

recorded that the first hurling match played in Limerick under organised G.A.A. rules took place beneath the shades of the historic castle of Ballygrennan, Bruff, the contestants being Fedamore and Bruff. Since those far-off days, many great athletes from the Bruff district have written their names across the pages of the G.A.A. history. To adequately deal with them would be impossible in a passing reference like this, but withal I will be pardoned for recalling such names as Micky Creed, of which more a little later on; Mick Finn, who was a member of the Kilfinane team that won Limerick's first All-Ireland Hurling Championship away back in 1887; Fr. John O'Donnell, P.P. of Culvert City (now Holywood, the Film Colony) who was a well-known inter-county hurler in his day; Johnny Guerin, who hails from Knockaney; well-known ballplayers such as Denny Conway, Jim Carroll and Tom Meaney, and the brother athletes, Tom, Jack and Maurice Fitzgerald. Hurlers that gap the passing years include Mick Quinlan and Mick Whelan, both well-known players of the Bruff senior side that gained inter-county prominence 30 years ago; Con Scanlan, renowned with Fedamore a little later; Chris Ryan, a member of the Limerick side that won the 1921 All-Ireland final, and of the Army selection that won the first all-Army hurling title; Ned Treacy, Egan and Jack Clancy, Jerh. O'Donnell, who won the 1927 Co. Championship with Fedamore and the following year's title with Young Ireland; Bill Hogan, a member of the 1928 Young Ireland team also, and Bill Moroney. Bruff always boasted great Gaelic enthusiasts and none will begrudge special mention of the late M. P. O'Shaughnessy, William Naughton, and Daniel McDonald. No space now to recall all the grand games that are remembered in Bruff, but some readers will recall the great contest against Castlemahon when Bruff brought home the cup, and again the game against the great Shanballymore team which Bruff won by two points, and the late M. P. O'Shaughnessy presented to each player a bottle of brandy. On that occasion five waggonettes and fifty sidecars and traps conveyed the wearers of the Green and Gold to the venue. Further we recall the thrilling match against Caherline, which had such a sad sequel. All of these games are discussed still at cross-roads and around the firesides of Bruff, and there a younger generation of Gaels hear tales of the long waggonette journeys to Tipperary, Kanturk, Charleville, Fedamore and Limerick in the days when petrol rationing caused little worry.

I have often written of Bruff handballers in these columns. It was my proud privilege to be associated with them during great Limerick handball days, and I cannot speak too highly of their splendid Gaelic spirit. Such is the traditional G.A.A. atmosphere that will permeate the finely laid out playing pitch on Sunday next. And in conclusion let us have a look at the men that are presently guiding G.A.A. destinies in this little town by the banks of the Morning Star. The Chairman is Daniel McDonald,

P.C., well-known follower of Gaelic pastimes and a familiar figure on the side-line at all Limerick engagements. "Danny" as he is popularly known, has taken an active interest in the re-organisation of the club, and no local enterprise could be brought to a successful conclusion without him at the helm. The Vice-Chairman, Con Scanlan, hails from Fedamore, but is now Creamery Manager at Bruff. Who has not heard of Con in the good old days? All-Ireland hurler who played for Limerick on several occasions, when his lengthy drives were a treat to watch. The Joint Treasurers are Arthur M. O'Shaughnessy and Ml. J. Creed. Arthur is truly the son of a great father, the late M. P. O'Shaughnessy, and carries on right nobly the family tradition. Arthur has played a prominent part in the re-organisation of the Club. Micky Creed hails from Elton. Distinguished himself at the high jump obstacle to become the "Rubber Ball" of the jumping world. 5ft. 7ins. in height, he cleared 6ft. 4ins. at Belfast. Will be writing up his career later for "The Kerryman," so need only say now that he competed in a great era and against such giants of the jumping arena as the Leahys and the Ahernes. Hurled with the "Stakers" in his young days. The difficult task of Secretary falls on the capable shoulders of Sergt. P. McKenna who hails from Co. Longford. Although charged with the administration of legal affairs in the area, he is devoting his spare time to the promotion of Gaelic pastimes. Played football in Kerry and also with several Limerick clubs, and is now a well-known Gaelic referee. Others who are taking an active interest in the affairs of the club are Thomas Lynch, N.T., Grange; Mick Quinlan, Chris Ryan, Jerry O'Donnell and Bill Hogan. Their pitch is ideally situated, facing Knockaney Hill, with the famous Galtees to the south-east, and north-east, a couple of miles away. Sweet Knockadoon, standing sentinel over the famed shores of Lough Gur.



The writer of the Mountcollins Notes in a recent issue of your most esteemed and widely read paper, mentions the name of the Rev. Bernard O'Mahony, who was a C.C. in that parish in 1888. The mention of the name of that pure-souled priest calls up hallowed memories of close on half a century ago when he was C.C. in Effin parish, and it may interest some to read the following few lines.

Your contributor is in error when he states that Father O'Mahony was born near Mitchelstown. He was not. He was bred, born and reared in Bruff town: his mother's name being Emmet, of an old stock that gave its name to Emmet's Bridge, which spans the G.S.R. a mile south of Kilmallock. The priest himself claimed descent from the family to which the patriot martyr—Robert Emmet—belonged, and invariably signed himself Bernard Emmet O'Mahony. The truth of the saying that—"Like begets like," was verified in Father O'Mahony's case, for he upheld the noblest traditions of the Irish clergy—as a priest, a patriot, and as a man.

Soon after his ordination he went on the mission to Ulster, and while there he underwent a month's imprisonment for justly, but forcibly, rebuking an Orangeman who, while in the priest's presence, audibly wished to send his Holiness the Pope to a hot region.

Father O'Mahony came to Effin just at the revival of the G.A.A., and at once became president of the local hurling club. How he assisted at the training of the team—that won many hard fought matches—how he led the members on every occasion that they went abroad to play—let other pens describe.

His Sunday sermons were on a par with those of the famous Dominican—Father Tom Burke—and on much similar lines; for he scarcely ever preached without incidentally intertwining into his discourse the cause of Fatherland with that of Faith.

#### A MEMORABLE DAY.

There is one day associated with Father O'Mahony's curacy in Effin that deserves mention, that, in 1887, at Rathluirc, on the occasion of the visit of the late Most Rev. Dr. Croke, Archbishop of Cashel, when he came to assist at the celebration of the golden jubilee of the Mercy Convent there. Dr. Croke's sister was Rev. Mother at the time, and was the last of that noble family that shed lustre upon religion, renown upon Charleville, and glory upon Ireland. It may be of interest to mention that Dr. Croke lived as a boy in that town, with his uncle, the revered parish priest—the Rev. Thomas Croke, who lived in the house now occupied by Father Barry, C.C.—between the old church and Limerick road.

A huge concourse of priests and people assembled at Charleville railway station on that Sunday afternoon, to welcome the patriot prelate, and what a shout of welcome went up when he emerged from the train. A procession was immediately formed, and wended its way to the convent grounds, where

Benediction was given. In front was a huge banner bearing a Latin inscription, which when translated read:—

"Welcome Croke of venerable name."

On that memorable day Father O'Mahony led the Effin hurlers to meet the Archbishop, and so did another patriot priest, Father Eugene Sheehy, P.P., of Rockhill and Bruree. Dr. Croke expressed a desire to see a hurling match, and Effin and Bruree were selected to play. His Grace occupied a chair on the sideline. Bruree scored after a short time, and their pastor joyfully threw his silk hat into the air. Soon after Effin equalised, and eventually proved the victors. Then Father O'Mahony's time had come. He, too, threw his "silker" up, and some wag who was present said it did not return to earth for fully five minutes—it went so high. Effin team was captained that day by "Big Tom Buckley," and when the Archbishop saw Tom's towering form he remarked:—"Is he not a magnificent specimen of Irish manhood"! Poor Tom died soon after, and Father O'Mahony travelled over thirty miles to assist at his burial.

#### NOBLE AND GENEROUS QUALITIES.

How the "boys" loved their president, and deservedly so, for rarely were the noble and generous qualities he possessed to be found embodied in one man. His charity knew no bounds. Perhaps one incident may serve to show how he followed out the teaching of the Man of Sorrows—"I was naked, and you clothed me." He met a poor knight of the road one day, who was so badly shod that it was evident he had no stockings on. Father O'Mahony invited the knight to sit on the roadside with him, and there and then he divested himself of his socks, which he gave to the poor man, and went stockingless, remarking—"You have to travel farther than I have."

He was soon after transferred to Killeedy parish, and immediately organised a hurling tournament there, putting up as prize a flag with golden harp emblazoned thereon—he dearly loved the green. The final lay between Meelin (Co. Cork) and Effin. In those days the rules of the G.A.A. were modelled somewhat on theological lines. As no number of venial sins make a mortal one, so no number of points equalled a goal. Meelin scored one goal, while Effin scored about a dozen points—the flag thus going to the former.

It appears that he went to Tournafulla from Killeedy, but his ardent Celtic spirit was of a rather restless nature, and he went on the mission to the Arch-diocese of Chicago, where he died rather tragically—falling a victim to heart trouble while celebrating Mass. He had many friends in that city who tenderly laid him to rest.

He was a typical Irish priest in many ways, for he united within himself all that was unselfish, noble, patriotic, charitable and priestly. May he rest in peace.



17-2-1945

### BRUFF CLUB REVIEWS YEAR 1944.

Rev. Bro. Raymond presided at the annual general meeting of the Bruff G.A.A. Club held in the Hall, Bruff, during the week. Mr. P. Mulcahy in his review of the year's work stated that Bruff hurling team had been unlucky in meeting in the first round of the South Limerick League and Championship, Kilfinane, who subsequently became South champions, but on the whole it was a fairly successful year. The biggest disappointment was the Bruff minor team's defeat in the South Championship, after having won the South final for four years in succession.

The balance sheet showed income at £50 9s. 4d. and expenditure at £36 16s. 1d., leaving a balance on hands of £13 13s. 3d. The balance sheet was adopted.

The Secretary welcomed the Grange members back to the Club again and hoped with their inclusion this year the team would attain honours in the South and possibly the County Championships this year. Continuing, Mr. Mulcahy said that he did not wish to seek reelection this year, and he took that opportunity of thanking the officers and members of the Club for their unstinted co-operation and assistance during the year.

The Rev. Chairman pressed Mr. Mulcahy to re-consider his decision, but without avail.

stubs, etc., at reasonable prices.

### OFFICERS ELECTED.

Presidents, Mr. Thomas Bulfin, Senr., and Rev. J. Carroll, C.C.; Bruff; Chairman, Rev. Bro. Raymond; Assistant do., Mr. E. Clancy; Captain hurling team, Mr. P. Donovan; Vice-Capt., Mr. T. Bulfin; Captain football team, Mr. Owen Flaherty; Vice-Captain, Mr. T. Stapleton; Captain of minor team, Mr. P. Moloney.

The Club decided to hold a concert on the 25th March in aid of the Club.

### TRIBUTE TO OFFICIAL.

A tribute was paid to the work of Mr. Mulcahy, the retiring Secretary, on behalf of the Club. During his long term of fifteen years as Secretary of the Club his efforts were untiring in the interests of the Club and all members joined in the vote of thanks passed to him, stressed his efficiency as a Secretary and generally paid tribute to his energetic work on behalf of the club since he was first appointed an official.

### NO COURT.

At Kilmallock Summary Court on Thursday, District Justice Conner announced that there would be no Courts in Kilmallock, Kilfinane, Bruff or Hospital during the month of March owing to the fact that he would be on holidays then.

BRUFF 19-1-46

There was a very large attendance at the annual meeting of the Bruff Club, at which Rev. Bro. Raymond, Chairman, presided, who, in his address to the meeting, outlined the year's work and said that it was one of the most successful ever both financially and on the playing fields. He congratulated the Junior Hurling team on having won the championship of South Limerick for the first time in years.

The balance sheet, presented by Mr. P. Moloney, Treasurer, showed that the Club had a credit balance of over £25 on hands.

### ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Presidents, Very Rev. Canon O'Riordan, P.P., and Mr. Thomas Bulfin; Vice-President, Rev. J. Carroll, C.C.; Chairman, Rev. Bro. Raymond; Vice-Chairman, Mr. T. O'Donnell; Secretary, Mr. T. Hehir; Treasurer, Mr. P. Moloney; Secretary Minor Club, P. Bulfin; Secretary Football Club, Mr. O. Flaherty; Captain Junior Hurling Team, Egan Clancy; Vice-Captain do., J. Farrell; Captain Junior Football Team, Owen O'Flaherty; Captain Minor Hurling Team, P. Connors; Vice-Captain do., J. Moroney; Selection Committee, Captain and Vice-Captain of teams, Rev. Bro. Raymond, William Hogan, T. O'Donnell and P. Moloney; Delegates to South Convention: R. O'Donnell, P. Bulfin, P. Moloney, J. Farrell, T. Bulfin, T. Hehir, P. Moloney, J. Bulfin and M. O'Donnell; Delegates to County Convention: J. Farrell, T. Hehir, R. O'Donnell and E. Clancy.

## Bruff and Bulgaden Score Wins At Kilmallock

3-8-45

**A**FTER seven years of trying, Bruff are again in the South Limerick Junior Hurling Final. They qualified on Sunday, when before a large attendance at Kilmallock, they had a rather convincing win over Bruree on the score of 3-7 to 2-3 in the semi-final.

Generally, the game did not reach a very high standard, save in the closing quarter when, after Bruff had been down a goal at the interval, they came along in determined fashion to wipe out the arrears and take the lead amid much excitement. The game was, however, well contested, and good close hurling was the order. Although the standard was below the usual for South Limerick hurling semi-finals, the condition of the pitch, which was not excellently prepared, militated against high-class hurling.

Notwithstanding this, however, Bruff will have to improve considerably if they are to have their name engraved on the Gleeson Cup, the trophy for the South Limerick Hurling Championship this year. They played good hurling throughout, and looked like winners from the start. A sound Bruree defence saved their side from heavier defeat, and in this respect O'Malley in goal was outstanding. His fine saving was a feature of the second half when the Bruff forwards clamoured around the goalmouth and had the measure of their opponents throughout this moiety. Neither side seemed to strike their usual form. Bruree, having easily disposed of Kilmallock in the first round, had a long rest until their engagement on Sunday, and it did not serve them. Bruff, on the other hand, beaten in the first round, fought a great battle all through the losing group to become its winners when they comfortably defeated Hospital at Elton a fortnight ago. They will now meet the winners of Kilfinane and Knocklong in the final, and if they improve on Sunday's showing, they should attain the goal of becoming Southern champions after a long lapse.

Outstanding for Bruff in Sunday's encounter were the Bulfin brothers, Burke, Clancy, O'Brien, Moroney and Donovan, while O'Malley, Simcox, Callaghan, Sullivan, Ryan and O'Connor were best for Bruree.

The Minor Hurling Final replay between Herbertstown and Bulgaden produced some fine hurling that reached a high standard, and although Bulgaden had a rather easy win (6-2 to 1-0), yet the game was a thrilling encounter, and there was a doubt until well into the second half when Bulgaden showed marked improvement.

Sunday's encounter did not reach the pitch of excitement of the first meeting of the teams at Elton last Sunday week, when the game was closely contested and keenly fought between two evenly matched teams. On Sunday, Bulgaden, playing with the breeze, turned over with a nice lead, and although Herbertstown fought gamely, they could not catch up on the winners.

Outstanding for Bulgaden were Lyons, Keogh, Riordan, McNamee and Fitzgibbon, while Herbertstown were best served by Guest, Woods, McNamara and Condon.

### THE JUNIOR GAME.

For ten minutes of this game there was no score, the ball travelling from end to end of the field. The defences held out well. Sexton and O'Malley cleared a series of Bruff attacks, before Clancy placed T. Bulfin for Bruff's first goal. Bruree pounced on the delivery and Simcox with a seventy yards' drive, found the Bruff net to level the scoring. Almost immediately Bruree took the lead when Ryan pointed, and were two points ahead when Sexton's drive went to Simcox who scored. Back into the attack came Bruff, and Bulfin reduced the lead with a point. There was some nice play and hard exchanges before Bruff made the scoring once again level with another point per Bulfin. Both sides fought strenuously for the lead following this, and then Bruree were successful when Ryan's delivery reached Riordan near the Bruff goalmouth, and he made no mistake with the shot that gave Bruree a half-time lead of 2-2 to 1-2.

Shortly after the resumption, Riordan (Bruree) retired injured and was replaced by Murphy. Some five minutes of this half had passed before Bruff got going, and Bruke was the marksman when Clancy's effort brought him within scoring distance to reduce the lead with a point. This added stimulus to the Bruff attack, and the Bulfin brothers combined for J. Bulfin to leave the narrowest of margins between the teams. Keeping up the pressure, Bruff came in again to the attack and Moroney and Bulfin combined in a great movement that ended in the net to give Bruff the lead amid much excitement. T. Clancy (Bruff) retired injured at this stage, and was replaced by E. Ryan who immediately got possession and drove a great shot to the net. A goal and two points ahead, Bruff took control, and Bulfin sent over the bar. Following a melee around the Bruree goalmouth, tempers became frayed, and the pitch was invaded. It was, however, quickly cleared, and the game thereafter developed to be hard and fast. O'Malley brought off some great saves in the Bruree goal, before Bruree rallied and Murphy reduced the lead with a point. Bruff, however, showed no signs of tiring, and towards the end had a brace of points per T. Bulfin and Moroney, to close the scoring, and leave them deserving winners.

### Moran (sister). 21-12-46 WELL-KNOWN HURLER'S DEATH

Mr. Patrick Stapleton, of Main St., Bruff, who has died, was a member of a family associated with the life of Bruff for a considerable length of time. He was a well-known hurler, having assisted Bruff on many occasions in the playing fields and being responsible in a large measure for many of the successes of the old Bruff hurling team. He was very popular with all classes and his demise is much regretted. He was father of Mr. T. Stapleton of the Post Office outdoor staff, Bruff.

His interment in Bruff cemetery, following Requiem Mass n SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Bruff, was largely attended and testified to the esteem in which the deceased was held.

Chief mourners were. Mrs. P. Stapleton (widow); Messrs Teddy, Patrick, Denis, Anthony, Peter and Patrick (sons); Mrs Keating (daughter); Mrs P. Moloney (sister); Mrs. D. Stapleton (daughter-in-law); Mr C. Moloney (nephew).

Officiating clergy were: Very Rev. D. Canon O'Riordan, P.P., V.F., Bruff; Rev. T. O'Sullivan, CC, do., and Rev. J. Carroll, C.C., do.

Bruff G.A.A. Club voted sympathy to his relatives.



## Bruff G.A.A. Club Had Successful Year <sup>12-47</sup>

**R**EPORTING on the year's work at the annual general meeting of the Bruff G.A.A. Club, Secretary F. Hehir stated that while the Club had had a fairly good year on the playing fields, the season had also, despite heavy expenses, been successful from the financial point of view.

The balance sheet showed that the Club had a credit balance of £25 on hands after the year's working.

**ELECTION OF OFFICERS**  
When the meeting was proceeding to elect officers for the coming season, Mr. T. Hehir, Secretary, said that owing to the fact that he would have no time for the work, reluctantly resigned the position as Secretary.

President, Mr. T. Bulfin (outgoing); Vice-President, Mr. William Hogan; Chairman, Rev. Bro. Raymond (outgoing); Vice-Chairman, Mr. E. Clancy; Secretary, Mr. P. Bulfin; Treasurer, Mr. P. Moloney.

Captain of J. H. Team, Mr. D. Ryan; Vice-Captain, do., Mr. J. Farrell, Junr.; Captain of J. F. Team, Mr. J. Farrell; Vice-Captain, do., O. Flaherty; Captain of M. H. Team, J. Moroney; Secretary of Minor Hurling Club, P. Moloney.

It was decided to affiliate three teams, namely, Junior Hurling, Junior Football and Minor Hurling, for the South Limerick Championships.

### BRUFF

## Heart operation

<sup>Jan 1968</sup>  
At Shannon on Saturday evening his family and relatives and a large contingent of Bruff people saw Denis Barrett off for America for his heart operation. He was met in New York by Rev. Fr. Casey, Carl Shanahan, and other members of the Bruff Morning Star Society. He goes into hospital on Wednesday and the operation takes place on the 16th at Pittsburgh. The Aorta, main heart artery, has to be replaced by a plastic one. At the Bruff G.A.A. club's annual dinner at the Royal George on Friday night, Denis tendered his resignation as secretary of the club. He hoped to thank all those who helped finance his operation by coming back alive.

His wife, Mrs. Celine Barrett, flies out to join him this week.

Funds for the project are still coming in and P.A.A. airline has donated 250 dollars. The man primarily responsible for getting this project off the ground is Dr. J. Joyce, who, through a medical friend in the U.S., pushed the matter to its conclusion. All that remained was to finance it, and now that the Lions Club of Limerick have stepped in financial worries are a minimum. The untiring efforts of Rev. Fr. Neville and secretary Michael Russell and the behind the scenes work will never really be known.

## Junior Hurlers Poor, Minors Better, at Kilmallock <sup>1/6/47</sup>

**B**RUFF scored a rather easy win over Ardpatrick in the first round of the South Limerick Junior Hurling Championship at Kilmallock on Sunday on the score 9-6 to 2-3 for Ardpatrick, Bruff having led at the interval by 6-4 to 1 goal for Ardpatrick.

In a minor hurling game, Kilfinane scored a narrow win over Kilmallock on the score 4-1 to 2-2 for Kilmallock, the teams being level at the interval (2-1 each).

Bruff were easily the better team in the junior game. From the start their experience told against the inexperienced Ardpatrick side, who had the better of exchanges at mid-field, but whose forwards, through erratic shooting and bad finishing, did not make the most of their opportunities.

### ALL BRUFF

Ardpatrick were first away and Healy crashed to the net. Carrying play to the other end, Bruff reduced the lead with a point per Hehir and almost immediately they were in the lead when J. Bulfin goalied. Bulfin was again the marksman who notched a neat point for Bruff and when Farrell connected Hehir's drive to goal Bruff were five points ahead. From then to the interval it was all Bruff. D. Ryan and Bulfin had points followed by a goal which was scored by Farrell from a centre by Stapleton. D. Ryan, J. Farrell, J. Bulfin each had goals for Bruff to bring their interval tally to 6-4 against 1 goal for Ardpatrick.

Bruff opened on the resumption with a point per Bulfin. Ardpatrick rallied at this stage and a determined rush on the Bruff defence brought a goal and further raids ended in a 70 from which P. McGrath sent over the bar. Further raids on the Bruff defence were successfully beaten off, but Healy came back for a point for Ardpatrick, who then seemed to tire and in the closing stages, Bruff goalied twice per Hehir and Farrell and added a point to close the scoring.

Best for Bruff were: Hehir, Ryan, Bulfin brothers, Donovan and Gammell, while the McGrath Brothers, O'Rourke and Healy tried hardest for Ardpatrick.

The teams were: Bruff—D. Ryan, T. Bulfin, J. Bulfin, Jos. Bulfin, P. Moloney, M. O'Brien, J. O'Connor, E. Ryan, C. Gammell, P. Donovan, E. Clancy, A. Clancy, J. Farrell, T. Hehir, A. Stapleton.

Ardpatrick—T. O'Connell, M. Noonan, C. Ciabha, P. McGrath, M. Naodha, S. McGrath, D. Healy, E. McGrath, L. Rourke, E. McCarthy, D. Barrett, M. Barry, M. Ryan, E. McCarthy, S. O'Dwyer.

Mr. W. Hannan, Kilmallock, was referee.

### BRUFF QUALIFY FOR J.H. FINAL.

Despite the fact that there were many stoppages in the Junior hurling semi-final, due to minor infringements, the game was one of the best seen in the South Division for many years. It started at a fast pace and finished at an even faster pace, as in the closing stages Kilmallock staged an all-out effort to score that single point which would at least give them an opportunity of fighting out the issue once more. But, despite all their efforts, they failed to score that point and, for Bruff at any rate, the sound of the final whistle must have been a very sweet and welcome one.

The forwards on both sides threw away chances, but this can particularly be said of Kilmallock, who in the first ten minutes of the game threw away many golden score-getting opportunities. They had to their credit, or discredit, whichever the case may be, more wides during the first ten minutes than were recorded throughout the rest of the game. This appeared to be due to over-eagerness on the part of the forwards, who were rather slow to settle down.

D. Ryan, at centrefield, was one of the outstanding men on the Bruff side, and Bulfin was a very fast and accurate wing forward. Kiely was a veritable stonewall at full-back and on more than one occasion saved a Kilmallock break-through. Others who played a big part in Bruff's victory were Farrell, Donovan and J. Bulfin.

Houlihan was a hard worker for Kilmallock and was always reliable. He received good support from Walsh, Sullivan, Earls and O'Brien.

The final scores were—

Hospital, 5-2; O'Garra, 0-3.  
Bruff, 3-5; Kilmallock, 3-4.

## Bruff G.A.A. Club's A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the Bruff G.A.A. Club was held at the clubhouse on Friday, the 19th inst., Rev. Father Houlihan presiding over a very representative gathering. After the Secretary's and Treasurer's reports for the year had been read and adopted, the business of electing officers and committee resulted as follows:—

Chairman, Rev. Father Houlihan; Vice-Chairmen, Rev. Bro. Urban and Michael Hogaa; Secretary, Sean Finucane; Treasurer, Patrick Moloney.

Committee—Rev. Bro. Michael, Thomas Lynch, N.T.; Thomas Hehir, Darby Finn, Jerry O'Donnell, Mick O'Donnell, James (Squire) Farrell, John J. Riordan, Nicholas Hogan, Frank Green.

Minor Team Selection Committee: Rev. Bro. Urban, Rev. Bro. Michael, T. Hehir, J. J. Riordan, D. Cullinane, F. Green.

Junior Hurling Selection Committee: F. Green, M. O'Donnell, J. Corbett, T. Bulfin, E. Clancy, J. O'Donnell, J. Farrell, T. Hehir.

Minor Hurling Club—Chairman, Rev. Bro. Michael; Joint Hon. Secs., Rev. Bro. Urban and T. Hehir.

It was decided to affiliate junior, minor and juvenile teams.

The year past was the most successful in the history of the Bruff G.A.A. Club from a progressive point of view, and although many trophies were not ultimately secured, nevertheless a splendid effort had been made.



The second game produced much better hurling than the drawn one of a fortnight ago and at stages a very high standard of hurling was reached.

10-9-49  
The first period of the game resulted in keen hurling with the defences holding sway and the interval had almost been reached when J. Bulfin from a free had a point for Bruff — the only score of the first half. The half time score was: Bruff 1 pt.; Killeely, nil.

Bruff looked as if they would have a runaway victory in the second moiety. J. Bulfin had two points and then D. Ryan (Bruff) drove to the net. Killeely rallied in characteristic fashion and Ryan sent over the bar. Immediately Holton (Killeely) found the net, but Bruff took up the running again and J. Bulfin had two points from frees.

#### THE LAST SCORE.

Killeely were only a point behind when Holton sent to the net. Again Bruff drew away with a goal per Connors, but excitement ran high as Killeely had a goal per Kennedy with time running out. Bruff went away at the other end for a point per D. Ryan, which was the last score of an exciting game and gave Bruff a deserved two points win.

Best for Bruff were: H. Hehir, Bulfin, Kiely, Higgins and Moloney, while Barry, Kennedy, Ryan, O'Keefe and O'Dea tried hard for Killeely.

Mr. W. Hannan, Kilmallock, refereed both games.

#### THE TEAMS.

Bruff.—P. Moloney, J. O'Connor, J.

Feely, T. Bulfin, J. Higgins, T. Hehir, J. Farrell, J. Casey, John Bulfin, D. Ryan, C. O'Connor, J. Farrell, Ml. Meaney, J. Kiely, C. Gammell.

Killeely.—D. Barry, Ml. Ryan, E. O'Dea, T. Hogan, P. Conway, J. Ryan, J. McMahon, J. O'Keefe, J. Ryan, D. O'Dea, Ml. English, P. Holton, T. Fitzgibbon, T. Dunne, T. O'Dea. Sub.: J. Kennedy.

#### BRUFF MAN'S SUCCESS

Mr. M. J. Farrell, a native of Bruff, and one time member of the old Bruff Hurling Club, went to New Zealand 30 years ago with no experience in the making of cheese. Now he is a most successful manufacturer of that commodity, and in a recent issue of "The Southland Times," New Zealand pays tribute to his work.

In his first season at the Tisbury Dairy Factory, the Manager, Mr. M. J. Farrell, has scored the highest average grading marks in New Zealand for cheese. Before going to Tisbury, Mr. Farrell was manager of the Barry's Bay Factory, Banks Peninsula, and last year he won the Harbour Board's cup for the highest average grade at Lyttelton. He also won the Otago Harbour Board's trophy at the Dunedin Winter Show for the highest average grade from November 1 to April 30.

Mr. Farrell went to New Zealand 30 years ago and two years later was employed at the Balfour Dairy Factory, Southland. Later he went to the North Island, where he remained for three years before accepting an assistant's position at Wright's Bush.

From there he went to Wyndham, and then was appointed manager at Tokanui. Four years later he became manager at Titiroa, where he spent six years, and during that time won no fewer than 48 prizes for cheese exhibits. The next move was to Barry's Bay, where he stayed for two years, and last year he took over at Tisbury.

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REV. FR. J. CULHANE, C.C., Adare, who has been transferred to Kilmallock, was in Adare for upwards of ten years and during that time made a host of friends all over West Limerick. He was particularly beloved by the people of Adare and especially the poor who benefited by his unbounded charity. Prominent in all activities that were for the betterment of the village and parish, he organised carnivals for the parochial funds.

He was an outstanding Gael. For ten years he was chairman of the Shoustrade (Adare) hurling club and after his arrival in Adare he cleared off the debt of the old Adare Hurling Club. Many Gymkhanas organised by him on behalf of the Adare Hurling Club were an outstanding success. His Gaelic activities extended to the interests of the Gaelic League and he was Chairman of the local branch of this association. The West Limerick Board G.A.A. of which he was chairman for five years, will miss his guidance and the wisdom of his decisions.

Adare Gaelic sportsfield stands a credit to his organisation and his efficiency. It is one of the finest pitches in Limerick, perfectly enclosed and will remain an outstanding tribute to his thoroughness in carrying through every project which he began. He never spared personal energy or finances in his efforts to forward the cause of the Shoustrade Hurling Club and the Adare hurling field.

#### PRESENTATION.

16-11-46  
There was a very large attendance at Adare Village Hall on Wednesday night last, when Rev. Fr. Culhane was made a presentation of a clock and silver tray by the past and present members of the Shoustrade Hurling team. Mr. Patk. Twomey, making the presentation on behalf of the Club, said that this was only a small token of the high esteem in which they held their popular Chairman. They were indeed very sorry to lose him, and felt that his loss to the club was irreplaceable.

Rev. Fr. Culhane replying, said he hoped that Adare would keep up the good work as it had done in the past, and that it would continue to bring honour to the village and uphold the traditions of the Association. He concluded by thanking each and every member for his kindness and generosity to him during his time there.



# Bruff Win South Limerick J.H. Title

J.H.—Bruff, 3-8; Glenroe, 1-0.  
BRUFF carried off the South Limerick Hurling title at Kilmallock on Sunday before a record attendance, when they defeated Glenroe by 3-8 to 1-0.

The standard of hurling could not be said to be up to that of previous south finals. It was more a robust, hard-hitting game and with players playing hard hurling there was little room for frills. At times there were bursts of stylish play but these were short lived and the game generally was played at a rather slow pace. The ground, however, following early morning drizzle, did not favour stylish hurling and players were inclined to skid easily.

It was difficult for the stewards to control the large gathering, but they did their best having regard to the fact that there was no wire paling to help them. With attendances at matches ever-growing, the need for enclosed pitches is very evident and if a crowd is to be properly controlled, all pitches will have to be enclosed.

The teams were played in to the field by the Bruff Pipers Band, which rendered music at the interval.

At the conclusion of the game, Mr. J. A. Guerin, Chairman of the South Limerick Board G.A.A., presented the Glenroep Cup, the trophy for the championship, to D. Ryan, captain of the Bruff team. This is, incidentally, the second time that Bruff has engraved its name as winners of the South title on the cup and they are the only team in the South to have that distinction.

## THE PLAY

Hard clashing was a feature of the opening of the game. Bruff got the better of the exchanges and Ryan drove in and Bulfin connected. S. Sweeney in the Glenroe goal brought down the shot, but was apparently behind the line and a point was awarded to Bruff to open the scoring. Hehir featured in the Bruff attack and he nipped across to Joe Bulfin who recorded Bruff's second point. Glenroe at the other end forced a brace of 70's, but the Bruff defence held and when Walsh drove up the field, Bruff were again in the attack when they were fouled. John Bulfin made no mistake with the shot and Bruff were three points ahead. S. Sweeney (Glenroe goal) brought off a fine save from an effort by Hehir, but Bruff returned and O'Brien's shot was finished to the net in a melee around the goalmouth. S. Sweeney, the Glenroe goalkeeper, was injured in this rush, and had to retire. He was replaced by G. Howard. Scenes which were quelled were inclined to follow this injury of the goalkeeper. There was some hard hurling following this and almost on the stroke of the half-hour, Bruff added a point per Ryan, to leave them leading at the interval by 1-4 to nil for Glenroe.

## SECOND HALF

Glenroe went into the attack on the resumption, but Kiely and Walsh were dominating in the Bruff defence and they cleared many promising movements while the Glenroe forward line failed to make the best of their opportunities. In fact the defensive play of both sides was a feature of the game at this stage and the Glenroe defence held well against a fast moving Bruff forward division. Bruff were first to get away to score and J. Bulfin shot a nice point. Glenroe went away from the delivery and Lee drove a long ball well in where Sullivan connected to drive to the net. With only five points between the teams, and with Glenroe showing much better at this stage than in the first half, there was much excitement, but Bruff were not to be stopped and J. Farrell from thirty yards drove over the bar to give them a lead. Glenroe were all the time hurling hard, but Bruff seemed to be getting the upperhand and wearing down the resistance of their opponents and Joe Bulfin added another point. Then ten minutes from the end came the turning point, when Bruff had a rather soft goal in which Bulfin and Farrell shared. From then on Bruff were all over their opponents and could do nothing wrong. They ran in and out of the defence of the Glenroe lads and J. Bulfin drove to the net and M. O'Brien pointed to close the scoring.

Mr. T. Flavin, Fedamore, refereed.

The teams were:

BRUFF—P. Moloney, J. O'Connor, J. Kiely, M. Walsh, C. Gammell, P. O'Donovan, T. Bulfin, J. Farrell, M. O'Brien, T. Hehir, D. O'Brien, John Bulfin, Joe Bulfin, J. Farrell and E. Ryan.

GLENROE—Jatrick Lee, P. Sweeney, J. Rea, R. Fox, Patrick Sweeney, D. Sweeney, J. Sweeney, J. Malone, J. Hyland, E. O'Brien, D. O'Brien, J. J. O'Sullivan, M. O'Connor, J. Lee and L. Drake.

Best for Bruff were: Kiely, Walsh, Hehir, Bulfin Brothers, Ryan and O'Brien, while Lee Brothers, Sweeney Brothers, Rea, Sullivan and Drake for Glenroe.

Bruff have now qualified to meet the Limerick City Champions, Cloughaun, in the County Junior Hurling semi-final to be fixed.

## A KEEN CONTEST

### —00—4/10/47 HONOURS FOR BRUFF

Bruff, 3-7; Glenroe, 1-0.

Before a big attendance and on a perfect pitch, the Bruff Stars took the South Board Junior Hurling Championship by a wide margin from the Glenroe fifteen on Sunday at the Sportsfield, Kilmallock (writes our Kilmallock correspondent). The contest, although opening with a great dash, was, on the whole, quite disappointing to the followers of both teams, as well as to the hurling "fans" who lined the pitch, and at the long whistle the all-round opinion expressed was that the display was not an approach to the form shown in previous finals of the kind.

In the opening minutes both ends were tested and the Glenroe last line of defence stood up to a fierce attack at close quarters. The Stars, however, were the more aggressive side and played every stroke with confidence. That play remained so long at centre-field would seem to indicate a close contest in the offing, but as time passed and several wides were passed out at both sides, it became evident that despite the loose play that characterised the work of the Bruff forward line now and then, they would win out. Two "70s" forced by the Stars went in the wrong direction, but a third, which came towards the square, was converted into a minor after a short tussle. Despite a great fight put up by the Glenroe goalie scores came again and again, leaving the figures at the short whistle: Bruff, 1-4; Glenroe, nil.

## SECOND HALF.

The second term in its opening gave us the first impression that Glenroe might overtake their opponents' score, but the hope was shattered, although by a miscalculation on the part of the Bruff custodian as to the speed and direction of a dribbling ball, a major was secured with little effort for Glenroe. There were some hard exchanges and tempers became frayed, but the tendency to quarrels between players passed and although determined clashes were a feature which was outstanding, there were practically no infringements and in the closing stages play became obviously dull.

The teams were:—

BRUFF—E. Ryan, W. Moloney, J. O'Connor, J. Kiely, M. Walsh, C. Gamil, P. Donovan, T. Donovan, T. Bulfin, J. Farrell, M. O'Brien, T. Hehir, D. Ryan, J. Bulfin, P. Farrell.

GLENROE—C. Rea, P. Sweeney, L. Drake, J. Lee, J. O'Sullivan, D. J. O'Brien, M. O'Brien, J. Sweeney, P. Sweeney, M. Sweeney, M. O'Connor, J. Mahon, E. Hyland, R. Fox, A. Mee.

Mr. T. Flavin, Graig, refereed. That excellent combination of musicians, the Glenroe Pipers' Band, played the contesting teams on to the pitch, and before the throw-in rendered "Faith of Our Fathers" in their usual faultless style. They looked a typical Irish well-set and much-admired band in their Celtic costumes and were highly applauded for their rendering of national music.

ner and more clever team in Kilfinane, who, once they got a hold on the game, had little difficulty in keeping their advantage.

Kilfinane thus qualified to meet De La Salle (Hospital) in the M.H. Final. Mr. J. Hastings, Knocklong, refereed.

## DEATH OF AN OLD HURLER.

Mr. Cornelius O'Callaghan, of Rockhill Cross, Bruree, who died last week, at the age of 77, was the last member of the Bruree senior hurling team that won the County Limerick Championship a few years in succession. That was in the days when there were twenty-one men a side. A member of a family with long connections with the Gaelic Athletic Association, he was a well known and esteemed figure amongst the farming community.

His remains were removed to Bruree Church, where Mass was celebrated by Rev. D. Kelly, P.P., and subsequently the funeral took place to Tankardstown Cemetery.

Chief mourners were: Messrs. Bartholomew and Edmond O'Callaghan (brothers); Mrs. B. O'Callaghan (sister-in-law); the Kelly family, Tuohy family and Feore family (cousins).

At a meeting of the Committee of the



27-7-50

## JUNIOR GAMES

### Kilmallock Contests

#### VICTORY FOR BRUFF AND ELTON

J.H.—Bruff, 2-5; Effin, 2-3.  
J.F.—Elton, 0-4; Kilmallock, 0-2.

**A** GOOD attendance at the Sportsfield, Kilmallock, on Sunday, were served up with good fare in the re-play of the Junior Hurling Championship game between Bruff and Effin, the former just getting there by a two point margin, the score being, Bruff, 2-5; Effin, 2-3.

At the same venue, Elton scored a deserved win over Kilmallock in the Junior Football Championship, on the score of 4 points to 2 points for Kilmallock.

A feature of both games was that both teams were level at the interval. In the hurling game, which provided good hurling, featuring hard ground pulling for the most part matters were evenly distributed in the first-half and the scores at the interval were level, 1-2 each.

On resuming, there was plenty of ding-dong hurling, both sides attacking strongly and conceding 70's. Finally, Effin succeeded in driving to the net. Bruff narrowed the lead with a point and as time was running out crashed to the net to take the lead. Each side had a point before the game ended on a high note.

Matters were evenly distributed also in the first half in the football game and the score at the interval was 1 point each. Kilmallock, on the resumption, had the favour of the breeze and were expected to make headway, but a sound defence foiled their efforts, until Galvin drove over the bar. This was a signal for further effort by Kilmallock, but too much dallying with the ball, instead of sticking to their first half tactics of booting the ball, lost many chances and when Elton took command in the closing quarter to level the scoring and go ahead by two further points, they deserved their victory for availing to the full of their opportunities.

#### HURLING GAME.

Bruff had an early point in the hurling game, Ryan being the marksman. There was much excitement when McCarthy shot to the net for Effin, but Bruff swept down the field in traditional style and from a melee in the goal-mouth in which Ryan, Hehir and O'Brien were prominent, the ball went to the net. Bruff were a point ahead when J. Bulfin sent over the bar, but just before the interval Ryan, from a 70, drove all the way over the bar for Effin to leave the interval scores, 1-2 each.

For ten minutes after the resumption there was hectic hurling in which the ball travelled up and down the field, both sides conceding 70's. Then matters took a favourable turn for Effin, as Jones placed well for Ryan and O'Brien and McCarthy to combine in driving to the net, out of reach of Moloney in the Bruff goal. Bruff were not beaten and Ryan shot a nice point after Kirby, in the Effin goal, had cleared. Rallying from this score, Bruff had further innings and O'Brien shot a good goal to give his side the lead. Meaney (Bruff) further enhanced his side's position with a point, but in the next minute Ryan, when close in, sent over the bar for Effin, to leave only a point between the teams. Effin tried hard for the equaliser, but a sound Bruff defence held well and Moroney (Bruff) with a point had the last score of the game, which ended with both teams still hurling at a fast pace.

Mr. J. J. O'Brien, Bulgaden, refereed.

Best for Bruff were: Moroney, Ryan, Gammel, Hehir and Meaney; while Ryan, Kirby, McCarthy, Jones and Conway tried hard for Effin.

#### THE TEAMS

The teams were :

Bruff—P. Moloney, J. Moroney, J. Feely, J. Farrell, J. Kiely, T. Hehir, J. Higgins, J. Bulfin, T. Bulfin, J. Ryan, C. Gammel, M. O'Brien, D. Ryan, M. Meaney and E. Clancy.

Effin—C. Kirby, J. Barrett, M. Rea, T. Conway, J. Riordan, P. Ryan, J. MacSeoin, J. Hayes, L. O'Rourke, D. Barrett, O. O'Brien, D. O'Brien, E. Tuohy, W. McCarthy and J. Riordan.

## BRUFF'S WIN

23-9-50  
In J.H. Semi-Final.

By defeating Herbertstown by 11-6 to 1-4, for Herbertstown, in the South Limerick J.H. semi-final, at Elton, on Sunday, before a fairly large attendance, Bruff qualified for the South Limerick hurling final, in which they meet Stakers.

The game never reached a high standard. The poor weather, no doubt, affected the play and brought about much faulty hurling. Nevertheless, more was expected of this Herbertstown team that had struck good form earlier in the Championship, and those who came to witness what was expected to be a close game were disappointed.

Bruff showed vast improvement on their previous outings and were still going strong when the game ended. Herbertstown never really struck their best form and their morale was considerably upset when they turned over at the interval three goals in arrears to face a stiff breeze. Playing with the breeze in the first-half, Herbertstown's forwards failed to make use of their opportunities. Bruff, on the other hand, when playing against the wind in the first half made full use of the opportunities that presented themselves, and undoubtedly deserved their interval lead of 4-2 to 1-2, for Herbertstown.

Confidently, Bruff entered the second-half, and could do nothing wrong. The Herbertstown defence could not withstand attack after attack, and the game was not long in progress after the resumption when it only became a matter of estimating by how much Bruff would win. Their forwards were in rare form and piled up seven goals and four points to their interval tally, Herbertstown succeeded in getting only two points.

Tempers became frayed early in the first moiety, but referee W. Hannan (Kilmallock) acted promptly and ordered one man from each team to the sideline.

Best for Bruff were — Moloney, Higgins, Farrell, Bulfin, Ryan, Coyne and O'Brien, while Wallace, McNamara, Corbett and Bresnihan tried hard for Herbertstown.



1951  
**Bruff G.A.A. Officers**

At the annual meeting of the Bruff (Co. Limerick) G.A.A. Club, the following Officers were elected:—President, Very Rev. D. Canon O'Riordan, P.P., V.F.; Chairman, Rev. E. Houlihan, C.C.; Secretary, Mr. P. Mulcahy; Treasurer, Mr. P. Moloney; Selection Committee—The Officers of the Club and Messrs. William Carmody, William Hogan, Thomas Bulfin, James Farrell.

The treasurer's report showed that the club has a sum of £55 to credit.

In his address to the meeting, Rev. Fr. Houlihan, congratulated the players on their displays during the year. The Junior Hurling team had reached the South Final, and gave a fine display against Bruree, the reigning champions, in two brilliant matches.

The meeting decided to affiliate Junior Hurling and Minor Hurling teams and a Junior Football team in this year's South Championships.

6.10.51  
**Link With Great  
Bruree Hurling  
Team**

**MR. JOHN O'KEEFFE**, of Garryfine, Bruree, who has died, was the last surviving member in this country of the team of 21 who won the Limerick County Championship Senior Hurling title for Bruree over 50 years ago (writes our Croom correspondent). The only other member of this team living is Mr. William Lyons, who emigrated to Australia, and is still residing there.

The late Mr. O'Keeffe played in goal for Bruree on the victorious team.

23/8/52  
**BRUFF BEAT  
HERBERTSTOWN  
IN HURLING  
REPLAY**

**J.H.—Bruff, 4-6; Herbertstown, 3-2.  
M.F.—Kilfinane, 1-3; Knockane, 0-2.**

**A**FTER a keenly contested game, played before a good attendance, Bruff defeated Herbertstown in the replay of their drawn game in the South Limerick junior hurling championship at Knocklong on Sunday on the score of 4-6 to 3-2 for Herbertstown.

At the same venue, Kilfinane qualified for the final of the South Limerick minor football championship, when they defeated Knockane by 1-3 to 0-2 for Knockane.

The junior hurling game was a hard fought one, in which ground play was a feature. Some weeks ago Herbertstown and Bruff met at Hospital and after a keen game the match ended in a draw, and the replay on Sunday was well up to the standard of the drawn match.

**SHORT LIVED LEAD.**

Bruff had the better of the opening minutes, and Bulfin sent over the bar. The lead was short-lived, as P. Hogan levelled with a point for Herbertstown. Bruff went ahead with a goal, per Madden, but again Herbertstown levelled, when D. Conway drove to the net. Then Herbertstown took the upper hand, and McCarthy and Hogan registered a goal and a point to leave the half-time score:—Herbertstown, 2-2; Bruff, 1-1.

Shortly after the resumption, Cregan (Bruff) drove to the net, and there was tense excitement as Bulfin (Bruff) had the equalising point. Cleary put Bruff ahead with a point, and Cregan, from 40 yards out, had the nicest goal of the game when he drew on a falling ball and sent all the way to the net. But Herbertstown were not beaten yet, and T. Horan ran through for a goal for the losers to leave only a point between the teams. T. Clery (Bruff) stretched his side's lead with a point, and J. Farrell clinched the issue when he received from Bulfin and sent to the net for Bruff near the end. In the last minutes Bruff had the better of matters, and Clery and Meaney had a point each to close the scoring.

Mr. J. Hastings, Knocklong, refereed.

Best for Bruff were Cregan, Clery, Madden, Higgins, Meaney and Bulfin, while McNamara, Baggott, Conway and Hogan tried hard for Herbertstown.

Bruff now meet Knocklong in the final of the losers' group.

**THE TEAMS.**

**Bruff**—T. Bulfin, J. Bulfin, J. Higgins, J. Casey, P. Gleeson, J. Farrell, J. O'Connor, M. Meaney, A. Cregan, E. Clancy, J. Farrell, T. Kirby, D. Madden, T. Clery, D. Finn.

**Herbertstown**—J. Wallace, P. McNamara, P. Baggott, M. Scanlan, P. McKenna, R. Scanlan, E. Ryan, T. McNamara, T. McGrath, J. Bresnihan, M. Condon, D. McCarthy, D. Conway, J. Costelloe, P. Hogan and J. J. Baggott.

18.7.53  
**SURPRISE IN  
SOUTH LIMERICK  
JUNIOR HURLING**

**Bruff, 5-4; Stakers, 3-5.**

**S**TAKERS, fancied in many quarters to win the South Limerick Junior Hurling Championship this year, were defeated by Bruff in the championship at Kilmallock on Sunday by a five point margin, the score being: Bruff, 5 goal and 4 points; Stakers, 3 goals and 5 points (writes our Kilmallock correspondent). It was a surprise result, more so because Bruff, after playing with a strong breeze in the first half, were only a goal ahead at the interval. Bruff, however played stronger, more direct hurling in the second period and were deserving winners. Stakers made the error of dallying too much with the ball when they got possession.

Bruff have been the surprise team so far. In the first round, after a draw, they defeated a weak Ballingaddy team in the replay, and, showing much improved form later, defeated a fancied Kilfinane side. Now they have defeated the fancied Stakers team, and have entered the final stages of the championship.

**THE PLAY.**

Against the breeze Stakers were first to score, when O'Keeffe pointed. Bruff returned and Farrell drove to the net, Bulfin following with a point. Bruff improved when Meaney pointed, but Stakers rallied and Moloney had a goal, to leave only a point between the teams. Dineen and Cregan had a point each for Bruff before the interval, when Bruff were leading by 1-4 to 1-1 for Stakers.

Bruff surprised by dashing up the field after the interval against the breeze, and had an early goal, for which J. Neilan placed J. Farrell. Stakers replied with a goal, per Moloney, and E. Leahy, from a 70, sent over the bar for Stakers, who were now only two points in arrears. J. Neilan (Bruff), however, went through for a nice goal. J. O'Keeffe and E. Leahy each had a point for Stakers and there was only a goal between the teams. Bruff were, however, hurling better at this stage and J. Neilan, placed by J. Bulfin, shot to the net and then J. Farrell, who was placed by Dineen, sent in their fifth goal. In the last minutes Stakers, though three goals behind, made desperate efforts to get on terms, but they could only get through for a goal per J. Donohue and a point per Moloney, to end the scoring and leave Bruff worthy winners.

Mr. J. O'Sullivan, Kilmallock, refereed.

Best for Bruff were: Bulfin brothers, Meaney, Farrell, Cregan, Higgins and Neilan, while Brazzill, Burke, Leahy, O'Brien, Moloney and O'Keeffe tried hard for Stakers.

**THE TEAMS.**

The teams were:

**Bruff**—T. Bulfin, J. Bulfin, M. Meaney, J. Farrell, J. Higgins, D. Madden, D. Ryan, O. Cregan, A. Cregan, J. Connors, J. Farrell, J. Casey, J. Neilan, M. Moroney and J. Dineen.

**Stakers**—J. Carroll, J. J. O'Brien, J. Burke, M. Brazzill, D. O'Brien, M. Brazzill, T. Clery, E. Leahy, D. O'Keeffe, T. Heffernan, J. Hennessy, S. Clumhain, D. Moloney, N. Hayes. Sub.—J. Donohue for J. Hennessy



# Co. Limerick Priest In U.S.A. Made Pastor Of New Parish

A COUNTY Limerick priest in U.S.A. has been made pastor of a new parish established in Grandview, Washington, under the title of the Blessed Sacrament. He is Rev. Maurice Mulcahy, who was born in the town of Bruff and was ordained in All Hallows College, Dublin, on June 23rd, 1935, by Most Rev. Raymond Prenderville, D.D., Archbishop of Perth, Australia.

Father Mulcahy's first assignment in the U.S.A. was as assistant at St. Joseph's, Spokane. Later he became pastor of the Immaculate Conception Parish, Republic, and in 1939 was appointed pastor of St. Joseph's Parish, Waterville, and its attached missions, St. Mary's, Mansfield, St. Hubert's, Farmer, Sacred Heart, Withrow and the Immaculate, Leahy.

When Most Rev. Joseph P. Dougherty, D.D., Bishop of Yakima Diocese, found it necessary to establish the new parish in Grandview, he decided that its first pastor was to be Father Mulcahy.

## BIG TASKS IN HIS NEW POST.

In his new post, which he took up on Sunday last, 15th inst., it will be Father Mulcahy's work to build the new Church of the Blessed Sacrament, a new parish rectory, a new parish hall, and later on a new convent and parochial schools.

Announcing the new appointment for Father Mulcahy, the Most Rev. Dr. Dougherty, the Bishop of the Diocese, referring to the name of the new parish, said:—

"Personally, I like the title of Blessed Sacrament in this year of the Canonization of St. Pius X, because it will be a constant reminder of the devotion of the Pope of the Eucharist. I hope that it will be possible to build a special shrine to St. Pius X either in the new church or on the grounds of the parish.

"With the establishment of the Grandview Parish, the Chapel of the Immaculate, Mabton, will have the status of a chapel of ease in the parish of the Blessed Sacrament and shall no longer be considered a separate mission with separate boundaries."

## "A SECOND SPRING."

"The establishment of the parish at Grandview really is in the

nature of a 'Second Spring,' because Grandview originally was the parish centre for Lower Yakima Valley," said Bishop Dougherty. "The people of the new parish have had many disappointments over the years, but now these are forgotten in the assignment of a resident pastor to the parish.

"We have retained the original title of Blessed Sacrament for the new parish, because the Church law requires it and the suggested title of Christ the King would be confusing now that Christ the King Parish, Richland, is in the same Diocese."

Father Mulcahy, as pastor of St. Joseph's, Waterville, is the longest resident pastor of the entire Douglas County and the Big Bend mission territory, having been assigned to that area for the past 15 years.

## BISHOP'S HIGH TRIBUTE.

Paying tribute to Father Mulcahy, Bishop Dougherty said:—

"I am confident that Father Mulcahy will do excellent work in establishing the new parish of Blessed Sacrament, at Grandview. He has had a distinguished career in the Diocese of Spokane and Yakima. He is one of my Diocesan Consultors upon whom I rely for help in governing the Diocese. His work as pastor of the Waterville parish and its missions for the past fifteen years has been the kind that has endeared him to his people. His experience as a

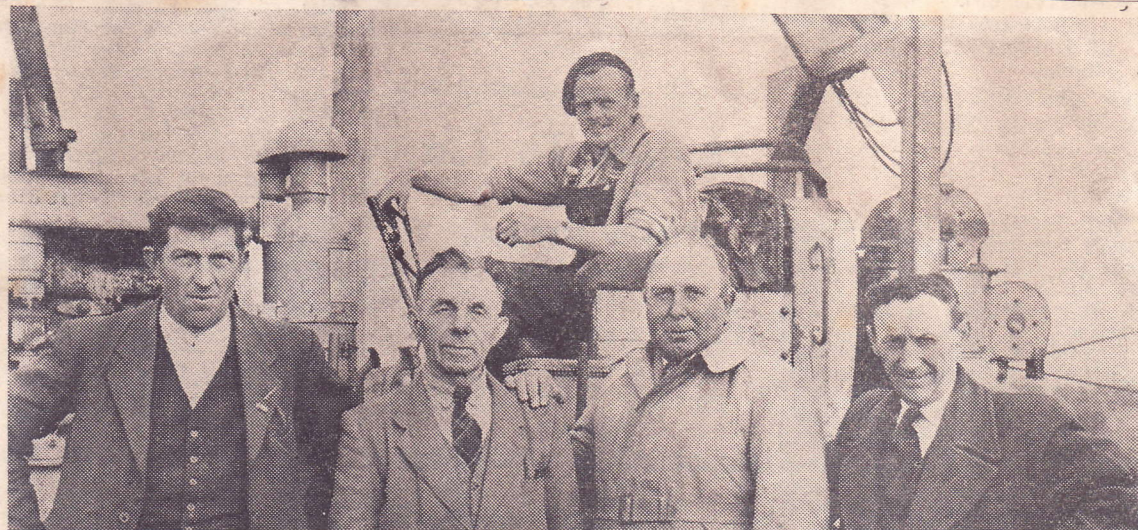
parish priest will make him ideally suited for the inauguration of the parish at Grandview."

## FATHER MULCAHY'S EARLY CAREER.

Father Mulcahy received his early education from the De La Salle Brothers at St. Patrick's Monastery National School in Bruff. He received his secondary education and philosophical course

at Mungret College, Limerick, under the Jesuit Fathers and did his theology in All Hallows College, Dublin, where he was ordained by Most Rev. Raymond Prenderville, D.D., Archbishop of Perth, Australia, on June 23rd, 1935. He was back in Ireland last year on a visit. He is always keenly interested in his native country and especially his native county of Limerick and its city.





## Bruff's New £4,000 Sportsfield Well Under Way

(By a Staff Reporter)

ALL going well, we should have the opening game here at the end of September, said Mr. Con Ryan, M.C.C., as he stood in the middle of Bruff's new £4,000 sportsfield which is now in the course of construction. Also standing in the field were a number of the townspeople watching a huge bulldozer from Messrs. Sheehy Bros., Askeaton, as it levelled the pitch which will be 160 yards by 90 yards.

Bruff was in bad need of a Sportsfield so, last year, the townspeople decided to do something about it. All the organisations in the town got together and formed a representative committee. These included: Muintir na Tire, Race Committee, G.A.A. The Committee elected Very Rev. Canon Riordan, as President, with Rev. Father Houlihan, C.C., as Chairman, and Rev. Father Browne, C.C., Vice-Chairman. Mr. Michael Russell is Secretary, and his assistant is Mr. C. Ryan. The Joint Treasurers are: Messrs. William Barry, James Barry and Martin Dunworth. The committee consists of: Messrs. William Naughton, Michael Hogan, Ger O'Donnell and Con Ryan, M.C.C.

### £2,000 COLLECTED

This energetic committee immediately got plans under way towards raising the necessary funds to purchase a field. This they achieved by weekly collections, and the local businessmen came to the rescue with subscriptions. One publican in the town subscribed the magnificent sum of a £100. In all, over £2,000 was collected and the field was bought for the sum of £1,230. Then, came the huge task of laying out the field and here the firm of Sheehy Bros. was called in with their huge bulldozers which cleared the entire field of hedges and other obstacles. The firm specialises in this type of work and has carried out similar contracts at Copsewood College, Pallaskerry, Salthill Stadium, Athenry Sportsfield, Lisdoonvarna, and at Newmarket, Co. Cork. When the entire area was cleared, the levelling of the pitch commenced, and the bulldozer removed five feet of earth. The earth was deposited around the outer part of the pitch and will be put back in three separate layers. When this is finished, grass seed will be planted and, in next to no time, Bruff will have one of the finest grounds in

provinces. Hurling and football are not the only games that will be catered for on the sportsfield. There will also be three soft and one hard tennis courts, and a pitch and putt course. The committee did not forget the children of the town in their plans for they will have a beautiful playground on the 6½ acre field.

This energetic committee is to be congratulated on their magnificent achievement in providing a ground that the people of Bruff can be proud of. It shows what can be done with a little effort and has set a headline which other towns like Bruff should follow.

### MAMMOTH STONE

#### UNEARTHED IN BRUFF

Workmen engaged on the Sportsfield this week, unearthed, with a bulldozer, a mammoth stone, weighing 35 tons and measuring nine feet in height. The stone is twice the weight of the bulldozer, and at one stage, it was thought that blasting would be necessary. However, with careful manoeuvring, the stone was removed to the end of the field where it is the wonder of sightseers. Experienced excavator workers state that it is the largest stone they have ever seen.

### See photos above

Here are some of the men who have made possible the laying of Bruff's splendid new Sportsfield. Seated on bulldozer is Mr. Paddy O'Regan, of Messrs. Sheehy Brothers, Askeaton, who are in charge of the work, and, in front are members of the Sportsfield Committee, with Mr. Con Ryan, M.C.C., on right.

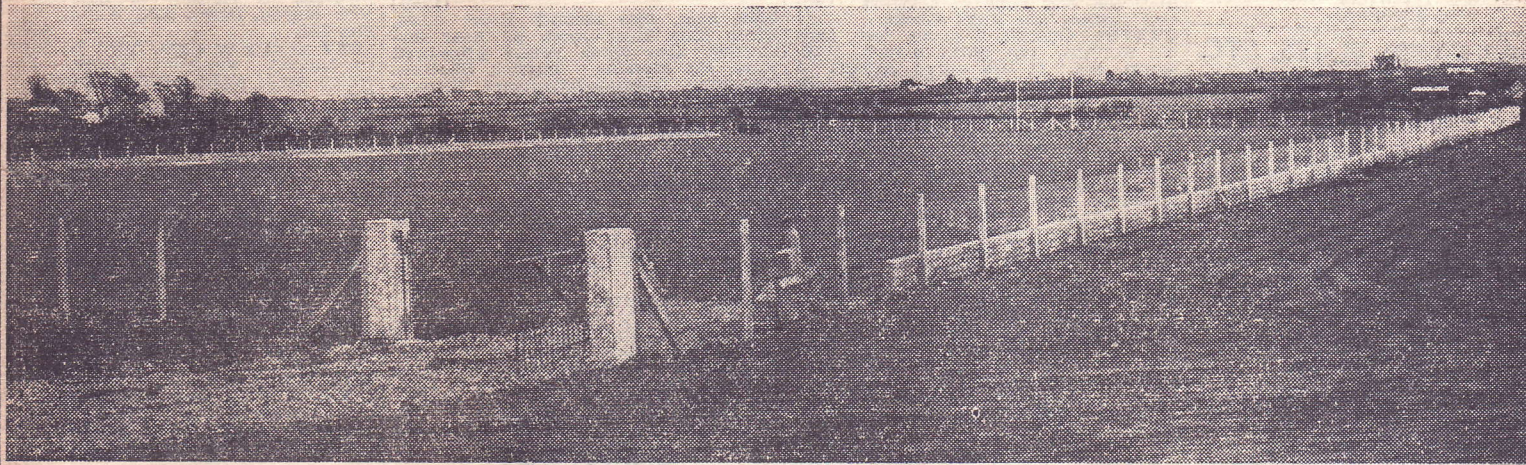
Photograph of pitch, taken this week, with bulldozer at work.

(Echo Photo Service)

Work on the development of the Bruff Sportsfield is now well under way and the contractors have moved in with heavy machinery. All the top-soil has been taken off and the work of levelling is well-advanced. The E.S.B. have also moved in to do their part as three to four high tension cables which run through the field have to be diverted and it is hoped this work will be complete in about one week. Representations have been made to officials of the County Council to have the road wall moved to allow greater traffic space and a more uncongested approach to the pitch. The field when levelled off will have a natural embankment on two sides and this will be further reinforced and extended to take capacity crowds, and when the work is finally complete the Bruff Sportsfield will be second to none in the southern rural area. The committee in charge are most energetic and have besides the purchase made the field a freehold.



# BRUFF SPORTSFIELD



## OPENS SUNDAY NEXT

The Bruff Sportsfield will be officially opened on Sunday next and it is expected that thousands will converge on the town for this historic occasion.

Bruff has long cherished the dream of having a well-equipped field of its own and the story of how that dream came true is one of courage, determination and community effort.

No obstacle was too big. In fact, the more the merrier; and with light hearts a start was made on the gigantic task begun.

The result is a monument to their enterprise and skill, and next Sunday will be a proud day indeed, when, at 3 o'clock, the formal opening and blessing ceremony will take place.

Bruff has reason to sit back and relax, because all is now set for the official opening and blessing ceremony of the magnificent Sportsfield on Sunday next.

Way back in 1951, the idea of a sportsfield first reached the discussion stage, but it is more than probable that it has been in mind for a long number of years.

Now their dream is a reality, and to the men of vision who believed that it could, and would, be done, it will be a day of days.

### BRUFF SPORTSFIELD COMMITTEE

President—Very Rev. D. Canon O'Riordan, P.P., V.F.  
Chairman—Rev. G. Houlihan, C.

Vice-Chairman—Rev. J. Browne, C.C.

Hon. Treasurers—Maurice J. Dunworth, James Barry, William Barry.

Hon. Secretary—Michael Russell, N.T.

Assistant Hon. Secretary—Mrs. D. C. Ryan.

Committee representing the various organisations in the Parish:—  
Muintir na Tire—P. J. Herr, General Merchant; Wm. Carmody, Grange, Farmer and former Bruff hurler.

G.A.A.—Patrick Mulcahy, Shoemaker, Secretary, Bruff G.A.A. Club; Thomas Lynch, N.T., Member of South Limerick G.A.A. Board and Limerick County Board.

Point - to - Point Committee —

Maurice J. Dunworth, General Merchant, Rate Collector, Joint Hon. Sec. to Bruff Point-to-Point and Bruff Coursing Club; D. C. Ryan, Farmer; former Limerick County Hurler.

Coursing Club—James Barry, Farmer and well-known Cattle Dealer; James Twomey, Farmer, Member of Bruff Guild Muintir na Tire and Bruff Young Farmers' Club.

Young Farmers' Club — James Butler, Farmer and Trader; Michael Twomey, Farmer.

I.C.A.—Mrs. D. C. Ryan, President, Bruff I.C.A.; Mrs. P. Kirby, Badminton — William O'Rourke, V.S.; D. Barrett, well-known South Limerick Referee.

Lawn Tennis—William Clifford,

Farmer; Michael Noonan, South County Limerick Executive, Y.C.C.

N.A.C.A. (School Sports)—Liam Barry, Farmer, President, Bruff N.A.C.A. Club; Michael Russell, N.T., Hon. Sec., Bruff G. Muintir na Tire and Member of National Executive and County Executive of Muintir na Tire.

Old I.R.A.—Liam Purcell, former O.C., Bruff F.C.A.; David Crennan, Farmer and Rate Collector.

Co-opted Members — Supt. Rabbitt, G.A.A. enthusiast, Limerick Representative at Congress; Cornelius Ryan, former A.O. Officer and Member of Limerick County Council; Michael Hogan, Member of Bruff G.A.A. Club; James O'Donnell, Farmer, former Limerick County Hurler; William



### BRUFF SPORTSFIELD

An excellent job has been done in the levelling and laying out of the new Sportsfield at Bruff, County Limerick, and already there is a solid sod on the field. The pitch is a fine level one, and excellent embankments have been formed. When the field is ready for playing, which, it is expected, will be early next year, it should prove to be one of the best pitches in the county. A recent carnival held in Bruff in aid of the Sportsfield fund realised over £400, and the energetic committee in charge are running functions each week to continue the good work of making the pitch and enclosure a first class one.

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## Bruff Will Have An Excellent Sportsfield 1956

Work has commenced on the levelling of the Bruff Sportsfield, acquired by the Bruff Sportsfield Committee, quite adjacent to the town of Bruff.

The work of levelling the field is being done by a bulldozer, and already great progress has been made by this giant equipment in taking soil at the high side of the field to the low side in the levelling process. When the levelling process has been completed, the work of seeding the field will be done and it is expected that the entire proceedings will be completed in three weeks.

All organisations in the town have come together in raising funds for the purchase and laying out of the sportsfield and its proper equipment in due course, and it is expected that the field will be one of the best in Munster.

Officers of the energetic committee in charge are:—Very Rev. D. Canon Riordan, P.P., V.F. (President); Rev. E. Houlihan, C.C., Bruff (Chairman); Rev. J. Browné, C.C., Bruff (Vice-Chairman); Messrs. James Barry, M. J. Donworth and Wm. Barry (Treasurers); Mr. Michael Russell, N.T. (Secretary), and Mrs. D. Ryan (Assistant Secretary).

### BRUFF SPORTSFIELD.

Sponsored by the Bruff Guild of Muintir na Tire, a carnival will be held in Bruff in mid-June for the Bruff Sportsfield Fund. Already there is a fair sum in this fund, which was opened some time ago by the Bruff Guild of Muintir na Tire, with a view to acquiring a sportsfield for the playing of games. This effort of the Guild is commendable, as in a village the size of Bruff a sportsfield would be regarded as a great amenity.

### BRUFF SPORTSFIELD

At a specially-convened meeting of the Bruff (Co. Limerick) Old I.R.A. Committee, it was decided to make a contribution of £25 to the funds of the Bruff Sportsfield Committee.

The sportsfield committee, earlier this year, purchased a sportsfield quite adjacent to the town, on the Hospital road, and later had the field levelled off by bull dozer and re-seeded and embankments made. Work is in progress presently on the erection of the boundary wall at the roadside and it is expected that the laying out of the pitch and its enclosing will be completed so that the sportsfield will be officially opened early next year.



May 56

# Big Crowd See Official Opening Of Bruff Sportsfield

THE town of Bruff was on fete on Sunday last for the official opening of the new £6,000 Sportsfield. On the approaches to the town streamers spanned the roadways and flags and bunting flew gaily from buildings, adding a touch of pageantry and colour to the historic occasion. Thousands travelled by all modes of transport to the game.

The field was blessed by Very Rev. E. Canon Punch, P.P., Mungret, President, Limerick County Board, who also threw in the ball to start the game.

Over 6,000 people witnessed the official opening ceremonies and later watched the Cork and Limerick teams led on to the field by the Limerick Pipe Band.

#### CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS.

Addressing the crowd, Mr. Frank Sheehy, Chairman, Munster G.A.A. Council, said it was an honour for him to be asked to perform the official opening of this new field in Bruff. To date a sum of £6,000 had been expended to provide for the excellent facilities which could be seen that day.

They heard a lot to-day, said Mr. Sheehy, of the growing want of faith in the future of the country that was finding expression in the destructive wave of emigration that was overwhelming their nation, and that eventually could destroy the race altogether. However, the people of Bruff who provided this fine field had faith in the future.

In the future, he continued, generations of young men would play Gaelic games in this new sportsfield and perhaps see Ireland free politically and economically. He hoped they would see an end to the cynicism and hopelessness that were rampant to-day.

#### DEEP DEBT OF GRATITUDE.

No words of his could express what deep debt of gratitude they owed to the people of Bruff who provided this magnificent arena. These people had built something as free men would do without asking for help. They had unselfishly given of their time and sweat to build up this field from practically nothing. But they would have the satisfaction of knowing that their work and labour would be of immense benefit to the sportsmen of the future.

In recent years, went on Mr. Sheehy, they looked upon the State to do everything, while the spirit of unselfish effort for the common good was weakening.

Concluding, he said it was with the greatest pleasure he declared the new field open. It was fitting he said that Cork and Limerick should provide the opening game.

#### CANON PUNCH.

Very Rev. Canon Punch said he felt that the opening of the sportsfield foreshadowed the return of the days when Olympic winners and world record holders such as Paddy

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#### THE ATTENDANCE.

The attendance included Very Rev. D. Canon Riordan, P.P., V.F. Bruff; Very Rev. J. Fogarty, P.P., Castleconnell; Re. J. Browne, C.C.; Ald. J. Carew, T.D., Acting Mayor of Limerick; Mr. D. F. Donovan, Secretary of the Limerick County Council; Mr. P. Clohessy, T.D., Chairman of the East Limerick Board, G.A.A.; Mr. P. O'Reilly, Chairman, Limerick Co. Board; Mr. S.O'Connell, Secretary, do.; Mr. M. Fitzgibbon, Treasurer, do.; Mr. S. Barrett, Vice-Chairman, Cork County Board; Mr. L. Hough, Treasurer, Munster Council; Mr. C. Ryan, M.C.C., and Messrs. J. Sheehy and D. Madden, representing Messrs. Sheehy, Kilcornan, the contractors.

#### NINE ACRE SITE.

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#### THE NEW FIELD.

The new field is especially noteworthy for its excellent sideline accommodation, which is capable of holding over 3,000 people in comfort.

There are two rising embankments on each side of the field and these afford a picture view of the game for thousands.

It is expected that the pitch itself will in 12 months be second to none in the country. The approaches to the ground are first class, where motor traffic is concerned and however big the crowd there is little likelihood of a crush at the exits.

The field, easily accessible from the town, is set in pictur-

## BRUFF SPORTSFIELD

(A tribute from the Town of Bruff).

Honour, Glory, Pride and Homage in my heart are holding sway.

As I gaze on you with gratitude, men of Bruff to-day;

And I thank the many people who have come into my town,

To pay tribute to my sportsfield, which already won renown.

How my humble heart's rejoicing, as I gaze on young and old,

Men of proud and highly station, former patriots brave and bold.

May you live to do me honour—in your praise I've said enough.

As a tribute I salute you, brave and gallant men of Bruff.

(Mrs.) Annie Browne,  
Ballinlee, Sherins Cross,  
Kilmallock.

esque surroundings and at any time the accommodation can be greatly increased.

On Sunday the Cork and Limerick teams, who were the first to play on the field, presented a colourful sight as they paraded behind the Limerick Pipe Band. The weather held sunny for the occasion and all the arrangements by the industrious committee worked out to perfection.

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The Sportsfield Committee included representatives of the N.A.C.A., Macra na Feirme, Muin-tir na Tire, the Race Committee, the Coursing Club, the Tennis Club, Old I.R.A. and Badminton Club. Very Rev. Canon Riordan, P.P., is president

#### RECEPTION FOR TEAMS.

After the game there was a reception for the Cork and Limerick teams and officials at a luncheon in the Courthouse.

Both teams and officials were warmly welcomed to Bruff by Rev. G. Houlihan, C.C., Chairman of the Sportsfield Committee.

The Deputy Mayor of Limerick, Ald. J. Carew, T.D., who was principal guest, paid a hearty tribute to the excellent work of the people of Bruff for their outstanding achievement in providing such a magnificent field. They had given a proud lead to other towns and villages on what could be done by wholehearted and combined effort.

The Deputy Mayor said it gave him great pleasure to attend this function and he was especially delighted to have witnessed a Limerick win that day over their great rivals, Cork. In passing, he wished to pay a warm and deserved tribute to one of Ireland's finest hurling exponents, Christy Ring, who though on the losing side that day, was in the past often their undoing (laughter).

Other speakers were: Messrs. F. Sheehy, Chairman, Munster Council; P. O'Reilly, Chairman, Limerick County Board; J. Barrett, Cork County Board.

The enjoyable function was brought to a close by the rendering of songs by members of both teams.

The excellent catering at the function was supplied by the Cecil Hotel, Limerick.

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# Crack army rider for job in Canada

**THIRTY-YEAR-OLD** Lieut. Tommy Moroney, crack horseman of the Irish Army jumping team, has resigned from the Army. This week he flies out to Canada to take up a job in Quebec.

Since he "made" the international jumping team in 1954 he was one of its most successful riders and had some notable achievements. At Lucerne Show last year he gave a wonderful display to win the Prix de St. Georg. Then at Harrisburg Show in the United States last October he was a member of the team that won the coveted President Eisenhower Trophy.

And at New York Show last year he also gave another great performance when coming second to that wonderful Mexican horseman, General Mariles in the Pennsylvania National Trophy.

## All-rounder

A native of Bruff, County Limerick, Tommy visited Toronto with the Army Jumping Team last year. And he said yesterday: "I liked the people so well that I got the idea of going back to Canada."

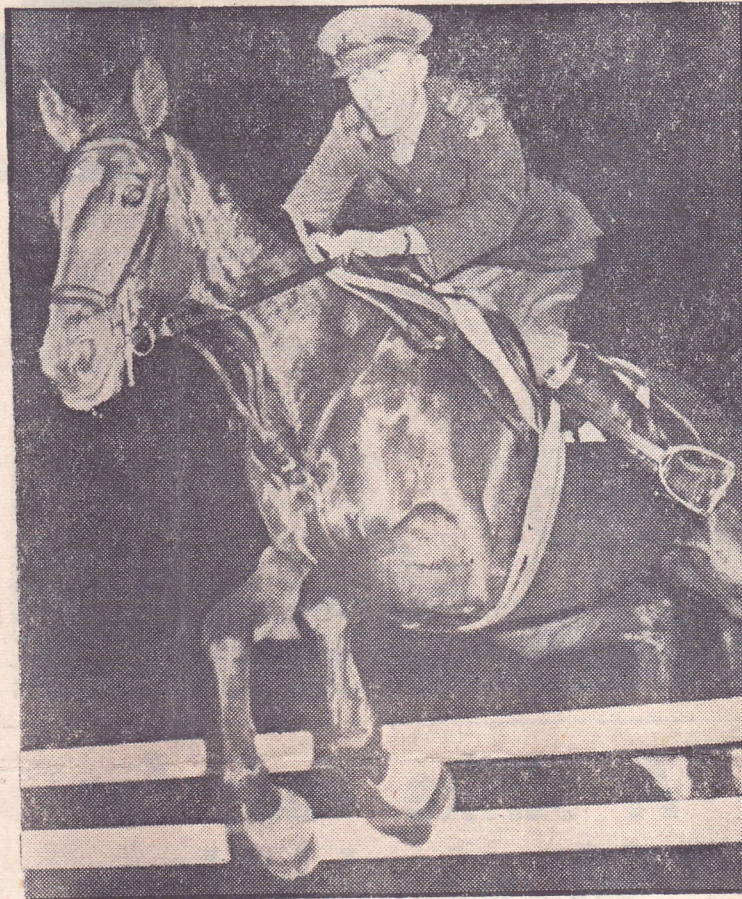
He declined to say what job he is taking up. But it is NOT an equestrian appointment.

He is also a well-known hurler, footballer and athlete. For six years he played on the Galway senior hurling team during which he won two Oireachtas medals and one National Hurling League medal.

He toured America with the team in 1951. He also played senior hurling for Limerick in 1954 and with the Castlegar senior hurling team in the Galway Championships with whom he also won a Championship medal.

He won All-Army medals in hurling, football, soccer and rugby, and in 1950 he won the County Kildare half-mile junior and senior championships.

He joined the Army 10 years ago and served in the 1st Battn. in Galway and the 6th Battn. in Athlone. In 1952 he joined the Army Equitation School.



Lieut. T. Moroney

## Bruff Had 1957 A Gala Day

Bruff village was en fete yesterday, the joyous occasion being the opening of the new G.A.A. Sportsfield. The field cost £6,000 and was formally declared open by Mr. Frank Sheehy, M.A., President of the Munster Council, who paid a high tribute to the Committee.

Prior to the opening, Very Rev. Canon Punch, P.P., blessed the grounds and described the occasion as a red letter day in the history of Bruff and of the County of Limerick in general.

There was an attendance of over 7,000 at the challenge match between Cork and Limerick, which was won by Limerick by 5 goals 11 points to 1 goal 4 points for Cork.

After the game both teams were entertained to an excellent

luncheon at the Courthouse, the caterers being the proprietors of the Cecil Hotel, Cecil Street, Limerick. Ald. J. Carew, T.D., Deputy Mayor; Mr. Frank Sheehy, Mr. J. Barrett, Cork Co. Board selector, were amongst the attendance. A most enjoyable social followed.

(A full report will appear in our week-end issue.)



## BRUFF SPORTSFIELD

All preparations are nearing completion for the official opening of the new Sportsfield at Bruff on the 28th April, when Cork and Limerick will play there in a senior hurling game for a fine set of gold watches. The enclosing of the pitch has been completed; sideline seats are being installed and the work of widening of the road near the entrance to the sportsfield has been completed. When completed this field should rank amongst the best in the county.

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## Bruff Sports Field Official Opening

### SUNDAY, APRIL 28, 1957

At 3 p.m. (S.T.)

BLESSING BY VERY REV. M. CANON PUNCH, P.P.  
Oration by MR. F. SHEEHY, Chairman, Munster Council, G.A.A.  
Senior Inter-County Hurling Challenge for Set of Gold Watches,

## LUIMNEACH v CORCAIGH

At 3.30 p.m. (S.T.) Referee, T. Semple (Tipperary).

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Irish Independent, Monday, April 29, 1957

# Bruff Has New Nine Acre Sports Field

"Irish Independent" Reporter

"THE growing want of faith in the future of the country was finding expression in a destructive wave of emigration that was overwhelming our nation, and that must eventually destroy our race unless men of vision could find ways to end it," said Mr. F. J. Sheehy, President, Munster Council, G.A.A., officially opening a new £6,000 sports field at Bruff, Co. Limerick.

The field was blessed by Very Rev. E. Canon Punch, P.P., Mungret, President, Limerick Co. Board of the Association, who also threw in the ball to start the first game, a match between Limerick and Cork senior hurlers. About 15,000 people saw the opening ceremonies and watched Limerick Pipe Band lead the teams on to the field.

Mr. Sheehy said the men who built such sports fields had faith in the future, and saw generations of young men yet to be born playing their national games in an Ireland free politically and economically. They saw an end to the cynicism and hopelessness that were now rampant among our people.

### OLYMPIC WINNERS

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**HISTORIC DAY**  
The Chairman said that Sunday last was a historic day in South Limerick when one of the most magnificent parks in Ireland was opened in Bruff. He congratulated the Bruff people on their enterprise and wished them the best in the future. Everything was done to perfection for the opening.

Mr. T. Lynch returned thanks on behalf of the Bruff Committee and hoped that the Board would be able to help to complete the work in a concrete way.

Chairman—As soon as we see our way, Bruff will have the first financial consideration of the Board.

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Under-21 C'ships. at Bruree

# WINS FOR BRUFF AND CAMOGUE ROVERS

29.10.1966

Bruff and Camogue Rovers—coming from the joint parish of Bruff and Meanus—had good wins in the quarter finals of the South Limerick under-21 championships at Bruree on Sunday.

Bruff ..... 6-4  
Croom ..... 2-3

In the under-21 hurling game, Bruff defeated Croom by 6 goals and 4 points to 2 goals and 3 points. Early on both sides lost scores through faulty forward play, but Bruff then found their feet and led at half-time by 4 goals and 1 point to 3 points. They had an early point and a goal on the turn-over and followed with another goal. Croom rallied and had two goals, but Bruff finished stronger.

Scorers: Bruff — J. Brown and S. Hogan (2-0 each), W. Conway and T. Fitzgerald (1-0 each), D. Moloney (0-3) and W. Smith (0-1).

Croom — C. Shanahan (1-3) and P. Quain (1-0).  
Ref.—T. Murphy (Hospital).

Camogue Rovers ..... 3-3  
Kilmallock ..... 0-5

In the under-21 football game, Camogue Rovers defeated Kilmallock by 3 goals and 3 points to 5 points, after Kilmallock had led most of the way.

Kilmallock had the better of the early exchanges but Camogue Rovers pegged them back and at the quarter hour stage the teams were level at 2 points

each. Kilmallock, however, impressed in the second quarter and led at half-time by 5 points to 3. Kilmallock missed several chances of improving their position in the early part of the second half, but their forwards were faulty. Then Camogue Rovers opened up and ten minutes after the interval they had their first goal to take the lead for the first time. They went through for a second goal before the end of the third quarter and with 10 minutes to go they had their third goal. Though the Kilmallock position was hopeless at this stage, they tried hard in the closing stages to narrow the gap, but they were up against a very strong Camogue defence.

Scorers: Camogue Rovers—D. O'Rourke (2-0), M. J. Quirke (1-0), E. McNamara, L. Hayes and P. O'Riordan (0-1 each).

Kilmallock — P. Howard, T. Moloney, S. O'Donovan, P. Dolery and M. Dowling (0-1 each).  
Referee—M. Fox (Hospital).

BRUFF

1966

## Minor champions

By defeating Kilmallock at Hospital last Thurs. week, Bruff are again South minor hurling champions for 1966. The final score was 10-2 to 2-2, and the game was refereed by T. Murphy, Hospital. Scorers for Bruff were: W. Conway (4-0), T. Connell (2-0), J. Dwyer (2-0), S. Hogan (1-0), M. Hehir (1-1), J. Brown (0-1). Fielding were: D. Rourke (goal); J. Clancy, P. Riordan, D. Hogan (full-backs); L. Hogan, P. Conway, D. Ryan (half-backs); J. Brown and A. Gubbins (mid-field); G. Kinnane, S. Hogan, M. Hehir (half forwards); T. Connell, W. Conway, P. Dwyer (full-forwards).  
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*Sept 1962*

## Bruff Win Hurling Title

BRUFF ..... 3-17  
H'TAL-H'TOWN ..... 3-3

After a lapse of more than 15 years, Bruff have won the South Minor Hurling title. And they did it in most convincing style at Kilmallock, when, before a record attendance for a minor final, they defeated Hospital-Herbertstown.

Bruff defied all the odds by taking this title, because they were defeated in the first round by Glenroe. Then they took their place in the loser's Group and there defeated Dromin-Athlacca and Croom to qualify to meet Kilmallock in the semi-final. Though Kilmallock were fancied to win, they had no answer to the better hurling of Bruff.

It was expected that this final would be the closest for many years, but fate played a hand in it, because Bruff, playing with the wind and sun in the first half, had a decided advantage and ran up 2-13 to 1 point for Hospital-Herbertstown. Bruff forwards were deadly accurate, and it is a tribute to them that they scored 17 points—a sizeable total in any kind of hurling game. And they scored them from all angles.

Immediately after the turnover, Hospital went through for a goal, and the game was not over, but three minutes later Bruff nullified this with a like score, and then added a point. Hospital-Herbertstown kept trying and were rewarded with some more scores, but in this half the Bruff defence, provided the key to victory and held the Hospital-Herbertstown forwards. Bruff played like a well oiled machine, moving brilliantly as a team, while, for the most part, Hospital-Herbertstown floundered in their wake.

Scorers were (Bruff): D. Murphy, M. O'Callaghan, S. Halpin, B. Hayes, M. Whelan, B. Carmody, S. Keating.

(Hospital): W. Ryan and T. Ryan.

Amid tremendous excitement, Mr. P. J. Ryan, P.C., Chairman of the South Board, presented the Cup to M. Conway, Bruff captain.

*1963*

## Effin go down heavily

Bruff, 7-2; Effin, 0-0.

Bruff scored a rather easy win in the final of the South Limerick under 14 hurling final at the Sportsfield, Kilmallock, defeating Effin by 7 goals and 2 points to nil.

Right from the start, the better Bruff team went about their business with determination, and the smaller Effin boys found them too much of a handful. Nevertheless, there was some nice hurling in the course of the game, which was played with a zest that might be copied by more advanced players.

Scorers for Bruff were: J. Keating, S. Kirby, L. Hayes and D. Ryan.

Mr. T. Hanley, Kilmallock, refereed.

Rev. J. Culhane, C.C. Kilmallock, Chairman of the South Limerick Schools' Board, presented the cup to P. Conway, captain of the Bruff team.

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## Bruff take second title

BRUFF ..... 5-6;  
DROMIN-ATHLACCA 0-2

Bruff had a rather facile win over Dromin-Athlacca in the South Limerick Juvenile Hurling Final played at Kilmallock, winning by 5 goals and 6 points to 2 points.

This is the second title won by Bruff in South Limerick this season, having already won the South Limerick Minor Hurling title.

Dromin Athlacca did try hard in this juvenile final, but they could not match the craft of the Bruff boys, and after Bruff had led at half-time by 2 goals and 5 points to 1 point, they took command in the second period and won easily.

Scorers for Bruff were: P. O'Dwyer, M. Hehir, B. Kinnane, E. Quirke, J. Keating and M. O'Leary, while J. Carmody scored for Dromin-Athlacca.

At the conclusion of the game the cup for the championship was presented to W. Conway, Captain of the Bruff team, by Mr. Sean Fitzgerald, Secretary of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board.

*June 1967*

## BRUFF Celebration dinner

Bruff G.A.A. Club held their annual dinner at the Royal George Hotel, Limerick, and a capacity attendance heard Rev. Fr. McCarthy, Chairman of the County G.A.A. Board, congratulate the team on their recent victory. Others to address the gathering were: Rev. Fr. Neville, Rev. Fr. Houlihan, John Fitzgerald, Secretary, South Board, and Treasurer, N. Magner; Denis Barrett and Tony Clancy, Secretary and Treasurer of the Bruff Club, and Thomas Lynch, N.T., former Secretary of the Club. In all, Bruff have won five south finals this past season, in fact six to include the under-14 football.

*Sept 64*

## SOUTH UNDER 14 FINAL

Bruff under 14 youths had a runaway win in the south final at Bruce defeating Kilmallock by 9 goals to nil. The cup was presented by Rev. Fr. Houlihan and the medals by Bro. Conleth.

Playing for Bruff were: Willie Conway, Michael Hehir, Anthony Gubbins, Eamonn Hehir, Patrick O'Rourke, Michael O'Leary, Joseph Keating, Donie Heffernan, Jim Clancy, Tom Connell, Michael Leahy, Patrick O'Dwyer, Tom Bresnihan, Dan Ryan, T. Hourihan.

In the 17 acids ...

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## BRUFF County Honours

After a glorious year of G.A.A. victories, Bruff have added yet another to the list, this time county honours after a lapse of over 20 years. All credit to our juvenile hurlers for a hard-fought victory against a formidable Fedamore side. Fielders and scorers for Bruff were: D. Heffernan, J. Clancy, B. Donovan, J. Hogan, M. Leahy (0-1), W. Conway, D. Ryan, A. Gubbins (1-0), M. Hehir (1-0), B. Kinnane (1-0), P. Dwyer (1-0), A. Bresnan, T. O'Connell (1-0), S. Clancy, J. Keating (1-0). A special victory night is being held in the local hall to distribute the various trophies which are at present displayed locally.

N.B.—The above game was formerly awarded to Bruff when St. Patrick's objected to Fedamore and Fedamore counter-objected.

### CYCLING

In the three-day Ras Mumhan, held at Carrick-on-Suir, Christy Enright of Bruff Wheelers won the novice event. This young cyclist shows great promise and it is his ambition to take part also in Ras Tailteann.



Bruff

Feb. 1970

# G.A.A. optimistic

There was a high note of optimism at the annual general meeting of the local G.A.A. club. Thomas Meany, chairman, who presided, thanked those who helped make the club the success it was in '69. The secretary, Timothy McAuliffe, paid special tribute to the junior hurlers who brought honour to the parish by reaching the county final in '69, and this for the first time in 28 years; and to William O'Brien for his able handling and training of the team. There was great credit due, too, to the juveniles for their displays in the championship, and especial thanks to all who gave subscriptions and support to the club during the year past.

The treasurer presented a happy financial picture which showed the club in a sound position.

Officials elected are as last year with Jerry O'Donnell as life president. Teams affiliated for 1970 are: Junior, under 21, minor and juvenile (in hurling and football). Team captains: Junior hurling, Paddy Quirke; under 21 hurling, Tommy O'Donnell; minor hurling, Seoirse Clancy; juvenile hurling, Pdraig Hehir. In football: Junior, Dan Moloney; under 21, Anthony Gubbins; minor, Joe Hogan; juvenile, Christy Walsh. Junior hurling selectors are: Rev. Fr. Neville, Tony Clancy, John Bulfin, Tom O'Connell, Thomas Meany.

### SPECIAL MEETING

A very special meeting of the development project will be held in the hall on Monday, March 9th, and it is in the interests of all residents, especially shopkeepers, to attend.

G.A.A.

In the first round of the league last Sunday, Bruff junior hurlers had a good win over Castletown-Ballyagran on a final score of 6-4 to 4-2. Both teams were short some regulars, but the game was well contested.

The Bruff line-out was: M. O'Leary, S. Mortell, P. Quirke, M. Moloney, M. Treacy, T. McAuliffe, M. Keating, W. Conway, T. Gubbins, S. Clancy, P. Carroll, W. Smith, T. O'Connell, P. Conway, P. O'Dwyer.

At the sportsfield on Sunday, Kilmallock lost to Cappamore in the hurling cup. In football, Claughaun accounted for Croom.

### OBITUARY

The death has occurred of Mr. James Carroll (80), of Corner House, and the last of an old Bruff family. In the early '20s Bruff boasted some of the finest handballers and the deceased was one of them. Others in this athletic group were Denis Conway, Thomas Andrew, James O'Connor. Among the surviving champions of that decade is Thomas Meany, of Crawford Street.

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# GAA officials

Officials elected by the G.A.A. club on Sunday last were: President, Rev. Fr. Neville; chairman, Thomas Meany; treasurer, Thomas Hehir; secretary, Tim McAuliffe.

### WEDDINGS

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# Wins for Glenroe and Bruff

Glenroe, 5-10; Ardpatrick, 3-6. Bruff, 7-11; Knockaney, 1-4.

The South Limerick Junior Hurling championship got off to a good start at Kilmallock on Sunday, with two keen games, in the first of which Glenroe defeated Ardpatrick by 5 goals and 10 points to 3 goals and 6 points, and in the second, Bruff defeated Knockaney by 7 goals and 11 points to 1 goal and 4 points.

Ardpatrick were well in the picture in the opening half of the first game, and led at half time by 2 goals and 5 points to 2 goals and 4 points. In the second half, however, Glenroe were completely on top and went on to score a good win.

Scorers: Glenroe—W. Meade, Coffey and M. Coffey (1-2 each), R. Lee and J. O'Brien (1-1 each), and P. O'Brien (0-2).

Ardpatrick—P. Moloney, J. O'Sullivan and T. Moriarty (1-1 each). P. Casey (0-2), and J. Flynn (0-1).

### EASY FOR BRUFF

Bruff (the holders) had an unexpectedly easy passage in their game with Knockaney. They went on a scoring spree in the first half and led at half time by 6 goals and 6 points to 2 points. Although Knockaney improved somewhat in the second half, Bruff held their grip on the game and ran out rather easy winners.

Scorers: Bruff — P. Carroll (3-0), T. O'Connell (2-1), P. Conway (2-0), M. Hehir (0-6), W. Conway (0-2), D. Moloney and W. Smith (0-1 each).

Knockaney—T. Toomey (1-1), M. Fitzgerald (0-2), and D. O'Meara (0-1).

Referee of both games—Mr. T. Moloney, Kilmallock.

### SOUTH WIN

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Bruff under-14 hurlers had a good win over Effin in the south final on a final score of 6-2 to 3 points. Scorers for Bruff were: D. Ryan, 4-0; J. Bulfin, 1-0; M. Hehir, 1-0; T. Sullivan, 0-1; D. Kiely, 0-1. Also fielding were: D. McEniry, V. Duhig, K. Walsh, P. Leary, M. Cronin, H. Keating, J. Riordan, W. Donovan, R. Enright, B. Corbett. Subs.—L. Barry, P. Sullivan, G. Hehir, T. Leahy, M. O'Brien, A. Hehir, M. Madden.

# Bruff won

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Bruff ... .. 6-10  
Charleville ... .. 2-5

Bruff scored a rather easy win over Charleville in the semi-final of the Kilmallock Festival Junior Hurling Tournament played at the Sportsfield, Kilmallock, winning by 6 goals and 10 points to 2 goals and 5 points.

Bruff, who led at half-time by 3 goals and 5 points, got an early grip on the game and never lost it. Rathluirc did try hard, but they were up against a superior combination.

Scorers for Bruff were:— A. Gubbins, W. Smyth, M. Leahy, J. Donovan, D. Moloney, P. Carroll, J. O'Dwyer and J. Browne.

Charleville scorers were:— B. Harrold, J. Foley, J. Madigan and K. O'Shea.

Referee, Mr. J. Quaid, Feohagh.



10/7/71  
**Bruff****tournaments**Kilmallock, 4-11;  
Garryspillane, 4-5.

In the final of the Bruff Senior Hurling Tournament played at the Sportsfield, Bruff, Kilmallock had to survive some strong rallies by Garryspillane to win the trophies by 4 goals and 11 points to 4 goals and 5 points for Garryspillane.

This was a very keenly fought final which featured some fine hurling. After playing against the breeze in the first half, Kilmallock looked set for a good victory when they led at half time by 3 goals and 3 points to 2 goals and 4 points. But Garryspillane had an early point on the turnover. Kilmallock replied with four points, but back came Garryspillane for a goal to leave only two points between them (3-7 to 3-5).

Kilmallock however, were back into the attack and went through for a goal and followed with two points. Once again Garryspillane were back for a goal (4-9 to 4-5), but in the closing stages Kilmallock were in command and added 2 pts.

**JUNIOR FINAL**

The Bruff junior hurling final takes place on this Friday, July 9, between old rivals, Bruree, and Bruff. These qualified for the final by defeating Knockaney and Dromin-Athlaca, respectively, Bruff having to survive a drawn game before qualifying for the final. The Bruff team include Tim McAuliffe of the Limerick intermediate team, and A. Gubbins of the Limerick under 21 team; while Bruree have Jim O'Brien of Limerick's senior side and Larry Moloney of Limerick's under 21 team. This should be a very keenly contested final, and Bruree might just about edge the local side out of it.

**Bruff****Development  
scheme 1971**

Under their club development scheme the local G.A.A. have now filled their first £100 unit subscribed by sponsors and a second unit now started will undoubtedly get equal local support. Membership means participation in a monthly draw for £500, and the local club hope, with monetary help from headquarters, to provide at a later date better amenities and better accommodation for players.

**BOARD REPRESENTATION**

Denis Barrett and John Finucane have again been elected to the South Board, G.A.A., as treasurer and registrar, respectively. Thomas Hehir and John Moran are delegates to the county. The latter, together with his wife, Mrs. J. Moran, N.T., Patrickswell, will shortly take up residence in Bruff. John is manager at Hospital Creamery over a number of years and a very keen G.A.A. supporter.

**Bruff win 7/8/71**Bruff ..... 3-7  
Ballyhea ..... 3-3

Playing more direct hurling, Bruff won this final of the Kilmallock Festival Junior Hurling tournament at the Sportsfield, Kilmallock, last Tuesday evening, defeating Ballyhea by 3 goals and 7 points to 3 goals and 3 points.

Ballyhea, after their fine showing in the semi-final replay against Dromin-Athlaca, disappointed and, except for the last 10 minutes, were never really in the game.

Bruff got off to very good start and had 2 goals and a point before Ballyhea had a point—their only score in the first half—about mid way through the first period. Bruff continued to have the upper hand and led at half time by 2 goals and 4 points to 1 point.

Ballyhea showed signs of recovery when they had a goal five minutes after the re-start, but Bruff came back for a point followed by a goal and another point, and they were now on the crest of a wave. Ballyhea rallied in the closing stages and the game came to life as they had two goals, but Bruff were in command and finished well.

Scorers: Bruff — D. Moloney (1-2), A. Gubbins and J. Browne (1-1 each), M. Leahy (0-2), and T. O'Connell (0-1).

Ballyhea—P. Behan (1-3), J. Brosnan and P. Ryan (1-0 each).

Ref.—Mr. J. Quaid, Feohanagh.

At the conclusion of the game, Rev. T. Greene, C.C., of the Kilmallock Sportsfield Committee, presented the trophies to Mr. T. McAuliffe, captain of the winning team.

**G.A.A. ANNUAL 1971**

New officials elected at the Bruff G.A.A. club general meeting are: president, Rev. Fr. Neville; chairman, Thomas Meaney; vice-chairman, Tom O'Connell; treasurer, Thomas Hehir; secretary, Tony Clancy. Minor hurling, P. Dwyer, M. Leahy; Junior football, N. Hayes, P. Carroll, J. Cregan. The club are also affiliating juvenile and under 21, both in hurling and football.

**BRUFF ON TOP 16-10-71**

Bruff won the South Limerick Under 21 title at Kilmallock, by defeating Dromin-Athlaca in the final by 3 goals and 6 points, to 2 goals and 3 points.

**MINOR WIN 1971**

Bruff junior hurlers had a good win over Young Irelands in a friendly game whilst their minor selection dethroned the reigning champions in the first round of the championship at Kilmallock last Sunday. In the opening minutes Dromin-Athlaca totted up three goals but Bruff came back and afterwards dominated the game.

Celtic Rovers of Meaneus had a double victory over the weekend in the Desmond League competition accounting for Kildimo at home, 1-0, and defeating Castleconnell, away, on a similar score.

By defeating Cashel 25 points to nil, Bruff rugby XV qualify to meet Ennis next Sunday in the semi-final of the Clare Cup. Tries by P. O'Rourke, M. Hehir, J. Mulcahy, W. Conway (2), N. Cooke (2). Converts, S. McAuliffe (2).

**Bruff win 28/8/71**Bruff ..... 4-7;  
Castletown-Ballyagran 3-7.

Bruff and Castletown-Ballyagran finished this quarter-final of the South Limerick Junior Hurling Championship at Kilmallock with fourteen men each. One of the players from each side was sent off.

**GOOD HURLING**

Apart from these incidents, the game was otherwise pretty sportingly contested, if at times a bit on the robust side, but there was at all times good hurling.

Castletown got off to what might be described as a dream start with a point followed by a goal in the first six minutes. Bruff came back for a goal and at the end of the first quarter, Castletown were ahead 1-2 to 1-0. Bruff reduced the lead with a point, and then one of their men was sent to the line. But Bruff seemed to thrive in adversity and they went ahead with a good goal. They followed with another before Castletown lost their player, and at half time Bruff led by 3 goals and 3 points to 1 goal and 4 points.

**LEVELLED**

In the second half, Castletown followed the same pattern as in the early stages of the first half and had a point followed by a goal, and there was an exchange of points then to leave Bruff ahead by a point, but Castletown shot into the lead with a goal and at the three-quarter stage they led by 3-6 to 3-5. With 10 minutes to go Bruff levelled the scoring. Five minutes from time, Bruff took the lead with a point and two minutes later went through for a goal that clinched the issue. Castletown had the last score of the game—a point—in the last minute.

Scorers: Bruff: D. Moloney and M. Leahy (1-2 each), J. Hehir and A. Gubbins (1-0 each), T. O'Connell (0-2), and J. Moloney (0-1).

Castletown - Ballyagran: J. Dolan (1-2), C. Farrell and S. Greaney (1-0 each), H. Dore (0-2), D. Greaney, J. Cullinane and J. White (0-1 each).

**Bruff****Junior 1971  
footballers**

Our local junior footballers gave an excellent display at the Sportsfield last Sunday when they beat a fancied Galtee Gaels side 2-8 to 1-2.

In the Bruff line-out were: M. O'Leary, P. Walsh, J. Madden, M. Moloney, T. Hehir, M. Leahy, T. McAuliffe, S. Ryan, P. O'Dwyer, J. Hehir, P. Cronin, B. Gerard, G. Hayes, K. Browne, O. O'Leary.

Bruff minor hurlers meet Knockaney in Bruff next Sunday.

At the Sportsfield last week Charleville C.B.S. beat Doon C.B.S. in the Munster Colleges junior hurling Dean Ryan Cup.



## Bruff

# G.A.A. officers

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At the annual general meeting of the Bruff G.A.A. Thomas Meany was elected to the chair for the fourth successive year. Vice-chairmen elected were Tom O'Connell, Tony Clancy, Vincent Hayes; Secretary, Tim McAuliffe; Assistant Secretary, Tom Gubbins; Treasurer, Thomas Hehir; Chairman of junior football, V. Hayes; Secretary, Joe Hehir; Chairman of minor hurling and football teams—Seoirse Clancy; Secretary, T. Gubbins. Junior hurling captain, J. Moloney; vice-captain, S. Mortell.

Under 21 hurling—S. Clancy; vice-captain, G. Hayes.

Minor hurling—P. Hehir; vice-captain, M. Leahy.

Junior football captain—M. Leahy; vice-captain, P. Cronin.

Under 21 football, G. Hehir; vice-captain, G. Hayes.

Minor football captain, E. Walsh; vice-captain, M. Leahy.

The election of captains for the juvenile hurling and football was deferred to a later date.

## Bruff win

5/8/72

Bruff ..... 3-9  
Ballyhea ..... 1-6

Bruff had a good win over Ballyhea in the final of the Kilmallock Festival Junior Hurling tournament at the Sportsfield, Kilmallock, when they deserved their 3-9 to 1-6 win.

Bruff were on top early on, and at the end of the first quarter, were leading by 0-4 to 0-1. Early in the second quarter, Ballyhea had a goal to level the scoring, but Bruff pulled away again to lead at half time by 0-7 to 1-2. Ballyhea were now turning over with the favour of a light breeze, and had hopes of taking the trophies, but Bruff were first to score—a goal—and Ballyhea were in trouble. They kept on trying, but Bruff maintained their superiority and ran out good winners.

Scorers: Bruff—J. Moloney (1-2), T. O'Connell (1-1), M. Leahy (1-0), G. Donovan (0-3), W. Smith (0-2), and D. Moloney (0-1).

Ballyhea—K. O'Connor (1-1), P. Ryan and D. Barrett (0-2 each), and D. Ryan (0-1).

Mr. J. Quaid, Feohanagh, refereed.

Mr. S. Fitzgerald, secretary of the Kilmallock Sportsfield committee, presented the trophies to J. Moloney, captain of the Bruff team.

## Junior Football: 4/1/72

# South title for Bruff

Bruff ..... 2-9  
Bruree ..... 1-2

Bruff got off to a flying start with an early goal in this South Limerick junior football final at Kilmallock last Sunday, and they were never in danger thereafter, as a Bruree side, from which more was expected, disappointed.

It was a first ever success in the South Limerick Junior Football Championship for Bruff, and their supporters gave them every encouragement during the game, which was rather tame throughout, due in no small measure to a high wind and to rain, which had fallen for quite some time before the start and for some time after the start. Bruree, who were short some of their regular players, suffered a loss during the second quarter, when their full back, Mick O'Brien, sustained a broken leg in an unfortunate accident.

Bruff were on top for most of the game. They led at half-time by 1 goal and 4 points to no score for Bruree. Bruree did come more into the picture early in the second half, but they could never measure up to the thoroughness of the Bruff side, in which T. Hehir, M. Leahy, P. Rourke and A. Gubbins starred in defence; T. Sullivan and G. Hayes were on top at centrefield, while P. J. Cronin, G. Mulholland, G. Donovan and A. O'Keefe were in top form in attack.

Bruree had good performers in L. Hogan (goal), H. Dore, Jim O'Brien, G. Mullane, P. Boyce and J. Moloney.

### SCORERS

Bruff—J. O'Donovan, 1-2; G. Hayes, 0-4; A. O'Keefe, 1-1; P. J. Cronin and T. Sullivan, 0-1 each.

Bruree—P. Boyce, 1-0; C. Daly and J. Fitzgerald, 0-1 each.

Mr. T. Murphy, Hospital, refereed.

At the conclusion of the game, Mr. P. J. Ryan, P.C., chairman of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board, presented the cup to M. Leahy, captain of the Bruff team.

### TEAMS

Bruff—T. Hehir; J. Madden, M. Leahy, P. Sullivan; P. O'Rourke, A. Gubbins, S. Ryan; T. Sullivan, G. Hayes; J. Hehir, P. J. Cronin, G. Mulholland; J. Donovan, A. O'Keefe and D. Carroll.

Bruree—L. Hogan; T. O'Shea, M. O'Brien, H. Dore; G. Mullane, J. McDonagh, N. Sullivan; J. O'Brien, D. J. Dolan; J. Fitzgerald, P. O'Brien, P. Boyce, G. Moloney, C. Daly and J. Moloney. Sub.: J. White (for M. O'Brien).

## Bruff

# Close of festival

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Festival week closed on a happy note on Sunday night, when Caroline Murphy, of Fair View Terrace, was chosen queen with a cup and sash presentation. Another lucky lady was Mary McEniry, of Crawford Street, who won a trip for two to the Bruff reunion in London next October. A highlight of the festival was the G.A.A. hurling tournament, Kilmallock winning out the senior section, whilst Bruff won the junior contest. Greatest attraction was the profusion of topical ideas and tableaux evidenced in the fancy dress parade, which was followed by an

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# Clubhouse renovations

The local G.A.A. are at present engaged in extensive renovations to the clubhouse, which is also used by teams for changing. The clubhouse proper is being extended, giving a greater floor area as required and it is here about this time each year that the club run their "45" drive, which could extend up to Christmas. Insulation and heat conservation is also getting its priority. Further amenities are being considered, such as showers, side-line wiring, and, if and when funds are available—a stand.

### NOW AUTOMATIC

Bruff has now gone over to automatic telephone.

### ENGLISH MISSION

Rev. Fr. Gus Kinnane, of Crean, Bruff, has now been called to the English mission. Fr. Kinnane who was ordained last June at Thurles, is a brother of Don Kinnane, N.T. G.A.A.

At Bruff on Sunday last, Knockanev junior hurlers lost to Na Fianna, whilst in the under-21 football, Bruff went down to Bruree. The good news is that Willie Conway fields with Limerick seniors next Sunday. His sister, Eileen, who plays with Ballvaegan had a very good game against Ahane in the county camogie final.

## Hurling

10/3/73

# Bruff defeat Garryspillane

Bruff ..... 3-7  
Garryspillane ..... 3-5

This first round of the South Limerick Senior Hurling Championship at Kilmallock on Sunday did not live up to expectations, and although it opened well, it developed to be a rather tame affair in the second half.

There were some good passages of hurling, but generally the standard was below par, and this may be because the losers have another bite of the cherry, because they now enter the losers group, the winners of which will meet Kilmallock in the quarter-final of the championship.

Bruff had an early goal against the wind and followed with a point before Garryspillane came into the picture, and the scores were level after 10 minutes. Bruff took the lead again, but Garryspillane came back to go ahead, and they were in command until near the interval, when Bruff rallied to level the scoring (2-4 each) at half-time.

Bruff had an early point on the turnover and followed with a goal, and entering the last quarter they were ahead by five points. Garryspillane then had a goal, but in the closing stages, played during rain and hail, Bruff held on to win by two points.

### SCORERS

Bruff—J. Hehir, 2-0; T. O'Connell, 1-1; J. Moloney, 0-4; J. O'Connell and D. Moloney, 0-1 each.

Garryspillane—K. Walsh and S. Burke, 1-2 each; M. Ryan, 1-0, and P. Ryan, 0-1.



## Denis Barrett

### SELECTOR

The Denis Barrett Cup is the prized trophy for the new South Limerick Senior Hurling Championship—the two first holders of which were Garryspillane and Kilmallock. And the popular donor must be hoping it will change hands again this year, with his club, Bruff, participating in the final.

Denis, who is a native of Ardpatrick, was educated at Efin N.S. and Rathluire CBS and had played some hurling with Efin before moving to Bruff, where he participated in juvenile and minor ranks before his playing career was cut prematurely short by serious illness, which, however, he very gallantly overcame, and returned to active Gaelic ranks, this time as a top-rate referee, who took charge of many important county championship ties including finals, and a number of inter-county engagements and appears to have given general satisfaction for he never encountered any real trouble or hostility.

Six years ago he faced another health crisis, for which he underwent successful surgery in America, and on his return he was back in the thick of things Gaelic and was soon shouldering the increasingly heavy responsibilities of treasurer of the South Limerick Board, and has proved a most dedicated and hard-working official and most obliging, as anyone who has reason to contact him on Gaelic matters will undoubtedly vouch.

As a selector, Denis can claim worthwhile experience, having served at County selection committees at all levels—minor, under-21, intermediate and senior. He is a member of the latter since 1970 and saw Limerick contest four National Hurling League finals—and his greatest thrill of all—seeing them for the first time in an All-Ireland senior final last Sunday.

### CUP DONATED

Mr. Denis Barrett the popular Treasurer of the South Limerick Board G.A.A. has presented a beautiful Silver Cup for the South Limerick Senior Hurling Championship, which will be presented to the winners of the replay between Kilmallock and Garryspillane on September 10th. This gesture by Denis Barrett proves that his interest in hurling is of more than the passing variety and all Southern Gaels are deeply grateful to him for his magnanimous gesture.

Age 34 (1973)

Refereed G. J. H. Fyfe  
St. Mary's, Kilmallock

Drawn M. H. Fyfe  
door v. Kilmallock  
Several S. C. games.

Replaced Mick Lynch & Co.  
S.H. Selector, September 1971.



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S.H. (Beat Coom 4.6 to 3.6)

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 Jim McAuliffe  
 Anthony Gubbins  
 Gerald Hayes  
 Mike Deehy  
 Tommy Hehir in goals.  
 Danny Moloney  
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 Tommy O'Connell  
 Ger O'Donovan  
 Willie Smith  
 J Browne  
 P Hehir  
 S Ryan  
 Pat Riordan

- Paddy Conin  
 Willie Enway  
 Gerard Hayes

Under 14 H  
 Anthony Hehir  
 Trevor Griffin  
 Shane Deehy

Under 21 H. Final (19 )

Bruff 4.11 Carrigrohane 1.6  
 Mike Deehy f. back  
 Willie Enway c & b. outstanding  
 Tony Gubbins m. f.  
 Dan Deehy (brother of Mick)  
 Tommy O'Connell.

Under 21 F

Gerard Hayes  
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**BRUFF**  
 It is ironic that in this year of Feile na nGael in Limerick that the De La Salle Brothers had to leave Bruff after spending over 70 years teaching there. For it was those same Brothers who did so much for hurling and football among the schoolboys down the years. In fact, Brother Urban was one of those responsible for the formation of the new under 14 hurling league in the South Division away back in 1959, a time when under 14 competition was almost non-existent. To add further to the irony, the team whom Bruff will be playing host to—Downpatrick, Co. Down—are coming from the De La Salle House there and will be looked after by a De La Salle Brother during their stay in Bruff and Limerick.

Bruff teams dominated the under 14 hurling competitions in the South Division in the early and mid-sixties, and fruit of this is beginning to bear now as this year the senior team has reached the South final after only their second year in senior ranks. Every one of the present senior team have come up through u-14, u-16, minor and u-21 ranks. Bruff also won several minor and u-21 and u-16 divisional championships during the past ten years. In 1966, Bruff won three out of four under age championships. All of this success has stemmed from the fostering of the game at school level.

Bruff have also supplied quite a number of players to the county teams in one grade or another during the past few years: W. Conway, T. Hehir, M. Hehir, T. McAuliffe, A. Gubbins, T. O'Connell, S. Clancy, J. Moloney, P. O'Riordan. Again, all those players came to the fore from success at u-14 level.

The Bruff panel of players for Feile na nGael is: Trevor Griffin (capt.), Jimmy Higgins, Pat Higgins, Gerard O'Connell, Joe Hourigan, Seamus Brosnan, Pat O'Brien, Pat Heagney, James O'Neill, Gerard O'Dwyer, Thomas Dooley, Seoirse Bulfin, William Bulfin, Willie Maloney, Danny Maloney, James Keating, David McNery, Mark Murphy, Declan Hehir, Raymond O'Leary, Seamus Farrell.

Most of those players are still eligible for u-14 grade for the next 2 years. They have just completed a school league in preparation for Feile na nGael. They are being looked after by Thomas Bulfin, N.T.; A. Gubbins, N.T.; John Bulfin, T. Gubbins and T. McAuliffe, club secretary.

The colours of the club are red.  
 The Down team will receive a big welcome during their stay in the village on the banks of the Morning Star.

**South final**

In an entertaining and tense South final played at Bruff last Sunday, Kilmallock defeated Bruff by 1-12 to 1-7. At the threequarter stage it was anybody's game with Kilmallock leading by 1-9 to 1-7. Bruff now missed some good scoring opportunities and Kilmallock added 3 more points before the final whistle.

The Bruff team was: J. Hehir, J. Gubbins, P. Quirke, M. Moloney, P. Riordan, W. Conway, T. McAuliffe, A. Gubbins, D. Moloney, B. Farrell, J. Moloney, G. Hayes, M. Fitzgerald, M. Leahy, T. Connell.  
 Subs.: J. Browne for J. Moloney.

Bruff 1959 S.H. Cup Final (Played May 1960)  
 Cloughaun 3.5 Kilmallock 0.6

Kilmallock Festival SH Senior Final  
 Kilmallock 3.16 Bruff 2.6  
 W. Smith 2.1 J. McAuliffe 0.2  
 J. Browne P. Hehir S. Ryan 0.1 each

A Schools Hurling League is being run off at the moment. After three series of games, William Bulfin's team had a narrow lead over Tom Dooley's team. However, following closely



## Bruff

# GAA clubs join

The New Year opened on a bright note for GAA followers in the parish with the news that both Bruff and Camogue Rovers Clubs had come together for this year at least. Bruff will have charge of hurling and the football club will be run by Camogue Rovers.

The AGM of both clubs were held recently and officers elected were: Bruff—President, Fr. Ryan, C.C.; chairman, Mr. Tony Clancy; vice-chairman, Mr. Thomas Meaney; secretary, Mr. Tim McAuliffe; asst. sec., Mr. Anthony Gubbins; treasurer, Mr. Tom Gubbins.

Officers of the minor club: chairman, Mr. Tom Bulfin; sec., Mr. Anthony Gubbins.

Camogue Rovers: Chairman, Mr. Pat Murnane; sec, Mr. Pat O'Connor; asst. sec., Mr. Tadhg Riordan; treasurer, Mr. Willie Clifford.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to Rev. Fr. Ryan, C.C., on his election as chairman of County Bord na nOg.

### RETIREMENT

Mr. John Corbett, who was an official of Camogue Rovers club for 19 years and secretary for the past six years, has retired. He is succeeded by Mr. Pat O'Connor.

## Bruff

9-2-74

# Bord na nOg Club

It was decided at a joint meeting of the Bruff and Camogue Rovers G.A.A. clubs, to set up a Bord na nOg club to look after juvenile and under 14 hurling and football teams. It was also decided to put these teams under the charge of the teachers in the boys' national school. It is hoped to get many of the parents involved in the running of the games from now on.

## Bruff

Sept 74

Bruff teams suffered a double defeat on Sunday last. At Kilmallock the senior hurlers in the South final were beaten by Kilmallock, 2-10 to 1-8. The team was: Tommy Hehir, Mike Moloney, Pat Riordan, Tadhg Sullivan, Tim McAuliffe, Mike Leahy, Ger Donovan, Billy Farrell, Willie Conway, Michael Hehir, Anthony Gubbins, Tom Connell, Ger Hayes, Seamus Ryan, Danny Moloney. Subs., Tommy Gubbins, Mike Fitzgerald, Tom Raleigh, Jack O'Connell, John Bulfin, Michael Cronin, Michael Quirke, Liam Hogan.

The minor footballers were beaten 8 pts. to 6 pts. by Treaty Sarsfields in the replay of their Co. quarter-final game. The team was: John Griffin, Peter Riordan, Kevin Walshe, Eamonn Clifford, Tony Hayes, Billy Corbett, Mike Cronin, Dom Kiely, Mike Kirby, Ger Farrell, Willie Donovan, John McEniry, Michael Madden, David Finn, Jimmy Brosnan.

### DEPARTURE

The locality was saddened last week when...

## SOUTH LIMERICK J.H.C.

2-6-74

# Bruff advance

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Dromin-Athlacca ..... 3-3

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Referee—Mr. Kevin Walsh, Garryspillane.

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# 'HEART MAN' AT FINAL

"Sunday Independent" Reporter

"WHILE IT keeps knocking, I know that I'll last a little longer," said Limerick hurling selector **Denis Barrett**, who in 1968 had only four months to live.

These days anybody who speaks to Mr. Barrett in a quiet place is likely to hear a "knocking" noise and while most are baffled at the sound, those who ask the reason might be told of the miracle that keeps the Limerick County Council supervisor alive.

This Sunday afternoon he will again share in all the excitement that is part and parcel of All-Ireland Final day as the team he helped to pick battles to make its own little bit of history by becoming the first Limerick team ever to win two senior All-Ireland Championships in a row.

But the position was very much different in the early part of 1968 as the then father of four faced death.

But the popular Denis made a choice that many more have failed to do . . . he opted for major surgery which led him getting a McGovern valve.

For seven and a half hours surgeons at the famous Presbyterian Hospital in Pittsburgh worked frantically to keep Denis alive. His wife, family and thousands of old and new friends prayed that God would make the operation a success.

Before the operation the main artery in Denis's heart wasn't functioning and frequently he suffered from acute shortage of breath.

Previously in 1958 he had a major operation in England, but at that time they could only strengthen the old valve which time proved was not sufficient.

Gradually his condition became more serious until finally surgeons told him that he had only four months to live.

"I was shattered but many people were so kind at the time that I will never forget it for them," he said. "With prayer and financial assistance, hundreds helped to get me to America and, thank God, the operation was a tremendous success."

"It is not often that I speak publicly about my "knocking" heart, but this time I hope that anybody who reads about my success will seriously consider undergoing the operation. I believe many lives could be saved if more were prepared to have the operation," he added.

Denis, now the father of six, is a non-drinker and a non-smoker. He is believed to be the only person in Ireland with a McGovern valve in the heart. The valve bounces up and down when the blood goes through it and it then cuts the blood off.



★ Denis Barrett



**Bruff**

1975

The juvenile hurling team put up a fine performance in beating the Stakers 4-3 to 2-0 in Bruff. The Bruff team was:— R. O'Leary, J. Donovan, W. Moloney, J. Hourigan, W. Bulfin, J. Keating, G. O'Connell, D. McEniry (capt.), S. Bulfin, J. O'eill, J. Brosnan, J. Farrell, T. Dooley, S. Higgins, P. Gennery. Subs.: D. Hehir and D. Moloney. Scorers were: S. Higgins 3-0, W. Bulfin 1-1, D. Hehir 0-1 and T. Dooley 0-1.

On this Thursday night, Camogie Rovers play Ballylanders in the minor football championship.

BEREAVEMENT

**Bruff**

Meanus G.A.A. Club held their annual general meeting last Tuesday. Officers elected at the meeting were: President, Mr. Jim Farrell; chairman, Mr. Pat Murnane; hon. secretary, Mr. Pat O'Connor; treasurer, Mr. William Chiford; vice-chairmen, Mr. Paddy Kiordan and Mr. Sean Kirby; assistant secretary, Mr. Pat Kinnane.

It was proposed that the club apply for re-grading to intermediate grade.

The football captains elected were: Senior football, Mr. Anthony Gubbins; vice-captain, Mr. Mike Kirby. Under-21 football: Captain, Mr. Mike Kirby; vice-captain, Mr. Peter Kiordan.

Selectors chosen were: Senior and junior football: Pat Murnane, Paddy Kiordan, Paddy McCarthy, Anthony Gubbins. Under-21 football: Pat Kinnane, Pat Kiordan, Liam Hogan (two selectors to be chosen by the Bruff Club). Minor football: Mr. Ryan, Mr. Costello, Willie Chiford (two selectors to be chosen by Bruff Club).

The football team will be trained by Liam Hogan.

**Bruff**

The Bruff parish hurling league had a very successful start on Sunday last when Bruff town defeated Grange 3-3 to 2-2. The Bruff team was: Pat O'Dwyer, John Dineen, James Finn, Martin Treacy, Thomas Leahy, Dan Moloney, Padraic Hehir, Ger O'Donovan, Ger Hayes, Pat Prior, John Browne, Michael Hehir, Billy Smith, Brian Kiely, Billy O'Donovan. Sub: Billy Carmody, Ollie O'Leary, Des O'Brien.

The Grange team was Seoirse Clancy, Michael O'Donnell, Pa O'Connell, Brendan Madden, Paddy Kenny, Seamus Ryan, Michael O'Brien, Jack O'Connell, Michael Madden, Declan Madden, Tommy O'Connell, Jimmy Brosnan, Michael Fitzgerald, Michael Weekes, Tommy Hourigan. Subs.: Gerard Higgins, Patsy Normoyle.

The senior hurling team play Newcastle West in Bruff on Sunday next.

CONCERT

Roomey, Denis

**SOCIAL**

20/76

Bruff G.A.A. Club had a successful social at the Golden Thatch.

**HURLING**

Bruff junior 'B' hurling team on Sunday defeated Stakers by Donovan, Pa O'Connell, Jack Clancy, Brendan Madden, Paddy Kenny, Jack O'Connell, Michael O'Brien, Michael and Declan Madden, Pat Prior, Brian Kiely, Billy Smith, Tommy Hourigan, Pat Wallace, Padraig Hehir. Subs.: Seamus Higgins, Gerard Hehir, Joe Hourigan. Scorers were: P. Prior and M. Madden (1-1 each), D. Madden, T. Hourigan, S. Higgins and B. Kiely (0-1 each).

**Bruff**

1/5/76

**G.A.A.**

The Bruff team beaten by Bruree in the senior championship, first round, was: Patrick O'Dwyer; Tommy Gubbins, Mike Moloney, Pat Riordan, Mike Quirke, Tim McAuliffe, Tadgh O'Sullivan; Gerry Hayes, Gerry O'Donovan, Mike Hehir, Tony Gubbins, Billy Farrell, Willie Conway, Mike Leahy and Michael Hehir.

**WEDDING**

Congratulations to Mr. Tommy Hehir, son of Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Hehir, Collinstown, Bruff, and Miss Norma Fitzgerald daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tom Fitzgerald, Knockaney, who were married in Knockaney Church on Saturday last. The groom is a well-known goalkeeper on the Bruff hurling team and plays soccer with Cappamore.

Our hurlers had a very busy weekend and mixed fortunes.

Results and teams.

Feile na Maighe juvenile hurling tournament, Bruff, 2-3; South Liberties, 2-1. Pat Higgins, Pat Gennery, Michael Carmody, Ger O'Dwyer, William Bulfin, Willie Moloney, Raymond O'Leary, David McEniry, Pat O'Brien, Billy Irwin, Gerard O'Connell, Dan Moloney, Pat O'Donnell, Michael Ring, Jer Butler. Sub., Declan Hehir.

South Shield, first round: Bruff B, 1-7; Kilmallock, 1-4; Willie O'Donovan, Michael O'Brien, Mike O'Donnell, Pa O'Connell, Tony Hourigan, Jack O'Connell, Tom Leahy, Declan Madden, Michael Madden, Pius Browne, Paddy Kenny, Tommy Hourigan, Peter O'Leary, Paddy Wallace, Seamus Higgins. Sub., Liam Hourigan.

Kilfinane, 3-13; Bruff A, 2-4; Donal Rourke, Paddy Quirke, Danny Ryan, Pat Clifford, Peter Riordan, Pat Kinnane, Pat Prior, John Bulfin, Don Kiely, Ned Quirke, John Browne, Billy Smith, Des O'Brien, Liam Hogan, Brian Kiely. Sub., Mike

**Bruff**

**advance**

Bruff ..... 2-14  
Garryspillane ..... 1-4

Bruff advanced to the quarter final of the South Limerick Senior Hurling championship at Kilmallock, with a fine win over Garryspillane, who had been expected to do better.

Garryspillane were somewhat unfortunate to lose top defender P. Higgins in the first half and star forward Sean Burke in the second half, both due to injury, but this cannot take from Bruff's good win. From the start they shaped well and looked the better side. However, their half time lead of 1-12 to 1-2, after having played with a strong breeze was not regarded as formidable. In the second half, however, they again showed up in good light, although Garryspillane lost many scoring opportunities by bad markmanship and when Bruff went through for their second goal seven minutes from the end, the game was over.

Scorers: Bruff — G. Hayes (1-8), M. Leahy (1-0), A. Gubbins (0-2), T. O'Connell, M. Hehir, M. Quirke and W. Farrell (0-1 each).

Garryspillane — J. Dawson (1-0), K. Walsh (0-3), and D. (0-1).

Referee — Mr. J. Shehan, Dromin/Athlacca.

Bruff — P. O'Dwyer; T. Gubbins, M. Maloney, T. O'Sullivan; P. O'Riordan, W. Conway, G. Donovan; M. Quirke, W. Farrell; M. Hehir, A. Gubbins, G. Hayes; T. O'Connell, M. Leahy, M. Hehir.

Garryspillane — T. Ryan; T. O'Donnell, P. Higgins, Jos. Burke; P. O'Grady, John Burke, J. O'Brien; K. Walsh, M. Carroll; M. Quish, P. Tobin, J. Dawson; D. P. Bowley, D. Ryan and S. Bourke.

29/5/76

**Bruff**

April 76

The under-16 football team had an easy win over Banogue in their first game of the year. The team was: G. O'Dwyer, M. Carmody, L. Houlihan, J. Coughlan, W. Moloney, G. O'Connell, M. Punch, D. Hehir, D. McEniry, W. Bulfin, P. O'Brien, P. Ryan, B. Kirby, D. Moloney, P. Gennery.

Subs., R. O'Neill, R. O'Leary, P. O'Donnell.

BEREAVEMENT

Macnamara and Rev. Fr. John Ryan, C.C.

**HURLING**

The under-21 hurlers made their exit from the championship on Sunday last in a disappointing first round replay with Athlaca. The team was: Willie O'Donovan, Tom Leahy, Taiddg O'Sullivan, Peter Riordan, Michael O'Brien, Mike Cronin, Michael Madden, John Bulfin, Mike Hehir, Pat Clifford, Dom Kiely, Denny McEniry, Des O'Brien, Pius Browne, Ger Hehir. Subs.: Seoirse Bulfin and Hugh Keating.

Bruff 8/5/76



**Bruff**

26.6.76

Bruff senior hurlers defeated Mallow by 2-12 to 1-11 in the Charleville tournament and qualified to meet Bruree in the final. The team was: M. Quirke, T. Gubbins, M. Moloney, T. O'Sullivan, G. O'Donovan, W. Conway, D. Riordan, B. Farrell, T. McAuliffe, M. Hehir, T. Gubbins, G. Hayes, T. O'Connell, M. Leahy, J. Bulfin. On Monday evening last they defeated Ballyhea by 3-12 to 1-6 in the Bruree tournament. They play the final on this Sunday evening, June 6.

**END OF AN ERA****Bruff**

June 76

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Logan, Canass, on the death of her brother, Mr. Wiame Cunningham, who was residing in Castlemary, Co. Cork.

**HURLING**

The senior hurlers on Sunday last were beaten 1-14 to 2-8 by Bruree at Kilmallock. The team was: P. O'Dwyer, T. Gubbins, M. Moloney, T. Sullivan, G. O'Donovan, W. Conway, P. Riordan, B. Farrell, M. Quirke, T. McAuliffe, A. Gubbins, J. Bulfin, M. Hehir, M. Leahy, T. O'Connell. Sub., G. Hayes.

Other results:—

Hospital tournament semi-final re-play: Bruff A, 4-2; Knockainey, 0-4. Final: Na Fianna, 1-12; Bruff, 1-7.

**GREAT CYCLE**

On Sunday next a sponsored 10-mile cycle race will be held from Bruff to Lough Gur and back. The cycle is in aid of the Sportsfield Development Fund.

**SKILLS**

Raymond O'Leary of St. Peter and Paul's Tce., Bruff, won the South final of the Feile na nGael under 14 skills competition.

**Bruff**

July 1976

The minor hurlers will play Croom in the semi final of the South championship this Thursday, July 16th. The team and day, July 16th. They defeated Glenroe by 3-2 to 1-7 in a very exciting quarter final replay last wee. The team and scorers were—Pat Higgins, Joe O'Donovan, oJe Hourigan, Willie Moloney, Pat O'Brien, Jimmy Brosnan, Mike Barron, Seoirse Bulfin (0-2), David McEniry, Willie Bulfin (1-0), Pat Clifford, Ger O'Connell (1-0), ames Keating, Seamus Higgins (1-0), Anthony Hehir. Subs., James O'Neill, Michael Ring.

**FEILE WINNER**

Raymond O'Leary, St. Peter and Paul's Terrace, Bruff, was third in the county final of the Feile na nGael under 14 hurling skills competition.

**Bruff**

3-7-76

Bruff had a 2-10 to 2-6 win over Killeedy in the semifinal of the Ballygran senior hurling tournament on Sunday last. The team was: P. O'Dwyer, T. Bulfin, M. Moloney, T. O'Sullivan, P. Riordan, T. McAuliffe, P. Hehir, T. O'Connell, B. Farrell, J. Bulfin, T. Gubbins, M. Hehir, S. Bulfin, M. Leahy, P. O'Leary. Sub.: G. O'Donovan. They meet Newtown or Adare in the final.

**CYCLE.**

The Sportsfield Development Fund.

employed people in the project.

**HURLING**

Amid great excitement, Bruff junior team defeated Knockainey by 1-6 to 0-4 in the final of the Lough Gur festival, and received a fine cup and set of trophies. The team was: Mike O'Leary, Danny Ryan, Mike O'Donnell (capt.), Pa O'Connell, Michael O'Brien, Tony Hourigan, Brendan Madden, Declan Madden, Jack O'Connell, Tommy Hehir, Tony Brosnan, Tommy Hourigan, Peter O'Leary, Seoirse Clancy, Paddy Kenny. Sub.: Pat Prior.

first visit to the country, and they enjoyed themselves.

**SOUTH FINAL**

Bruff juvenile hurlers were beaten by Kilmallock last week, 3-3 to 1-1. The team and scorers were: Pat Higgins, Raymond O'Leary, Mike Carmody, Ger O'Dwyer, Jim Leahy, Pat O'Brien, Pat Gennery, Willie Moloney, Dave McEniry (1-0), Willie Bulfin, Ger O'Connell (0-1), Dan Moloney, Declan Hehir, Michael Ring, Mike Casey. Sub.: Billy Irwin.

**HOLIDAYS**

The fine weather last week enjoyed by the three

**Bruff**

1976

Our Bord na nOg representatives did very well in the Munster Scor na nOg finals in Mallow. The novelty act were runners-up to the eventual All-Ireland winners. Taking part were Elizabeth Hayes, Joe O'Donovan, James O'Neill and Declan Hehir. Also representing Limerick in the solo singing competition was Miss Mary Clifford of Crean. And in the Adult Scor '76 south finals Mrs. Margie Nagle, representing Camogue Rovers in the solo-singing competition, took first place. Winners in the ballad groups, representing Bruff, were: Marguerite and Noel Kirby, Willie Wrenn, Leo Hayes and Michael Sheehan.

**BEREAVEMENT**

Sincere sympathy is extended to the relatives of Mrs. Kate O'Sullivan, Collinstown, who died recently.

**HURLING**

The senior hurling team had a good 5-7 to 2-5 win over Dromin-Athlaccia in the concluding game of the county senior league at the Sportsfield on Sunday last. Because of this win they finished second in their group. The team was: Pat O'Dwyer, Tom Gubbins, Eamon Riordan, Mike Moloney, Tadhg O'Sullivan, Pat Riordan, Mike Quirke, Billy Farrell (0-2), Mike Hehir, Tommy O'Connell (2-1), Anthony Gubbins (0-1), John Bulfin (0-3), John Browne, Danny Moloney (2-0), Donal O'Rourke (1-0).

Work is progressing very well at the moment on the new dressingroom and showers. This is a very worthy venture and all the work is carried out voluntarily every Saturday.

**RETREAT****Bruff**

Dec. 1976

In the first game of the new Minor Hurling League, Seoirse Bulfin's team beat Joe O'Donovan's team by 7-3 to 3-0. The teams and scorers were: M. Fitzgerald, M. Carmody, G. O'Dwyer, D. Meaney, W. Moloney (2-2), S. Bulfin (3-1), P. O'Donnell (1-0), R. O'Leary (1-0), and G. Browne, J. Keating (1-0), J. O'Donovan, M. Houlihan, K. Ring, P. Gennery (1-0), J. Hourigan, D. McEniry (1-0), J. Leahy, D. Keating, P. O'Leary.

On next Sunday, Pat O'Brien's team play Ger O'Connell's team.

**HURLING**

Bruff minor hurlers were defeated by St. Patrick's for the McAuliffe Cup and a set of medals at Meanus on Sunday last. The team was: P. Higgins, P. Gennery, J. Hourigan, J. O'Donovan, W. Moloney, J. Keating, P. O'Brien, S. Bulfin, J. Brosnan, W. Bulfin, P. Clifford, G. O'Connell, M. Sheehan, D. Moloney, M. Barron.



Bruff - 1977

Bruff 26/77

In the final of the National School hurling league, Seamus Mulcahy's team beat Cyril Costello's team. The teams and scorers were: Seamus Mulcahy, Jim Leahy (2-1), Kevin Hogan (3-2), John Keating, Thomas Donovan (5-0), Thomas O'Riordan, Michael Coughlan (1-0). Cyril Costello (2-0), Brian Finn (1-0), Jody Corbett, John Nonan (2-0), James Beechinor, aPt Leary Francis Ricidan (1-0) **BEREAVEMENTS**

Bruff 17/9/77

Congratulations to our minor hurlers who won the St. Patrick's tournament when they defeated St. Mary's by 2-4 to 1-3 in the final. However, the victory was dampened by the fact that Michael Carmody, one of our finest young hurlers, received a nasty head injury. Michael is at present recovering in St. Finbarr's Hospital in Cork and we wish him a speedy recovery. The team and scorers were: P. Higgins, M. Carmody, J. Hourigan, W. Moloney (1-0), W. Bulfin, S. Higgins, P. O'Brien, S. Bulfin (0-3), J. Brosnan, B. Irwin G. O'Connell (0-1), D. Moloney (1-0), D. Hehir, D. McEniry, R. Leary. Sub.: B. Horan. The medals will be presented to the winners at the G.A.A. supper social in Emly on this Sunday night.

Bruff 18/6/77  
recover

Bruff, 2-12; Croom, 3-5

At half-time of this South Limerick senior hurling championship game at Kilmallock, Croom, who led by 2-4 to 0-5, looked as if they were set for victory, and when they had a further point on the turnover, their supporters were further encouraged.

But then Bruff came to life, went through for a goal, followed by three points to draw level. They then went ahead and were four points ahead when they had their second goal to be in an unassailable position. Croom had a consolation goal near the end.

Scorers: Bruff—G. Hayes, 1-3; S. Clancy, 1-1; A. Gubbins, 0-7; and T. O'Connell, 0-1.

Croom—C. Shanahan, 1-1; A. Lalor and M. Reidy, 1-0 each; G. Murray, M. Reidy, D. Murray and P. Kiely, 0-1 each.

Referee, Mr. John Sheehan, Athlacca.

HURLING 26/77  
Bruff minor hurlers qualified for the final of their own tournament on Saturday last when they defeated Mungret by 2-2 to 1-3. The team and scorers were: Mike Fitzgerald, Joe O'Donovan, Joe Hourigan, Pat O'Brien, James O'Neill, Jimmy Brosnan, Mike Barron, Seoirse Bulfin (0-1), Willie Moloney, William Bulfin (0-1), Pat Clifford (1-0), Ger O'Connell, Declan Hehir, Seamus Higgins, Dan Moloney (1-0). Subs., Pat Gunner, Matt Hayes.

14/5/77 20 YEARS AGO  
Exhibition

An exhibition of paintings by Mr. Thomas Ryan, A.H.C.A., the Co. Limerick artist, was opened by the well-known Cork pianist, Mr. Charles Lynch, at the Imperial Hotel, Cork.

M. McCarthy, C. Hurley, V. Toomey, P. Philpott, E. Goulding, P. Duggan, M. O'Regan, T. Kelly, M. Hogan, F. Mahony, C. Ring P. Healey. Referee, T. Semple (Tipperary).

Statement

A statement, to be issued to the Press, and to be presented to the Government in the event of death, was prepared by the 35-year-old Hungarian refugee committee leader at Knockalishne, where, together with 94 male colleagues and 96 women, he is on hunger strike as a protest against the delay in being sent to Canada, America, Australia and the Argentine.

Films

Films playing in Limerick were Mark of Zorro, The Power and the Prize, Teenage Rebel, Tension at Table Rock, Soldier of Fortune and D-Day: The Sixth of June.

G.A.A.

Bruff, Co. Limerick's £6,000 new G.A.A. field was officially opened when Limerick trounced Cork by 5-11 to 1-4. Limerick: P. Cuneen; D. Broderick, W. Keane, P. O'Connor, S. Quaide, M. McInerney, Jack Quaide, Jim Quade, T. Casey, M. O'Shea, D. Kelly, V. Cobbe, T. McGarry, M. Tynan, L. Moloney. Cork: M. Cashman, J. Brohan, J. Lyons,



3/8/77  
Attractive games in Bruff tournament

The Bruff senior and intermediate hurling tournament begins on this Friday night at 7.45 with the senior meeting of Bruree and Ballybrown. The programme continues on Sunday with the intermediate meeting of Dromin/Athlacca and Newport, also 7.45.

The remainder of the programme is as follows:—

Tuesday, 9th, Intermediate semi-final, Garryspillane v. Stakers.

Friday, 12th, Kilmallock v.

Vanquished — Bruff.

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Hurling tournament

Bruff G.A.A. club are promoting a tournament involving senior and intermediate clubs. Kilmallock, Bruree, Fedamore and Ballybrown have intimated they will be participating in the senior grade, while Garryspillane, Dromcollogher, Stakers and Castlemahon will take part in played on 4th August and the first round games will be played on 4th August and the finals are scheduled for week-ending Aug 14/15. Mr. John O'Grady will referee all games.

Bruff 19-2-77

The Bruff Convent senior basketball team were defeated by one point in the county final against Foynes last Tuesday.

The Bruff team were: Rose Clery, Elizabeth Hayes, Teresa Horgan, Noreen Horgan, Mary Leahy, Jacqueline Leahy, Geraldine Lynch and Joan Walshe.

FILM

A film on World Wildlife will be shown at O'Donovan's hall on this Friday evening at 8 p.m. Admission is free.

HURLING

In the final of the minor league played on Sunday last, Ger O'Connell's team beat Seoirse Bulfin's team by 6-9 to 5-2.

Trophies were presented to the winners by Canon Culhane, P.P.

RUGBY





Bruff, beaten by Na Fianna in the South Limerick U-21 Football Championship <sup>22-10-77</sup>



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Vanquished — Bruff. 12-9-77



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# NEW STAND FOR BRUFF FIELD

Plans for the erection of a stand at Bruff sportsfield are being considered at present. Finance is obviously a big problem. A respectable job including seating would cost in the region of ten thousand pounds. There is no need to stress that this is a big strain on the resources of a small rural club even at the present value of money. Various fundraising schemes are under consideration to provide finance to get the project under way.

Annual income to the Sportsfield of field rent and proceeds of fundraising schemes is only barely adequate for day to day upkeep and maintenance. The

many patrons of Bruff Sportsfield are only too deserving of the comfort provided by the presence of a stand. Shelter for players and officials and press reporters would obviously be a natural added improvement.

While on the subject, only those with the responsibility of preparing and maintaining a Sportsfield realise the work, money and time involved.

There is a strong demand on the free time of a field secretary with juvenile and minor matches interspersed with camogie matches and home team training.

On the playing fields we had a fairly successful year in 1978. We might say that our success this year came from an unexpected

but very welcome source. Traditionally we could be regarded as concentrating solely on hurling and when we win something in football as we did this year it might come as a surprise. But, for the last few years we have been trying to make a breakthrough in football and in 1978 the fruits of our labour have been realised. We won the South Division Junior Championship and South Division Junior Shield. We failed narrowly to Patrickswell (the eventual winners) in the semi-final of the County championship. As the average age of this team is very low further success is expected in the next couple of years. Great credit is due to Pat Cronin, his

fellow selectors and of course players for putting us on the football map at last.

We did not make much progress in hurling in 1978 but it is worth noting that we took Bruree to a re-play in the semi-final of the South Division S.H. Championship. In fact we gave Bruree the closest games they got in their run up to the County Final.

Our most notable hurling achievement in 1978 was the winning of the South Division Championship by our U/12 team.

They were unlucky to lose to Cloughaun (the eventual winners) in the County semi-final. It is gratifying to know that a sound basis for future good teams in the parish has been formed. This is due in no small way to the fantastic work of Sean Garvey N.T. and Thomas Bulfin N.T. who spare no effort in training and coaching the boys at the school.

On the subject of coaching, our club had five representatives at the Hurling Coaching Course held at Thomond College at the end of the season. This was a great opportunity for any young hurlers to avail of and we take this opportunity to thank John Clifford (County Board Youth Officer) and his fellow course directors for making this course the success that it was. Those who attended the course from our club were Tadhg O'Sullivan, Seoirse Bulfin, Wm. Bulfin, Gerard O'Connor, Ml. Miney O'Brien.

Our club were part of an amazing occurrence in the 1978 South Division Championship. This was a sequence of drawn games we had with Bruree. These were, 1. Drew in S.H. Championship; 2. drew in U/21 Hurling Championship; 3. drew twice in U/21 Football Championship; 4. drew in U/16 Football Championship.

This must surely be a record for drawn games involving the same clubs in any one year.



**BRUFF WHO TOOK BRUREE TO A REPLAY IN THE SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP**  
(Front row: left to right): Minie O'Brien, Seoirse Bulfin, Tommy Gubbins, Johnny Bulfin, Gerard Hayes, Gerry O'Donovan, Mike Moloney, Billy Farrell, Tim McAuliffe.  
(Back row): Denis Barrett, Willie Bulfin, Pat Prior, Willie Conway, Dom Kiely, Seamus Higgins, Tommy Hehir, Jackie O'Connell, Seoirse Clancy, Tony Gubbins, Tadhg O'Sullivan, Tom O'Connell, Tom Raleigh.



**BRUFF: SOUTH FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS**  
(Front row: left to right): Tim McAuliffe, Mossie Wrenn, John Bulfin, Davy Finn, Gerard Hehir, Tadhg O'Sullivan, Tommy O'Connell, Jimmy Brosnan, Jackie O'Connell, Gerry O'Donovan.  
(Back row): Pat O'Brien, Billy Conway, Pat Cronin, Tommy Hehir, Dom Kiely, Minie O'Brien, Seoirse Bulfin, Seamus Higgins, Johnny Moloney





**BRUFF South Under 12 Hurling Champions** 1948  
**FRONT** (L. to R.): Michael Browne, Dermot O'Riordan, Anthony Moloney, Seamus Hourigan, Danny O'Connell, Martin Finn, Brian O'Neill, Ger O'Donovan, Brendan Meany, Michael Kenny, M.L. Dennehy.

**BACK** (L. to R.): Pat Barrett, Anthony O'Connell, Pat Dennehy, Michael Reale, Anthony O'Riordan (Capt.), Thomas Bulfin (Trainer), Tomas Coleman, Anthony Madden, M.L. Enright, Aidan O'Riordan, Larry Farrell, Cyril Ryan, Diarmuid Ring.



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The following received their medals for winning the under 14 hurling and football South Secondary competitions: Jim Leahy, Ger Browne, John and Declan Keating, Tommy O'Riordan, Ger Hourigan, Brendan and Ciaran Ring, Kieran Lillis, Anthony Madden, Michael Reale, Pat Reale, Anthony O'Riordan, Vincent and Tommy O'Donovan, Brian Finn, Brendan Horan, Seamus Mulcahy, Anthony Murphy, Pat Dennehy, Michael Bourke, Pat Leary, David Meaney, Brian Enright, Jody Corbett, Liam Barron and John Noonan.



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... O'Riordan, of Brachvoan, Bruff, and Mr. Michael Reale of Hospital, who were married in St. Peter and Paul's Church, Bruff.

**JUVENILE CLUB AGM**

Officers elected at the juvenile hurling and football Club recently were: Chairman, Mr. Sean Garvey; vice-chairman, Pat O'Connor; hon. sec., Tom Bulfin; assistant secretaries, Gerard Higgins and Ger Butler; treasurer, Pat O'Donnell.

Committee: Rev. Fr. Ryan, Denis Barrett, Tim McAuliffe, Tommy Bulfin, John Conaghan, Pat Dennehy, Paddy O'Riordan, Tom Coleman and Mrs. Nora Hogan.

The captains elected were: Under-16 hurling, captain, Billy Irwin, vice-captain, Raymond O'Leary. Under-16 football, Ger Butler, Brendan Horan. Under-14 hurling, Jim Leahy, Mike Reale. Under-14 football, Anthony Madden, Pat Reale.

An appeal was made at the meeting for more parents to get involved in the club.

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Sincere sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of Mrs. Mary O'Sullivan and Mr. James Finn who died recently.

**HURLING**

The under 14 hurling team were beaten by 1 point by Croom in the semi-final of the Feile na nGael. They had already beaten Knockaney and Kilmallock. The team was: Liam Barron, Pat Dennehy, Anthony Madden, John Noonan, Pat Barrett, Jim Leahy (capt.), Tony Murphy, Brian Finn, Anthony O'Riordan, James O'Riordan, Ger Browne, Kieran Ring, Pat Reale, Michael Reale, Thomas Meaney. Subs.—Tadhg Mac Namara, Michael Kenny.

**Bruff**

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There is a mission going on in the parish. Last week it was held in Grange and Meanus — this week it's the turn of the ladies in Bruff. Next week it will be for the men in Bruff.

**GAA NEWS**

Last week was a busy one for aGelic Games. The juvenile footballers qualified for the South semi-final when they defeated Athlaca by 3-4 to 1-0. The team was: G. Butler (capt.) J. O'Riordan, P. Leahy, G. Hourigan, J. Leahy, M. Punch V. O'Donovan, B. Irwin, P. Ryan, B. Finn, R. O'Leary, A. Ryan, B. Horan, K. Hourigan, G. Browne. Sub., B. Ring. Kevin Hourigan was chief scorer with 2-1.

And on Sunday last the senior hurlers also qualified for the south semi-final when beating Croom by 1-10 to 1-5. The team was: T. Hehir, S. Higgins, T. O'Sullivan, M. Moloney, M. O'Brien, T. McAuliffe, J. O'Connell, B. Farrell, G. O'Donovan, M. Hehir, G. Hayes (capt.), D. Kiely, T. O'Connell, S. Clancy, A. Gubbins. Sub. W. Conway.

The club wishes to thank all those who supported their recent benefit dance.

**Bruff**

The recent annual Bruff reunion held in London was said to be the most successful yet with over 400 guests attending.

Scor na nOg time is here again and Bruff club will be involved in the first competition on Saturday, November 18th, at Athlaca. Anybody wishing to take part in solo singing, instrumental music, ballad groups, question time, recitation, novelty act, or set dancing should give their names to any member of the G.A.A. committee. The age limit is under 16 on the 1st day of January, 1978.

The junior footballers were narrowly beaten 0-10 to 1-5 by Patrickswell in a very entertaining county semi-final on Sunday last. The team was: Tom Hehir; Seamus Higgins, Tadhg O'Sullivan; Timmy McAuliffe, Mossie Wrenne, Anthony Gubbins; Jimmy Brosnihan, Ger Hayes; Dom Kiely, Ger O'Connell, Denis Wrenne, Pat Cronin. Subs.: D. McEnery, P. O'Brien.

It was their first defeat in 13 games.

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At a recent function in the community centre Garda Noel Casey presented trophies to the under 12 hurling team which won the championship last year: Martin Finn, Brian O'Neill, Pat Barrett, Anthony O'Connell, Danny O'Connell, Pat Dennehy, Michael Dennehy, Anthony Madden, Brendan Meaney, Michael Kenny, Anthony O'Riordan (capt.), Michael Reale, Seamus Hourigan, Larry Farrell, Tomas Coleman, Michael Browne, Derek Ryan, Aidan O'Riordan, Dermot O'Riordan, Diarmuid Ring, Ger O'Donovan, Anthony Moloney, Michael Enright. Jim Leahy was also presented with his trophy for winning the south under 14 hurling skills competition.

Thursday 45 games are enhanced by attractive prizes.

21st anniversary.

Bruff under 21 hurling team drew 4-3 to 3-6 in a very exciting championship encounter last week. The unusual thing about this is that both sides have already drawn twice in the under 21 football championship. This must surely constitute something of a record! The team and scorers were: D. Moloney, M. Ring (0-1), T. Leahy, J. Keating, W. Bulfin, S. Higgins (capt.), W. Moloney, P. O'Brien, D. McEnery, S. Bulfin (2-3), G. O'Connell, J. Brosnahan (0-1), M. Barren, J. Hourigan, D. Hehir (1-0). Sub.: P. Higgins (0-1). Mike Irwin and family, of ...

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## Two Bruff stalwarts dead

Bruff put up a very spirited performance in the South Limerick Junior Hurling Championship for 1953. They beat a strongly fancied Stakers side to qualify for the final, in which they encountered the holders, Knockaney, and drew with them on the first meeting, only to be narrowly beaten in the re-play, on the following Sunday, 17th October, 1973. Knockaney subsequently won out the County, and were later to pilot Limerick to the All-Ireland Junior Hurling Championship triumph of 1954.

Playing together on that fine Bruff side were Tommy Bulfin and Jimmy Farrell, and it is sad indeed to report that both died last week.

Tommy Bulfin of Grange died on Monday, 8th December, at a comparatively early age after a long illness. He won a county minor hurling medal with Bruff in 1941, he played for many years with the then Grange team and later with Bruff. When his playing days were over he maintained a passionate interest in hurling and was very active in promoting the Bruff club particularly in the juvenile sector and to the very end. He was also a trustee of the local grounds, and was a nephew of Limerick's murdered Mayor, the renowned Seoirse Clancy. Tommy's four nephews are now prominently associated with the Bruff club, who formed double guard of honour at the funeral, composed of juveniles and old timers, both with their own memories of a truly great Gael.

Tommy Farrell of Meanus, better known as "The Squire," was with the old timers at Tommy's funeral. They were assembled again on Saturday to escort Jimmy's remains. Jimmy had witnessed the County Junior Hurling final the previous Sunday and was looking forward to the re-play, but it was not to be. He had the reputation of rarely letting a Sunday go without seeing at least one hurling game, and he acted as umpire at various South board matches right to the end. The winner of South Junior Hurling Championship medals with Bruff in 1945 and 1947, he was deep into his 'forties before he put away his hurley, such was the level of his enthusiasm.

## Bruff

Bruff ..... 3-10  
Cloughaun ..... 3-10

Cloughaun scored two late points to manage a draw against Bruff in one of the finest games of hurling seen in this grade in a long, long time. Mike Reale, the Bruff midfielder, scored 2-5 and must now be likely to be drafted out to the Limerick senior hurling team. Cloughaun got off to a good start with some well taken points. Bruff recovered late in the first half and equalised in the last minute of the half. However, Cloughaun scored a goal with a hand-pass and led 1-5 to 0-5 at half-time. Bruff got the perfect score when Mike Reale scored a goal from mid-field. It was tit-for-tat for the next thirty minutes. The Bruff defence allowed Cloughaun in for two soft goals, which would have destroyed most teams.

Bruff had no intention of dying and continued to pressurise Cloughaun. James Riordan and Mike Reale had goals and with only minutes left Bruff led by two points. However, a point from a

## Bruff retain u-14 hurling title 1980

Bruff scored a big win over Kilfinane in the divisional under 14 hurling final at Kilmallock. The final score of 5-3 to 1-1 might suggest a one-sided game. This was not the case as the losers fought gamely all through and did not deserve such a beating.

Tom Coleman had a great outing in the Bruff goal. Others to star for the winners were Michael Reale, Anthony Madden, Michael Browne, Brendan Meaney and John Riordan.

Donal O'Sullivan, Sean Hoshford, Michael Ryan, Michael McCarthy, Eamon O'Sullivan and Richard Hanly were outstanding for Kilfinane.

**Bruff** - T. Coleman, J. Kenny, M. Kenny, M. Browne, J. Riordan, A. Madden, B. Meaney, M. Reall, J. Riordan, M. Finn, L. Farrell, A. Riordan, P. Barrett, G. O'Neill, S. Hannigan.

**Kilfinane** - A. Fitzgerald, S. O'Neill, P. Considine, S. Hoshford, R. Hanly, D. O'Sullivan, T. Quilty, M. Ryan, M. Halpin, D. Quilty, E. O'Sullivan, M. McCarthy, T. Ryan, D. O'Dea, S. English, M. O'Hara.

Referee - H. Greensmyth (Na Fianna).  
The Bruff minor footballers scored a surprise win over Na Fianna. The latter were recently crowned league champions, but had no answer to Bruff in this second round tie.

In the semi final of the under 21 football championship, Kilmallock had little difficulty in disposing of Ballylanders.

Galbally defeated Kilmallock in the replay of the under 16 football championship.

Kilmallock house two very attractive hurling games on Sunday. The first game of the evening is the junior hurling championship tie between Kilfinane and Banogue. Both sides have impressed in recent tournament games and while Kilfinane are favourites to advance, it will be no surprise if Banogue upset the odds.

The second game has all the ingredients of a thriller. Bruff, who have their sights set on the senior hurling crown, cross a stiff obstacle in their bid for glory. Garryspillane, who provide the opposition, are tough championship campaigners. The winners will go forward to meet Dromin-Athlaca in the semi-final.

On Monday evening at Kilmallock an exciting evening is assured when Bruff and Kilfinane meet in the final of the under 16 hurling championship.

## Bruff

Winners in the recent monthly draw in aid of the Community Centre were as follows: 1, John Murphy, The Square, Bruff; Tom O'Sullivan, c/o F.C.J. Convent, Bruff; Michael Conaghan, The Hill, Bruff; John Bevan, Camass, Bruff; Seamus Toomey, Camass, Bruff.

The under 14 football team qualified for the south final when they defeated Garryspillane by 1-3 to 0-1. Best for the winners were Pat Dennehy, John O'Riordan, Mike Reale, Anthony Madden, Larry Farrell, Anthony O'Riordan and Tomas Coleman.

And the Under 12 hurling team had a good win over Knockainey in their first round game.

And the junior hurlers, who have been the surprise packets of the season so far, will play Effin in the Junior Cup semi-final on this Saturday evening.

## Bruff make exit

Garryspillane ..... 3-7  
Bruff ..... 2-6

Garryspillane advanced to the South Limerick Senior Hurling semi-final, at Kilmallock, on Sunday, when they defeated Bruff in the quarter final, played under difficult weather conditions.

It was a very closely and keenly contested game, with Bruff opening the scoring but being pegged back by the winners, who gained the initiative in the second quarter and led at half-time by 3-4 to 1-3.

Bruff showed up in much better light in the second half and were unfortunate to lose one of their players about 10 minutes from time. He was sent to the line by Referee John Sheehan. In any event, Garryspillane finished strongly and deserved their fourth point win.

Scorers: Garryspillane - K. Walsh (0-5), M. Gubbins, B. Carroll, and J. Burke (1-0 each), D. Ryan and M. Quish (0-1 each).  
**Bruff** - G. Hayes (1-3), S. Clancy (1-0) and W. Bulfin (0-3).

### TEAMS

Garryspillane - B. Hayes, T. O'Donnell, B. Burke, J. Burke, W. Burke, M. Carroll, P. O'Grady, M. Quish, B. Carroll, D. Ryan, J. Burke, K. Walsh, M. Gubbins, P. Ryan and S. Burke.

Bruff - T. Hehir, T. O'Connell, T. O'Sullivan, P. Prior, M. Hehir, T. McAuliffe, M. O'Connell, S. Bulfin, A. Gubbins, W. Bulfin, G. Hayes, D. Kiely, W. Farrell, S. Clancy, J. Bulfin; sub., D. Hehir for Kiely.

## Bruff

Mr. Denis O'Connor of Crawford St., Bruff, has taken up a teaching appointment in the National School in Midleton.

The under-12 hurling team had a fine win in the South final against Castlemahon-Ballyagran. The team and scorers were: D. Horan, J. Kenny, M. Carroll, T. Griffin, J. Purcell, M. Browne, J. O'Riordan, B. Meaney, B. O'Donnell (0-2), G. O'Donovan (0-1), J. O'Riordan, J. Kurby, C. Garvey (1-0), J. Enright (1-1), D. O'Connell (1-0).

# THE PAST YEAR: MEMORABLE

FOR the young Gaels of Bruff and Camogue areas the past year has been a memorable one with success both on and off the playing fields.

It was the year during which they reigned as the "Club of the Year" in County Limerick and it was also the year in which they set a new record for the young G.A.A. enthusiasts of the area.

Having secured the coveted "Club of the Year" award for their high standard in organisation, presentation, attendance at games on time, general behaviour and sportsmanship, they went on to prove their ability in the actual playing of the game.

For the first time in Bord na nOg the South Limerick championship in both hurling and football under 14 years came to the parish.

## Honour

Brian Flynn had the singular honour of captaining both winning

## Bruff

Congratulations are extended to the committee of the new "Dawn" magazine, on another wonderful achievement. The relevance of the magazine for our exiles is best illustrated by a letter to the editor from Mr. James R. Creed, of Chicago, who praises the magazine for its help in tracing his roots in the South Limerick area. Once again, the magazine is brimful of historical articles on the area and modern life in Bruff. It is a must for all locals and would make an excellent present for our exiles.

The following were married recently - Mr. Michael McCarthy of Kiltteely and Miss Mary Wrenn of Grange, Bruff; and Mr. Seamus Falvey of Milford, Co. Cork, and Miss Esther O'Riordan, of Ballygreennan, Bruff.

The F.C.J. Convent under 14 football team who won the county final recently was as follows - D. Hayes, S. Hourigan, P. Barrett, L. Dunworth, B. O'Neill, J. Ryan, J. O'Donnell, J. Flavin, K. Lynch, M. Kenny, L. Farrell, G. O'Neill, M. Dennehy, T. J. Carroll and J. Finn.

The death has occurred of Mr. Jim Farrell of Meanus. Jim, better known as "The Squire", was a life-long supporter of the G.A.A. and was well-known for his exploits on the field of play.

The GAA club will have their Christmas draw on this Friday night.

teams.

In the hurling sphere after winning the South championship they were unlucky to be defeated in the county semi-finals.

But they also added the Feili na nGael Cup to their honours in the same grade.

Meanwhile the Under-12 years team were also making an impact on the scene and they reached the South Championship final and were defeated by the narrow margin of one point.

In football, the team field under the banner of Camogue Rovers. Their Under-14 years team were successful in making the double with the South Limerick championship and went on to the county final.

## Skills

The revival of skills in the gaelic games has been building up since 1973 when Sean Garvey came to the area to take up a teaching appointment at the National School. Together with his teaching colleague, Tom Bulfin, they have achieved tremendous strides in creating enthusiasm and interest in the sport and developing the skills of the young players.

With the football they also had the assistance of former Kerry All-Ireland Football star, Gerry O'Riordan, who now manages a farm in the area.

Sean Garvey told me that they were thrilled with the success of the year for the young players and they are hoping that they may be able to repeat the performance if not to do better this year.

He said that the young boys were very interested in the sport and the winning of so many honours, last year, was an added boost to their morale.

In recognition of their achievements three Meanus people - Mrs. Hogan, Tom Lillis, and John Blake presented the team with a football. Well done Bruff and Camogue.

## Bruff

Bruff under 12 hurling team defeated St. Mary's in the county semi-final at Caherconlish on Saturday last by 4-7 to 0-0 and so qualified for the county final for the first time. The team and scorers were: D. Horan, T. Griffin, M. Carroll, J. Kenny, J. Purcell, M. Browne, B. Meaney, J. O'Riordan (Grange), B. O'Donnell (0-1), J. Kirby (1-0), J. O'Riordan (0-5), G. O'Donovan, D. O'Connell, J. Enright (3-0), C. Garvey (0-1). Sub. T. Ryan.

The ever popular annual re-



Bruff, beaten finalists in the under 12 championship. 11/10/80



# Bruff

14-3-81

The young set dancers of the parish have cloaked themselves in glory once again! Congratulations to the Ard na Ri Junior Set, dancing for Bruff Camogie Club they retained the All-Ireland Camogie Scor title for the second year, in Dublin, last week-end. The winning team was: Mary Mulcahy, Shane Ryan, Audrey O'Donoghue, Owen O'Neill, Marcella Cregan, John Kirby, Caitriona Walshe, Maurice O'Reilly, and sub., Rosaleen O'Dwyer. The Eire Og set came through in the Regional finals of Slogadh in Tralee on Sunday last and have now qualified for the All-Ireland finals in April. The Glenure set took 2nd place in the Novice competitions held in Kilkishen, Co. Clare, on Sunday last.

The annual Dinner Dance held last weekend attracted a very large crowd and was a great success. The GAA club wish to thank all local and outside firms who provided spot prizes.

The under 12 and under 14 hurling teams had a very worthwhile outing to Clonmel, where they played the local St. Mary's teams. The under 12 team was: P. O'Donovan, K. Daly, P. Kenny, K. Regan, V. Hourigan, T. Griffin, J. Fitzgerald, C. Garvey, B. O'Donnell, J. Cronin, B. Hayes, Mark O'Connell, S. Glynn, C. O'Brien, Martin O'Connell. Subs., A. McNamara, E. Burke and A. Maye.

The under 14 team was: D. Horan, J. Kenny, M. Carroll, M. Kenny, J. Purcell, M. Browne, B. Meaney, P. Chidgey, J. O'Riordan, T. Ryan, P. Barrett, G. O'Donovan, S. Hourigan, A. O'Connell, J. Enright, subs., D. O'Connell, M. Dennehy.

The Parish League will continue on Sunday next.

# Bruff GAA Notes

12/81

At a very pleasant function at the Community Centre, Bruff, the juvenile players of Bruff and Camogie Rovers were presented with their trophies won during the year. All players were present and their parents also had a night out. Mr. Sean Garvey, N.T., chairman of the juvenile club, in a comprehensive report, welcomed all present, congratulated the players on their achievements.

He thanked the parents for their great support, the Bruff club for their wonderful facilities and encouragement, all who had supported the recent sale of work especially the shops and pubs of the parish, and the girls who had helped with the sale. He had a special word for the club coaches and their long-suffering wives. The chairman then listed the marvellous achievements of the club over the past year and expressed the hope that the long-awaited county title would not be long in coming.

The guest of honour Mr. Joe McKenna presented the players with their trophies which were: South under 14 hurling and football, South under 16 hurling and football, and Feile na nGael titles. The following players received trophies. Under 14 - D. Horan, T. Kenny, M. Carroll, M. Kenny, D. Hynes, M. Dennehy, M. Browne, B. Meaney, J. O'Riordan (Grange), J. O'Riordan (Meanus), A. O'Connell, P. Barrett, T. Ryan, D. Ring, S. Hourigan, P. O'Connor, J. Purcell, J. Enright, C. Garvey, B. O'Donnell, G. O'Donovan, S. Toomey, D. Foley, P. Gammell, L. Dunworth, T. Griffin, D. O'Connell, D. Regan, P. Chidgey. Under 16 - T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, A. Madden, B. O'Neill, K. Lillis, A. O'Riordan, M. Hogan, James O'Riordan, M. Reale, P. Reale, G. Browne, L. Farrell, P. Barrett, L. Barron, F. McDermott, B. Enright, J. Blake, M. Browne, J. O'Riordan (Grange), J. O'Riordan (M.), M. Kenny, J. Noonan. Pat Barrett was then presented with his trophies as winner of the South and county Feile na nGael skills competition.

A cheque to offset expenses was presented to Mr. Sean Garvey by the Bank of Ireland.

Other guest speakers were Mr.



The Bruff team, beaten by South Liberties in last Sunday's senior championship semi-final. 3-10-81



The Bruff and Camogie Rovers juvenile G.A.A. club celebrated the winning of the 1980 South under 12 and 14 hurling and football championships at a function in the Bruff Community Centre recently. The championship medals were presented to the players by Liam O'Donoghue, the Mungret and Limerick inter-county hurler. Picture shows Liam with the winning captains. 7-2-81

## LIMERICK LEADER. SATURDAY. NOVEMBER 7, 1981



# 7/2/81 Bruff

A very fine crowd attended the A.G.M. of the G.A.A. club at the Community Centre on Saturday last. Officers and committee elected for the coming year are as follows: hon president, Rev. Fr. Howard, C.C.; chairman, D. Barrett; vice-chairmen, T. Meaney and S. Clancy; hon. sec., T. McAuliffe; treasurer, R. Moloney; field treasurer, T. Gubbins; assist sec., T. Bulfin; chairman (junior football club), D. Wrenn; hon. sec., A. Gubbins. Minor hurling and football clubs: chairman and secretary, W. Bulfin and D. Hehir. Club no nOg committee, S. Garvey, G. O'Riordan and T. Bulfin. Club committee, T. Raleigh, P. O'Dwyer, B. Smith, T. O'Connell snr.), B. Carmody, M. O'Connor, plys captains of the various teams and otehr members to be co-opted by the committee. Field committee: T. Gubbins, T. Meaney and T. Clancy. Senior and junior hurling team manager, T. Gubbins. Under 21 hurling selectors, P. Prior, T. Raleigh and W. Smith. Minor hurling and football selectors, W. Bulfin, D. Hehir, P. Hehir, S. Bulfin and S. Clancy.

Under 21 football selectors: D. Wrenn, M. O'Brien and S. Clancy. Business was not concluded and the resumed A.G.M. will take place at the community centre on this Friday night at 7.30 p.m. Patrick Hourigan, of Main St., Bruff, died last week.



## Bruff 7/3/81

Mrs. Phil McNamara, of Camass, Bruff, was very successful at badminton last weekend at St. Enda's. She won the county ladies singles championship and got to the final of the ladies doubles championship. Phil is very involved in badminton, as she is treasurer of the Bruff Club and plays junior in Effin.

The minor footballers drew with Croom in the first round of the league on Sunday last. The team was: L. Farrell, T. O'Riordan, L. Barron, S. Mulcahy, A. O'Riordan, J. Leahy, P. Barrett, J. O'Riordan, G. Browne, D. Glynn, B. Horan, F. McDermott, J. Blake, K. Lillis, P. O'Leary.

Dom Kiely and Ger Hayes were members of the Limerick football team which drew with Leitrim in the National Football League on Sunday last. A big crowd is expected at the Golden Thatch, Emily, on this Friday night for the annual dinner dance.

The juvenile set dance group and their enthusiastic supporters will travel to Dublin this weekend for the All-Ireland final, where they will represent Bruff in the Camogie Talent Competition.



F.C.J. Convent, Bruff, winners of Corn na Mainistreach for under 14 football "B". Included are D. Hayes, S. Hourigan, P. Barrett, L. Donworth, S. O'Donnell, J. Ryan, B. O'Neill, K. Lynch, capt., J. Flavin, D. Farrell, G. O'Neill, M. Dennehy, M. Kenny, M. Enright, and D. Cregan.

## Bruff 19/4/81

Peter O'Leary of Crawford Street, Bruff and Martina Collopy of Limerick, were married recently.

The under 21 hurlers bowed out of the championship on Sunday when they went under to Kilfinane after giving a great display with a team which included six juveniles.

The team was: P. O'Leary; A. Madden, J. Leahy, G. Hourigan; M. Carmody, P. O'Brien, W. Moloney (capt.); B. Horan, D. O'Connor; A. O'Riordan, W. Bulfin, P. Barrett, P. Dennehy, D. Moloney, J. Gallagher.



Bruff junior football team who lost to Ballybrown in the junior football final at Pallas on Sunday last.

## Bruff

Sincere sympathy is extended to the relatives and friends of Mr. John Raleigh, Crawford St., Bruff, and Mr. Patrick Feely, formerly of Grange, who died last week.

Congratulations to Pat Barrett who was fifth when representing Limerick in the Feile na nGael competition in Galway. In the process he banged in two goals past Galway goalie, Michael Conneely. He followed this up by scoring 5-1 when the juvenile team defeated Glenroe to qualify for the South final on Monday last.



Bruff, South J.F. champions.





Under 12, 14, 16 minor and under 21 players, who played with Bruff in 1982.



Mike Moloney, Timmy McAuliffe, secretary; Gerry Riordan, former Kerry footballer; Pat Murnane, chairman south board; Richard Moloney, Michael Browne, Sean Garvey, Very Rev. Fr. Culhane, P.P., Denis Barrett, chairman, and Tom Bulfin, at the Bruff victory celebrations. In the background is the plaque, presented to the club by Richard Moloney.



## Bruff 9/1/82

Bruff G.A.A. Club held their A.G.M. at the Community Centre, Bruff, on Wednesday, December 30. Both the outgoing chairman and secretary praised the junior footballers for their efforts in getting to the county final and said that the performance of the juvenile team augured well for the future. The treasurer presented a very accurate set of accounts, which showed that while inroads had been made into clearing the debt on the stand, etc., there is still a long way to go. Various methods of further fund-raising were discussed.

Officers elected for the coming year were: presidents, Rev. Canon Culhane, P.P.; Rev. Fr. Howard, C.C.; Tony Clancy; chairman, Denis Barrett; vice-chairmen, S. Clancy, T. Meany, Michael Ryan; hon. sec., T. McAuliffe; assist. sec., M. O'Brien; treasurer, R. Moloney; P.R.O., T. Bulfin; sportsfield treasurer, T. Gubbins; minor hurling club chairman, S. Clancy; minor hurling club hon. sec., M. Browne (these positions were reversed for the minor football club); Club na nOg officers and selectors: S. Garvey, G. O'Riordan, T. Bulfin.

Junior football club chairman, V. Hayes; sec., A. Gubbins.

Club committee (all the above plus W. Smith, T. Raleigh, W. Carmody, T. O'Connell (snr.), M. O'Connor, B. Horan, P. Hehir, J. O'Riordan, M. McAuliffe, P. O'Dwyer.

Sportsfield committee: T. Gubbins, T. Clancy, T. Meany, T. McAuliffe. Senior hurling team manager, M. Moloney. Under 21 hurling selectors: M. Hehir, M. Moloney, T. McAuliffe. Junior hurling manager, P. O'Dwyer. Minor hurling and football selectors: chairman, sec. and T. Raleigh, G. O'Riordan, T. Bulfin. Junior football selectors: P. O'Dwyer, P. Hayes. Under 21 football selectors: T. McAuliffe, M. Moloney, M. Hehir. Senior hurling capt, M. Hehir; vice-do., T. O'Sullivan. Junior hurling captain, P. Hehir; vice-captain, T. Gubbins.

Minor hurling captain, W. Bulfin; vice-captain, M. Carmody.

Junior football captain, Tim O'Sullivan; vice-captain, T. Hehir. Under 21 football captain, B. Horan; vice-captain, J. O'Riordan.

Michael Ryan, who has returned to his native Bruff after a sojourn with the G.A.A. in Dublin, was appointed coach to the adult teams.

## Bruff 24/4/82

Both the minor hurling and football teams had good wins at the weekend with the football team beating Kilmallock in the knockout competition by 1-8 to 0-2. The minor hurlers staged a great second-half rally to defeat Hospital-Herbertstown in the semi-final of the Special hurling competition and they now play Castletown-Ballyagran in the final. The hurling team was: T. Coleman, M. Kenny, A. Madden, P. Dennehy, K. Lillis, J. Leahy, A. O'Riordan, M. Reale, P. Lyons, F. McDermott, G. Browne, A. O'Connell, P. Barrett, L. Barron, S. Hourigan.

Subs.: J. O'Riordan, for M. Reale (injured), M. Browne for A. O'Connell (injured), D. Hynes.

The under-14 hurlers qualified for their 4th successive South Feile na nGael final by beating Hospital-Herbertstown. They will play Kilmallock in the final on this Sunday evening in Bruff at 7 p.m.

The senior hurlers were beaten by Cappamore in a lively challenge on Sunday evening and the team was: P. O'Leary, P. O'Riordan, T. O'Sullivan, M. O'Brien, M. Hehir, S. Bulfin, P. O'Brien, D. Kiely, B. Horan, T. Raleigh, W. Bulfin, R. O'Leary, T. McAuliffe, D.

## 20/2/82 Bruff

Even though the club has yet to play a game this year some of our younger players had a very busy weekend. On Saturday our juvenile representatives in the South team who played the East, played a very prominent part before going under in a very exciting game.

These players were Anthony Madden, Anthony O'Riordan, James O'Riordan, Ger Browne, Pat Barrett and subs., Mike Reale and Thomas Coleman.

On Sunday Ger Browne played in a South minor trial and Willie Bulfin and Brendan Horan were on the South under-21 hurling team who played the City.

At a meeting of adult players last week it was decided to commence training on March 2. It is to be hoped that the players will respond to the promptings of new coach, Michael Ryan. Training for all minor and under-16 players will take place on this Friday, commencing at 7 p.m.

All club members are requested to be at the field on Sunday to ensure that the Harty Cup final between North Monastery, Cork, and St. Flannan's, Ennis, runs off smoothly.

The minor footballers had a good 6-5 to 1-3 win over Croom in the league at Knockaney on Sunday.

The team was—J. Blake, P. Dennehy, L. Barron, J. Ryan, J. O'Riordan, J. Leahy, A. Madden, A. O'Riordan, R. Lyons, P. Barrett, G. Browne, M. Reale, B. Enright, F. McDermott. Subs: K. Lillis, D. Hynes, and M. Kenny.

The minor hurlers will play a very experienced Ardpark side in the league at Bruree on Sunday next at 1 p.m.

Congratulations to Tony Hayes of Main Street, Bruff who was recently elected chairman of the County Scor Committee.

All committee members are reminded that the next meeting will take place at the Community Centre, on Friday, April 2nd, at 8.30 p.m. sharp, to make the final arrangements for the Monster 10 mile sponsored walk.

The annual Good Friday sponsored walk was blessed with fine weather and the largest crowd yet made it a great success. All walkers are reminded that they should go about collecting their money as quickly as possible.

The Under 21 hurlers had a fine 4-15 to 2-3 win over Glenroe in the championship and this was particularly surprising as the footballers had failed to field a team the previous Sunday. An interesting point is that most Under 21 teams seem not to have a majority of minor players.

The team and scorers were: T. Coleman, A. Madden, M. Carmody, M. Houlihan, G. Browne, J. Leahy, B. Irwin, B. Horan (0-1), R. O'Leary (0-1), W. Bulfin (1-1), D. Hehir, M. Coughlan (0-1), P. Barrett (1-1), D. Moloney (2-0), G. Hourigan.

The under 14 hurlers qualified for the South semi-final of Feile na nGael with convincing wins over Castletown-Ballyagran and Ardpark. They now play Na Fianna on this Saturday. The team which beat Ardpark was: D. Horan, T. Griffin, M. Carroll, P. Kenny, J. Purcell, J. O'Riordan (Grange), D. Regan, J. O'Riordan (Meanus), B. Meany, J. Kenny, M. Browne, J. Enright, T. Ryan, P. Chidgey, C. Garvey. Subs.: V. Hourigan, D. O'Connell, M. O'Connell.

The minors will have a busy week-end as they play Kilmallock on this Friday evening in Bruree (7 p.m.) in the football league, and on Sunday they play Na Fianna in the semi-final of the hurling league in

## CLUB G.A.A. 4/3/82

## Bruff

The annual dinner dance, which was held at the Golden Thatch, Emly, on Friday last, proved a very enjoyable affair. However, now that the social side of affairs is over for the present, it is down to hard work as the adult members of the club commenced training this week and will continue on each Tuesday and Thursday night from now on.

All minor and U-16 players are requested to be at the field on this Friday evening at 7 p.m. They will play their first game on Sunday next at Meanus at 2 p.m., when they meet Croom in the special football competition.

The school team played a very enjoyable game with J.F.K. School at Na Piarsaigh grounds on Saturday last. The team was: J. Hurley, K. Daly, J. Mulqueen, J. Meaney, S. O'Sullivan, P. Kenny, J. Cronin, J. Fitzgerald, Mark O'Connell, P. Moloney, V. Hourigan, S. Ryan, S. Hayes, Martin O'Connell, M. O'Reilly. Subs.: E. Burke, P. O'Donovan, K. O'Reilly, S. Farrell, P. Dennehy.

The under 12s and under 14s will have training at the Sportsfield on this Saturday morning at 11 a.m.

## G.A.A.

## Bruff 3/4/82

Last Sunday was a red letter day for the club with the staging of the first Harty Cup final in the town between North Monastery, Cork, and St. Flannan's, Ennis. A crowd of at least 6,000 filled the ground to capacity, and to say that everything went smoothly speaks volumes for the stewards.

All neutrals were full of praise for the ground staff who had the field in such excellent condition that one person proclaimed that Terry Griffith and Steve Davis could quite easily have played their snooker final there! Special praise must go to the ladies for their tireless work in the shop, to the juveniles who sold programmes and to anybody else who helped in the running of this final.

And while all this was going on the minor hurlers put up a great performance to beat a fine Ardpark side by 3-5 to 3-4 in the Special Minor competition at Bruree. This young side was comprised of: T. Coleman, B. O'Neill, A. Madden, P. Dennehy, K. Lillis, J. Leahy, A. O'Riordan, J. O'Riordan, M. Reale, P. Reale, G. Browne, R. Lyons, P. Barrett, F. McDermott, A. O'Connell. Subs.: M. Kenny, M. Browne, D. Hynes, S. Hourigan.

The under-21 footballers will be first into the championship arena on Sunday next when they play Galtee Gaels in Knocklong.

There will be a committee meeting at the Community Centre on this Friday night, April 2, commencing at 8.30 p.m.

## 20/3/82 Bruff

The minor hurlers entered the fray on Sunday last and a youthful team made a successful debut against Garryspillane in the special minor hurling competition at Knockaney, where they won by 4-8 to 3-7.

The team was: T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, K. Ring, A. Madden, K. Lillis, J. Leahy, A. O'Riordan, M. Reale, R. Lyons, P. Barrett, G. Browne, H. Kenny, F. McDermott, L. Barron, A. O'Connell. Subs.: J. Blake and S. Hourigan.

Plans are now well afoot for the annual sponsored walk which will take place on Good Friday evening at 6.30 p.m.

For those adult players who have still not come out of hibernation there is a gentle reminder that training has commenced on Tuesday and Thursday evenings beginning at 8 p.m. sharp. The club got the good news last week that for the first time the Harty Cup final will be staged in Bruff on Sunday, March 28th. It is between St. Flannan's, Ennis, and North Monastery, Cork.

John Blake is a sub on the South minor football team.

## CLUB GAA

## Bruff 10/4/82

Last week was one of mixed fortune for the club. The under 14's travelled to Ennis and defeated Eire Og in a challenge. The team was: D. Horan, T. Griffin, M. Carroll, P. Kenny, J. Purcell, J. O'Riordan (Grange), D. Regan, J. O'Riordan (Meanus), B. Meany, C. Garvey, M. Browne, T. Ryan, B. O'Donnell, J. Enright, D. O'Connell. Subs.: P. Gammell, J. Cronin and J. Mulqueen. On the same day Anthony Madden, P. Barrett and M. Reale were members of the South team defeated by Mid-Clare in the Inter-County competition.

However, the club hit a new low on Sunday when they failed to field a team against Galtee Gaels in the under-21 football championship, at the appointed time and the opposition claimed a walk-over. Hopefully the same situation will not recur this week-end when the hurlers face Glenroe in the first round of the under-21 hurling championship at Knocklong. The under-14 hurlers play Castletown-Ballyagran in the first round of South Limerick Feile na nGael competition at Bruree on Saturday at 3 p.m. On the evening before most of these young players will take part in the annual Good Friday 10 mile walk, via Bruff, Holycross and Kilballyowen. It is to be hoped that every family in the parish will be represented on the walk and walkers are reminded that the walk will commence at 6.30 p.m. sharp. Winners in the recent monthly club draw were 1st, Donal Madden, Grange; John O'Connor, Crawford St.; Aidan Lyons, Caherconlish; Jim Guinane, Clonlara; Angela Troy, Grange; Liam Crawford, c/o County Council; Paddy Kenny, Grange, and Willie Carmody, Bruff.

The senior team who played Newport in a friendly on Sunday last was: P. O'Leary, T. O'Connell, T. O'Sullivan, J. Hourigan, M. O'Brien, P. O'Riordan, P. O'Brien, S. Bulfin, D. Kiely, R. O'Leary, W. Bulfin, B. Horan, T. Gubbins, S. Clancy, J. Bulfin.



**CLUB G.A.A.**

**Bruff** 15/82

On Saturday night the Junior football team defeated Croom by 0-12 to 1-4 in the Junior football cup. The minor footballers emulated the feat of the hurlers by qualifying for the special competition final, when they beat Galbally by 2-11 to 2-0.

The first trophies of the season were won for the club by the senior and Under 14 hurlers. The senior hurlers defeated Bruree in the final of the Athlaca tournament by 1-10 to 1-6.

The team was: P. O'Leary, M. O'Brien, T. O'Sullivan, M. Hehir, (capt), P. O'Riordan, S. Bulfin, G. O'Connell, D. Kiely, P. O'Brien, R. O'Leary, W. Bulfin, B. Horan, A. Gubbins, J. Hourigan and T. O'Connell.

Subs: T. Hehir, T. Gubbins. In a fine exhibition of open, skillful hurling Bruff defeated Kilmallock by 4-6 to 3-1 in the South final of Feile na nGael. The game was marked by many highlights which included the powerful marksmanship of Seamus Toomey, and Paul Chidgey, the pointing of a "seventy" by Michael Browne, and a five point scored direct from a sideline by Brendan Mcaney.

The team and scorers were: D. Horan, T. Griffin, M. Carroll (capt), P. Kenny, J. Purcell, J. O'Riordan, D. Regan, B. Mcaney (0-1), J. Kenny, J. Enright, M. Browne (0-1), T. Ryan (0-1), S. Toomey (3-0), P. Chidgey (1-3), C. Garvey. Sub: G. O'Donovan.

All those who went on the sponsored walk are asked to hand in their money as soon as possible.

**Fixtures**

Saturday, Under 12 hurling championship. Bruff v. Banoguc (Bruree) 3 p.m.

Sunday Under 21 hurling championship-Bruff v. Bruree at Bruff.

**Bruff** 8/5/82

The under 12 hurlers defeated Banoguc in the championship on Saturday last at Bruree.

At the same venue Pat Barrett, Anthony Madden and Larry Farrell helped South Limerick to a comprehensive win over East Waterford.

Our very young under 21 hurlers, are proving to be the surprise packets of the championship.

Short a few regulars from an already depleted squad, they gave a very courageous performance in easily accounting for Bruree. They have now advanced to the semi-final. The team was: T. Coleman, M. Houlihan, M. Carmody, A. Madden, A. O'Riordan, R. O'Leary, B. Irwin, B. Horan, James O'Riordan, John O'Riordan, D. Hehir, W. Bulfin, P. Barrett, M. Coughlan and G. Hourigan. Sub., J. Leahy.

The under 16 hurlers defeated Croom in the first round of the championship and a feature of this game was the scoring of 3-3 by corner-forward, Seamus Hourigan.

Our revised monthly club draw will take place on this Friday evening. The subscription has been upped to a pound, and this will make for more valuable prizes.

**Bruff** 15/5/82

On Saturday the u.12 football team defeated Galbally in the first round of the Championship.

The team was: Jim O'Connell, John Meaney, Kenneth Daly, James Moran, Sean O'Sullivan, John Mulqueen, Paul Moloney, John Fitzgerald, Seamus Hayes, Stephen Farrell, Edward Bourke, John O'Dwyer, Shane Glynn, Pat O'Donovan, Shane Fitzgerald.

The senior hurlers disappointed in going under to Croom on Sunday last. The team now go into the losers group and there is a lot of hard work needed if they are to advance further.

The u.14 hurlers are certainly giving value for money at the moment and in another great game at Caherconlish they defeated Old Christians to advance to the semi-final of the feile na nGael competition. They now meet a big challenge in Claughaun at Caherconlish on this Sunday.

**Bruff G.A.A.** 22-5-82

On Friday night last the junior hurling team played their first game and had a fine win over Kilmallock in the cup. The team was: P. O'Dwyer; M. Carmody, M. Moloney, M. Cronin, D. McEniry, M. Ryan, J. Herbert, T. Raleigh, J. Brosnan, T. Hehir, T. Gubbins, M. Hehir, W. Moloney, S. Clancy, M. Barron.

The under 12 hurlers had a fine 3-2 to 2-1 win over Glenroe in the championship and the under 16 footballers defeated Galbally by 1-6 to 0-0 in the championship. The team was: D. Hynes, B. O'Neill, J. Ryan, P. Dennehy, M. Kenny, A. Madden, J. Finn, A. O'Riordan, M. Reale, T. Coleman, P. Barrett, L. Farrell, S. Hourigan, A. O'Connell, G. O'Neill. Sub.: M. Dennehy.

The under 14 hurlers qualified for the Open na nGael County Final by defeating Claughaun by 2-5 to 2-3. This game looked lost at half time when Claughaun led by 2-2 to 0-1, but the spirit which has typified the performances of this Bruff team all the year came to the fore and urged on by a great support they rallied to reach their first Feile final. The team and scorers were: D. Horan; T. Griffin, M. Carroll, P. Kenny, J. Kenny, J. O'Riordan, D. Regan, B. Mcaney (0-2), J. O'Riordan, J. Enright, M. Browne (0-1), T. Ryan, S. Toomey, P. Chidgey (1-2), C. Garvey (0-1).

The county final will take place this weekend against either Caherline or Adare.

It was a great week-end for midfielder, John O'Riordan as on Saturday night he won the South Bord na nOg, Poc Fada competition.

In Hospital Vocational School Anthony Madden has been presented with the Most Valuable Player of the Year Award.

**Club G.A.A.:** 29/5/82

**BRUFF**

Bruff and Kilmallock met in the first round of the under 14 hurling championship last week. This was a repeat of that thrilling South Feile na nGael final and although weather conditions were not kind it proved to be another fine game with Bruff again being victorious on a score of 3-5 to 1-3. Scorers for Bruff were P. Chidgey (3-1), M. Browne (0-2), J. O'Riordan (0-1) and B. Mcaney (0-1).

The junior hurlers put up a fine score before going under to Croom in the cup. The team was: P. O'Dwyer; J. Herbert, M. Carmody, M. Cronin; D. McEniry, M. Ryan, P. Hehir; T. Raleigh, J. Broman; W. Moloney, T. Gubbins, T. Hehir; D. Moloney, S. Clancy, M. Barron.

Subs.: O. O'Leary, M. Moloney, B. Carmody.

The senior hurlers play Garryspillane in Hospital on this Sunday in the Championship and this is a do or die effort for both teams as the losers go out of the competition.

**Club G.A.A.:** 19/6/82

**Bruff G.A.A.**

Congratulations are extended this week to our president; Very Revd. James Canon Culhane P.P. who celebrated his Golden Jubilee to the priesthood last week. The Canon was always involved in Gaelic Games and is still as enthusiastic as ever in his support.

The junior hurling team defeated Croom in the Championship last week. The team was: P. O'Dwyer, B. Carmody, M. Cronin, J. Herbert, M. Moloney, W. Moloney, T. Raleigh, M. Hehir, J. Brosnan, T. Gubbins, P. Hehir, G. Hehir, D. Moloney, J. Keating. Sub; M. Ryan.

The under 14 football team served up a good performance in the championship to defeat Kilmallock by 2-7 to 0-1. The team was: D. Horan, S. Toomey, M. Carroll, T. Griffin, J. Purcell, J. O'Riordan, D. Regan, J. O'Riordan, B. Meany, T. Ryan, M. Browne, J. Enright, J. Kirby, P. Chidgey, C. Garvey. Sub; G. O'Donovan.

Congratulations to John O'Riordan of Meanus who put up a very creditable performance to come second in the Munster Final of Poc Fada in Thurles on Sunday last.

On Sunday next the senior hurlers play Bruree in the championship at Knocklong and they will have to be at their best to advance.

**CLUB GAA:** 26-6-82

**Bruff**

**BRUFF** 26/6/82

Although our club may not be represented on the Limerick team in Thurles, John O'Riordan of Meanus will have his moment of glory when he competes in the Munster Final of Poc Fada (under 14). John has given sterling service to the under 14 team this year and the club are very proud of his achievement in reaching the Munster Final.

The junior hurlers advanced another step in the championship last week when they defeated Dromin-Athlaca. They were well served by Mike Cronin, Mike Carmody, Jim Herbert, Mike Hehir and Dan Moloney at full forward, who contributed 5 points from play. The juvenile club wish to thank very sincerely all those who contributed so generously to their annual collection on Sunday last.

The senior hurling team made their exit from the championship on Sunday last when they were defeated by Bruree. Lack of fitness and hurling practice told and the team seemed to treat the result as inevitable from the throw-in.

The team was: T. Hehir, M. Hehir, M. O'Sullivan, M. Carmody, P. O'Riordan, T. McAuliffe, P. O'Brien, G. O'Connell, D. Kiely, W. Bulfin, S. Bulfin, R. O'Leary, T. Gubbins, S. Clancy, G. Hayes. Subs: B. Irwin for P. O'Brien, B. Farrell for S. Clancy, and D. Hehir for S. Bulfin.

Now that exams are finishing it is back to championships again.

On this Thursday evening the minors will play Knockaney in Hospital.

And on Saturday night the under 21 hurlers play Ardpatrick in the South semi-final. This very young side has done remarkably well to get to this stage but they will be up against it in a strong Ardpatrick side.

Congratulations to Peadar Kenny and John Fitzgerald who are both on the South Primary Schools panel, which will play in the Inter



Anthony Madden, 15, from Grange, Bruff, Co. Limerick, a student of Vocational School Hospital, has been awarded 'Player Of The Year', for his dedication and overall skills as a player and personality. The event was organised by Cumann Luath Cleas Co. Luimni.

5/6/82



Club G.A.A.

# Bruff

3/7/82

The Under 21's made up for the disappointment of the senior team when they defeated Ardpatrick by a point in a thrilling South semi-final last week.

This was indeed a great achievement by a team including four minors and 3 juveniles. They now meet a very strong Kilmallock side in the final.

The team was: G. Browne, A. Madden, M. Carmody, M. Houlihan, A. O'Riordan, J. Leahy, R. O'Leary, B. Irwin, J. O'Riordan (0-2), W. Bulfin (0-1), D. Hehir, M. Coughlan, P. Barrett (1-1), D. Moloney (0-1), B. Horan (0-2).

Earlier in the week the minors defeated Knockaney in the minor hurling championship. There were good performances from: Anthony Madden, Anthony O'Riordan, James O'Riordan, Richard Lyons and Fergal McDermott.

Both John Fitzgerald and Peadar Kenny were members of the South Primary Schools team who were defeated by the City in the inaugural Limerick Schools Championship at the Gaelic Grounds on Saturday last.

We wish to congratulate the Primary Schools Camogie team who have reached the county final after defeating Adare in the semi-final. The team is: Anita Foley, Freda Ryan, Denise Barrett, Marie Toomey, Susan Purcell, Deirdre Murnane, Castriona Murnane, Bridget Farrell, Doreen O'Neill, Gina Meany, Rowena Browne and Breda Hayes. A special word of praise is due to trainers Sister Veronica and Michael Ryan.

# Bruff

17-7-82

The junior football team advanced to the next round of the championship when they beat Ballylanders, who could count themselves unfortunate not to have forced a draw. In fact, the teams were level entering the last few minutes but good points from Brendan Horan and Raymond O'Leary ensured victory by 1-8 to 1-6. The team was: T. Hehir, T. O'Riordan, T. O'Sullivan, A. Gubbins, W. Bulfin, T. O'Sullivan, J. Brosnan, D. Kiely, D. McEniry, B. Horan, G. Hayes, G. Browne, J. Bulfin, G. O'Connell, R. O'Leary.

Subs.: S. Bulfin, P. Hehir. The junior hurlers had an even closer game against Kilmallock, being held to a draw after a late rally by a young Kilmallock side. The team was: P. O'Dwyer, B. Carmody, M. Moloney, M. Cronin, J. Herbert, M. Ryan, D. McEniry, J. Brosnan, T. Raleigh, W. Moloney, M. Hehir, T. Gubbins, P. Hehir, D. Moloney, J. Keating. Sub.: O. O'Leary.

The under 21 hurlers were disappointed with a very late postponement of their county quarter-final against Feohanagh last week. We extend congratulations to two members of that team, Jim Leahy and Ger Browne, who are members of the county minor panel who have qualified for the Munster final. Jim was wing-back on the side which defeated Waterford in the semi-final.

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Club G.A.A.: 7.8.82

# Bruff

Our under 14 hurlers and footballers achieved a notable double last week when they won the South Championship for the fourth year in succession. The panel of players for both codes was: J. Kenny, D. Horan, T. Griffin, M. Carroll, P. Kenny, G. O'Donovan, J. Purcell, J. O'Riordan (Grange), D. Regan, B. Meany, J. O'Riordan (Meanus), J. Enright, M. Browne, T. Ryan, S. Toomey, P. Chidgey, G. Garvey, Martin O'Connell, Mark O'Connell, J. Cronin, B. O'Donnell, J. Mulqueen, P. Gammell, V. Hourigan and J. Kirby.

Our minors are in line for the same double as they have qualified for hurling and football finals. This is a notable achievement as all but two of the team are under age again next year. They play Castle-town-Ballyagran in the hurling final at Kilmallock on this Friday evening at 7.30 p.m. and they will look to players of the calibre of Jim Leahy (capt.), Richard Lyons, James O'Riordan, Mike and Pat Reale, Ger Browne, Anthony O'Riordan and Anthony Madden to pull off what would be an amazing win.

Our under 16 hurlers travelled to Fermoy at the week-end for what was a very enjoyable tournament final against the locals. Fermoy had a very strong side on duty but our lads turned on the style in a very enjoyable game to win a very valuable set of trophies on a scoreline of 4-5 to 2-3. The team was:

T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, M. Carroll, M. Kenny, J. O'Riordan (Grange), A. O'Riordan, M. Browne, A. Madden, M. Reale, L. Farrell, P. Barrett, J. O'Riordan (Meanus), S. Hourigan, A. O'Connell, P. Chidgey. Subs.: D. Ring, D. Hynes, M. Dennehy, P. O'Connor and B. Meaney. We would like to thank Fermoy for their great hospitality and in particular Jim McGrath former Kiltely and Limerick hurler, who made us very welcome.

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Bruff, South Limerick under 14 hurling champions.



## Bruff 21-8-82

There was great excitement last week when our minor hurlers inscribed their name on the South Division's roll of honour for the first time since 1968.

In the final they had an easier than expected win over Castletown/Ballyagran.

However, their joy turned to disappointment a few nights later when they lost out to Feohanagh in the county quarter-final by a two-point margin.

This was a game of fast and furious hurling, with the issue in doubt up to the final whistle.

A word of praise is due to this team for their dedication and hard work during the year and for the amount of success they had considering their age.

The team who won the South final was: T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, A. Madden, M. Kenny, J. O'Riordan, J. Leahy (capt.), A. O'Riordan, R. Lyons, M. Reale, P. Barrett, G. Browne, P. Reale, A. O'Connell, L. Barron, F. McDermott. Subs.: K. Lillis, A. O'Connell, S. Hourigan, M. Browne.

A special word of thanks to those players and their parents who travelled long distances, or came back from holidays, or even interrupted wedding celebrations to play!

## Bruff 19/8/82

Excitement and joy overflowed last week at the Gaelic Grounds when the final whistle sounded and Bruff had won their first county title since 1966. It was under-16 hurling and the final score was Bruff 2-13, Killeedy 0-2.

At half time the game was delicately poised at 0-3 to 0-2 in Bruff's favour, but in the second half, with wind assistance, the team picked off some great scores to run out easy winners. An unusual factor was that all players from midfield on figured in the scoring.

The team was: T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, M. Kenny, M. Browne, J. O'Riordan (Grange), A. Madden, J. O'Riordan (Meanus), A. O'Riordan (0-2), M. Reale (0-4), L. Farrell (0-1), P. Barrett (0-2), D. Ring (0-1), S. Hourigan (1-2), P. Chidgey (0-1), A. O'Connell (1-0). Subs.: D. Hynes, M. Dennehy, P. O'Connor, J. Finn, B. Meaney. M. Carroll, the regular full-back, did not play because of injury.

The large and loyal band of supporters gave full vent to their feelings after the game and bonfires blazed in all corners of the parish to welcome home the victorious side.

The celebrations will continue on this Friday night when the club holds its first supper social at Bulgaden Castle Lounge, where a big crowd is expected.

A nail-biting finish was again the order of the day when Old Christians and Bruff met in the replay of the county under-14 hurling semi-final at Caherconlish. This time substitute Ger O'Donovan was the hero. With a minute remaining he came on to field to send over the vital equalising point with his first touch of the game. This left the score Bruff 1-7, Old Christians 2-4. Bruff scorers were: P. Chidgey 1-3, J. O'Riordan 0-2, M. Browne 0-1, and G. O'Donovan 0-1.

On this Sunday, Bruff and Kilmallock will cross camans for the long awaited replay of the South under-21 hurling final at Knocklong. This game has a late starting time because of the All-Ireland football final, and it will be the 12th time this year that the clubs have met in different grades of hurling and football.

## Bruff 28-8-82

The last week has been a very busy one for the club. On Wednesday last Croom came to Bruff to play our lads in the South minor football final and took away with them the trophy on a score of 2-3 to 1-4.

However, the under 16 hurlers made up for this by retaining the South hurling title with a big win over Hospital-Herbertstown.

The team was: T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, M. Carroll, M. Kenny, J. O'Riordan (Grange), A. Madden, M. Browne, A. O'Riordan (captain), M. Reale, L. Farrell, P. Barrett, D. Ring, S. Hourigan, P. Chidgey, A. O'Connell. Subs., D. Hynes, M. Dennehy, P. O'Connor, B. Meaney, J. Finn.

The football team has also qualified for the South final in which they will meet Galtee Gaels.

A large crowd of supporters travelled to Caherconlish on Sunday night last for the County under-14 hurling semi-final against Old Christians and they were rewarded with a thrilling game which ended in stalemate.

Bruff led by 5 points midway through the second half but when the opposition got two quick goals it looked all over. However, the team showed great spirit and they had their reward when Paul Chidgey equalised two minutes from time. The re-play has not been fixed as yet.

The last of our adult teams left in competition will play Knockaney in the semi-final of the junior football championship on Sunday next.

These teams met in the junior cup recently with Knockaney being victors and so it will be an uphill struggle if our lads are to retain their grip on the championship for another year.

## Club G.A.A.

## Bruff 4/9/82

The junior football team bowed out of the championship when they were deservedly beaten by Knockaney on Sunday last. After a very indifferent first half, the team rallied in the second, but never looked likely to pull it off. The team was: T. Hehir, T. O'Riordan, T. O'Sullivan, A. Gubbins, J. Brosnan, T. McAuliffe, D. McEniry, D. Kiely, G. Hayes, B. Horan, T. O'Sullivan, W. Bulfin, G. Browne, G. O'Connell, R. O'Leary. Sub.: G. Hehir and P. Cronin.

There was consolation for the club on Monday night when the u.16 hurlers qualified for the County final with a thrilling 4-3 to 2-2 win over Patrickswell. Playing with the wind in the first half they led by 5 points at the break, but this lead looked shaky as the second half commenced. Exchanges in this period were fast and furious and the real spirit of the team was now evident as they repelled wave after wave of attack and finally clinched the issue with a goal from Paul Chidgey after the ball had come back off the post from a free. This game of teak-tough hurling was a credit to both sides and left the large crowd of supporters just as drained as the players! The team was: T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, M. Carroll, M. Kenny, J. O'Riordan (Grange), A. Madden, M. Browne, A. O'Riordan, M. Reale, L. Farrell, P. Barrett, D. Ring, S. Hourigan, P. Chidgey, A. O'Connell. Sub.: G. O'Riordan (Meanus). The county final against Killeedy will be played at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick on Saturday week, Sept. 11 at 6 p.m.

Another eagerly-awaited game next week will be the replay of the u.14 hurling semi-final versus Old Christians which will take place at

## Final 28-8-82

Bruff made no mistake in the Minor Hurling Final at Kilmallock. They strolled to an easy 2-11 to 1-3 win over Castletown-Ballyagran and in doing so, bridged a 14 year gap.

The winning line-out T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, A. Madden, M. Kenny, J. O'Riordan, J. Leahy (Captain), A. O'Riordan, R. Lyons, M. Reale, P. Barrett, G. Browne, P. Reale, A. O'Connell, L. Barron, F. McDermott.

Subs-K. Lillis, A. O'Connell, S. Hourigan, M. Browne.

Bruit scored a facile 2-12 to 0-2 win over Hospital-Herbertstown in the Under 16 Hurling Final at Knocklong on Monday last.

They dominated all facets of the game and won as they pleased.

Seamus Hourigan 1-4, Pat Barrett 1-1, Diarmuid Ring 0-3, Michael Reale 0-2, Larry Farrell 0-2, combined to make up the winning tally.

Anthony O'Brien and Kevin Collins replied for the losers.

Bruff-T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, M. Carroll, M. Kenny, J. Riordan, A. Madden, M. Browne, A. Riordan (Captain), M. Reale, L. Farrell, P. Barrett, D. Ring, S. Hourigan, P. Chidgey, A. O'Connell.

Hospital-Herbertstown-J. Ryan, P. O'Neill, N. O'Brien, N. Wright, D. Hanly, M. O'Dwyer, J. Reale, A. O'Brien, T. Meaney, P. Hayes, P. Russell, M. Durkin, K. Collins, D. Carroll, T. O'Brien.

Subs-M. Walsh, F. O'Brien. Referee-S. Bourke (Garryspillane).

## Bruff 25/8/82

The under-21 hurlers crowned a remarkable sequence of wins for the club on Sunday last when they defeated Kilmallock in the replay of the South final by 1-7 to 0-5. With this win the club has now secured for this year South hurling titles in under-14, 16, minor and 21 grades. There were some remarkable contrasts in last Sunday's win. Four of the team have this year won four South titles and one county, while for 8 more of the team it was their first ever South hurling title. For the more senior members of the side it was a very happy occasion, as early in the season it did not look likely that the club could field a side, but with a nice blend of youth and experience and a large amount of courage and determination the team pulled off a fine win. Time and again in the second half the stronger Kilmallock side threw everything into attack, but a heroic defence, ably marshalled by Mike Carmody and Jim Leahy, and a 'Noel Skehan'-type performance from goalie Ger Browne kept them at bay. This was the first time a Bruff side won the title since 1971 and the team was: G. Browne, M. Houlihan, M. Carmody, A. Madden, R. O'Leary, J. Leahy, W. Bulfin (capt), D. Hehir, M. Reale, P. Barrett, D. Moloney, B. Horan. Subs., M. Coughlan, P. Reale, G. Hourigan, J. and D. Keating, T. Coleman, L. Barron.

The club held a successful supper social at Bulgaden Castle Lounge on Friday last.



Club G.A.A. 2-10-82

### Bruff

The National School team had a successful beginning to the Primary Schools Hurling competition when they defeated Hospital last week. The team was: Adrian O'Dwyer, Joseph Hurley, Gerard O'Dwyer, Michael Toomey, John O'Dwyer, John Meany, Sean O'Sullivan, John Mulqueen, Jim O'Connell, Paul Moloney, Seamus Hayes, David Murnane, Edward Burke, Pat Noonan, Shane Fitzgerald. Subs.: Pat O'Donovan, Shane Glynn, James Browne.

The eagerly awaited second replay of the under 14 county semi-final between Bruff and Old Christians will take place at Caherconlish on this Saturday at 3 p.m.

### Bruff win

6/11/82

BRUFF 3-5

FEOHANAGH 1-3

AT the second attempt Bruff qualified for the Limerick Under 21 Hurling semi-final when they defeated Feohanagh in the replay of the quarter final.

This was a better game than the drawn one. Feohanagh showed signs in the first quarter that they were determined to win. In fact at the end of the first quarter they led by 1-1 to 0-1, after a penalty to them had been saved. Five minutes into the second quarter, Bruff levelled the scoring and then had a good innings to lead at half-time by 2-2 to 1-1.

Bruff certainly showed their superiority in the second half, and after Feohanagh had reduced the arrears with a point, they took a commanding lead with a goal near the end of the third quarter and they finished the stronger team.

Scorers: Bruff-W. Bulfin, B. Horan and P. Barrett (1-1 each), M. Reale and D. Hehir (0-1 each), Feohanagh-J. Lynch (1-0), and M. Sweeney (0-3).

Referee: Mr. John O'Grady, Limerick.

CLUB NOTES

20-11-82

### Bruff

Our under 21 hurlers bowed out of the championship on Sunday last when they were to comprehensively beaten by a strong Doon side in the County semi-final replay on a heavy Caherconlish sod. However, they can certainly hold their heads high as all but four of the side are under age next year, and there was certainly no shame in being beaten by this fine Doon side. Final score: Doon 5-10, Bruff 4-4. The team and scorers were: G. Browne, A. Madden, M. Carmody, R. O'Leary (0-2), A. O'Riordan, J. Leahy, J. O'Riordan, M. Reardon (1-0), B. Irwin (1-0), W. Bulfin (0-1), D. Hehir (1-0), P. Reale, P. Barrett (1-1), B. Horan, D. Moloney, Subs: M. Houlihan, D. Keating, J. Keating, T. Coleman, P. Dennehy. A final word of congratulations is due to the panel and selectors for the whole hearted efforts they made throughout the whole year, and the many hours of pleasure they gave to supporters.

On Sunday next, in Caherconlish again, Camogue Rovers will play Old Christians in the under 16 county semi-final.

And on this Sunday night, Bruff G.A.A. Club will hold a supper social in the Golden Thatch, Emly.

Bruff 9/10/82

The under 14 hurlers ended the long duel with Old Christians with a victory in the second replay in Caherconlish on Saturday last.

Once again the game was tense and exciting and at half time they were still level. Early in the second half substitute Brian O'Donnell got a goal which proved the clinching score.

The team was: D. Horan, T. Griffin, J. Kenny, P. Kenny, J. Purcell, J. O'Riordan (Grange), D. Regan, M. Browne (0-1), B. Meany, C. Garvey, J. O'Riordan (Meanus) (0-2), T. Ryan, G. O'Donovan, P. Chidgey (0-1), S. Toomey, Sub.: B. O'Donnell (1-0). The final goes on next Saturday in Caherconlish at 2.30 p.m. Our opponents will be Ahane and as they eliminated hot favourites Adare in the semi final it will be an uphill struggle if we are to come out on top.

On Sunday the minor hurlers added the South Minor League to the Championship already won when they had an easy win over Castletown. They will play Hospital in the football league final at Knocklong on this Sunday at 2.30 p.m. The team was: T. Coleman; P. Dennehy, L. Barron, M. Kenny, K. Lillis, A. Madden, A. O'Riordan, J. O'Riordan, R. Lyons, M. Reale, G. Browne, L. Farrell, P. Barrett, A. O'Connell, P. Reale. Subs.: J. Keating, D. Hynes and S. Hourigan.

As activities on the playing field draw slowly to a close the club turns its attention to other matters. The 45 drive sessions which were held last year and proved very popular will resume in the Old School, Grange on this Monday night commencing at 8.30 p.m.

DIUII 29/11/82

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Scorers:- M. Reale (1-0), L. Farrell (0-1), T. Coleman (0-1).

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Bruff 16/10/82

The curtain came down on the under 14 season on Saturday last for our club when the team went under by 2-4 to 1-5 to Ahane in a thrilling county hurling final. The team tried very hard, but the tenacity of the Ahane defence and a little ill-luck was to ensure that the cup was travelling to the Eastern Division this year. So it was disappointing for the players, officials and the greatest bunch of supporters in the county. However, if the players show the same dedication in future their day will come.

The team was: D. Horan, T. Griffin, M. Carroll, P. Kenny, J. Purcell, J. O'Riordan (Grange), D. Ryan, B. Meaney, J. O'Riordan (Meanus), C. Garvey, M. Browne, T. Ryan, S. Twomey, P. Chidgey, B. O'Donnell. Subs.: J. Kenny (injured), G. O'Donovan, J. Enright, P. Gammell, Mark O'Connell, Martin O'Connell, V. Hourigan, J. Cronin, J. Mulqueen. The 45 drive, which commenced in Grange on Monday night, was won by Aogan Clancy and Pat Harty.

Bruff 30/10/82

After a season of nailbiting finishes, it would have been surprising if last Sunday's under 21 hurling quarter-final between Feohanagh and Bruff was one-sided. And once again supporters of both sides were left to ponder on the verdict for another day as both teams finished all square, Bruff 1-6, Feohanagh 2-3. This was a game of fast and furious hurling and when Bruff failed to take their chances in the second half, Feohanagh were on hand to capitalise on this and get the equalising goal from a free 3 minutes from time. The replay will be eagerly awaited. It is probable that it will go ahead on this Sunday, but if it does not, then the under 16 football team will meet Old Christians in the County semi-final.

The under 21 team was: G. Browne, M. Houlihan, M. Carmody, A. Madden, R. O'Leary, J. Leahy, A. O'Riordan, B. Irwin, M. Reale, W. Bulfin (0-3), D. Hehir (0-1), P. Reale, P. Barrett (1-1), D. Moloney, B. Horan (0-1), Sub, J. O'Riordan.

On Monday Jim Leahy and Ger Browne played on the South team which defeated the city in the minor inter-divisional competition.

G.A.A.: 30/10/82

### Thrilling draw

Bruff ..... 1-6  
Feohanagh ..... 2-3

Michael Sweeney was the toast of Feohanagh when he sent a 21 yards free to the net three minutes from the end of this under-21 hurling championship quarter final at Kilmallock and thus gave Feohanagh a second chance.

Up to that Bruff had dictated terms. They got off to a good start with an early goal but immediately Feohanagh levelled with a nice side line cut by E. Walsh. Thereafter Bruff had the edge and led at half time by 1-3 to 1-0. Immediately after the turnover, Feohanagh reduced the lead with two points but Bruff came back and restored their half time margin. With three minutes to go, it looked as if Bruff were through to the semi-final, but then came the close in free and young Sweeney made no mistake with the shot.

#### SCORERS

Bruff-P. Barrett (1-1), W. Bulfin and B. Horan (0-2 each), and D. Hehir (0-1).

Feohanagh-M. Sweeney (1-2), E. Walsh (1-0), and J. Cremin (0-1).

Referee: Mr. Sean O'Connor, Limerick.

Club G.A.A.

Bruff 11/12/82

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To celebrate this great season the presentation of trophies to under-14, under-16, Minor and under-21 teams will take place at a function at the Community Centre, on Saturday, December 18th.

### Bruff

25-12-82

Bruff celebrated a very successful year on the GAA front at a victory social at the local Community Centre, on Saturday last.

The winning of the under 16 county hurling title was the crowning achievement of the year. Throw in South under 14 hurling and football, under 16 hurling and football, Feile na nGael, hurling skills, minor hurling and under 21 hurling and it gives a fair indication of the success enjoyed in 1982.

The chairman, Denis Barrett, on behalf of the Club, presented suitably inscribed statuettes to Sean Garvey, Tom Bulfin and Gerry Riordan, for their work with the Bord na nOg teams during the year.

The trophies for the various championships were presented to the players by Limerick and inter-provincial hurler Jimmy Carroll and Rev. Brother O'Grady, manager of the County senior hurling team.

Richard Moloney, presented the Club with a plaque, depicting the various teams and their successes.

The attendance included, Pat Murnane, chairman of the South Board.

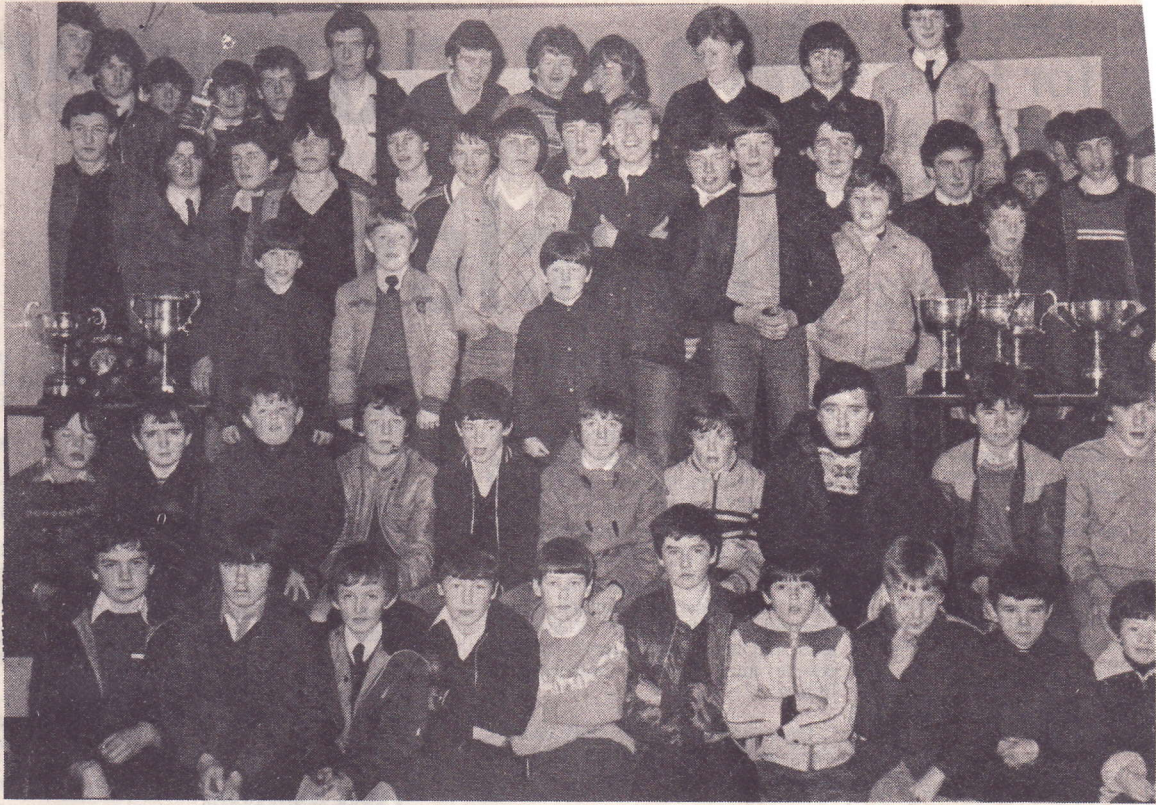
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Under 12, 14, 16 minor and under 21 players, who played with Bruff in 1982.



Mike Moloney, Timmy McAuliffe, secretary; Gerry Riordan, former Kerry footballer; Pat Murnane, chairman south board; Richard Moloney, Michael Browne, Sean Garvey, Very Rev. Fr. Culhane, P.P., Denis Barrett, chairman, and Tom Bulfin, at the Bruff victory celebrations. In the background is the plaque, presented to the club by Richard Moloney.





Michael Carroll, Under 14 hurling captain; Paul Chidgey, Under 14 football captain; Willie Bulfin, Under 21 hurling captain; Jim Leahy, Minor hurling captain; Anthony Madden, Under 16 football captain; Anthony Reale, Under 16 hurling captain, and John Riordan, Poc Fada, winner, at the Bruff celebrations in Bruff.

25-12-82



## CLUB GAA: 1.1.83 Bruff

Bruff celebrated a very successful year on the GAA front at a victory social at the local Community Centre recently.

In his address, Mr. Sean Garvey, chairman of Club na nOg, praised the players, parents and supporters for their wholehearted dedication during the year. He also thanked the senior club and officials for their help. The trophies were then presented to the victorious teams by Brother O'Grady, county team manager, and inter-county star, Jimmy Carroll, with pride of place going to the under 16 team who won the county hurling championship.

The players were: under 14 hurling and football—M. Carroll, J. O'Riordan (Grange), J. O'Riordan (Meanus), M. Browne, P. Chidgey, B. Meany, D. Horan, T. Griffin, P. Kenny, J. Purcell, D. Regan, J. Kenny, J. Enright, T. Ryan, S. Toomey, C. Garvey, G. O'Donovan, B. O'Donnell, V. Hourigan, J. Cronin, P. Gammell, Martin O'Connell, Mark O'Connell, J. Mulqueen. Under 14 football only—J. Kirby. Feile na nGael only—D. O'Connell. Under 16 hurling and football and county hurling—T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, M. Carroll, M. Kenny, J. O'Riordan (Grange), A. Madden, M. Browne, M. Real, A. O'Riordan, L. Farrell, P. Barrett, D. Ring, S. Hourigan, P. Chidgey, A. O'Connell, D. Hynes, M. Dennehy, P. O'Connor, J. Finn, J. O'Riordan (Meanus), B. Meany (hurling only), B. O'Neill (South hurling only), J. Ryan (football only).

Minor hurling and league—T. Coleman, A. Madden, P. Dennehy, K. Lillis, J. Leahy, A. O'Riordan, M. Reale, R. Lyons, P. Barrett, G. Browne, M. Kenny, A. O'Connell, L. Barron, F. McDermott, S. Hourigan, B. O'Neill, J. O'Riordan, P. Reale, M. Browne, D. Hynes, L. Farrell, J. Keating.

Under 21 hurling—G. Browne, M. Houlihan, M. Carmody, A. Madden, R. O'Leary, J. Leahy, A. O'Riordan, J. O'Riordan, B. Irwin, W. Bulfin, D. Hehir, M. Reale, P. Barrett, D. Moloney, B. Horan, P. Reale, M. Coughlan, J. and D. Keating, L. Barron, G. Hourigan, T. Coleman, J. O'Riordan.

An item of great interest at the presentation was a beautifully inscribed wall poster showing details of teams and games played during the year which was made by Richard Moloney.

## Bruff G.A.A. Club

The club will hold its A.G.M. at the Community Centre, Bruff, on this Sunday, January 16, commencing at 2.30 p.m. sharp. The 11.30 a.m. Mass in Bruff Church will be offered for the repose of the souls of deceased members of the club.

15-1-83

## Bruff 29-1-83

The A.G.M. which was held on Sunday was well attended. In his address the chairman said the club could look back on a very successful season but we could not become complacent and would need to retain the emphasis on coaching. In a very comprehensive report the secretary referred to the fact that the huge workload in the club was being left to too few.

A very detailed account of financial matters was submitted by the treasurer which showed in spite of some very worthwhile fund-raising efforts there was a huge expenditure in the club which included over £2000 for hurleys! A very special word of praise is due to the ladies who worked at the shop Sunday after Sunday to help keep the debt to a minimum.

The officers elected are as follows:- Presidents, Canon Culhane, Fr. Howard, T. Clancy; chairman, D. Barrett; vice-chairmen, S. Clancy, T. Meany, M. Ryan; hon. sec., T. McAuliffe, assist. sec., M. O'Brien; treasurer, R. Moloney; P.R.O., T. Bulfin; Junior Football Club, chairman, D. Kiely, secretary, A. Gubbins; Minor Hurling Club, chairman, P. Hehir, sec. M. Browne. These positions are reversed for Minor Football Club.

Club na nOg officers: S. Garvey, T. Bulfin, G. O'Riordan; field committee, T. Meany, T. Clancy, T. Gubbins, T. McAuliffe.

### Selectors

Senior Hurling, M. Moloney, P. O'Dwyer, P. Prior; Under 21

### Mulcany and John Kroy.

A large crowd of supporters travelled to Croom on Wednesday night to see Bruff capture the South under 12 hurling final at the expense of Banogue. The captain of the team was local boy John Mulqueen. Also in the team from Meanus was David Murnane, with subs. Edward Hayes, Michael Fitzgerald, Stephen Farrell, Gerard Murnane and Pat Noonan. Bruff will play Adare in the county semi-final at Croom on Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

The building committee are preparing for the gala weekend which will be held in Meanus from 22nd to 24th July.

Bruff, Grange and Meanus Community Games Association will hold a church gate collection on next Sunday to help defray the expenses of the sports.

9-2-83

## Bruff 12-2-83

Our minor footballers were first into the competitive fray on Sunday last and it was a winning one as they had an easy win over Bruree in the special knockout competition.

The team was: J. Blake, P. Dennehy, L. Barron, J. Noonan, K. Lillis, J. Ryan, A. Madden, J. O'Riordan, M. Reale, L. Farrell, G. Browne, A. O'Riordan, T. Coleman, P. Reale, M. Kenny.

It was a busy week-end for some of these players as the day before A. Madden, G. Browne, J. Noonan, J. O'Riordan, M. Reale, P. Barrett and subs L. Barron and P. Reale had helped the South to a fine win over the city.

The minor hurlers are again reminded that their hurling cup game with Dromin-Athlaca will now take place at Bruff on this Sunday at 12.30.

The under-14 hurlers were well beaten by Na Piarasigh in a challenge and have a lot of hard work before them.

However, the under 12 hurlers put up a spirited performance to held the same opposition to a draw with good goals coming from John Anthony Moran and Seamus Hayes.

A big event for the club is the annual sponsored walk, which will once again be held on Good Friday. Cards are now available and we are expecting a big turnout of young and old, male and female.

## 19/2/83 Bruff

Membership cards are now available for this year for £3. There is a specially reduced rate for ladies of just £1. And some of the ladies have been to the fore recently in joining the gentlemen to help the club qualify for the South final of Scór which will be held in Knocklong on this Friday night.

They have qualified in the following items:

Figure dancing: Anne-Marie O'Dwyer, Bernie Hehir, Deirdre Hehir, Veronica Butler, Deirdre Glynn, Mary McEniry, Jacinta O'Donovan, Maria Ryan.

Novelty act: Pat Naughton, Kieran Ring, Declan Hehir, Josephine O'Keeffe, Jacinta O'Donovan.

Set dancing: Jerry Butler, Pat Naughton, Joe O'Connor, John Noonan, Bernie Hehir, Veronica Butler, Anne-Marie O'Dwyer, Maria Ryan.

A word of praise is due to these participants for the efforts they have made in preparing for the competition.

There will be a meeting of all minor and under 16 players and selectors at the Community Centre on this Saturday night at 7 p.m. It is imperative that all players attend this meeting.



## Bruff 5-3-83

Bruff made their exit from the Munster Junior Cup on Sunday last at Kilballyowen when they went down to St. Mary's by 6 pts. to 3. Bruff, with a strong wind in the first half, took the lead from a penalty by Maurice Neligan shortly before half time which they maintained into the last quarter until St. Mary's equalised with a penalty. St. Mary's winning score came from another penalty five minutes into injury time.

On Saturday at Rathbane, Bruff's 2nd XV went down 9-3 to Old Crescent in the Webb Cup after leading for most of the match while on Sunday morning, Bruff's under 18s had a convincing 14-0 win over Abbeyfeale at Kilballyowen.

This weekend over 40 club members travel to the Ireland v. Wales international match at Cardiff. However, at home it will be business as usual with three games scheduled.

All members, players and parents willing to help out with the seven under age teams (u 12s to u 18s) involved in cup competitions over the next month are requested to attend a special meeting this Monday night at 8.30 p.m. at the club pavilion, Kilballyowen.

## Bruff 5-3-83

The annual dinner dance held at the Golden Thatch, Emly, on Friday night last was again very successful. A word of thanks is due to all our sponsors who contributed spot prizes.

The following minor hurlers have been picked on the South panel to play the city on Saturday next — G. Browne, L. Barron, M. Reale, P. Reale, P. Barrett, J. Noonan, A. O'Riordan, A. Madden, J. O'Riordan.

A word of praise is due to our figure dancers and set dancers who put up a very good show although they were not successful in the county final of Scor.

Congratulations are extended to the members of Camogue Rovers who excelled in winning the novelty act.

The night itself proved a very successful occasion and congratulations are also extended to the county chairman of Scor '83, Mr. Tony Hayes.

At a recent committee meeting of the club grave concern was expressed at the fact that VAT could seriously effect the future of hurleys. It was stated that on an £8 hurley approximately £2.50 of this is VAT.

It was suggested that a concerted effort should be made by all GAA clubs to get a concession in this regard.

## 18/3/83 Bruff

The minor hurlers had a big win over Dromin-Athlaccra in the cup competition on Sunday last. The team was: T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, L. Barron, J. Noonan, K. Lillis, A. Madden, A. O'Riordan, J. O'Riordan, M. Reale, L. Farrell, G. Browne, M. Kenny, P. Barrett, P. Reale, S. Hourigan.

Later in the day the seniors made a successful debut in the county league when they defeated St. Patrick's by 5-11 to 1-4. This was a whole-hearted display, and with an improvement in fitness prospects may be good.

Training is now taking place for all adult players on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m.

Sunday's team was: G. Browne, J. Herbert, T. O'Sullivan, M. Carmody, P. O'Riordan, S. Bulfin, P. Hehir, J. Leahy, M. Hehir, B. Horan, W. Bulfin, R. O'Leary, A. Gubbins, J. Bulfin, T. Raleigh.

Plans are now afoot to make the sponsored walk on Good Friday the biggest yet. Cards are still available and we are hopeful that members of every family in the parish will stretch their legs in a good cause.

## Bruff 19/3/83

Preparations are now in full swing for the annual sponsored walk which will take place on Good Friday evening. The minor hurlers continued on their winning way with a win over Ardpatrick in the Cup. This was a hard-fought game, marked by some excellent saves from the Ardpatrick goalie, Aidan Fitzgerald. Despite this, Pat Barrett and Pat Reale knocked in two goals each.

The team was T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, L. Barron, M. Browne, A. Madden, A. O'Riordan, J. O'Riordan, M. Reale, L. Farrell, G. Browne, D. Ring, P. Barrett, P. Reale, M. Kenny. Sub., J. O'Riordan.

The first championship game of the season features the under-21 hurlers against Bruree at Kilmallock on this Sunday (27th) at 2 p.m. As Bruff are the holders they will be anxious to advance in what should be a close game. The panel of players is: R. O'Leary, B. Horan, B. Irwin, J. Leahy, M. Houlihan, M. Coughlan, D. Keating, J. Keating, V. O'Donovan, T. Coleman, G. Browne, P. Dennehy, L. Barron, A. Madden, A. O'Riordan, J. O'Riordan, P. Reale, M. Reale, P. Barrett. This game means that the senior hurling league fixture versus Monaleen will have a late starting time, and at the time of writing this has not been finalised.

## Bruff 9-4-83

Weather conditions are the main talking points at the moment with the sportsfield closed until further notice. In spite of the weather there have been a number of matches over the past fortnight.

The senior hurlers were beaten by Monaleen in the league by 2-10 to 1-8. The team was: P. O'Leary, T. McAuliffe, T. O'Sullivan, Mr. Carmody, P. Hehir, S. Bulfin, P. O'Riordan, B. Irwin, J. Leahy, T. Raleigh, W. Bulfin, R. O'Leary, A. Gubbins, J. Bulfin, T. O'Connell. Subs: D. Kiely, B. Horan, L. Barron.

On Thursday evening last at a wind-swept Knockainey, the minor footballers accounted for Ballylanders in the cup competition by 1-4 to nil. Scorers for Bruff were T. Coleman (1-0), G. Browne (0-2), P. Barrett (0-1) and L. Farrell (0-1).

In the first championship game of the season the under 21 footballers defeated Bruree in Croom by 3-6 to 1-1. This game had a little bit of history attached as the second half was played under floodlights and this must surely rate as the first championship game played under artificial lighting. The team was: M. Reale, A. Madden, L. Barron, D. Keating, J. Butler, J. Leagy, R. O'Leary, John O'Riordan, B. Irwin, James O'Riordan, G. Browne, M. Coughlan, P. Barrett, P. Reale, P. O'Leary. Sub: V. O'Donovan. The walk had over 100 participants on Good Friday evening. However, it was a pity that the adult players left all the fund-raising to the youngsters out this occasion.

## 30/4/83 Bruff

Our under 18 hurlers had a busy time on Saturday as they had to play two Feile na nGael games within half an hour of each other. In the first they overcame a determined challenge from Glenroe but the second game brought defeat from a well-balanced and skilful Kilmallock fifteen. Those players who took part in both games were — J. Mulqueen, K. Daly, J. Meany, S. Hayes, K. Regan, P. Kenny, J. Cronin, T. Griffin, B. Hayes, K. O'Reilly, J. Fitzgerald, B. O'Donnell, Mark O'Connell, V. Hourigan, M. O'Reilly, Martin O'Connell, C. O'Brien, G. O'Dwyer, E. Bourke. Other subs., P. Moloney, B. Hellan, S. O'Sullivan.

On Saturday evening, in a hard-fought under 21 hurling championship game, Bruff defeated Dromin-Athlaccra by 0-12 to 1-3, at Bruree. Although they led from start to finish, the game was evenly balanced and but for two fine points late in the game from Pat Reale, as well as some great scores from Brendan Horan, fine defensive work from Anthony Madden and Anthony O'Riordan, and another power-packed display at midfield by Mike Reale, the result could have been reversed. The team was — T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, J. Leahy, L. Barron, A. Madden, R. O'Leary, A. O'Riordan, B. Irwin, M. Reale, J. O'Riordan, V. O'Donovan, G. Browne, D. Keating, B. Horan, P. Reale. Sub., M. Coughlan.

on this Sunday most of this team will be in action again when they face a very formidable task in trying to overcome Galbally, in the under 21 football championship. All players and supporters who have not yet paid their memberships are reminded that the closing date is May 1st, men £3, ladies £1.

## 16-4-83 Bruff

Once again last week-end proved a fruitless one on the playing fields as the under-21 hurling championship game against Bruree was called off at a late stage. It was unfortunate that the club was not notified of the cancellation until Saturday morning, the day of the game, as one of the players had already gotten time off work and travelled from the Curragh.



## Bruff GAA Club notes

Our senior team will play Kilmallock on next Sunday in the South Championship. Although both teams were beaten in the county quarter-final they fared reasonably well and we will be looking to another whole-hearted display to compare with the one given against Ballybrown.

On Sunday last the minors retained the southern hurling crown with a hard-earned win over Ardpatrick. This win was achieved in the final 10 minutes when Bruff forwards finally cracked a stubborn, unyielding Ardpatrick defence.

It took two goals from 15-year-old Michael Browne to seal victory on a score 3-8 to 2-3. The team, most of whom were winning their second minor title, consisted of T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, L. Barron, J. Noonan, K. Lillis, A. Madden, A. O'Riordan, M. Reale, D. Ring, L. Farrell, G. Browne, M. Browne, P. Barrett, P. Reale, M. Kenny, Subs., S. Hourigan for D. Ring; M. Enright, A. O'Connell, D. Hynes, M. Carroll.

## Bruff

13-8-83

The club had mixed fortunes during the week when the minor selections won both their matches, but the senior team went down to Kilmallock in the south championship.

Pride of place must go to the minor hurlers who qualified to meet Newcastle West in the county minor semi-final on this coming Saturday by virtue of a good win over Murroe at the Gaelic Grounds last week.

The score was Bruff 4-7, Murroe 3-1. Highlight of the game was the playing of James Riordan, who the club had earlier in the day flown home from London specially for the match.

Team—J. Blake, P. Dennehy, L. Barron, J. Noonan, M. Browne, J. Ryan, K. Lillis, A. Riordan, D. Ring, L. Farrell, G. Browne, M. Reale, M. Kenny, P. Reale, J. Riordan.

At this stage of the campaign it may be beneficial to look at where the teams are positioned in relation to their respective championships. Under 16 hurlers and footballers in both south semi-finals.

Minors—footballers are in the south final, the hurlers are in the county semi-final.

Under 21's—the hurlers are in the south final and also the county quarter final.

The footballers are in the south final.

As can be seen our under age teams are having a very successful year and are a credit to the club. In recent weeks a very disturbing fact has been the number of games the young lads are being asked to play.

Indeed some of the minor players completed an amazing run of 8 games in 16 days last week, this cannot be conducive to good hurling and the county board must take a share of them name as it seems they are only interested in running off the county championships in record time.

Last Sunday at Hospital the senior team lost all interest in the South Championship when they were defeated by Kilmallock in a lack lustre affair on the score 1-5 to 0-9.

The same urgency and determination that prevailed in the Ballybrown game was not present and I suppose this could be put down to the fact that the South Championship has lost a lot of its glamour and prestige since last year. One valuable point to be learned from the game was that adults should act as linesmen as it is unfair to ask young boys to do so.

Team—T. Raleigh, T. McAuliffe, M. Carmody, B. Farrell, R. O'Leary, T. Sullivan, G. O'Connell, D. Kiely, J. Leahy, G. Browne, D. Hehir, S. Bulfin, W. Bulfin, J. Keating, A. Gubbins.  
Subs—J. Bulfin, V. Donovan.

## 20-8-83 Bruff

The last week has been a busy but fruitful one for the under age teams.

The under 16 footballers accounted for Ardpatrick in the South semi-final with Paul Chidgey notching 4 goals. On the following night the minor footballers turned in an impeccable performance to crush Ballylanders by 3-15 to 0-1, in the South final and so attain the coveted double having already won the hurling.

The team was — J. Blake, P. Dennehy, L. Barron, J. Noonan, M. Browne, J. Ryan, A. Madden, James O'Riordan, A. O'Riordan, P. Barrett, G. Browne, M. Reale, T. Coleman, P. Reale, John O'Riordan.

This minor side, who have played no less than 8 games in the past month, were out again on Saturday night when they faced the holders, Newcastle West, in the county hurling semi-final at Croom. This game was tough and unyielding and Bruff who led by 1-7 to 0-4 at the break, held this lead to finish victors on a score of 2-13 to 1-7. This win gives us a place in the minor county final for the first time since 1968 and the team will be opposed by Cloughaun, prior to the senior hurling final on September 11th.

The semi-final winning team consisted of T. Coleman, who made a half dozen top class saves, P. Dennehy, L. Barron, J. Noonan, M. Browne, A. Madden, A. O'Riordan, James O'Riordan, M. Reale, D. Ring, G. Browne, John O'Riordan, P. Barrett, P. Reale, K. Lillis, Sub., M. Kenny.

The most exciting game of the week came on Sunday night when Bruff and Ardpatrick clashed yet again, this time in the south under 16 hurling semi-final. This was a close, hard-hitting struggle with never more than a few points separating the sides. When Ardpatrick drew level with just four minutes remaining it looked as if the contest was theirs but a magnificent point by Pat Barrett ensured victory on a score of — Bruff 2-4, Ardpatrick 2-3.

The team was — S. Hourigan, M. Kenny, M. Carroll, B. Meany, D. Regan, M. Browne, M. Dennehy, D. Ring, J. O'Riordan, P. Barrett, S. Toomey, T. Ryan, G. O'Donovan, P. Chidgey, A. O'Connell, Subs., D. Hynes, P. Gammell, D. Horan.

Sandwiched between these wins was a defeat for the junior footballers by Ballylanders in the replay of the shield semi-final. This game ended all square but at no stage did Bruff look like winners and Ballylanders took over in extra time.

## Bruff

27-8-83

Most of last weekend was given over to football final the club.

The minors had two games in the county senior against Caherline, in the quarter-final, they struggled before overcoming a spirited challenge.

This put the team into the semi-final against Ardagh. This game was tight and hard fought all through with scoring at a premium, with time running out and the team reduced to 14 players things looked bleak. However, as often happens it was then that the team lifted its performance and Larry Farrell lofted an equalising point to leave the score at 0-5 each. The replay will take place on this Saturday night in Croom 7 p.m.

The team against Ardagh was—D. Hynes, P. Dennehy, L. Barron, J. Noonan, M. Browne, J. Ryan, A. Madden, M. Reale, K. Lillis, A. O'Riordan, G. Browne, P. Barrett, L. Farrell, P. Reale, T. Coleman.

Subs—D. Ring, A. O'Connell. The Under 16's achieved a notable double last week when they won both southern titles for the third year running. The footballers, under the auspices of Camogue Rovers, defeated Galbally by 2-3 to 0-3 in a fine open game of football. Galbally started in determined fashion but two fine saves by goalkeeper Diarmuid Hynes followed by two quick goals from Anthony O'Connell ensured victory.

The hurling final against Castle-town-Ballyagran was another good game. This time Bruff led from the start, but the fine hurling of players like Seamus Hourigan, Mike Kenny, Mike Dennehy and Anthony O'Connell was matched by the tenacity and determination of the opposition. In the end our lads could county themselves lucky to have survived on a score of 2-3 to 2-0.

This team will now play Ballingarry in the county semi-final at Croom on Wednesday next.

The two under 16 teams were football—D. Hynes, M. Kenny, M. Carroll, S. Toomey, M. Dennehy, M. Browne, D. Regan, D. Ring, J. O'Riordan (capt.), B. Meany, P. Barrett, G. O'Donovan, S. Hourigan, P. Chidgey, A. O'Connell.

Subs: T. Ryan, J. Kirby. Hurling—D. Horan, M. Kenny, M. Carroll, J. Kenny, M. Dennehy, M. Browne, D. Regan, D. Ring (capt.), P. Chidgey, S. Hourigan, P. Barrett, T. Ryan, S. Toomey, A. O'Connell, J. O'Riordan.

Sub: B. Meany. A feature of both these finals was the sportsmanship exhibited by both winners and losers.

On Tuesday night, the Under 14 hurlers were knocked out of the championship by a fine Kilmallock side.

However, thanks to gulls from Harry Toomey and Martin O'Connell, and some fine hurling from John Mulqueen, Peadar Kenny, Brian Hayes, and sub Paul Moloney they gave a good account of themselves.



## Bruff

3-9-83

After all the hustle and bustle of the past few months, with games almost nightly, things are slowly returning to normal. Last week there was just one game but it was an important one, being the replay of the minor football semi-final against Ardagh. This game turned out to be just as taut and tense as the drawn game with defences being on top. At half time Ardagh led by a single point and could have been led by more. Early in the second half Bruff began to get the upper hand at midfield and took over to lead by a point with 10 minutes remaining.

However, it was Ardagh who were to finish the stronger and they grabbed the winning point just a minute from time. The final score — Ardagh 1-4, Bruff 1-3. Even though they lost, they did so manfully and both sides are to be congratulated on two fine sporting games.

Our minors will now set their sights on the county minor hurling final against Claughaun on Sept. 11th. We realise that with the tradition of Claughaun it will be an uphill struggle but all of our players are ready to give it their best, and it promises to be a great final, whichever way it should go. The football team and scorers were — D. Hynes, J. Noonan, L. Barron, P. Dennehy, M. Browne, J. Ryan (0-1), A. Madden, J. O'Riordan (0-1), M. Reale, P. Barrett, G. Browne, L. Farrell (0-1), T. Coleman (1-0), P. Reale, D. Ring, Subs., K. Lillis for D. Ring, M. Kenny for P. Dennehy and A. O'Connell for A. Madden (inj.).

This weekend is a light one with just one game down for decision, the junior football championship game v. Galtee Gaels on Friday evening. The footballers have not been performing well this year and they will be hoping that this encounter will help them emulate their success of a few years ago, when they reached the county final.

## 17/9/83 Bruff

The pent-up frustration of waiting 42 years for a county minor win, the bitter disappointment of losing 5 minor finals in the 60's, plus two junior football and 1 junior hurling final, were all forgotten on Sunday last when the final whistle sounded at the Gaelic Grounds and Bruff had defeated Claughaun by 1-7 to 1-6. The joy and excitement had to be seen to be believed and the reception the team got when they arrived back in the parish showed the players what the win meant to people, both young and old.

Our congratulations to the players whose adherence to training was truly amazing, and commiserations to a very sporting Claughaun side. A special word of praise for our fanatical supporters who never lost faith in the team and turned up in huge numbers at the hurling social in Bulgaden Castle that night. And of course, it is doubtful if we would have survived the championship at all were it not for the enthusiasm and encouragement of our lady supporters!

And what about that 1941 win? The team was as follows — Lima Moroney, Joe Bulfin, Owen Flaherty, Mick Feeley, Paddy Breen, Michael O'Brien (capt.), John "Barney" Fitzgerald, David Sheahan, Paddy Moroney, Alfie Keary, Paddy Mulqueen, John Bulfin, Hugh Keating, Brendan Murphy, Sean Kirby. Sub., Mike O'Donnell.

The junior footballers who have a very spirited win over Galtee Gaels in the first round of the championship recently, will be hoping for a repeat performance when they meet Kilmallock on this Saturday night.

## Minor Hurling Championship final:

17-9-83

# Bruff champs after 42 years

By SEAN MURPHY

BRUFF .....1-7  
CLAUGHAUN .....1-6

AMIDST wild scenes of jubilation, the pent-up feelings and emotions of 42 years of near misses, hard luck stories and barren endeavour were brushed aside in defiant fashion by Bruff minor hurlers, who defeated Claughaun by a single point in a near classical county minor hurling final at Pairc na nGael on Sunday.

Although spoilt somewhat by the swirling breeze blowing downfield towards the Caherdavin goal, this game produced an exhilarating exhibition of all that is best in the game of hurling.

An abundance of heart and endeavour, powerful ground hurling, lengthy striking, spine-tingling goalmouth melees, great saves by both goalies and, of course, controversial decisions were all dished out during a most interesting and exciting hour's hurling.

For time eternal, the record books will show that Bruff were crowned 1982 county minor hurling champions, but when the dust falls on the leaves of that statistical record, the story of Claughaun's bid for victory will not be adequately depicted.

"Bless your lucky stars," proclaimed one of the Bruff banners, and it aptly summed up the situation. While few will begrudge Bruff their deserved success, even their

most ardent supporter will have to admit that Lady Luck definitely gave them her allegiance in the final quarter.

Claughaun had a goal disallowed for a square infringement and then in the dying minutes of the game a block-buster by Sean Leo rebounded off the crossbar with the Bruff goalie clearly beaten.

The game opened at a cracking pace, but ten minutes elapsed before John Minihihan opened the scoring for Claughaun with a kicked point.

Leo O'Connor added another, before Bruff opened their scoring tally with a point from Pat Barrett. Bruff, with Ger Browne dominating at centre-forward, gained the upperhand, and some excellent saves by goalie Thomas Coleman, plus superb accuracy by Browne enabled the South champions to lead by 0-5 to 0-3 at half-time.

Scores were again at a premium on resuming with Joe Hannon of Claughaun raising the first flag — a white one after 13 minutes play.

When Larry Farrell and Ger Browne picked off glorious points from play it looked as if Bruff's long wait was ended, but they were rocked back to reality in the 20th minute, when Sean Leo crashed home a Claughaun goal. The City boys had a great chance of really consolidating their position a minute later when they were awarded a "semi-penalty," but Leo O'Connor opted to shoot a point rather than try for a goal.

Bruff never gave up the chase, and snatched the vital

goal five minutes from time when in the words of the so Bruff will forever "Remember Larry Farrell."

James O'Riordan, who had been flown home from London for the final, floated a lobbing shot into the square and the crisp striking Farrell was on the spot to blast home the crunch goal.

Claughaun strove mightily to mean to save their bacon, but in a welter of excitement Bruff survived the barrage of ill-luck and heroic defence play by Bruff thwarted their efforts to grab a goal. Liam Moloney did snatch a point but in a welter of excitement Bruff survived the barrage of ill-luck that 42 year gap.

"Man of the Match," Browne, Anthony Madden, John Noonan, James O'Riordan, Michael Reale, Pat Barrett, Larry Farrell and captain Liam Barron, were the chief architects of Bruff's win, with John Fitzgerald, Joe Hannon, Andy Cunneen, Fer O'Grady, Larry Kennehan, John Minihihan and Leo O'Connor tried hard for Claughaun.

### SCORERS

Bruff: G. Browne 0-4, Farrell 1-1, P. Barrett 0-2  
Claughaun: S. Leo 1-0, Minihihan 0-2, L. O'Connor 0-1, Moloney 0-1, J. Hannon 0-1

### TEAMS

Bruff: T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, L. Barron, J. Noonan, M. Browne, A. Madden, J. O'Riordan, J. O'Riordan, Michael Reale, S. Hourigan, P. Barrett, J. O'Riordan, P. Barrett, G. Browne, L. Farrell.  
Claughaun: G. Ryan, J. Noonan, S. Moylan, J. Fitzgerald, B. O'Meara, J. Hannon, Andy Cunneen, D. Keane, Fer O'Grady, M. Galligan, Kennedy, J. Minihihan, Moloney, S. Leo, L. O'Connor.

Referee: N. Duggan (Kilkeale).

24-9-83







Mr. John Whelan, vice-chairman, County Board, presents the county minor hurling trophy to Liam Barron, captain of the Bruff team. On right is Mr. Jim Hickey, chairman of the County Board.

1-10-83  
**Bruff**

The junior footballers bade an undistinguished farewell to the championship on Sunday when going under to a strong Ballylanders side. Bruff had a surfeit of possession in the first half but when they had only 1 point to show at the break the writing was on the wall. In spite of a dogged defence ably marshalled by centre-back Denis McEniry, Ballylanders ran out winners by 1-7 to 1-1. The Bruff team was: T. Hehir, V. O'Donovan, T. O'Sullivan, M. Carmody, W. Bulfin, D. McEniry, R. O'Leary, G. Hayes, D. Kiely, B. Horan, D. Hehir, G. Browne (1-0), P. Cronin, J. Power (0-1), M. Hehir. Sub.: S. Bulfin for J. Power.

The national schools have restarted competitions and Bruff had a big win over Hospital in the first round of the hurling.

The team was: James Browne, Kieran O'Reilly, Michael Toomey, Michael Fitzgerald, John O'Dwyer, John Meany, David Murnane, Paul Moloney, John Mulqueen, Jim O'Connell, Sean O'Sullivan, Stephen Farrell, David O'Donovan, Ger O'Dwyer, Aaron O'Donnell. Subs.: Edward Hayes, Shane Fitzgerald.

9.10.83

South Under 21 Hurling Championship Final at Knocklong. Bruff 7-8, Ardpatrik 5-4. Teams:

Bruff: T. Coleman, L. Barron, J. Leahy, V. O'Donovan, A. Madden, R. O'Leary, B. Irwin, J. Riordan, M. Reale, L. Farrell, G. Browne, B. Horan, P. Barrett, P. Reale, D. Keating. Sub: J. Riordan.

Ardpatrick: A. Fitzgerald, M. Farrell, M. O'Neill, P. Considine, R. Connolly, J. Croker, M. Hennessy, E. O'Keefe, D. Hosford, D. Quilty, P. McGrath, J. McCarthy, J. O'Neill, P. McCarthy, K. Fitzgerald, Subs: D. Sullivan, T. Quilty, J. McCarthy.

8-10-83  
**Bruff**

Although things are easing on the playing fields, there are still a lot of important games to be played. On Sunday last the minor footballers reached the league final when they defeated Galbally 4-10 to 0-4. In this game Liam Barron, John Ryan, Mike Rea, Ger Browne and co. displayed the skill which brought them the South Championship. The team was: D. Hynes, P. Dennehy, Barron, J. Noonan, K. Lillis, Ryan, A. Madden, A. O'Riordan, M. Reale, J. O'Riordan, G. Browne, L. Farrell, P. Barrett, P. Reale, T. Coleman. Subs.: J. Browne, S. Hourigan and P. Kenny. Eleven of the same team will be in action on Sunday next in the South under 21 final against Ardpatrik, a team with more experience and hurling skill than most under 21 sides.

Our under 14 and under 11 hurling leagues commenced on Saturday morning last and after the first round they look like this: Under 14: C. Garvey's team, 2 points; Mark O'Connell's and Vincent Hourigan's teams, 1 point each; with no point for Peadar Kenny's team.

Under 11: Paul Moloney's and Pat Noonan's team, 2 points each; James Moran's and Michael Fitzgerald's team are still without a point, but they will be hoping to change all that when the second round for all teams takes place on Saturday morning next at 11 a.m.

The committee who have been entrusted with the production of a club history are now getting down to serious business and anyone who has anything - photos, press cuttings, etc., connected with the history of the club are asked to contact the committee as soon as possible.

29-10-83  
**Bruff**

Last Friday was a big day for the youngsters in the National School when they won the first division of the South Primary Schools hurling competition for the first time by defeating Charleville by 3-3 to 1-0.

The minor hurling cup final which was to be played in Croom on Sunday last was called off due to bad weather. This weekend is another busy one for under-age members. On Saturday morning (11 a.m.) the eagerly awaited finals of under-11 and under-14 league will take place at the Sportsfield. These leagues have been sponsored by Microtherm Ltd. and they have produced fine fare to date. The young players will be hoping for a large turnout of spectators to lend encouragement. On Saturday evening at the community centre (7.30), the club will be hosting their own Scor na nOg competitions which should provide great entertainment.

And on the Bank Holiday Monday the minor footballers will play the league final against Hospital at Knocklong, 3 p.m. Ger Hayes was one of the stars of the Limerick team who defeated Waterford in the League on Sunday last.

15-10-83  
**Bruff**

Bruff won their sixth under age South title this year when they defeated Ardpatrik in the under 21 final at Knocklong by 7-8 to 5-4. The game was won in the first half as a sparkling display from the forwards in particular. Ger Browne and Pat Reale (who scored 3-1) saw Bruff lead by 5-3 to 1-2. Hard as Ardpatrik tried they could not pull back this huge deficit. This fine win has only increased the disappointment and annoyance felt in the locality at the fact that this young team were not given a fair opportunity to partake in the County Championship.

Scor na nOg time has come round again and anyone interested in taking part should contact one of the juvenile club committee.



**Club G.A.A.****Bruff** 2/1/84

The club held a very well attended A.G.M. at the Community Centre on Sunday last. The addresses and reports were included in a special centenary file, the very attractive cover of which was designed by Richard Moloney. All the reports mirrored the pride felt in the successes of last year but there was also a warning for all that there can be no complacency if the club is to improve.

Many tributes were paid to the outgoing chairman, Mr. Denis Barrett, for his dedication and hard work while in office. The election of officers resulted as follows: Presidents, Canon Culhane, Fr. Coughlan, Tony Clancy; chairman, Anthony Gubbins; vice-chairmen, Michael Ryan, Tom Meany and Padraig Hehir; hon. sec., Tim McAuliffe; assist. joint sec., Pat O'Dwyer and Mini O'Brien; treasurer, Richard Moloney; PRO, Tom Bulfin.

Minor hurling and football club: chairman, Pat Cronin; sec., Vincent Hayes;

Minor hurling and football club: Chairman, Padraig Hehir; sec., Mike Browne.

Junior football club: Chairman, Pat Cronin; sec., Vincent Hayes.

Club non-officers: Sean Garvey, Gerry O'Riordan, Tom Bulfin.

Field committee: Tom Meany, Tony Clancy, Tommy Gubbins, Tim McAuliffe.

Selectors: senior hurling: P. O'Dwyer, P. Prior, D. Barrett, J. Mortell, T. McAuliffe.

U.21 hurling and football: T. McAuliffe, M. Moloney, M. Browne.

Junior hurling: S. Clancy, manager.

Minor hurling and football: P. Hehir, M. Browne, T. McAuliffe, G. O'Riordan, T. Bulfin, D. Barrett.

Junior football: D. Kiely, V. Hayes, P. Cronin.

For the first time some ladies attended the meeting: Mrs. Mary Moloney, Mrs. Eileen Browne, Mrs. Bridie Hehir and Patricia Barrett. It was heartening to see many volunteering to do committee work and they included: John Browne, Anthony O'Riordan, Ger Browne, Patricia Barrett, Paddy Daly, Ollie O'Leary, Mary Moloney, Declan Hehir, Anthony O'Sullivan, Jim McNamara, Gerry O'Riordan, Ger Higgins, Eileen Browne, Pat Barrett, Joe Hourigan, Peter O'Leary, Willie Smith, Tom Raleigh, Tom O'Connell (snr.), Michael McAuliffe, Pat O'Dwyer, Dom Kiely, Willie Farrell.

Team captains when elected shall be co-opted to committee.

**Bruff** 4/2/84

At a general meeting of the club last week, much discussion took place on the forthcoming dinner dance, and it will take place at the Golden Thatch, Emly, on February 24th.

The history of the club is making steady progress. If there is anyone who wishes to contribute to the history in any form they will be heartily welcome. In particular, any exile who has reminiscences of his days in the club could forward same to Richard Moloney, The Pike, Bruff.

Scor '84 for the club will take place at Meanus on Thursday, February 9.

**CLUB G.A.A.:****Bruff** 3/3/84

**ALTHOUGH** our dancers put up a brave showing in the Scor last week they were not victorious and had to be content with winning the South championship.

The winners were: figure dancing, Betty Ryan, Veronica Butler, Anne Marie Dwyer, Deirdre Glynn, Bernie Hehir, Mary McEniry, Jacinta O'Donovan and Maria Ryan. Set dancers: Jerry Butler, Pat Naughton, John Noonan, Joe O'Connor, Anne Marie Dwyer, Veronica Butler, Bernie Hehir and Maria Ryan.

Our quiz team also deserve a word of praise as Angela Clancy, Tim McAuliffe and Tommy Gubbins qualified for the South final. Congratulations to John Clifford who won the county final solo singing representing the other club in the parish, Camogue Rovers.

The annual dinner dance held on Friday last proved to be a great success with the largest crowd for years attending and enjoying themselves. Guests of honour included Rev. Frs. Coughlan and O'Donnell, south secretary, Matt Callaghan and his wife, and our own county minor champions.

In his address, chairman of the club, Mr. Anthony Gubbins reviewed a very satisfactory year and looked to the centenary year with confidence but also with the realisation that there is a lot of hard work ahead.

On Sunday last the minor footballers commenced the competitive year with a very comfortable win over Galteen Gaels. The team was — D. Hynes, M. Carroll, P. Dennehy, M. Kenny, M. Browne, J. Ryan, J. O'Riordan, M. Reale, A. Madden, L. Farrell, A. O'Riordan, S. Hourigan, T. Coleman, P. Barrett, A. O'Connell. Subs., M. Dennehy, D. Regan.

**Bruff** 16/3/84

Two links in the recent past of the club were severed last week with the deaths of Michael Carmody, Ballycampion, Bruff and Mr. Patrick O'Donovan, formerly of Grange. Michael was a well-known and diligent gentleman at the local sportsfield for many years while Paddy played hurling with the local team for many years captaining the Bruff juniors who won the South title in 1945.

David Regan, Pat Barrett, Tomas Coleman and Michael Browne played with Limerick Vocational Schools side beaten by Tipperary last week.

There will be a general meeting of the club at the Community Centre on Wednesday, March 14, at 8.30 p.m.

A lot of information on the history of the club has been collected stretching back to the foundation of the G.A.A. Anyone who feels they have something to offer should submit same as soon as possible.

**Bruff**

The minor footballers advanced to the semi-finals of the knock-out competition with a big 2-13 to nil win over Castletown-Ballyagran at Croom on Sunday last. The team was: D. Hynes, P. Dennehy, M. Carroll, M. Kenny, M. Browne, J. Ryan, A. Madden, M. Reale, D. Ring, L. Farrell, A. O'Riordan, T. Coleman, P. Barrett, M. Dennehy, S. Toomey. Subs.: A. O'Connell, B. O'Donnell, J. O'Riordan.

Training is now on every Tuesday and Thursday nights, 7 p.m. minor and U. 16 players, 8-9 p.m. U. 21 and all adult players.

John O'Riordan, Michael Browne, Michael Carroll, Brendan Meany, David Regan, and Seamus Toomey played on the South U. 16 hurling team, well beaten by the East on Saturday last.

On this Sunday the junior footballers will play in the cup competition and it is probable that the minors will also have another game in the knock-out competition.

24-3-84

**Bruff** 17/3/84

On Saturday last the under 12 and under 16 hurlers played host to La Piarsaigh in two challenge games. There were good performances from Ger Murnane, Mike Fitzgerald, Paul Moloney, Shane Fitzgerald and William O'Riordan (u-12) while John O'Riordan, Mike Browne, Brendan Meany and John Fitzgerald played well for he under 16s.

On Sunday the minor hurlers advanced to the semi final of the eague with a good 2-13 to 0-3 win over Kilfinane at Kilmallock. Leading scorer was Pat Barrett, with 1-4 and the team was — T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, M. Carroll, M. Kenny, J. Purcell, A. O'Riordan, M. Browne, B. Meany, A. Madden, S. Hourigan, M. Reale, J. O'Riordan, P. Barrett, M. Dennehy, B. O'Donnell. Sub., G. O'Donovan.

In the afternoon the senior hurlers went under to Newcastle West in our first match of the year but hope for the new season could be gleaned from the hurling of Vincent O'Donovan, Tadhg O'Sullivan, Ger Browne, Dom Kiely and Brendan Horan.

James Seymour, who recently won the RTE "Save of the Year Award" is a nephew of Mrs. Teresa Moran, well-known local Gaelic games supporter.

**Club GAA****Bruff** 7/4/84

The senior team had a worthwhile outing against Boher on Saturday evening last. There were useful performances from Brendan Horan, Vincent O'Donovan, Mike O'Connor, Tim McAuliffe and Willie Bulfin.

The minor footballers had a good win over Croom in the minor football special knockout competition after a hard encounter. The team was: D. Hynes, P. Dennehy, M. Carroll, M. Kenny; M. Browne, J. Ryan, A. Madden; M. Reale, D. Ring; L. Farrell, A. O'Riordan, S. Hourigan, P. Barrett, M. Dennehy, T. Coleman. Subs.: Anthony O'Connell, John O'Riordan, David Regan and Ger O'Donovan.

**Bruff** 28/4/84

The club has been getting into the full swing of activities over the past few weeks.

Our senior hurlers, who lined out minus a few regulars due to flu, put up a reasonable performance before going under to Athlaca by the minimum of margins. They will now play Kilmallock in the losers section on May 6.

Both the Under 16's (hurlers and footballers) advanced to the next round of the championship with wins over Hospital-Herbertstown and Ballylanders respectively.

The minor footballers defeated Manister in the first round of the championship and there were good performances here from Anthony Madden, Larry Farrell, Mike Reale, Pat Barrett.

Our annual sponsored walk took place on Good Friday and those who walked are requested to submit money to the committee as soon as possible.



**Bruff**  
12.5.84

Last Wednesday was a red letter evening for the club when they housed the Munster minor hurling championship match between Limerick and Cork. The evening was fine, the pitch in perfect condition, and the icing was put on the cake for the large crowd when Limerick rallied in exciting fashion to win. Local players Anthony O'Riordan (captain), Michael Reale and Anthony Madden played stirring roles in this good win.

Our senior hurlers bade farewell to the south championship for this year when going under to Kilmallock by 1-13 to 1-8. The team was: T. Raleigh, M. O'Connor, M. Carmody, V. O'Donovan, G. Hayes (0-1), T. McAuliffe, A. O'Riordan, J. Leahy, M. Reale, P. Barrett (0-4), G. Browne, B. Horan, W. Bulfin (1-2), M. Hehir, P. Reale. Subs., D. Kiely, D. Hehir.

The junior hurlers played a very entertaining challenge with Mungret on Sunday evening last and won by 4-7 to 1-11. The team was: P. O'Leary, M. O'Brien, T. Gubbins, L. Barron, B. Irwin, P. O'Brien, W. Moloney, S. Bulfin, D. Keating, D. Moloney, T. O'Connell, R. Lyons, J. Keating, M. Ryan, J. Bulfin. Subs., S. Clancy, S. Hourigan, G. Hourigan.

### Club G.A.A.

**Bruff**  
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In the final of the junior hurling tournament Garryspillane defeated Effin by 2-9 to 2-3. The stage is now set for the senior hurling final between Bruff and Kilmallock. This is an eagerly awaited contest which will take place shortly.

The under 12 hurling final resulted in an easy win for Bruff over Bruree. An interesting point from the game was that the Moran brothers, James and John Anthony accounted for 10-4 between them. The team was — J. Browne, G. Murnane, M. Fitzgerald, D. Murnane, G. Raleigh, P. Noonan, L. O'Sullivan, P. Moloney (capt.), K. O'Reilly, J. O'Connell, W. O'Riordan, S. Fitzgerald, D. O'Donovan, J. Moran, J. A. Moran. Subs., R. Moloney, A. O'Dwyer, A. O'Donnell, N. Daly, J. Corkery, J. Wallace, J. Hogan, S. Heelan, P. Ryan, M. Hickey, E. Hayes, M. Bourke.

The minor footballers accounted for Hospital by 3-8 to 1-1. There were good performances from John Ryan, Anthony O'Riordan, Mike Browne and Seamus Hourigan.

This is an important weekend for the club with the seniors engaging Bruree in the county championship at Kilmallock on Saturday night and the novice team playing Galbally in the championship on Friday night.

**Bruff**  
19.5.84

On Saturday night last, at a reception in Cork, the club received one of the Allied Irish Bank's Club of the Year Awards. The award, which was particularly significant as it was Centenary Year, was presented to long-serving club secretary, Tim McAuliffe, by G.A.A. President, Mr. Paddy Buggy.

On the playing fields also it was a good week for the club. On Friday evening the junior footballers accounted for Banogue in an entertaining shield game at Meanus, by 2-9 to 1-4. The first half was a tale of good approach work but poor finishing by the Bruff side, who included 8 under-21 players. The best move of the half was initiated by newcomer, Joe McMahon, who had a fine game at wing-back. This ball was finished to the net by Brendan Horan. The team was: G. Butler, J. Leahy, T. O'Sullivan, M. Carmody, D. McEniry, V. O'Donovan, J. McMahon, D. Kiely, M. Reale, B. Horan, G. Browne, J. Brosnan, G. Hehir, P. Reale, J. Keating. Subs.: P. Barrett, D. Keating, D. Hehir.

The junior hurlers, playing a sparkling invigorating brand of hurling in accounting for Caherline by 6-9 to 1-4 in a challenge on Saturday night. The team was: P. O'Dwyer, M. O'Brien, T. Gubbins, L. Barron, B. Irwin, P. O'Brien, W. Moloney, S. Bulfin, R. Lyons, D. Moloney, T. O'Connell, D. Keating, J. Keating, J. Hourigan, J. Bulfin. Subs.: G. Hehir, P. O'Leary, S. Hourigan, P. O'Riordan, G. Hourigan. Both these teams will be in action this week-end.

The under-12 footballers had their first outing of the season and easily accounted for Knockainey in the championship. The team was: J. Browne, N. Daly, J. Moran, M. Fitzgerald, D. Murnane, P. Noonan, G. Murnane, P. Moloney, K. O'Reilly, J. O'Connell, J. Hogan, S. Fitzgerald, D. O'Donovan, W. O'Riordan, J. A. Moran.

**Bruff**  
26.5.84

The junior hurlers added another win to their list when defeating South Liberties in an interesting challenge last week-end. There were good performances from Peter O'Riordan, Dan Moloney, Billy Irwin, Billy Farrell, Minie O'Brien, Michael Ryan and John Bulfin.

On the following night the footballers advanced to the Shield final with a good 7 point win over Galtee Gaels. A feature of the game was the marksmanship of midfielders Dan Kiely.

The seniors were well beaten by Patrickswell in a hurling challenge on Sunday. Although they were well beaten, this was a fine performance by the youthful Bruff side against a Patrickswell side fielding a very strong side. There were encouraging signs in the no-nonsense hurling of Michael Carmody, Vincent O'Donovan, Tadhg O'Sullivan and Declan Hehir.

There was a stirring struggle in the under-12 hurling championship before a wildly excited crowd, between Bruff and Hospital. The first time direct hurling from both sides was a pleasure to watch and at the conclusion Bruff had narrowly won by 2-2 to 1-0. The Bruff team was: J. Browne, D. Murnane, M. Fitzgerald, G. Murnane, J. Moran, P. Noonan, G. Raleigh, P. Moloney, K. O'Reilly, J. O'Connell, W. O'Riordan, S. Fitzgerald, D. O'Donovan, L. O'Sullivan, J. Moran. Subs., J. Hogan, J. Wallace.

John Mulqueen, Sean O'Sullivan, Paul Moloney, James Moran, John Meany and John Anthony Moran were members of the South Primary schools team beaten by the West at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last.

The club will have 2 teams in the centenary parade through Limerick on this Saturday.

**Bruff**  
9.6.84

Both the senior and junior hurling tournaments are now in full swing. The Bruff tournament has been sought after for over 20 years now and this year is no exception. Results to date have been: Senior Hurling, Cloughaun 1-11, South Liberties 2-7; Junior Hurling, Knockaney 3-6, Kiltteely 2-5.

Fixtures (all at 7.45) are:

Sunday, 10th, Senior Hurling, Ballybrown v. Bruff or Dromin/Athlaca; Monday, 11th, Junior Hurling, Bruff or Ballybricken v. Effin; Wednesday, 13th, Senior Hurling, Cloughaun v. Kilmallock.

The junior footballers annexed the Shield for 1984 with a clear-cut win over Kilmallock by 0-11 to 1-2 at Knocklong on Saturday night last. The team was: T. Hehir, J. Leahy, T. O'Sullivan, M. Carmody, D. McEniry, V. O'Donovan, M. O'Connor, D. Kiely, M. Reale, B. Horan, G. Hayes, P. Reale, G. Browne, G. O'Connell and T. O'Sullivan.

Sub.: W. Bulfin for D. McEniry (injured). The team led from the start with a display of no-nonsense football on a greasy sod.

The under 12 hurlers reached the south final with a good win over Kilmallock at Croom. The team was: J. Browne; D. Murnane, M. Fitzgerald, G. Murnane; G. Raleigh, P. Noonan, L. O'Sullivan, P. Moloney, K. O'Reilly, S. Fitzgerald, W. O'Riordan, J. O'Connell, J. A. Moran, J. Moran, D. O'Donovan. Subs.: A. O'Dwyer and E. Hayes. The same team will play Hospital/Herbstown in the football semi final at Knocklong on this Saturday afternoon.

Club na nOg would like to thank all who subscribed and who helped in what was a record church



South Limerick GAA:

21-7-84

# BRUFF'S TOUGH TASK

BRUFF, the reigning county and divisional minor hurling champions, face a stiff obstacle in the South semi final at Effin on this Friday evening when they take on Kilfinane their opponents in last year's decider.

Patrons are asked to note the change of venue. This also applies to the under 21 hurling tie between Glenroe and Hospital/Herbertstown which moves from Knocklong to Bruff.

Anthony Riordan, Anthony Madden, Michael Reale of Bruff and John O'Neill of Kilfinane, members of the Limerick minor team who defeated Tipperary on Sunday last at Thurles will be displaying their talents at Effin. Pat Barrett, who is considered by many to be good enough to be recalled to the county minor panel will also be assisting Bruff.

If Bruff and Kilfinane fail to produce a winner the replay will be staged on Sunday evening at Effin.

The winners line out in the final at Knocklong on Tuesday next. Glenroe with another county minor in the person of Michael O'Brien are already in the decider and can be expected to be fresh and eager for this confrontation with either Bruff or Kilfinane.

Glenroe under 21 hurlers will be in action at Bruff on this Friday evening, where they engage Hospital/Herbertstown.

Kilmallock is the venue for two under 21 football games on Sunday. Ballylanders are expected to advance at the expense of Bruree, but the meeting of Galbally and Hospital/Herbertstown should be a close affair.

The full programme for the week ahead is as follows:

Thursday, July 19, under 21 F.C., Croom v. Camogue Rovers at Croom, 8 p.m.

Friday, July 20, under 21 H.C., Glenroe v. Hospital/Herbertstown at Bruff, 8.00 p.m.; M.H.C., Bruff

v. Kilfinane at Effin, 8 p.m.

Saturday, July 21, under 14 H.C., Garryspillane or Castletown-Ballyagran v. Kilmallock at Bruff, 3.00.

Sunday, July 22, under 21 F.C., Bruree v. Ballylanders at Kilmallock, 2 p.m.; Galbally v. Hospital/Herbertstown at Kilmallock, 3.15 p.m.

N.H.C., Kilmallock v. Banogue at Bruff, 2 p.m.; Dromin/Athlaca v. Kilfinane at Bruff, 3.15 p.m.

Monday, July 23, South Board meeting at Kilmallock, 9.30 p.m.

Under 16 F.C., Knockainey or Kilfinane or Dromin/Athlaca v. Croom at Bruff, 8 p.m.

Tuesday, July 24, M.H.C. final, Glenroe v. Bruff or Kilfinane at Knocklong, 8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 25, under 16 H.C., Kilmallock or Glenroe v. Bruff, at venue to be arranged, 8 p.m.

Garryspillane strolled to an easy 2-10 to 1-4 win over Castletown/Ballyagran in the junior hurling cup final at Kilmallock on Saturday last. A small crowd saw the "Bouncers" win without ever extending themselves.

While cup results can be unpredictable and very often have little bearing on the championship, one has a feeling that Garryspillane will maintain their cup form in the months ahead.

Castletown/Ballyagran and the remaining junior clubs have much leeway to make up before they gain parity with the cup holders. On current form, Garryspillane are certain to take the junior hurling crown. If they are to be deprived of the honour the remaining contenders will have to get down to hard work right away. Other results last week were:

Under 21 H.C., Kilfinane beat Knockainey.

Under 21 F.C., Kilmallock 5-8, Dromin/Athlaca 0-1; J.F.C., Galtee Gaels 4-6, Stakers 0-3.

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William O'Riordan.  
Bruff under 12 hurling team were narrowly beaten by Na Piarasaigh in a thrilling county final, held in Croom, last Saturday night, before a huge crowd. Bruff took the lead with an early goal and held on gallantly only to give way in the last five minutes to a much stronger side. On the team from Meanus were Pat Noonan, Mike Fitzgerald and David and Gerard Murnane with sub. Edward Hayes. 21-7-84

## Bruff 14.7.84

The past fortnight has been a successful one for the Club. The senior hurlers have qualified for the county quarter finals by virtue of a good win over Bruree. They now meet Ballybrown.

The minor hurlers defeated Dromin-Athlaca in the championship and the minor footballers have qualified for the South final after a good win over Galbally.

Another highlight for the Club was the win by the under 12 hurlers over Doon in the county semi-final. The club will play Na Piarasaigh in the final and this will be our first appearance in a county final at this grade. It will take place on this Saturday evening, at 8 p.m., in Croom.

The semi-final produced a grand game of open hurling on an excellent Caherconlish pitch. The team was: J. Browne, D. Murnane, M. Fitzgerald, G. Murnane, L. O'Sullivan, P. Noonan, G. Raleigh, P. Moloney, K. O'Reilly, S. Fitzgerald, W. O'Riordan, J. O'Connell, D. O'Donovan, J. Moran, J. A. Moran.

Another intriguing fixture to look out for is the senior hurling tournament final between Bruff and Kilfinane.

On this Sunday three of our club minor team will be involved with Limerick minor, team in the Munster final. They are Anthony O'Riorday (capt.), Michael Reale and Anthony Madden.

## Bruff 21-7-84

Bonfires blazed in Bruff on Monday night when the victorious Limerick minor team paraded through the town on a float. There was a rapturous reception in a packed Community Centre where the team was welcomed by Anthony Gubbins, chairman of Bruff G.A.A. Club and Very Rev. Canon Culhane. Other speakers were Mr. Jim Hickey, county chairman; Mr. John Naughton, County Youth Officer; Mr. Pat Murnane, chairman of the South Board; and Mr. Phil Bennis, manager of the victorious team. It was a memorable week-end for the local club as there were three members of the team, Anthony O'Riordan, capt.; Michael Reale and Anthony Madden, and for the first time a Bruff man had captained a Munster Championship winning side.

The Eire Og Set Dancing Club is once again in the news having swept the boards in Co. Cork recently at the Dromina Festival of Dancing. Eire Og came first in the under 18, Ard na Ri first in the Under 14, Inish Oir 3rd in the Under 12, Carraig Dubh 3rd in the ladies, and Grange took 1st and the perpetual trophy in the senior mixed.

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Michael Reale, Bruff, hand passes to a colleague during Limerick's Munster Minor Hurling Championship win against Tipperary.





Bruff, winners of the county minor football championship.

**Bruff**  
20.10.84

It was fitting that the first football title for the club should come in centenary year when Bruff beat Old Christians at Caherconlish in the minor football county final recently. The team had trained diligently under coach, Gerry O'Riordan and he had them at perfect pitch for this game.

Jerry was a former All Ireland medal winner with Kerry in the '62 final. By coincidence, there was another connection with Kerry as two team-members John Ryan and Michael Reale are cousins of Kerry captain, Ambrose O'Donovan. The history-making team was —

**Bruff**  
24.11.84

The club had a disappointing day in Croom on Sunday last when the under 21 hurlers were beaten by Patrickswell by 1-9 to 1-7 in the county quarter-final. It was really a story of missed chances as Bruff tried all they knew in the last quarter but failed to penetrate a tough Patrickswell defence. It is to be hoped that the team will be able to rise from this for the remainder of their games, which include 2 South finals and the county football semi-final. Last Sunday's team was:

T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, L. Barron, J. Noonan, A. Madden, J. Leahy, R. Lyons, James O'Riordan, V. O'Donovan, M. Browne, G. Browne, B. Horan, P. Barrett, P. Reale, D. Keating, Subs., John O'Riordan, M. Dennehy.

Now that playing activities are coming to a close the club turns to social activities. On this Friday night at Bulgaden Castle there will be a big night for the club when they host the Centenary Dinner-Dance. Among the trophies on display will be the Munster and All-Ireland minor cups and the county minor football cup.

On the fund-raising front the club will be holding a Christmas raffle and there will be a big night for all gamblers on Dec. 29th when the club hosts a £1,000 monster 45 Drive.

The juvenile club are hopeful of having the under 11 and under 14 football finals on this

**SOUTH LIMERICK GAA:**

**No rest for Bruff**

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**Bruff remain in contention for all outstanding competitions in South Limerick. They are in the under 21 hurling and football finals against Kilmallock — the minor hurling league against Garryspillane and the 1982 minor football league against Hospital/Hertstown.**

If Bruff have a successful run in the county under 21 championships it could be December before the programme is completed.

The county under 21 football quarter finals are scheduled for Sunday next, and this means a blank weekend in the South division.

Kilmallock and Bruff meet in the South under 21 hurling final at Croom on Sunday, 11.

Croom were no match for Bruff in the under 21 football semi-final at Kilmallock on Sunday last.

Articles and photographs for the Limerick Yearbook should be forwarded to Sean Murphy, Villa Maria, Lower Park, Corbally, within the next two weeks.

On this Thursday at Kilmallock, the minor hurling league final between Garryspillane and Bruff is down for decision.

**U-21 football:**

**4-point defeat for Monaleen**

10.11.84

BRUFF..... 0-10  
MONALEEN..... 0-6

In a poor game at Caherconlish on Sunday last, Bruff had four points to spare over Monaleen in the quarter-final of the county U-21 football championship.

Monaleen were first to score, but at the end of the first quarter were trailing by three points.

It was 0-6 to 0-2 in favour of Bruff at half-time. After resuming, Monaleen were well on top, but lack of scoring power proved to be their downfall. The better teamwork of Bruff stodd the test and they finished the better side.

Vincent Donovan, John Ryan, Anthony Riordan, James Riordan and Ger Browne were the pick of the winners. Johnny Walker, Ger Reilly, Kieran Maher, Mark Dilger, B. Hanly, Ger Enright and Eamonn Hough were best for the losers.

Bruff scorers: G. Browne, 0-4; J. Riordan, 0-2; A. Riordan, 0-2; P. Reale, 0-1; M. Reale, 0-1.

Monaleen scorers: J. Walker, 0-2; E. Hough, 0-2.

**Bruff**  
7.12.84

The Club made another little bit of history on Sunday when overcoming Kilmallock in the under 21 football South final, and thereby winning this title for the first time. This was a fine game with Bruff withstanding severe pressure to win by 3-5 to 2-6.

Once again the golden last goal came from opportunist extraordinaire Larry Farrell. It was a particularly noteworthy win when one takes into account that the team was missing well-known regulars, team captain, Vincent O'Donovan, Jim Leahy, Anthony O'Riordan, Mike Reale and Pat Barrett. Full marks to the team who won the championship: D. Hynes, D. Keating, L. Barron, P. Dennehy, John O'Riordan, J. Ryan, J. Noonan, James O'Riordan, D. Ring, L. Farrell (0-1), G. Browne (1-4), A. Madden (1-0), R. Lyons (0-1), P. Reale, B. Horan. Sub, M. Browne for D. Keating. Their next outing will be a difficult one when they play Newcastle West in the County semi-final on this Sunday at a venue to be arranged.

The under 11 and under 14 football leagues were completed on Saturday last. In the under 14 final John Fitzgerald's team defeated Kenneth Daly's side. The under 11 final proved to be a very exciting affair with a lone point by John Hogan winning the game for James Browne's team over Adrian O'Dwyer's team. In an exciting finish it took a fine save from goalie, Mark Gubbins, to ensure victory for the favourites.

There was a great deal of head-scratching and argument caused by the juvenile clubs "best team from the club for the past 35 years" competition. For what it is worth, here is the adjudicators verdict (anyone receiving more than 50% of the votes was automatically chosen). Peter Moloney, Tommy Gubbins, Jack Kieley, Mick Moloney, Tommy Bulfin (R.I.P.), Tim McAuliffe, Willie Conway, Danny Moloney, Anthony Gubbins, John Bulfin senior, Jackie Moloney, Aidan Raleigh, Joe Neilan, Mike Leahy, Willie Hogan. There were two winners who shared first prize: Gerard Murnane, Caherquillamore, and Jim Wallace, Gormanston.

The Club held their annual dinner dance on Friday night last,



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The A.G.M. of the club was held at the community centre on Sunday afternoon last before a record attendance. One of the main talking points centred around the balance sheet and the efforts necessary to redress the current deficit. The election of officers elected was: presidents, Canon Culhane, Father Coughlan, Tony Clancy; chairman, A. Gubbins; vice-chairman, P. Hehir, T. Meaney, M. Ryan; secretary, T. McAuliffe; assistant secretaries, M. O'Brien and P. O'Dwyer; treasurer, R. Moloney; P.R.O., T. Bulfin.

Minor hurling and football club, chairman, P. Hehir; secretary, M. Browne.

Junior football club, chairman, P. Cronin; secretary, V. Hayes.

Club na nOg officers: chairman, S. Garvey; T. Bulfin, G. O'Riordan.

Field committee: T. Meaney, chairman; T. Clancy, secretary; T. Gubbins, treasurer; T. McAuliffe.

Executive committee: All of the above plus D. Barrett, E. Barrett, J. Browne, P. Daly, B. Farrell, J. Gubbins, G. Higgins, D. Hehir, M. McAuliffe, J. McNamara, M. Moloney, J. Mortell, J. Moran, P. O'Riordan, A. O'Riordan, O. O'Leary, P. O'Leary, B. Smith, T. O'Sullivan, M. Treacy, M. Twomey, Mrs. Mary Moloney, Mrs. Eileen Browne, Patricia and Mary Barrett, M. O'Leary, P. Reale, M. Reale.

Selectors: senior hurling—T. McAuliffe, manager; P. Hehir, D. Barrett. Under 21 hurling and football—T. McAuliffe, G. O'Riordan, M. Browne. Junior hurling—S. Clancy, manager. Minor hurling and football—M. Browne, P. Hehir, G. O'Riordan, T. McAuliffe, D. Barrett, T. Bulfin. Junior football—P. Cronin, manager.

Captains and vice-captains—Senior hurling, A. O'Riordan, G. Browne. Junior football, V. O'Donovan and G. Hayes. Junior hurling, D. Moloney and P. O'Leary.

## Bruff 16.2.85

At the first executive committee meeting the following were elected on to the social and financial committee — Patricia Barrett, Mary Moloney, Richard Moloney, Tony Clancy, Ollie O'Leary, Jim McNamara, Declan Hehir, Ger Higgins, Michael Ryan. It is to be hoped that this committee will come up with some fresh ideas on the non-playing side of the club but it must be remembered that the financial burden is a problem for all the members and cannot be left to the few to clear.

Congratulations to our figure dancers who had the first success of 1985 when winning the South final of Scór at Knocklong on Saturday night last. We wish them well in the county final.

Our minor footballers had their first outing on Saturday last when taking on a trial team from the South. This game was played in freezing conditions but produced good passages of play.

Anthony Madden and Ger Browne took part in an under 21 hurling trial at the weekend.

## 9.3.85 Bruff

On Saturday night last there was a huge crowd at the Community Centre for the presentation of trophies to the winning club teams of 1984. Guest of honour was Ambrose O'Donovan, who arrived with the Sam Maguire Cup to a tumultuous welcome from the younger supporters. A lovely tea was served to all present, compliments of the many willing lady supporters of the club. A pictorial record of the year, compliments of Richard Moloney, evoked much interest. There was a special presentation to our three All-Ireland minors from the club, Anthony O'Riordan, Mike Reale, Anthony Madden, and to referee Pat O'Dwyer for refereeing the tournament.

The following teams were presented with their trophies: junior football cup, under-21 footballers (South Championship), minor footballers (County and South Championship) (South League), minor hurlers (South Championship), under-12 hurlers (South Championship), under-14 and under-11 club football league. The club members are at the moment busily collecting names for the new club draw. The minors will play their re-fixed hurling match with Castletown on this Sunday at Effin, 12 noon.

## 23.2.85 Bruff

Affairs on the playing fields opened for the club with a good win for the minor footballers over Castletown-Ballyagran in the cup competition. Final score—Bruff 4, Castletown-Ballyagran 1-0.

The team and scorers were—D. Hynes, T. Griffin, M. Carroll, M. Kenny, B. Meaney, J. O'Riordan (0-1), D. Regan, D. Ring (0\$1); M. Browne (1-0); T. Ryan, M. Dennehy (0-1); S. Hourigan, P. Barrett (0-2), P. Chidgey (2-0); A. O'Carroll (1-0).

Anthony O'Riordan is still reaping the rewards for what was a very fruitful 1984. At Mallow on Monday night last he was presented with the Cork Examiner Munster Under 19 Sportstar of 1984 for hurling by Minister for State, Mr. Donal Creed.

The magnitude of this award can be ascertained by the fact that only 3 of the awards went outside of Cork.

Full praise indeed from the hurling kingpins, Cork, and let us hope it augurs well for Anthony and the club for 1985.

Our congratulations also to the other Limerick winner Tom Reidy of Adare, who got his award for Badminton. Some of our hurlers have come up against his hurling expertise in the past.

The minor hurlers will play the first round of the cup competition against Croom on Sunday next.

## Bruff 16/3/85

Both goal areas in the sportsfield have been re-sodded and it has been rolled. It will now remain closed for a number of weeks.

The minor football team defeated Croom in the league semi-final on Sunday last and they will now play a very powerful Galbally side in the final, probably this week-end. The team last Sunday was: D. Hynes, M. Dennehy, M. O'Carroll, J. Kenny, B. Meaney, M. Kenny, D. Regan, D. Ring, M. Browne, S. Hourigan, J. O'Riordan, T. Ryan, P. Barrett, P. Chidgey, J. Finn. Subs.: A. O'Connell, G. O'Donovan.

Fixtures for the week-end still have to be finalised as there are a duplication of games for some players and starting times, etc., will be governed by the local point-to-point meeting.

The adult teams have now commenced training and the senior side had a useful game against Ballyhea on Sunday last in Knocklong. A word of thanks to the Knocklong Club who provided their field when none other was available.

## Bruff 2.3.85

On this Saturday night at the Community Centre, the players who won championships and leagues during 1984 will be presented with their trophies. It is hoped to have the Kerry captain, Ambrose O'Donovan, who has many relatives in the area, present at the function along with the Sam Maguire Cup.

On Sunday last the minor hurlers accounted for Croom in the Minor knock-out cup after a tough struggle. The team was: S. Hourigan, J. Purcell, M. Carroll, J. Kenny, G. O'Donovan, M. Kenny, D. Regan, B. Meaney, M. Browne, T. Ryan, D. Ring, B. O'Donnell, P. Barrett, M. Dennehy, J. Finn. Sub.: C. Garvey.

It is presumed that they will be playing another round of either the hurling or football this week-end.

On Tuesday next training will commence for our Under 21 and adult players and it is hoped that large numbers will commence training on that night.

## 6/4/85 Bruff

The minor footballers accounted for Hospital in the first round of the championship on Sunday last. The team was: D. Hynes, B. Meaney, M. O'Carroll, G. O'Donovan, S. Hourigan, M. Kenny, D. Regan, D. Ring, M. Browne, John O'Riordan (Meanus), John O'Riordan (Grange), T. Ryan, P. Barrett, P. Chidgey, B. O'Donnell. Subs.: S. Toomey, J. Purcell.

## 27/4/85 Bruff

It was a good weekend for the club on the field as the seniors accounted for Kilmallock by 0-11 to 0-8 in the first round of the south championship.

This was an entertaining game with points from Pat Barrett and Pat Reale sealing the issue in the last quarter.

The team was—S. Hourigan, P. Dennehy, J. Leahy, T. O'Sullivan, A. Madden, A. O'Riordan, V. O'Donovan, M. Reale, J. Noonan, R. O'Leary, P. Reale, W. Bulfin, P. Barrett, G. Browne, A. Gubbins.

The minors qualified for the south football final when they defeated Galtee Gaels by a large margin.

The team was—D. Hynes, B. Meaney, M. O'Carroll, J. Kenny, S. Hourigan, M. Kenny, D. Regan, D. Ring, J. O'Riordan, J. Finn, J. O'Riordan, T. Ryan, P. Barrett, P. Chidgey, G. O'Donovan. Sub: C. Garvey.

The draw for club members takes place on this Friday night. And the fixture list for this weekend includes—

Minor hurling championship—Bruff v. Hospital or Effin (Friday).



## Bruff 4/5/85

Congratulations are extended to Pat Barrett who played on the Limerick minor team who defeated Waterford in the first round of the championship and to John O'Riordan who was a sub on the same team.

Both these players were involved in the minor hurling team who defeated Hospital/Herbstown by 2-7 in a very disappointing game. A big improvement is needed if the South title is to be annexed.

The under 14 hurlers have been scorching along the Feile na nGael trail and are now in the county quarter final. They had a big margin to spare over Castletown/Ballyagran and the scorers in this game were John Mulqueen, Edward Bourke, Paul Moloney, Shane Fitzgerald and James Moran.

Big fixture this week-end is the county championship in Rathkeale against one of the strongest bastions of hurling in the West, Killeedy. It is to be hoped that a large group of supporters will travel to support our young side.

## Bruff 11-5-85

The junior hurlers made a successful start to the season when defeating Garryspillane in a rousing cup match at Hospital, on Saturday last. The team was: T. Raleigh, P. Hehir, L. Barron, T. McAuliffe, P. O'Brien, G. O'Connell, M. O'Brien, P. O'Riordan, J. Brosnan, D. Moloney, D. Ring, B. Irwin, W. Moloney, M. Dennehy, P. O'Leary. Sub: T. Gubbins.

The under 14s have advanced to the Feile na nGael semi-final after a fine win over Granagh/Ballingarry also on Saturday. The team was: J. Browne, J. O'Dwyer, M. Toomey, D. Murnane, C. Casey, J. Meaney, S. O'Sullivan, J. Mulqueen, P. Noonan, J. Moran, W. O'Riordan, S. Fitzgerald, M. Fitzgerald, G. Irwin, E. Bourke. The semi-final may be fixed for this weekend.

## Bruff 18/5/85

Our junior hurlers continued on their winning way with a good 4-8 to 1-9 win over Castletown-Ballyagran in the cup competition on Friday last. The astuteness of full-forward, Tim McAuliffe, was ably complemented by the forceful play of Mixo Hehir at centre-back and wing-forward, Danny Moloney and the vitality of wing-back, minor, David Regan.

On Sunday the junior footballers advanced to the next round of the cup with an easier than expected win over Ballylanders. This game featured good attacking play from our young side but it must be assumed that Ballylanders would be a different proposition in the championship.

The team was: D. Hynes, A. Gubbins, T. O'Sullivan, M. Carmody, M. O'Connor, V. O'Donovan, W. Bulfin, D. Kiely, J. O'Riordan, A. Madden, G. Browne, A. O'Riordan, M. Reale, G. O'Connell, P. Reale. Sub., J. Brosnan, B. Irwin.

On Sunday evening the under-14s great run in the Feile na nGael competition came to an end at the semi-final stage when they were beaten by Na Piarasigh. This was a very courageous display. In fact, with just ten minutes remaining both sides were level but then the stronger Na Piarasigh outfit went on a scoring spree to win easily. However, our lads still have the championship to look forward to. The team was J. Browne, J. O'Dwyer, M. Toomey, D. Murnane, C. Carey, J. Meaney, S. O'Sullivan, J. Mulqueen, capt.; P. Noonan, J. Moran, G. Irwin, S. Fitzgerald, E. Bourke, W. O'Riordan, M. Fitzgerald, Subs., E. Hayes, A. O'Donnell, J. O'Riordan, M. Bourke.

## Bruff 8/6/85

Main talking-point after the weekend was the performance of our senior hurlers against South Liberties in the county quarter final. For the first half-hour our young players seemed to be mesmerised by the old magicians McKenna and Grimes, which left Liberties leading by 2-9 to 1-6 at the interval and aided by a strong second-half wind. However, we shook off this lethargy and carried the game to the opposition eventually being slightly unlucky in succumbing by 2-12 to 2-9. With the average age of this side being just over 22, we are sure that if the lads show the same determination and dedication in the future there are brighter days ahead.

Friday night our novice hurlers defeated Galbally in the first round of the championship producing sterling hurling to win by 4-5 to 2-6. The team was: T. Raleigh, M. O'Brien, T. McAuliffe, P. Hehir, W. Moloney, B. Irwin, P. O'Brien, D. Kiely, James O'Riordan, J. Bulfin, J. Keating, D. Moloney, J. Brosnan, T. Gubbins, M. Browne. Subs., D. Regan, P. O'Leary.

Our minor footballers will need to show a marked improvement on recent form if they are to overcome Newcastle West in the county quarter final on this Thursday evening, at a venue to be decided.

Our under 12's and under 14's are reminded that the juvenile club will take a coach to Croke Park for the Cork v. Galway game on this Sunday, if they get sufficient numbers (cost £4). Names and money should be given to Tom Bulfin or Gerry O'Riordan on or before Saturday morning.

## Bruff 8/6/85

On Sunday last at sun-splashed Rathkeale the long-awaited county championship match between Killeedy and Bruff took place. After a fine first half Bruff led by 2-8 to 1-3. However Killeedy playing much more forceful hurling after the break drew level and looked to have it won. Then this youthful Bruff side drew on fresh resources of determination to win by 3-12 to 3-8.

The team was: T. Coleman, M. Hehir, J. Leahy, T. O'Sullivan, A. Madden, A. O'Riordan, W. Bulfin, V. O'Donovan, J. Noonan, P. Barrett, M. Reale, B. Horan, G. Browne, P. Reale, R. O'Leary. Sub., A. Gubbins.

This weekend will be a very busy one as our under 12s will play the South Hurling final against Ballyagran at Kilmallock on Saturday at 2 p.m. That evening the junior hurlers will play the Novice Cup final against Kilmallock in Knocklong.

And on the following day our senior hurlers will have a very difficult test when they take on Brucee in the South Championship. It is to be hoped that the great support which has been manifest in the past few weeks will also be present at all these games.

Congratulations to the national schools team who retained the first division hurling title by defeating Rathluirc. Diarmuid King was captain and John O'Riordan was a playing member of the Limerick minor football team which was defeated by a powerful Kerry combination lately.

## 29/6/85 Bruff

On Sunday, the minor hurlers had a convincing win over Castletown-Ballyagran in the league semi-final. Here there was some spectacular point-taking from Pat Barrett and four goals from full-forward, Seamus Toomey. The final will take place this Friday evening against Ardpatrick and it should be an open game.

Our under-14 footballers also advanced another step in the championship, with a good win over Ballylanders. Scorers were Sean O'Sullivan, 2-0; Michael Bourke (1-0), John Mulqueen and Paudie Davoren, 0-1 each.

Congratulations to James Browne, David O'Donovan, John A. Moran and Jim O'Connell who were members of the south schools team who won the Mick Mackey Cup for the first time. James Browne and John A. Moran then played for Limerick Schools against Kilkenny in Kilkenny last week.





Bruff, who defeated Charleville in the South Limerick Primary Schools competition.

## Bruff 2/8/85

Both junior sides bowed out of the championships last week-end and were far from impressive in doing so.

On Friday night, the hurlers were defeated by Glenroe 1-10 to 1-3, and the only players to impress were Pat O'Brien, Tim McAuliffe, James Keating and John O'Riordan.

On Sunday, the junior footballers bade farewell to their championship aspirations when going under to Ballylanders by the narrowest of margins. Our lads were not in the game until the final 10 minutes but they finished strongly and could count themselves very unlucky not to at least have forced a draw. The team was: T. Hehir, A. Gubbins, T. O'Sullivan, M. Carmody, M. O'Connor, V. O'Donovan, J. Noonan, D. Kiely, G. Hayes, A. Madden, G. Browne, A. O'Riordan, B. Moran, P. Reale and M. Reale. Subs.: G. O'Riordan and D. Ring.

These defeats curtail our action in the championship arena to under-21 hurling and football. Both these sides are in the south final with the possibility of one of these going ahead this week-end.

## South Limerick GAA:

### 2/9 Bruff for 85 double?

BRUFF are tipped to complete the under 21 double on Sunday next, when they take on Glenroe in the hurling final. The game is scheduled for 12.30 p.m., at a venue to be decided.

The early start is due to the involvement of two teams from the South division in the county finals at the Gaelic Grounds. Gaels in the South wish both Killmallock and Ardpatrik the very best of luck.

Glenroe had a 3-10 to 2-5 win over Castletown/Ballyagran at Effin on Sunday last and should be in the right frame of mind for their tilt with Bruff. John Kelly, Pat Coffey, Mike O'Brien, Terence Buckley and company need to be at their best if they are to end the Bruff challenge. The latter have the potential to win the county and its difficult to oppose them at this stage.

At Knocklong on Saturday last, Bruff completed the first leg of the double with a 2-8 to 1-5 win over Galbally. Even without the services of Jim Leahy and James Leahy, they were too strong for the Galbally boys.

## 7/9/85 Bruff

The under-21 footballers retained the south title after winning it for the first time last year when defeating Galbally by 2-8 to 1-5 on Saturday last. This was a tough struggle but two goals from Diarmuid Ring proved decisive in winning the championship.

The team was D. Hynes, P. Dennehy, J. Ryan, R. Lyons, J. O'Riordan, J. Noonan, A. Madden, D. Ring, M. Reale, P. Barrett, G. Browne, A. O'Riordan, L. Farrell, P. Reale and M. Browne. Sub., M. Kenny.

Most of these players will be going for the double when they take on Glenroe in the hurling final at Kilmallock on Sunday, 12.30.

## 2/9/85 Bruff

The under 21 hurlers advanced to the county semi-final when they defeated Adare by 4-17 to 3-6 at the Gaelic Grounds on Saturday evening last. After playing against a strong wind in the first half Bruff were 2 points in arrears at half-time. However the forwards turned on the style in the second half and despite some hiccups in defence ran out easy winners. The team who meet Old Christians in the county semi-final are T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, J. Leahy, M. Kenny, J. O'Riordan, A. O'Riordan, R. Lyons, M. Reale, J. Noonan, P. Barrett, G. Browne, A. Madden, L. Farrell, P. Reale, M. Browne.

The football team will be in action on Saturday evening when they play Glin at Rathkeale at 6.15 p.m.

The teams have now been picked for the under 11 and under 14 hurling leagues and the first rounds will take place on this Saturday morning at 10.45 a.m.

The Club has had a long and expensive season and they will be holding the annual church-gate collection at all Masses this weekend. All supporters are asked to be as generous as possible.

Scorers — P. Brennan, B. Toomey 0-2 each; V. Buckley, G. Hickey, C. McGuinness, S. Fitzgibbon 0-1 each.

### COUNTY U21 HURLING QUARTER-FINAL

Adare .. 21:7:85 ..... 3-9  
Bruff ... 21:7:85 ..... 4-15

On a blustery, windy evening in the Gaelic Grounds, Adare's assault on the county U21 championship came to an abrupt halt. Having led by 2-4 to 1-4 at half time, Adare had to face into a stiff breeze without their full back Tony Dunne, who received a serious facial injury in a goalmouth tussle, just before half time. This necessitated reshuffling the back division and upsetting the way Adare were playing. Adare never recovered from these setbacks in the second half and consequently Bruff ran out winners by nine points. But a nine point defeat did not do Adare justice and maybe 4 or 5 points would have been more appropriate.

Those to play well for Adare were G. Hartnett, B. Heffernan, T. Dunne (until he retired), N. McGuinness, D. Murphy, B. Kennedy, D. Marron, S. Collins, B. Fitz. Other members of the team were D. Costello, B. Heffernan, S. Heffernan, S. Lynch, J. Morrissey, V. Buckley, C.



5-10-85

# Bruff make it to the final

Bruff ..... 2-7  
Old Christians ..... 2-3

**BRUFF QUALIFIED for the final of the county under-21 hurling championship by defeating Old Christians in a non-eventful semi-final at Rathkeale on Sunday last.**

There were two points between the sides at the interval, 1-4 to 1-2 in favour of the Morning Star side. Pat Reale had a goal and two points and half forward, Pat Barrett had a brace of points for Bruff. Old Christians first half scores came from the Hegarty brothers, John (1-1), and last year's county minor, Ger, who had a point from a placed ball.

In the second half Ger Browne had a goal for Bruff after one minute. Substitute Seamus Hourigan had two points, whilst Pat Reale completed the southern side's tally with a further point. Old Christians 2 scores in the second half came from John Hegarty who had a goal after receiving the ball from his brother Ger in the 19th minute. Eddie O'Donovan pointed in the 27th minute.

**TEAMS**

**Bruff:** T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, J. Leahy, M. Kenny, J. O'Riordan, A. O'Riordan, R. Lyons, M. Reale, J. Noonan, P. Barrett, G. Browne, A. Madden, L. Farrell, P. Reale, M. Browne.

**Old Christians:** T. Phayer, J. Costelloe, P. Foley, R. McCarthy, P. Conway, G. Hegarty, M. Timmons, M. O'Brien, E. O'Donovan, J. Cantillon, F. O'Neill, J. O'Neill, J. Hegarty, M. Fitzgerald.

Referee, Neily Duggan (Rathkeale).  
Man of the match, Ger Hegarty, Old Christians.

26/10/85 **Bruff**

For our club the curtain comes down on playing activities on Sunday and what a finale it should prove to be. As well as being the culmination of a busy year it will be also our most important match when the under 21 hurlers play Newcastle West at the Gaelic Grounds at 3 p.m. The team may be young in years but the experience of players like Anthony O'Riordan, Pat Barrett, the Reale brothers, G. Browne and Anthony Madden amongst others, should negate this aspect. Bruff have never won a title in this grade and they know they are up against it with this very talented Newcastle West side. However, we will be hoping they have kept their best performance until last and with the right support they just might shade it.

Either way it is to be hoped that they will improve on last Sunday's performance when they went under to Claughaun by 0-10 to 1-5 in the football semi final. The team was: D. Hynes, J. Ryan, A. O'Riordan, M. Kenny, J. O'Riordan, M. Reale, R. Lyons, J. Noonan, D. Ring, P. Barrett, G. Browne, J. O'Riordan, T. Coleman, P. Reale, M. Madden. Subs. M. Browne, L. Farrell.

it this time.

For the second time in a month the community was rocked by another untimely fatality when Mr. James Keating of Ballycampion, Bruff, died at the Rugby Grounds, Kibballyowen. James was a very popular young man in the locality, played rugby with the local club and hurling and football with the G.A.A. club. The whole community is at one in sympathising with his parents, brothers, sisters, relatives and friends in their tragic loss.

The death has also taken place in London of Mr. Tomás Purcell, formerly of Uregare, Bruff.

9-11-85

**Bruff**

2-11-85

Anyone entering the Gaelic Grounds before 3 p.m. on Sunday last could hardly have anticipated the furious hour's hurling they were going to witness before the u-21 hurling final between Newcastle West and Bruff was completed.

The game started in whirlwind fashion and after quarter of an hour Newcastle led by 0-5 to 0-2. From then until half-time Bruff were to play their best hurling taking some delightful scores to lead at the break by 1-9 to 0-5. These scores came from Ger Browne, Pat Barrett, Pat Reale and Michael Browne.

The second half was to be a replica of the first but this time Newcastle played the main part in the drama and Bruff had to play supporting act. Slowly they clawed back the lead and a goal at the three-quarter stage left but two points between the sides.

The hurling now increased in intensity and the crowd were left gasping at the ferocity of the exchanges. At this stage Newcastle were laying siege to the Bruff goal but Mike Reale, Anthony O'Riordan, Richard Lyons and the others were hurling defiance at them. Once they lifted the siege and Mike Reale pointed a free to leave the score 1-11 to 1-8.

If the enthralled spectators thought this was the end then they had reckoned without the script writers of this exhilarating drama. Almost on the stroke of time Newcastle smashed in an equalising goal and then fate and referee Terence Murray took a hand. For

in time added on he dealt Anthony Madden to have fouled the ball and Sean Gleeson was to write himself into Newcastle hurling history with a magnificent free to leave the final score Newcastle 2-9, Bruff 1-11.

After the game the feeling of disappointment for the losers but most supporters were adamant that the players can feel right proud of having taken part in what county chairman, Jim Hickey referred to as "the best game of hurling this year". The only problem was that very few neutrals were in attendance.

The team was: T. Coleman, Dennehy, A. O'Riordan, M. Kenny, John O'Riordan, M. Reale, R. Lyons, J. Noonan, A. Madden, P. Barrett, G. Browne, J. O'Riordan, M. Browne, P. Reale, S. Hourigan. Subs.: M. Dennehy, L. Farrell, D. Regan.

At least there was joy in one side of the parish on Sunday and we say "well done" to nearest neighbour and fellow parishioners, Camogue Rovers, who won the Novice Championship by beating Glenroe.

This Saturday will be a busy day for the youngsters in the club as the under-11 and under-14 football leagues will be picked in the morning at 10.45 a.m. And in the evening (8.30 p.m.) we will have our own Scor na nOg competition at the Community Centre. During this, trophies for the winners in the recent hurling leagues will be presented. These trophies have been kindly sponsored by the local Garda Siochana.

**Bruff**

7-12-85

The junior footballers played a very determined brand of football to hold out against St. Patrick's by 1-2 to 0-4 in the final of the 1984 county shield. On a greasy pitch, the hero of the hour was Diarmuid Hynes, who made a dramatic penalty save late in the game. The team was — D. Hynes, J. Noonan, T. O'Sullivan, A. Gubbins, J. O'Riordan, V. O'Donovan, J. McMahon, D. Kiely, G. Hayes, M. Reale, G. Browne, A. O'Riordan, P. Barrett, P. Reale, M. O'Connor. Subs., R. Lyons, M. Carmody, A. Madden.

The finals of the under age football league took place on Saturday morning last and provided some fine spells of football.

Results: under 11 final — J. Cregan's team 2-4, M. Gubbins' team 1-0.

Under 14 final — P. Noonan's team 5-5, M. Toomey's team 4-4.

9-11-85 **Bruff**

The juvenile club had a very enjoyable Scor competition at the community centre last Saturday night. As a result of this the following will take part in the first round of Scor at Bruree on Saturday next:

Figure dancing: Sandra O'Neill, Melissa O'Neill, Mary Kiely, Bridgid Kiely, Catherine Kiely, Eithne Ryan.

Solo singing: Triona O'Donnell.

Recitation: Allison Purcell.

Novelty act: Jenny and Gerard Raleigh, Lorraine Garvey, Sean Heelan, Sandra O'Neill, Richard Moloney.

Quiz: James Moran, Kenneth Daly, John Cregan.

Instrumental music: John, Michael and Liam Morrissey.

Ballad group: Mary Kiely, Kaye O'Connell, Sandra O'Neill, Jenny Raleigh, Jennifer Ryan.

Set dancing: Audrey O'Donoghue, Harry Toomey, Marcella Cregan, Gina Keevey.

At the interval splendid trophies were presented to the recent winners of the under 11 and under 14 hurling leagues. These trophies were sponsored by the local Gardai and were presented by Sergeant Martin O'Rourke who said the Gardai were very pleased

16-11-85 **Bruff**

Our playing season has still not concluded as the junior footballers found to their surprise on Saturday last when they were fixed to play Rathkeale in the 1984 county junior football shield semi-final. After an entertaining game Bruff won by 1-10 to 1-4 and they will play the final against St. Patrick's on Sunday next.

The team was: D. Hynes, J. Noonan, T. O'Sullivan, A. Gubbins, J. McMahon, G. Hayes, M. O'Connor, D. Kiely, V. O'Donovan, M. Reale, G. Browne, A. O'Riordan, W. Bulfin, P. Dennehy, J. O'Riordan.

Anyone with time to spare on Saturday morning could have a pleasant outing by walking up to the Sportsfield at 11 a.m. where the under 11 and under 13 football league finals will take place. These finals are between John Cregan's team and Mark Gubbins' team (under 11) and Pat Noonan's team and Micheal Toomey's team (under 14) and if the earlier rounds are anything to go by they should provide tremendous entertainment. Trophies for these competitions are being sponsored by local factory, Microtherm Ltd.

1-12-85 **Junior Football League:**

**Bruff beat St. Patrick's**

Bruff ..... 1-2  
St. Patrick's ..... 0-4

**BRUFF annexed the 1984 county junior football league at Pallasgreen on Sunday last when scoring a one point win over St. Patrick's.**

In miserable underfoot conditions, the game never reached any great heights. Defences were on top for the greater part of the hour and the seven scores came from sheer hard work plus a sprinkling of luck.

Bruff led 1-1 to 0-1 at half-time after playing with the aid of a strong wind. St. Patrick's pulled back the deficit to a single point on two occasions in the second half. The deciding point at the end of the hour came from the Bruff midfielder Ger Hayes.

Ger Browne and Vincent Donovan were best for Bruff. Good support came from Tadgh Sullivan, Ger Hayes, Dom Kiely, Michael Reale and John Riordan. John O'Neill, Piers Farrell,



## 25/1/86 Bruff

THE Bruff G.A.A. A.G.M. saw new faces elected as club officials for the coming year, at the community centre last Sunday.

Under the constitution, the secretary and treasurer cannot hold the position for more than five years, so the secretary Timmy McAuliffe and the treasurer Richie Moloney had to step down. Pat Dwyer was elected secretary after defeating Pat Dennehy in a secret ballot. Michael Ryan was elected as treasurer, after beating Jim McNamara in a vote.

Anthony Gubbins was re-elected unopposed as chairman and he paid tribute to Timmy McAuliffe and Richie Moloney for the tremendous work which they did for the club over the last couple of years. Timmy had served for 15 years as secretary and Richie was treasurer for the past 8 years. The meeting began with a silent prayer for James Keating R.I.P. who was a playing member of the club and for both Mrs. O'Brien and Mrs. Theresa Dwyer.

The only controversial matter raised concerned the trustees of the sportsfield and who had control over the field. It was decided to defer the matter to a later date. The meeting voted in favour of keeping the selection committee to three rather than five.

There were five nominees for the three positions and they were Seoirse Clancy, Sean Mortell, Timmy McAuliffe, Padraig Hehir and Denis Barrett. The latter three were re-elected with Timmy McAuliffe taking the position of team manager. Officers and Selectors are as follows: Presidents Canon Culhane, Fr. Coughlan, T. Clancy, Fr. O'Dea; Chairman, Anthony Gubbins; vice-chairmen, Pat Hehir, Tom Meaney, Jim McNamara, Secretary, Pat Dwyer; Asst. Secretary, Pat Dennehy; Treasurer, Michael Ryan; P.R.O., Declan Hehir; Minor hurling and football club: Chairman, Mick Browne; secretary, Pat Dennehy; Junior Football Club: Chairman, Pat Cronin; secretary, Vincent Hayes; Club na nOg: Officers, Sean Garvey, Tom Bulfin, Gerry Riordan. Senior hurling selectors, Timmy McAuliffe (team manager), Padraig Hehir, Denis Barrett. U/21 hurling and football selectors, Tim McAuliffe, Gerry Riordan, Mike Browne. Junior hurling team manager, Seoirse Clancy. Junior football manager, Pat Cronin. Minor hurling and football selectors, Mike Browne, Denis Barrett, Pat Dennehy, Richie Riordan, Seamus Hourigan. Senior H captain, Anthony Riordan; vice-capt, Pat Reale. U/21 H. captain, Pat Reale; vice-captain, Anthony Madden; U/21 F captain, Mike Reale; vice-captain, John Noonan. Junior F captain, Vincent Donovan; vice-captain, Dom Kiely.

A huge crowd gathered for the presentation of the trophies at the community centre on Saturday night. Paddy Kelly presented some of the trophies won by the players last year.

## 18/1/86 Bruff

All trophies won during 1985 will be presented at the Community Centre on this Saturday night, commencing at 8.30 p.m. Trophies will be presented to under 12s, under 14s, under 11 and under 14 football leagues, minor, under 21 hurling and football, and novice hurling. Players can take this as official notification, and there will also be a welcome for anyone who supported the teams during the past season.

All interested parties are also reminded that the Club will hold its A.G.M at the Community Centre, on the following day, January 19, commencing at 2 p.m.

## 8/3/86 Bruff

Bruff ..... 2-7  
Ballyhea ..... 4-8

There was an excellent turn-out of players for last Sunday's senior hurling challenge. Although Ballyhea proved too strong for them on the day, Bruff had plenty of possession but the forwards could not manage to put the ball over the bar.

Team — Tom Coleman, Padraig Dennehy, Tadhg Sullivan, Richie Lyons, Willy Bulfin, Anthony Riordan, Mick O'Connor, Anthony Madden, Mick Reale, James Riordan, Pat Reale, Raymond Leary, Billy Irwin, Liam Barron, Pat Barrett. Subs., Anthony Gubbins, Declan Hehir, Seamus Hourigan, Mike Madden.

## Bruff 28/6/80

The Senior Citizens Party held last week was most enjoyable. Music was supplied by Mrs. Farrell of Meanus, accompanied by Mrs. McCarthy and Mr. Clifford, both of Kilmallock. A number of songs were rendered by the guests. By the end of the evening all who were in the hall, were on the floor dancing. Sincere thanks to all concerned. On Thursday 3rd July a bus outing to Killarney is being organised for Senior Citizens. Booking can be made through Mrs. K. Ryan, Main St., on or before June 28.

Patrick Garvey, of Ballingoola, Grange has died in England.

The Under-12 hurling team won their section of the league when they narrowly defeated Kilmallock after a very enjoyable and exciting game at Kilmallock last week. The team was: D. Horan, J. Kenny, M. Carroll, T. Griffin, J. Purcell, M. Browne, J. O'Riordan, B. O'Donnell, B. Meaney, T. Ryan, J. O'Riordan, G. O'Donovan, C. Garvey, S. Toomey, D. O'Connell, sub, J. Enright.

All Meaneys folk have been get-

## Bruff

15-2-86

Bruff figure dancing team won the South Scor on Saturday night, at Knocklong. The team included Ann-Maire Dwyer, Deirdre Glynn, Bernie Hehir, Marie Ryan, Betty Ryan, Veronica Butler and Mary McInerney.

Our set-dancing team put up a good show, but were defeated by Croom.

## Bruff

24-5-86

Unfortunately, despite great efforts, the County Board refused to put off Bruff's crucial first round of the County senior hurling championship match against Ballybrown at Kilmallock on Sunday. Bruff had to play without Pat Barrett, Ger Browne and Anthony Gubbins who were all injured. Mike Reale and Anthony Madden had to play despite injuries sustained in their Munster under 21 hurling final. Preparations for this game were difficult with the Munster Final game played only three days before. It seems a pity that Bruff had to forfeit their county championship hopes because of the County Board's reluctance to take into consideration last Thursday night's great Munster under 21 hurling final victory. The match itself was very even for the majority of the first half. Ballybrown had the better of exchanges late in the first half and led by three points at half time. Bruff looked under pressure as the second half progressed despite some great efforts by Anthony Madden, Tadhg Sullivan, Anthony Riordan, Willie Bulfin and Brendan Horan. Our lads showed great determination and spirit and although trailing by five points and having a man sent off they score two great goals to level the scores. In the last three minutes Ballybrown took advantage of their extra man and scored three points to win the game.

On Sunday our under 14s play Na Piarsaigh in the quarter final of the Feile na nGael competition at the Gaelic Grounds. Bruff had an impressive victory over Doon in the last match but this may prove tougher.

## Bruff

5/7/86

Bruff had a good win over Hospital/Herbertstown in a thrilling affair last Saturday in the under 12 youth final at Knocklong. After a close encounter, Bruff had a goal lead when the final whistle blew.

Under 12 football title team: David Purcell, Paul Maye, Mark Gubbins, Kenneth Moloney, Theo Shinnors, Mervin, Gardiner, Pat Hayes, John Anthony Moran, John Cregan, Richard Gubbins, John Barrett, Sean Heelan, Tommy Reale, Clement Riordan, Stephen Finn. Subs: Robert Riordan, Tony Fitz.

The under 14 repeated the success of the under 12s when they beat Hospital/Herbertstown, at Knockainey on Monday night. It was again John Anthony Moran who was leading scorer with 1-2. At half time Bruff led 2-2 to 0-1. John Corkery had a goal in the first half and Paul Irwin managed one in the second half.

## 1.3.86 Bruff

An understrength Bruff team went down to Cappamore 5-7 to 1-4 last Sunday in the County Senior Hurling League.

Bruff managed 4 pts. in the 1st half and only scored a goal from a penalty in the second half. Liam Barron the Bruff corner back had to be carried off during the match after an injury to his ankle.

The team: Mike Dennehy, Pat Dennehy, Thady Sullivan, Liam Barron, Willie Bulfin, Vincent Donovan, Billy Irwin, John Noonan, Anthony Madden, Mike Browne, Pat Reale, Pat Barrett, Raymond Leary, Anthony Gubbins, Mike Madden. Sub: Brendan Meaney for Anthony Gubbins.

The Bruff figure dancers were most unlucky to lose the County Score final at Cappamore on Sunday. All eight girls danced to perfection and were enjoyed by the large attendance at the Cappamore Community Hall.

Athea were the eventual winners of this event.

The West Limerick group had to dance twice as the adjudicator could not see them properly on the first occasion. The Bruff team comprised of Deirdre Glynn, Mary McInerney, Jacinta O'Donovan, Bernie Hehir, Maria Ryan, Betty Ryan, Ann-Marie Dwyer and Veronica Butler.

The G.A.A. dinner dance a great success on Saturday night.

## Bruff 4/6/86

Bruff, 1-9; Newcastle West, 1-6. Bruff advanced to the final of the Charleville Cheese Festival senior hurling tournament when they had a convincing victory over Newcastle West on Sunday evening at Rathluirc.

Playing with the aid of a strong breeze in the first half, Bruff took control from the throw-in. Raymond Leary opened the scoring with a point from a free. Later in the game, Mike Reale scored a fortunate goal to keep Bruff in a commanding position. Our lads led 1-4 to 1-2 at half-time. Three points from Raymond Coady, two from frees and one from play, kept Bruff ahead and they ran out well deserving winners by 1-9 to 1-6.

## Bruff

20-9-86

Bruff ..... 3-6  
Kilfinane ..... 1-8  
On Sunday Bruff had to fight all the way to beat Kilfinane 3-6 to 1-8 in the under 21 South hurling championship replay semi final at Kilmallock. Kilfinane had the perfect start when they had an early goal. They added two points to go further ahead. A great goal by Diarmuid Ring narrowed the deficit. Pat Barrett scored a goal to keep Bruff in contention coming up to half time with Kilfinane leading by a single point. On the stroke of half time a great goal and a point from Pat Barrett put Bruff ahead 3-3 to 1-5 for the first time in the game. In the second half Kilfinane and Bruff had three points each.

However, for the last fifteen minutes neither team scored and Bruff went on for a fourth point win. John Riordan, Anthony Riordan and Mick Browne played well in defence while Pat Barrett had an excellent game scoring 2-2.

Next Friday the Bruff novice hurling team play Galbally at 6 p.m. in the semi final of the South.



SOUTH LIMERICK G.A.A.:

4/10/86

# Bruff regain junior title

Bruff ..... 3-10  
Manister ..... 0-8

**IN A lifeless and boring encounter at Croom on Sunday last, Bruff regained the divisional junior football championship with an easy 3-10 to 0-8 win over Manister. This could be classed as one of the poorest deciders in this grade for many years — it lacked competitiveness, bite and the commitment one associates with the final hurdle in junior football.**

Bruff swept into a big lead inside ten minutes. Ger Hayes had a goal from a penalty and Anthony Riordan had another from play, to practically write off the Manister challenge. At half-time it was 3-7 to 0-3 and while Manister played much better after the resumption, there was never any question of a turn about on the scoreboard.

Michael Reale, James Riordan, Anthony Riordan, John Noonan, Dom Kiely, Pat Reale, Ger Hayes and Tommy Herr, played well for Bruff. Eddie Barry and Tom O'Connor were prominent for Manister and received good support from John Chawke, Gery Quinn, Liam Chawke, Pat O'Con-

nor, John Sheehan and Christy Costello.

**Bruff** — T. Herr, J. Noonan, T. Sullivan, M. Carmody, W. Bulfin, M. Reale, R. Lyons, D. Kiely, P. Reale, J. Riordan, S. Hayes, A. Madden, P. Barrett, P. Dennehy, A. Riordan. Subs.: B. Horan for Barrett, D. Ring for Carmody.

**Manister** — A. Ryan, D. Barron, J. Chawke, M. Looby, J. Sheehan, G. Quain, K. Hogan, T. O'Connor, L. Chawke, K. Costello, P. O'Connor, C. Dunworth, C. Costello, E. Barry, B. Hogan. Subs.: J. Biggane for C. Costello, T. O'Donnell for Dunworth, D. O'Donnell for B. Hogan.

Referee: M. Reidy, Croom.

## EXCITING

Bruff and Galbally played an exciting draw in the semi-final of the novice hurling championship at Knocklong on Saturday evening. Bruff staged a late rally to pull back a two goal deficit to make it all square, 1-14 each.

## PRIMARY SCHOOLS

The South primary schools football championship commenced last week. The finals are scheduled for October 18 at Knocklong. The groupings for the three divisions are:

Division 1 — Mountbruis, Lisvane, Kilmallock, Hospital,

Bruff, Croom.

Division 2 — Ballylanders, Herbertstown, Ballygran, Kilfinane, Bruree, Knocklong/Glenbrohane, Emly, Galbally/Kilross.

Division 3 — Anglesboro, Glenroe, Ardpatrick.

Failure to fulfil a fixture means that the match will be awarded to the opposing team. All schools have been notified of the fixtures and these must be played on or before the specified dates. Results to be forwarded to the secretary, Ger Power, Knocklong, telephone (062) 53388.

## FOOTBALL REPLAY

The senior football final replay between Galbally and Hospital/Herbertstown at Kilmallock on Sunday next at 2 p.m. is being eagerly awaited by football enthusiasts in the division. The drawn game produced top quality fare and if the replay is as near as good, it will satisfy everybody.

Hospital/Herbertstown will be at full strength, but Galbally will of course be without the duo who were sidelined last time out and John Cummins may not be fully fit to last an hour.

Galbally will be trying hard to keep the title, but with Hospital/Herbertstown at this stage looking the better balanced of the two, they may find the task beyond them.

20/9/86 **Bruff**

Congratulations are extended to Mr. James Dempsey of Camass, Bruff, and Miss Mairead O'Malley of Clifden, Co. Galway, who were married in Clifden on Friday last.

The wedding took place last week of Mr. Tom Carroll of Lough Gur, Bruff, and Miss Debbie Clery of Elton. The groom and bride were employed at Microtherm Ltd., Bruff, and best wishes are extended to them as they commence their married life in London.

The under 21 hurlers advanced a step further in their bid to win the southern double when they defeated Kilfinane 3-6 to 1-8 in the south semi-final re-play on Sunday last. The team was T. Coleman, M. Kenny, A. O'Riordan, J. Noonan, J. O'Riordan, A. Madden, M. Browne, M. Reale, James O'Riordan, P. Barrett, D. Ring, P. Dennehy, S. Hourigan, M. Dennehy, P. Reale, subs., T. Ryan and M. O'Sullivan.

On Saturday morning next the juvenile club will commence their under 11 and under 14 hurling leagues at the field starting at 10.45.

Results of the ...

The Under 21 hurling team had a thrilling one point win over South Liberties in the county quarter final at Pallas on Sunday last. The team was: T. Coleman, B. Meany, A. O'Riordan, J. Noonan, M. Kenny, A. Madden, John O'Riordan, M. Reale, T. Ryan, P. Barrett, D. Ring, P. Dennehy, S. Hourigan, P. Reale, M. Browne.

They will now meet either Claughaun or Newcastle West in the semi-final.

11/10/86 **Bruff**

G.A.A.

22-11-86

Bruree Senior Hurlers team were beaten by a youthful Bruff team in the semi-final of the South Championship. The scoreline read Bruff: 2-15, Bruree: 1-2. The Bruree team were: M. O'Brien, P. Stanton, J. Potter, M. Hogan, J. Lyons, G. Mullane, M. Barron, M. Mullane, D. Deady, P. Hogan, P. Potter, P. Finn, M. Moloney, J. O'Brien, M. Stanton.

Under 13 football final resulted in a win for Ballylanders over Bruree. Ballylanders: 2-2, Bruree: 0-0.

**Bruff**

Bruff 2-4  
Claughaun 2-8

Bruff under 21 hurlers lost to Claughaun in the semi-final of the county championship after their forwards failed to score.

Bruff managed only one goal in the second half, when substitute Mark Sullivan scored.

The Bruff half-back line dominated for most of the game but the Bruff forwards failed to do anything with the ball.

Claughaun scored on nearly every occasion that they attacked the Bruff goal. Bruff lost Anthony Riordan when he was sent off early in the game. Anthony Madded moved in at centre-back and played well there. Mike Browne had a good first game with some nice points.

**Bruff** 2 1/2 / 87

Bord na nOg held their annual social last Sunday night. The guest for the evening was Mr. Sean Bourke, treasurer of the South board who made a very enlightening address to the gathering. He presented medals to the following teams — U14 Feile na nGael, South champions — J. Browne, R. Moloney, G. Murnane, D. Murnane, P. Irwin, P. Noonan, S. Fitzgerald, P. Ryan, W. Riordan, P. Moloney, D. o'Donovan, J. Hogan, A. O'Dwyer, J. Moran, J. A. Moran, M. Fitzgerald, J. Wallace, J. Barrett, M. Hickey, E. Hayes, L. O'Sullivan, K. O'Reillt.

Under 12 hurling and football south champions — S. Walsh, A. Barrett, M. Gubbins, T. Shinnors, T. Reale, M. Gardiner, D. Purcell, J. A. Moran, S. Finn, C. O'Sullivan, J. Barrett, R. Riordan, D. Gubbins, J. Cregan, R. Gubbins, S. Heelan, K. Moloney, L. O'Donovan, C. Riordan, W. Corbett, J. Ryan, C. Ryan, T. Wallace, D. Reale, I. Hogan, T. Fitzgerald, P. Crotty, C. Murnane, P. Maye, S. Clifford.

The trophies for the football leagues, which were kindly sponsored by Microtherm Ltd., were presented by Mrs. Annette Bulfin on behalf of the company, to the following U11 team — James Ryan, capt., K. Moloney, D. Ryan, P. O'Rourke, J. K. Ryan, J. Begley, D. Power, C. Cronin, H. Hynes, A. Moloney, T. Corkery, P. Casey, F. O'Neill, J. Power, E. Meany, S. Twomey, D. Dollery, P. Hynes, J. Shinnors.

Losing captains, A. Barrett, D. Purcell, R. Gubbins.

Under 14 team — David O'Donovan, capt., J. Moran, L. O'Sullivan, A. O'Dwyer, R. Ryan, M. Casey, T. Fitzgerald, T. Reale, J. Cregan, W. Corbett, A. Enright, K. O'Leary, A. Houlihan.

Losing captains, W. O'Riordan,

**Bruff**

7-3 - 3-4

Congratulations to the figure dancing team that won the South senior Scor final last Sunday night. The team was Denise Glynn, Veronica Butler, Mary McEniry, Jacinta Donovan, Carmel Noonan, Bernie Hehir, Anne Maira O'Dwyer, Patricia Connaughton.

**Bruff**

23/5/87

Our u-14 team were defeated in the county semi-final of the Feile na nGael Co. Championship last Saturday at Croom. Playing with the wind in the first half, Bruff led at half time by two points, 1-1 to 0-2. The result was inevitable when an unchanged Bruff forward line failed to score in the second half.

The Bruff panel: J. Browne, J. Cregan, G. Murnane, M. Gubbins, M. Gardiner, P. Ryan, A. O'Dwyer, J. A. Moran, J. Hogan, J. Barrett, J. O'Connell, D. O'Donovan, J. Wallace, M. Casey, L. O'Sullivan, R. Moloney, R. Ryan, R. Gubbins, S. Walsh, P. Maye, L. O'Donovan, T. Fitzgerald.

The senior team played a challenge against Ardagh on Sunday evening. This was a fine team performance and the three points winning margin was well deserved against a very useful Ardagh side.



# Football Glory for Bruff as Minors Win County Title

Bruff Club had a busy and successful year on the playing fields. This can be instanced by the fact that the Minor footballers won the first competition in Centenary Year in the South Division. This was the Minor Football League Final played on April 7th and at the time of going to press the Under 21 hurlers and footballers have still to play the South Finals! In between there were to be tears of joy and disappointment as the story of the various teams unfolded.

For different people in the club there were many highlights. For Gerry O'Riordan and his fellow

selectors on the Minor football team there was a very proud moment in Caherconlish on October 7th when the Minor footballers won the first County football title ever won by the Club. They defeated Old Christians by 2-7 to 1-7 in the final and the team on that day was:- D. Hynes, D. Dennehy, J. Ryan, M. Kenny, A. Madden, J. O'Riordan, M. Browne, D. Ring, M. Reale (capt), L. Farrell (2-3) A. O'Riordan (0-1), T. Coleman, P. Barrett (0-3), M. Dennehy, S. Hourigan, Subs: M. O'Connell, A. O'Connell, G. O'Donovan, J. Purcell, D. Regan, S. Toomey, B. O'Donnell. This win

was due in no small way to the diligence and shrewdness of a cute Kerry man in coach Gerry O'Riordan. This victory also helped ease the disappointment of the same lads who had played disappointingly in losing the hurling quarter-final to Patrickswell. They had earlier won the South final for the third year in a row. There was also a sense of gratification at this football win for people like Vincent Hayes and Pat Cronin whose allegiance to football in the club down through the years is well-known.

Perhaps for some people the highlight of the year was the performance of the Senior hurlers in the County Championship. This must have been particularly true for people like coach, Willie O'Brien. He worked tirelessly to bring the Clubs youth policy to fruition and he must have been more than pleased to see the Senior team reaching the County semi-final for the first time since 1926. Probably the most enjoyable encounter for the Senior team was the County quarter-final in which a youthful Bruff side conquered last years finalists Ballybrown by the narrow-



**Bruff Minor Football Team**

**Back Row (L-R)** - D. Ring, D. Hynes, J. Ryan, P. Barrett, A. Riordan, P. Dennehy, M. Carroll, M. Reale, D. Regan, M. Dennehy, A. O'Connell. **Front Row (L-R)** - S. Twomey, L. Farrell, M. Browne, S. Hourigan, J. Purcell, J. Riordan, A. Madden, G. Donovan, B. O'Donnell, M. Kenny, T. Coleman.





**Bruff, South U/12 Hurling Champions**

**Back Row** - J. Corkery, M. Burke, N. Daly, J. Hogan, E. Hayes, J. Wallace, S. Fitzgerald, P. Noonan, M. Fitzgerald, P. Moloney, K. O'Reilly, W. O'Riordan, J. Moran, C. Murnane. **Front Row** - M. Hickey, S. Heelan, A. O'Dwyer, J. Browne, L. O'Sullivan, G. Raleigh, J. A. Moran, G. Murnane, J. O'Connell, R. Maloney, D. O'Donovan, D. Murnane.

est of margins. The disappointment of losing to Cappamore was more acute for people like Tom Raleigh, Tim McAuliffe and Mixo Hehir, than for the many young members of the team who must feel that there are better days ahead. Our Junior footballers, although winning the Shield, failed to Galtee Gaels in the championship.

For a lot of parents and those dealing with the youngsters in the club, the highlight may have been the performance of the Under 12 hurlers in their county campaign. They had an easy run through the South and accounted for Doon in the County semi-final. And the county final was a gem of a game at Croom on July 14th. The opposition were the acknowledged experts at this grade, Na Piarasigh. However, our lads took the game to the city champions and led at half-time by 3-0 to 0-2. In the end we had to give way but not before putting up a mighty struggle. However, I would advise looking out for these names in the future: James Browne, David Murnane,

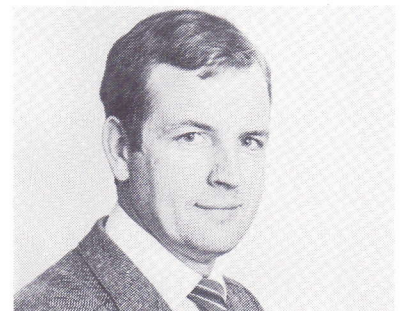
Michael Fitzgerald, Gerard Murnane Gerard Raleigh, Pat Noonan, Liam O'Sullivan, Paul Moloney, Kieran O'Reilly, Shane Fitzgerald, William O'Riordan, Jim O'Connell, John Anthony Moran, James Moran, David O'Donovan.

But for the parish as a whole, the highlight of the year was when Anthony O'Riordan raised the Irish Press Cup high, after captaining Limerick Minors to win the All-Ireland title. Added to this was the fact that Bruff also provided Anthony Madden and Michael Reale to this side. Two nights later this team was treated to a rapturous welcome when the Cup came to Bruff for the first time. It was a particularly joyful occasion for Revd. Canon Culhane who welcomed the lads to Bruff as he had been diligently following the fortunes of the Bruff lads since they started playing Under 12.

Perhaps for the hurling purist the highlight was the Under 21 South semi-final against Kilfinane. This was a game which, as the old cliché

says, had everything a good hurling game should have from two evenly matched sides before Bruff emerged victorious by the narrowest of margins.

Looking back on the year as a whole, perhaps, the greatest consolation that can be taken is that the organisation has gone from strength to strength in the parish. The club has been providing recreation and enjoyment for a century and is eagerly looking forward to the challenge of doing the same for the next 100 years. ■



*Former Antrim All-Star Footballer Andy McCallin who has done tremendous work for Ciste Gael in Limerick especially the Mungret Club.*