

MINOR HURLING FINAL.

Kilfinny, 7-1; Dromcollogher, 6-2.

Prior to the football tie, the West Limerick Minor Hurling Final was decided when Kilfinny had a narrow victory over Dromcollogher after one of the most exciting games yet seen in the grade, the lead fluctuating several times to leave the issue in doubt to the final whistle.

Dromcollogher forced the pace to goal early. A point from a free and a neat goal by Nash gave Kilfinny the lead, but McCarthy, netted to reverse the order. Two points were added and Dromcollogher's chances looked rosy before the winners challenged with grim earnestness to wipe out the arrears and lead at the interval by 4-1 to 2-2. The losers fought back gallantly and from a brace of majors once again obtained the lead by the narrowest of margins. In the next minute Kilfinny were ahead, but soon the tables were turned by Dromcollogher's brace of goals in quick succession. Not to be outdone the winners kept up pressure and a grand defence made little headway. Time was running low when they got through for a green flag to reduce the arrears to a point. Excitement ran high as alternative attacks failed. With dogged determination Kilfinny made a slow but steady advance to secure the deciding score—a goal just on the call of time.

For the winners, Nash, Fitzgibbon, Chawke and Shanahan were best; and for the losers McCarthy, Noonan and Kiely were most prominent.

Mr. P. O'Sullivan, Ballingarry, refereed.

27.11.38

Kilfinny hold their General Meeting.

There was a fine attendance at the annual general meeting of the Kilfinny G.A.A. Club, which was held at the Library, Croagh, on Thursday night, January 23rd. Rev. Father P. O'Dea, C.C., presided.

In his report the secretary stated that while no major honours had come their way during 1946, they still had a very successful season. The junior team had reached the Western semi-final and only went under to Castletown after a fine display by a four point margin. The minor team had been defeated by Askeaton in the opening round, and the latter had gone on to take the Western title, and afterwards contest the County decider with Doon. He concluded by expressing the hope that 1947 would see them go a step further and take the Western title.

The treasurer in his report showed the club to be in a strong financial position and in this connection it was decided to hold a Ceilidhe and Card Drive in the near future with the object of supplementing their fund.

It was decided to enter teams for the junior and minor hurling championships and for the New Ireland Shield competition run by the City Divisional Board.

Officers for the season were elected as follows:—Chairman, Rev. Father O'Dea, C.C.; Vice-Chairman, James Shanahan, and Finbar Guiry; Treasurer, David Hannon; Secretary, John Kennedy; Captain junior hurling team, Patrick Fitzgerald; Vice-Captain, Gerald Quinn.

Delegates to Western Board, John Kennedy and David Hannon.

Kilfinny Too Good For Army

Kilfinny, 13-2; 9th Batt. (Army), 4-3.

KILFINNY had a rather easy victory over the 9th Battalion at Adare on Sunday, when they met in the West Limerick Junior Hurling Championship.

Despite the wide margin between the teams at the end, the game was very interesting, and the spectators were treated to a fine exhibition of hurling, well up to the usual standard.

The Army side were short about seven of their usual players and this told against them, although it is hard to know whether with these players on they would have defeated Kilfinny, who were in great form. They played well from the throw-in and their combination proved too good for the Army side, who, nevertheless, fought doggedly to the end. A feature of the game was the excellent combination displayed by the Neville Brothers of Kilfinny, one at centre-field and the other in the forward line, and their tactics had a telling effect on the Army defence.

HOW THE SCORES CAME.

With the breeze behind them, the Kilfinny team moved away from the throw-in, and they drove wide thrice before E. Neville initiated a nice movement. The ball travelled to the goalmouth, where Riordan (Army) saved a hard shot, but J. Neville gathered up a weak clearance to drive to the net. Liston (Kilfinny) added a neat point and next Quinn's shot reached Hannan who had Kilfinny's second goal. Keeping up the pressure, Kilfinny had a goal per Kennedy, who received from E. Neville. The 9th Battalion retaliated with a goal per Hussey, but to the end of this half it was all Kilfinny, scores coming per Liston (goal), J. Neville (goal), Hannan (2 goals), and Shanahan (goal).

The Army side showed promise of making things hot at the opening of the second half, and they were away to a flying start, which ended with a narrow miss. Kilfinny took up the attack on the puck out and Hannan added a goal to their already high score. Nothing daunted, the Army boys returned to the attack and a Kilfinny clearance went into touch. Lt. Hunt, from the cut in, lodged the ball in the net. The Army went away for a goal. Kilfinny replied with a like score per Shanahan, and dominating the picture at this stage they had goals per Kennedy and Hannan and a point per the former. In a lively finish the Army had goals per Hussey and points per Murphy and Hunt.

Outstanding for Kilfinny were: Hannan, Neville Brothers, Shanahan, Gallagher and

Fitzgerald; and for the Army—Murphy, O'Neill, Ryan, Kenny, Hunt and Falvey.

The match between Croom and Rathkeale in junior hurling was not played, as the latter did not travel.

Kilfinny Win Replay of West Limerick C'ship Game

THE replay of the West Limerick Junior Hurling Championship game took place at Ballingarry on Sunday, when in a high scoring game Kilfinny ran out deserving winners.

The story of the game is easily told. Ballyagran defence, somewhat disorganised in the first half, failed to settle down early and taking advantage of this the Kilfinny forwards ran riot, banging home eight goals in the first fifteen minutes, without reply from Ballyagran, who then registered a goal. Then Kilfinny were again in the picture and with further scores made their interval lead look a large one: 9-7 to 1-0 for Ballyagran.

Ballyagran, for a team so far behind, were very determined at the opening of the second moiety, and banged away at a sound Kilfinny defence that was giving nothing away. Here we had some fine hurling and both sides gave a great display, the Kilfinny defence shining out. This disheartened the Ballyagran attack and though they penetrated it for three goals they could not get further, and Kilfinny, adding a goal to their half-time total, were worthy winners on the score: Kilfinny, 10-7; Ballyagran, 4-1, with the losers going down gamely.

Mr. P. McCarthy, Newcastle West, refereed.

Scorers for Kilfinny were: Hannan, Neville Brothers, Gallagher, and for Ballyagran, Clifford, Dolan and Sullivan.

a dance band which will be heard for the first time in Co. Limerick. G.A.A.

At the local Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last one of the best games in the West Limerick Junior Hurling Championship was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic crowd of spectators. Askeaton defeated Kilfinny in their Group Final. Kilfinny, playing with the wind in their favour, led at half time by 4-5 to 1-2. On the resumption, Askeaton, playing with greater verve and determination than in the first half were not long in reducing the lead to 1 point. At this stage the excitement of the spectators had reached fever pitch as Askeaton tried hard to gain the lead; but the Kilfinny team rallied and had two majors inside two minutes. They now seemed all set for victory, but the Askeaton lads would not admit defeat. Ably led by their inter-county stalwart, Paddy Fitzgerald, they again succeeded in reducing the lead to 1 point. With time running out, Paddy Fitzgerald gathered the ball at centre-field and broke his way through a stubborn Kilfinny defence and scored the winning goal. Then came the long whistle and Askeaton were deserving winners with a score of 6-7 to 6-5 for Kilfinny. Outstanding for the winners were: Paddy Fitzgerald, Loughnane, Madigan, McKough and Purcell, while Kilfinny were well served by E. Neville, J. Neville, Kennedy, Hannon, Murphy and Whelan. Mr. W. O'Donoghue, Limerick, was referee.

At the same venue, Lodge Rangers defeated St. Kieran's in the Losers' Group by 9-3 to 0-3.

At Newcastle West in the first round of the West Limerick Minor Football Championship, the local Minors drew with Abbeyfeale. The score at half time was Rathkeale 2-1, Abbeyfeale 1-2. The full time score was Rathkeale 3-1, Abbeyfeale 1-7. The scorers for Rathkeale were: M. O'Shea, E. Stack, L. Boyle and S. O'Connor. T. O'Dea was outstanding in goal for Rathkeale.

MARKETS

Wool, washed, 2/- per lb; unwashed, 1/10, 1/9 per lb. Fowl—The following were the prices paid at the weekly fowl market: eggs, 2/7 per doz.; chickens, 2/3 per lb; old fowl, 1/- per lb; guinea fowl, 4/- per lb; turkeys, 1/8 per lb.

19-7-47

TRAIN AND BE FIT FOR GAMES

Kilfinny Hurling Club Secretary's Appeal

AN appeal to players to pay more attention to training—especially during the summer evenings—so that they could turn out fit for matches, was made by Secretary John Kennedy at the annual general meeting of the Kilfinny Hurling Club.

In the course of his report, the Secretary stated that during the year two teams—Minor and Junior—were affiliated to the West Limerick Board.

They also took part in the Castle-town and Pallaskenry tournaments.

Both teams succeeded in reaching the semi-finals of the West Division. The junior team had victories over Copsewood College, Shannon Rovers and Askeaton and were defeated by Dromcollogher in a replay. The minors were victorious over Copsewood College, Ballingarry and went under to Dromard-Rathkeale in the semi-final.

BALANCE SHEET

The Treasurer, Mr. David Hannan, in his report, showed that the club was in a fairly sound financial position.

It was decided to affiliate two teams (minor and junior hurling) in the Limerick Championship, and to hold a ceilidhe at the Library, Croagh, on Sunday night, Feb. 27.

CHAIRMAN'S ADDRESS

The Chairman, Mr. James J. O'Kelly, N.T., congratulated the teams on their fine showing during the year and expressed the hope that next year he would have medals to present.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. James J. O'Kelly, N.T.; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs Michael J. Fitzgerald and Jas. Fitzgibbon; Treasurer, Mr. David Hannan; Secretary, Mr. John Kennedy; Captain J.H. Team, Mr. Patrick Fitzgerald; Vice-Captain, Mr. James Fitzgibbon.

O'Reilly Benefit Fund

TO HELP OLD GAE

A Committee has been formed representing past and present hurlers of Kilfinny and Croagh Clubs to raise a fund on behalf of an old Gael—Edward O'Reilly, who has been left in pitiful circumstances, with nine young and delicate children, owing to the death of his wife.

Ned was one of the most graceful hurlers West Limerick has seen for the past 30 years, and needs no introduction to his old hurling colleagues of that period.

It is proposed to hold a church gate collection at Croagh on Sunday, September 4, at both Masses, and the following Committee is open to received subscriptions:—

Messrs. Jack Neville, Chairman; Jack Shanahan, Treasurer; Michael Neville, Kilfinny G.A.A.; John Kennedy, Secretary, do.; Sean Hanley, Manager, Adare Co-op.; James O'Kelly, N.T., Croagh; Jim Giltinan, P.C.; Jean Mulcair, Jim Fitzgibbon and H. McDonagh, Sec. (3c)

KILFINNY HURLING CLUB

Mr. James J. O'Kelly, N.T., presided at the annual general meeting of the Kilfinny Hurling Club, held at the Kilfinny School on Friday night, 22nd February. There was a large attendance of members. The following were elected for the coming year:—

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KILFINNY H.C.

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The Annual Meeting

SATISFACTORY YEAR

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Interesting Games

at Ballingarry

AT Ballingarry on Sunday a large attendance witnessed two very interesting matches when, in the Leader Cup Competition (Juvenile Hurling), Granagh beat Kilfinny-Croagh by 5-2 to 1-0, and in the Ballingarry Parish Tournament, in aid of Parochial Funds, Castletown beat Kilfinny by 2-4 to 1-4. This latter match was the semi-final of the tournament, and Castletown by their win qualified to meet Knockaderry in the final.

After 10 minutes' play in the Juvenile game, J. O'Brien opened the scoring with a goal for Granagh, who kept up the pressure thereafter and the Kilfinny goal had some narrow escapes before Granagh forced a 70. M. Sheehan sent the shot to W. Collins, who smashed to the net for Granagh's second goal. In the next few minutes Kilfinny tried desperately for a score but were denied and following relief of the pressure, Granagh went away at the other end, where W. Gorman drove a long ball over the bar. P. O'Brien (Granagh), the smallest player on the field, closed the scoring in the first half with a spectacular goal. Half time score: Granagh, 3-1; Kilfinny-Croagh, Nil.

It was all Kilfinny for the first five minutes of the second half. They pressed strongly for a score, but the Granagh defence, O'Brien, Carroll and O'Regan, stood up well. Two frees to Kilfinny close in were beaten off, O'Brien in goal saving the second shot with remarkable agility and cleared the ball well out the field where Hannigan got possession to crash to the net for Granagh. From the delivery, Kilfinny went into attack, but Granagh cleared well and B. Gorman at the other end drove to the net. Hannigan (Granagh), added a point and in a great do or die rally towards the end, J. McCann (Kilfinny) registered their only score of the game—goal—a few minutes before the full-time whistle.

THE TEAMS

Granagh: M. O'Brien, M. Clifford, M. Carroll, D. Hannigan, M. Sheahan, J. O'Brien, P. O'Brien, S. O'Brien, J. Collins, W. Cagney, C. Clifford, P. Carroll, W. O'Gorman, P. O'Regan, and J. Stapleton.

Kilfinny-Croagh: S. Hartnett, F. Whelan, S. Kelly, E. Ahern, D. Dillon, P. Giltenane, R. Neville, F. Guiry, J. Shira, J. McCann, W. McCann, M. Murphy, J. O'Dea, J. Ruddle.

Best for Granagh were: O'Brien (goal), Gorman, Sheahan, Clifford, Hannigan; and for Kilfinny-Croagh: McCann, Guiry, Neville, Ruddle and Hartnett played best.

Mr. M. Mullane refereed.

THE JUNIOR GAME

In the Junior game, Castletown were first away, but the Kilfinny defence stood up well. Play veered to the other end and there was a ding dong struggle, before Kilfinny opened the scoring with a goal which Quinn sent to E. Neville, who finished to the net. There was hard clashing at centre-field, when Kilfinny were penalised. Morrissey drove the shot to O'Malley, who crashed to the net to level the scoring. Kilfinny took the lead again two minutes later when Neville sent to Murphy who registered a point, and Whelan (Kilfinny), stretched the lead with another nice point. Almost on half time, Castletown in a great movement down the field crashed home a goal per O'Malley, giving Bourke no chance in the Kilfinny goal and Castletown accordingly led at the interval by 2 goals to 1—2 for Kilfinny.

On resuming, Castletown increased their lead with a point per M. Mullane, but Kilfinny quickly nullified when Whelan drove over the bar from a free. In the next minute, there was much excitement as Kilfinny levelled up with another point per Whelan, and then the two teams went all out in extreme efforts to snatch victory. Castletown gradually wore down their opponents and in a great finish, added points per M. Mullane, B. Mullane, and finely a point again per M. Mullane to leave them victors by a goal in a game that reached a high standard in the closing minutes.

Mr. E. Chawke refereed.

THE TEAMS

Castletown: S. McCarthy, P. O'Brien, S. Murphy, J. Shanahan, M. Mullane, B. Mullane, M. Walsh, R. Wallace, D. Morrissey, M. Cullinane, J. Cullinane, J. Corcoran, J. O'Malley, W. Cagney, T. O'Connor.

Kilfinny: M. Walsh, P. Murphy, J. Fitzgibbon, J. Kennedy, P. Fitzgerald, J. Whelan, J. Guiry, G. Quinn, T. Gallagher, J. Houlihan, J. Bourke, E. Neville, E. Bourke, J. Cagney.

Outstanding for Castletown were: Mullane Brothers, Morrissey Brothers, and S. McCarthy; and Neville, Murphy, Whelan and Bourke played well for Kilfinny.

Kilfinny Hurlers of the 'Eightys

My recent contribution to your paper—the Vales of Ballynac, which dealt with the old Ballingarry Hurling Club, has brought me some contributions from neighbouring parishes. This week I give to your readers a song in praise of old Kilfinny Hurlers of the late '80's and early '90s, who were known as "The Rapparees." I am indebted to my friend, Mr. John Haulihan, Ballyguile, Kilfinny, for the words. It is he also composed it. The "Abrahams" mentioned in the song is the old Rathkeale Hurling Club.

In the reign of Charles I war broke out in Ireland between the Parliamentarians and the Confederate Forces. All the castles of those who were presumed to be in rebellion against the King and taking part with the Parliament were captured by the Confederates except Askeaton and Kilfinny. Lady Anne Dowdall who defended Kilfinny, was a sister of Mrs. Hardness Waller and widow of William Pigott of Kilfinny. She was besieged by Lady Lacy of Bruce. On New Year's Day 1642 hostilities began, but Lady Lucy was beaten off, so was a General Purcell, and also Richard Collum of Ballingarry, John Lacy and Richard Stephenson, the High Sheriff. It was only when a General Purcell with 7,000 men and three cannon arrived and opened fire that this gallant lady surrendered after a memorable siege of forty weeks' duration. In March 1896, Kilfinny beat Fedamore 3-3 to 1 point in the Croom Hurling Tournament. On March 25, 1896, they beat Granagh 4-6 to 1 point, in the Ballingarry Hurling Tournament. In the same year we find they defeated Rathkeale 2-6 to 1-5 at Ballingarry in the S.H. Championship. On Sept. 13th 1896, they defeated Mungret 3-5 to 8 points at Croom in Senior Hurling. In the Co. Semi-Final Ballingarry defeated Kilfinny at Limerick by 4-10 to 2-8. The Kilfinny players were:—T. Hickey (Capt.), M. Lynch (goal), W. Hannon, P. Toomey, W. Donohue, T. Hickey, M. Kelly, M. Donohue, J. Hickey, D. Hartigan, M. Bourke, J. Fitzgibbon, W. O'Donnell, E. Burke, T. O'Dea, D. Aherne, J. Mangan.

KILFINNY HURLERS.

My birthplace is Kilfinny where the Dowdalls ruled the land,
Where castles tall unto this day, their rugged walls do stand,
With its craggy hill and lovely glens, bedecked with woodland fair,
Where disease ne'er got a foothold in its grand entrancing air,
Where St. Kiernan in his travels round, thought of that place so well,
That he raised his hand beside that spot and up sprang a Holy Well.

II

It is not of castles, crags or wells I wish to let you know,

spell

In the Hurling fields of Munster and the Markets Field as well.

III

Tom Hickey was their Captain and right nobly did his job,
Mick Lynch was their Cul-Baire, his nick-name it was Fag,
Then Kelly from the Old Court whose aim was sharp and true,
For in a clash he could seize and dash to his friend Bill Donohue..

IV

Tim Day in play sure I must say was a Hurler keen and grand,
Mick Burke to-day lies in sacred clay, they hailed down from the Strand,
And Morrissey Jer you need not spur with feet as swift as deer
In play against the Abrahams, got many a lusty cheer.

V

Aherne Dave did always save, as he proved 'gainst Caherline,
He'd the grace and pace of a race-horse and the courage of a lion,
And Hickey Jim with a will to win, would cause your blood run chill
With his cousin Tom, alas now gone, from far-famed Ballankill.

VI

Ned Hartigan with dash and vim, his aim was straight and true,
He caused surprise to the Mungret Boys that day in Croom Abu,
And when Hurling deeds are talked of at crossroads and farmyard
'Tis of O'Donnell from Kiltannin, and bold Toomey from Granard.

VII

Mick Lynch he hailed from Donoman, with muscle and with bone
To help Jim Fitz whom you could not pitch, he was like a rock of stone
And O'Donohue S. you could not guess how determined then was he,
With his brother Mick to wield a stick with the famous Rapparees.

VIII

Now some are gone, those brave and strong to their Guardian Angel Shield
And some to-day are with us still to cheer us on the field
To help the Boys in green and gold where fragrant grasses grow,
And craggy rocks bedeck the streams and bubbling waters flow,
Where Nature in her Heavenly mood bestowed a gift so free,
Small wonder then we had such men in far famed Killaforney

CO. LIMERICK TEAMS Jan. AMALGAMATE 1954

A specially convened meeting was held in Croagh, Co. Limerick, for the purpose of amalgamating the Croagh-Kilfinny teams.

Rev. Fr. O'Donnell, C.C. (Chairman), presided. Also present was Rev. Fr. McCarthy, C.C., chairman of the West Limerick Co. Board.

Rev. Fr. McCarthy addressed the meeting, at which there was a large attendance from both clubs, and appealed to them to come together and be affiliated as one club. He stressed the point that it was really impossible for two joint parishes to carry on with two clubs with any hope of winning championship honours, even the West Limerick Championship, against such clubs as Castle-town-Ballyagran, Knockaderry-Cloun-cagh, Feohanagh-Castlemahon, Rathkeale-Dromard. Those were all joint parishes and there was only one club in those parishes. He went into detail as to the advantages it would mean to have only one club in the parish.

Rev. Fr. O'Donnell also appealed to both teams to amalgamate.

After a lengthy discussion in which members of both teams took part, it was eventually decided to amalgamate both clubs and call the club the Croagh-Kilfinny Club. On the proposition of Mr. S. Hanly, the colours of the club would be blue in honour of the Marian Year.

The following were appointed on the Committee:—President, Very Rev. Canon Murphy, P.P.; Vice-Presidents, Messrs. M. Neville and P. Purtil; Chairman, Rev. Fr. O'Donnell, C.C.; Sec., Mr. T. Mulcair; Asst. Sec., Mr. S. Burke; Joint Treasurers, Messrs. T. Neville and H. Hanly; Captain, Mr. J. Fitzgibbons; Vice-Captain, Mr. S. Burke. Selection Committee—Capt., Vice-Capt., Messrs. M. Neville, Mce. O'Connor M. Fitzgibbons, W. Shanahan and the Rev. Chairman.

A vote of thanks was passed with great acclamation to Rev. Fr. McCarthy and Rev. Fr. O'Donnell for attending the meeting.

Croagh-Kilfinny Hurling Club: 56 Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Croagh-Kilfinny Hurling Club was held in the Library, Croagh, on Friday night, the 17th inst. There was a fairly large and representative attendance, despite the inclemency of the weather.

The Rev. Father O'Donnell, Chairman, welcomed the members and in the course of a fine address stressed the importance of better attention to practice, each member to give as much help as possible so as to ensure the smooth running of the Club, and to play the game in a sporting manner whether winning or losing.

FINANCIAL POSITION.

Mr. T. Neville, treasurer, gave a detailed account of the financial position of the Club, which showed the income to be £5 more than the expenditure. He thanked the people of Croagh and Kilfinny for the great support they had given at the church gate collection and card drives during the year.

Mr. T. Mulcair, Secretary, stated that though no honours came to the Club in 1955, with plenty of young players available, they could look forward to 1956 with hope and confidence.

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The election of officers for 1956 resulted as follows:

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Committee to help run and build minor and juvenile teams:—Messrs. J. Kelly, N.T.; D. Hannon, T. Neville, Michael Bourke, Michael Fitzgibbon, H. McDonagh. Representative on West Board, Mr. D. Hannan.

Captain, Junior Hurling A Team, Mr. Ned Ahern; Vice-Capt., Mr. Frank Whelan.

The Captain and Vice-Captains of the B team, minor and juvenile teams will be selected later.

It was decided to take part in any tournament which the Club would be invited to take part in.

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Croagh too strong 8/9/62

CROAGH TOO STRONG.

Dromcollogher who were minus a few of their outstanding players suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of County champions, Croagh, at Ballingarry in the opening rounds of the League championship. Drom. opened well by having two goals in quick succession but after a short time, Croagh, who are really masters of the game, showed their superior craft and forged ahead to leave the half-time score—4 goals 2 points to 2 goals for Drom. In the second period, Croagh held the losers scoreless and notched up 4 further goals. The Drom forwards muddled a few promising openings by not steadying themselves. However, they could not overcome the craft of E. Neville, Bunty Shire and B. Giltenane. A newcomer to the rans as referee, Miss K. Reidy, Ballingarry, gave entire satisfaction in her handling of the game.

A.G.M. of Croagh- Kilfinny 11/2/67

The annual general meeting of Croagh-Kilfinny Hurling Club, held recently, elected the following officers for 1967:—

Very Rev. John Kennedy, P.P., Chairman; Michael Burke and Thomas Ryan, Vice-Chairmen; Thomas Neville, Treasurer, and James Lenihan, Secretary.

Social Committee: Timmie Frawley, Patrick Sheehy, Mossie Collins, Thomas Giltenane, Michael Quaide, Bobby Culhane, Denis Dillon, John Doab, Michael Lenihan.

Captain Junior "B" hurling team, Micheal Connors; Vice-Capt., Michael Quaide.

Captain Juvenile Hurling, Liam Collins.

Selection Committee: Michael Burke, Denis Dillon, Tommie Neville, Thomas Ryan.

There being not enough material for a minor team, it was unanimously decided that all available minor players would assist Kilcormin in this year's minor championship.

The club much appreciated and are deeply grateful to Thomas Cotter for making a field available for practice during the past year.

CROAGH-KILFINNY

CLUB 9/2/57

The annual general meeting of the above club took place in the Library, Croagh, on Sunday, 20th January. Very Rev. T. O'Donnell, C.C., Chairman, presided. Almost 50 members were present, which is a record for a local club meeting in Croagh.

In the course of his address, the Rev. Chairman said it augured well for the future of the G.A.A. in the Parish to see such a fine attendance at the general meeting. Looking back on the past year, he said, though none of our teams was successful in winning medals, yet they could be proud of the manner in which they played the game, and particularly the minors and juveniles, who showed a marked improvement from previous years. It, indeed, was gratifying to see the young men carrying on the Gaelic tradition from father to son, down the years, solely for the love of Gaelic games, not merely to win on the field. That ideal of the G.A.A. had gone from strength to strength over the past century. He complimented officials, players and all who helped to make the club a success, and in conclusion he appealed for greater support for the G.A.A., saying almost every young Irishman worthy of the name is a member or supporter of the Gaelic Athletic Association.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Mr. Michael Burke, in presenting the Secretary's report, gave a detailed account of the club's activities for the year. He made a special appeal to members to pay more attention to practice in the coming year. He thanked Fr. O'Donnell for the great help he gave the club; Michael O'Connor and Michael Culhane for the use of their fields for practice, and particularly the people who contributed to the prizes at the card drives. They certainly deserve appreciation for their generosity. From the Treasurer's report could be seen that they were in a sound financial

position. It showed income at £166 10s. 7d., in excess of expenditure by £34 18s. 9d.—a nice credit for 1957. He referred to the fact that the club would be holding two "41 drives" on the 10th of February and 10th of March in Croagh, and a "whist drive" in Kilfinny on the 24th March. He hoped they would be as well supported as the last one they held. Though some people seem to think that when the hurling club look for the Library to hold a card drive that it is done in opposition to the local Guild of Muintir na Tire. "I take this opportunity to contradict such statements and will refer them to the statement made by Canon Hayes, the founder of Muintir na Tire: 'While emigration has threatened our rural peasantry with destruction, and when Muintir na Tire, working hand in hand with Macra na Feirme, the G.A.A. and the Gaelic League, something can be done to save our rural life. Many happy rural parishes of my younger days come back to mind. That fine Christian outlook and constructive turn of mind, where farmer and labourer were so united. He looked on the Gaelic Athletic Association as holding an esteemed place in his plans to bring back happiness and contentment to rural Ireland.'"

Concluding his report, the Secretary said: "We are part of Muintir na Tire and are only too willing to co-operate and help to further the ideals of Canon Hayes."

After the Secretary's and Treasurers' reports were adopted unanimously, the following officers and Committee were elected for the current year:—

Hon. President, Rev. T. Canon Murphy, P.P.; Chairman, Very Rev. T. O'Donnell, C.C.; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Michael Fitzgibbon; Joint Treasurers, Mr. Thomas D. Neville and Mr. Frank O'Donnell; Joint Secretaries, Messrs. Thomas Mulcaire and Michael Burke. Committee—Messrs. William Shanahan, Michael O'Connor, Patrick Fitzgerald, David Hannon, James Houlahan, Christy Casey, David Hannon, Tom Giltenan and Eamonn Hanley.

Captain, Junior Hurling Team, Francis Whelan; Vice-Captain, Junior Hurling Team, Denis Dillon.

It was decided to enter junior hurling A and B, minor, juvenile and under "14" hurling, and a junior football teams for current year.

4/8/1956

No. 178—MICK KELLY of Kilfinny (Continued)

MICK KELLY figured in the first shinty v. hurling match ever played, and captained the Irish team, which was supplied from the membership of the Celtic Club.

The year was 1903, and Celtic went to play the Cowal shinty team in Celtic Park, Glasgow. They travelled on the "Duke of Fife," then one of the newest ships on cross-channel service, and the trip was by the long sea route, steerage. A Wexfordman, Captain Boggan, an ardent hurling devotee, was in charge, and treated the members of the Celtic party in most hospitable manner. Speaking of that trip, Mick Kelly said:

TEAM OF FOURTEEN

We had a team of fourteen, a compromise number. The shinty teams then comprised twelve players, whilst the Gaelic number was seventeen. In all we were a company of about forty; a fourth of whom I cannot recall. There was not an uncongenial spirit in the whole party—just a carefree company—a loyal companionship. Not half of them could handle a caman, but all loved its music on the air. These however, I must mention to show that we were not quite a lot of nobodies.

There was first and foremost Michael Cusack, coming with us to greet and study the Highland Gael; Tadhg O'Mahony, who came to see shinty and have a look once again at the Clyde; Tom Foley of Carrigbyrne, our President—an impetuous Wexfordman with two inches to spare over six feet. He was also President of the Dublin-Wexfordmen's '98 Association—a man with a godlike scorn of everything mean or small in spirit; Syl Pidgeon of the old Dublin Rapparees, shot down by panic-stricken British soldiers years later on Bachelor's Walk, on the day of the Howth gun running; Bob Cashman, a Bohemian Corkman of brilliant parts and a heart of gold, but as mischievous as a monkey. He was amongst the first in the metropolis to rally to the G.A.A. and hurled long before organised competitions took place.

OTHERS IN THE COMPANY

Also in the company were Paddy Hayes from around Nenagh side, who later captained the Dublin "Commercials"; Dan Woods who had been a clubmate with Jim McEvoy in the "Brian Borus"—Jim himself one of the staunchest stays of the old club; Jimmy Lee, the pluckiest and cleverest little boxer of his time in Ireland; Dan Langan—three times Jimmy's weight, but as ready and able for a scrap as the other; Steve Donovan, a Cork mariner, with all a seaman's exuberance ashore, but a devoted hurler.

Practically all of them are dead now but the memory of their companionship lingers with a tender thrill. I can still picture a comic scene in which big Dan Langan figured. It does no outrage to his sense of humour to

recall it. It came about in this way.

In those years thousands of Clyde workers came over to Dublin during "Glasgow Fair" week. Riverside and Central Dublin resounded with their Doric blas and the strains of "Annie Laurie" and "Bonnie Mary." The stragglers of that year's invasion were returning on our boat. They were not the most decorous of the visitors.

SLEEPING ON FLOOR

There were a few score of them aboard and when things settled down they and our lads were sleeping tre na ceili on the floor space of the steerage. Towards morning restlessness developed and in the commotion someone gave Dan a foot in his portly stomach. He awoke, sensed a row and seized the nearest stranger. The result was unsatisfactory as far as Dan was concerned. He emerged on deck with a torn waistcoat in his hand and in a towering rage. "What's wrong with you, Dan?" a friend enquired. He almost choked as he replied: "I'm look-

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ing for the thing that was in that!" No one claimed the vest.

The game, played with a shinty ball and under shinty rules, resulted in an overwhelming 11-2 victory for the home side. The shinty players were far away ahead of us in the matter of combined movements. As old timers will recall, team work was almost non-existent in hurling in those days. It was everyman for himself and all doing the best we could. I was supposed to be a forward but I was everywhere the ball was, trying to get a puck at it.

VISITOR SENTERTAINED

After the match the Cowal Club entertained us. They are genuinely hospitable and anxious to make us feel at home; but, somehow, there was a chasm that no social goodwill could bridge. John Mackey, then Editor of the "Celtic monthly," presided. He spoke in English, for, strangely enough, he was the only active member of the Cowal Club without Gaelic. Michael Cusack responded for us in Irish. He was the only one of our party who could have done so. There were no other formal speeches. Cusack's Irish, I was told, was understood perfectly by the Highland Gaels, most of whom were natives of Argyllshire. He had personal contact with them that evening; appreciated their devotion to native language and game; but expressed the opinion that no alliance—Gaelic or otherwise—was feasible. "It won't work," he said, "let them go their way; we must keep to ours. Imperialismcum-patriotism is a doctrine and a dose unsuited to our national conception of independence."

The attendance at the match in Celtic Park was fair; but more

notable for those who were absent than for those who were present. The Glasgow Irish practically ignored the event and the aristocratic patrons of the Cowal Club did likewise. This had significance and Cusack grasped it.

Michael Cusack was a little perturbed at the trouncing of the Celtic side and, about six weeks later, a return match was arranged for Jones's Road. This time both teams played fifteen men.

WIN AGAIN FOR COWAL

The game, refereed by Michael Cusack, was much more even than the Glasgow contest, but again Cowal won by two goals to nil.

Celtic travelled everywhere and always at their own expense. We just hurled for the love of the game and it never bothered us when defeat was our portion. I think the only cup we won was in Wicklow, where we played a local side and proved victorious. The cup as the gift of Jimmy Lavin, a Tipperaryman, whom I knew in Dublin before he left the Metropolis to reside in Wicklow.

Mick Kelly refereed a famous match played between Dolphins and Parnells, at Swords, which was hurled for a bet of £5 a side. The teams travelled to the venue on outside cars. Dolphins were one of the big teams of the time but Parnells proved too good on that occasion, and were well ahead when the game came to an abrupt ending.

The Kilfinny man is now living in retirement in Dublin—one of the last great links with a famous club of the early G.A.A. days.

we really have the "prettiest village in Ireland" this Christmas. *Dec. 1970*

A.G.M.

There was a large crowd last week at the annual general meeting of the Croagh-Kilfinny G.A.A. Club. The newly elected committee is as follows: President, Very Rev. Fr. Kennedy, P.P.; Chairman, Mr. T. D. Neville; Secretary, Jimmy Lenihan; Treasurer, Liam Lenihan. Committee — Tim Frawley, Dick Neville, Moss Collins, Paddy Sheehy, Eileen O'Keeffe, Mary Murphy, Mary B. Nash, Liz O'Dea.

CARD DRIVES

The following people have won

Croagh-Kilfinny

Feb **A.G.M. 1970**

The annual general meeting of the above club took place recently. The following officers were elected for 1970: President, Very Rev. J. Kennedy, P.P.; chairman, P. Fitzgerald; vice-chairman, T. D. Neville; secretary, J. Lenihan; treasurer, Ml. Burke. West Board delegates—D. Dillon, D. Costello, Ml. Burke.

General committee—N. Ahern, D. Dillon, D. Costello, T. Frawley, T. Giltenane, Ml. Lenihan, Tony O'Reilly, Ml. O'Connor, Moss Connors, El. O'Dea, K. Quaid, M. Nash, E. O'Keeffe.

Finance committee—D. Dillon, N. Ahern, M. Collins, T. Giltenane.

Teams affiliated: Junior hurling (capt., T. Frawley; vice-captain, Ml. Quaid); minor hurling (capt., Ml. Enright; vice-captain, L. Collins); minor football (capt., Ml. Conway; vice-captain, P. Boyce).

Regional Cup Draw on Page 19.

Croagh-Kilfinny A.G.M. *1971*

The annual general meeting of Croagh-Kilfinny G.A.A. Club which was held recently, attracted the largest attendance in the history of the club. Great enthusiasm was shown in the proceedings, which augurs well for the club's prospects during the coming season. The junior team is confidently expected to do very well in the coming championship, and already training is under way each Sunday.

The motion on the Ban was discussed at length, and when the matter was put to a vote, the result was a clear 27 to 1 for the abolition of Rules 26, 27, 28, 29. The club is also putting forward a motion to the convention that the Limerick County Board delegates to the annual congress abide by the decision of the Limerick county convention with regard to motions for abolition of Rules 26, 27, 28, 29, i.e., if passed by said convention.

The club treasurer gave a detailed account of the financial position. On the year's working, the club now has £135 to its credit.

OFFICERS

Club officers for 1971: President, Rev. Fr. J. Kennedy; vice-president, Rev. Fr. McNamara, C.C.; chairman, T. D. Neville; vice-chairman, D. Neville; secretary, J. Lenihan; treasurer, Liam Lenihan.

Committee: D. Dillon, B. Culhane, J. Roche, M. Collins, T. Giltenane, Tim Frawley. Ladies: L. O'Dea, Mary Murphy, Eileen O'Keeffe, M. B. Nash.

Teams affiliated for 1971: Junior hurling: capt., P. Sheehy. Junior football: capt., B. Culhane; vice-capt., Tim Frawley. Minor hurling: capt., Ml. Conway; vice-capt., M. Enright.

ST. PATRICK'S G.A.A.

Croagh-Kilfinny *Jan 72* A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the above club took place recently in the Library, Croagh. The members were welcomed by Very Rev. Father J. Kennedy, P.P., Croagh, president. Mr. Jimmie Lenihan, hon secretary, gave a detailed report of the club activities during the year. Mr. T. P. Neville, chairman, appealed to the players to attend training as much as possible during the coming year. Mr. Liam Lenihan, treasurer, gave a detailed account of the financial position of the club.

Officers for 1972: President, Very Rev. Father J. Kennedy, P.P.; chairman, Mr. T. D. Neville; vice-chairman, Mr. Denis Dillon; hon. secretary, Mr. Jimmie Lenihan; treasurer, Mr. Liam Lenihan.

Teams affiliated for 1972: Junior hurling, captain, Michael Culhane; vice-captain, Thomas Giltenane. Under 21 hurling, captain, B. O'Connor; vice-captain, L. Collins. Under 16 hurling and under 14 hurling.

West Board delegates, Messrs. Liam Lenihan and Michael Culhane.

Selectors, Ned Ahern, Tom Costello, David Hannan, Michael Culhane.

At the conclusion of the meeting, the chairman, Mr. T. D. Neville, thanked the people of the parish for their generous support to the collection for the Northern Distress Fund, which amounted to £75.00.

LIMERICK PRIEST FOR THE CONGO

Father Ronald Neville, Chaplain, Collins Barracks, Dublin, who is accompanying the next contingent of troops to the Congo, is the youngest son of Michael and Mrs. Neville, Kilfinny, Adare, and the youngest of three sons who are priests.

He was educated at the C.B.S., Adare, and entered St. Munchin's College in 1950, afterwards going to Clonliffe College, Dublin. He is a fluent Irish speaker and obtained his B.A. degree at the National University, Dublin. After doing his Theology course in Maynooth College, he was ordained for the Dublin Diocese in 1959.

Father Ronny, as he is affectionately called, has the ability of an organiser. An active follower of Muintir na Tire, he was much missed when he left his native Limerick. He, like his brothers, Fr. Ewan and Fr. James, also of the Dublin diocese, together with their only sister, Eithne, B.Comm., inherited the love of hurling from their Father, Mick Neville, a famed hurler in his youth, when hurling with the "Faughs," Dublin.

The three brothers represented their native County Limerick in hurling, as did their Sister Eithne. She also represented the Combined Universities and holds many medals for camogie.

We wish Father Neville every success in the vineyard of the Lord, both at home and in this foreign land, for which he volunteered, and hope that the pleasant and bouyant disposition which he is blessed with will bring solace and comfort to the troops and natives to whom he will be ministering.

Croagh-Kilfinny A.G.M.

At a well attended meeting of the above club, held recently in the Library, Croagh, the following officers were elected for 1976: president, Very Rev. J. O'Kennedy, P.P.; chairman, Mr. Thomas Giltenane; vice-chairman, Mr. Maurice O'Connor; secretary, Mr. Jimmy Lenihan; treasurer, Mr. Liam Lenihan.

The following teams were affiliated:

Junior Hurling—Capt., Michael Hanley; vice-captain, B. O'Connor.

Minor Hurling—Capt., John Hannon; vice-captain, Pat Costello.

U-16 Hurling—Capt., Martin Costello; vice-captain, Pat Condon.

U-14 Hurling—Capt., Gerry Enright; vice-captain, Pat Condon.

Selectors for junior team—David Hannon, Ml. O'Connor, Denis Dillon, Ned Ahern, Ml. Hanley.

Minor club officers—chairman, Liam Lenihan; secretary, Charles Hanley; treasurer, Liam Doab.

West Board delegates—Jimmy Lenihan, Thos. Giltenane, Liam Lenihan.

Committee—Liam Lenihan, Thomas Giltenane, Ml. Hanley, Maurice O'Connor, Sean Ryan, Jimmy Lenihan.

The club officers expressed their thanks to Mr. Bobby West for the use of his field for training and to the parishioners who supported the club's collection.



Rev. Fr. Ernie Neville, C.C., with his brothers, Rev. Fr. Ronnie Neville, Rev. Fr. James Neville, and their mother, Mrs. Neville, on the occasion of his silver jubilee.

FAMILY DAY TO REMEMBER

IT WAS a very happy day for the Neville family of Kilfinny, when Father Ernie Neville celebrated the silver jubilee of his ordination to the priesthood in his native parish.

Prior to his appointment to Mass at Kilfinny Parish Church he served in the parishes of Oldtown, Drimnagh and Donard (Wicklow).

His involvement in the Limerickmen's Association has greatly helped the success of the movement and his only regret is that there are still many Limerick people in Dublin with whom they have not been able to establish contact, or bring within the fold of the association.

Also well-known in the association is Father Ronnie, who is chaplain at Collins Barracks.

Father James is C.C. at Foynes and was formerly curate at Bruff.

Many of the parishioners of Kilfinny were present for the concelebrated jubilee Mass at the beautiful church in the fertile countryside.

Earlier the same day, Father Ernie was honoured at a function in Dublin.

We hope that Father Neville will have many more happy days in his ordained vocation.

For the concelebration of Mass at Kilfinny Parish Church he was assisted by his brothers, Father Ronnie Neville and Father James Neville. The evening Mass, exactly quarter of a century after his ordination, was attended by his mother, Mrs. Neville, Main Street, Rathkeale, and other members of the family.

Father Ernie, as he is so well known to his friends both in County Limerick and in Dublin dioceses, where he has ministered, has been a prominent member of the Limerickmen's Association in Dublin for many years.

For the past four years he has been curate at Baldoye.

CROAGH/KILFINNY GAA AGM

Officers—president, Rev. J. Kennedy; chairman, Tom Guiltenane; vice chairman, T. D. Neville; secretary, Jim Lenihan; treasurers, Denis Collins and Mossie Collins.

Junior hurling captain, Jim Sheehy; vice do., Willie Sheehy; under 21 hurling captain, Frank Enright; vice do., John Hannon.

Mr. Tom D. Neville was appointed sole selector for the junior hurling team. Committee, Denis Collins, Tom Lenihan, James Roche, Willie Sheehy, Denis Dillon, Liam Lenihan.

Under age committee—chairman, Tony O'Reilly; secretary, Martin Costello; treasurer, Denis Collins.

Croagh Kilfinny

The annual general meeting of Croagh, Kilfinny hurling club was held in the library in Croagh. There was a very good attendance, though the weather was inclement. Fr. Kennedy was elected president, Ned Ahern was made chairman; Liam Lenihan is the new treasurer and Jimmy Lenihan has once again been made the secretary. The finance committee: Willy Sheehy, James Giltenane, Ned Ahern, Dennis Dillon, Jimmy Lenihan, John Murphy, Niall Fitzgerald. Selectors for the team: Denis Dillon, Ned Ahern, Niall Fitzgerald. The captain is Willy Sheehy and vice-captain is Michael Conway. Mr. Bobby West was thanked by everyone for letting the team use his field for practice matches.

CROAGH-KILFINNY A.G.M.

The following were elected at the annual general meeting of the Croagh-Kilfinny G.A.A. Club: President, Rev. Father J. Kennedy; chairman, Edward Ahern; sec., Liam Lenihan; treas., James Lenihan.

It was decided to affiliate junior under 16 and under 14 hurling teams for 1978 and Willie Sheehy was appointed captain of the J.H. team with Mick Conway vice-capt.

Selectors: Ned Ahern, Denis Dillon, Niall Fitzgerald.

Trainer, Liam Lenihan.

Finance committee: Ned Ahern, Liam Lenihan, James Lenihan, Tom Giltenane, Willie Sheehy, John Murphy.

Sincere thanks was expressed at the meeting to Mr. Bobby West for the use of his field for training purposes, as without his generosity the club would find it almost impossible

Croagh/ Kilfinny

May 1979
Ena Dunworth, of Milltown, Croagh, has married John Hayes of Ballycasey, Kildimo. Mass and Papal Blessing was administered by Fr. John Donworth, cousin of the bride; Fr. Hayes, cousin of the groom; Fr. Crowley, P.P., Kildimo, and Fr. Kennedy, P.P., Croagh. The bridesmaids were Elenor Mullins and Mrs. L. O'Brien, friends of the bride; groomsmen were Jim Brown, brother-in-law of the groom and Gerard Culhane, cousin of the groom. Mrs. Donworth and Mrs. Hayes were first of the guests to congratulate the happy pair, Elenor and John were only children. The reception for over 100 guests was held at the Deerpark Hotel in Charleville. The honeymoon is being spent in Spain.

John Joe O'Donnell, formerly from Adamswood, Croagh, is home on holidays from the Big Smoke, we would like to welcome him.

Anna and John Kelly had a baby son last week. The Kellys live at Ballinacurra, Croagh.

The AGM of the hurling and camogie team took place last Saturday night in the old school. The president is Fr. Kennedy, P.P.; the chairman is Mr. Ned Ahern; vice chairman is Denis Dillon; secretary is Liam Lenihan; the treasurer is Jimmy Lenihan. Teams affiliated for coming year are junior hurling, captain Brendan Culhane and vice captain Brendan O'Connor; under 14 and under 12 hurling, selectors are Liam Frawley, Niall Fitzgerald and Tommy Giltenane. Sincere thanks was endorsed at the meeting to Bobby West. He gave the team the use of his big field for training purposes, without his generosity the team would find it almost impossible to carry on.

Croagh

14/6/79
THE hurling team had a tremendous win over Templeglantine in Rathkeale last week: 7 goals and 7 points against 1 goal and 3 points. The team: Mossie O'Connor, Michael Hanley, Willie Sheehy, Frank Inright, Michael O'Malley, Liam Collins, Michael Lenihan, Mike Conway, Brendan Culhane, Brendan O'Connor, Pat Stokes, Maurice Meskall, Tommy Moloney, Jim Sheehy. Subs.: Tomas Giltenane, Gerard Ryan, John Hannon, Gerry Enright.

Croagh-^{14/7} Kilfinny⁷⁹

The junior hurling team had a great victory over Kilcornan last week. The score was 1-13 to 1-6 in the Pallaskenry Tournament replay.

The team was: Jim Sheehy, Willie Sheehy, Michael Hanley, Tony Joyce, Joe Hannon, Mick O'Malley, Mossie O'Connor, Brendan O'Connor, Michael Conway, M. Lenihan, Peter Stokes, Charles Hanley, Johnny Doab, Michael Deedy.

The sub. was J. Lenihan and the captain was Brendan Culhane.



Croagh/Kilfinny U/16 County Champions *1979*

BACK ROW (L. to R.): Geraldine O'Mahony, Margaret Greaney, Helen McCarthy, Rosie Fitzgerald, Marian McCarthy, Jean Murphy, Kathleen Keogh, Anne Shanahan, Teresa Enright.

FRONT ROW: Marguriete Guiry, Martina Donoghue, Jacinta Dundon, Agnes Sheehy, Elizabeth Kinevane, Rosie Bracken, Margaret O'Mahony, Vera O'Brien.

Croagh/ Kilfinny

There is to be a meeting of all the farmers in this area in the Library, Croagh, at 8.30 on tonight, Thursday, with two agricultural advisers to discuss the feed problems that will arise due to the very bad crop of hay this year.

Secret Miller, a very young dog (only 15 months), has been sold for £3,000 to two Galway businessmen. They hope that he will be ready for the Derby in 1981. Sonny Houlihan bred him. Sonny, who has had many years experience with greyhounds says he is very confident of Secret Miller's chances.

The final of the under 16 hurling league was held last Sunday in blazing sunshine at Michael Piggott's Field. The winners were the team under Michael "Haula" Burke. They were: John Roche, Gerard O'Brien, Sean O'Flaherty, Steven Morrissey, Tony O'Donoghue, Donal and Michael Piggott, Denis O'Connell, Sean Donnelly, Seamus Hannon, Ger Casey, Mark Morrissey, Pat Carmody, Richard Boyce, James Sparling and Michael Burke. Sub.: Pat Shinners. Team manager, Jimmy Lenihan. They beat Tony Donnelly's team, who were: Barry Lenihan, Conor O'Donoghue, Aidan Moloney, Eamon Casey, Pat Lenihan, Liam Kennedy, Michael Ahern, Tim Costello, Sean Neville, Tony Donnelly (captain), Billy Shanahan, Pat O'Gorman, Donagh Barrow, Jerry Lenihan, Barry Moloney, Michael Fitzgibbon, Pat Keogh and Michael Scully. The very efficient referee was Liam Doab. Rev Canon Kennedy presented the cup and plaques to the winners in the Croagh Tavern on Monday night. The losers got medals. The Canon thanked all those who had made the hurling league so successful.

In order to raise funds for the new school Canon Kennedy is having a ten mile sponsored walk on Sunday, September 14. This is on the lines of Adare's walk, which realised over £800.

Croagh- Kilfinny

We wish Canon Kennedy a swift recovery and we hope that he will be at home in Croagh very soon.

The 300 club has the result of the first month's winners: 1st prize £75, Mr. Paddy Kett, Graigue, Croagh; 2nd prize £40, Gerard Enright, Kilfinny; 3rd prize £20 James Roche, Cappagh; 4th prize £5 Liam Lenihan, Croagh; 5th prize £5, Mrs. Peggy Hurley, Croagh.

The hurling club made a great start to 1980 by winning in the Adare hurling tournament. They beat Kildimo 5.10 to 2.2. the team was: Jim Sheehy, Sean O'Malley, Michael Hanley, Frank Enright, Liam Doab, Mike O'Malley, Johnnie Doab, Brendan O'Connor, Mike Conway, Joe Hannon, Mossie O'Connor, Donie Neville, Mike Enright, Charles Hanley, Tommy Moloney.

Subs. Willie Sheehy, Michael O'Brien, Brendan Culhane.

Scorers at this match: Joe Hannon, Tom Moloney, Donie Neville, Charles Hanley, Johnnie Doab.

24/4/80

26 7 80 Croagh/ Kilfinny

The Junior Hurling team were narrowly beaten by Ardagh in the Pallaskerry tournament, the score: 5-6 to 4-6, after a thrilling game.

The team was: Jimmy Lenihan, Tony Jones, Mossie Connors, John Murphy, Frank Enright, Charles Hanley, Mike Conway, Liam Doab, Brendan Culhane, Pat Stokes, Joe Hannon, Tim Frawley, Brendan O'Connor, Michael Hanley, and Donie Neville. The subs were: John Doab and Michael O'Brien.

12.7.80 Croagh/ Kilfinny

Deepest sympathy is offered to Dick Lenihan and all the family of the late Mary Lenihan, of Amigan, Croagh, who died last week. The funeral Mass was said by Canon Kennedy of Croagh. Fr. Noonan and Father Cussen assisted him. The burial to the new cemetery was followed by a very large crowd of mourners.

The death also took place of Timothy Buckley in Kerry. He was married to Mary Ellen O'Brien formerly of Croagh.

The National School in Croagh has closed for the summer. Fourteen new infants were enrolled on the day before the vacation. This is a large number, Miss Guiney will have her hands full.

Tom Moloney found the first mushrooms in Croagh of the season. The usual summer weather has brought the mushrooms out, rain, shine and more rain.

The junior hurling team were beaten in a thrilling game with a one-point lead against Feohanagh. This has been the best game played so far and augurs well for the game in the future. The team were: Jimmy Lenihan, John Hannon, Michael Hanley, Sean O'Malley, Mossie O'Connor, Michael O'Malley, captain Willie Sheehy, Michael Conway, Brendan O'Connor, Brendan Culhane, Johnny Doab, Michael Enright, John Murphy, Charles Hanley, Ger O'Malley, Ger Stokes, Pat Stokes.

The under 16 team who beat Kilcornan by 4 goals to 2 were - Captain Tony Donnelly, Donal Piggott, Michael Ahern, Aidan Moloney, Stephen Morrissey, Denis O'Connell, Sean Neville, Pat Keogh, Ger Casey, Michael Fitzgibbon, Michael Burke, Donal O'Donoghue, Pat Carmody and Barry Moloney.

The under 14 girls camogie team playing for Croagh/Kilfinny are through to the finals of the Feile na Gael in June.

Croagh/ Kilfinny

Results of the "300" Club draw for May: 1 (£75), Bernard Mackessy, Shannon; 2 (£40), Mrs. Kathleen Neville, Ballinaguile, Croagh; 3 (£20), Jimmy McNamara, c/o Desmond Creations, Rathkeale; 4 (£5), Jim Fitzgibbon, Croagh; 5 (£5), Mary Madigan, Askeaton; 6 (£5), Pat McCarthy, c/o Desmond Creations, Rathkeale.

The local hurling team had a great one-point win over Kileedy last weekend. The score was 3-9 to 2-11. They are now in the final. The team was: Jim Sheehy, Willie Sheehy, Michael Hanley, Sean O'Malley, Mossie O'Connor, Mike O'Malley (capt.), Johnny Doab, John Murphy, Liam Doab, Michael Enright, Brendan O'Connor, Joe Hannon, Donie Neville, Charles Hanley, Pat Stokes, Joe Hannon, Frank Enright. The under 14 team drew with Kilcornan. They were: Sean Flaherty, Billy Shanahan, Tom Costello, Mark Morrissey, Pat Lenihan, Sean Donnelly, Gearoid O'Brien, Dermot Linehan, Sean Dillon, Sean Kett, Donal Piggott, Michael Piggott, Pat Keogh, Brian Hickey, Tim Pearce, Michael Ahern and Richard Boyce.

CROAGH-KILFINNY3-7 KILEEDY2-9

Coming up through the Junior B hurling ranks and going from strength to strength, Croagh-Kilfinny pipped a fancied Kileedy side in a cliff hanger at Coolryue, on Saturday evening, and are now poised for the final against the winners of the Kilcornan-Monagea game.

Referee: Jim Quaid. 31-5-80

Croagh/ Kilfinny

The winners of the "300" Club draw for July 1980:

1st Prize £75: Mrs. Finbar Sheehan of Desmond Creations, Rathkeale; 2nd Prize £40: Patricia O'Brien of Croagh; 3rd Prize £20: Ned Kiely of Croagh; 4th Prize £5: Kay Farrell, c/o Bank of Ireland, Rathkeale; 5th Prize £5: David John Madden of Rathkeale; 6th Prize £5: Miss Mary O'Malley of Croagh.

The junior hurling team beat Ballybricken in the Ahane tournament last weekend. The score was 5 goals 7 points to 3 goals 4 points. The team: Ger O'Malley, Willie Sheehy, Sean O'Malley, Jimmy Lenihan, Michael Hannon, Michael Hanley, Mossie O'Connor, Liam Doab, Michael Conway, Johnny Doab, Donie Neville, Joe Hannon, Tony Joyce, Pat Stokes, Charlie Hanley. The subs: Michael Enright, Brendan Culhane.

Welcome to Croagh are Mr. and Mrs. Wallace who have built a new

Kilfinny 80

The hurling team got back on the winning trail again on Saturday night when they had a big win over Broadford in Newcastle West. There was a film made of the game and it was shown in the Croagh Tavern, on Monday night. The team members were: Jim Sheehy, John Hannon, Michael O'Malley, John Murphy, Mossie O'Connor, Frank Enright, Brendan O'Connor, Liam Doab, Michael Hanley, Joe Hannon, Brendan Culhane, Jim Hayes and P. Stokes. The subs were John Doab, Pat Condon and Donie Neville.

SCHOOL

Croagh- Kilfinny

The GAA Hurling and Football Club held its Annual General Meeting. The following officers were elected: Pres., Canon Kennedy; chairman, Ned Ahern; vice-do., Denis Dillon; sec., Charles Hanley; asst. sec., Mossie O'Connor; treas., Jimmy Lenihan; asst. treas., Liam Lenihan.

The teams affiliated for 1980 are the junior hurling team, whose captain is Michael O'Malley and vice-captain is Frank Enright. The junior football team, the captain is Frank Culhane and the vice-captain is Michael Conway. The under 12, under 14 and the under 16 hurling teams.

Selectors for the hurling teams are: Jimmy Lenihan, Liam Lenihan and Tim Frawley. The trainer is Michael Conway.

The following are the committee elected to look after the under age teams: Michael Conway, Jimmy Lenihan, Ned Ahern, Jim Sheehy, Willie Sheehy, John Hannon, Michael O'Malley, Martin Costello and Maurice O'Connor.

The team hopes to celebrate the centenary of hurling in Ireland in 1984 by having its own field. More news next week about a £300 club being run for much needed funds.

Croagh- Kilfinny

Croagh-Kilfinny hurling team were beaten in the quarter-final of the West Limerick by Rathkeale. The score was 3-5 to 2-5. In a very exciting game in Askeaton on Sunday last. The team was: Willie Sheehy, Sean O'Malley, John Hannon, Liam Doab, Mossie O'Connor, Jim Sheehy, John Murphy, Joe Hannon, Brendan O'Connor, Patmcondon, Paddy Sheehy, Mike Conway, Brendan Culhane, Frank Enright, Johnny Doab, Pat Stokes. The two subs were Michael Hanley and Mike Conway.

Croagh- Kilfinny

The junior hurling team won the cup on Sunday last in Adare. Conditions were extremely bad, everything and everybody was wet and muddy, the Croagh team won by 7 points. The players were: Jim Sheehy, Willie Sheehy, Sean O'Malley, John Hannon, Liam Doab, Mossie O'Connor, Michael Hanley, Michael Conway, Joe Hannon, Michael Enright, Brendan Culhane, Brendan O'Connor, Pat Stokes. Subs., Michael Hannon, Jimmy Lenihan and Gerard O'Malley.

21-1-81 CROAGH-KILFINNY

Chairman, Mr. Ned Ahern, presided at a very well attended A.G.M. at the Community Centre and in his address thanked all the club members for their wonderful work during the year. He considered that the organising of a parish league for the under 16 was one of the most important events of the year, and felt strongly that this was a competition that should be continued. He also thanked the Kitchen Design Centre for presenting a cup for this event.

Secretary, Mr. Charles Hanly, in his report, echoed the chairman's statement about the parish league which also contained a special word of thanks to Mr. Michael Piggott and Mr. Bobby West for the use of their fields.

Treasurer, Mr. James Linehan, in the course of his statement of the financial position, stated that their major source of income came from the club draw, helped out by the proceeds from some dances.

The following officers were elected for 1981: President: Very Rev. Canon Kennedy; chairman, Ned Ahern; vice-chairman, Dennis Dillon; sec., Charles Hanley; asst. sec., Liam Doab; treas., James Linehan. Finance Committee: Ned Ahern, Charles Hanley, Liam Doab, Tommie D. Neville, John Hannon, Willie Costello, Liam Lenihan, James Linehan.

Affiliated teams: Junior hurling capt. Jim Sheehy, vice-capt. Mike Hanly; u. 21 hurling capt. Joe Hannon, vice-capt. Donie Neville; junior football capt. Michael Enright; vice-capt. Mike Conway.

Selectors: Tony O'Reilly, Tommie D. Neville, Tim Frawley.

Team trainer, Michael Conway.

West Board delegates: Charles Hanley, Liam Doab, PRO, Seamus O Luineacain.

24/1/81 Croagh/ Kilfinny

At a very well attended A.G.M. of the Croagh/Kilfinny Hurling Club recently, the following officers were elected for 1981. President, Canon Kennedy; chairman, Ned Ahern; vice-chairman, Mr. Denis Dillon; secretary, Charles Hanley; asst. sec., Liam Doab; treasurer, James Lenihan; P.R.O., seamus O Lanescain. Finance committee, Ned Ahern, Tommy D. Neville, James Lenihan, Willie Costello, Liam Lenihan, Liam Doab, John Hannon, Charles Hanley.

Teams affiliated for 1981: Junior hurling, captain, Jim Sheehy; vice captain, Michael Hanley. Under 21 hurling, captain, Joe Hannon; vice-captain, Donie Neville. Junior football, captain, Michael Enright; vice-captain, Michael Conway.

Selectors, Tony O'Reilly, Tommy Neville, Tim Frawley. Trainer, Michael Conway. West Board delegates are Liam Doab and Charles Hanley. The club would like to take this opportunity to thank Bobby West and Michael Piggott for the use of their two fields for the games.

night.
The under-14 hurling team of Croagh-Kilfinny played Tour-nafula on Saturday last and beat them 1-2 to 1-0. The team was: Sean Donnelly, Michael Aherne, Conor Madigan, John Roche, Billy Shanahan, Don Pigott, John Sheehy, Eamon Casey, Gerry Linehan, Michael Bourke, Pat Keogh, Pat Linehan, Sean Dillon, Don Madigan, Seamus Lenihan. Subs. were Kevin Lenihan and Eamon Roche.

19-4-81

27/6/81 Croagh

The under 16 hurling team beat Knockaderry by a resounding five goals and the team was: M. Dugan; A. Moloney, C. O'Donoghue, Sean Donnelly, Stephen Morrissey, D. Connell, T. Donoghue, Gerard Casey, P. Gorman, Brendan Moloney, D. Barrow, Patrick Carmody and Patrick Keogh. The substitutes were Sean Donnelly, Eamon Casey and Sean Lenihan.

Croagh/ Kilfinny

Kilfinny I.C.A. guild held their June meeting in the Hall in Kilfinny. It was chaired by the president, Mrs. Mary Cronin. The I.C.A.'s outing this year will take place to Wicklow on Friday, July 16. Anyone who wishes to go on this outing should ring 069-68151 before July 1. The outing will leave Kilfinny School at 8 a.m.

The Croagh/Kilfinny team beat Newcastle West in the first round of junior championship. The score was 1-9 to 7 pts. The team was: Jim Sheehy (capt.), John Hannon, Michael Hanley, Willie Sheehy, Liam Doab, Mossie O'Connor, Frank Enright, Joe Hannon, Michael O'Brien, Charles Hanley, Brendan O'Connor, Ger Whelan, Michael Enright, John Doab, Pat Stokes. The subs. were Donie Neville and Michael O'Malley. The junior team beat Cappamore in the first round of the senior hurling tournament last Thursday night. The score was 2-15 to 4-3.

19-6-82

Croagh- Kilfinny 1982

The Parish Junior League: After a great final in Wall's Field, left Pat Stokes team as the winners, they beat Mossie O'Connor's team 5-7 to 5-5. The teams were: Pat Stokes, Michael Conway, Eamon Fitzgerald, Declan Fitzgerald, Liam Doab, Johnny Doab and Michael Hanley. Against, Mossie O'Connor, Tim Frawley, Seamus Madigan, Michael Pigott, John Murphy, John Hannon, Owen Neville and Michael Deedy. The referee was Michael Lenihan.

23/1/82 Croagh/ Kilfinny

The death took place at her home last week of Mrs. Chrissy Callinan of Smithfield, Croagh.

A very good attendance turned out for the local G.A.A. club's A.G.M. on Monday, January 11. The following officers were elected for 1982: president, Canon Kennedy; chairman, Liam Lenihan; vice-chairman, Tommy Neville; secretary, Liam Doab; asst. secretary, Joe Hannon; treasurer, Jimmy Lenihan; asst. treasurer, Michael Conway. Finance committee: Ned Aherne, Tommy Neville, Willie Sheehy, Mossie O'Connor, Michael Conway. Under-age committee: Charles Hanley, Michael Enright. Club registrar, Michael Conway. Club trainer, Joe Hannon. Selectors, Liam Lenihan, Jimmy Lenihan, Mossie O'Connor.

The following teams are being affiliated for 1982: junior hurling-captain, Joe Hannon; vice-captain, Michael Enright; under 21 hurling-captain, Donie Neville; vice-captain, Tony Donnelly; minor hurling-captain, Tony Donnelly; vice-captain, Denis O'Connell.

It was decided that a special meeting will be held to decide on the under age team. Parents will be notified of this meeting and it is hoped they will attend in the interests of the youth of the parish. The meeting passed a vote of thanks to Bobby Lest; to Michael Piggott, and to Michael Madigan for the use of their fields for playing during the year.



Croagh-Kilfinny, who lost to Feenagh-Kilmeedy. 3-7-82

Club G.A.A.

Croagh/ Kilfinny

The A.G.M. of Croagh-Kilfinny G.A.A. Club was held in the Community Centre, Croagh, on Monday, 11th last, and despite the arctic weather conditions there was a very good attendance.

The outgoing chairman, Ned Aherne, thanked all who had assisted him during the year and expressed regret at the absence, through illness, of our president, Canon Kennedy, P.P.

The outgoing secretary, Charles Hanley, in his report, stated that although the junior hurling team was out of the championship in May, we did well on the tournament scene, winning the 1980 Ahane tournament final and being narrowly beaten in three other finals. He also praised our under age teams who gave very good accounts of themselves in all championship games.

The parish under age league was a great success again this year with six teams of thirteen taking part. Votes of thanks were passed to Bobby West, Michael Piggott and Michael Madigan for the use of their fields during the year.

ELECTED

The following officers were elected for 1982: President, Canon Kennedy, P.P.; chairman, Liam Lenihan; vice-chairman, Tommy Neville; sec., Liam Doab; asst. sec., Joe Hannon; treasurer, James Lenihan; asst. treas., Michael Conway.

Finance Committee: Ned Aherne, Tommy Neville, Willie Sheehy, Mossy O'Connor, Michael Conway.

Under-age committee: Charles Hanley, Michael Enright.

Club registrar, Michael Conway. Club trainer, Joe Hannon. Selectors: Liam Lenihan, James Lenihan, Mossy O'Connor.

Teams to be affiliated for 1982 are as follows: Junior hurling, capt., Joe Hannon; vice-capt., Michael Enright. Under 21 hurling: Captain, Donal Neville; vice-capt., Tony Donnelly. Minor hurling: Captain, Tony Donnelly; vice-capt., Denis O'Connell.

A special meeting will be held to deal with under age teams in the near future and it is hoped that parents will attend.

28.8.83 Croagh- Kilfinny

A big crowd turned up last Sunday evening for the match between Croagh-Kilfinny and Adare in a junior tournament final in Kilcormac. After being ahead six points at half-time, Adare got back into the game and went ahead with just ten minutes to the final whistle. Joe Hannon scored a great goal for Croagh-Kilfinny, which put them ahead by two points, and they held on to win by this margin. The team was: Jim Sheehy, John Hannon, Michael Hanley, Frank Enright, Richard Chawke, Michael O'Malley, Michael Enright, Donie Neville, Michael O'Brien (Knockdromin), Brendan Culhane, Joe Hannon, Charles Hanley, Pat Stokes, Johnny Doab (capt.), Eamon Fitzgerald. The subs were Michael Hannon, Michael Deedy, Denis Madigan and Seamus Madigan.

Croagh- Kilfinny

Senior hurling tournament final will commence next Sunday evening at 7 p.m. at the local G.A.A. field, Adare v. Ballingarry. Trophies sponsored by Dick Duffin's TV Rentals.

Junior Hurling Parish League will commence next Sunday, August 15, at 2 p.m. Under 16 Hurling League will commence next Saturday, August 14, at 2 p.m. All players must be on the field at 2 p.m.

Cappagh

A branch of the Boy Scouts has been formed catering for boys in the parish between the ages of 7 and 16 years. Tim O'Shea, Frank Whelan and Mrs. Terry Kelly are helping.

Mary Noonan, Geraldine Bourke, Moss Hennessy and Paddy Barry came first in the novelty act section of the Senior Scór in Rathkeale on Sunday night. They now go forward to the county final. Local man, Moss Hennessy, has once again been elected chairman of the Limerick Handball Convention.

Croagh- Kilfinny

We played Dromcollogher in the junior league in Wall's Field in Croagh last Friday. While Drom won well, 2-9 to 1-2, we had a lot of the play, but we badly missed our free taker, Jim Hannon. But there were very good performances from Mossie O'Connor and his cousins, Michael and Charles Hanley, Donie Neville, Michael O'Malley and John Hannon.

The team was: Jim Sheehy (goalkeeper); John Hannon, Michael Hanley, Charles Hanley; Mossie O'Connor, Michael Conway, Michael Lenihan; Michael O'Malley, Donie Neville; Michael O'Brien, Richard Chawke, Eamon Fitzgerald, Brendan O'Connor, Pat Stokes, Brendan Culhane. Subs., Johnny Doab for Eamon Fitzgerald.

On the 6th of the month we beat Adare, our neighbours, in the Novice Championship. We had some fine play from Donal Piggott, Eamon Casey, Ger Casey and Dermot Barry.

The team was: Mattie Lynch; James Lenihan, Sean O'Malley, Michael Conway, Michael Lenihan, Michael Culhane, Donal Barry, Tony Donnelly, Eamon Fitzgerald, Tom Moloney, Brendan Culhane, Tim Frawley, Donal Piggott, Eamon Casey, Gerard Casey. The referee was Tommy Corrigan.

Darts

On Thursday night last 34 players took part in the House Tournament. The first prize went to Donie Corbett and Brendan Culhane; second prize to Joe Burke and Dermot Barry.

The Ferrybridge Team in a most entertaining night last Tuesday won all their matches and will play us in a return.

The ladies team from the Tavern gave a good account of themselves also in the Ferrybridge pub.

The Croagh Tavern have an open set competition on August 19th. Everyone is welcome to come along to this most enjoyable of all competitions.

Croagh- Kilfinny

The A.G.M. of above took place recently, at the local Community Centre and the following officers were elected:

Life President, Canon Kennedy; Chairman, Liam Lenihan; Vice Chairman, Thomas Neville; Secretary, Michael Hanley; Assistant Secretary, Michael Conway; Treasurer, James Lenihan; Assistant Treasurer, Ned Aherne; Club Registrar, Michael Hanley.

Junior and Novice Selectors: Maurice O'Connor, Timmy Frawley, Thomas Neville.

Club membership for 1983 - £1.

Persons wishing to become Club Members should apply to any of the above before the 1st March, 1983.

23.7.83 Croagh- Kilfinny

In the Ballybricken tournament first round the juniors had a good win over Caherline, the score was 4-8 to 3-5.

After being behind one point at half time we got down to the task in the second half and goals by Pat Stokes, Charles Hanley and Brendan O'Connor put us on the winning side.

Best for Croagh-Kilfinny was goalkeeper Jim Sheehy, who made three great saves, and the backs Michael Conway, Mossie O'Connor, Michael Culhane, Michael Lenihan and Michael O'Brien at midfield, forwards Charles Hanley, Pat Stokes and Ger Hannon.

The team was: Jim Sheehy, Mike Deedy, Michael Hanley, Michael Conway, Michael Conway, Michael Culhane, Mossie O'Connor, Donie Neville, Michael O'Brien, Eamon Fitzgerald, Richard Chawke, Joe Hannon, Brendan O'Connor, Pat Condon, Charlie Hanley, Pat Stokes. The subs. were: Johnny Doab and Michael Lenihan for Pat Condon.

Croagh- Kilfinny

Our junior team played Monagea in the West Limerick league on Saturday night, August 13th, in Walls field, winning 3-11 to 1-3. After leading by 6 pts. to 3 at half time we really got on top in the second half with goals from Pat Stokes, Charles Hanly, John Doab.

Team — Jim Sheehy, Mike Hanly, Mike Conway, John Hannon, Mike Culhane, Moss O'Connor, Michael Enright, Donie Neville, Brendan O'Connor, Michael O'Brien, Joe Hannon, Richie Chawke, John Doab, Charles Hanly, Pat Stokes. Subs., Seamus Madigan for D. Neville, Eamonn Fitzgerald for R. Chawke.

Scorers — C. Hanly 1-2, John Doab 1-2, P. Stokes 1-1, Joe Hannon 0-5, Donie Neville 0-1.

29.1.83

Croagh/ Kilfinny

The AGM of Croagh/Kilfinny GAA took place in the Community Centre. Officers for 1983: President, Rev. Canon Kennedy; vice-chairman, T. D. Neville; chairman, Liam Lenihan; secretary, Michael Hanley; asst. secretary, Michael Conway; treasurer, Jimmy Lenihan; asst. treasurer, Ned Aherne; PRO, Mike Conway. Field and finance committees will be picked later. Mr. Liam Lenihan thanked everyone for this co-operation during the year. A special word of thanks to Mr. and Mrs. John O'Donoghue for the use of the Croagh Tavern for card drives on Tuesday nights.

Teams for 1983: Junior hurling, captain, Johnny Doab; vice-captain, Brendan O'Connor. Novice hurling, captain and vice-captain to be picked later. Under 21 hurling, captain, Michael O'Brien; vice-captain, Tony Donnelly. Selectors: Tim Frawley, u-16 hurling; Tommy D. Neville, u-14 hurling; Mossie O'Connor, u-12 hurling.

Croagh- Kilfinny

The junior team had a great win in the Doon tournament final recently. The score was: Croagh-Kilfinny, 4-7; Stakers (South Limerick), 2-11.

Best for Croagh-Kilfinny were Mossie O'Connor, Joe Hannon and Brendan O'Connor, and the team was: Jim Sheehy (capt.), John Hannon, Michael Hanley, Michael Conway, Donie Neville, Mossie O'Connor, Michael O'Malley, Michael O'Brien, Brendan Culhane, Eamon Fitzgerald, Joe Hannon, Brendan O'Connor, Johnny Doab, Charles Hanley, Pat Stokes. Sub., Richard Chawke.

21.5.83 Croagh- Kilfinny

The camogie season has started again and Croagh-Kilfinny were on a winning note, when the under 12 team defeated Patrickswell in a splendid game in Adare. The girls in question were: Mary Barrett, Lorrie O'Brien, Sinead Bourke, Patricia Reale, Sinead Lenihan, Ruth Little, Kathleen Ruddle, Paula Quille, Helena Griffin, Rita Costello, Janet Hedderman, and Linda Costello.

The Under 16's defeated Granagh. Best for the team were: Patricia Scanlon, Eileen Liston, Teresa O'Brien, Catherine O'Brien, Teresa Fitzgerald, Catherine Murphy and Mary Kennedy. Croagh-Kilfinny Camogie Club train every Tues. night in Wall's Field at 7.30 and all players are requested to attend.

The hurling team won the final of the Monagea Tournament last Sunday week. The score was 4 goals 7 points to 2 points. Jim Sheehy was the man of the match.

The team was: Willie Sheehy, Jim Sheehy, John Hannon, Michael and Charles Hanley, Michael Culhane, Michael O'Malley, Joe Hannon, Donie Neville, Michael O'Brien (Knockdromin), Brendan Culhane, Richard Chawke, Michael Conway, Michael Enright, and Michael Lenihan. Subs: Pat Condon, Dermot Barry and Michael Hannon.

18-6-83 Croagh/ Kilfinny

The junior team had a practice match at the G.A.A. Field on last Tuesday night against Doon. Our Boys won and the score was 4-10 to 2-12.

The under-12 team beat Templeglantine on Wednesday night in Feenagh. The score was 4-1 to 1-1. The team was: Seamus Lenihan, Liam Sheedy, Noel Hannon, Conor Madigan, P. J. Reidy, John Roche, Dermot Piggott, Brian Quinn, Thomas Neville, Tommy O'Connor, Patrick Doab, Paddy Hannon, Kevin Lenihan, John Boyce, Eamon Roche. The subs were Seamus Roche and Kevin Reidy.

Our junior team played Kileedy on Thursday night. After a very close game we emerged winners by 3-8 to 2-9.

Kileedy got going in the second half, and although we were leading by 4 points at half time, a few silly frees got them going. This brought them level with us with only ten minutes to go. The we got back into the game due to some good hurling by Joe Hannon and Michael O'Brien. In the middle of the pitch, Joe Hannon pointed three vital frees. Others to play well were Jim Sheehy (goals), Willie Sheehy, Frank Enright, Michael Hanley, Richard Chawke, Pat Stokes and Michael Deedy.

The scorers were: Pat Stokes 2-0, Joe Hannon 0-4, Jimmy Lenihan 0-2, Richard Chawke 1-0, Johnny Doab 0-1, Charles Hanley 0-1.

We had the final of last year's senior hurling tournament on Friday night last: Tournafulla 2-8, against Adare's 2-4.

13-8-83 Croagh/ Kilfinny

Father Ronald Neville was born in Kilfinny on March 25th, 1933. Ronald is the youngest son of Mrs. Nellie Neville, Abbeyview, and the late Michael Neville, Kilfinny. His two brothers, Father Ernan in the Dublin Diocese, and James in the Limerick Diocese. After finishing school in the C.B.S., Adare, he went to St. Munchin's College, Limerick, and after passing his Leaving Certificate, he followed his elder brother, Ernan, to Clonliffe College. He was ordained in Clonliffe College on the 1st June, 1951, and was then appointed chaplain in the army in Collins Barracks by Rev. Doctor Kyan, Archbishop of Dublin. Whilst there he accompanied the troops to the Congo, Lebanon and Lourdes. On returning to Dublin he was appointed to Clonskeagh Parish as head curate. During his stay there he organised a trip to Rome and Fatima. He is at present celebrating his silver jubilee and hopes to meet his friends and relatives. He said his jubilee Mass in St. Kieran's, - as it was in St. Kieran's that Father Ronald Neville said his very first Mass, twenty-five years ago.

Club G.A.A. 24.9.83 Croagh Kilfinny

The Croagh/Kilfinny team were beaten by Ardagh in the West semi-final on Sunday fortnight in Askeaton. The final score was Croagh/Kilfinny 3-9, against Ardagh's 4-12. After leading by one point at half time we should have been leading by at least 6 points at the end. After the second half started Ardagh got on top, but we got back into the game with two goals, one by Charles Hanley and the other one by Mossie O'Connor, but the superb fitness of the Ardagh boys proved too much for us in the end.

Best for the Croagh boys were Maurice O'Connor, John Hannon, Michael Conway, Donie Neville, Michael O'Brien, Charles Hanley, Joe Hannon and Brendan Culhane, who retired after an injury. He was taken to the Regional and it was discovered he had a broken arm.

The team was — Jim Sheehy (goals), John Hannon, Michael Hanley, Michael Conway, Michael Culhane, Mossie O'Connor, Michael O'Malley, Brendan O'Connor, Michael O'Brien, Brendan Culhane, Joe Hannon, Donie Neville, Johnny Doab, Charles Hanley, Pat Stokes and Tony Donnelly.

Terence Madigan was a very capable referee. Liam Lenihan will take names of anyone interested in going to London by coach the last weekend of October.

CAMOGIE

Our under 18 team beat Bruff in the championship on Sunday last at Bruff. Many spectators turned their backs on the Knockainey and Hospital hurling game which was very robust and unruly, to watch a great game of camogie. Our hurling counterparts could take a lesson in sportsmanship from the camogie girls. The final score was Croagh/Kilfinny 5-4, against Bruff's 2-1.

The under 18 team was — Margaret Kennedy, Christina Murphy, Noreen Murphy, Teresa O'Brien, Eileen Liston, Cindy Dundon, Patricia Scanlon, Teresa Fitzgerald, Jean Murphy, Aine Barrow, Patricia Toomey, Catherine Normoyle and Helen Barrow.

Croagh Kilfinny

In the junior hurling tournament final which was played at Wall's field in Croagh on last Sunday, Dromcollogher beat Doon 3-8 to 0-7. The sides were evenly matched in the first half with Drom leading by 5 points. In the second half Drom got on top and ran out easy winners.

Mossie O'Connor presented the cup and trophies to the Dromcollogher captain on behalf of Shanonside Kitchens, the sponsors of the tournament. A special word of praise to both teams on putting on such a fine show under very heavy underfoot conditions after the early morning rain. The referee for the game was Mr. Jimmy Lenihan of Croagh.

The under 14 parish league semi-finals were also played. In the first game Michael Burke of Kilfinny's team qualified for the final beating Pat Lenihan of Croagh's team. The final score was 3-4 to 2-1. In the second semi-final John Roches team and Tomas Neville's team played a drawn game, 4-3 each.

13-8-83 Croagh- Kilfinny

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Croagh- Kilfinny 12.11.83

The junior hurling team and supporters are home from a tour of London. They played one match on Sunday in Dagenham against the Thomas MacCurtains team. The outstanding players in the Croagh-Kilfinny side were: Dermot Barry, Joe Hannon, Donie Neville, Seamus Madigan, Charles Hanley and Eamon Fitzgerald.

The team was: Jim Sheehy; Brendan O'Connor (captain), Michael Hanley, Michael Conway; Dermot Barry, Seamus Madigan, Mossie O'Connor; Michael Culhane, Michael O'Brien, Donie Neville, Joe Hannon, Tony Donnelly, Pat Stokes, Charles Hanley, Eamon Fitzgerald. The subs were Jimmy Lenihan, Jeremiah Casey and Michael Lynch.

Dermot Barry received a trophy for being man of the match. The finals of the parish league were played on Sunday last. This was a very sporting and closely contested match from start to finish. Michael Burke, Kevin Lenihan, Dermot Fitzgerald and Michael Quille were best players for the winners and for the losers, those to do best were John Roche, Seamus Lenihan, Eamon Roche, Edward (Tony) O'Reilly and Paddy Hannon.

The teams were as follows: Winners—Michael Burke, captain; John Boyce, Kevin Lenihan, A. Boyce, Des Fitzgerald, Michael Quille, Gerard Hartnett.

Losers—John Roche, Seamus Madigan, Pat Doab, Paddy Hannon, Seamus Roche, Edward O'Reilly and Donal Piggott.

Mr. Jimmy Lenihan the treasurer of the club presented the cup and trophies to the winners and medals to the losers.

Croagh-Kilfinny, 8.10.83

We have started our under 21 parish league on last Saturday in Paddy Wall's field. We had two games, in one between Patsy Lenihan's team and Michael Burke's the scores were level at full time 3-7 to 5-1.

Best players in Patsy Lenihan's team were Patsy Lenihan, Brian Keating and the goalkeeper Aiden Burke. In Michael Burke's team the best players were Kevin Lenihan, Dermot Fitzgerald, Niall Quille, Aidan Boyce and Michael Burke.

The teams were — Patrick Lenihan (captain), Dermot Piggott, Dermot Lenihan, Aiden Burke, Sean Linehan, Liam Sheehy and Brian Keating.

Michael Burke (captain), John Boyce, Kevin Lenihan, Aidan Boyce, Paul Mulcair, Dermot Fitzgerald, Niall Quille and Sean Hartnett.

In the second game Thomas Neville's team proved too good for John Roche's team winning by three points. The teams were — Thomas Neville (capt.), Sean Donnelly, Conor Madigan, Barry Lenihan, Tom O'Connor, Niall Hannon, Bill Shanahan and Kevin Reidy.

The other team was John Roche (captain), Seamus Lenihan, Pat Doab, Eamon Roche, Paddy Hannon, Seamus Roche and Edward O'Reilly.

Best for these two teams were Thomas Neville, Sean Donnelly, Conor Madigan, Barry Lenihan, Thomas O'Connor, Pat Doab, Paddy Hannon.

Our senior parish league is

Croagh-Kilfinny

Johnny Lenihan and his brother, Michael, returned from Australia recently.

Kilfinny I.C.A. held their December meeting recently. The speaker for that meeting was Mrs. Grace McCarthy, chairperson of the Farm Family Group, who gave a most interesting talk on the role of women in farming.

The guild hope to have a party for the Rathfredagh Cheshire Homes patients.

There were two representatives from Kilfinny in the competition at Bruree recently for music, song and dance. Mrs. Neville came first in the solo singing, and Mrs. Mary O'Keeffe came second in ballroom dancing. She was partnered by John Joe Tierney from Ballingarry.

The December competition, which was a Christmas decoration, was won by Mrs. Joan Piggott; second was Mrs. Mary O'Keeffe.

At the January meeting, Mrs. Josephine Quinn and Mrs. Meaney will talk to us about the craft classes which they hope to hold in Kilfinny in the New Year.

The First Friday of January coincides with the Feast of the Epiphany on January 6. Masses are in St. John's, Croagh, at 9 o'clock and 11.30 a.m., and in St. Kieran's, Kilfinny, at 10 o'clock. Confessions will be heard in both parish churches on Thursday evening.

Deepest sympathy is offered to the Mulqueen family of Croagh on the death of Bob Mulqueen from Ballingarry.

At a very well attended meeting of the G.A.A., held in the Community Centre, Croagh, the chairman, Mr. Liam Lenihan, said a special effort should be made by players and officials alike for the coming year, 1984, which is the centenary of G.A.A.

The following officers were elected: chairman, Mr. Maurice O'Connor; vice-chairman, Tommy Dan Neville; secretary, Michael Hanley; asst. secretary, Michael Culhane; P.R.O., Jimmy Lenihan; treasurer, Joe Hannon; asst. treasurer, Jimmy Lenihan. Teams affiliated for 1984: junior hurling, Charles Hanley, captain; novice hurling, Jimmy Lenihan, captain (vice-captain to be picked later). Hurling under 16. Hurling under 14. Committee to be elected at the next meeting to look after underage teams.

Croagh-Kilfinny

At a meeting in the Community Centre, Croagh, last week, it was decided to appoint the selectors committee to look after the under age teams. Michael Culhane, Kilfinny, was appointed secretary; James Lenihan, treasurer. There will be a further meeting in Kilfinny at which it is hoped that more parents will attend.

The club have secured the services of P. J. O'Grady to train and coach their teams in 1984. The following selectors were appointed: Paddy Sheehy, Tim Frawley, Brendan Culhane and P. P. O'Grady.

Mossie O'Connor has presented a beautiful perpetual trophy to the club for the Man of the Year, from Shannon-side Kitchens.

There is also to be a sponsored walk in both schools, St. Kieran's and St. John the Baptist, in Croagh, to provide funds for training.

Cappagh

The local handball club held their AGM at the Community Hall on Tuesday night, February 7. Addressing the meeting the outgoing chairman, Mr. Michael Bourke, congratulated all who had made the year 1983 another happy one in the history of the club. He thanked the different organisations and was high in his praises for their co-operation in the various social events. The secretary's report gave a detailed account of the year's happenings, which was highlighted by the building of a handball court at the national school. The treasurer's report showed that the club, in spite of all its expenditure, is in a healthy state. Officers for 1984 are as follows: President, Mr. A. Kennedy; vice-president, P. de Burca, P.P.; chairman, Michael Bourke; vice-chairman, S. Madigan; secretary, Moss Hennessy; asst. secretary, G. Bourke; treasurer, Sean O'Grady; joint-treasurer, Michael Stokes.

The meeting concluded with a meal served by the ladies' committee.

Croagh-Kilfinny

The county communication committee of the GAA are compiling a history for the centenary year celebrations this year, 1984. They expect every club to supply old photographs and press cuttings. If anyone has anything they would be willing to lend would they please hand it into the secretary of the GAA club, Jimmy Lenihan, either to his house in Graigue or to his butchers shop in Croagh. Jimmy will return everything to the owners afterwards.

Croagh-Kilfinny

The team had a magnificent victory over Knockaderry on Sunday last in the league. Although short four or five the foundations of this victory was the good work of the half-back line, Michael Lenihan, Michael Culhane and Brendan O'Connor. The free taking ability of Joe Hannon also helped. Others in the limelight were Richard Chawke, Seamus Madigan, Michael O'Brien (Croagh) and Donie Neville.

The team was: Captain, Jim Sheehy, Michael O'Malley, Michael Hanley, Michael Conway, Michael Lenihan, Michael Culhane, Brendan O'Connor, Michael O'Brien, Donie Neville, Tony Donnelly, Joe Hannon, Brendan Begley, Richard Chawke, Mossie O'Connor, Seamus Madigan. The two subs were Gerard Casey and Kieran Barry.

Croagh-Kilfinny sport

Recently in the Guinness Fun Run the boys from the Ramble Inn ran a half marathon around Limerick City. They were presented with tee shirts, medals and certificates. Jack Scanlon came fifth overall. Jack, who hails from Curraheen, was presented with a silver candleabra. He has won many medals for running. Mr. McEllistrum from Guinness made the presentation at the Glentworth Hotel in Limerick.

The under 14 Parish League started last Sunday with two games. Team A beat Team B, the score was 6-4 against 4-3. Best for Team A was captain, Conor Madigan; Aiden Burke, Christopher Lane and Kevin Lenihan. Team A consisted of captain, Conor Madigan; Enda Sheehy, Paddy Hannon, Kevin Lenihan, Aiden Burke, Thomas O'Connor, Christopher Lane, Joe Giltenane, Dermot Lenihan.

Team B consisted of Desmond Fitzgerald, Sean Dillon, John Giltenane, N. Hannon, P. O'Connor, Derek Hickey, Dermot Piggott, James Cussen, Sean Quille.

The second game was a real thriller which ended in a draw. The C. Team was captain, Seamus Lenihan, Michael Burke, Sean Lane, Alan Boyce, Barry Lenihan, Ted McCarthy and Christopher Lane.

Team D, captain, Thomas Neville; Liam Sheehy, John Boyce, Niall Quille, Pat Doab, Barry Shanahan and Sean Lenihan.

The junior hurlers played against Eflin last Sunday and they were: Jim Sheehy, John Hannon, Michael Hanley, Michael Conway, Eamon Fitzgerald, Michael Culhane, Dermot Barry, Michael O'Brien, Donie Neville, Richard Chawke, T. Donnelly, Charlie Hanley, Seamus Madigan, Brendan Neville, Brendan O'Connor.

Croagh-Kilfinny

The Community Games under 14 hurling team were beaten by Rathkeale on Saturday night, the team was — Aiden Burke, Liam Sheehy, John Giltenane, Brian Keating, Niall Quille, Conor Madigan, Desmond Fitzgerald, Barry Lenihan, John Roche, Paddy Hannon, Seamus Madigan, Sean Lane, Patrick Doab, Barry Shanahan and Aiden Boyce. Subs were T. O'Connor, B. O'Connor and B. Culhane. Our Novice team beat Adare the score was 2 goals, 9 points against 1 goal and 5 points.

The Adare lads were leading at half time, but then the Croagh/Kilfinny team got down to business after ten minutes of the second half. Best were backs Paddy Sheehy, Donal Piggott, Donal Neville, Michael Conway, Dermot Barry, Richard Chawke, Michael O'Brien centrefield, forwards Brendan Culhane, Michael Culhane, P. J. Wall, Seamus Madigan.

The team were: Donal Piggott, Dermot Barry, Paddy Sheehy, Michael Conway, Michael Enright, Michael Piggott, Kieran Barry, Michael O'Brien, Richard Chawke, Tony Donnelly, Michael Culhane, P. J. Wall, Donnagh Barrow, Seamus Madigan, and Brendan Culhane. Subs. were Donie Neville and Brendan Begley.

The Novice hurling team who beat Ballingarry on Sunday last by 1 goal and 1 point, were — Frank Enright, Donal Piggott, Paddy Sheehy, Willie Sheehy, Dermot Barry, Michael Lenihan, Captain Jimmy Lenihan, Kieran Barry, Tony Donnelly, Seamus Hannon, Michael Piggott, Richard Chawke, Seamus Madigan, Tim Frawley, Brendan Begley. The final score was Croagh/Kilfinny 3 goals - 2 points; Ballingarry 2 goals - 1 point.

Croagh-K'finny

The Croagh-Kilfinny Community Games took part in the talent contest at the community centre last Sunday. The local children appearing on stage were—Kathleen Dillon, Aiden Burke, P. J. Lane, Derek Hickey, Sean Leslie Hepburn, Colette Piggott, Karen Clarke, Deirdre Madigan, Deirdre Lenihan, Maura and Edel Hartnett and Patricia Shanahan.

The producers of the show were Mrs. Mary Hartnett and Donal Cummins.

In the community games under 14 hurling our team were beaten by Ballingarry last Sunday night, best on our team was John Giltenane, Conor Madigan, Sean Lane, Thomas Neville, Paddy Hannon and Niall Quille.

Members of the team were—Seamus Lenihan, Liam Sheehy, John Giltenane, Brian Keating, Conor Madigan, Des Fitzgerald, John Roche, Kevin Lenihan, Thomas Neville, John Boyce, Paddy Hannon, Niall Quille, Billy Shanahan, Aiden Boyce and Pat Doab.

On Saturday we played St. Kierans in the under 16 championship at home winning 10 points.

The team were as follows—Seamus Lenihan, Enda Sheehy, John Giltenane, Brian Keating, Des Fitzgerald, Dermot Lenihan, Conor Madigan, John Roche, Sean Dillon, Thomas Neville, Sean Lane, Michael Byrne, Paddy Hannon, John Boyce and Brian Lenihan.

Subs were—E. Roche, Kevin Lenihan, Niall Quille, C. Lane, Pat Doab, Billy Shanahan and Liam Sheehy.

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Cappagh

Enrolment for the guitar classes takes place at 8 o'clock at the Community Centre on this Thursday night.

A meeting of the parents and children attending the local primary school will be held on this Friday night at the school at 9 o'clock. This meeting is to elect a new board of management for the coming three years.

Cappagh under 14 hurling team had a convincing win over Pallas-kenry in the first round of the Credit Union league played in Kildimo on Saturday last. The following is the list of players — M. O'Shea, J. Devereaux, J. Cunnane, J. Stokes, J. Roche, A. Lane, P. Doupe, B. Quinn, E. Roche, E. Madigan, D. Maune, T. Maune, K. Noonan, M. Prendeville, M. O'Reilly, Subs., K. Condon, P. Prendeville, M. Kelly, A. Meehan.

3/1 Croagh-Kilfinny

A meeting of the Community Games Council was held in the Muintir na Tire Hall, Kilfinny recently.

The discussion was on events coming up in the near future.

They are: hurling, Croagh-Kilfinny v. Rathkeale, and Croagh-Kilfinny v. Bannagatt in Walls field on April 19; Croagh-Kilfinny v. Ballingrane, also in Wall's field on April 26.

The soccer team of Kilfinny drew in their match with Newcastle West. The team was — Michael Culhane, Michael Piggott, Ian Hickey, John Murphy, John Fitzgerald, Donal Piggott, Brendan Culhane, Jerry O'Donovan and the substitute was Jerry Enright.

The novice hurling team beat Adare 2-9 to 1-5 on Saturday night last. The team was as follows — Paddy Sheehy, Donal Piggott, Donie Neville, Michael Conway, Dermot Barry, Richard Chawke, Michael O'Brien, Brendan Culhane, Michael Culhane, P. J. Wall, Donnagh Barrow, Tony Donnelly, Kieran Barry, Michael Enright and Michael Piggott.

Cappagh

Sympathy is extended to the O'Donnell family, Boulaglass, Askeaton on the death of Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, whose death took place in Bedford Hospital, England.

Sympathy is also extended to the Shanahan family, Askeaton, on the death of Mrs. Eileen Shanahan. The late Mrs. Shanahan was a teacher in Cappagh National School for a good number of years.

A bring and buy sale organised by the senior pupils of Cappagh National School in aid of Ethiopia Relief Fund raised £51.26.

Congratulations to Michael Burke and Tony Hayes of the local Handball Club in winning the Munster final of the Centenary competition, played at Clonmel last weekend. They defeated John Ferncomb and Michael Kirvick, of Horse and Jockey, Tipperary.

Congratulations also to Breda Stokes and Geraldine Histon, who won the ladies county championships in singles and doubles, played recently at Bohermore and Coolyroe.

A number of young people represent Cappagh in Scor na nOg in Askeaton this Friday night.

Club G.A.A. 15.12.84

Croagh-Kilfinny

The club had their AGM in the Community Club Hall on the 3-12-84 and the following officers were elected for 1985:

President, Rev. Canon John Kennedy; chairman, Mr. Maurice O'Connor; vice-chairman, Tim Frawley; secretary, Michael Hanley; asst. secretary, Charles Hanley, P.C.; treasurer, Joe Hannon; asst. treasurer, James Lenihan, also P.R.O.

The finance committee are Joe Hannon (chairman), Michael Piggott; Denis Madigan, Dermot Barry, Bill Costello, James Roche and Michael O'Brien of Croagh.

The teams affiliated for 1985: Junior hurling, captain, John O'Hanlon; vice-captain, Michael O'Brien of Croagh; novice hurling, captain, Tim Frawley; vice-captain, M. Lenihan; novice football, captain, Michael Conway; vice-captain, Joe Hannon. Selectors for junior hurling: Paddy Sheehy, Tim Frawley, Willie Sheehy.

Novice selectors: Maurice O'Connor, Michael Piggott, James Roche.

Novice football selectors: John Quille, Paddy Sheehy, Michael Culhane.

Field committee: Donie Neville, Michael Piggott, Jr.; John Hannon.

Mr. Jimmy Lenihan of Graigue, Croagh, was selected Clubman of the Year, for which he will receive a well deserved perpetual trophy at our dinner-dance which will be held in Woodlands Hotel in Adare on December 14th, this Friday. The trophy was presented to the club by Shannonside Kitchens of which Mr. Charles Hanley, P.C., and his cousin, Maurice O'Connor, are directors.

13-4-85 Croagh-K'finny

The Fine Gael branch in Croagh recently had a dance in the Croagh Tavern. Four club members won the draw and they were: Jim Giltenane, Killea, Croagh; John O'Riordan, Smithfield, Croagh; Paddy Carmody, Ballycannon, Croagh; and Pat Joe Keogh.

The Croagh-Kilfinny under 14 hurling team made a winning start at the Feile na nGael last Saturday in Ballinahall. The score was our team 1-3 against no score. We had fine performances from Pat Doab (goals), the backs were Anthony Burke, Conor Madigan, Liam Sheehy. Midfielders were Tomas Neville, Aiden Boyce, the forwards were Seamus Lenihan, Kevin Lenihan, and Niall Quille.

The team—Pat Doab, John Giltenane, Aiden Boyce, Gerard Noonan, Noel Hannon, Aiden Burke, Thomas Neville, Conor Madigan, Niall Quille, John Boyce, Eamonn Roche, Paudie O'Connor, Seamus Lenihan and Kevin Lenihan.

On last Sunday our junior team played Dromcollogher in the junior league in Wall's field and we lost. The team was—Michael Hanley, Michael O'Malley, Maurice O'Connor, John Hannon, Michael Aherne, Joe Hannon, Charles Hanley, Michael O'Connor, T. McCoy, Michael O'Brien, Richard Chawke, Brendan O'Connor, Tommy Moloney, Maurice Mescall and Donie Neville.

The young girls of Croagh are invited to play camogie in Wall's field on Saturday mornings at 11.45 a.m.

13-4-85 Cappagh

Work on the wall between the school and the stream commences on this Saturday morning at 10 a.m. Helpers are required.

Polka dancing on this Friday at 7.30 p.m. On the same night, a church fund raising dance sponsored by The Deer Hunters takes place.

St. James' National School re-opens on Tuesday, April 16, after the Easter Holidays.

Sympathy is extended to the nephews and nieces of the late Miss Lou O'Brien of Deanstown. Her remains were removed from Madigan's Funeral Home, Shanagolden, on Sunday and her funeral took place to Askeaton Cemetery after 12.30 Mass on Monday.

The death occurred last week at St. Ita's Hospital, Newcastle West, of the late Alphie Kennedy, a founder member of the local handball club, formed in 1954. He was elected hon. life president in 1965 and was one of the club's loyal officers down through the years. He helped in no small way in the fund raising campaign for the building of the now roofed court in the 60's. Though suffering from ill health in his final years, he was proud that the club had established itself as a strong unit of the association.

On arrival of his remains to the local parish church as a mark of respect officers and club members formed a guard of honour, the school children who play handball honoured him in the same way on the day of his funeral to Rathkeale where he was laid to rest.

At Dheis Dha na raith a nam

22/12/84 Croagh-Kilfinny

The Croagh-Kilfinny Camogie Club are holding their annual dinner dance in the Woodlands Hotel on January 5. Tickets can be got for this from any committee member.

At the annual dinner dance held in Woodlands Hotel last week, Jimmy Lenihan got the award for being G.A.A. clubman of the Croagh-Kilfinny Hurling Club.

Croagh-Kilfinny

The under 14 hurlers under the direction of Mr. Tony Joyce, won the final of the West at the GAA pitch in Croagh. The team were: Patrick Doab, Tomas Neville, John Giltenane, Aiden Boyce, Liam Sheehy, John Roche, Seamus and Kevin Lenihan, Eamon Roche, Barry Lenihan, Aidan Burke, Niall Quille, Conor Madigan, Gerard Noonan, Brian Keating, Nollaig Hannon, Paudie O'Connor, Paddy Hannon, Tomas O'Connor, Sean Leslie Hepburn, Michael Looney, Barry Shanahan. This list includes all the subs who played the match. Askeaton opposed them in this final.

3.8.85 Croagh-Kilfinny

The First Friday of August falls on this Friday. Confessions on Thursday night and Mass on Friday in Croagh at 7.30 p.m. and in Kilfinny at 8 p.m.

Our under 14 team were defeated in the county semi-final in Croom on Monday night last by Bruree. The score was 6-1 against 2-2.

Team: Pat Doab, Conor Madigan, Kevin Lenihan and his brother, Seamus, Liam Sheehy, John Giltenane, Aiden Boyce, Noel Hannon, Conor Madigan, Gerard Noonan, John Roche, Niall Quille, Tomas Neville, Eamon Roche, Barry Lenihan, Aidan Burke, Barry Lenihan. Subs., Tomas O'Connor, Paudie O'Connor, Brian Keating, Michael Looney, Paddy Hannon, Sean Hepburn, Shane Quille, Dermot Piggott.

9-11-85 Cappagh

On Saturday last, a seven-a-side hurling league for under-14 hurlers took place. Ballingrane emerged winners with a score of 5 goals to 3 goals. The team were as follows: John Cunnane, Michelle Madigan, Georgina O'Shea, John Stokes, Kenneth Hogan, Pat Doupe, Kevin Condon, Gerard Maune.

The handball club have a number of entries in Scor na nOg in Ardagh on this Friday.

Death of remarkable County Limerick woman

24/8/85

MRS. Nellie Neville of Abbeyview, Rathkeale passed to her eternal reward in St. John's Hospital in the early hours of Sunday morning, August 18th.

Nellie's life was a kaleidoscope of the many social, cultural and religious changes that this country has experienced in the past century. She did not quite make the century herself. She would have been ninety-one on the day of her burial. Her life story however would have made very interesting reading.

Brought up in the town of Rathkeale, there was little opportunity for advancement in the rural Ireland of her youth. Those who educated her had suggested that she should seek her livelihood in the teaching profession. Her father however decided to send her to Dublin as an apprentice to the drapery business. What a change there is today from that time when an apprentice earned the princely sum of five shillings a week.

The wisdom of her father's choice was vindicated however as it was not very long before Nellie became company representative for Gorevan's of Camden Street, visiting schools and convents all over the country on behalf of the firm.

Nellie witnessed the social upheaval that brought us our freedom. She was in fact part of it herself. Irish was not at the time widely taught in the schools. She enlisted for Irish classes under Bean Uí DeValera. Eamon DeValera was another of those pupils.

The revolution of 1916 saw her dodging bullets along the Quays where she was staying with her uncle and aunt. One British sniper's bullet hit the door-post just above her head as they had to go out in search of provisions.

Business

Independence brought a new Ireland and Nellie started out herself independently in business. She returned to her native Rathkeale and set up her own successful drapery business. Marriage to well known All-Ireland hurler, Mick Neville, meant she did not have to change her name, only her residence. Mick Neville too had returned to his native Kilfinny where he set up business that is still carried on by his son Brendan at 'Neville's' Cross.

Nellie quickly adjusted to the rural change. She had to discontinue the drapery business in Rathkeale, but the new partnership established a landmark that was well known throughout West Limerick and far beyond.

As well as establishing a business Nellie had the busy job of raising five children. The economic war followed by World War II did not make it the easiest of times to do that. Yet in spite of all that, there was a stability in society.

It is hard to pin-point its source. In general, we might say it was love of faith and fatherland. Nellie had a lot of both. What a joy it was for her to see three sons raised to the priesthood; to see her country lift itself from the chaos of the civil-war; the poverty of the economic war; the scarcities of the World War. Nellie felt herself involved in much of all that through such organisations as Muintir na Tire. These helped to re-build rural Ireland once more.

Nellie had always a great interest in people. She retained that to the end of her days. Coupled with that was a good sense of humour that gave her a very balanced mind. Her advice was often sought and she made other people's problems her own. She will be sadly missed not only by her own family, her many relatives and friends, but also by the very many people who respected her for what she stood for in private and in public life.

Congregation

That respect was very evident from the wide and representative congregation that attended the obsequies. Representatives of Church and State were present. The Minister of Justice, Mr. Michael Noonan and his wife Florence; Mr. Vincent Brady T.D. Deputy Lord Mayor of Dublin, Mr. Gerry Collins T.D. and his brother Councillor Michael Collins, Councillors John Griffin and Paddy Sheehy were also present. The G.A.A. were represented by Sean O'Siochain, former Secretary, Senator Rory Kiely, Jacky O'Connell, Thomas Boland among others. The Camogie team had their President Mary Lynch and Secretary Ann Sheehy present. A guard of honour was formed by the Croagh-Kilfinny and Munster Council Camogie representatives. Mr. Joe Lynch secretary of the handball association was another of the many public figures that we noticed.

The concelebrated Mass took place in the beautiful church of her native Rathkeale and was led by her three sons Frs. Ernan, James and Ronald. It was attended by more than eighty clergy, many of whom came from long distances Dublin and elsewhere, one even from Spain Fr. Augusto Sarmiento. The large congregation filled the church to capacity. A homily was preached by Fr. Ronald, the youngest son. Gifts were presented by son and daughter, Brendan and Ethna. The prayers of the faithful were recited by family relatives. P.J. Madigan at the organ and soloist Irene Donovan added a musical dimension to the liturgy that was both beautiful and devotional. The remains were removed to the nearby cemetery where the graveside prayers were recited by the oldest son Fr. Ernan. There she was interred alongside her husband Mick.

Ar dheis De go raibh a n-anam dílis.

Clarke, Dara and Ruth Lehman.

The Croagh-Kilfinny G.A.A. Club held its A.G.M. in Croagh's Community Centre and the following were the officers voted in: president, Rev. Father Liam Kelly; chairman, James Lenihan; vice-chairman, Michael Culhane; secretary, Charles Hanley; assistant secretary, Richard Chawke; treasurer, Joe Hannon; assistant treasurer, Michael Conway; P.R.O., Jimmy Lenihan.

Teams affiliated for 1986: junior; captain, Michael Hanley, and vice-captain, Michael Culhane (hurling). Novice football captain, Brendan Culhane.

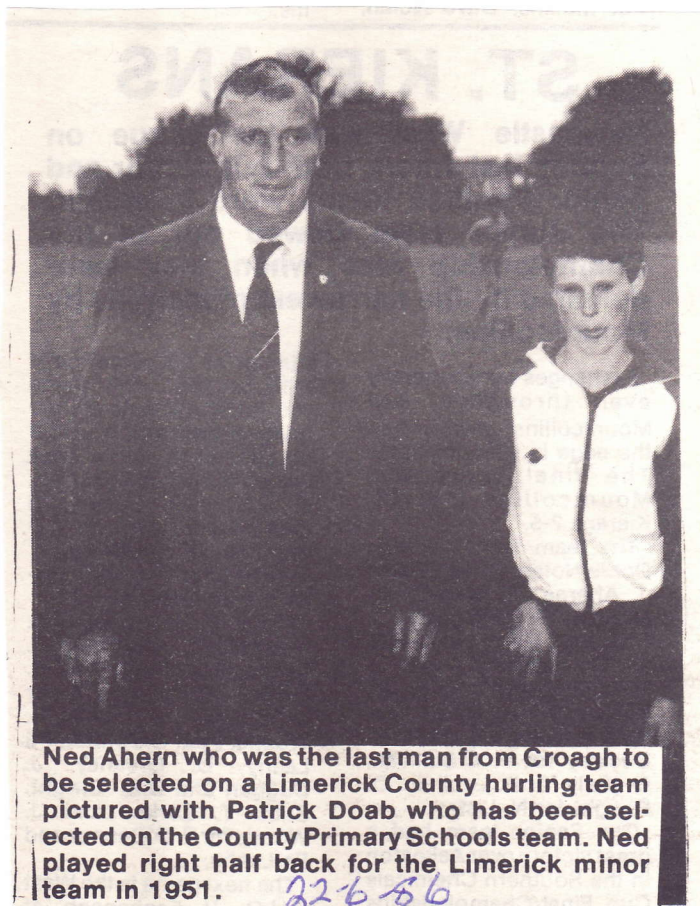
Selectors novice football: Michael Culhane, Frank Enright, Mike Conway. 1-2-86

John Joe Timoney is continuing

Croagh

Croagh Community Centre wish to thank all those who sponsored the sale of work and also the senior citizens party. Everyone who helped over the past twelve months is also thanked most earnestly; only for the generous support we receive we could not make a success of the centre.

The G.A.A. in Croagh-Kilfinny had a marvellous win in the junior hurling on Sunday, April 6. They beat their old rivals Knockaderry 4-3 to 4-7. This was as usual a tight game. The team was as follows: M. Hanley, M. Mescall, M. Aherne, J. Hannon, R. Chawke, S. Hannon, B. O'Connor, D. Neville, J. Hannon, M. O'Brien, Croagh; D. Piggott, M. O'Connor, T. Donnelly, C. Hanley, MCC, T. Moloney. The sub for Seamus Hannon was Michael Conway. Training continues every Tuesday and Friday nights at 7.45 p.m.



Ned Ahern who was the last man from Croagh to be selected on a Limerick County hurling team pictured with Patrick Doab who has been selected on the County Primary Schools team. Ned played right half back for the Limerick minor team in 1951.

22-6-86

Michael Hanley Rathkeale

Croagh-Kilfinny

Deepest sympathy is offered to the wife, mother and all relatives of Mr. Pat Mullane (38), of Roar, who died so tragically last week.

Croagh Community Council had its' monthly meeting last Friday night. They have decided to have a weekly card drive during the coming winter, starting in October. Final arrangements will be made at the next meeting in September.

Dan Neville, M.C.C., told the meeting that he expects work on cleaning the old abbey which is situated inside the walls of Croagh's graveyard, to commence soon. Work is also due to start on restoring the old walls very soon. This work will be done under the county council social employment scheme.

Parents wishing to enroll their pre-school children in a playgroup should apply to Mrs. Nano Reidy of Smithfield any evening before August 29th.

Our under 14 team put up a brilliant performance before Garryspillane got on top in the last eight minutes of the match to win the under 14 co. hurling championship. This was undoubtedly the best performance put up by any team to leave the parish and hopefully we will be back to win next year. We had a great first half with sparkling play from Niall Quille and our captain Conor Madigan were both outstanding.

Congratulations to these winners. They deserved to take home the cup. Our very young team were Pat Doab, Noel Hannon, Gerard Noonan, Aiden Boyce, Liam Sheehy, Conor Madigan (capt.), Paul Noonan, Barry Lenihan, Eamon Madigan, Niall Quille, Brian Keating, Shane Quille, Kevin Lenihan, Eamon Roche, Michael Looney. Sub., John Stokes.

Now a special word of thanks to all who transported these youngsters around the county for the different venues.

Don't forget that all roads lead to Coolroe on Sunday, August 31, for our replay match against Granagh. It would be appreciated if all the supporters from this parish would come and cheer us on the road to victory.

30-8-86

A very special word of thanks to Mr. Michael Weekes our trainer who has worked hard to get the team up to scratch. More hurling news now- Our under 14 team had a comfortable win over Pallaskenry in the Askeaton Credit Union League on Saturday last in Walls' Field.

Outstanding in this match were Tomas O'Connor, Conor Madigan, Liam Sheehy, Paul Noonan, Gerard Noonan, Noel Hannon, Niall Quille, Kevin Lenihan, and Shane Quille.

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We would like to thank the parents for their continued

G.A.A.

Our U14 team put up a brilliant performance before Garryspillane got on top in the last eight minutes to win the Co. U-14 hurling championship. This was the best performance put up by any team to leave the parish

Croagh-Kilfinny

9-8-86

The funeral took place to Adare Cemetery of Mr. Bernard Supple of Church View.

On Sunday next our hurlers contest the West semi-final for the very first time in 13 years against Granagh in Newcastle West. This most important match takes place at 2 p.m.

The Junior team won the Ballilicken Tournamemt semi-final versus Camogue Rovers, the final score was 5-9 against 4-7. Our under-14 team had a great victory over St. Patrick's in the county semi-final in Croom on Tuesday night, July 28, this was a truly great achievement as it is the first time a team from the parish qualified for a county final.

Outstanding in this latest victory was Pat Doab of Knockdromin in goals. Conor Madigan (captain), Noel Hannon, Kevin Lenihan, Edmond Madigan, Barry Lenihan, Brian Keating and Ger Noonan were the most outstanding. While basically it was a team effort top scorers were Eamon Roche, Kevin Lenihan, Conor Madigan, Shane Quille, Brian Keating, Niall Quille. The final score was 8-9 against 2-3. While this was an easy victory we want every one of the team on the pitch for practice matches on Monday and Thursday nights. A special word of thanks to our trainers and mentors, James Lenihan, Tony Joyce, John Quille, James Roche and Noel Hannon.

The winning team were: Conor Madigan, Pat Doab, Kevin Lenihan, Eamon Roche, Shane Quille, Brian Keating, Paul Noonan, Eddie Madigan, Gerard Noonan, Noel Hannon, Barry Lenihan, Liam Sheehy, Michael Looney, Aidan Boyce and Paul Noonan.

The subs were: John Stokes, Joe Giltenane, Tomas O'Connor, Paudie O'Connor, Shaun Hepburn and Dermot Piggot.

and hopefully will be back to go all the way next year in a brilliant first half

Mal Quill got our first score a point. We had some great play from Captain Conor Madigan who was outstanding right through the match. Garryspillane scored 1 goal and 3 pts before halftime to leave the score at halftime 1-3 to 0-2. In the second half we were first to score with a brilliant point from a 65 by Canon Madigan. Then five minutes later we had the equaliser, a goal from Vivian Lenihan so with 12 minutes to go it was all to play for.

Their full forward Eamon Roche who had earlier switched to centre forward scored a brilliant point to put us ahead. We were unlucky not to get a few more scores at this point. Garryspillane scored the equaliser - a point. At this stage, the physically stronger Garryspillane lads were putting our backs under a lot of pressure and they scored a goal and three points and when Mark Reidy blew the final whistle it was Garryspillane 2-8, Croagh Kilfinny 1-5. On the night we had to give best to

Garryspillane. I would like to congratulate them on winning. Who knows we might beat them next year in the final. Also a word of thanks to Mr. Mark Reidy a most efficient referee. Best for us on the night were Pat Doab who brought off 5 or 6 great saves, Ger Noonan a tower of strength at full back, Conor Madigan at centre back who gave a display of centre back play

Man of the

Match: Con Madigan.

Team: Pat Doab, Noel Harmon, Ger Noonan, Aidan Boyce, Liam Sheehy, Conor Madigan (capt), Paul Noonan, Barry Lenihan, Eamon Madigan, Niall Quille, Brian Keating, Shane Quille, Kevin Lenihan, Eamon Roche, M. Looney. Subs: John Stokes for M. Looney.

A special word of thanks to all the lads who transported the boys around all the year.

All roads lead to Coolroe on Sunday next for our replay with Granagh. We would appreciate all the support from the parish we can get. Remember we are only 1 hour away from a West final, so get behind the lads.

Croagh-Kilfinny

Our junior hurling team, victorious in the West Limerick semi-final over Granagh recently, beat Bruree. Training for final will continue in Walls Field on Tuesday and Friday nights, at 7.30 p.m. Our under 14 hurlers also had a win when they beat Cappagh in the final of the Credit Union League. The team was Kevin Clarke, Brian Keating, Niall Quille, Kevin Lenihan, Tomas O'Connor, Michael Hannon, Gerard Noonan, Aidan Boyce, Michael Looney, Conor Madigan, captain, Patrick Noonan; Brian Lenihan, Patrick O'Connor, and Michael Whelan, Patrick Doab. The referee was James Lenihan.

CROAGH/KILFINNY

Our Junior team drew with Bruree on Sunday week last in a practice match in preparation for our big final with Feenagh/Kilmeedy to be played on 5th October. The final training will be held in Wall's Field on Tuesday and Friday Nights a 7 p.m.

Our Under 14 Hurling team were victorious on Sunday week too, they beat Cappagh in the Credit Union Final. The team were: Pat Doab, T. O'Connor, Niall Hannon, Gerard Noonan, Aidan Boyce, Michael Looney, Conor Madigan, Captain:

Brian Keating, Mick Whelan, Subs: Stephen Clarke, and Paul Mulcair. Referee was our P.R.O. James Lenihan.

Croagh-Kilfinny

On Sunday, August 31st 13-9-86 Croagh-Kilfinny hurlers met Granagh in the semi-final of the West junior hurling tournament and won by 8 points.

This is the first time that our junior hurlers made it to the semi-final. The team was — Michael Hanley (capt.), Jim (Boxer) Sheehy, Johnny Doab, Michael O'Brien (Ballycannon, Croagh), Tom Moloney, John and Joe Hannon, Charles Hanley, Brendan Culhane and his brother, Michael Culhane, Richard Chawke, Donie Neville, Maurice O'Connor, Maurice Mescall and Michael Conway. The subs were Donal Piggott and Brendan O'Connor. The final of this tournament will be held on October 5th. Training continues at 7.30 in the GAA field in Croagh.

G.A.A.

On Sunday last August 31st in Coolyroe our famous hurlers made history by defeating Granagh in the Semi-final replay and so qualified for their first West

Limerick Final. The final score was Croagh/Kilfinny 2-5, Granagh 0-4. Straight from the throw-in our lads got stuck in and from Jim Sheehy in goals to left corner forward Maurice Mescall we had fifteen players who gave a great display of courage and commitment which is half the battle. We had four points from the stick of Joe Hanon after 10 minutes before Granagh had one point, which was to be their only score in the first half, due to our brilliant defence. as Mike Culhane controlled the defence from the No. 6 position, a position which is vital to control. With 10 minutes left in the first half and Micahel O'Brien, (Ballycannon, Croagh) and Joe Hannon beginning to get control of the midfield exchanges Johnny Doab scored a great goal after good work by Donie Neville and Maurice O'Connor. At the break we led 1-4 to 0-1.

When the second half started our boys started where they let off and with the half-back line stamping their authority on the game, Brendan Culhane, Michael Culhane and R. Chawke, we had the first score of the second half 1 point by Joe Hannon, but Granagh pulled back two points after 10 minutes. Then we conceded a penalty and Jim (Boxer) Sheehy put it out for a 65 which in turn was cleared. At this stage Granagh were trying for goals but some great work by John Hannon, Michael

Charles Hanley when he came out field, John Doab and Tom Moloney were also prominent.

Team: Jimmy Sheehy, John Hannon, Mike Hanley, capt., Mike Conway, Brendan Culhane, Mikie Culhane, Richie Chawke, Joe Hannon, Mike O'Brien, Donie Neville, Maurice O'Connor, Tom Moloney, John Doab, Maurice Mescall and Charles Hanley. Subs Donal Piggott for Maurice O'Connor, Brendan O'Connor for Donie Neville.

The Club would like to thank Mr Eddie Shanahan (Ramble Inn) Croagh for the set of jerseys and shorts which he presented to the lads before the game. Well done Eddie you didn't wait for the final! We would like to thank Michael Weekes for training and coaching the team so well and hopefully they go all the way this year. We would also like to thank all the supporters from the parish who came to support us.

Training commences on



Croagh-Kilfinny junior hurling team coach/trainer Michael Weekes (left) pictured with former Limerick hurler and Croagh/Kilfinny trainer Tom Ryan.

Photo by Michael Hanley, Rathkeale

Croagh/Kilfinny

Croagh Community Council have a meeting tonight (Thursday) at 9 p.m. in the New Community Hall.

There were 145 patrons at the dinner at Woodlands for the G.A.A. annual celebration. Fr. Kelly, P.P., welcomed everyone. Mr. Jimmy Lenihan gave a detailed account of the club's greatest year in competitions. Mr. Michael Weekes was presented with a token of thanks, as was also his wife.

He, in turn, gave the junior hurlers a set of miniature hurleys as a token of all their hard work during the year.

Another party for the under-age teams will be held in Kilfinny Hall on November 28, at 9.30 p.m.

Please come along to the card drives in Croagh on Tuesday nights and Kilfinny Hall on Sundays. They start at 9 p.m. Everyone is more than welcome.

Croagh-Kilfinny

The Feast of All Saints is this Saturday. There will be Vigil Masses in Croagh at 7.30 and Kilfinny at 8.30. Then on Saturday, Masses at 10.15 a.m. in Kilfinny and in Croagh at 11.30 a.m.

Our U-15 hurling team beat Knockaderry in the championship at Quaid Park. Team: Conor Madigan, Seamus Lenihan (captain), Edmund Madigan (man of the match), Eamon Roche, Gerard Noonan, Paddy Hannon, Pat Doab, Noel Hannon, Aiden Boyce, Liam Sheehy, Barry Lenihan, Niall Quille, Paddy Hannon, Tomas Neville, Paul Noonan, Michael Looney. Subs.: Paudie O'Connor, Joseph Stokes.

At Bruff, this Sunday, the junior team will tog out against Castle-town in the semi-final of the West. Let us hope the winning streak is still with them. The match will be at 2.30 p.m.

CO. JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP:

CLAUGHAUN GO DOWN BY NINE POINTS MARGIN

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Claughaun 3-3

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G.A.A.: Ballingarry junior team defeated us by 4 points in a very exciting game last Thursday.

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The subs. were D. Lenihan, Donie Neville.

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NO STOPPING CROAGH

Croagh-Kilfinny must be in line for the title of Top G.A.A. Club in the division. On Monday night last they defeated Tournafulla to win yet another title. This time it was the turn of the club's under 12 football team.

CO. JUNIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP: 25/10/86

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Croagh/ Kilfinny

There will be a meeting of the community council in Croagh (tonight) Thursday, March 19, at 8 p.m.

Mass will be in Kilfinny for Lent tonight and every Thursday at 8 p.m., and in Croagh tomorrow at 9.30 a.m. and 8 p.m., also for Lent.

The first match in the junior league against Rathkeale was played on Sunday last in the G.A.A. pitch in Croagh. The final score was a win for Rathkeale 2-11 and Croagh 1-9. The team we fielded was as follows: Jim Sheehy, John Hannon, Michael Hanley, Michael Conway (captain), Charles Hanley, Maurice O'Connor, Seamus Hannon, Michael O'Brien (Croagh), Richard Chawke, Tom Moloney, Joe Hannon, Donal Piggott, Sean Donnelly, Michael Aherne, Maurice Mescall. The subs.: Johnny Doab, Patrick Lenihan, Pat Condon. The next training session will be on Sunday at Walls Field at 12 noon. We expect to see everyone at this most important session.

Our under-14 team made a start with a win for Adare last week. The team was as follows: Patrick Doab, Tomas O'Connor, Paul Noonan, Michael Prendeville, Aenus Lane, P. J. Murphy, Conor Roche, Michael Looney, Eddie Madigan, Paudie O'Connor, Niall Quille (captain), John Stokes, Paul Prendeville, Joe Giltenane and Michael Murphy. The subs. were: Michael Whelan, N. Schullyz, Sean Roche, Shane Quille, Sean Hayes.

GAA NEWS

On Tuesday night we had a practice match against Liscarroll in Croagh and it gave us all our time to get out a team with ex-

ams and injury and some of the lads coming late. We got started at 8.15 p.m. minus six of our regulars and Liscarroll taking the game to us. They led at half time 4-6 to 1-4.

For the second half, we made a few switches and played a bit better. We had some good play from Moss O'Connor, Mike O'Brien, Joe Hannon, Seamus Lenihan. We scored two goals and three points to 1 point for Liscarroll. Final score was 4-7 to 3-7, not a great performance.

Team: Mike Ahern, John Hannon, Mike Hanley, Mike Conway (capt), Richie Chawke, Moss O'Connor, Brendan O'Connor, Mike O'Brien, Joe Hannon, Tom Moloney, Joe Collins, Pat Condon, John Doab, Maurice Mescall, John Quille.

Sub Seamus Lenihan for Pat Condon, Jim Sheehy for John Quille.

Man of the match Mike Conway.

On Saturday 20th we played Killeedy in the losers group semi final in Coolyroe, under 12. At half time Killeedy led 1 goal to no score. We made some shrewd switches, with Tomas O'Connor coming out of goals to centre back and Mike Long switching to centre forward, a move which paid off as Mike Looney proceeded

to play brilliantly scoring seven points without reply. Final score Croagh Kilfinny 7pts.

Killeedy 1-0. We meet Tour-nafula in the final. Outstanding in this game were backs Tomas O'Connor, Jason Doab, Seamus Roche, Mike Looney, first at centre back and at centre forward in the second half. Tomas Neville and Gary O'Riordan at midfield, forwards Rory Keating, Stephen Clarke, Mike Whelan, Noel Noonan also impressed. Team Tomas O'Connor, Jason Doab, Seamus Roche, Emmet Roche, Kevin Lane, Mike Looney, Ger Maune, Tomas Neville, Gary O'Riordan, Rory Keating, Stephen Clarke, Dermot Prendeville, Aeneas O'Connor, Mike Whelan, Noel Noonan.

Subs Darragh Keating, Colm Hannon, Mike Madigan, Paul Sheehy, Tomas O'Riordan, Neville Roche, David Maune. Man of the match was Michael Looney, scorer of seven points.

KILFINNY

CROAGH 4-2
BALLINGARRY 1-1

Kilfinny/Croagh emerged victorious with a clear 10 point margin over hot favourites Ballingarry in the final of the West Limerick primary schools Division 3 contest played in Wall's Field on June 11th. Although heavily defeated by Ballingarry in the earlier rounds of the competition the Kilfinny/Croagh boys were determined to gain revenge and this they did in style. Having led by a relatively comfortable eight points margin at half time the Kilfinny/Croagh team

withstood tremendous pressure from a gallant Ballingarry side throughout the second half. In what was indeed a great team effort the 'Man of the match' award was shared by the O'Connor brothers, Paudie who captained the team and led by example from midfield and Tomas in goals who made some brilliant saves and telling clearances. Others who shone included P.J. Murphy and S. Roche in the backs, P.J. Lane in midfield, and S. Quille and M. Whelan in the forwards.

Team and scorers: T. O'Connor, P.J. Murphy, T. Neville, S. Roche, P. Mulcaire, P. O'Connor (1-2), P.J. Lane, S. Quille, D. Piggott, M. Whelan (2-0), T. McCarthy (1-0).

Subs included J. Cussen, D. Hayes, D. Scully, S. O'Neill, M. Lane, A. O'Connor and D. Kelly.

31-1-87 Cappagh

A special thank you from Patsy Noonan to everybody who sponsored him for the marathon card game played at Ballyhahil recently. This card game was in aid of the West Limerick Community Workshop for the Handicapped.

The following are the teams to represent the parish this year's Community Games in draughts and quiz. Draughts under 14 — Brian Whelan, Michael Boyle, Marie Meehan, Aeneas Lane, Kenneth Hayes, Paul Prendeville and Kevin Lane. Quiz under 14 — Linda Prendeville, Caroline Walsh, Mark Kelly, Aeneas Lane and Paul Prendeville.

The best of luck is extended to all the competitors from the parish who are competing in the Munster final of the Readoiri competitions in Freemount on this Sunday.

A talent show meeting takes place at the Community Centre on this Friday night at 8.30 p.m.

The annual general meeting of the Handball Club was held at the Community Centre on Monday night, January 19. There was a great attendance. Mr. Michael Bourke, the outgoing chairman, presided. In his address, he said he was happy to tell the delegates that once again the local club had done tremendous work during the past year. He congratulated those who had gained divisional and county honours and was high in his praise to those who gave of their time in the promotion of the game, and to all those who were successful in junior and senior Scor, saying the social side of the club was once again a strong unit of our organisation and long may it remain.

Moss Hennessy, secretary, gave a detailed account of the year's happenings. The financial account was put before the meeting by the treasurer, Mr. Sean O'Grady.

The outgoing chairman did not seek re-election to this position. He thanked all those who helped him in his years in office and he wished the club every success in the future. Other speakers were Rev. P. de Burca, P.P., Michael O'Donnell, chairman, Muintir na Tire, and Breda Stokes, Co. Limerick Camogie Board.

Officers elected for 1987 are as follows: president, Rev. P. de Burca, P.P.; vice-president, Mr. Michael Bourke; chairman, Mr. Tony Hayes; vice-chairman, Mr. Michael Stokes; secretary, Mr. Moss Hennessy; asst. secretary, Mrs. Geraldine Histon; treasurer, Mr. Sean O'Grady; joint treasurer, Mr. P. J. O'Riordan; reps. to Co. Handball Board, Tony and Donal Hayes. The meeting concluded with a meal served by the ladies committee.

First meeting of the club for 1987 will take place at the Community Hall on Monday night, February 2, at 8.30 p.m.