

Dates unknown.

Ballylanders

Home from Australia

Visiting the ancestral home at Anglesborough, Co. Limerick, is Mrs. Eileen O'Connor from Canberra, Australia, after an absence of thirty-five years. Mrs. O'Connor is elder daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Kiely and is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Hannah Molan of the Galtee Bar. Mr. and Mrs. O'Connor are the parents of four married children, one boy and three girls. Mr. O'Connor is Australian born and Michael Kelly of Roundhill is his uncle. To welcome home Mrs. O'Connor were five brothers, Dinny, Bill, Tom, Roger and Jack Kiely. The family is deeply interested in Irish history and Mrs. O'Connor will take back with her many manuscripts and histories of Ireland.

FOUNDER TO BE REMEMBERED

The late F. B. Dineen of Ballylanders and Dublin is to be commemorated at an unveiling ceremony in Glasnevin Cemetery and by a plaque which will be placed at his home, home, Connery's Corner, Ballylanders. Frank Dineen was one of Ireland's leading sprinters of his time. He was one of the founders of the G.A.A. and he gave Jones' Road, now Croke Park, to the G.A.A. To have the name of Frank Dineen commemorated nobody has worked harder than South Board Chairman and Munster Council Chairman, Mr. P. J. Ryan of Galbally.

Junior Football Championship.

BALLYLANDERS v. GALBALLY.

BALLYLANDERS FIFTEEN WHO'S WHO.

JERH. McGRATH (Captain).—A splendid fielder and an ideal footballer. Played inter-county on three or four occasions. A deadly menace. Centre field.

JIM CLERY—Possesses a grand pair of hands; plays with science and dash. Seen to advantage in a dry sod. Centre-field.

MAURICE MAUNSELL—A unique and rare bit of goods. Can soar like a bird for a ball; staunch, defiant and stone wall. Played inter-county for Limerick last year. Full-back.

DAN KELLY—A robust, speedy, determined player; dreads nothing and possesses a splendid drive. Played inter-county minor. Right full-back.

MULQUEEN—"Flower of the Flock." A small, dandy, accomplished, bold and determined little fellow. Nephew of the great Mickie Davern. Played minor for Limerick four times. Left full-back.

JACKIE SULLIVAN—A reliable, strong player, always to be found in the thick of the fray. Possesses a fine lengthy kick. Right wing-back.

TOM MULLANE—The pivot of the team; relishes plenty of the ball; always feeds well the forwards; very reliable and robust. Played inter-county minor. Centre-back.

NED KIELY—A minor, nephew of that great "Skipper," "Nalie" Kiely, of bygone days. A delightful, clean, speedy young footballer. Left wing-back.

ML. NOONAN—Played minor on three occasions for Limerick. A real speed merchant; quite capable of bringing off the hat-trick. Watch his pace. Left wing-forward.

WILLIE CRAWFORD—A scientific, speedy, endurable player, possessing a deadly right foot and a fine fielder. His drives are a beauty to watch. Right wing-forward.

JAS. MULLANE—The outstanding player for Limerick in their match with Cork last year. Has a dashing style. Coupled with Noonan and Crawford, this line of forwards will take beating. Centre-forward.

12. LIMERICK CHRONICLE, TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 1986.



Limerick Commercials Senior Football Team, 1920. Included are: Jimmy O'Leary, Jim Ryan, B. McKnight, J. Moloney, P. O'Reilly, Jim Riordan, M. Bourke, Con O'Brien, Charlie McGill, T. O'Brien, W. O'Connell, Jim Purcell (captain), Martin Stapleton, Joe Larkin, Jack Downes, M. Carroll, Dan Breen, Paddy Madigan and Jack Riordan.

Thomas Sampson (brother),
G.A.A. 3.2.45

The spirit of the Gael and the enthusiasm of the Irish sportsman is somewhat lacking now in Ballylanders. Let us not forget it was a Ballylanders man, the late Frank B. Dineen, who first purchased Croke Park, and gave to the thousands of Gaels in Ireland an everlasting memorial. The spirit that imbibed men like Jim and Con Kiely, Paddy O'Donnell, Mattie Walsh and Michael J. Osborne to field an All-Ireland team to represent Limerick in bygone days, is only dormant, and I am sure that the young men of to-day will field a football team for 1945. Let not the hard luck which defied us the 1944 Junior Championship deter us for a moment. Limerick experienced this also in the memorable replay at Thurles last July. Hard luck is a dogged opponent, but unity and willingness will eventually triumph. For the past fifteen years we have seen grand and glorious football from the Ballylanders men, and veterans like Maurice Mansell, David Cleary and Bill Crawford are ready once more to give the youngsters of their best in every way. The South Board has always looked upon Ballylanders as their "hope" so once again let the welkin ring, and let us see the Green and Gold of Ballylanders again to the fore. Put aside all small, trivial, and petty differences and let Ballylanders keep up the spirit which it always possessed, both in the athletic arena and green hillsides, sanctified by the blood of former Ballylanders footballers, all Gaels and true Irishmen.

BALLYLANDERS

K'man NOTES. 3/3/45.
G.A.A.

THE annual meeting of the local football club took place quite recently. At the Convention of the South Board held at Knocklong on Sunday last, the local club were presented with a beautiful set of medals in recognition of winning the South Board junior championship of 1944. Delegates Mullane and Cleary thanked the Board. Officials appointed for 1945 were: Peter Mullane, Secretary; W. J. Crawford, Treasurer; Michael Osborne, Chairman; Eamon Cleary, Assistant Secretary; Pat Buckley, Captain; M. J. Davern, Vice-Captain.

OLD ATHLETE K'man. 2/6/45.

I would like to say a few words about one of Munster's old time athletes and bosom friend and challenger of the late Frank B. Dineen (Ireland's national G.A.A. leader, top-notch athlete and first man to purchase Croke Park). I allude to Mr. Patrick Hannon, Kilfinane Road, Ballylanders. Mr. Hannon is now in his eighties, but his mind is clear and vivid and brimful of records, dates and events. In the year 1900, Mr. Hannon won at Ballylanders the 220 yards and some of his opponents were Phelan of Lisfination, an athlete of repute, Frank Dineen of Ballylanders and John Hennessy of Raphala, he also won the 100 yards and 440 yards, and high jump in such great athletic areas at Lattin, Cahir and Bruree. He was the flag-bearer to the Ballylanders Brass and Reed Band and led his men through the historic streets of Mitchelstown in 1887, the day of the shooting of Lonergan, Shinnicks and Casey. Mr. Hannon is a great gael and sportsman and one of the old Land League patriots.

Ballylanders Win Hectic¹⁵ Junior Football Final ⁹/₄₅

The South Board Junior Football Championship, between Ballylanders and Kilfinane was decided at Elton on Sunday.

Ballylanders were victorious on the score 2-5 to 2-2. When both teams drew at Ballylanders a fortnight ago, Kilfinane were somewhat favourites for Sunday's replay. But better team work, and general understanding, earned for Ballylanders a well deserved victory. During the past six years Ballylanders have won three South Boards in succession and one at an interval of two years. So congratulations to a small village and parish that can produce men good enough to meet and beat very excellent football teams in the South. Ballylanders team is a good, firm combination, but lacks what often beat good footballers—training. Now that the team is going for county honours it would be advisable for the team to get together and give all their sparetime in preparing for the next great event.

THE PLAY

Ballylanders opened up in a flying start and sent wide. From the kick-out Kilfinane got away and sent a long ball per Reidy well into Ballylanders defence. But Mullane cleared to his brother Peter and this young stylish footballer made no mistake and sent over the bar. Again Ballylander pressed, were rewarded by two more points. Ashe sent Kilfinane attacking in a clever burst and a blunder in the Ballylanders defence gave Kilfinane a goal. Play was now very determined as Kilfinane sent a rasper over the bar. From the kick-out Ballylanders attacked and from a free taken by Peter Mullane, Cleary fisted to the net. On resuming after half-time, Ballylanders had three wides.

At this stage it was a do or die struggle. Ballylanders endeavoured to hold their lead and Kilfinane were all out to win or draw.

Then came a sensational goal for Kilfinane. A high ball soaring direct for the goal curved under the bar. A switch on the Ballylanders team was then made, Crawford coming from goal to right-full forward, and Reilly going back to goal. Ballylanders, playing strongly, were doing grand work, and Connors made no mistake when, with a great left leg he barged

home a goal and a point to be quickly followed by another minor. Kilfinane were on the offensive and were rewarded with a point before the end.

FINAL SCORES

Ballylanders, 2—5; Kilfinane, 2—2.
Mr. Michael Mullins of Galtee Rovers football club acted in a very fair way and both teams complimented him on the satisfaction he gave them.

22.9.45 Ballylanders NOTES

Below are the names of the Ballylanders junior fifteen who won the South Limerick Junior Football Championship against Kilfinane on Sunday, September 9, at Elton:—Patrick Buckley (capt.), Maurice Mansell, Pat O'Reilly, Eamon Cleary, Robert Fox, Richard Fitzgerald, Peter Cristie, Michael Joe Davirn, Peter Mullane, Thomas Mullane, Jackie O'Brien, Eamon Hoare, Willie Barry, Tommie Connor, Willie Crawford. It is understood that the county semi-final will be played at New Pallas about the middle of October and Ballylanders are drawn against the city champions, Cloughaun. This game will probably be one of the best played this year. The city lads are fast and clever, but they have not the experience and field craft of Ballylanders. As I said in my notes of last week, if the Ballylanders team only go into training there is every possibility that the premier honours will come home. At last Saturday's meeting of the Limerick County Board G.A.A., Knocklong lost the semi-final of the South Limerick Junior Hurling Championship. A few weeks ago at Elton, the much fancied Kilfinane team were well beaten by a young Knocklong selection. Kilfinane objected on the grounds of illegal constitution of the Knocklong fifteen. Knocklong counter objected. The general opinion locally is that the game should have been replayed, and everybody thinks that Knocklong really and truly deserved a replay. Knocklong have only started a year or two, and it is a great set-back to them now, as the laurels were within their grasp.

1946

DEATH OF MR. H. CREMIN

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We regret to announce the death of Mr. Henry Cremin, which took place at his residence, 56, Henry St., Limerick, on the 23rd December. The late Mr. Cremin was fifty years in the employment of Messrs. William Todd & Co., Ltd., Limerick, for twenty years of which he was buyer of their furniture department. In his younger days he took a keen interest in sport, and was a member of the famous Commercial Football Club. He took a deep interest in the welfare of all that concerned the drapery trade, socially and otherwise. He was a past president of the Limerick Drapers' Club, a trustee since 1911 of the Drapers' Medical Aid Society, and chairman of Todd's Assistants' Benefit Society. Mr. Cremin was a shrewd business man, of a kindly and unassuming nature, and a universal favourite with all who knew him.

The funeral took place to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery on 24th December, and was of huge dimensions.

LATE MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN

Mr. Michael F. O'Sullivan, who died at his residence, O'Connell Street, Limerick, at a comparatively young age, was a great sportsman, particularly noted for his performances on the Gaelic football fields. He played many championship games with Hospital, and with Limerick Commercials teams and represented County Limerick in many All Ireland Championship games.

A member of an old and esteemed Limerick family, the late Mr. O'Sullivan was well known himself throughout Counties Limerick, Clare and Tipperary, and he was a popular figure in Limerick City. He was for many years employed in the Limerick County Council Offices, O'Connell Street, Limerick, and was so employed at the time of his death. In that capacity he won the respect and esteem of all and his death is deeply regretted not only in County Limerick, but in the adjoining Counties.

When his funeral took place from St. Michael's Church, Limerick, to the family burial ground at Hospital, its large proportions both leaving Limerick and when the interment took place at Hospital, was a tribute to the popularity which the deceased enjoyed and the esteem in which he was held. He leaves a widow and family to mourn his passing.

8.6.46

1947

THE KERRYMAN

MARCH 8, 1947

Ballylanders Club

Had Good Year

BALLYLANDERS Football Club at its recent annual general meeting had a very satisfactory report from Secretary Mr. Peter Mullane.

The balance sheet showed a credit of £17.

The Secretary, on behalf of the Club, wished to thank all who helped in any way in making the club a success.

Similar thanks were voted unanimously to the Secretary and Treasurer on the splendid work they did in 1946.

YEAR'S PLANS

It was decided to affiliate a Junior football team to contest the championship for 1947, and it is anticipated that some members might be available from Knocklong, who do not intend affiliating this year. It was also decided to affiliate a Minor football team composed of Knocklong and Ballylanders. The question of the newly-formed Cullane team came up for discussion.

Officials for the year elected were:— Mr. Michael Osborne (Chairman for the 22nd year in succession); Mr. Maurice Mansell (Vice-Chairman); Mr. William Mahoney (Secretary); Eamon Cleary (Treasurer); Mr. Maurice Mansell (Captain of Team); Pat O'Reilly (Vice-Captain).

Mr. Michael Osborne has kindly consented to give the Club a field for practice.

Ballylanders Notes

A very large meeting of the G.A.A. Club was held in the C.Y.M.S. Hall on March 10. Rev. Fr. Morris, C.C., presided. The Club have affiliated both a minor and a junior football team this year, and both are sanguine of success in the championships. A very suitable training pitch has been acquired from Mr. Stephen Lynch, and the boys have gone into training already. The Convention appointed the following officials for 1948: Chairman, Rev. Fr. Morris, C.C.; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Michael Osborne; Treasurer, Mr. Con Kiely; Secretary, Mr. W. J. Crawford; Assistant Secretary, Mr. John Davern.

BALLYLANDERS

Notes

THE death occurred on Wednesday evening, June 30, of Mr. Eugene McGrath, Main St., Ballylanders. Deceased, who was only thirty-eight years of age, had been in failing health for some time past. He received spiritual and medical aid prior to his demise, which was not unexpected. A huge cortege of friends and relatives escorted the remains to the Church of the Assumption on Thursday evening. Office and High Mass was celebrated the following morning, at which a large number of clergy attended. The funeral to Ballingarry cemetery was one of the largest seen for many years, which indicates in itself the esteem and respect in which the deceased gentleman was held. Rev. Fr. Dunne, P.P., Rev. Fr. Morris, C.C., and Rev. Fr. Crowley officiated at the graveside. The chief mourners were: Jack McGrath (brother); Mrs O'Sullivan, Ballyneety (sister); Guard Denis O'Sullivan (brother-in-law) and Mrs. Lyons (aunt). The late Eugene McGrath was eldest son of the late Mr and Mrs Con McGrath. Votes of sympathy have been passed to the bereaved relatives from all the clubs and social organisations in the parish, by whom he was held in high esteem.

AN APPRECIATION.

The late Gene McGrath was a gentleman of sterling qualities, and was known all over Munster as a sportsman. He never failed to do a good turn when one was badly needed; neither did he ever forget a good turn done for him. He bred and reared some of the best greyhounds this country produced, even in the days when greyhounds were not a paying proposition. He was keenly interested in coursing and greyhound racing, and he was a familiar figure at the Limerick Greyhound Track. In his earlier days he was a pillar of the local Football Club and, when finances were sometimes low, he never failed to put his motor cars and personal services at the disposal of the club. He was the happy possessor of a great sense of humour, and a lover of truth and justice. He was staunch and loyal to his friends, courteous to all, devout in his religion; unselfish, and, beyond all, he received the last Sacraments with a smile on his lips and confidence in his heart.

G.A.A.

Ballylanders were defeated by South Liberties in the final of the County Minor Football Championship at Elton on Sunday last, to the score: South Liberties, 3 goals; Ballylanders, 1 goal 2 points. It was a great game of football, and South Liberties were lucky in securing 2 early goals, which stood them in good stead in the second half, when the home lads fought with dour determination to force a draw. Seldom has football in the South reached such a standard. Last Sunday's game will go down on record as an outstanding exhibition of the code. The home lads wish to congratulate the winners on their success.

1949

BALLYLANDERS FOOTBALL**CLUB 2.2.49**

Rev. Father Morris, C.C., presided at the annual Convention of the Ballylanders Shamrock Football Club, held in the C.Y.M.S. Hall on Friday night, January 28th.

The Rev. Chairman congratulated the minor football team in their display in the county final against South Liberties, and said to have the teams for the current year play clean, healthy football, which will be a credit to the Association and themselves. He also urged followers of the teams to practice fellow-sportsmanship.

The financial statement for 1948 was read by the Secretary, Mr. W. J. Crawford, and the report was very satisfactory. The Club now is free of all liabilities and with a nice little reserve to its credit.

The Convention decided to affiliate a junior and minor football team.

Rev. Father Morris presented to the victorious South Board minor football champions their set of medals and each player in turn received a tremendous ovation.

All the outgoing officials were unanimously re-elected and a large number of those present paid their membership fee.

The officers for 1949 are:—Chairman, Rev. Father Morris, C.C.; Vice-Chairman, Michael J. Osborne; Treasurer, Con. Kirby; Secretary, W. J. Crawford; Assistant Secretary, Tommie Walsh; Chairman (Minor Club), Patrick O'Sullivan.

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cannot fail to be an outstanding success. 30/7/49.

VETERANS PLEASED.

It goes without question that of the strong contingent of Ballylanders supporters—men, women and children who stood in broiling heat to encourage their minor football team in its victorious encounter with Knockane—none were keener or more enthusiastic than those two fine exponents of the game in many historic epics of the past—Mr. Michael Osbourne and Mr. "Neilus" Kiely. Mr. Osbourne, in his favourite position behind the Ballylanders "sticks," had few exciting moments as the goalie was seldom tested; the final score being: Ballylanders, 3-7; Knockane, 1 point.

In the J. F. contest, however, Knockane carried the day against Kilbehenny.

Both matches were very capably refereed by Mr. P. Ryan, Galbally, whose task was by no means easy, as the excessive heat of the afternoon proved trying, even to the spectators.

Ballylanders Notes

20-8-49

NEVER in the history of the Pattern was there a greater gathering than on Monday last, August 15. Crowds flocked from every centre, and long before the games commenced a huge crowd head thronged the Village. Lady Well, dedicated to Our Blessed Lady had many pilgrims and large corteges did the "Rounds."

The games were played in a grand sporting manner, befitting Gaels, while the dances held in the local hall were admirably supervised. Liam Lynch Memorial Pipe Band enlivened the scene, and the sun shining from Galtee More cast her warm rays over a landscape and scenery second to none.

The match between Knocklong and Oldcastletown was of the highest standard yet and a credit to both teams. After an hard hour's hurling, Oldcastletown just got there. Jim Hastings refereed with his usual competency. The football game between St. Malo's and Bournecourt provided thrills galore, and was a grand exhibition of the code, and was won by St. Malo's. The game was handled by Paddy Ryan, of Galbally. The Club wish to apologise to the large attendance for the slight delay in getting the football game started. The Club also wish to thank each and everybody for their kind patronage, and all who helped in every way and to the Gaels of South Limerick who aided the stewards. Miss Molly McDonald rendered some very choice music at the Pattern Dance and her orchestra was very much appreciated. The Pattern of 1949 has gone, but it was a memorable day and let us hope the Pattern of 1950 will call from far away places the happy laughing faces of yester-year. God be good to the exiles who came from England and America to see again the scenes of their childhood, and to mingle with the school pals of other days. It's customs like the Pattern of Ballylanders which cement friendship, love and peace.

At the same venue, Ballylanders won the South Limerick Minor football title when they defeated Kilfinane in the final of the championship on the score of 1-6 to 1-1. This game proved to be an exciting match, and at the interval the scores were level at 1-1 each. In the second moiety, however, Ballylanders proved their superiority and, in a good finish, ran out deserving winners. Mr. M. Scanlan, Galbally, refereed.

At the conclusion of the minor game Mr. J. A. Guerin, Chairman of the South Limerick Board, G.A.A., presented the cup for the championship to the captain of the winning team and congratulated them on their success.

20.8.49

G.A.A.

20-8-49

Ballylanders Minor footballers won the South Championship for the second time in succession defeating Kilfinane at Elton on Sunday last. The trophy was the Mullins Cup and a set of medals. Ballylanders Junior footballers are to play Bruree also at Elton on Sunday next. A great game is expected.

1958

Sept 1958 **RECENT**

W. A. WALSH, BALLYLANDERS.

The people of Ballylanders and Knocklong were deeply shocked when they heard of the unexpected death of William A. Walsh, Ballylanders, at mid-day on Wednesday, Sept. 3rd, 1958. Mr. Walsh was not well for some hours before he was taken to the County Infirmary, where he died. Mr. Walsh was the proprietor of Walsh and Sons, Ballylanders, and the new Arcade Cinema, and he was 66 years of age. A huge attendance of relatives, friends and the general public escorted the remains from the County Infirmary on Thursday evening to the Church of the Assumption, Ballylanders, where the remains were received by Very Rev. Fr. O'Byrne, P.P., who also recited the Rosary and prayers. On Friday morning Solemn Requiem Mass was celebrated by Rev. Fr. Noonan (cousin), C.C., Knockaney, and also in the sanctuary were: Very Rev. Fr. O'Byrne, P.P., Ballylanders; Very Rev. Fr. Mulvihille, P.P., Newport; Very Rev. Fr. Lee, P.P., Ballingarry; Very Rev. Fr. Lee, P.P., Knocklong; Very Rev. Fr. Quinn, P.P., Galbally; Rev. Fr. Mullally, C.C., Emly; Rev. Fr. McGrath, C.C., Ballingarry; Rev. Fr. Hickey, C.C., Ballylanders; Rev. Fr. Davern, Kansas City; Rev. Fr. English, Knocklong; Rev. Fr. Meade, Ballintubber.

The chief mourners were:— Kathleen Walsh (wife), Michael (son), Nano (daughter-in-law), Jeannie (grandchild), John J. Walsh, Knocklong, and Timmie Walsh (brothers); Sister Anthony, Presentation Convent, Ballingarry (sister); John Kearney (brother-in-law), Mrs. Hartnett (sister-in-law), Mrs. J. J. Walsh (sister-in-law), Julia Kearney (sister-in-law), Michael T. Walsh (double cousin), Bridie Walsh (cousin), Mrs. Michael Bourke (cousin), Mrs. John Kearney (sister-in-law).

The funeral cortege to the family burial ground at the Old Cemetery, Ballylanders, was of huge proportions and seldom if ever was a larger cortege seen. All representatives of the general public attended, including representatives from the daily and weekly papers, the legal and teaching professions, the engineering and medical professions, Senators, Peace Commissioners, County Councillors and J.D.s, as well as representatives of all the leading business houses in this country.

Over a hundred Mass cards, telegrams and letters of sympathy were received by the bereaved family and it would be impossible to insert them all, but the family will acknowledge in due course.

GREAT BUSINESS MAN.

Mr. Walsh in his younger days travelled extensively in Australia and Canada and learned the "straight and narrow road" to successful business. His father, the late John Walsh, founder of "Walsh and Sons," Ballylanders and Knocklong, also travelled abroad and came back imbued with new ideas of merchandise and straight dealings, which ideas he imparted to his two business sons, John at Knocklong, and Willie at Ballylanders. William A. Walsh succeeded his father at Ballylanders and was a business man of exemplary and charitable qualities. The poor man and rich man were all the same to him and any was the hungry mouth that A. fed. He was lavish and hospitable to a point near extravagance. He was just, honourable

1960

6/2/60 **BALLYLANDERS**

A large attendance was present at the annual general meeting of the Ballylanders Shamrock Football Club. The Convention was presided over by Mr. William Dineen and when the new officers were appointed Mr. E. Magner took over the Chairmanship. The Club had a very successful year, financially, and although beaten in the South Junior Football final, in a re-play, the wearers of the Green and Gold will again be heard of this year and expected to reach the County final. The Club intends putting forward three teams—junior football, minor football and juvenile football.

The following officials were elected:—

President, Very Rev. Father O'Byrne, P.P.; Vice-President, Rev. Fr. Hickey, C.C.; Chairman, Mr. Edmund Magner; Vice-Chairman, Mr. David Cleary; Treasurer, Mr. Willie O'Mahony; Secretary, Mr. Sean Crilly; Assistant Secretary, Mr. Denis Quish.

1967

BALLYLANDERS**Shamrock
F.C.**

The annual general meeting of the Shamrock Football Club took place recently in Connery's Hall. Rev. Fr. Currvan, C.C., presided. The finance sheet, which was passed unanimously, showed a very substantial credit balance on hands, and during the year the club contributed generously to the Church Building Fund. The Rev. Chairman expressed deep satisfaction at the performances of the club's teams during the past season and congratulated those players that represented with honour their county during the championships. This year the club will affiliate a junior, minor and juvenile football selection.

The following officers were elected: President, Rev. Fr. Currvan, C.C.; Chairman, Michael J. Davern; Vice-Chairman, Willie Sampson; Treasurer, Tom Ryan; Secretary, Nicholas Condon; Assistant Secretary, John M. Crawford; John Meade, Captain, Junior Team; Michael Keane, Vice-Captain, Junior Team.

Ballylanders won in extra time

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Ballylanders 2-7
Old Christians 1-8

After the teams had provided two and a half hours' entertaining football, Ballylanders won their way to the Co. Limerick under-21 football final at Kilmallock when they defeated Old Christians, after extra time in the replay—by 2 goals and 7 points to 1 goal and 8 points.

When the teams first met a week ago, the game ended in a draw, and at the end of the hour in the replay they were still level. In extra time, Ballylanders gained the right to play in the final.

Ballylanders opened in excellent fashion and had an early goal, followed by two points. Old Christians replied with a point and at the end of the first quarter Ballylanders led 1-2 to 0-1. Old Christians improved in the second quarter but at half-time Ballylanders were leading 1-3 to 0-4.

Christians opened well in the second half but failed to score, and when Ballylanders went away for two points it looked as if Christians were going out. Christians fought back, however, and had two points to leave Ballylanders in front 1-5 to 0-6 at the threequarter stage. Ballylanders improved their position in the 20th minute with a point, but then with three minutes to go Old Christians had the goal that brought them level, 1-6 each.

There was some close play in the first period of extra time, before Old Christians went ahead with two points to lead at the "break" by 1-8 to 1-6. Almost 10 minutes of the second period of extra time had gone before Ballylanders had a point. Then in the dying minutes of extra time, what seemed to be a harmless ball went in for Ballylanders and it slipped into the corner of the net to give Ballylanders victory in a most exciting finish and after a game that was a most sporting one and a delight to watch.

SCORERS

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Ballylanders, Division 2 champions, South Primary Schools. 7-11-81



**BALLYLANDERS
DEFEATED IN
SOUTH J.F. FINAL**

Back L to R: Pat meade, Bill Fox, John Magner, Liam Herlihy, Pat Fox, Jimmy Daly, Dave McCarthy, Pat Clery, Michael John Coffey, Michael Fitzgerald, James Hickey, Dick Coffey, Bill Doran. Front: John Fenton, Nicholas Condon, Jerry Rea, Danny Kelly, Michael Daly, John Hickey, David Walsh (Capt.), Pat Moloney, Ollie Coffey, Paddy Kelly, Ger Kelly.

1981

B'landers

A large and appreciative audience thoroughly enjoyed the Scor competitions held at the Galtee Ballroom recently. The following were prizewinners.

Solo singing—Nellie O'Brien; Figure dancing—Rita O'Rourke, Brid O'Briedn, Brenda Walsh, Imelda Cleary, Margaret Burke and Eleanor McCauley. Recitation—Padraig McNamara. Novelty Acts—John Buckley, Terence Buckley, Patrick Buckley, Willie Buckley, Maurice Buckley. Ballad Group—Martine Noonan, Nellie O'Brien, Nairead Meade, Ann O'Rourke. Question time—John Buckley, Terence Buckley, Joseph McNamara. Set Dancing—Rita O'Rourke, Brid O'Brien, Brenda Walsh, Imelda Cleary, Margaret Bourke, Eleanor McCauley, Jennifer Westbrook and Siobain Tobin. *Dec. 1981*

There is a possibility that Ballylanders will have a Camogie team in 1982. Old timers will recall the prowess and achievements of Sheila White, Essie Hoare, Terry Quane, Bridie Hennessy and many others of 45 years ago.

THE LOCAL Primary school football team were narrowly defeated by Kilfinane recently in the schools final at Bruff. Ballylanders will always feature in Davern Buckley etc., are living in Ballylanders and area. Mrs. Michael Russell N.T., is a most dedicated and experienced coach. The team was J. Nunan, S. Davern, B. Walsh, N. Meade, N. Buckley, M. Walsh, A. Loneragan, N. Burke, J. Freiven, C. Nunan, G. Walsh, J. Browne, M. Frewen, S. O'Brien, M. Fitzgerald.

The death has occurred in New York of a member of a high-



Ballylanders, Division 2 champions, South Primary Schools. *7-11-81*

B'landers

14.2.81
The local football club are to be very highly commended for their initiative and courage in recently purchasing a field very adjacent to the village for the sum of £23,000. The admissible stir will be a G.A.A. and subsidising sports park, and to enlarge the park negotiations are going ahead to purchase a parcel of land from the owner of an adjoining field. This step by our young G.A.A. club is a memorial to a Ballylanders Junior Fifteen Footballers who contested an All-Irelandth Dublin, they drew the first game and will beaten in a replay. They represented Limerick, and again it is only fitting to keep in our memory the late Frank B. Dineen one of the founders on the G.A.A. and a great athlete in the sprints. Every good wish and support is offered to the club.

A landmark in the Anglesboro



17.10.81 Ballylanders J.F. team who failed to Bruff in the South final.

and are buried in the Republican Plot in Ballylanders Old Cemetery.

A great gael and sportsman has died in the person of Mr. Patrick Quish of Mitchelstown and eldest son of the late Martin Quish, Ballyfrota, Garryspillane, Kilmallock. He gave long and splendid service to the Ballylanders and Mitchelstown G.A.A. clubs and was an excellent gaelic football player. He was Creamery Manager with the Mitchelstown Creameries and served in many of their branches as well as the Central. To his wife, family, brothers, sisters, grandchildren and near relatives sympathy is expressed. *4.1.81*
The people of the area deeply

B'landers

The death has taken place at the Mercy Hospital, Cork, of Mr. John Hyland, Labbamallogga, Ballylanders. The interment was at Farrahy Cemetery after Requiem Mass in Kildorrery Church. Deceased was a well known national and Gaelic personality and in his younger days was a Gaelic player of repute. To his wife, sons, daughters, relatives and many friends sympathy is expressed.

B'lande

There was a very la dance at the AGM of Shamrock GAA Club, held recently. The secret Michael Daly gave a 1980. The officers for the year are: Chairman, Jar Kelly; president, Michael Kelly; vice-chairman, Bill Michael Russell, NT; Fin troller, Martin O'Conno Great and dedicated

3.10.81 Ballylanders

make final

this clash produces the great hurling of the drawn encounter, hurling enthusiasts will be more than happy.

The junior hurling championship in recent years has surpassed the senior grade and the current competition is no exception. Four very good teams are still in the race for the honours and, before the championship is decided, some exciting moments are anticipated.

MEETING

A Board meeting will be held in Kilmallock on Monday.

Ballylanders crashed into the football spot at Knocklong on Sunday when scoring a 1-6 to win over Knockainey in junior championship final.

Knockainey, considered by to be good enough to place in the decider, led break by a single goal. After struck in the early stages of the second game they conceded the same of goals. This gift score Ballylanders a firmer grip e proceedings and for the under of the half they had edge on the opposition. Michael Daly, at centre-chasers. Others to figure in the winners Pat Fox, Dick Coffey, y Kelly and M. J. Coffey, corer of the goal which ed the tide against Knockainey.

Quinlan gave an outstanding performance for the s and had solid backing Gerard Barron, Derry eera, John O'Grady, Ger lan and Tim Hartigan.

JUNIOR HURLING

fin and Castletown/Ballylanders played a draw in the hurling semi-final at Knocklong. The latter went into the game as underdogs, but were very near in causing an upset. Matt Rea, one of the Effin forwards, lined out at full-back, but moved to defence in the second half. This switch led to get his side back on a winning footing and the right night another day. The replay goes ahead at Knocklong on Sunday. The second semi-final between other replay) between Ballylanders and Knocklong, ending champions, Kilfinane, and Glenroe in the final. Knocklong.

1985

LIMERICK LEADER, SATURDAY, JULY 20, 1985



Castletown/Ballyagran team defeated by Bruree in the South under-12 B final.



24.9.85 Castletown-Ballyagran who won the South junior hurling title for the first time.

1986

LIMERICK LEADER, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 1986.



The Castletown-Ballyagran team who won the South Junior hurling championship final.

11-1-1986 C'tletown B'agran

A very well attended A.G.M. was held in the hall Ballyagran on Sunday, January 12th. A very successful year was reviewed, the highlight of which was the winning of the south division championship by the junior hurlers in 1985. The election of officers resulted as follows: chairman, Brendan Danagher; vice-chairman, Noel O'Brien; secretary, Michael Donegan; assistant secretary, Denis Feehan; treasurer, Pat McElligott; registrar, Seamus Quill; P.R.O., Wm. Cagney. Selectors, B. Danagher, A. O'Leary, and P. McElligott; novice hurling selectors, Noel O'Brien, Tom Moynihan and John Boyce. Delegates to South Board, Denis Feehan and M. Griffin; junior hurling captain, Ned O'Donnell; vice-captain, John Cagney. Captain, under 21, Michael Vaughan; vice-captain, John Bresnihan. Under 21 football captain, Brendan Cagney; vice-captain, Joe O'Riordan. Junior football selectors, P. O'Sullivan, J. Twomey and Liam Murphy.

Castletown- Ballyagran

The death has occurred recently of Mr. Donal Hogan (ex. N.T.), and Miss Mary Jo Biggane, Incha, Ballyagran (and Dromcollogher). Sympathy is extended to the families and friends of both deceased.

The annual G.A.A. social took place at the Devon Hotel on Friday night. Special guests include the 1958 South Limerick champions, Castletown, who received specially inscribed plaques to honour their achievement of 28 years ago. The South champions of 1985, Castletown/Ballyagran, received their championship medals and inscribed plaques. In recognition of the honour bestowed on the '58 champions, the players of that time presented the present G.A.A. club with an inscribed perpetual cup. This was one of the biggest functions in the club's history.

1-3-86

G.A.A.
Congratulations to Castletown-Ballyagran our next door neighbours on winning the South Limerick Junior hurling final at Kilmallock with a 2 goal win over Knockainey. The score was Castletown-Ballyagran 4-6 Knockainey 1-9.

27-9-86

C'town/Dec B'agran 1986

The A.G.M. of Castletown/Ballyagran G.A.A. club took place at the Community Centre, Castletown, on Friday, December 19. The officers elected for 1987 are — chairman, Brendan Danagher; vice-chairman, Noel O'Brien; secretary, Denis Feehan; asst. secretary, Mike Griffin; treasurer, Pat McElligott; registrar, Seamus Quille; P.R.O., Willie Cagney.

15-11-86 C'town- Ballyagran

The death occurred over the weekend of James Collins, Creagane, Colmanswell, a retired employee of Limerick County Council. Sympathy to his family and relatives.

The local junior hurlers won the County Junior Hurling Championship title by defeating Feenagh-Kilmeedy 3-3 to 1-6 before a capacity crowd at Kilmallock on Sunday last.

Castletown-Ballyagran team included: J. Cagney, captain; M. O'Gorman, M. O'Leary, S. Cullinane, M. Murphy, J. Murphy, L. Murphy, E. Farrell, J. Bresnihan, S. Fitzgerald, P. O'Leary, B. Cagney, J. Cullinane, R. Cody, D. J. Hourigan, sub. J. Twomey.



Limerick Commercials 1910-1911. Included are P. Madigan, D. Hogan, D. Breen, C. McGill, P. Barrett, J. O'Connell, J. Purcell, M. Stapleton, J. Larkin, D. Mangan, J. F. Falvey, A. Quillinan, M. O'Connor, P. Cronin, J. Moloney, M. McKnight and J. O'Leary.

A Year of Development

A WORLD Championship, an All-Ireland Novice title, six Munster titles and a Coca-Cola singles runner-up spot, all comprised to make 1982 a very successful year for Limerick Handball.

There is no doubt, that the highlight of the year was Eamonn O'Neill's victory in the U.S.H.A.I. championships. A handballer of undoubted ability, one can only wonder at what dizzy heights this player will reach in what promises to be a great career.

Sean Dunworth and Jack Kelly brought Limerick its only All-Ireland last year, when they won the Novice Doubles, and as County secretary John Hartnett said in his report, "this was a feat attributed to sheer dedication and training".

We had considerable success in the Munster Championships, where Richard O'Connell was a fine Junior champion, and who can forget his brilliant first round victory over Noel Ryan of Tipperary. David Bermingham deserves congratulations for bringing Bohermore their first Munster title, in under 21 doubles, when he was

partnered by Kevin Kiely of St. Munchins.

Supporters of Tom Quish had a great year, and his victory over Dick Lyng of Wexford in the Coca-Cola singles semi-final has been described as one of the finest games of handball ever played. A combination of being hot-favourite, and not liking the Croke Park glass alley, caused Tom's downfall in the final versus Ollie Harold of Kilkenny. In the National League both our teams did very well before being knocked out at the semi final stages of Division 1 and 2.

National Handball day on the 7th of November was a great success, and this was due mainly to the marvellous organisation by the different clubs. There is no doubt that the "Day" has worked wonders for the promotion of handball.

Development is a great sign of prosperity in a club and the

Handball clubs of Limerick can be proud of court development within the county. Cappagh have done a great deal of work, providing showers and cloakrooms to their newly-painted alley. In Hospital, Rathkeale, Bohermore and Caherline they hope to have their courts covered and playable for the 1984 centenary year. Castlemahon have built a magnificent 40 x 20 Court and this along with other 40 x 20 courts in C.I.E. and Abbeyfeale insures that Limerick handballers will be well catered for in both codes, in the future. However as County Board chairman Moss Hennessy warned in his address to the Convention "the social side of handball clubs will have to be improved as well, if Handball is to compete with other sports in the 1980's".

One aspect of Handball which requires attention is the presentation of our games. What we tend to forget is that our supporters are not being treated as well as one would expect, and I would like to take this opportunity in asking



BALLINGARRY U/13 COMMUNITY GAMES ALL IRELAND SILVER MEDALISTS
Patrick Costello, Tony Hartnett, Mike O'Donnell, Vinnie Dinneen, Thomas O'Keeffe.