown's advantage with a white flag after 19 minutes to leave the scoreboard reading at the interval: Herbertstown, 0-3; Ballingarry, 0-1.

SECOND HALF

The second half opened in whirlwind fashion when Joe Condon pointed a 21 yards free for Herbertstown, but Mike Chawke replied with a similar score for Ballingarry a minute later. Joe Fitzgerald shot a point from play for Ballingarry who were rampant at this stage. But a resolute Herbertstown defence held firm.

Then followed an intense 12 minute period as both sides strove manfully for the vital score but although we had some very near misses the scoreboard remained the same, with Herbertstown just out in front and looking potential champions.

Then came Ballingarry's final rally. Their diminutive centre-back, David Clifford, cleared a dangerous raid, the ball was grabbed by mid-fielder Joe Fitzgerald who soloed his way past friend and foe alike, his shot was blocked by goalie Ned Mitchell but in the resulting goalmouth melee John Cagney shot to the net for victory for Ballingarry.

BEST

Best for Ballingarry were Maurice Daly, David Clifford, Joe Fitzgerald, Mike Chawke, Paddy Dunworth, George Mulqueen and John Cagney, while Joe Condon, Finbar Cleary, Mick O'Leary, Martin Phillips, Jimmy Higgins, Gerard Mitchell and Jimmy O'Donoghue were most prominent for Herbertstown.

The teams lined out as follows:

Ballingarry (Green & Gold)
—John Kelly, Willie O'Connor, Maurice Daly, Liam Fitzgerald, George Mulqueen, David Clifford, David O'Keefe, Joe Fitz-

gerald, Mike Chawke, Mike Healy, Sean Kennedy, Paddy Dunworth, Dick Kelly, John Cagney, Con O'Keefe.

Herbertstown (Maroon & White)—Ned Mitchell, Ged Enright, Finbar Cleary, Pat Ryan, Gerard Mitchell, Mick O'Leary, Martin Phillips, Joe Condon, Jimmy O'Donoghue, Michael Condon, Eamonn Quin, Jimmy Higgins, Jimmy Reale, Ger O'Shea, Michael Conway.

Vivian Cobbe (St. Patrick's) was referee.

BALLINGARRY SPORTSFIELD:

A BIG SUCCESS

The Ballingarry, West Limerick, Sportsfield venture has proved a big success. This was made clear at the first annual general meeting of the promoters held last week-end in the local Parish Hall, Mr. D. Hourigan, Chairman, presiding.

Those present included Very Rev. P. Lyons, P.P.; Messrs. Thomas Reidy, M.C.C.; S. Keating, P.C.; D. O'Grady, J. Mullane, P. Healy, T. Bourke, P. Browne, Moss Quaid, P. Hogan, J. Cattrill, Garda M. Fitzpatrick, Sean Grady, Seamus Cattrill, Sean Cattrill, Thomas Trainor, John Roche, Michael Quaid, Jack Fitzgibbon, D. Condon, Michael Fitzgerald, Jim Houlihan, J. Dunworth, P. Fitzgerald, etc.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

My first duty, said the Chairman, is to extend a hearty welcome to all of you at this our first annual general meeting. We met here on March 18, 1958, with a view to providing a sportsfield for the parish, where hurling, football and athletics could be fostered. We did not think on that night last year that our venture would be such a success. We had no funds on that first night but decided to collect from the parish and we met with a very generous response.

Volunteer labour came to our assistance in the laying out of the field, which was officially opened and blessed on Sunday, May 4, by our worthy parish priest, Very Rev. P. Lyons, P.P. The opening event, a hurling match between Dromcollogher and Croagh-Kilfinny on the same day attracted a grand attendance. From that eventful day we went on from success to success. Championship matches and tournament games were held Sunday after Sunday and on week evenings also. Attendances grew bigger and bigger and everyone agreed it was one of the best fields in Co. Limerick.

RECORD NUMBER OF MATCHES

We had a record number of matches—47 in all, which included 13 tournament and 34 championship matches. Field arrangements and stewarding were carried out without a hitch, so much so that the Chairman of the West Limerick Board, Mr. L. Fitzmaurice, stated that we had set a headline for all other clubs and that it gave him great pleasure to pay us this well-deserved compliment. During the year death claimed one of our best members, the late Mr. Timmy Daffy, to whose family and relatives we tender our deep sympathy. Our Hon. Sec., Mr. Thomas Bourke, is also leaving us to better his position in life. We will be losing a good Gael and sportsman who was always ready and willing to help in any way.

more wholehearted co-operation during the coming season. It was very good during the past year, but on a few occasions it could have been better. He wished to thank specially the people of the parish who subscribed so generously; Mr. Trainor, who, with commendable civic spirit, rented his field for the good of the parish; those who gave tractors, poles for paling and those who gave voluntary labour and assistance in any way (applause).

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts, £304 14s. 5d.; expenses, £188 18s. 8d., plus rent of field for 1959, leaving a balance of £68 15s. 9d.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

President, Very Rev. P. Lyons, P.P.; Chairman, Mr. D. Hannigan; Treasurer, Mr. P. Healy; Hon. Secretary, Mr. P. Browne, together with a committee as follows—

Messrs John Roche, T. Trainor, Moss Quaid, Jack Fitzgibbon, T. Reidy, M.C.C.; J. Fitzgibbon, Dan O'Grady, J. Houlihan, Mrs. Sheehy, John Dunworth, John Mullane, P. O'Sullivan, Ted Clifford, Michael Quaid, J. Keating, P.C.; Christy Tierney, D. Condon, M. Fitzgerald, Garda Fitzpatrick, P. Fitzgerald.

FURTHER IMPROVEMENTS TO FIELD

It was decided on the motion of Mr. T. Trainor to lay down two latrines for the coming season, together with further improvements.

Another motion by Mr. Trainor to provide a scoreboard was lost.

Mr. Trainor said he was very glad to see such a spirit of co-operation between Muintir na Tire, the Sportsfield Committee and the G.A.A. It should be the aim not to make Ballingarry as "good" as any other place, but to make it "better" than any other place.

The Rev. President said it was his wish that this spirit would continue in the years ahead.

Ballingarry

22.5.82

Our under-age players deserve a mention this week as they have really done very well on the playing fields. All our under-age teams are, of course, Ballingarry/Granagh combinations. We have a very fine U-14 hurling and football team. We expect the football team to win out the championship, as they have won all their matches convincingly to date. The hurling team were beaten in the county quarter-final in Feile na nGael, but they had an off-night and we can now concentrate on the championship.

The juvenile hurlers also have a strong team and really surprised Drom recently. They have the potential to reach the final stages of the championship.

Our minor hurlers put Feenagh out a few weeks ago and have improved greatly. They can look forward to the next match with confidence.

Last but not least, our U-12 team were beaten in the football, but are still flying their colours in hurling. We wish them all the best.

CLUB G.A.A.:

5/6/82

Ballingarry

The senior hurlers played two challenge games recently against Ardagh and Drom. We lost both of these games, however, as we were missing five regular forwards on each occasion. The fact remains that much work needs to be done before our next game. There is a great battle for places this year as we have a panel of about 25 players and no-one can be sure of selection.

It must be noted that we showed a great improvement in our match with Drom. than on our previous outing and it is hoped that with a few more challenge matches and regular training we can get things right for the championship.

Congratulations to our u-12 hurlers on their win over N.C. West.

Our junior hurlers lost to Rathkeale recently but are still in with a chance in the losers group.

Ballingarry

2/12/82

We have decided this year to organise a local adult Scor competition. This will be staged in the Parochial Hall on 8th December next and is confined to people living in the club catchment area which is Ballingarry Parish, and to natives of the parish. At present we are looking for entries for the competition and we invite all those who are interested to give their names to either Tom Burke, Main Street, or to Conor Snow right away.

The following is the list of competitions for the show:

1. Ceili or figure dancing;
2. instrumental music;
3. solo singing;
4. novelty act;
5. question time;
6. recitation;
7. ballad group;
8. set dancing.

The rules pertaining to each event can be obtained from the above mentioned people.

We would appreciate the public participation in the competition, otherwise it may not be a success. We have invited all the local clubs to compete in some of the categories but there are a lot of talented people in the parish who are not joined to any clubs and it's at these people that this invitation is aimed at.

Rathfredagh Cheshire Home.

County junior champions, Ballingarry, had a convincing win over neighbours, Feenagh-Kilmeedy, on Sunday last. Best wishes are extended to the team and selectors for the work they put into this historic win. The last county junior win was in 1944.

Scor na nOg at Cappagh, on Saturday last. Best wishes is extended to the instrumental group who were placed second and go forward to Athea on Friday next. The group were: Patrick Doody, Tesha Fitzgerald, Ann O'Connell. Other competitors were: solo singing, Maria Doody; question time, Maria Fitzgerald, Tommy Bourke, Liam Kelly; set dancing, Mary O'Grady, Carol Lynch, Margo Forde, Helen Forde, James Higgins, Maurice Higgins, Jim Hartnett, Shane Hartnett.

The School Band paraded the hurlers through the streets with team captain, David Keffe, holding the cup high. Bonfires and street dancing continued throughout the night. The Fitzgerald family achieved the honour of the day, with the three brothers, Joe Davis, Liam, winning county hurling medals; and their three sisters, Mary, Eilish and Rosie, winning county camogie medals with Croagh-Kilfinny. This November 25th was an historic day for the Fitzgerald family.

To add to the hurlers and camogie, there was yet another cup. This time a coursing win, well known greyhound owner, Danny Scanloin, won a stake at Rathkeale Coursing. All three cups were on parade together, all won the one day.

Ardagh-Kilfinny

1/12/79

24.7.82 G.A.A. Bigory

Next weekend is the big one for our two handballers, Jack Kelly and Sean Dunworth, who are playing the All-Ireland Novice Doubles final in Clonmel on Saturday evening. They have really done us proud so far and it would be marvellous if they could bring an All-Ireland to Ballingarry. They deserve all the support, and we look forward to a big turnout next Saturday evening.

The Junior hurlers are out the following day (Sunday) in Coolryue. They are playing Monagea and the match is timed for 2 p.m.

Regular training has been arranged for the junior football team on Tuesdays and Thursdays, at 8 p.m. We are due to play Athea in a month's time and to be in with a chance the team will have to put in a little effort.

The u.14 hurlers were put out of the West by Adare last weekend. No face was lost, however, as this was a very good Adare team. Our lads tried their best and we live in hope that they may do better next year.

BALLINGARRICK HURLING TOURNAMENT 1959

Amongst the Gaels of West Limerick (writes our Ballingarry correspondent) there is keen excitement as Sunday next draws near, when Dromcollogher and Feenagh-Kilmeedy will cross camogans at the Sportsfield, Ballingarry, in the second semi-final of the Ballingarry hurling tournament. These two teams were in the final of the Ballingarry Muintir na Tire tournament in 1958, when, after a great game, Drom. won the gold watches. Can Feenagh-Kilmeedy beat Drom. and so qualify to meet Patrickswell in the final? This is the question occupying the minds of the Gaels in this portion of West Limerick. A record crowd is expected to see this classic encounter.

See advertising columns.

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BY LEADER REPORTER

IT WAS a memorable occasion in the Parish Church in Ballingarry recently when 87-year-old Very Rev. Patrick Canon Lyons, P.P., celebrated the diamond jubilee of his ordination.

A native of Glenroe, Canon Lyons was ordained at Maynooth and, having served in Paisley in Scotland, Kilmeedy, Monagea, Colmanswell and Gilin, he has been parish priest of Granagh-Ballingarry for the past 25 years.

To mark his golden jubilee, a special concelebrated Mass was celebrated at which the Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Newman, presided.

Ballingarry

S.H. championship 2.7.83

Bruree given a scare by Ballingarry

Bruree 4-11
Ballingarry 4-7

For long periods of this senior hurling championship tie at Kilmallock on Saturday last, it seemed as if Bruree would coast to a runaway win.

Indeed they held a four goal advantage at the end of the third quarter, but were forced to pull out all the stops in a hectic last fifteen minutes as Ballingarry staged a grand stand rally.

Bruree played a fine brand of attacking hurling in the opening half and held an interval advantage of 1-9 to 0-2. The opposition had no answer to their fast, intelligent play. Pat Potter, Danny Deady, Pat O'Brien, John Potter and Michael Mullane picked off great scores as Ballingarry could only make feeble efforts to make an impression on the scoreboard.

Ballingarry realised the gravity of the situation and made an interval change, which certainly worked to their advantage. John Hogan, who made some daring saves in goal in the first half, was moved to full forward and substitute Michael Clancy took over between the posts.

Hogan raised Ballingarry hopes early in the second half with a well taken goal, but Bruree struck back

with goals from Pat O'Brien and John Potter.

Odds

Ballingarry pegged away against the odds, but when the occasions arose, Hogan, Danny O'Keeffe and Tadg Costelloe began to cause problems for the Bruree defence.

Pat Cagney and Danny O'Keeffe raised green flags for Ballingarry and the deficit was down to two goals. In the 28th minute of the second half, John Hogan was grounded and Sean Dunworth crashed home the penalty to leave a single goal between the sides.

Amid high excitement Ballingarry went in search of the equaliser, but it was Bruree who finished better and a point from a free in the dying seconds tied up the game firmly in their favour.

Bruree P. Murphy, P. Stanton, D. Mullane, H. Hogan, M. Barron, J. Lyons, E. O'Dea, D. Deady, P. Potter, G. Mullane, P. O'Brien, J. Potter, M. Molony, J. O'Brien, M. Mullane. Sub., G. Randles.

Ballingarry — J. Hogan, L. Fitzgerald, C. O'Keeffe, T. Quaide, M. Quaide, D. Clifford, D. O'Keeffe, S. Kennedy, M. Healy, D. O'Keeffe, T. Costello, D. Fitzgerald, P. J. Barrett, S. Dunworth, P. Cagney. Sub., M. Clancy.

Referee — P. Byrnes (South Liberties).

West Board G.A.A.

Ballingarry breeze home in thriller

Ballingarry 3-6; Adare 1-10.

SELDOM can the end of a game set the adrenalin pumping so swiftly as this exciting clash at Askeaton on Saturday evening as Mike Healy, with his team trailing by one point and 2 minutes to go, prepared to take a line ball 30 metres out from the Adare goalmouth.

A superb strike that found team-mate Joe Fitzgerald, and moving swiftly into position, endorsed his real class on a ball that left a massed defence and goalie helpless. Despite an all out last minute attack by Adare, this remained the last score in a game that advanced Ballingarry as an emerging hurling power.

They dominated the game from the earliest moments, and notched a 1-4, without reply in the first 15 minutes. Adare had their moments later, when they scored 4 points from play, but when it came to the perfectly placed pass, and the finest flick, Ballingarry's superiority shone through.

Playing superbly at centre forward, Joe Fitzgerald had the Adare defence at panic stations every time the ball was in his vicinity, and his constant expertise must surely warrant him serious consideration for the inter-county colours.

But it wasn't all a one man show, as Mike Healy in the centre was very much involved and his first time stylish striking kept a plentiful supply to a fast moving attack and Conor O'Keeffe, flanked by David Clifford and Sean Dunworth, provided a serene at a superior level.

Within 2 minutes on resumption Adare had a point and this set the tone for the second half. Tom Dunne, always a danger man at centre, was lofting the ball deep into the Ballingarry side and clicked the attack into top gear by a forward line that seemed full of ideas. 2 points and a goal from captain Eugene Mackessy steadied the Adare ship, and brought it into calmer but still dangerous waters. A further point from a roving Tom Dunne brought the sides level, and a point from a placed ball by Mike Benson, with 5 minutes to go, gave Adare the lead for the first time.

With all the stops out now, Balingarry took the game to their opponents with all their considerable silky skill and fiery determination, which saw Mike Healy set up Joe Fitzgerald for a superb goal in one of the most exciting games we are likely to see this season.

Scorers:
Ballingarry: T. Costello 0-1, J. Fitzgerald 2-3, P. Cagney 0-1, D. Fitzgerald 1-1.

Adare: M. Benson 0-3, P. Maron 0-1, T. Dunne 0-4, E. Mackessy 1-2.

Referee: Noel O'Connor.

To Meet Again In Ballingarry Tournament Semi-Final

Aug 1959

There was a record attendance at the Sportsfield, Balingarry, on Sunday evening to witness the meeting of Dromcollogher and Feenagh-Kilmeedy teams in 2nd semi-final of the Sportsfield Hurling Tournament for cups and gold medals. Great interest was manifested in the meeting of these two neighbouring teams, as they created a record in 1958 when they met in the Gold Watches Hurling Tournament final, the "gate" being the biggest ever recorded in the history of the G.A.A. in West Limerick. Sunday evening's game was clean and rugged with every man giving of his best. "Drom" went all out to prove that this year again they were able to master Feenagh-Kilmeedy. The latter were out to prove that they still retained the old dash and courage that made Feenagh and Kilmeedy famous in the hurling pitches of the County. In this they almost succeeded as it was in the closing minute of the game that "Drom" put over for a point to force a draw—the final scores being 5 goals 7 points each.

Half-time scores were:—"Drom," 3 goals, 2 points; Feenagh-Kilmeedy 1 goal 3 points.

In the second period Feenagh-Kilmeedy went all out to increase their lead and found the "Drom" net quite often. "Drom" had two goals and then had to concentrate on points. The scores in this second period were:—"Drom," 2 goals, 5 points; Feenagh-Kilmeedy, 4 goals, 4 points.

The winners of the re-play, which should draw another record hosting to Balingarry, will qualify to meet Patrickswell in the final.

It would not be fair to single out any individual player for special mention as each one gave of his very best.

Mr. Jerry Fitzgerald, Rathkeale, was referee.

WEST LIMERICK G.A.A.: 20/7/74 BALLINGARRY IN FORM

The under 21 hurling was won by Balingarry, who defeated Feohanagh in the final on Saturday on the score 1-6 to 2 pts. It was a very good game. Balingarry, who were Munster champions two years ago, proved the better team and had some good individual players. They now meet the Eastern representatives on Saturday night, 20th, and we wish them the best of luck.

BALLINGARRY

NSU. 1982

The past few weeks have been intensely busy ones for the club and the schedule for the next two months seem like being equally busy.

Our Baron of Balingarry competition has got off to a flying start. The four candidates are Mick Quaid, Pat Quinn, Tadg Costello and Mark Kelly.

They are all selling way beyond our expectations and it looks like being a very close contest. The winner will be announced at our dinner dance at the end of January.

We have also started holding discos in the Hall and the first one on November 1st was a great success. Despite it being on a Monday night. We are holding three more discos in November.

Congratulations to our under 15 hurling team (Granagh-Balingarry) on winning the West Final recently. This was a great match and they convincingly beat a good Newcastle West team. We look forward to seeing how well they will do next year in the juvenile grade.

*1908 A & M Balingarry G. Harry McDonnell Pres.
Mr. Quaid Sec. Jimmy Reidy Capt. John Bourke
K. G. ...*

**HUGE CROWD
ENJOY GOOD
HURLING AT
KNOCKADERRY**

KNOCKADERRY appeared to be in carnival mood on Sunday last for the re-play of the Granagh-Ballingarry and Dromcollogher hurling game (writes our Knockaderry correspondent). Hundreds of motors crowded the village and environs and it was well that the village thoroughfare and adjoining roads were so wide to take three and four rows of cars. Being the only venue in the West holding a fixture, there was a most representative gathering of the Gaels from all over the area governed by the West Limerick Board and it was refreshing to see so many of the veterans of the games present. Long before the game started the side-line accommodation was taxed to capacity. The sod was in perfect condition, the day was fine and the local Gaels turned out to a man to assist the Board's officers in managing the huge crowd and stewarding the arena. Ballingarry played their full selection of the previous Sunday, but "Drom." were short two of their key men—D. Stack, who had gone back to college, and Donal Broderick, who is joining the ranks of the Bénédicts this week, when he will have the felicitations of all the Gaels of county and city.

THE GAME.

The teams were punctual on the field and "Drom." got off to a flying start to score a point by Farrell in the first minute of the game. Sheehan, Ballingarry, received the ball on the puck out and sent his side attacking. "Drom." had to concede a 70, which was sent well in and P. Kiely, Ballingarry, getting possession, sent to the net. Both sides now settled down in dead earnest and hard, close hurling in all sections of the field was the order. Ballingarry, getting a free, had no result, and "Drom." getting a 70 had another point by Farrell. Derry McCarthy, taking a free for "Drom.," missed a point by inches and another free for Ballingarry was saved well by the "Drom." goalie. Ballingarry had another point by Hogan a minute later and Hogan had a goal for Ballingarry off a free. "Drom." were now getting full service in their forward division but Ballingarry backs were standing up well to all attacks. C. McCarthy had a point for "Drom." and after 15 minutes the scores stood: Ballingarry, 2 goals 2 points; "Drom.," 2 points. In the 17th minute Hogan had a goal for Ballingarry and a minute later Ballingarry had another goal per Kiely. A spirited attack initiated by the two McCarthys stirred up "Drom." and for the next few minutes "Drom." were taking the game in hand but their shooting for the posts was faulty and erratic. In the closing stages "Drom." had a point by D. McCarthy and Sean Ryan had a goal for "Drom." and just before the half-time whistle "Drom." had a point by O'Dell to leave the half-time score:—Ballingarry, 4-2; Dromcollogher, 1-4. Incidentally, this Ballingarry lead was three points short of what the half-time scores were on the previous Sunday.

SECOND HALF.

Resuming, Ballingarry went into an attack which was beaten and "Drom." getting a goal by Ryan after 3 minutes put new heart into his side, but Ballingarry, per Sheehan, had a point a minute later. "Drom." was now pressing and Burke, Ballingarry, saved a hot shot to his net. Both sides were now on their toes and fine hurling up and down field was the order at this stage. Ballingarry got an easy goal off free and O'Connell, Ballingarry, got a point. "Drom." fought hard for a goal but the attack was beaten off by Ballingarry back linesmen, and the ball coming up field Hogan had a goal for Ballingarry to further increase Ballingarry's lead. With 45 minutes gone the scores were:—Ballingarry, 6-4; Dromcollogher, 2-4. Hannan, Granagh, had to retire and O'Connell came on as sub. for Ballingarry. Despite the lead against them "Drom." never relaxed in their efforts but some of their players lost chances by being over anxious to lift the ball. Ballingarry, in the closing stages, seemed to be the best finishers and Kelly had another goal to put the issue beyond doubt, but "Drom." still battled away and were rewarded by a goal and a point in the closing minutes, to leave the full time scores:—Ballingarry, 7-4; Dromcollogher, 3-5.

The game was played in a grand spirit of sportsmanship and Jack Quaid, Feohanagh, the referee, controlled the game in a most competent and impartial manner.

THE TEAMS.

The winners were: J. Hannan, T. Burke, J. O'Brien, T. Gorey, M. O'Brien, P. Hogan, V. Hickey, M. Sheehan, P. Sullivan, P. Carey, D. O'Connell, P. Kiely, D. Kelly, P. Hannan, W. Burke.
Dromcollogher: P. Wall, D. McCarthy, P. Wall, Sean Ryan, D.

Noonan, J. McCarthy, J. Egan, J. Stack, P. Stack, C. McCarthy, M. Farrell, J. Savage, J. Scully, T. Costelloe, R. O'Dell.

Keen Hurling At Knockaderry Ends In Draw

1956

At Knockaderry on Sunday last (writes our correspondent) Granagh-Ballingarry met Dromcollogher in the losers' group of A Grade Hurling. Despite counter attractions at Limerick and Rathkeale, there was a good attendance and the day was fine. The local Gaels had done everything humanly possible to put the pitch in proper order for the game, and the local club's new goal nets were in use for the first time.

Mr. Jack Quaid had the teams at the line only ten minutes behind the time scheduled for the match. A minute after the throw-in, the veteran Derry McCarthy had one of the first pucks of the ball and barely missed a point for "Drom." Ballingarry went into a spirited attack and Sheehan and Hogan had two wides in two minutes. A free for "Drom" taken by Egan got the first score of the game, registering a point. Both sides were now hurling with rare abandon, and Ballingarry missed the net by inches from a drive by Sheehan. Derry McCarthy had another point for "Drom," and a minute later Ballingarry scored a great goal, thus leading by a point. Kelly had a point for Ballingarry and a minute later Hogan, Ballingarry, had a goal. "Drom" goalie was put to it hard to save his net, and when Ballingarry registered another major their supporters were in an excited and jubilant mood, and ere the excitement died out Hogan had another goal for Ballingarry. A free for "Drom" taken by Derry McCarthy failed to register, but a minute later Sean Ryan got a good goal for Dromcollogher, and the "Drom" supporters were now jubilant to see their side reducing the huge arrears of scores against them. A point off a free for "Drom" made the scores 5-1 to 1-4 in favour of Ballingarry after 25 minutes play. Ballingarry, in all divisions of the field, seemed to be getting the best of the exchanges and the O'Briens, Gorey, Sullivan, Sheehan, Hickey, Kelly, went all out to increase their lead, and in the closing minutes of the first half D. Kelly added two more points and "Drom" got one point by Scully to leave scores at the end of the first moiety, Ballingarry, 5-3; "Drom," 1-5.

SECOND HALF

On resumption, "Drom" went into an early attack and the big lead against them began to topple, as they got an early goal. Ballingarry missed a couple of frees, but P. Sullivan, Ballingarry, getting the ball from Mick O'Brien, had a point for Ballingarry. "Drom" went all out now and a drive by Derry McCarthy was beaten by Ballingarry back division. Derry McCarthy had two points for "Drom" to further liquidate the lead and excitement was at its highest pitch as "Drom" registered

another minor to leave Ballingarry, with 10 minutes to go, down to a five point lead. Derry McCarthy and Scully had a point each for "Drom." Ballingarry got a close-in free, but Sullivan shot for a goal and missed. If he went for a point it could be the winning margin for Ballingarry. "Drom" were now pressing Ballingarry back line with the utmost vigour and with only two minutes to go "Drom" got a goal, to bring scores level.

The final scores were, Granagh-Ballingarry, 5-4; Dromcollogher, 3-10.

PLAYED IN SPORTING MANNER.

The match was played in a most sporting manner. Hard, close hurling was the order of the hour. The hard knocks incidental to the game were given and taken freely without any fraying of tempers or any unmanly incident. The re-play should be an exciting and interesting game.

The teams were:—

Ballingarry: J. Hannan, T. Burke, J. O'Brien, T. Gorey, M. O'Brien, P. Hogan, N. Hickey, M. Sheehan, P. Sullivan, P. Carey, D. O'Donnell, P. Kiely, D. Kiely, P. Hannan, W. Burke.

Dromcollogher: P. Wall, D. McCarthy, P. Wall, S. Ryan, D. Noonan, J. McCarthy, J. Egan, T. Stack, C. McCarthy, M. Farrell, J. Savage, D. Broderick, Joe Scully, P. Stack.

DROMCOLLOGHER SURPRISED IN JUNIOR FINAL

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Granagh-Ballingarry 3 —11
Dromcollogher 3—2

Granagh-Ballingarry provided a first-class surprise at Rathkeale when they well and truly beat the favourites Dromcollogher in the final of the West Limerick Junior Hurling Championship. Dromcollogher were hot favourites for the title but before a record crowd and in heavy going they proved no match for the Granagh-Ballingarry men, who got away to a flying start and never looked back until they had well clinched the issue in the closing quarter.

At half-time the winners were leading by 2-9 to 1-1 and, although playing against the wind in the second moiety, Granagh-Ballingarry maintained the initiative and went on to win by a substantial margin of twelve points.

Sheehan, Kennedy, O'Brien, Fitzgibbon, Collins and Hogan scored for Granagh-Ballingarry and Dromcollogher scorers were Wall, Egan, Savage and Ryan.

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Ballingarry Win in Thrilling Finish

BALLINGARRY, 3-5; GRANAGH, 2-4.

BALLINGARRY qualified to meet Rathkeale in the West Limerick junior hurling final when they defeated Granagh by 3 goals 5 pts. to 2 goals 4 pts. in the semi-final at Dromcollogher Gaelic Grounds before a large attendance (gate £270) on Sunday last.

The standard of hurling did not reach the expected heights due, possibly, to the tension created between this, the first major clash of the sides since they decided to affiliate separately in 1966. There was an amount of mis-hitting and bad handling, but this was compensated for in a thrilling finish with Granagh putting everything into it in an effort to pull the game out of the fire.

THREE GOALS

Ballingarry, playing with the advantage of a fairly strong breeze, opened the scoring in the 2nd minute with a point and added a second 3 minutes later. In the 6th minute Granagh had their first score a point. At this stage Ballingarry got well on top, and had goals in the 12th, 23rd and 27th minutes, and a point just before half-time.

In between Granagh had points in the 14th and 24th minutes. This left the half-time score: Ballingarry, 3-3; Granagh, 3 points.

Granagh started the second half in determined fashion, and had a picture goal in the 3rd minute. We had ten minutes of hard, fast hurling, without a score before Granagh had their second goal from a 21 yards free, and this was quickly followed by a point. At this stage only two points remained between the teams, and Granagh appeared to have a great chance of pulling off a win. Their tendency at this time to go for goals when they had points for the taking eventually proved their undoing. Ballingarry broke off attack after attack, and had two points, in the last 1st minute, and neither of the teams could raise a flag after that. Granagh forced a succession of 70's, but the Ballingarry defence defied all their efforts and were deserving winners at the end.

SHONE

J. Carmody had a great game, goal for the winners, and got excellent cover from the full back line of Matt Enright, Mick Quaid and Jack Condon. Paddy Kiely and P. Benson were sound half-backs, while Costello and T. Harnett, at centre-field, broke about even with Granagh's T. Fitzgibbon and Don Hartigan. Ml. Sullivan was the star of the winners' forwards, and got good support from L. Daly, Ml. McAuliffe (better known in the handball world) and J. Quill.

Sean Sullivan, in the Granagh goal, had some excellent saves to his credit, and could not be blamed for any of the scores that beat him. Bertie Hanley, P. Noonan and Mick O'Brien were good backs, but of a disappointing forward division only Fitzgerald, Chris Murphy and Jim Stapleton made any impression.

Ballingarry scorers: Ml. Sullivan, 5 pts. (3 frees), and goals from Pa Hogan, S. Roche and McAuliffe.

M. Roche, P. Kiely, P. Bowen; T. Harnett, S. Costello; M. McAuliffe, M. Sullivan, J. Quill; P. Hogan, L. Daly, S. Roche.

Granagh — S. Sullivan; B. Hanley, B. Cagney (capt.), P. Lane; P. Stapleton, M. O'Brien, J. Noonan; D. Hartigan, T. Fitzgibbon; C. Murphy, R. Regan, M. Fitzgerald; D. Sheehan, J. O'Gorman, J. Stapleton.

The game was played in a fine sporting manner and both teams deserve great credit for this. Mr. Jim Quaid refereed in his usual competent fashion.

Granagh scorers: Ml. Fitzgerald, 1-3 (1-2 frees); D. Sheehan (1-0), C. Murphy, 2 pts.

TEAMS

Ballingarry—J. Carmody; M. Enright, M. Quaid, J. Condon;



The Ballingarry team which defeated Herbertstown 1-3 to 0-4 in the County juvenile hurling championship at Limerick Gaelic Grounds recently.

1-12-79

Thrilling win for Ballingarry

The G.A.A. too is quite prominent in Ballingarry. The popular hurling is played there in three classes: junior, minor and juvenile. Junior football is played, and good local Gaelic grounds are available for the enthusiast. The four teams were in four West Limerick finals this year. Two have already been played. Men long connected with the local association are: Danny Hourigan, THE man in Ballingarry as regards G.A.A., and John Roche. Officers are: President, Very Rev. Canon Lyons; chairman, Patrick Kiely; secretary, Daniel Hourigan; treasurer, Patrick Healy.

The N.F.A. is fairly active locally and has members like Michael Allott who goes in for Friesian cattle and who has appeared on an agricultural programme on television with his wife, Helen. Bernard Sheehy, branch secretary; Pat Sheehan, and Thomas Fitzpatrick are other prominent N.F.A. men.

Respective vice-chairman and chairman are Henrick Schofflitsky and Pat Cagney; treasurer is Pat Frawley. Macra na Feirme seems to occupy a more impoverished position locally since many of its members have joined the N.F.A. ranks, but it is still a popular and respected club in Ballingarry, and has its own staunch followers. Its chairman is Kieran Taylor; Denis Hogan is vice-chairman, and Mary Mulqueen and Olive McEnery are respective secretary and treasurer.

A handball club which has an unbroken record of half a century of play is one of Ballingarry's greatest embellishments. One of its foremost members is Patrick Hogan and one of its best players is Michael McAuliffe, a young man in his twenties who recently won the All-Ireland handball junior singles medal and was greeted on his return to Ballingarry by bonfires and a procession.

Clubs for many games and activities are however, lacking in Ballingarry or have fallen away as they have done in many country towns and rural communities. People come and go and things drift apart. Andrew Treacy told me: "There were nine or ten clubs here ten years ago. The I.C.A. here had one of the biggest memberships in the county, and the Red Cross and the Legion of Mary had branches here."

But whatever Ballingarry may lack socially, it is nothing to its material lack. It has neither a dentist, barber nor resident bank. Rathkeale is not too far away, of course, for an available dentist, and, as the Canon said, "we do our own barbering here." Two visiting banks even come to the town during the week, but there is still one big essential absent: a resident doctor.

**Ballingarry 1-9
Feenagh-Kilmeedy . 1-6**

A MISERABLE wet and windy November afternoon at Dromcollogher on Sunday last was illuminated by a thundering hurling combat. At the end of a thrilling hour, Ballingarry were the winners of the county junior hurling championship. They had three points to spare over near neighbours, Feenagh-Kilmeedy in one of the best deciders this grade has produced for many a year.

Poor underfoot conditions and strong winds were not conducive to good hurling. As a result the standard was not of the classical mould, but there was still a fair quota of fine hurling passages. The closeness of the scoring and the exchanges plus the courage and determination of both sides, compensated for any patches of sub standard fare.

The laurels are now in Ballingarry but the honours are evenly divided. The losers contributed more than their share to this scintillating contest. In defeat, Feenagh-Kilmeedy were majestic and if they had snatched the equaliser in those final minutes, nobody in the big attendance would have muttered a word of complaint.

This was a fitting climax to a great championship. Since their clash in the west final both sides were tipped for places in the county decider. The fare in the divisional final paled into a non combat when compared to this pulsating stuff at Dromcollogher. From start to finish the struggle was breath-taking - it throbbed all through, with every stroke of the ball playing a vital part in the final outcome.

WORTHWHILE INCURSION

The strong breeze assisted Ballingarry in the opening half and they had three wides before Sean Kennedy moved on to a ground ball and whipped it over the bar to open the scoring in the 3rd minute. Feenagh-Kilmeedy were slow to the ball in the opening period. They were lucky not to have conceded a goal in the 5th minute and fell further in arrears by the 9th minute.

In the 13th minute, Feenagh-Kilmeedy moved inside the opposing 21 yards line

for the first time. It was a worthwhile incursion as Jim Power, the left corner forward was in the right position to take a ball from Michael Keane and raise a green flag.

The Ballingarry mentors were forced to make changes before the game with the withdrawal of full back, Dan Cagney, because of influenza. They moved Con O'Keeffe back to the number three spot, with John O'Keeffe at right full back. Dave Clifford was now at centre half back and an early leg injury made his lot in this position a most unhappy one.

With Maurice O'Sullivan suddenly taking control at midfield, the Ballingarry defence was subjected to much pressure. Maurice O'Sullivan pointed a free to put Feenagh-Kilmeedy ahead in the 16th minute.

Points from Joe Fitzgerald saw Ballingarry draw level and the nose in front. By the 22nd minute the sides were again level after Maurice O'Sullivan sent over a placed ball.

Donie O'Grady snapped a vital Ballingarry goal in the 24th minute. Inside the last minute and half of the opening thirty minutes, Joe Fitzgerald and Michael Keane exchanged points to leave the score at the break, 1-6 to 1-3 in favour of Ballingarry.

QUICK SCORES

Feenagh-Kilmeedy had everything in their favour after the turn. A strong breeze, plus two beautiful points from John Neenan and John McCarthy had them only a single score in arrears. The writing was on the wall for Ballingarry or so it seemed at this juncture. But with Sean Dunworth now at centre half back and Joe Fitzgerald the centre half forward moving out-field to steady his midfielders, the entire Ballingarry fifteen began to combine as a unit. Instead of succumbing to the fiery attacks of the opposition, they themselves began the task of taking control.

With sheer courage, they defied the odds and Joe Fitzgerald, with three points, had them 1-9 to 1-5 ahead by the 53rd minute. Michael O'Sullivan reduced it to 1-9 to 1-6 a minute later. The final six minutes will never be forgotten by the cheering supporters. Feenagh-Kilmeedy, with Maurice O'Sullivan, Tony Galvin, John Neenan and Michael Keane playing as if inspired, threw everything at the Ballingarry defence.

Con O'Keeffe in particular, and Dave Clifford, Sean Dun-

worth, Mike Healy, Liam Fitzgerald and Davy Keeffe were absolutely majestic when the chips were really down. They defied the best efforts of Feenagh-Kilmeedy, who would surely have worked through any other defence in the last exciting minutes.

SCORERS

Ballingarry: J. Fitzgerald 0-8, D. O'Grady 1-0, S. Kennedy 0-1.

Feenagh-Kilmeedy: J. Power 1-0, M. O'Sullivan 0-2; M. Keane, J. Neenan, J. McCarthy, Ml. O'Sullivan, 0-1 each.

TEAMS

Ballingarry-J. Kelly; J. O'Keefe, C. O'Keefe, C. Snow; S. Dunford, D. Clifford, D. Keeffe; M. Healy, L. Fitzgerald; T. Costelloe, J. Fitzgerald, P. Cagney; D. O'Grady, S. Kennedy, D. Fitzgerald.

Feenagh-Kilmeedy-J. Lynch; P. Walsh, D. Egan, B. Lynch; W. Walsh, J. Reidy, T. Galvin; M. McCarthy, M. O'Sullivan; J. Neenan, M. Keane, J. McCarthy; Ml. O'Sullivan, P. McCarthy, J. Power.

Sub.: J. Herlihy for M. McCarthy (52nd minute).

Referee: N. Duggan (Rathkeale).

Bruree

13-9-79

At a meeting of the junior pioneer committee in the Old School, it was decided that the junior pioneers be confined to those left the National School and that a special night would be arranged for those still attending the National School.

G.A.A.

Bruree senior hurling team had a very good win over Kilmallock on Sunday night last, April 10, in the Athlaca senior hurling tournament final.

BRUREE UNDER-16

Bruree under-16s had a good win over Knockaney in the first round of the under-16 hurling championship.

UNDER-14

Bruree under-14s were narrowly beaten by Stakers in the Feile na Gael on Saturday last, April 9th. Bruree, 4-2; Stakers, 5-2, after extra time.

Ballingarry's Victory in Verse

The great County Final we've all come to see,
And a right rousing tussle it surely will be,
On the 25th of November, nineteen seventy nine,
Our team go to Drom in very good time.

The gallant young men in the green and the gold,
Meet Feenagh-Kilmeedy, fearless and bold,
Mark Kelly and Jim Kennedy with hurleys and ball,
D. Fitz and Father Connie say God bless them all.

Canon Lyons has arrived with his beret and 'shawl',
Now walks from the sideline to throw in the ball,
Dan Cagney is here in his great overcoat
To cheer on the boys despite his sore throat.

Scarce five minutes are o'er when the ball comes our way,
What a beautiful point from Sean Kennedy's play,
Conor Keeffe, our full back, playing the game of the year,
No ball will get past him of that have no fear.

Donie O'Grady, our forward, is thick in the fray,
And sure he is there now, the ball comes his way,
He has it, he plays it, Hip Hip Hurray,
The green flag goes up for the goal of the day.

Now our Mike Healy goes for the ball,
He has, he holds it, he's beating them all,
Paddy Healy, who played in the final before,
Has young Mike to take over with talent galore.

Jack Kelly, our goalie, now looks for the ball,
'Tis there around somewhere, but where did it fall,
He sees it and saves it, what luck for us all,
Three cheers for Jack Kelly, we've our backs to the wall.

The Fitz brothers three, Dave, Liam and Joe,
With speed and with fitness they baffled the foe,
Joe is outstanding to run with the ball,
Tho' he misses a goal, he scores eight points in all.

John Keeffe has replaced big Dan who can't play,
With zest he takes over to help save the day,
Our other full back, the brave Conor Snow,
So stalwart and strong, he steals the show.

Tadghy is young, a mere seventeen,
But he leads Father Walsh to sparkle the scene,
Likewise, Sean Dunworth is fast to the ball,
When he puts his mind to it he can hurl them all.

Dave Clifford is brilliant at centre half back,
Again and again he fights off the attack,
Pa Cagney half forward is sturdy and strong,
From centre field to the goals, he takes them all on.

Neilly Duggan, the ref., keeps up with the play,
He writes down two names just to keep them at bay,
Half time comes at last, who would have foretold,
One six to one three o'er our rivals of old.

Trainer, Pa Fitz and Tom Burke meet the boys,
Perhaps we are in for a pleasant surprise,
Paddy Healy and Matt are worried no doubt,
There was some straight talk in the Ballingarry 'dug out.'

Wilson Keeffe our star captain leads out his team,
His sweet heart is cheering for the gold and the green,
Feenagh-Kilmeedy put on a great spurt,
You can tell by their faces Ballingarry are hurt.

But we rally and hurl like never before,
And keep on the pressure 'till we alter the score,
Feenagh-Kilmeedy are brave and are bold
But they are overwhelmed by the green and the gold.

Now they are worried 'tis late in the day,
Ballingarry are storming, we're taking the sway,
The whistle is blown, one six to one nine,
We are the champions, nineteen seventy nine.

Jim Liston and Molyneaux they followed the ball,
With Camera and Mike they covered it all,
They showed it on telly night after night,
Give three cheers for Feenagh, the blue and the white.

The shouts and the cheers will they ever die down,
As we carried the cup through the streets of the town,
What a great celebration in music and lore,
We didn't win a final since nineteen forty four,
We will never forget the scenes of delight,
Did the pubs ever close in the Parish that night?

By ALICIA FITZGERALD.



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The Ballygarry team which defeated Kilmallock 4-5 to 1-8 in the County minor hurling final at the Gaelic Grounds. Back row (l. to r.): Maurice Daly, R. Kelly, W. O'Connor, M. Hourigan, R. Reidy, S. Kennedy, P. Dunworth, G. Cagney, D. O'Keeffe, M. Chawke. Front row (l. to r.): J. Fitzgerald, J. Chawke, J. Kelly, L. Fitzgerald, D. Clifford (capt.), D. Fitzgerald, C. O'Keeffe, P. Hennessy, M. Healy.

Ballygarry winner West under 21 Hurling



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The Ballygarry under 21 side that lost to Newcastle West at Askeaton on Sunday.



Ballingarry junior hurlers, who lost to Ardagh in the quarter-finals of the West Limerick Championship at Newcastle West.



The gallant but unlucky Ballingarry side defeated by Feenagh-Kilmeedy in the West Junior Hurling final.

27-10-77



The Ballingarry junior side, who are tipped as favourites for a West title, had a convincing win over a well trained Croagh side in the second round of the championship at Rathkeale on Sunday.

3-6-78



Ballingarry, defeated in the West junior final 16/9/78



Ballingarry, on top, who beat Feenagh-Kilmeedy, below, in the county junior hurling final.

Nov. 1979





WEST BOARD G.A.A.:

*Ballingarry S.H.
23-8-80*

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Gerald Griffins.....3-7
Newcastle West.....2-5

The first game in the triple decker programme at Rathkeale was a football tie, in which Gerald Griffins advanced a further step in the junior championship. There was only 20 minutes aside in this

game which however was not due to lack of puff but stemmed from the late turnout by Newcastle West. There were some nice passages of football with both sides making clever use of the wings together with the accurate pass ensured that the game moved smoothly. Contested in a very sporting and very enjoyable manner, this perhaps contained little to set the adrenalin flowing but above all it carried a touch of nostalgia for a bye gone day. This was prompted by the turnout of two players in shirt and pants as they kicked the ball with their Sunday shoes.

Referee: M. O'Sullivan (St. Kieran's).

13-3-82
Ballingarry

A very successful players meeting was held in the Hall on Saturday, February 27th. It was well attended and those present showed lots of enthusiasm and gave their full commitment for the coming year. The following captains were elected.

Senior Hurling: Captain David O'Keeffe, Vice-Captain Conor O'Keeffe.

Junior Hurling: Captain John Murphy, Vice-Captain Conor O'Keeffe.

Junior Hurling: Captain John Murphy, Vice-Captain Dick Kelly.

Under 21 Hurling: Captain Sean Mullane, Vice-Captain: John Hogan.

Junior Football: Pat Cagney, Vice Captain Sean Kennedy.

We are very glad to welcome back Sgt. Fitzgerald as our trainer this year. He proved himself a great trainer in 1979 and with the right attitude he can lead us to success this year also.

Maintenance work commenced on the field recently, and quite a few turned up to lend a hand. We should have the field looking playable in a few weeks time, once we roll and line it.

Finally, those people interested in buying a Ballingarry G.A.A. Club, track suit, or in joining the new G.A.A. Insurance Scheme should give their names to the Club Secretary right away.

14-8-82
Ballingarry

The important fixture this weekend is the Junior Football match with Athea. This is fixed for next Sunday at 2 p.m. in Newcastle West. This is the quarter final of the West and is a match we have to win. The full panel is expected to turn out and we will be looking for 100 per cent effort from the players.

The U. 15's will be playing shortly too. They are meeting Drom. in hurling and Newcastle West in football. We are expecting a lot from these teams and they should put in some training now while they have the chance.

20/3/82
Club G.A.A.:

Ballingarry

Training started on Sunday week last and some players didn't look at all well for a few days after it. It was encouraging to see such a large number turn up on the first day and the selectors assure me that team selection this year will be based purely on effort put in at the training.

It was also good to see most of the selectors at the field and I am sure that the players appreciate this.

On the subject of the Easter draw, every player should make an effort to sell his 20 tickets, as the club badly needs the finances — the cost of hurleys being the biggest outlay.

We have ordered 20 Ballingarry G.A.A. track suits and we would encourage all the panel to get one. They will cost £13.50 each but are actually valued at over £20.

20/4/82
Ballingarry

Our under 21 hurling team played their first game of the championship on Sunday, April 4, at Coolyrue. Despite losing to Croagh-Kilfinny, there were some very promising displays. We are still in this competition through the losers group and with the return of some players who were absent the last time, and continued training, we could still be a force. The team lined out as follows: A. Quaid, M. Carmody, S. Mullane, C. Burns, J. Forde, K. Clifford, T. Cronin, T. Costelloe, J. Burke, S. Burke, J. Hogan, J. Burke (town), N. Hayes, N. Cagney, J. Higgins. Subs.: J. Burke, J. Sheils, P. Kennedy.

On May 2, the senior hurling team play the first round of the championship against Granagh. As this is less than 3 weeks away all members of the panel must attend all further training sessions.

Draw

23/8/82

Gerald Griffin's 1-10

Knockaderry 2-7

Athea will have to wait a little longer for their next game in the junior football championship as Gerald Griffins and Knockaderry finished all square at N.C. West on Sunday. In many ways a draw was a satisfactory result for a game that started slowly, gained momentum and finished in a real nail biting affair as Knockaderry scrambled for the equaliser and succeeded in the 26th minute via the boot of Frank Moore. From then on to the final whistle we had four pulsating minutes of the heart stopping variety as both sides strove to break the deadlock.

It was a strange game in many ways, Knockaderry dominated the opening thirty minutes and looked odds on favourite going into the break leading 1-6 to 0-3, while Gerald Griffins would pass as a returned group from an all night party with their lack of pace and general air of indecision.

Whatever words the mentors used during the break should qualify as the remarkable as Gerald Griffins came on—took over the game and by the seventh minute had shot over five pts., all coming from play. Then it was Knockaderry's turn to emerge as if from a slumber and cue Gerald Griffins into a short doze. However, it was of the briefest duration as they were again on target in the tenth minute and were in front by the seventeenth. Then Knockaderry drew level with their first score of the second half in the 20th minute. Mike Dalton edged Gerald Griffins ahead and the final score of the game from Frank Moore restored equality again.

All in all, it was a very good and enjoyable tie and it is perhaps fair to suggest that many were agreeably surprised by the depth and skill of the Knockaderry football in which S. Corbett, T. Hannon, R. Hayes, V. Hanley and Frank Moore were in top form. Gerald Griffins made little impression until the second half but from then on we were treated to some fine football from Mike and Sean Dalton, P. Quinlivan and P. O'Connor.

Knockaderry: S. Corbett, A. Collum, J. Sheehy, T. Hannon, M. Kennedy, P. Copse, E. Dowling, R. Hayes, V. Hanley, D. O'Gorman, P. McMahon, T. Copse, B. McMahon, F. Moore, N. Buckley, Subs., J. Keane for D. O'Gorman, M. O'Callaghan for A. Collum.

Gerald Griffin's: P. Noonan, M. Thornton, D. Scanlon, P. O'Connor, B. O'Connor, J. Moloney, S. O'Connor, P. Noonan, W. Moloney, M. Dalton, C. Noonan, S. Dalton, D. Hanlon, O. Scanlon, P. Quinlivan, Subs., J. Walsh for P. Noonan, M. Mullane for O. Scanlon.

Scorers: Knockaderry: F. Moore 0-3, V. Hanley 0-3, T. Copse 1-2, N. Buckley 1-0.

Gerald Griffins: S. Dalton 0-2, M. Dalton 0-5, O. Scanlon 0-1, P. Quinlivan 1-1, P. Noonan 0-1.

Referee: Pat Lane, Foynes.

16.4.83 Ballingarry

Our new under-age club comprising both sides of the parish was formed at a meeting held in the hall on the 26th March last. The club is simply called Granagh-Ballingarry and we have ordered new jerseys which will be coloured green and black hooped. The club chairman is Jimmy Stapleton, secretary, Sean O'Grady, and treasurer, Jimmy O'Gorman.

The club will be responsible for its own running and finance and have a sponsored walk planned shortly from Granagh to Ballingarry in an effort to raise funds.

Our under age teams have had a great start to the year with two wins over Pallaskenry and Adare respectively in juvenile football. We also beat Askeaton in the opening round of the minor hurling league.

The postponed under 21 hurling championship match will now be played at Askeaton next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock p.m. Our opponents are Athea and we are very hopeful of victory.

This is also the last opportunity for patrons to pay the £2 membership fee and it is most important for those intending to vote at the A.G.M. to pay the fee.

Anyone holding milk run money should forward it to Mrs. Rawson, Glenwilliam, or to John O'Keefe.

28.5.83 Ballingarry

Our u-14 hurlers (Granagh/Ballingarry) played a very exciting draw with N.C. West last Sunday evening in the semi-final of Feile na nGael. The team showed commendable spirit and seem totally dedicated. The replay is Friday, 27th at 7.30 p.m. and we are expecting another great match and hoping to come out on top. This team is deserving of everyone's support.

The novice hurlers lost their 2nd match to Kilcornan last week but showed a vast improvement in form over their 1st match. While the backs were dominant the forwards found the going tough. The next match is against Templeglantine next Saturday at 7.30 in N.C. West. We are confident that it will be a case of third time lucky for the team as they badly need a win at this stage.

If the weather holds up we are hoping to play Old Christians in Ballingarry in the senior hurling league next Sunday. The senior team are also searching for their form of last year. Training has been badly hit by the weather but is getting a little organised again now. We would like, however, to see all of last year's panel training as time is running out — our next match being 19th June versus Bruree.

7.5.83 Ballingarry

Our junior football team had a very encouraging win over Athea last week in the league and are shaping up well for the championship. Pallaskenry providing the opposition in the first round.

The under age teams (Granagh-Ballingarry) have yet to let us down this year. The under 14 hurlers had two good wins recently over Newcastle West and Askeaton.

The under 21 team, having got a bye in the first round, face a tough test next Saturday evening when they meet Feohanagh in the second round of the championship at Knockaderry at 7 p.m. this should be a very entertaining match.

The novices have their big day on Sunday when they oppose Granagh in another local derby. The match is scheduled for Knockaderry at 1.30 p.m. The reason it will be played so early is that Bord na nOg have a sponsored walk organised for Sunday as well.

Club G.A.A.:

26.6.83 Ballingarry

The u.14 hurlers were most unlucky to be defeated by Kilmallock in the Feile na nGael county quarter final. This was a fantastic game and Granagh-Ballingarry led for most of the game and were the better team but luck was not on their side. The same team had a comprehensive win over Adare in the 1st round of the championship last Friday night and should go very far in the competition.

The senior hurlers have their biggest test next Sat. evening when they take on Bruree in the County Championship. Ballingarry go into this match complete underdogs as they haven't showed much form to date. However, they always give an excellent account of themselves in the championship and have the talent to create an upset. The panel has been badly hit by injuries and the non-availability of regular players this year. We wish the team the best of luck and we are expecting a good crowd to turn up and support them.

Ballingarry

Our novice hurlers went under to our neighbours, Granagh, in their first match at Knockaderry last Sunday. Ballingarry were a much stronger and more experienced team but showed an amazing lack of fitness and match practice. All credit must go to Granagh who fielded mostly juvenile, minor and under 21 players. Ballingarry showed plenty of spirit but unfortunately had not the fitness to get away from their opponents to either make clearances or to strike at goal.

It must be obvious to the panel involved that if we want to make any impression in the coming games that a lot of work has to be done in training. We got a bye in our first match and now have lost a game but there are still six more matches left and we are very hopeful that the team will rally to the cause and put in the necessary effort in training.

The under age teams are still going as good as ever. The under 14 hurlers had a comprehensive win in the semi-final of Feile na nGael and the under 14 Community Games team is still undefeated.

If anyone is interested in purchasing a ticket for the Mackey Stand they are available from the club secretary.

Ballingarry

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We are still involved in the under 14 Feile na nGael West final in which Feohanagh provide the opposition and this ought to be played off shortly.

We also have the under 15 hurling to look forward to and as this team will be composed of players from both the under 14 and under 16 teams they should do very well.

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Gerald Griffins ^{7/84}

A meeting of the club was held to discuss motions and election of the following committees: Finance, centenary, field. A lively and lengthy discussion took place on all motions with all six being carried.

The club then elected team coach, Paddy Hanlon; trainer, Pat Noonan; assistant trainer, Pakie Hayes. Selectors for junior and u.21 football teams, Paddy Hanlon, Pakie Hayes, Liam Reidy.

The chairman then stated that a list of meetings will be sent to every member for the first six months of the year.

Closing date for membership, March 1st. fee: Adult £2, social £1, juvenile 50p.

Gerald Griffins ¹⁸⁻²⁻⁸⁴

Congratulations to our Scor competitors who did so well in Askeaton on Friday night last.

Set and figure dancing—Joan Maher, Daisy Kearney, Mary Stack, Mairead O'Connor, John Reidy, Patrick Reidy, Emmett O'Connor, Joseph O'Connor. Recitation—Ann Griffin. Solo singing, Francis Brennan.

Hard luck to a gallant question time trio of Helen Kelly, Patrick Reidy, Eamonn Kelly. We look forward to the next heat in this competition.

Gerald Griffins ^{2/3/84}

The club are hoping to publish a book on the history of the GAA in the parish since it was formed around 1906. Anyone who can give us any little bit of history or old team photographs, cups, medals, in connection with the club would be appreciated, we guarantee anything received would only be for a short time and will be returned safely.

We want to remind the players that a very important meeting will be held in the Hall on this Friday night at 8 p.m. sharp.

CLUB GAA: ^{4/2/84} Ballingarry

Our annual general meeting was held last Saturday and was very well attended. Full details of officers, captains, etc., will be given at a later date.

Chairman John O'Keefe expressed his regret that the field contract wasn't signed yet, but should be within the next three weeks. He also thanked all those who helped out the club during the year, as well as all the supporters.

Liam Fitzgerald and Tom Burke were congratulated on both the presentation and results of the financial report. Profit on club affairs was over £200 and profit on field project was about £21,000.

Ray Moloney, Pat Fitzgerald, Pa Hogan and Patsy Quinn all presented thorough reports on their respective areas of activity within the club.

Dan Cagney presented some novel ideas for re-organising our team management. These were adopted by the meeting and will be presented at a later date.

The meeting was attended by Fr. G. McNamee, and also Paddy Browne of the West Board.

Tom Burke was thanked by the chairman for use of his house for our weekly meetings.

We would hope that our club will be well supported in Feenagh on Friday next, February 3, where we have several entries. Our quiz team is Gerard McInerney (capt.), Ray Fox and Denis Hayes. These three were successful against very stiff competition in our local heat. Ann Hartnett is our solo singing representative and was very unlucky not to win the county last year. We also hope to have a set and a ballet group.

Ballingarry ⁴⁻³⁻⁸⁴

Mrs. Ann Hartnett represented us in the County Scor solo singing competition and was most unlucky not to win. We are very grateful to Ann for her efforts as it is her 13th consecutive year representing us and she has won numerous prizes in that time.

A players/selectors / trainers meeting will be held shortly. We encourage all those involved from minor upward to attend as well as all the selectors. We intend making a "do or die" effort this year and are confident of everyone's support.

The club officers for 1984 are as follows:

Life president, Archdeacon Lyons; vice-presidents, Rev. Father McNamee, David Fitzgerald; chairman, John O'Keefe; vice-chairman, Ray Moloney; treasurer, Liam Fitzgerald; assistant treasurer, Tom Bourke; P.R.O., Patsy Quinn; secretary, Conor Snow; assistant secretary, Dan Cagney.

Trainer, Dan Cagney; assistant trainer, Paddy Forde.

Captain senior hurling, David O'Keefe; vice-capt., David Clifford.

Captain novice hurling, Paddy Hennessy; vice-capt., John Hayes.

Captain junior football, John Hogan; vice-capt., Mike Quaid.

Captain under 21 hurling, Noel Ford; vice-capt., Mike Quaid.

Captain under 21 football, Anthony Quaid.

The club committee includes the officers and assistants mentioned above and Pat Fitzgerald, Pa Hogan, Pa Sullivan, Paddy Hennessy, Pat Cagney, Sean Kennedy, P. G. Barrett, Conor O'Keefe, Jim Kennedy.

Selectors senior hurling and junior football are Tom Burke (manager hurling), Pat Fitz (manager football), Pa Hogan.

Selectors under 21 hurling and football are Jim Kennedy (manager), Paddy Forde, Conor O'Keefe.

Selectors novice hurling: David O'Keefe, Johnny Hartneay, Denis O'Keefe.

Ballingarry ^{18/2/84}

We will be paying particular attention this year to our teams considering our poor performances last year. A special meeting is being called for all players and selectors on March 10, and training will commence on either March 11 or 18. We have appointed individual selectors and team managers this year, and also have two trainers. Dan Cagney and Paddy Forde.

Gerald Griffin's ^{10/3/84}

At a meeting of the players held in the Hall on Friday night, March 2 last, the attendance was not as good as expected. This was disappointing as the club made a big effort to get all players to this meeting.

We had the first match of the season on Saturday evening last. A junior football challenge against Ballysteen, in Kilcornan.

Our novice footballers play Askeaton in Foynes on Sunday next, at 3 p.m. This is the first match in this competition and is run on a league basis.

Gerald Griffins ¹¹⁻²⁻⁸⁴

At a meeting of the club on Wednesday, February 1st, field development was discussed. Help is required for fencing which is now in progress each Saturday until work is complete.

The club has entered for the club of the year award.

A disco will be held in the hall on Friday, 24th February. It is planned to hold one a month. These will be strictly supervised by club members.

The best of luck to our senior Scor competitors in Askeaton on Friday, 10th. Members please note club meetings on the first Wednesday of every month, 8 p.m.

CLUB GAA:

Gerald Griffins ^{25/2/84}

The club will be paying particular attention this year to our teams considering our poor performances over the past couple of years. A special meeting is being called for all players and selectors on Friday, March 2nd, at 8 p.m., in the hall.

We have set up an under age committee this year to look after our under 16, 15 and 14 teams. Committee: Pat Noonan, Joe Kelly, Joe Herbert, Liam Reidy, Neily Clifford, Gerry Brennan, Gerald Mullane, Davy Kelly, Patsy Quinlivan, Eamonn O'Connor.

Help is required for the fencing of the field on Saturday at 10 a.m. and every Saturday until work is complete.

Gerald Griffins ¹⁷⁻³⁻⁸⁴

Loughill-Ballymahall. Our novice footballers got off to a good start on Sunday last when they defeated Askeaton by 1-4 to 1-2. We only managed three points in the first half with a very strong wind in our favour. Points by Derry Hanlon, Gerard Griffin and Gerald Mullane left half-time score three points to one.

The second half proved a bit better with patches of good football. The sides were level with ten minutes remaining, but a goal by Oliver Scanlon kept home team in front until the end.

Best for home team were J. Noonan, E. O'Connor, M. Thornton, G. Griffin, G. Mullane.

Team: E. Kelly, M. Thornton, G. Reidy, P. Walsh, J. Noonan, E. O'Connor, T. Scanlon, G. Mullane, A. Mullane, M. Dalton, D. Hanlon, G. Griffin, D. Kelly, O. Curtin, J. Kelly, O. Scanlon, for J. Kelly.

Subs., G. O'Brien, M. Walsh. Club meetings are on first Wednesday of every month. Next meeting, 4th April. Club membership closing date 31st March.

Gerald Griffins

It was disappointing again on Saturday last to see such a small number turn up at the field for the planting of trees. Over 800 trees were planted in all.

The club has a very big membership list. If half of those members turned up for two hours on a Saturday morning work would be completed in a few Saturdays. We have now one of the finest playing fields in the county. So, from Saturday morning on at 10.30 try and make an effort to be there.

Our minor footballers play Kilkorman in Askeaton on Saturday, April 7th, in championship.

TRAINING PROGRAMME

Junior, novice, u-21, minors, Tuesday and Thursday evenings in Loughill.

Juveniles, hurling and football, on Saturday afternoon in Loughill.

Good luck to Joseph Kelly, Maurice McNamara, Loughill; John Sullivan, Ballyhahill, who played well in a trial match in Rathkeale on Saturday last. The three were picked in u-16 West panel to play the other divisions in a series of matches. Novice footballers take note of West Board fixture list in this Paper.

Gerald Griffins

History was made in our club on Wednesday evening last when the first game was played in the new field. Prior to the game Fr. O'Regan our parish priest blessed the pitch and said it was an excellent achievement and a credit to the whole parish. The home team had a comfortable win over Pallaskenry which was a great way to mark the opening of the field. Our Under 16's had a good win also over Pallaskenry on Friday evening last.

Gerald Griffins

Our Junior footballers had a convincing win over Monagea in the first round of the championship on Saturday evening last Newcastle West, score Gerald Griffins 4-11, Monagea 2-0. Seamus O'Connor notched up 2-3, Mike Stack 1-1, Martin Dalton 4 points., Sean Dalton 2 points, Willie Moloney 1-0, Tommy Grady 1 point. The dressing rooms in the new field have now started and we ask all our club members to come to the field in the evenings to give a hand.

Ballingarry

Our junior footballers have made a good start to the year by winning both their matches to date, one against Rathkeale in a challenge and the other against Dromcollogher in the league. Their next match is against Mountcollins Thursday evening in Mountcollins. They play Castle-mahon next Thursday, 26th, at Coolyroe.

Ballingarry minor footballers also recorded a win in their first outing against Knockaderry with a scoreline 1-6 to 1 pt.

The novice hurling team had a good win when overcoming a strong challenge from Croagh-Kilfinny last Sunday, but Ballinacurra emerged worthy winners at the end.

Ballingarry is being represented in the West juvenile football team by Padraig and Aidan Fitzgerald and by Shane Hartnett. The two Fitzgeralds also played for the West juvenile hurling team.

The big match next weekend is our senior hurling match against Newcastle West at Drom, 3.15 p.m. This is the Centenary Cup competition and we look forward to see the senior team's performance and hopefully will show a big improvement from last year.

Ballingarry

Our junior football team will play Drom. in Ballingarry on Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. in the League. The following Thursday we will play Mountcollins in Mountcollins. The senior hurlers will play Newcastle West in the Centenary Cup on Sunday, April 22, at Drom pitch. More than likely, the first round of the West Senior Hurling Championship will be played about 29th April. This match is against Granagh.

The minor footballers got a walk over in the first round v. Pallaskenry. This competition is on a league system and they will have to play about 4 more matches in the group.

The club would like to thank the players and selectors for such a show of enthusiasm over the past few weeks at the training sessions. It seems very encouraging this year and was never as organised or disciplined. The players are responding to the efforts of the trainers/selectors and let's hope it continues.

Ballingarry

It may be taken as a sign that football is on the up and up in Limerick generally by virtue of the fact that traditional hurling clubs are all making efforts to devote more time to the game. Our own club is no exception and we have played more football than hurling matches this year. The minor football team await the West Boards decision on whether their quarter final match with Killeedy will be re-fixed or not as Killeedy could not field a team last Sunday.

The junior footballers beat Killeedy last Thursday. The weather conditions were awful and we were fortunate to win in the end. Our last match in the league will be against Knockaderry in Knockaderry next Thursday, May 10 and this is a vital match as it will decide whether we come out of our group. The West Board deserves a lot of credit for the exemplary fashion in which the league has been run and the referees have not let the teams down either.

Granagh/Ballingarry underage club look in store for another outstanding year. They beat Mountcollins in the under 16 football last week and Croom in Feile na nGael under 14 hurling. They are now in the county semi final of this competition. Full credit to the new officers for the excellent condition of the club at present.

Field Development: Words cannot express our gratitude to the people who helped with the seeding and fencing during the week. All we can say is that we are very lucky to have such great people in the parish and we will not forget their contribution.

CLUB GAA: Ballingarry

We play Knockaderry this Thursday evening in Knockaderry in the Junior Football League. This match was fixed for last Thursday, but the referee failed to turn up. Hopefully, things will run smoothly this time around.

We play Newcastle West in Senior Hurling Championship next Sunday week, 27th May. The venue has to be determined yet. Time of match is 2 p.m.

The players put up a good show against Granagh last weekend, despite the many injury problems. The new players played very well. We would like to wish David Clifford, Conor O'Keeffe and P. J. Barrett speedy recoveries and look forward to having them back in action.

Bord na nOg: The under 14 hurlers reached the county final in Feile na nGael by beating Knockaderry. The final is on Saturday, May 26th, in the Gaelic Grounds. It will be preceded by a march by the senior players and under-age players from Limerick to the grounds and we will be looking for members to participate in this centenary celebration.

Ballingarry

Last week was one of mixed fortunes for the club.

A very gallant minor hurling team went out of the championship to Rathkeale last Wednesday evening.

The players showed commendable spirit, but were not physically strong enough on the night. Considering that all except two of the team are eligible to play minor next year we are not too disappointed. It seems a little unfair on minors to be out of action now for a full year and perhaps the West Board should give consideration to another competition for these players later on in the year.

It was with a sigh of relief that we witnessed the senior hurlers win their 1st match this year when they beat Newcastle West last Sunday in the quarter final of the Centenary Cup. The selectors fielded an experimental side and it is good to see new players coming into the side. There is obviously a lot of work to be done with the side in preparation for the impending championship matches, but we can only be pleased with progress to date and the overall training, selection and management seem to be in very capable hands.

The novice team should be in action again shortly. The other teams in the group are Askeaton, Tournafulla, Croagh, Adare and Gerald Griffiths. The top two teams to come out of this group will qualify for the quarter finals.

The Junior Footballers will be in action again this Thursday, April 26, in Ballingarry against Castle-mahon and lets hope they continue with their winning run.

The Junior football team look a pretty good side this year and it is being taken more seriously than other years.

The Under 16 footballers comprehensively beat Ardagh last Friday and on the evidence of their performance should come out of their group. We play Drom next Friday night in Feenagh and its vital that the full panel turnout for this match which is under 16 hurling.

We would like to sincerely thank all those people who helped out with the fencing project last Saturday, the community spirit was very much in evidence. concerted effort will be made again next Saturday to finish off this work, and if we get the same turnout it should lighten the work considerably for everyone.

IS THIS A RECORD? *1962*

1962
Granagh-Ballingarry under 14 hurling team has created a record in the number of scores in their last two games. Against Rathkeale at Ballingarry they scored 10 goals 1 point to no score, and against Knockaderry at Ballingarry they scored 4 goals 1 point to no score, scoring in all 14 goals 2 points.

Is this a record for West Limerick, or is it a County record?

Ballingarry *13-8-83*

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John Hartnett and Pa Clancy had to fight all the way in the finals of the West Limerick junior soft-ball doubles at Cappagh Ballcourt against the home players Ml. Quinn and Pat Kennedy. After the opening game, which Ballingarry won rather easily on the score 21-12, they were rather severely extended in the other three games. The second game went to Cappagh 18-21, and in the third both sides were level at 5, 8, 10, 12, 13. Cappagh went on to 19; Ballingarry, in play, went on to 18; Cappagh, in play, went on to 20. Ballingarry, wanting three aces, had to bring them out twice before notching the game.

In the Junior soft-ball singles, Ml. McAuliffe, Ballingarry, had an easy win over Tom Kelly, Old Mill, best two out of three, 21-14, 21-15. In the minor soft-ball doubles J. Jones and J. Shaughnessy, Rathkeale, beat Tony O'Grady and Neil Duggan, Cappagh, 21-12, 21-5. Jim Shaughnessy beat Tony O'Grady in the minor singles 21-14, 21-17.

The draw for the Paddy Hackett (Limerick) Cup is as follows: Broadford v Cappagh, Old Mill v Rathkeale, Ballingarry a bye.

28-7-81 BALLINGARRY GAA

Ballingarry Club are delighted to announce, with a certain amount of justifiable pride, that their goalkeeper, 19-year-old John Hogan, is picked for the All-Ireland Colleges team for their clash with the Combined Universities.

Secretary, Tom Burke, would like to remind everyone that the A.G.M. is arranged for the 28th March at 8.30 p.m., in the Parochial Hall.

League

Ballingarry 1-11
Adare 1-4

At Rathkeale on Sunday, it would appear that Tom Burke's words are indeed prophetic when his team coasted home with a 7-point margin over Adare in the senior hurling league. Their last meeting was in the quarter-final of the championship and on that June afternoon in the gloom laden post match atmosphere of the Askeaton dressingrooms, club secretary, Tom, promised that Ballingarry would take a fair crack at the league.

Determined to fulfil his prediction, Ballingarry set about their game with enthusiasm, and after an opportunist goal in the opening minutes, established a lead which they never lost from start to finish.

The half-time score of 116 to 1-2 ended an opening 30 minutes that had some fine moments of hurling entirely without incident under exceptionally fine weather condi-

tions. *14-11-81*

Unfortunately, the second half was marred by an isolated incident and referee Mr. O'Sullivan had to order a player from each side to the line. Adare's game never really came to life. There were moments when they appeared to slip into top gear, but Ballingarry always managed to raise their tempo when the pressure was on. The Adare side were never really strong in attack, and apart from a few efforts never gave the winners defence any real cause for concern.

It was during one of those efforts in the winners goalmouth that the atmosphere became somewhat torrid, but the referee sorted out the affair and the game continued without further incident.

Ballingarry's win was none other than deserved. They were marginally superior in most quarters, and can with reasonable confidence look forward to the remaining games in the league.

Scorers-Ballingarry, Kieran Clifford 1-1, Joe Fitzgerald 0-7, Liam Fitzgerald, Mike Healy, Donie O'Grady 0-1 each.

Adare-Mike Benson 1-2, Donie Marron, Johnny Dunne 0-1 each.

Referee, Mike O'Sullivan (St. Kieran's).

Ballingarry

The club and field development annual general meeting will be held next Saturday night, Feb. 9, at 8.30 o'clock. This is the most important meeting of the year and we are expecting a big attendance. There will be some new officers coming in this year as some of the current ones have now served their three years term.

The recent players' meeting yielded some very fruitful discussion and it was the general opinion of most players that one senior team would be best for the club this year as we experienced so much trouble fielding two teams last year. This and other decisions have yet to be sanctioned by the AGM.

10-2-85

Ballingarry

The novice hurlers suffered their first defeat last week at the hands of Askeaton. This was an entertaining match but Ballingarry suffered by not having a full panel on the night. Definitely the panel will have to start training if they intend to go places as most of the team have been conspicuous by their absence from training over the past four weeks. We believe the team can get to the final stages if they put in the effort. Hopefully they will put in the effort on the Tuesday and Thursday from now on, as they are showing definite promise this year.

The senior hurlers bowed out of the county championship at the hands of Killeedy. This was a good hard game and Killeedy just about deserved their victory over the hour. Our team deserve a lot of credit as they had to endure a lot of upsets recently in the form of injuries. We would like to take this opportunity to thank Tom Burke and his fellow selectors Pat Hogan and Pa Fitzgerald for the outstanding leadership being shown by them. They have seldom if ever missed a training session. I think we can look forward to the West Championship and Centenary Cup with renewed confidence and I'm sure that interest will increase rather than wane after the latest performance, a match we could very easily have won.

Under 21 minor training will be conducted by Paddy Forde and Jim Kennedy on Wednesday evenings from now on, panel please attend.

Ballingarry

Granagh-Ballingarry U-14 hurlers retained the West Limerick Cup they won last year when beating Adare in a great final last weekend. Congratulations to the team and the selectors.

The juvenile team will also be trying to retain their cup when they play Adare this Friday evening, July 27, in Rathkeale. This should be a very good hurling match, as both teams are very talented.

The U-21 hurlers play Croagh in the first round of the championship this Saturday, July 28, in Knockaderry at 7.30 p.m. We wish them the best of luck. The selectors will be Jim Kennedy and Paddy Forde.

Senior hurling training will be back to full swing again on Tuesdays and Thursdays from now on. The hot weather has taken its toll on attendances of late. An all-out effort is expected, as we will be out in the championship shortly.

Paddy Hennessy is playing a real captain's part with the novice hurlers and he has arranged a lot of practice matches and training for them. Hopefully, they will keep up the effort for the remainder of the season.

Next Sunday is National Club Day for the G.A.A. We have arranged sports for all, starting with a flag-raising ceremony at 1.30 p.m. The programme involves ladies and men's races, underage match, past v. present match, ladies and men's penalty competition, '70' competition and a ladies football match. We are hopeful that it will be well attended, as it should be a very enjoyable day.

Ballingarry

As you are aware, Patsy Quinn is presently preparing a club history for us and we are all looking forward to its publication. It was originally planned to publish the book in July but it now looks as if the deadline will be put back until December as the research and writing is a particularly slow process especially for one person.

Again we appeal to anyone with items or photographs of interest to lend them to us as they would be greatly appreciated.

We hope to renew our work on the field development shortly as there is still an amount of finishing off to be done.

We made a rather tame exit from the junior football championship last Saturday evening when we were well beaten by Ballyhahill.

We must now devote all our efforts to the hurling as we really owe our supporters a few wins. Attendances at training are very encouraging.

The minor footballers play St. Kieran's on July 7th in Newcastle West in the West semi final.

Ballingarry

Our minor footballers went out of the championship last Sunday at the hands of a good St. Kieran's team. We were, however, happy that they reached the semi-final stage and, thankfully, they are all under age for minor again next year.

Paddy Forde and Jim Kennedy have been devoting a lot of time to the under 21 team lately, and the team are responding well and showing a lot of interest. We hope they will maintain their efforts over the coming weeks until the championship starts.

We would like to wish Kevin Kennedy and Seamus Burke speedy recoveries from their unfortunate injuries and await their return to the scene.

For all those interested, work has again recommenced on the new field on Saturday and Monday evenings and once again we thank those people who continue to lend their services.

National Club Day is Sunday, July 29th, and we will be organising a parade and some sporting fixtures in the field on that day.

Gerald Griffin's

Our junior footballers lost to Glin in the Tarbert tournament on Saturday evening last by 2 points. The standard of football in this game was good. Mike Stack was our most outstanding player in this game. Other players like Patrick Quinlivan, John Walsh, Gerald Mullane, Martin Dalton, Paddy O'Connor, also figured well.

We play Adare on Sunday next in the championship.

Ballingarry

The U. 14 hurlers (Granagh-Ballingarry) suffered defeat at the hands of Patrickswell last Friday night in Croom. This was not a great game as the "Well" asserted their superiority early on and maintained it all through, and eventually won on the score of 3-6 to 1-1. Congratulations to our team for actually reaching the county semi-finals — their achievements this year have been way beyond our expectations — indeed all the under-age teams are setting very high standards of achievement for themselves. A lot of the U. 14 hurlers will be in action again shortly in the U. 15 West Final and they are only waiting for Feohanagh to agree to a date.

The senior hurlers have their last chance to salvage some pride on Sunday when they play Feohanagh in the Centenary Cup semi-final at 3 p.m. in N.C. West. We will have the aid of some of the novice panel this time out and we are quite confident that the team will perform well. Paddy Ford has put a lot of time into training the teams and we would like to avail of this opportunity to thank him for his time and effort.

Field Development is progressing well though current work in progress is of a very slow nature. We are now working on two entrance piers and we have acquired two very distinguished gates from Mrs. Rawson along with cut stone which is being used for the piers. We also must thank Mr. Bernard Sheehy for contributing building stone for the outer walls — it was much appreciated.

Ballingarry

The U. 16 hurlers (Granagh-Ballingarry) beat Adare in the West final last Friday and so retained the cup they won last year. This was a very exciting match but the standard was not as high as expected mainly due to the hard ground conditions. We know the team are capable of playing great hurling and we would encourage every support for them in the remaining matches for the county title.

Our club day last Sunday was well attended and enjoyed by all. We wish to thank all those who contributed to the events and who helped out in any way.

Winners:

Seventy competition: Davy Clifford.

Men's Race: Joe Burke.

Women's Race: Margaret Ford.

Ladies Penalty: Patricia McKenna.

Men's Penalty: Joe Burke.

Past v. Present (hurling): Draw.

Women v. Men (football): Women.

The senior hurlers play Tour on Sunday, August 12, in the West Championship. The panel are encouraged to put in the effort at training as they will also be playing Killeedy on August 17.

The generosity of our supporters was witnessed again last Sunday when our church gate collection brought in over £400 — once again we would like to thank everyone for their support.

Club G.A.A.: 15.9.84

Ballingarry

The under-age club seem to be going from strength to strength. The under-16 hurlers were narrowly beaten by Ahane in the county final after a very tough game. The team played very well and had worked very hard to reach the final — full credit to all concerned.

The under-14 hurlers play Patrickswell in the county semi-final next Saturday week and we wish them the best of luck. They have already captured the county under-14 Feile na nGael (B) Cup and they would certainly create a sensation by reaching the premier final.

The under-15 hurlers play the west final next Saturday afternoon against Feohanagh. They had an easy passage so far, but the final should be a good game.

Congratulations to Maurice Quaid and Peter Stapleton on winning All-Ireland under-14 medals with Limerick recently when they beat Cork in the final.

The novice hurlers are in hard training for the west quarter final v. Ardagh. This match will be played the end of this month. We would encourage everyone to support them in their remaining games.

The senior hurlers made a quiet exit from the West championship last Sunday when they were beaten by Adare. All that remains now if we want to salvage some pride is the Centenary Cup and it is certainly worth the effort as it is a unique trophy.

Our club started off 1985 with a challenge match against Finuge, which we won. The final score was 2-4 to 1-6. The man-of-the-match trophy was awarded to one of our players, Paddy O'Connor. Work has started in the field again with the Youth Employment Agency. Our seating and terraces are now complete and great progress has been made in the completion of the dressing rooms. We hope to have the electricity connected during the week. We would like to congratulate Joe Kelly on being returned as chairman of Bord na nOg. Will all those with cards for the 300 club draw please ensure that they are being sold and return cards and money to the Hall, Ballyahill, on next Monday night, at 8.30 p.m.

16.3.85 Ballingarry

Ballingarry are in Group 4 of the County Senior Hurling League. There are 7 teams in this group: St. Patrick's, Hospital-Herbertstown, Dromin-Athlaca, Croom, Monaleen, Fedamore and Ballingarry.

The competition starts on next Sunday, March 17, and we have a home game against St. Patrick's, and on the following Sunday, March 24, we have another home game against Hospital-Herbertstown, a rule that will be strictly applied in the running of the league is that no postponements will be granted to any team. Any team failing to fulfil their fixture will not be allowed to take any further part in the competition.

Training has commenced under trainer Paddy Forde for the S.H. team and novice teams and as we play Cloughaun in the S.H.C. on either May 5th or 12th, a full turn out is expected as there is only approx. 7 weeks to prepare.

Dave Fitzgerald has been appointed captain of the s.h. team for 1985.

Ballingarry Minor hurling team play Adare on April 7th in the first round of the West Limerick M.H.C.

18.4.85 Ballingarry

All players are reminded that training continues in the field on Tuesdays and Thursday evenings under trainer Paddy Forde.

The S.H. team are due to play Cloughaun on May 12th in Kilmallock in the county senior hurling championship. In the West Limerick S.H.C. we are due to play Adare on April 28th.

The M.H. game v. Adare due to be played last Saturday was postponed due to bad weather.

Our junior footballers were beaten in the West j.f.c. by Askeaton 2-6 to 2-5.

Tickets are still on sale for the buffet which will be held this Saturday night, April 20th, in the Woodlands Hotel, Adare.

The tennis court in the new sportsfield complex is ready for tarmacdaming and it is hoped to have everything in readiness for early in May.

Old stars honoured

A VERY enjoyable function was held recently in Ballingarry at which the members of the 1934 team which won the West Limerick junior hurling championship were presented with scrolls to honour the occasion.

There are 10 members alive and seven of them were present, three were unavoidably absent. The representatives of the deceased members were also present. It was a nostalgic occasion, games and happenings were recalled as some members had not met each other for many years. On their way to winning the West championship, the Golden Jubilee year of the GAA they disposed of Carricker, Askeaton and in the semi-final disposed of Foynes.

One member of that team Paddy Doody, later went on to play a big part in winning, with Dublin in 1938, a senior All Ireland hurling medal when they beat Waterford in the final. The following surviving members were presented with their awards by chairman, John O'Keeffe: John Hennessy, Mick Fitzgerald, Christy Aherne, John Fitzgibbon, John O'Sullivan, Jim Clancy, John Aherne. The three who could not attend were Jim Daly (award accepted on his behalf by Christy Daly), Paddy Doody (award accepted by Peter Danaher who travelled especially from Dublin for the occasion) and Mick Kelly.

The representatives of the deceased were presented with their awards by P. Quinn, PRO: Jack Cathorill received by John Cathorill (Jnr.), Mick Gorman received by Tommy Gorman, Mick Kelly received by Larry Kelly, Patrick O'Sullivan received by Pa O'Sullivan, Pa Hourigan received by Jackie Hourigan, William Daly received by Delia Daly, Peter Daly received by Sean Dunworth, Jack Daffy received by Eileen Daffy, Tom Treacy received by Andrew Treach, Tim Daffy received by Martin Enright.

The proceedings opened with Sean Casey, a member of the former Ballingarry pipe band and which a number of the 1934 team were also members, playing some Irish airs on the bagpipes.

The chairman, John O'Keeffe, in an address of welcome stated that the main purpose of the night was to honour the men who won the 1934 West Limerick junior hurling championship beating Monagea in the final and to make a small presentation to them on behalf of the local club, on this the 50th anniversary and also being GAA Centenary Year. He also had a special welcome for club president Archdeacon P. Lyons, a former footballer with Glin and holder of seven county championship medals and also a former vice chairman of the West Limerick board, and Seamus O Ceallaigh (Caman), who was a special guest.

Another speaker, Rev. G. McNamee, PP, also congratulated the 1934 team which was being honoured and went on to state that in later years when he was attached to St. Patrick's Club (who incidentally beat Ballingarry by a point in the county JH semi-final of 1934)

he often heard it said that they were very lucky to beat Ballingarry. He paid tribute to the club for the wonderful work they were doing in providing a new playing pitch, and sports complex. He then made a presentation to Seamus O Ceallaigh on behalf of the club for his help to the club and for his work to the GAA as a historian and correspondent. He paid glowing tributes to Seamus.

Paddy Brown, secretary West board, also spoke, congratulated the club for honouring the 1934 team and also for the good work they were doing for the GAA locally and also to Seamus O Ceallaigh for his weekly columns in the Limerick Leader.

Rev. Fr. McCarthy, C.C., Granagh, also spoke and wished the club well.

John O'Keeffe replying, thanked the various speakers and also those who had come long journeys to be present for such an occasion. He wished them well in the years ahead. He also thanked Seamus O Ceallaigh for being present for the occasion and for his help to the PRO Patsy Quinn who is compiling a club history which will be produced during 1985 and who played a big part in organising the celebration with the other club officials. He also thanked the local ICA guild who provided teas and a special birthday cake for the occasion in the club colours of green and gold. Music for the occasion was provided by Austin Glorney.

Ballingarry 13.4.85

A new set of adult jerseys is required by the club as our present set are showing the signs of wear. Anybody wishing to sponsor a new set would be very welcome and should contact any committee member as soon as possible. We would have them in time for our county senior hurling game on May 12.

Ballingarry 27.4.85

We had mixed fortunes on the playing fields last week. The J.F. team had a good win over Gerald Griffins in West J.F.L. Score: Ballingarry 3-2, Gerald Griffin's 0-9. In the Juvenile H., Granagh-Ballingarry 4-4, Feohanagh 3-3. In the West Limerick M.F., Askeaton proved too strong and won rather easy.

In the u-21 hurling championship, Ardagh narrowly defeated us. Ardagh 3-5, Ballingarry 2-6.

On last Saturday night, the club organised a very successful night out in the Woodlands Hotel. A good crowd turned up and the night was enjoyed by all.

Last week also saw the club remembered by one of its former players now resident in America. A cheque was received for a very substantial amount, towards the cost of development of the new field. The club very much appreciated the gesture.

Ballingarry

9.3.85
Our AGM was held recently and there was a good attendance. Outgoing chairman John O'Keeffe and outgoing secretary, Conor Snow presented their respective detailed reports for the year, 1984. Both stepped down this year, having completed their 3 year term of office. Treasurer Liam Fitzgerald and PRO Patsy Quinn also gave their reports. The biggest item on the agenda was the newly acquired sportsfield and both the chairman of the finance development committee and treasurer, Tom Bourke, outlined the financial and working operations to date. Over £40,000 has been spent on the field last year.

The following officers were elected for 1985: life president, Archdeacon P. Lyons; vice presidents, Rev. G. McNamee, P.P., D. Fitzgerald; chairman, Donal O'Grady; vice chairman, Pat Cagney; hon. vice chairmen, Pat Fitzgerald and Sean Kennedy; secretary, Tom Quaid; asst. secretary, John Murphy; treasurer, Liam Fitzgerald; asst. treasurer, Tom Burke; PRO, Patsy Quinn.

Committee — P. Fitzgerald, J. Kennedy, C. O'Keeffe, P. J. Barrett, Pa Sullivan, P. Hennessy, R. Moloney, C. Snow, J. O'Keeffe.

Development Committee — P. Fitzgerald, T. Burke, C. Snow, J. Kennedy, P. Sullivan, C. O'Keeffe, R. Moloney, S. Kennedy, P. J. Barrett, P. Cagney, M. Doody, M. McAuliffe, J. Hartnett, P. Hennessy, P. Healy, J. O'Keeffe, P. Quinn, D. O'Grady, Mary Aherne, Nora O'Keeffe, L. Fitzgerald.

Work has restarted in the sportsfield and it is encouraging to see so many willing to help. John Hartnett has been appointed in charge of the labour force and anyone wishing to help out in the future should get in touch with him as a programme of work is being drawn up and it would be helpful if he was in a position to call on extra people. A long road still lies ahead and it will need the help of everybody to see the sportsfield and complex completed.

Congratulations to Mike Quaid on winning his 3rd Fitzgibbon Cup medal with UCC.

Congratulations to M. O'Connor on being selected on the Limerick minor football team v. Clare.

Our minor hurlers had a convincing win over Milford in a challenge game at Milford recently.

Ballingarry 4-5-85
 Minor hurling: Ballingarry had a convincing win over Adare in the west Limerick minor hurling championship. This was a fine team performance and if repeated we could go a long way in the championship. The team lined out as follows:

S. Hartnett, P. Clifford, J. English, K. Tierney, J. Higgins, J. Sheehan, J. Hanrahan, P. Fitzgerald, S. O'Brien, R. O'Keeffe, A. Fitzgerald, K. Stapleton, P. Stapleton, J. Sheehan, P. Costelloe.

SENIOR HURLING

Adare, 3-12; Ballingarry, 1-5

In the West Limerick SHC Adare proved too good for Ballingarry. However, the score is not a true reflection of the way the game went. Ballingarry had a goal disallowed mid-way through the second half, this proved to be the turning point of the game. Adare finished stronger. Scorers for Ballingarry, S. Kennedy, 1-0; M. Quaid, 0-4; M. Healy, 0-1. Team: J. Kelly, S. Mullane, D. Clifford, T. Quaid, J. Burke, L. Fitzgerald, D. O'Keeffe, K. Kennedy, D. Fitzgerald, capt.; M. Healy, M. Quaid, N. Forde, D. O'Keeffe, C. O'Keeffe, S. Kennedy. Subs., J. Burke for D. Fitzgerald, A. Quaid for M. Healy.

Ballingarry 3-16
Ballingarry 1-6
BALLINGARRY made their exit from this year's county senior hurling championship when they were convincingly beaten by Cloughaun at Kilmallock on Sunday last.

The teams were evenly matched in the first half but 2 goals before half-time to Cloughaun put the issue never in doubt facing the second half. Half-time score: Cloughaun 2-8, Ballingarry 0-5. Ballingarry tried hard on the turnover but could not match their city opponents and Cloughaun went on to win on the score 3-16 to 1-6. For Ballingarry Jack Kelly (goal), D. Clifford, L. Fitzgerald, N. Forde and M. Quaid tried hard.

Team lined out as follows: J. Kelly, J. Mullane, D. Clifford, T. Quaid, D. Fitzgerald (capt.), L. Fitzgerald, Davy O'Keeffe, K. Kennedy, J. Burke, N. Forde, M. Quaid, Joe Burke, Dan O'Keeffe, Con O'Keeffe, P. Cagney. Subs., J. Fitzgerald for Joe Burke, M. Healy for J. Burke, S. Kennedy for M. Healy (injured).

Before the game the club were presented with a new set of jerseys by Paddy Dunworth, publican, Corner House Bar, Ballingarry, on behalf of himself and his wife, Peg. Paddy, a former playing member of the club and a member of the Limerick county minor hurling team, has had long family connections with the GAA in Ballingarry. The club wish to sincerely thank him for his kind presentation.

Senior hurling game next Sunday in West Limerick championship v. Newcastle West.

Ballingarry

1-6-85
 Two further rounds were played in the West Limerick Hurling Novice Grade Championship. Ballingarry were defeated in both by Dromcollogher and Feenagh-Kilmeedy.

The senior hurling team play Feohanagh on Friday night, May 31, in the West Limerick Senior Hurling Championship. Mr. Dick O'Connell, chairman of the local tennis club, presented a cheque for £800 (proceeds of their sponsored walk) to T. Burke, treasurer of the field development committee. The development committee wish to thank the tennis club for same and they also want to thank all the other clubs and organisations and individuals in the parish who are helping in some way or another towards the developing of the sports complex. It is a great help and encouragement to see so much co-operation forthcoming. Phase 1 is now almost completed with the finishing off last week of the tennis courts.

It is hoped to start off Phase 2: Handball courts, dressing rooms, etc., in the very near future.

Ballingarry

15-6-85
 In the West Limerick S.H.C. we were defeated by Feohanagh on the score Feohanagh 0-10, Ballingarry 1-4. This was a good game and our lads showed a big improvement from our previous outings. The team was as follows: Jack Kelly, John O'Keeffe, Con O'Keeffe, Sean Kennedy, Ned Cagney, Liam Fitzgerald, Sean Mullane, Dave Fitzgerald, Kevin Kennedy, Joe Burke, Tom Quaid, Dan O'Keeffe, Davy O'Keeffe, Pat Cagney, P. J. Barrett. The club would like to send best wishes for a speedy recovery to our captain, Dave Fitzgerald, who received a facial injury in this game, and who was hospitalised for a while as a result.

The tennis club, which is part of the sportsfield complex, is now open, and six players from Limerick Lawn Tennis Club played an exhibition on Sunday last before a good crowd, despite the bad weather.

The 2nd phase of the field development is now with the committee for discussion. Quantity surveyors and engineers reports have been presented. Some work on this phase should be commencing later this year.

Ballingarry

29-6-85
Kileedy 2-12
ballingarry 1-5

In the West Limerick SHC, game, Kileedy defeated Ballingarry 2-12 to 1-5. Half-time: Kileedy 5 pts., Ballingarry 3 pts.

Early in the second half a Kileedy defender scored an own goal for Ballingarry to put them in the lead, but Kileedy fought back and scored some fine points, Kileedy finished the stronger scoring 2 goals near the end, both which should have been cleared, to make the final score Kileedy 2-12, Ballingarry 1-5.

Ballingarry scorers were Liam Fitzgerald 0-1 (free), Kevin Kennedy 0-1, Danny O'Keeffe 0-1, Pat Cagney 0-1. Davy O'Keeffe 0-1. Kileedy defender 1-0.

Ballingarry lined out as follows: Jack Kelly, John O'Keeffe, Con O'Keeffe, Sean Kennedy, Ned Cagney, Liam Fitzgerald, Noel Forde, Davy Fitzgerald, Kevin Kennedy, Danny O'Keeffe, Tom Quaid, Sean Mullane, Davy O'Keeffe, John Murphy, Pat Cagney.

In the West Limerick Junior Football League, Newcastle West 0-10, Ballingarry 1-1.

In the West Limerick U. 12 Hurling semi-final, Granagh-Ballingarry 4 pts., Knockaderry nil. They now meet Newcastle West in the final. It is hoped that there will be a good turn out of local supporters to cheer them on in the final.

Ballingarry

27-7-85
OUR minor hurling team continue to show good form. They have reached the West Limerick M.H. final v. Newcastle West after a fine win over Rathkeale in the semi-final 4-5 to 2-3. On Saturday, July 21, they played in the county quarter-final, as both divisional finalists qualify.

In a challenge game played recently they had a convincing win over Charleville.

The un. 16 hurling team are also playing well. In the u. 16 hurling championship (league system) they drew with Newcastle West and followed up with a good win over Dromcollogher.

The county u. 12 hurling final v. Cappamore due to be played at Limerick Gaelic Grounds on July 15th was called off as a mark of respect to T. Hanrahan, one of our players who was fatally injured in an accident at his home. The club wishes to offer its sympathy to his heartbroken parents and family.

The local ICA guild continue to help out financially. The proceeds of their cake sale, £140, was handed over to the field development committee, who wish to thank them for their efforts in their continuing support.

Ballingarry

17-8-85
 Congratulations to the Granagh-Ballingarry camogie team on winning the county senior camogie final, with a convincing win over Old Christians.

The West Limerick under 16 hurling final between Granagh-Ballingarry, and Newcastle West played at Rathkeale on Sunday, August 11, ended in a draw. The replay is eagerly awaited.

Next Sunday night, August 18, at Croom, 7 p.m., our minor hurlers play Ballybrown in the county semi-final. We are hoping to turn the tables on Ballybrown who defeated us two years ago in the juvenile final.

The coaching course in hurling, football and camogie organised by the County Board is proving to be an outstanding success in Ballingarry. It is being very well attended, and the coaches have concentrated very much on the basic skills. It is hoped that in the months ahead all the work put into the course will bear fruit.

The Limerick County GAA Board (development committee) have asked all clubs to make an effort to get subscribers to the loan scheme re-development of Paire Na nGaol and building of a stand in memory of Mick Mackey.

Ballingarry

26-8-85
 LAST week-end proved to be a disappointing one, on the playing fields, for our teams.

In the Under 14 B County Football Final played at Croom on Sunday, Ballybrown had a big win, on the score Ballybrown 3-6, Granagh-Ballingarry 0-1.

Our boys never produced the form which saw them score some fine wins on their path to the final. The team lined out as follows: Aidan Quaid, G. O'Gorman, C. Kennedy, T. O'Shea, S. Lane, M. Quaid, S. Hanrahan, T. O'Gorman, S. Kiely, K. Kennedy, P. Fitzgerald, T. O'Keeffe, N. Stapleton, K. Mulqueen, T. McKenna, T. O'Keeffe scored the Granagh-Ballingarry point.

In the county minor hurling semi-final also played at Croom, Ballybrown had an easy win over Ballingarry on the score Ballybrown 3-15, Ballingarry 1-4. Ballybrown fully deserved this win, and they showed why many people have installed them as favourites to win the minor title, having won the juvenile title two years ago, defeating Ballingarry also in the final.

Ballingarry players were as follows: P. Costelloe, G. Tierney, J. English, P. Clifford, A. Fitzgerald, J. Sheehan, J. Higgins, S. O'Brien, E. Purtill, P. Fitzgerald, B. O'Brien, R. O'Keeffe, M. Sheehan, J. Hanrahan, K. Stapleton. Sub.: S. Hartnett.

Ballingarry

Pride of place in this week's column must go to our under 12 hurling team who brought the county title to the combined parish of Granagh-Ballingarry.

In the county under 12 hurling final played at Bruff on Monday, July 22nd, before a record crowd, Granagh-Ballingarry dominated all through the game and led at half-time by 1-1 to nil.

They scored two further goals and two points in the second half to which Cappamore's only reply was one goal.

This was a delightful game of hurling and it was a credit to both teams. Congratulations to all those who were associated with the team during the year.

Amicist great excitement the county chairman of Bord na nOg, John Flavin, presented the cup to Kieran Kennedy, captain.

The team lined out as follows—S. Mulqueen, E. Daffy, T. O'Shea, G. Sheehan, J. O'Donnell, S. Kiely, T. Hanley, P. Cullinane, K. Kennedy, J. Gaffney, D. Stapleton, M. Sheedy C. Lane, M. McCarthy, R. Toomey, sub. B. Cullinane.

Our under 14 football team continue to show good form. In the West Limerick final (B grade) played at Newcastle West they had a good win over Dromcollogher-Broadford on the score Granagh-Ballingarry 1-3, Dromcollogher 0-2.

The team was as follows—Aidan Quaid, Gerard O'Gorman, Cormac Kennedy, Thomas O'Shea, Stephen Kiely, Mike Quaid, Sean Lane, Kieran Kennedy, Tomas O'Gorman, Kieran Mulqueen, Pat Fitzgerald, Thomas O'Keefe, Niall Stapleton, Brian Burke, Tim McKenna.

They followed up this success with a win over Galtee Gaels in the county semi-final played at Knockaney on Monday, July 29th, the score Granagh-Ballingarry 1-1, Galtee Gaels 3 points.

Scorers were — T. O'Gorman 1 goal, Thomas O'Keefe, one point.

The team—A. Quaid, G. O'Gorman, C. Kennedy, T. O'Shea, S. Lane, M. Quaid, S. Hanrahan, S. Kiely, T. O'Gorman, K. Kennedy, P. Fitzgerald, B. Burke, T. O'Keefe, N. Stapleton, T. McKenna, sub. K. Mulqueen for B. Burke.

It is hoped that there will be a big turn-out of support for this team in the county final.

Minors

A fine first half performance powered Ballingarry to victory over Glenroe in the county minor hurling quarter-final played in Effin on Friday last. But Glenroe will be disappointed for not taking many scoring chances in the second half when they completely dominated the exchanges having trailed at half-time 4-3 to 1-6.

However full credit to the Ballingarry defence for not conceding a goal in this half as they withstood constant pressure all through the half. Glenroe drew level with a few minutes to go but Ballingarry rallied and with time almost up put in one final effort which resulted in one of our forwards being fouled and from the resultant free Ballingarry scored the winning point.

They have now qualified for the county semi-final against the winners of Doon and Ballybrown, who drew in the other quarter-final.

The team lined out—P. Costelloe, J. Tierney, J. English, P. Clifford, A. Fitzgerald, M. Sheehan, J. Higgins, S. O'Brien, P. Fitzgerald, R. O'Keefe, B. O'Brien, E. Purtill, K. Stapleton, J. Hanrahan, S. Hartnett.

Our under-16 hurling team made their exit from this year's championship when they were convincingly beaten by Kilfinane in the county semi-final played recently in the Limerick Gaelic Grounds on the score, Granagh-Ballingarry, 0-0; Kilfinane, 2-4. This was a game in which our lads never played to their true potential.

14-9-85

Ballingarry

Sunday, Sept. 29th, 1985, should be a day to remember in the years ahead in the lives of the under age hurlers of Granagh-Ballingarry. That was the day they were guests of one of Cork's most famous clubs, St. Finbarrs, All Ireland club champions and dual champions in 1982. A club that has supplied Cork teams with some of their outstanding players most notable being Jimmy Barry Murphy, Ger Cunningham and John Hodgins of the present panel and over the years, Gerald McCarthy, Charlie McCarthy, Con Roche, Donal O'Grady and Tony Maher, just to mention but a few. Tony Maher is chairman of the under age section of the club and it was he who was responsible for organising the trip with P. Quinn.

On Saturday, Oct. 5th, the under 14 hurlers took part in a tournament organised by Croom GAA club, in which we defeated the host club on the score Granagh-Ballingarry 3-3, Croom nil. They have now qualified to meet Knockaderry in the final on a date to be arranged.

On Saturday night, Oct. 12, the GAA club are holding a dance in the Woodlands Hotel, to raise funds for the club. Music by The Deerhunters. Please give it the support it deserves as the cost of running a club in these times is enormous.

Ballingarry

The AGM of the Granagh-Ballingarry juvenile club was held in the Community Centre, Granagh, on Tuesday night November 26th. The following were the officers elected for 1986 — chairman, Jimmy Stapleton; vice chairman, Mark O'Shea; treasurer, Mrs. Anna Kennedy; asst. treasurer, Mrs. Nora Mulqueen; secretary, Denis O'Keefe; asst. sec., Mrs. Eileen Daffy. Committee — Rev. Fr. McNamee, John Sheehan, Sean Kennedy, Paddy Lane, Mrs. Nora O'Keefe, Mrs. Mary Quaid, Michael O'Brien, Mrs. Nora Mulqueen, Denis Ahern, Bertie Hanly, Seamus Costelloe, Tom Horgan, Mrs. Eileen Daffy, Mrs. Anna Kennedy, Jimmy Stapleton, Denis O'Keefe, Mark O'Shea, Pat Mulqueen.

Selectors, under 12 — Bertie Hanly, Mrs. Anna Cullinan, Ml. O'Brien, Paddy Lane.

Selectors under 14 — Denis O'Keefe, Mrs. Mary Quaid, Mark O'Shea, Paddy Lane.

Selectors under 16 — Jimmy Stapleton, Ml. O'Brien, Ml. Daffy, Ml. McCarthy, Tom Horgan.

Selectors under 15 — Two reps from under 14 and under 16 to be selected.

1985 was one of the most successful years in the club winning four West Limerick titles — under 12 hurling, under 15 hurling, under 16 hurling, under 14 B football; 2 county titles, under 12 hurling and under 14 community games.

Here's hoping for continued success in 1986.

Ballingarry

Now is the time of the year when almost all activities on the playing field are drawing to a close. With the field development at about the half-way stage, we switch our interests to some indoor events. Again the local clubs in the parish continue to support the G.A.A. club in their efforts to see this fine amenity for the town completed.

Mr. Dick O'Connell of the tennis club presented Mr. Pat Fitzgerald, chairman of the field development, with a cheque for £500 towards the costs. The tennis courts, which is part of the complex, are proving to be a tremendous success.

On October 9th in the Croagh Tavern, Ballingarry I.C.A. are holding a fashion show, portion of the proceeds again go to the field development. It will be recalled that last year's fashion show was an outstanding success. Let's hope that this year's show gets the supports that it deserves.

The handball club are putting on a monster variety show later this year. Rehearsals have started for same.

On Sunday, September 29th, our under 12, under 14 and under 16 hurling teams travelled to Cork as guests of one of the famous Cork clubs, St. Finbarr's, and played three matches and acquitted themselves well. We won the under 12 and were narrowly beaten in the others. More about that trip next week.

Scor '86

Ballyhahill

are tops

In the West Limerick finals of Scor '86, the GAA talent competition, Gerald Griffins, Ballyhahill, emerged as the best overall club with victories in recitation, question time, instrumental music and ballad group. Their near neighbours had wins in solo singing, figure and set dancing, whilst Cappagh Handball Club were victorious in the novelty act. The competitions were held before a capacity attendance at Rathkeale Community Centre, on Sunday night last. In the question time the teams were evenly matched and Askeaton and Gerald Griffins tied on forty-four marks each. After a "sudden death" play-off Gerald Griffins emerged winners.

DETAILS

Figure dancing, Athea: Liam Woulfe, John Tierney, Tim Woulfe, Jr.; Tim Reidy, Mary Woulfe, Mary Sheehan, Mary O'Connell and Mary Hurley.

Recitation, Gerald Griffins: Ann Griffin.

Solo singing, Athea: Liam Woulfe.

Novelty act, Cappagh: Moss Hennessy, Pat Barry, Mary Madigan, Mary Noonan, Geraldine Histon.

Question time, Gerald Griffins: Michael Shinning, Ursula Mullane, Gerard Curtin.

Instrumental music, Gerald Griffins: Eamon Griffin, Sean Dalton and Michael Walsh.

Ballad group, Gerald Griffins: Ann Griffin, Eamon Griffin, Joe O'Connor, Frank Brennan, Tom Enright.

Set dancing, Athea: Michael Flynn, Sean O Seighlin, Sean Mac An Fiaich, Michael Sheehan, Mairead Ni Fiach, Mary Carroll, Eileen Flynn and Carol Griffin.

The winners will represent the division in the county final which will be held at Cappamore on Sunday, February 23rd, commencing at 7.30 p.m. (sharp).

Ballingarry

Granagh-Ballingarry 3-5
Adare 1-1

In the West Limerick U-15 Hurling final played at Rathkeale, Granagh-Ballingarry scored a well merited win over Adare. The result was never in doubt as Granagh-Ballingarry proved too strong. It was a great game of hurling. This win capped a great season for the Granagh-Ballingarry boys.

Scorers for Granagh-Ballingarry: J. McCarthy, 2-0; T. O'Keefe, 1-0; P. Stapleton, 0-2; P. Horgan, 0-2; P. Fitzgerald, 0-1.

Team: P. Forde, G. O'Gorman, P. Costelloe, M. Daffy, J. O'Brien, Mce. Quaide, Ml. Quaide, P. Stapleton, T. O'Gorman, P. Fitzgerald, P. Horgan, T. O'Keefe, C. Kennedy, J. McCarthy, J. Enright.

Ballingarry

Congratulations to the Granagh-Ballingarry under 18 camogie team on winning the county title with an easy win over a disappointing Ballyagran team. This was the club's fourth county title winning this year. A tremendous achievement for such a young club. Let's hope that they will have continued success.

FIELD DEVELOPMENT

Mrs. Anne Hartnett, president of the local I.C.A., handed over a cheque for £300 towards the field development fund, proceeds of their fashion show. The club wishes to thank all those who made the venture such a success.

The second phase of the field development will be starting in the new year. Anybody wishing to help out in the fund raising would be very welcome as there will be some new promoters needed.

Ballingarry

Our juvenile hurlers brought another West Limerick title to the parish when they convincingly defeated Newcastle West in a replay at Dromcollogher on August 20 on the score Granagh-Ballingarry 3-3, Newcastle West 2-0.

Our scorers were: S. Stapleton, 1-1; A. Mulqueen, 1-0; J. McCarthy, 1-0; M. O'Donnell, 0-1; P. Stapleton, 0-1.

The team was as follows: P. Forde, T. Gorman, S. Enright, M. Daffy, T. O'Shea, A. Fitzgerald, M. Quaid, E. Purtill, P. Regan, P. Stapleton, P. Costelloe, S. Stapleton, A. Mulqueen, J. McCarthy, M. O'Donnell, Sub., B. Kelly for T. O'Shea.

They now meet Kilfinane in the county semi-final on August 26.