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**Croom Retain
Title.**

**West Limerick Hurling
Championship.**

**CONVINCING WIN OVER
RATHKEALE.**

(From Our Reporter)

CROOM (County Champions) won their sixth successive title as Senior Hurling Champions of West Limerick by defeating Rathkeale in the Divisional Final which was decided at Ballingarry Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last in the presence of a record gathering. There was no mistaking the merits of their victory which was as conclusive as it was convincing, although it took them about three-quarters of an hour to get the measure of one of the best Rathkeale selections seen in action for many seasons.

In fairness to the Deelsiders it must be readily conceded that they put up a splendid fight to the bitter end. They successfully held the Champions during the opening moiety, and were leading by a point at the interval. On the general run of the play up to this period, it looked as if they well might succeed in achieving a long cherished but most elusive ambition.

In the second half, however, they faced the decided disadvantage of a blinding sun, and it was soon evident that the Champions were out to make the most of the change over. It was also clear that a big improvement in the Croom combination had been achieved by a number of positional changes, the result of which was quickly reflected in the forward line. After having given a remarkably good account of itself for forty-five minutes, the Rathkeale defence eventually yielded to repeated onslaughts. Before the end, the Maigueside forwards returned to their old form with a scoring spree that resulted in a quartette of goals, thus removing the issue beyond all reasonable doubt. There was still plenty of hard hitting, but it was painfully clear many minutes before the final whistle that Rathkeale's bolt had been shot, and that the Champions were well on the way to another title.

STARS IN ACTION.

The game did not quite come up to the expectations of the large crowd that attended from all parts of the county. There were many brilliant passages, it was true, but on the whole play was inclined to be rather scrappy, and there was much faulty hitting on both sides. This defect, however, was more than compensated for by some outstanding individual displays. In the opening half Mick Foley, the ex-county Rathkeale man, gave one of the best performances of his career, and had the best of the exchanges with Jim Roche, the versatile skipper of the Croom team. The Limerick captain more than redeemed himself in the second moiety when he outplayed the Rathkeale youth, who seemed to be suffering from the effects of a couple of rather serious injuries. The Cregan brothers, Griffin, Butler, Purcell, Carroll and Simcox were outstanding in a Croom combination that was almost completely perfect. Larkin, Cahill, Shire, Keating, J. Brennan and the Keane brothers were amongst the best of the Rathkeale men.

Ballingarry's new Gaelic Grounds were in excellent condition for the final, and congratulations are due to Mr. Tommie Reidy and the local Gaels for the manner in which the arrangements were carried out. In spite of the heavy task imposed on them, the stewards maintained perfect order throughout, and the effective stewarding enabled everyone present to enjoy a clear view of the game. The record attendance included many officials and ex-officials and members of the County Board, Mr. Bill Sheehan, the veteran Rathkeale Gael, and Vice-Chairman of the West Limerick Board, threw in the ball.

EXCITING MIDFIELD EXCHANGES.

Playing against a blinding sun in the opening half, Croom were early on the offensive, and a wide followed a long drive by Jim Roche. Shire and Larkin came to the rescue for Rathkeale when the Champions resumed the attack from the delivery. After some exciting midfield exchanges, in which Jim Roche and Martin Butler (Croom) and Mick Foley and Tim Larkin (Rathkeale) were prominent, Butler succeeded in getting away to open a determined Croom drive. Things were looking critical for the Deelsiders when Christy Lynch, between the posts, saved his net in spectacular style, a performance which he repeated many times before the end of the game. Rathkeale conceded a 70, and Jackie Purcell made the most of the penalty, but Peter Brennan cleared and Mick Foley sent to the other end where an over was the only result. A further Rathkeale attack was spoilt by a foul, and Roche sent the free well in for Christy Lynch to effect another spectacular save from a stinging shot by Hartigan. Tim Larkin and Mick Foley were in the van of the determined counter-attack for Rathkeale, whose forwards were pressing when Bill Griffin cleared to the safety zone. Here the Champions were penalised, and Mick Cahill made no mistake with the penalty puck which he sent over the bar for the first score of the game.

RATHKEALE REGAIN LEAD.

Howard saved the Croom net when Mick Foley returned for the Deelsiders, and when the Rathkeale men resumed the offensive a few minutes later the forwards lost a good scoring opportunity, and sent wide. Mick Cahill failed with a penalty forty yards out and after Birmingham had cleared, a free enabled Peter Cregan to send down the field again. Mulcahy cleared for the Deelsiders and Larkin sent the forwards attacking. D. Keane was out of luck to miss the objective by inches. Then the Champions took up the running, and following up a long drive by Jim Roche, Sexton cut through to put Croom on the lead with an unbeatable ball to the net. The lead, however, was short lived, as Rathkeale retaliated with determination, and Mick Foley finished off a grand effort with a goal, to restore the lead for the Deelsiders. Rathkeale had somewhat the best of matters for the remainder of the first moiety, but their forwards missed some chances, and at half-time the position was: Rathkeale, 1-1; Croom, 1-0.

CHAMPION'S GREAT RALLY.

Rathkeale were pressing soon after the resumption, but Larry O'Connor cleared in style, and Roche and Butler sent well in. Peter Brennan came to the rescue when the Rathkeale defence was being severely tested but Roche soon returned the attack from a free. Despite a determined resistance from the Rathkeale defence, Purcell succeeded in getting possession from a favourable angle to send over the bar, and thus bring the scores to a level for the second time during the hour. Encouraged by this success, Croom again took up the running following some exciting midfield exchanges, and Simcox brought a successful issue with a grand shot to the net. The Champions were now on top, but the issue was still in doubt. After Lynch, in the Rathkeale net, had made a marvellous save, the Croom forwards again forced the pace, and Sexton added a goal for the winners. Rathkeale replied with determination, and a series of cleverly combined offensives was rewarded with a point from Staunton who sent over the bar from far out.

CROOM IN SCORING MOOD.

Attacking from the puck-out, Purcell pointed for the winners, and a few minutes later Lawlor put the Champions a goal ahead with a hard drive to the net. A counter attack by Rathkeale failed for want of finish and Jim Roche returned for Croom from a free at midfield. Following an exciting scramble around the posts, Walsh came in to finish off a grand display of clever forward work with a shot to the net that gave Lynch no chance. Although Rathkeale's hope of a recovery was now entirely out of the question, the Deelsiders continued to fight the issue with admirable courage. Keane led a vigorous onslaught and John Brennan crashed home a great goal just a minute or two before the final whistle.

Mr. M. Fitzgibbon (Eire Og) was a very capable and impartial referee.

Croom—J. Roche (captain), M. Howard (goal), L. O'Connor, W. Griffin, T. Cregan, J. Purcell, P. Cregan, W. Birmingham, M. Butler, P. Carroll, C. Simcox, D. Hartigan, W. Sexton, P. Lawlor, D. Walsh.
Rathkeale—T. Larkin (capt.), C. Lynch (goal), J. Shire, W. Mulcahy, P. O'Grady, M. Cahill, P. Brennan, M. Keating, M. Foley, M. Keane, P. Foley, J. Brennan, J. Staunton, W. Cowhey, D. Keane.

**Croom Defeat Buttevant in
Carnival Tournament Final**

Croom, 3-4; Buttevant, 1-1.

Much interest centred in the meeting of Croom and Buttevant in the Final of the Buttevant Carnival Tournament on Sunday. Last year Buttevant scored victory over the same rivals in Dromcollogher Carnival. Early, Walsh goaled easily for the visitors and soon Cregan pointed from a free. These were the only scores of the first half. For the home team, Thornhill displayed the characteristic defence of his county standard. Carroll, in opposition, was at ease in frustrating attempts on the Limerick posts. Croom goaled and then Sadlier retched Buttevant's first score—a point. Scoring to ensure success, Croom countered a late rally by Buttevant as a result of a green flag raised by Callaghan.

Mr. W. Clancy (Mallow) was referee.
Croom—J. Roche, P. Cregan, R. Carroll, L. O'Connor, T. Cregan, M. Butler, M. Birmingham, J. Purcell, J. Simcox, R. Walsh, D. Hartigan, F. Costelloe, P. Lawlor, J. Cregan, P. Madden.
Buttevant—G. Sadlier, B. Thornhill, T. Sexton, D. O'Callaghan, W. Ryan, J. Burke, J. O'Callaghan, J. O'Mahony, D. Driscoll, D. Ryan, J. Pratt, M. Madden.

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**Croom G.A.A. Club
Annual Meeting**

MR. W. BURKE presided at the annual meeting of the Croom G.A.A. Club in the Town Hall, Croom, on Thursday night. There was a large attendance and other officers in attendance were: Messrs. L. Jones, vice-Chairman; J. Sheahan, Treas.; P. Cregan, Asst. Treas. and J. English, Secy.

The balance sheet showed a balance on hands of £8 17s. 6d.

Mr. Jones in paying tribute to the Sec. for his record of the year's activities of the club also complimented the Treas., Mr. J. Sheahan, and the vice-Treas. P. Cregan, and appealed to the younger members to strive and keep the G.A.A. on a sound footing in Croom.

The outgoing officers were returned unopposed.

It was decided, as a means of giving players sound training, to organise a district league between Banogue, Manister, Carrigeen and Honeypond, early in the season.

It was decided to affiliate senior, junior and minor hurling teams.

A vote of thanks was passed to Mr. P. Halpin who placed the hall at the disposal of the club for its meetings during the year.

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Croom Enter S.H. Final By Good Win Over Knockaderry

IN the semi-final of the Co. Limerick senior hurling championship played at Rathkeale on Sunday last, Croom had a convincing win over a fancied Knockaderry side on the score of 3-6 to 2-3.

Ground conditions, due to the recent heavy rains and in particular to a heavy shower in the district an hour before the match was due to start, militated against good hurling. Despite adverse weather conditions a large crowd of spectators turned out to witness the game. It was estimated that upwards of three thousand people were present.

Croom team turned out at full strength while Knockaderry were short two of their regular players—Tim Larkin and Jerry Fitzgerald were absentees because of injuries. No doubt Knockaderry felt the loss of these two players whose places were filled by J. Keating and B. Sheahan both of whom fully justified their inclusion in the team. Croom's fieldcraft and experience and positional play were deciding factors in their great win. P. Cregan, Joe Cregan and Murphy formed the nucleus of a good Croom back division which held a firm grip of the game all through the hour, and which time and again frustrated the Knockaderry attacks.

MIDFIELD ADVANTAGE

Croom held the advantage at mid-field, and try as they did to turn the tide with several positional changes, Knockaderry failed to subdue the opposition.

In the Knockaderry defence, Liston in goal, Guiry, Keating, Roche and Danaher were tireless workers. Knockaderry forward division never seemed to reach the form they showed in earlier games, and it was in this department that they seemed to be weakest. Scores were level at half time and it appeared to be anyone's game then.

Early in the second half Croom asserted their superiority and added two goals and three points to their interval score of one goal and two points, without reply from their opponents. It was all Croom at this stage and the game was well in their hands. Late in the second half Knockaderry scored one goal and one point from frees in a rally that was short-lived, as Croom again assumed the offensive and after repeated attacks Tom Cregan (Croom) finished the scoring with a well-deserved point.

A marked feature of the game was the number of frees all through the hour. These were in the main due to the state of conditions underfoot. Hurling, though not brilliant, was hard and determined and resolved itself mostly into ground play. Best for the winners were the Cregan brothers, Morrissey, the Mullane brothers, Murphy, Chawke and Costello, while Knockaderry were best served by Liston, Guiry, Roche, Browne, Sean Danaher, Quaid and O'Grady.

Before the game Mr. William Sheahan, Life President of the West Limerick Board G.A.A. addressed the teams on behalf of the Rathkeale Gaels and asked them and the spectators to honour the

Croom Beat Young Ireland In Replay

Croom, 3-1; Young Ireland, 2-2.

CROOM defeated Young Ireland by 3-1 to 2-2, in the Limerick Hurling Championship replay, at Limerick, yesterday.

Conditions ruled out stylish hurling, but the closeness of the score all through made up for what the game lacked in the spectacular.

Croom were pace-makers most of the way, but near the end the losers put in a gallant bid to pull the game out of the fire.

Scorers for Croom were Chaulke (2-0), Morrissey (0-1), Sexton (1-0). Young Ireland replied per Hogan (1-0), Madden (1-0), Barry (0-1), and Ryan (0-1).

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PLAN TO DEVELOP CROOM GROUNDS.

A delegation of the Limerick County Board, G.A.A., met representatives of the Croom G.A.A. Club and two trustees of the Croom Gaelic Grounds at a meeting, held in the Vocational School, to discuss ways and means of putting the Croom Gaelic Grounds "on the map" again. The meeting, recognising the importance of these grounds in the development of Gaelic games and the part they had taken in the past in this regard, examined in detail several suggestions and schemes.

It was decided to put certain proposals before the County Board, G.A.A., and if accepted, that a committee be formed consisting of three nominees each from Croom Hurling Club and the County Board.

Members of the County Board present at the meeting were Very Rev. E. Punch, P.P., Chairman; Mr. J. O'Connell, Secretary, and Mr. M. Fitzgibbon, Treasurer. Mr. William Clifford, Munster Council trustee, was also in attendance. The Croom Hurling Club was represented by Messrs. L. Jones, Vice-President; J. English, Secretary; J. Roche, and I. Ryan. The two trustees of the field present were Messrs. D. B. O'Donnell and James Moriarty, P.C.

Knockaderry won the toss and played with a slight breeze in their favour. A light shower fell in the first few minutes but the weather was dry for the rest of the hour. Croom went into the attack immediately but were driven back and play swung to the other end. Both sides had several overs before S. Chawke opened Croom's account with a great goal. From the puck-out Knockaderry went into the attack and when Croom were penalised J. Danaher made no mistake—he sent over the bar for a point for Knockaderry. Croom resumed the attack and Morrissey had a brace of points from frees. Play at this stage was scrappy as players found it very hard to control the leather and ten minutes elapsed before the next score came—a point for Knockaderry by J. Danaher.

Time was running close to the half-hour when from a melee in front of the Croom goal-mouth Sheehy lashed to the net to leave the sides level at the interval.

CROOM DOMINATE

On the resumption Croom went straight into the attack and Morrissey sent over the bar for a great point. A few minutes later, the same player from a 21 yards free sent to the net to put Croom four points ahead. At this stage the men from the Maigne-side dominated the game and M. Mullane and Tom Cregan kept their forwards well fed with the ball. Costello put Croom further ahead with a grand goal which was supplemented by a point from Morrissey. From the puck-out Knockaderry went into the attack and Wilson in the Croom goal conceded a 70 in making a great save from Quaid. Danaher took the free and sent over the bar for Knockaderry's first score in the second

Croom Minors Were Too Good For Adare

CROOM had a well-deserved win over Kilfinny in the first round of the West Limerick Minor Hurling Championship at Adare on Sunday.

THE PLAY.

Playing with the advantage of the breeze, Croom were first away but sent all the way to the net. Keeping up the pressure, W. Cregan again goaled, this time from touch. W. Cronin crashed home a third goal for Croom, before Bourke (Kilfinny) pointed from a 21 yards' free to finish the scoring for the first half. At the interval, Croom led 3 goals to 1 point for Kilfinny.

SECOND HALF.

In the second moiety, Croom were first away, and W. Cronin pointed. Kilfinny fought determinedly, but were dogged with hard luck until Bourke centred a nice ball, which was pounced on by the Kilfinny forwards, who rushed it to the net to give them their first goal. After this, however, Kilfinny seemed to tire and Croom, taking command, had scores in quick succession—Potter pointed; Cronin had a goal, followed by a point per J. Martin. Three fast goals came from J. Hannan (2) and Potter, before Kilfinny closed the scoring of the game with a goal per Bourke, from a close-in free.

Mr. J. Brennan, Rathkeale, refereed. Best for Croom were: Cregan, F. Moriarty, J. Martin, Cantwell brothers, J. Hannan, while Kilfinny were best served by Bourke, Whelan, J. Power, Neville brothers.

The following were the teams:—
Croom: W. Cregan, J. Butler, M. O'Toole, James Cantwell, Jed Cantwell, D. Cantwell, K. O'Brien, F. Moriarty, J. Hannan, J. Hannan, M. McDonald, P. Ryan, J. Martin, M. Potter, W. Cronin.

Kilfinny: J. Power, M. Barry, P. Kennely, M. Hartnett, M. Whelan, M. Hayes, M. Keane, T. Neville, B. Neville, R. Neville, C. Casey, J. Cahill, M. Broderick.

and from the free he drove all the way to the net for Knockaderry's last score of the game. Time was now running out and Tom Cregan getting possession at mid-field eluded several Knockaderry players and sent over the bar for the last score of the match to leave Croom deserved winners—the final score being: Croom, 3-6; Knockaderry, 2-3. Mr. W. O'Donoghue (Young Irelands) refereed in his usual capable manner.

Croom: J. Wilson, P. Hall, M. Sexton, Joe Cregan, M. Murphy, P. Cregan, L. Connors, T. Cregan, M. Mullane, B. Mullane, J. Morrissey, C. Simcox, W. Costello, E. Chawke, D. McCarthy.

Knockaderry: P. Liston, P. O'Grady, D. Guiry, J. Keating, J. Roche, J. Danaher, J. Hannan, P. Browne, S.

Croom Hurlers And Footballers Figure In Promising Wins

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IT looks like being a really successful season for the Croom G.A.A. Club. To date the club has won three South Divisional titles—juvenile hurling and football, and minor football. Last Sunday the minor footballers retained their crown against the challenge of Galbally, while the juveniles scored a good win over the same opposition in the decider of this grade.

After a most exciting game, Croom retained the South Divisional minor football title when they defeated Galbally in this year's final at the Sportsfield, Kilmallock, by 3 goals and 3 points to 2 goals and 3 points.

It was an excellent display of football between two evenly matched teams, and Galbally may be regarded as being a shade unlucky to have been beaten. They had a fine style of football, but their stronger opponents, who were also keen exponents of the game, were faster to the ball and made more headway when in possession.

Galbally seemed to have the game well in hand in the first half, and entering the closing minutes of this period, they led by 2 goals and 3 points to 1 goal and 1 point. Then Croom rallied in fine style and a goal and a point in quick succession left the position at half-time, Galbally, 2 goals and 3 points; Croom, 2 goals and 2 points.

On the re-start, Croom got quickly into their stride and had an early goal that gave them the lead, and they added a point soon after to give them a clear goal lead. There was tense excitement from then to the end of the game, during which Galbally fought desperately for the levelling score, and the winners sought to increase their lead, the game ended in a welter of excitement without further scores.

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

Scorers for Croom were: J. Barry, J. Carroll, H. Tierney, S. Casey. Scorers for Galbally were: T. Burke, M. Ryan, P. Burke and T. Lonergan.

BEST IN 20 YEARS

Presenting the cup for the championship to P. Kearney, captain of the Croom team, Mr. P. J. Ryan, Chairman of the South Limerick Board, congratulated both teams on a fine display, which he described as the best minor final in 20 years.

turned the tide in their favour.

Scorers for Croom were — J. Carroll, G. Cagney, M. Barry, M. Sullivan and P. Moore. Scorers for Knocklong were J. O'Connell, P. Burke, W. Burke and P. J. Graham.

Mr. P. Fitzgerald, Croom, refereed.

CROOM JUVENILES WIN

There was no doubting Croom's superiority in the juvenile football final, played at Kilmallock, and they ran out worthy winners of the title by defeating Galbally by 6-4 to 1-3.

Croom have already won three South Limerick titles this year so far, namely, the juvenile hurling and football titles and the minor football title. In addition, they are in the final of the South Limerick minor hurling championship, in which they meet Effin on Sunday next at Kilmallock.

In the juvenile football title, Croom played a type of clever football for which Galbally had no answer. From the very first minutes, when S. Sheahan went through for a Croom goal, the winners never looked back. They led at half-time by 3 goals and 3 points to 1 point, and, though Galbally showed up in better light in the second half, Croom had virtually no difficulty in taking the title.

Scorers for Croom were — S. Sheahan, T. Carroll, J. Carroll, P. Moore and L. Bennett. Scorers for Galbally were—C. J. O'Neill, T. Lonergan and P. Hyland.

The game was refereed by Lt. Vincent Blythe, Limerick.

ANOTHER CROOM WIN

Effin and Croom qualified for the South Divisional minor hurling final at Kilmallock when they defeated Bruff and Knocklong, respectively, in the semi-finals.

In the first game, Effin were clear winners by 7 goals and 8 points to 3 goals and 2 points, but in the second game, Croom (holders) were hard pressed to defeat Knocklong by 5 goals and 3 points to 3 goals and 5 points.

Effin, playing with the advantage of the breeze, had the better of the first half exchanges and led by 1 goal and 4 points to 1 point. The second half was only four minutes old when Bruff drew level with two fast goals, and then took the lead with a point in the 8th minute. A minute later, however, Effin levelled the scoring and from then to the end were in command.

Scorers for Effin were: J. Kiely, M. Burke, M. Sheedy, B. Burke, M. Buckley, C. O'Callaghan and D. Sheehan. Scorers for Bruff were P. Quirke, J. Moloney and J. O'Meara.

Mr. J. Lowry, Croom, refereed.

The second match was the better of the two. Croom, after securing a few fortunate scores, and after playing with the breeze, led at half-time by 5 goals and 3 points to 1 goal and 1 point. Knocklong set about their work in earnest in the second half, but the arrears were too much and Croom just held on in an exciting finish to win by four points. Croom were held scoreless in the second moiety, but the fact that they made full use of their opportunities in the first half

CROOM 1957 HURLING CLUB: ANNUAL MEETING

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All outgoing officers were re-elected as follows:—

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JUNIOR HURLING WIN FOR CROOM ^{Sept 56}

Croom 9-10; Croagh-Kilfinny 0-2

At the Gaelic Grounds, Adare, before a fairly large attendance, Croom defeated Croagh-Kilfinny in the Junior Hurling Championship, "A" Division.

Early in the game Croom showed their superiority and within ten minutes registered three goals and four points. Croagh-Kilfinny then rallied and secured a point. Croom however, added further scores but Neville had another point for Croagh-Kilfinny to leave the half-time score Croom 4-7, Croagh-Kilfinny 0-2.

On resumption Croagh-Kilfinny made many positional changes but Croom were superior in all sections and ran out easy winners in a one-sided second half.

Best for Croom were Cregan and Cantwell brothers, and McDonnell, and for Croagh-Kilfinny Nevilles Houlihan and Fitzgibbons.

CROOM FOR FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL

Croom, 2-6; Kilmallock, 0-1.

Croom qualified for the semi-final of the South Limerick Football Championship at Bruff on Sunday, when they defeated Kilmallock in the quarter final by 2 goals and 6 points to 1 point. There was no doubting Croom's superiority and they had the better of the exchanges all through. Croom led at the interval by 2 goals and 3 points to nil.

Mr. M. Sexton, Bruree, refereed.

PASSING OF A GREAT-HEARTED ^{kc 58} LIMERICK GAEL

THE death of Mr. William (Bill) Griffin, Old I.R.A. man, Gaelic League enthusiast and well-known hurier, has created a void in the hearts of the people of Manister and Croom that will never be filled (writes our Ballingarry correspondent). A highly respected member of the farming community, he was born at Ballymac, Manister, almost 57 years ago. He soon developed a keen love for his native land and a desire to right her wrongs as far as he could help. In his boyhood years he became a member of the Manister Company of Irish Volunteers and though never "on the run" he gleefully and faithfully carried out all duties given him by those in authority over him.

WORK FOR LANGUAGE AND HURLING

A country without a language and tradition did not appeal to him, so he worked for the revival of the Irish language and the revival of our national game of hurling. In was in this latter field he gained fame and distinction that will be spoken of whilst hurling lives in Croom and all over West Limerick. He served his apprenticeship, so to speak, with the Comogue Rovers at full-back, a position he held until his retirement from the game. In all, he played twenty-seven matches with the Comogue Rovers, who also won the South Championship on three occasions. He first played with Croom in the postponed final of the Junior County Championship, 1922, against Shamrocks, which was played in 1923 or early 1924 owing to the troubled period at the time. Croom won.

GREAT RECORD

From 1927 on, he played regularly with Croom and had six West Limerick Championship medals. In 1929, playing with Croom, he occupied the position of wing-back, Ter Mangan being in the full-back, against Cappamore, who were defeated in the Senior County Championship. In 1940 and 1941, back in his old position, Croom defeated Ahane in the Senior County Championship. He was picked as full-back in the West Limerick Divisional team, which in the Secondary League of the 1930's defeated the mid-Cork and Kerry teams. Played with Croom against Clare at Rathkeale, which resulted in a draw, but in the re-play Clare won by a small margin. He was counted as one of the best full-backs Limerick ever produced. Of powerful physique, he was an extremely fast sprinter. His clashes with Paddy McMahon, of Kildimo and later of Ahane, were outstanding features of the 1934-'41 period. Fearless, but scrupulously fair, he was a most lovable character and a genuine sportsman. He was a member of the Manister tug-o-war team, a lover of the longtalls and a first-class solo player. Deceased was holder of a service medal, in recognition of his work for Ireland.

OLD I.R.A. HONOURS AT FUNERAL

The funeral from Manister Church to the family burial ground at Fedamore was one of the largest ever seen in the district. A Guard of Honour of Manister Old I.R.A. accompanied the remains. A Firing Party composed of Old I.R.A. from Manister and Croom, under the charge of Lieut. James Bennett, Croom, fired a volley over his grave. The prayers at the graveside were recited by Very Rev. Father O'Kelly, P.P., Manister; Very Rev. Canon Martin, P.P., Croom; Rev. D. MacDon

11/7/58
**Easy Win
 For Croom
 Over Banogue**

Croom 9-5;
 Banogue 1-0.

Croom had an easy passage to the final of the South Limerick Minor Hurling championship when at Kilmallock on Sunday they defeated Banogue by 9 goals and 5 points to 1 goal.

Croom, having the better in all departments, led at the interval by 5 goals and 1 point to 1 goal, and though Banogue did try gallantly in the second half, their full line of forwards found the Croom defence too much.

Scorers for Croom were: P. Cregan, V. Cagney, C. Lucy and J. Costelloe, while Banogue's score was obtained by S. Donworth.

Croom now meet either Castle-town, Knocklong or Effin in the final on the 10th or 17th August.

Mr. P. Fitzgerald, Bruree, refereed.

Sept 1958
**LAST OF GREAT GROUP
 OF HURLERS**



Above shows Mr. Paddy Buskin, Ballygriffin, Croom, last of a great group of old Limerick hurlers. Hale and hearty at 85, he still wields the caman, but only to show his grandson, Tommy Carroll, and the youth of the district how things were done by the old Gaels of his time. Tommy, also seen in the picture, is a brilliant pupil of Croom Vocational School, winner recently of an Agricultural Scholarship. He intends to carry out his studies at Pallaskenry Agricultural College.

5/2/58
CROOM

At the general meeting of the Croom G.A.A. Club the following officers were elected:—

Chairman, Mr. G. Lowry; Vice-Chairman, Mr. W. Jones, N.T.; Joint Hon. Secs., Mr. J. English and Mr. E. O'Shea, N.T.; Treasurer, Mr. M. McDonnell.

Former Chairman, Mr. James Roche, did not go forward for election and was elected Hon. Life President of the Club.

Mr. G. Lowry, newly elected Chairman, expressed sympathy with Mr. James Roche and Miss Halvey on the death of their brothers, and one minute's silence was observed.

1959
CROOM CLUB

Mr. Gerald Lowry, Chairman, presiding at the annual general meeting of Croom Club, informed the large attendance of members what a successful year the club had. "We have a proud record in the Southern division," he said, "having won the minor football championship trophy had come to Croom, and the junior football championship. It was the first time ever that a football championship treble had come to Croom. This is a record that the Gaels of Croom should be proud of, but though it was a great achievement to win Divisional honours in all three grades, the club should aspire to higher honours in the coming season."

Recently the club lost one of its greatest members in the person of the late Mr. Bill Griffin, and he would wish to tender to his family and relatives their very great sympathy; also to the family and relatives of the late Mr. Patrick (Sonny) O'Dwyer, whose death occurred recently.

A minute's silence was observed as a mark of respect.

The following officers (all outgoing) were re-elected:—

President, Rev. D. McCarthy, C.C.; Chairman, Mr. Gerald Lowry; Vice-Chairman, Mr. William Jones, N.T.; Treasurer, Mr. Michael McDonald; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Eamon O'Shea, N.T.; Assistant Hon. Secretary, Mr. Jack English.

1959
**Hurling And
 Football At
 Garryspillane
 Kilmallock**

Garryspillane 7-15;
 Dromin-Athlacca 1-1.

Galtee Rovers 3-4;
 Camogue Rovers 0-1.

Dromin-Athlacca made their exit from the South Limerick hurling championship proper at Kilmallock on Sunday, when they were defeated by Garryspillane in the first round by 7 gls. and 15 pts. to 1 gl. and 1 pt.

At the same venue, Galtee Rvs. defeated Camogue Rovers in the South Limerick football championship by 3 gls. and 4 pts. to 1 pt.

Both games were too one-sided to give the fair attendance present much to enthuse about, and long before the end of each, spectators had lost interest.

In the hurling game Dromin-Athlacca made a fight in the first half, and at half time Garryspillane led by 3 gls. and 5 pts. to 1 goal. In the second half Garryspillane took complete control and the Dromin-Athlacca defence was almost ineffective against the raids of the Garryspillane forwards, who had little difficulty in piling up a big score.

It was a particularly satisfying day for John J. Creed, of the Garryspillane team, who scored 6 gls. and 10 pts. of his side's total; other scorers were: J. J. Crawford (1-0), W. Lee (0-3), and T. Kelly (0-2).

Scorer for Dromin-Athlacca was

1959
Croom, 8-0; Bruff, 1-2

Croom captured the South Limerick Juvenile Hurling title at the Sportsfield, Kilmallock, on Tuesday evening when they defeated Bruff in the final by 8 goals to 1 goal and 2 points.

Although playing against the breeze, Bruff held Croom well for most of the first half, but then their forwards went on a scoring spree that brought four goals, without reply from Bruff, who were behind by 4 goals to nil at half time.

Turning over with the breeze, Bruff had an early point and looked as if they were going to make a close issue of it, but the stronger Croom team were playing well, and in a good finish made no mistake about taking the title from their weaker opponents.

Scorers for Croom were: P. Moore, N. O'Regan, J. Carroll and J. Howard. Scorers for Bruff were J. Moloney, J. Stapleton and P. O'Leary.

Referee, Peter Fitzgerald, Bruree.

Croom for J.F. Final

24/10/64
Point win over

Anglesboro'

CROOM 0-8
ANGLESBORO' 1-4

Croom created a first-class surprise in the South Limerick junior football championship at Bruff on Sunday, when they defeated fancied Anglesboro' in the semi-final by 0-8 to 1-4, and thus qualified for to meet Garryspillane.

It was a good, exciting game of football that gave the crowd much to enthuse about. Anglesboro' were fancied to win but it was Croom who started the scoring and had two early points. Anglesboro', however, rallied and went through for a goal, followed by a point. Croom fought back doggedly and levelled the scoring at half-time, when Anglesboro' were 1 goal and 2 points to Croom's 5 points.

SECOND HALF

Anglesboro' were expected to fare better in the second half, because they were turning over with the favour of the breeze, but again it was Croom that were first to score, a point early in the second period.

Croom improved with another point five minutes later, but Anglesboro' fought back and at the threequarter stage the teams were again level.

Midway through the last quarter, Croom ad a good point by Sean Quilty, one of their best marksmen, and during the remainder of the game, Anglesboro fought determinedly to get on terms, and were only prevented by the soundness of the Croom defence.

Scorers for Croom were: Sean Quilty (0-5), J. Cagney (0-2), and R. O'Donnell (0-1).

Scorers for Anglesboro': D. O'Donnell (1-1), P. Cahill (0-2) and R. O'Donnell (0-1).

Mr. J. Sheehan, Limerick, refereed.

TEAMS

Croom—T. Sweeney, T. Begley, M. Cusack, M. O'Donnell, J. Reidy, T. Lynch, S. Moloney, S. Quilty, D. Quilty, G. Cagney, M. Dee, G. Manning, J. Costelloe and J. Howard.

Anglesboro'—G. O'Donnell, T. Burke, W. Quane, W. Fraher, M. Hennebry, J. Hennebry, J. O'Donnell, P. Cahill, R. O'Donnell, W. Hennebry, D. O'Donnell, T. Quane, R. O'Donnell, M. Ryan and R. Casey.

CHAMPIONS

At Kilmallock last Sunday, Croom won their first South junior hurling championship, beating Knockainey 7-8 to 6-3.

At half-time, Knockainey, playing with the wind, led 5-1 to 2-4, but a great last quarter rally by Croom earned victory.

The Croom team was: Donie Quilty; D. Cusack, Sean Quilty, Alec Cregan; John Reidy, Tom Lynch, Steve Moloney; Gerry Cagney, Donal Cagney; Joe Carroll, Patsy Cregan, Gerard Cregan; Gerry Manning, Michael Cusack, John Howard.

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CROOM ADVANCE IN SOUTH M.H. CHAMPIONSHIP 1964

CROOM 9-4
BRUFF 2-0

Croom created a first-class surprise when they defeated the holders, Bruff, in the quarter final of this year's South Minor hurling.

Scorers (Croom) D. Carroll (5-0), S. Cregan (2-3), T. Collins and C. Shanahan (1-0 each) and E. Cregan (0-1); (Bruff) M. McAuliffe and J. Finucane (1-0 each).

CHAMPIONS FALL

3/10/64
Croom through to South J.H. final

Croom 7-11
Bruree 4-5

Playing good ground hurling, Croom won their way to the South Limerick junior hurling final at Kilmallock last Sunday, when they defeated Bruree (the holders) by 7-11 to 4-5.

The game was much more closely contested than the winning margin would suggest, and if the Bruree forward line availed of all the chances that came their way, particularly in the second half, the winning margin would have been smaller. But, nevertheless, Croom fully deserved their win. They were faster to the ball and when they got possession they got rid of it and kept clear of any trouble.

EARLY SCORES

Rather surprisingly, Croom showed good pace early on and had two early points per P. Cregan and D. Cagney, before Bruree went through for a goal by Liam Hogan. M. Potter put Bruree further ahead with a point, but in the 9th minute P. Cregan shot to the net for Croom. Three minutes later the same player had another Croom goal, to which T. Horgan replied with a point for Bruree. D. Cagney pointed for Croom in the

14th minute, and a minute later P. O'Brien had a Bruree point. Then came a scoring spree by Croom which brought points per G. Cregan (2), D. Cagney, P. Cregan, and G. Cagney and G. Manning shot to the net. Bruree rallied in the closing minutes of this half and had a goal (per R. Cotter) and a point (per L. Hogan), but Croom put themselves in a strong position with a goal by G. Manning to lead at half-time by 4 goals and 8 points to 2 goals and 4 points.

Things looked black for Bruree when J. Howard shot to the net for Croom after three minutes of the second half, and G. Manning added a point a minute later. Bruree, however, fought

back with traditional fighting spirit and had two goals in the sixth and 8th minutes, the scorers being T. Horgan and T. Cotter. Once again matters were not shaping well for Bruree when D. Cagney shot home a Croom goal, but R. Cotter (Bruree) replied with a point. That was entering the last quarter, and from there to the end Croom were in command, scoring a goal (per P. Cregan) and two points (per J. Carroll and P. Cregan) to win well.

Croom now meet Knockaney in the South final on Sunday next at Kilmallock at 2.30.

Referee was G. Fitzgerald, Rathkeale, who will also referee the final on Sunday next.

TEAMS

Croom—D. Quilty; D. Cusack, S. Quilty, A. Cregan; J. Reidy, T. Lynch, S. Moloney; G. Cagney, D. Cagney; J. Carroll, P. Cregan, G. Cregan; G. Manning, M. Cusack and J. Howard.

Bruree—Jim Horgan; F. Finn, J. Sexton, J. Wall; N. Doody, G. Horgan, John Horgan; G. Doody, P. O'Brien; T. Horgan, F. Randles, L. Hogan; R. Cotter, T. Cotter and M. Potter.

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CROOM COMPLETE SOUTH LIMERICK JUNIOR DOUBLE

Croom made 1964 a memorable season for both sides of the Gaelic family when, at Bruff, they defeated Garryspillane 3-5 to 1-4 to add the South Junior Football title to the Junior Hurling honours earlier secured (writes Caman).

Fitness was their sheet anchor in this tussle, for the Garryspillane lads gave as much as they got for a good portion of the hour and only threw in the gun in the final stages of play, when they were unable to keep pace with the still fast-moving Maigueside lads.

The discerning ones will probably give a fair slice of the credit to the Croom mid-field of Sean and Doney Quilty for the tremendous effort they put into both nailing every opposition challenge and initiating many scoring movements. Sean, particularly, ranged from defence to attack with remarkable persistence and he is certainly a footballer of very fine potential, who could be more than useful in county colours.

Croom, who lined out without that very useful forward, Gerry Manning, injured in the drawn county hurling final against Adare, had support of the fairly strong breeze in the opening spell, and used it to build an interval advantage of 2-4 to 0-2.

THE FITTER

Garryspillane proved their worth on the turnover, but Croom were able to muster the reserves of stamina to see them through, and in the closing stages their players were bobbing up all over the place, clear indication of their superior fitness, due undoubtedly to their strenuous hurling work.

That the winning side dove-tailed well can be judged from the fact that all the forwards and one of the mid-fielders co-operated in compiling their score—Joe Carroll (1-1), Sean Quilty (1-0), Michael Dee (1-0), Gerard Cagney (0-1), Gerard Cregan (0-1), John Costelloe (0-1) and Denis Cusack (0-1). The Garryspillane scorers in reply were: Ned Sampson (1-0), Pat Heffernan (0-2), John Tobin (0-1) and Mick Roche (0-1).

The full winning side was:—Tommy Sweeney, goal; Tom Begley, Mick Cusack, Mick McDonnell, captain; John Reidy, Tommy Lynch, Stephen Moloney, Sean and Doney Quilty, Gerard Cregan, Gerard Cagney, Michael Dee, Denis Cusack, John Costelloe, Joe Carroll. Sub., John Howard.

Croom's only previous win in South Limerick junior football was in 1958, whilst Garryspillane won the title for the only time in 1961. Kilmallock won both titles in the same season in both 1938 and 1939, a feat not achieved before or since, until Croom did it this season.

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Passing of noted Croom hurler

The unexpected and shock passing of Pat Mangan recalls Croom hurling in its heyday and six brothers who wore the club colours in years that cannot come again (writes "Caman").

The Mangans gave magnificent service to Croom. Johnny played with the old team in the early days of the Association, and the others (Tom, Mick, Ter, Pat and Jim) oftentimes played on the same team, whilst three wore County colours: Mick and Ter in the 1910 All-Ireland final, Tom in the 1921 All-Ireland final.

This is a proud family record and tribute in itself to the fame of the Mangans in Limerick's hurling story.

The Mangans were undoubtedly a very important part of Croom in their day and their contribution to Gaelic affairs during the great years was not confined to powerful deeds on the playing fields. The family also provided a training pitch for the team on their land at Carass.

The turn-out was usually a strong one, oftentimes exceeding the two score mark, yet Mrs. Mangan, with real old Irish hospitality, would insist on all having tea, with the result that the happy home was

the scene of many a grand again hopefully in Croom, and hurling gathering and the stories and the fun sometimes continued well into the night. The present enthusiastic workers there could complete the great revival by restoring the pitch to its former glory, and a happy thought might be to dedicate it to the memory of a family that not only provided a pitch in the past but gave untold service to Croom Gaeldom.

THEIR RECORD

Pat Mangan, with two of his brothers, Mick and Ter, were members of the Croom side that beat Rathkeale, 3-9 to 3-6, for the 1908 West Limerick final at Croagh on November 8, 1908. They later beat Caherline, 2-6 to 0-4, for their first county title, and had a notable triumph three weeks later when they defeated the pick of Limerick City by 5-12 to 1-2 in a contest in aid of the Father Casey Memorial Fund. They also won the Murphy Cup two years in succession (1908 and 1909), but were beaten by a grand Castleconnell side in the 1909 county final.

Pat Mangan was to give many glorious years of hurling service to Croom and he captained the teams that won the county senior titles of 1920 and 1924, beating Fedamore in both finals. They also had a notable triumph when they captured the Father Connolly gold medal tournament honours.

For more than two score of years the Mangans played a notable part in the hurling story of Croom, and when the full story of the period is told the part played by Pat will be found to have been considerable. His death severs a great family link and I think only Tom now remains of that magnificent sextette. May God be with them all.

Things Gaelic are stirring

For years I had as a fairly constant visitor one of the old stock of Croom Gaeldom, who delighted in telling of great days by the Maigue. The ghosts of the past must haunt the old hosting place where so many of the grand teams of the past did Championship battle. It would be like the litany of the dead men to recall many of the great ones that played there, some well over half-a-century ago.

One memory calls up many others as far as Croom is concerned, and older readers will still have vivid memories of a later era by the Maigue when the popular grounds there was the scene of some unforgettable county championship ties, and a few inter-county ones that merit special remembrance.

No wonder the old veteran was often sad as he recalled the stirring days of youth, thought again of the great hostings of after years—the crowded touchlines, the cheers that echoed and re-echoed, the hurling heroes, the visitors from all the great hurling centres of Ireland, the rival colours, the beggars, the ballad singers, the musicians, packed trains, the brown stout and brave talk flowing so freely afterwards — and then wondered what had happened the grand days that brought such pleasure to all.

Croom retain South hurling title BANOGUE DEFEATED IN CLOSE GAME AT BRUREE

CROOM 2-7
BANOGUE 0-9

Croom retained their South Limerick hurling title at Bruree on Sunday when they defeated Banogue in this year's final by 2-7 to 0-9. Croom having led at half-time by 1-4 to 0-5.

The hurling was not of a very high standard but the game was very closely contested and three times during the first half the teams were level. Then Gerry Manning had a goal for Croom which put them in a good position at half-time. However, they were facing a fairly stiff breeze in the second half, but they hurled like champions, and try as they would, Banogue could only get within a point of them. Then three minutes from time Gerry Manning was once again the man of the match for Croom when he clinched the issue with a good goal.

THE PLAY

Two minutes after the start John Sheahan opened the scoring with a point for Banogue, but a minute later Patsy Cregan levelled the scoring. Patsy Cregan was again on the mark in the fifth minute with a Croom point, and a minute later Joe Carroll put Croom two points ahead. Andy Donworth in the 10th minute and James Mulcahy in the 12th minute levelled the scoring with points for Banogue. Once again John Sheahan put Banogue ahead with a point in the 16th minute, but Joe Carroll again levelled the scoring with a Croom point. Then two minutes from half-time G. Manning went through for Croom's first goal to put them a goal ahead. John Sheahan reduced the arrears with a point a minute before half-time.

Joe Carroll had an early point for Croom on the resumption and Banogue replied with a point per Jim Moynihan in

the eighth minute. Andy Donworth (Banogue) reduced the arrears to a point but once again Patsy Cregan improved Croom's position with a point in the 16th minute. John Sheahan replied with a point for Banogue, two minutes later, but again Patsy Cregan pointed for Croom. Banogue missed some opportunities at this stage and when Croom stormed down the field, a determined effort was finished to the net by G. Manning. Banogue had the last score of the game, a point by Jim Moynihan.

GOOD PLAYERS

Croom's last line of defence (D. Quilty, goal; J. Howard, T. Begley and J. Reidy) was very sound; T. Lynch and S. Moloney were good on the half-line; L. Cagney and J. Costello had a good game at centre-field; while P. Cregan, C. Shanahan, J. Carroll and G. Manning were good forwards.

J. Mulcahy, D. Mulcahy, M. Maume and W. Lynch were good Banogue defenders; F. Costelloe tried hard at centre-field though inclined to over-play the ball; J. Moynihan, Jas. Mulcahy, A. Donworth and J. Sheehan were always trying hard in the forward line.

At the conclusion of the game, which was refereed by Mr. T. O'Sullivan, Limerick, Mr. P. J. Ryan, P.C., Chairman of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board, presented the Cup to Mr. D. Quilty, of the Croom team.

TEAMS

Croom: D. Quilty; J. Howard, T. Begley, J. Reidy; J. Cregan, T. Lynch, S. Moloney; L. Cagney, J. Costelloe; G. Cregan, P. Cregan, C. Shanahan; J. Carroll, G. Cagney, G. Manning.

Banogue: S. Donworth; J. Donworth, J. Sheahan, J. Mulcahy; D. Mulcahy, M. Maume, W. Lynch; F. Costello, J. Mulcahy; J. Moynihan, Jas. Mulcahy, A. Donworth, John Mulcahy, D. Sheahan, John Sheahan.

Thrilling South Minor Hurling Final POINT WIN FOR CROOM IN EXCITING FINISH

Croom, 42; Stakers, 3-4

This South Limerick minor hurling final, played at Kilmallock on Sunday evening, was a thrilling one, and in a most exciting finish, Croom ran out winners by 4 goals and 2 points to 3 goals and 4 points for Stakers.

Stakers opened well and had the better of matters, but Croom rallied, and after more than 20 minutes, the teams were level at 1 goal and 1 point each. Croom then took the upper hand and led at half-time by 2 goals and 2 points to 1 goal and 1 point.

Stakers had an early goal on the turnover and they followed with a point to level the scoring. Seven minutes after the turnover, they were a goal ahead, but five minutes later

the teams were level again as Croom shot to the net. This was the position until the 20th minute when Stakers went to the front with a point and followed with another. Excitement mounted as Croom fought back and sent to the net to lead by a point. In a close and tense finish, Stakers tried hard for the levelling score, but were foiled by a Croom defence that stood up well in the closing testing minutes.

KEENLY FOUGHT

This was a game that was very keenly fought, provided some fine hurling and ranked with the high tradition of minor hurling finals in South Limerick. Two boys to play well in the game were County minors Con Shanahan of Croom and Nicholas Hayes of Stakers, and they both contributed handsomely to the fine display of their respective teams.

Scorers were: Croom — J. J. O'Regan (1-2), D. Carroll, J. Heaphy and R. Quilty (1-0 each).

Stakers—P. Kelly (1-2), N. Hayes and S. O'Neill (1-0 each), and D. Ryan (0-2).

Referee was Mr. D. Barrett, Bruff.

At the conclusion of the game, Mr. Sean Fitzgerald, Secretary of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board, presented the cup to C. Shanahan, captain of the winning Croom team, and he congratulated both teams on an excellent display of good hurling and good sportsmanship.

Wins for Croom at Kilmallock

Croom, 1-6; Monaleen, 1-4.

Croom qualified for the Limerick County Junior football final when they defeated Monaleen in the semi-final by 1-6 to 1-4.

Croom laid the foundation for victory in the first half and at half time they led 1-4 to 1-2. In the second half matters were evenly distributed, each side scoring 2 pts., and Croom held on to their halftime advantage to win.

Scorers.

Croom: G. Cregan (1-0), S. Quilty (0-2), N. O'Regan, L. Cagney, D. Carroll and T. Costelloe (0-1 each).

Monaleen: J. J. Lysaght (1-0), T. McMahon (0-2), N. Bridgman and B. Cosgrove (0-1 each).

Referee, Mr. Jim Quaid, Feohanagh.

Kilmallock, 3-14; Knockaney, 1-1

On top from an early stage, Kilmallock went on to have a big win over Knockaney in this South Limerick under-21 hurling final at Bruff, 3-14 to 1-1.

Kilmallock led at half time by 1-7 to 1-1 in the second half they added 2-7 without reply from Knockaney.

Scorers.

Kilmallock: B. Savage (0-7), J. J. Danaher (1-3), N. Hayes (0-3), P. Dowling (1-1) and T. Moloney (1-0).

Knockaney: T. Madden (1-0) and B. Farrell (0-1).

Referee, Mr. J. Quaid, Feohanagh.

Croom In Final

CROOM 3-10
BALLYBROWN 1-2

EVERY picture tells a story and the numerals of the scoreboard recorded above tell their own tale. Near neighbours Ballybrown were overpowered by a Croom 15 in the Co. Limerick Junior Hurling Championship replay at Bruff yesterday.

Liam Tagney and his brother Donal helped in no small way with Croom's victory while the spectacular goal-keeping of Sean Quilty, fronted by full back Tom Begley and a fastidious half forward Joe Carroll well and truly assured Croom of meeting Boher in next Sunday's 1965 J.H.C. final at Bruff.

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CROOM TOO STRONG FOR GALBALLY

Croom 1-5, Galbally 1-2

Combination, football expertise and fitness were the factors that contributed to Croom's victory over Galbally in this South Limerick junior football championship final played at Hospital, Co. Limerick, yesterday.

Add to that the brilliance of half-forward Sean Quilty, full-back Tom Begley and Donal Carroll, who were the nucleus of a Croom fifteen that convincingly won this game.

The sodden pitch, waterlogged in patches, particularly in both goal-mouth areas, spoiled what promised to be a most entertaining and lively game. The conditions, however, suited Croom, while they had an adverse effect on a Galbally side that never gave up trying.

Croom scorers were D. Carroll (1-3), S. Quilty (0-2), and for Galbally: C. Burke (0-2) and E. Sampson (1-0).

18/9/65

1965 Junior Hurling Championship

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INTO FINAL

Croom 3-10
Ballybrown 1-2

Croom romped through to the final of the 1965 Limerick junior hurling championship at Bruff on Sunday last, when in the replay of the semi-final they disposed of Ballybrown in convincing fashion on the score of 3 goals and 10 points to 1 goal and 2 points.

This was a closely contested game in the first quarter, during which the good attendance saw some fine hurling. Then Croom began to take the upper hand and as they continued in winning vein the standard of play seemed to depreciate and the game ended on a rather dull note, with Croom complete masters.

It was obvious at half time, when Croom, after playing against the slight breeze, led by 2 goals and 8 points to 2 points, that Ballybrown were out of it, and when Croom added a goal and a point shortly after half time, the game was as good as over, though Ballybrown got a consolation goal in this half.

In contrast to the drawn game, it was a complete anticlimax. In the drawn game, Croom were put to the pin of their collar to draw, and those who saw that game were expecting an exciting replay. They were doomed to disappointment, however, but that does not take from Croom's win, which was a most convincing one. They now meet Boher in the final at Bruff on Sunday next.

Joe Carroll had a field day for Croom, scoring nine of his

side's points, and other scorers for Croom were: P. Cregan (2-0), S. Quilty (1-0), and G. Cagney (0-1).

Scorers for Ballybrown were: D. Fitzgerald (1-0), P. Fogarty (0-1), and P. Carroll (0-1).

Mr. F. Neenan, Rathkeale, refereed.

TEAMS

Croom — D. Quilty; J. Reidy, T. Begley, J. Howard, D. Cagney, T. Lynch, S. Moloney, C. Shanahan, L. Cagney, G. Cregan, J. Carroll and G. Cagney; G. Manning, S. Quilty, T. Cregan.

Ballybrown — S. Lyons; P. Hanley, T. Conway, F. Hurley, S. Bennis, T. Ryan, J. McCarthy, C. MacCarthy, P. Fogarty, Pat Carroll, D. Burke, P. McCormack, Peter Carroll, E. Shanahan and D. Fitzgerald.

South Junior Football Final

Croom 1-5
Galbally 1-2

Combination, football skill and fitness all contributed to Croom's victory over Galbally in the South Limerick Junior football championship final at hospital.

On Sunday half-forward Sean Quilty, full back Tom Begley and Donal Carroll were best of a Croom fifteen that convincingly won.

The sodden pitch, waterlogged in patches, particularly in both goalmouth areas, spoiled what promised to be a most entertaining and lively game.

Scorers were (Croom) D. Carroll (1-3), S. Quilty (0-2); (Galbally) C. Burke (0-2) and E. Sampson (0-1) *200 67*

THE LATE MICK MULLIN

One of the best known personalities in the Galtee area has died, in the person of Mick Mullin (67), of Kilbehenn. The interment took place at Kilbehenn after Requiem Mass. Deceased was for many years full back in Gaelic football for his club and county. He was an officer in the Defence Forces during the Emergency, and later Sergeant in the local F.C.A. He possessed a beautiful tenor voice and appeared on many concert stages, and rendered many years service to the local church choir. To his relatives, sympathy is offered.

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CROOM 3-6
FEOHANAGH 2-5

In one of the best games seen in the Limerick senior hurling championship this year, Croom qualified for the semi-final of the Co. Limerick senior hurling championship at Bruff when they defeated Feohanagh in the replay of the quarter-final by 3 goals and 6 points to 2 goals and 5 points.

Although played in oppressive heat, this was a remarkably good game, fought out in a most sporting manner all through, and it was a delight to watch.

Feohanagh got off to a good start and at the end of the first quarter led by 1 goal and 1 point to nil. Croom then took up the offensive, levelled the scoring and were leading at half-time by 2 goals and 3 points to 1 goal and 1 point.

Each side had a point on the turnover, and then Croom improved their position with a point. Back came Feohanagh for a goal to leave Croom leading by 2-6 to 2-4 at the end of the third quarter. Here there was some fine hurling, as Croom rallied to the attack again and shot through for their third goal, to which Feohanagh replied with a point.

Scorers for Croom were: J. Howard (3-0), C. Shanahan, M. Howard and G. Cagney (0-2 each).

Feohanagh—S. Kenny and J. Collum (1-0 each); D. Sheehan (0-2), J. Lane, D. Quaid and J. Quaid (0-1 each).

TEAMS

Croom—J. Kiely; T. Begley, J. Quilty, P. Cregan, M. Culhane, D. Cagney, S. Moloney, C. Shanahan, L. Cagney, P. Hayes, T. Lynch, D. Carroll, G. Cagney, M. Howard and J. Howard.

Feohanagh — J. Sheehy; D. Doody, Donal Quaid, Jack Quaid, J. O'Connor, J. Barrett, S. Quaid, R. Murphy, David Quaid, J. Lane, J. Murphy, D. Sheehan, M. Hanlon, S. Kenny and Jim Quaid. Sub., J. Collum for Hanlon.

Croom $\frac{30}{3}$ advance in Co. Cup

Croom 4-8
Dromcollogher 3-5

Croom won their way to the second round of the County Limerick Senior Hurling Cup at Kilmallock yesterday when they defeated Dromcollogher by 4 goals and 8 points to 3 goals and 5 points.

This was a keenly contested game, that provided some interesting hurling. They were two even teams and this kept interest alive up to the final whistle. The teams were level twice in the first half, with Croom having territorial advantage but not putting it to effect. Then Dromcollogher went through for two goals to give them an interval lead of 2 goals and 2 points to 1 goal and 3 points.

Croom jumped into the lead on the resumption with an early goal, but once again Dromcollogher levelled. Croom took the lead with a point and the n followed with a goal, to which Dromcollogher replied with a point. Croom had a goal to lead by two goals, and in the ensuing minutes were on top. Dromcollogher, however, put in a strong finish, which was not good enough as the Croom backs rose to the occasion and held well.

SCORERS

Croom—G. Manning (2-0), C. Shanahan (1-3), D. Carroll (1-2), D. Cagney (0-2) and S. Moloney (0-1).

Dromcollogher—J. Long (0-4), P. Heffernan (2-0), M. McNamara (1-0) and M. Geary (0-1).

Mr. J. Quaid (Feohanagh) refereed.

NO SECOND GAME

The second game at the venue did not take place, Bruree receiving a walk-over as Ahane withdrew.

WIN FOR CROOM

Croom, 3-10; Knockaney, 1-2. *24-6-67*

Croom advanced to the second round of the South Limerick Junior Football Championship at Bruff on Sunday when they defeated Knockaney in the first round by 3-10 to 1-2.

Croom were the superior team throughout.

FOUR SENT OFF IN LIMERICK GAME

Croom 0-7; Ahane 0-2.

Referee Timothy Wolfe (Athea) sent no fewer than four men to the line, three from Ahane and one from Croom during the second half of this County Limerick J.F.C. final played at Limerick Gaelic Grounds yesterday. The Tricolour flew at half-mast as two minutes' silence was observed at half-time as a mark of respect to the late Mr. Donagh O'Malley. *43/68*

Croom led at half-time 0-3 to 0-2.

Referee Wolfe despite having the protection of the stewards and players, was hit on the head by an empty tin can while making his way to the dressing room and following this incident a minor scuffle broke out in front of the stand by rival supporters of both teams.

CROOM THROUGH IN THRILLER

Croom 3-6
Feohanagh 2-5

In one of the best games seen in the Limerick Senior Hurling Championship this year, Croom qualified for the semi-final of the County Limerick Senior Hurling champion-

ship at Bruff, when they defeated Feohanagh in the replay of the quarter final by 3-6 to 2-5.

Although played in oppressive heat, this was a remarkably good game, fought out in a most sporting manner all through and it was a delight to watch.

Feohanagh got off to a good start and at the end of the first quarter led by 1-1 to 0-0. Croom then took up the offensive, levelled the scoring, and were leading at half time by 2-3 to 1-1. Each side had a point on the turnover, and then Croom improved their position with a point. Back came Feohanagh with a goal

Here there was some fine hurling, as Croom rallied to the attack again and shot their third goal, to which Feohanagh replied with a point. There was first class hurling in the closing stages, with Feohanagh trying hard to come on terms, but Croom holding well, and it was a tribute to both teams that no spectator left the field until Referee T. Murphy sounded the final whistle.

Scorers for Croom were J. Howard (3-0); C. Shanahan, M. Howard and G. Cagney (0-2 each).

Feohanagh—S. Kenny and J. Collum (1-0 each), D. Sheehan (0-2), J. Lane, D. Quaid, and J. Quaid (0-1 each).

TEAMS

Croom—J. Kiely; T. Begley, J. Quilty, P. Cregan; M. Culhane, D. Cagney, S. Moloney; C. Shanahan, L. Cagney; P. Hayes, T. Lynch, D. Carroll; G. Cagney, M. Howard, and J. Howard.

Feohanagh — J. Sheehy; D. Doody, Donal Quaid, Jack Quaid; J. O'Connor, J. Barrett, S. Quaid; R. Murphy, David Quaid; J. Lane, J. Murphy, D. Sheehan; M. Hanlan, S. Kenny and Jim Quaid. Sub: J. Collum for Hanlan.

Croom too good

Croom, 3-7; South Liberties, 0-6.

Croom fully deserved their win in this quarter final of the Limerick Senior Football championship at Kilmallock when they defeated South Liberties by 3 goals and 7 points to 6 points.

Liberties opened the scoring with a point but Croom were quickly back for a goal and had the better of the subsequent exchanges to lead at half time by 2 goals and 4 points to 2 points.

South Liberties were impressive early in the second half, and had four points without reply from Croom. Croom, however, got into their stride again and for the remainder of the game were in control.

SCORERS AND TEAMS

Scorers: Croom: D. Geary (1-1), C. Lucey (0-5), L. Fahy (1-0), G. Cregan (1-0), and S. Quilty (0-1).

South Liberties: T. Toomey (0-4), L. Grimes and P. Portley (0-1 each).

Referee: Mr. S. Toomey, Mitchelstown.

Croom—J. Kiely, N. Sheehan, S. Quilty, T. Lynch, M. Culhane, C. Shanahan, D. Cagney, L. Cagney, C. Lucey, P. Hayes, M. Reidy, G. Cregan, L. Fahy, D. Geary, S. Moloney.

South Liberties, P. Shanahan, B. Riordan, S. Hartigan, D. O'Sullivan, J. Madden, P. Hartigan, D. Garry, E. Grimes, W. Shanahan, T. Toomey, L. Grimes, P. Portley, J. Moynihan, E. Dooley and W. Donohoe.

CROOM A.G.M.

A very large turn up of members patronised the annual general meeting of the Croom G.A.A. Club, held at the local Vocational School recently. The outgoing Chairman, Gerry Manning, who did not seek re-election because of pressure of business, expressed pleasure at the fine attendance whom he welcomed and reviewed the activities of the season past. Referring in particular to the senior hurling team he said that with a little more enthusiasm, spirit and determination the match against Adare could have been won, putting them in the county final in which they last figured in 1941. They had the material and with the proper approach could succeed this time.

The Secretary, William Shanahan, in the course of his report, said a notable success was the winning of the 1967 county junior football championship title. They beat Ahane in a very lively decider. Their juvenile footballers won the Southern title, but were beaten by Ahane in the county semi-final. He thanked the officials and committee members for their devoted work on behalf of the club throughout the year.

Treasurer, Michael McDonnell, reported a very successful season financially, yielding a satisfactory profit. Their fundraising activities turned out well and every popular club tournament was a great success.

The final remained to be decided. That attractive pair, Adare and Patrickswell, qualified, and with both heavily committed at the time, the final had to be deferred but would be arranged shortly.

The election of officers was then proceeded with and resulted:

Patrons, Very Rev. Ml. Tynan, P.P., and Rev. Sean McCarthy, C.C.; Life Presidents, Liam Jones and James Roche; Chairman, Gerry Lowry; Vice-Chairman, Con Shanahan; Treasurer, Michael McDonnell; Secretary, Willie Shanahan.

Committee: Donal Cagney and Plunkett Hayes, with the officers.

Team captains: Senior hurling, Tom, Begley; senior football, Con Shanahan; under-21 hurling, Plunkett Hayes; under-21 football, Con Lucey.

Team vice-captains: senior hurling, Con Shanahan; senior football, Tom Begley; under-21 hurling, John B. Kiely; under-21 football, Liam Fahy.

For the first time in many seasons, the club will have no junior teams for 1969. They have decided to concentrate on the senior and under-21 grades and will enter teams for the under-noted competitions:

Senior hurling and football, under-21 hurling and football, minor hurling and juvenile hurling and football.

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County Senior Hurling Championships

Wins for Cappamore, Croom and Pallasgreen

Howard's goals rock Cloughaun

by S.M.

CROOM, 4-5; CLAUGHAUN, 2-10.

PALLASGREEN, 9-12; EIRE OG, 4-2.

CAPPAMORE, 5-7; BALLYBROWN, 5-5.

The county senior hurling championship opened on a sensational note on Sunday at Bruff, when ante-post favourites Cloughaun, were eliminated by rank outsiders, Croom, on the score 4-5 to 2-10. Cloughaun held the lead until 3 minutes from time, when John Howard shot the deciding goal for Croom.

At the same venue, Eire Og matched their rivals, Pallasgreen, for 40 minutes, but collapsed completely thereafter and an avalanche of scores followed to leave Pallasgreen comfortable winners, 9-12 to 4-2.

At the Gaelic Grounds in an exciting game, Cappamore held off the challenge of Ballybrown to win by two points, 5-7 to 5-5.

Croom, an historic name in Limerick hurling, shot back into the limelight at Bruff when their never-say-die spirit won the day against a lifeless Cloughaun fifteen. This game provided good fare for the fans in glorious sunshine.

Admittedly there was much loose marking and mis-hitting, but we had some great individual performances, and Croom's dynamic fightback provided a grand-stand finish. There can be no denying that Croom deserved to win, if only for their mighty fighting spirit. They chased every ball with rare dedication, and even when the odds seemed stacked against them they never threw in the towel. Cloughaun, on the other hand, lacked that killer instinct. They initiated great moves but failed to bring them to successful fruition. Cloughaun's troubles in the second half had their origin in the half-back line which succumbed to the daring thrusts of Gerry Cregan and the foraging centre-forward, Martin Howard, who finished the hour with 3 goals and a point to his credit. Con Shanahan gave a five star performance at mid-field for Croom, ably assisted by former Harty Cup player, Plunkett Hayes. The Croom half-back line of Mick Culhane, Donal Cagney and Stephen Moloney was rock-like under pressure, with the latter giving an industrious display of crisp, first-time pulling. Veteran Tommy Lynch emerged from the encounter with a praiseworthy display, as did goalkeeper, Liam Fahy, who cleared many dangerous raids.

Cloughaun have only themselves to blame for this latest reverse. They always held the advantage but their forwards lacked finish and cohesion, shooting many wides from easy positions. They had no answer to the first-time pulling of the determined Croom lads, who blended well as a team in the second half. Jim Hogan, in goal, Sean O'Connor, Mick Graham, Billy Galligan, Gus Moloney, Andy Dunworth and Liam Moloney were the only Cloughaun players to reveal anything like their true form.

THE PLAY

Ritchie Grace opened the scoring for Cloughaun with a point after 7 minutes and a minute later Donal Carroll missed an open goal for Croom. Croom were pressing hard at this stage and both Plunkett Hayes and Con Shanahan were wide with good efforts before the latter pointed a free in the 12th minute. Eamonn Cregan displayed his opportunism a minute later when he snapped up a pass to shoot a great goal. John Howard missed a sitter for Croom before Billy Galligan pointed from play in the 16th minute, and Mick Savage followed with a similar effort. Martin Howard raised the first of his three green flags in the 18th minute, but immediately former Railway Cup star, Liam Moloney, scored a spectacular goal for Cloughaun, who dominated the remaining eleven minutes to the interval with points from Billy Galligan (frees), Mick Graham (play) and Mick Savage (play) to leave the scoreboard reading: Cloughaun, 2-6; Croom, 1-1, at half-time.

The second half opened in sensational fashion with a goal in the second minute by Martin Howard. Billy Galligan raised a white flag from play before Mick Savage retired injured and was replaced by Paddy O'Dwyer. Then followed a period of close, exciting play with both sides notching points. Plunkett Hayes raised a white flag for Croom and Ritchie Grace replied for Cloughaun. Martin Howard shot another point for Croom but Liam Moloney did likewise for Cloughaun. Two great points from play by Gerard Cregan signaled Croom's fight-back but when Eamonn Cregan scored a point for Cloughaun to leave them five points clear, 2-10 to

2-5, with seven minutes remaining it looked home and dried for the city lads.

They lost several chances to clinch the issue before Martin Howard burst his way through for a Croom goal. Then came the decisive goal three minutes from time, when John Howard connected a clearance to shoot to the corner of the net to give Croom a one-point win. They now meet Kilmallock in the second round.

The teams lined out:

Croom. Liam Fahy, Mark Reidy, Sean Quilty, Tommy Lynch, Mick Culhane, Donal Cagney, Stephen Moloney, Con Shanahan, Plunkett Hayes, Gerard Cregan, Martin Howard, Donal Carroll, Joe Carroll, Patsy Cregan, John Howard. Subs.: T. Culhane for J. Carroll; J. Cregan for D. Carroll.

Cloughaun: Jim Hogan, Billy Gorman, Gus Moloney, Sean O'Connor, Mickey Cregan, John Hehir, Donie Russell, Mick Graham, Andy Dunworth, Conor Cregan, Billy Galligan, Eamonn Cregan, Liam Moloney, Mick Savage, Ritchie Grace. Sub.: P. O'Dwyer for M. Savage.

Croom are South champions

Croom, 4-5; Kilfinane, 1-2.

Contesting their first South Limerick final since 1952, Kilfinane got off to a good start in this South Limerick juvenile football final at Kilmallock, but they did not maintain the pressure, and once Croom found their feet, they went on to win comfortably by 4 goals and 5 points to 1 goal and 2 points.

Kilfinane opened well with an early goal and a point, but Croom came back with a goal from a penalty and another from play to take the lead. They continued to have the upper hand until half time when they led by 3 goals and 1 point to 1 goal and 1 point. Early in the second half Kilfinane reduced the lead with a point and made several efforts to get on top. However, they found the Croom defence too good, and in the closing stages the strength of the Croom boys told. They took command in the later part of

the game and went on to win well.

Scorers: Croom — D. Murray (2-1), S. Kearney (1-3) and G. Murray (1-1). Kilfinane — B. O'Shaughnessy (1-1), D. Creed (0-1).

The trophy for the championship was presented to the Captain, S. Kearney, by Mr. P. J. Cussen, vice-chairman of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board.

Referee, Mr. S. Sexton, Brurea.

TEAMS

Croom — Ml. Tuohy; J. Whelan, P. O'Connor, M. Tuohy, D. Begley, M. Quilty, E. O'Sullivan, S. Breen, P. Kiely, G. Murray, M. Fitzgerald, D. Lawlor, J. Moloney, S. Kearney and D. Murray.

Kilfinane — D. Hurley; E. Quinlan, J. Lynch, B. Murphy, E. Hennessy, H. Murphy, L. Walsh, J. Kelly, E. McGrath, J. Hanley, S. Palmer, J. Hanrahan, D. Creed, B. O'Shaughnessy and G. Moloney.

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Croom

Athletic club

The Croom Athletic Club are holding their annual church gate collection on Sunday next. Outside all churches in the district: Granagh, Manister, Killfinny, Croom.

The senior team won a 6 mile cross-country race at Capamore on Sunday last.

The team included: John Cregan, Seamus Cregan, Michael Fitzgerald, Tom O'Riordan, P. Fitzgerald, Tony Barry.

MUNSTER FINALIST

Congratulations to Miss Betty Collins, N.T., Croom, on winning the county title in the Ballad Singing Section of the G.A.A. Talent Competition, held at Green Hills Hotel. As a result of a further victory in the Munster semi-finals held in the Lakeside Hotel, Killaloe, Miss Collins now goes forward to the Munster Final at Thurles on March 9th. We wish her every success.

SYMPATHY

Sympathy is extended to Mrs. Eddy Barry, Dohera, on the death of her brother, and also to Thomas Moylan, Caharass, on the death of his sister, and to Miss Ann Dillon on the death of her mother.

G.A.A. CLUB A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of the G.A.A. club took place at the national school, on Thursday, 18th Feb., there was a large attendance of members. The officers elected were: life president, Jim Roche; president, Liam Jones, ex-N.T.; vice-presidents, Rev. Fr. Tynan, P.P., and Rev. Fr. McCarthy, C.C.; chairman, Gerry Lowery; vice-chairman, Con Shanahan; secretary, Stephen Moloney; asst./sec, John Carroll; treasurer, Michael McDonnell.

Committee: Mr. Patrick Bray, Manister; Denis Moloney, Scagh; Jack Breen, Main Street; Liam Shanahan, St. Senans; Pat Fitzgerald, Anhid; Liam Fahy, St. Senans; Tom Begley, Coshma.

Teams: Senior Hurling, Senior Football, Junior Hurling, U-21 Football, U-21 Hurling, Minor Hurling, Minor Football, Juvenile Football, Juvenile Hurling.

WHIST DRIVES

The Croagh-Kilfinny G.A.A. and Muintir na Tire whist drives have been a great success to date. They are held at the Hall, Kilfinny, every Tuesday night and will continue up to Easter. Teas are served by the Ladies committee.

The winners last week were: Dd, Fitzgerald, jr., Ballingarry; Ml. Culhane, Kilfinny; Willie Hannan, Ballingarry; J. J. Quilty, Croom; John O'Shaughnessy, Kildimo; Mrs. Peg Hannan, Ballingarry; Mrs. M. Reidy, Croagh; Mrs. M. Dillon, Adare; Miss Jenny Giltinane, Croagh.

therefore, be counted on to display their skills. 1971
G.A.A. NEWS

Croom under 21 footballers travelled to Kilmallock last Sunday to take on Bruff in the South Championship. After a keenly fought match the local lads made their exit from the championship. The Croom team was as follows:— M. O'Rourke, P. Kiely, V. Donovan, M. Fitzgerald, G. Kearney, P. O'Connor, Sean Moloney, S. Breen, S. Kearney, M. O'Regan, C. Mahoney, J. Sweeney, Peter Kiely, D. Lalor, D. Daffy.

ATHLETICS

Local athlete and long distance runner, John Cregan, appeared at Drom-

the Square at 2 p.m. start from
HURLERS ON TOUR

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Four members of the local club, Sean Breen, Martin Howard, Con Shanahan and Donal Cagney travelled to New York last week-end to assist Limerick in a championship match against Cork. For Con and Donal, it was the second trip to America within a month.

BLOODSTOCK SALES

Local bloodstock breeder, Mr.



Michael McDonnell, elected treasurer of Croom G.A.A. club for the 21st year. 24/2/71



Officials of Croom G.A.A. club pictured at the club's A.G.M. From left: Stephen Moloney, secretary; Gerry Lowry, chairman, and Michael McDonnell, treasurer.

Croom

Hurler

commissioned

Plunkett Hayes, a popular member of the Croom senior hurling and football teams, scored a noted double recently. On Thursday week last, he received his wings at Casement Aerodrome, Baldonnell, and on the following Monday he was commissioned as a Second Lieutenant in the Air Corps by the Minister for Defence, Mr. J. Cronin. 2nd Lieutenant Hayes received his early education at the C.B.S., Adare, and later at Sexton St. C.B.S. Congratulations are extended to the new officer and to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Gearóid Ó h-Aodha, Rathbranagh.

CHARITY WALK

Croom's first ever Charity Walk, held last Sunday.

Croom

New teacher

1971

Both the National and Vocational Schools have resumed work after the summer vacation. Large numbers of pupils are in attendance at all classes. An innovation this year is that National School pupils from Ballygrennan, Donaman, Carrue are now being transported by but. Local bus owner, Mr. Gerry Manning, has secured the contract. The only change in the teaching staff of either school is that Mr. Seamus Twomey, B.A., H.D.E., formerly on the staff of the Vocational School has secured a position in his native Dromcollogher and has been replaced by Mr. Sean Bourke, B.A., the well known Garryspillane hurler.

MARRIED

G.A.A.

The minor footballers made a quick exit from the south minor football championship at Hospital on Sunday last, when they lost to Galbally in the first round. The team was as follows— Mike Touhy, John Whelan, Mike Fitzgerald, Martin Quilty, Miss Cregan, Gerard Carney, Ben Sullivan, Sean Breen, Seamus Carney, Johnny Sweeney, Peter Kiely, Conor Cagney, John Corry, Pat O'Connor, Donal Murray, Subs.: David Begley, Martin Touhy, Liam Breen, Joseph Moloney.

Croom 24/4/71

Sec. James V. Moriarty, phone 32252.

G.A.A.

The minor hurlers lost to Herbertstown in the first round of the minor hurling championship at Bruff on Sunday. The Herbertstown side went into an early lead and Croom never looked like catching them, although Peter Kiely and Sean Breen starred and the goalie, Mike Touhy, made some great saves.

The team was: Mike Touhy, Mike Fitzgerald, John Whelan, Ben Sullivan, Moss Cregan, Gerard Carney, Martin Quilty, Sean Breen, Dan Lalor, Martin Touhy, Peter Kiely, Dave Fitzgibbon, Dave Begley, John Corry, Donal Murray.

Subs.: Liam Breen, Jimmy Carey, Joe Moloney.

YOUTH CLUB CONCERT

The youth club held a variety concert in the Town Hall.

Croom G.A.A.

Jan 1971

"No Individual Is Greater Than The Club"

—Says Secretary Stephen Moloney

"We must be prepared to make sacrifices to succeed. We owe it to ourselves and the great name of Croom that we at least do our best. If we have our differences let us forget them. Remember that no individual is greater than the club, no club is greater than the organisation. Croom is a small parish, but if every member puts his shoulder to the wheel Croom can become a great parish and the leading G.A.A. club in the county once more," said Stephen Moloney, outgoing hon. secretary, in his annual report to the A.G.M. of the Croom G.A.A. Club recently.

Mr. Moloney was re-elected to the post.

The chairman, Mr. Gerry Lowry, in his address to the large attendance of members, thanked everybody for their loyalty to the club. He congratulated the juvenile footballers on

winning the South championship.

Mr. Lowry deplored the attitude of some players who came late to matches and expected to be selected to play.

The following officers were elected:

Life president, Jim Roche; president, Liam Jones; vice-presidents, Fr. Tynan, P.P., Fr. M. McCarthy, C.C.; chairman, Gerry Lowry; vice-chairman, Con Shannahan; hon. secretary, Stephen Moloney; asst. secretary, John Carroll; treasurer, Michael McDonnell (for the 21st year).

Committee: Denis Moloney, Jack Breen, Liam Shannahan, Pat Fitzgerald, Liam Fahy, Tom Begley and Patrick Bray.

It was decided to affiliate the following teams: Senior hurling, senior football, junior hurling, under 21 hurling, under 21 football, minor hurling, minor football, juvenile hurling, juvenile football.

Croom G.A.A. club dinner and social

24/2/72

Croom G.A.A. Club held a very successful Dinner and Social at Cronin's Hotel, Charleville. Mr. Gerry Lowry, Chairman, presided, and congratulated the club on their many fine performances during the past year. Among the guests were, Mr. R. Kiely, Chairman, County Board; Mr. J. O'Connell, Munster Council Representative; Mr. P. Ryan, Chairman, South Board; Mr. J. Hickey, Secretary, South Board; V. Rev. M. Tynan, P.P.; Rev. S. McCarthy, C.C. Mr. Jackie O'Connell made presentations to Michael McDonnell, long time Treasurer of the club and now a County Selector, and to Con Shannahan, a member of the county hurling and football clubs.

Con Shanahan

Spotlight this week falls on Con Shanahan if Croom, who has made the big breakthrough for a Limerickman of gaining a place on the Munster Railway Cup football selection.

Con has been to the fore a lot in football of late but it must not be forgotten that he was a member of the Limerick side that won the Munster minor hurling championship in 1965, only to be defeated in the All Ireland final by a first class Dublin side.

A dual hurling and football performer he played on successive Limerick teams in under 21, intermediate and senior ranks, and with the county senior hurling side he won a national hurling league and Oireachtas medals in 1971.

His club has been a lot in the football limelight since and this year they were deserving winners of the South Limerick senior hurling championship and actually gave the ultimate county winners, Treaty Sarsfields, the toughest game of the competition. Con could be said to be the inspiration of that Croom side, and his enthusiasm as a member of the county senior football team must have been a big factor in gaining this latest distinction.

Con first came into prominence when helping his national school at Croom win the under 14 hurling championship, and with his home club he later collected honours in both hurling and football in juvenile and junior grades and in minor hurling.

Also in his schooldays Con gained athletic successes in the 100 yards, 220 yards, and the long jump and he is still keenly interested in athletics. He is a popular referee, paying particular attention to under age competitions in both hurling

Croom won

30-3-74

A great display by the Croom under-21 hurling side at Bruree on Sunday, in the first round of the South senior championship. Although short four of their regulars the Maguesiders proved too good for the Eflin side, 4-7 to 1-1.

Outstanding for Croom were Donal Murphy, Sean Breen, Peter Kiely and Jimmy Carey.

Scorers were: Gerard Collins, 2-2; Jimmy Carey, 2-0; Peter Kiely, 0-3; Donal Murphy, 0-1; Sean Breen, 0-1.

Team: Michael O'Shea, John Whelan, David Begley, Pat Culhane, Liam Breen, Donal Murray, John O'Mahony, Peter Kiely, Sean Breen, Denis Lawlor, Gerard Murray, Jimmy

Croom

July 1941

Home from W. Africa

Sister Joan O'Regan is currently on a visit from the Mission Fields of Sierra Leone, West Africa, attached to the Holy Rosary Order. She is staying with her mother and brother at Anhid.

ATHLETICS

John Cregan had a double success at Glin Sports recently on winning the 1/2-mile and 2 miles; second in the two miles, Seamus Cregan; third, Michael Fitzgerald. Also congratulations to Johnny B. Kiely on winning the 2 mile novice.

GAELIC AFFAIRS

The senior hurlers travelled to Bruff on Sunday week, they lost 5-5 to 3-9 to Kilmallock in the first round of the Senior Hurling Championship.

Scorers—C. Cregan, T. B. Kiely, C. Shanahan, M. Howard, D. Cagney, P. Cregan, S. Quilty.

The team—Liam Fahy; John Howard, Tom Begley, Tom Lynch; Donal Cagney, Mark Reidy, Steven Moloney; Con Shanahan, Tom Enright; Donal Carroll, Martin Howard, Gerard Cregan; Con Lucy, Sean Quilty, Johnny B. Kiely.

EX-HURLER DIES

It is with regret the death is announced of Mr. James Griffin, late of Ploughlands, which occurred on Friday last at his niece's residence, Mrs. Mary Clancy, Ballyneety. An esteemed member of the farming community, the late Mr. Griffin was a member of the Croom senior hurling team that won the 1908 county championship.

The team on that occasion was—John Lyons, Larry Real, J. Mullane, Michael Feely, Patrick Buskin, William Buskin, M. Mangan, T. Mangan, Jim Griffin, Tom Griffin, Tom Bourke, Tom Hayes, Patrick Lyons, Maurice Burns, M. Quin, C. Scully.

On Friday, a very extensive cortege attended the removal of the remains to St. Mary's Church, Croom, and on Saturday, following Requiem Mass, the funeral took place to Anhid Cemetery. Fr. McCarthy, C.C., Croom, officiated.

GARDA TRANSFER

The news was heard with regret during the week of the transfer of Garda Michael Sullivan. During his all too short stay in Croom he was an active worker with the local G.A.A. club and in every aspect of parish life. He is now transferred to Ardnacrusha. Best wishes are extended to him and his wife.

HOME ON HOLIDAY

At present home on holiday from the U.S.A. is Reverend Father Pat Donovan of Janeville, Galbally. Father Pat who is on the American Mission at Great Falls, Montana, was prior to his ordination an outstanding Gaelic Footballer and hurler with Galbally and Garryspillane with whom he won numerous awards.

struck a stationary car. Both cars ended up on the footpath. G.A.A. 1971

Following their severe defeat by Garryspillane in the South Limerick Senior Hurling Championship recently, the local side takes on Mungret at Patricks-well on this Friday night, in the semi-final of the Players-Wills Tournament.

The selection: Liam Fahy, Tom Begley, John Howard, Kevin Cagney, Gerard Cregan, Con Shanahan, Tom Enright, Donal Carroll, Con Lucy, Martin Howard, Plunkett Hayes, Johnny Lynch, Peter Kiely, Donal Cagney, Johnny Cregan.

GARDA APPOINTED

Garda O'Reilly has been ap-

Croom A.G.M.

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The Annual General Meeting of the Croom G.A.A. club took place at the Community Centre on Friday. There was a large attendance of members, the outgoing Chairman, Mr. Garry Lowery said: "Looking back on the year's performances we cannot say it was really one of our best." Mr. Lowery complimented the senior footballers on their wonderful display against Galbally in the South Final. He said he was indeed proud to be a Croom man. "If we have our differences let us have them before or after the game but never during the game" he said. He congratulated Con Shanahan on bringing a National League medal to Croom and Michael McDonnell who is our local representative in the Co. hurling selection.

The Secretary, Stephen Moloney, in his address thanked the Chairman Gerry Lowery, treasurer Michael McDonnell, for the manner in which they carried out their duties as officers of the club; in particular to T. Begley, field man, Liam Shanahan for the time he gave to the underage teams, and our "Leader" reporter for keeping the club in the public eye; the Gardai for all the aid during the Inter Co. Tournament; the P.P. Fr. M. Tynan, for placing the School at our disposal at all times. In conclusion, I would appeal to the players to show more attention to training. We in Croom think we can do without training and we are paying the price for it. I will ask you to make a genuine effort and when this time next year comes we will be able to look back with pride.

The treasurer Michael McDonnell, stated that Croom was in a good financial position.

OFFICERS

Vice-President, Jim Roche; President, Liam Jones, ex N.T.; Vice-Presidents, Fr. Michael Tynan, P.P.; Fr. Sean McCarthy; Chairman, Gerry Lowery; Vice-Chairman, Con Shanahan; Secretary, Stephen Moloney; Asst. Secretary, Liam Shanahan; Treasurer, Michael McDonnell.

Committee—Con Lucy, Patrick C. Fitzgerald, Liam Fahy, Colm O'Regan, Gerard Cregan, Denis Moloney, Tom Begley, Donal Cagney.

Selection Committee—Hurling, Michael McDonnell, Stephen Moloney, Jerry Lowery; Football—Denis Moloney, Con Shanahan, Conor Lucey.

It was decided to affiliate a Senior Hurling, Senior Football, Junior Hurling, Junior Football, Under 21 Football, Under 21 Hurling, Minor Hurling, Minor Football, Juvenile Hurling and Juvenile Football teams.

Captain Senior Hurling, Stephen Moloney; Captain Senior Football, Liam Fahy; Captain Under 21 Football, Mike O'Regan; Captain Under 21 Hurling, Sean Breen.

Croom G.A.A. club dinner and social

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Croom G.A.A. Club held a very successful Dinner and Social at Cronin's Hotel, Charleville. Mr. Gerry Lowery, Chairman, presided, and congratulated the club on their many fine performances during the past year. Among the guests were, Mr. E. Kiely, Chairman, County Board; Mr. J. O'Connell, Munster Council Representative; Mr. P. Ryan, Chairman, South Board; Mr. J. Hickey, Secretary, South Board; V. Rev. M. Tynan, P.P.; Rev. S. McCarthy, C.C. Mr. Jackie O'Connell made presentations to Michael McDonnell, long time Treasurer of the club and now a County Selector, and to Con Shanahan, a member of the county hurling and football clubs.

Croom Senior footballers

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Croom senior football side lost to Treaty Sarsfields at Bruff on Sunday last, by the narrow margin of one point. Best for Croom were Mark Reidy, Donal Carroll and Peter Kiely. The team was as follows: J. B. Kiely, Donal Cagney, Tom Begley, Vincent Donovan, Sean Breen, Mark Reidy, Liam Fahy, Martin Quilty, Con Shanahan, Peter Kiely, Con Lucey, Donal Carroll, Paddy Hurley, Patsy Quilty, Mike O'Regan. Subs.: Mike Burns, Gerard Cregan, Mike Fitzgerald, Donal Murray, Gerard Murray, J. J. O'Regan. Mike Burns for a Patsy Quilty.

The score: Treaty Sarsfields, 1-7; Croom, 1-6.



THE CROOM Under-21 team which was beaten by a single point by Newcastlewest last Sunday.

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Croom under 21 hurling side lost 4-6 to 3-6 to Bruree at Kilmallock in the final of the South Limerick championship. The Croom tea mwas: Pat Collins, Joe Moloney, Pat Culhane, Anthony Lawlor, Jerh. O'Mahony, Donie Murray, James Moloney, Willie Dunne, Gerard Collins, Michael O'Shea, Garrett Howard, Liam Breen, John O'Dea.
APOSTOLIC WORKERS

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Croom under-age teams had a double on Sunday last. At the home venue they defeated Effin in the under 16 Hurling Championship. Later that day they travelled to Hospital to take on Galtee Gaels in the Under-21 Football Championship and disposed of them easily.

S.F.C. semi-finals:

Croom and Oola through

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Donie Enright at full-back, John Sheehy at midfield, Pa Leahy, Paddy O'Connor and Tom Greaney in attack, were best for St. Kieran's.

Croom scorers—G. Murray 1-4, P. Kiely 1-1, P. Hurley, C. Shanahan, D. Carroll and G. Collins 0-1 each.

St. Kieran's scorers—P. O'Connor 1-0, J. Sheehy, C. O'Connor and S. Kenneally 0-1 each.

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T. Larkin, J. Windle, J. Sheehy, T. Cregan, C. O'Connor, Leahy, G. Keane, T. Greaney, S. Kenneally, P. O'Connor. Referee, B. Crosse, St. P. ricks.

In the second semi final played at Bruff, Oola defeated Claughaun 2-14 to 2-9. Claughaun were the early pacesetter but at the three quarter stage Oola had edged in front. Within ten minutes remaining, Claughaun trailed by a single point and missed a great opportunity of going ahead, when Eamon Cregan blazed a penalty straight wide.

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Colm O'Regan, treasurer of Croom G.A.A., and chairman, Pat Fitzgerald . . . tracing the footsteps of the "Colleen Bawn".

Croom on trophy trail again

Croom	1-9
Galbally	0-5

Croom, the holders, are on their way to another South Limerick senior football title. They got their ticket to this year's final at Kilmallock on Sunday, when they defeated Galbally in the semi-final by 1 goal and 9 points to 5 points.

There were some good patches of football, with Galbally perhaps a little unfortunate with some shots that struck the upright—three in all during the game—but in the final analysis, Croom were definitely the better team and fully deserved their win. They were the more evenly balanced side.

They got off to a dream start with an early goal that was an upset to the Galbally side. They continued to have the better of matters in the first half, and led at half-time by 1-7 to 0-2.

Galbally showed up to better effect in the second half, but Croom had their passage to the final assured by their first half display, and, try as they would, Galbally could not overhaul them.

SCORERS

Croom—P. Hurley, 1-0; P. Kiely, 0-8, and M. Reidy, 0-1.
Galbally—C. Burke, 0-3; J. Hanley and M. Quish, 0-1 each.
Referee—Mr. J. Toomey, Mitchelstown.

Croom Dec. '75

At the annual general meeting of Croom G.A.A. Club, the officers elected were: life president, Jim Roche; president, Liam Jones; vice-president, Fr. Walsh; chairman, Pat Fitzgerald; vice-president, Liam Fahy; secretary, Gerry Murray; assistant secretary, Moss Long; treasurer, Colm O'Regan; vice-do., Michael McDonnell.

Committee: Fergus Roche, Timmy Quirke, Stephen Moloney, Patsy Quilty, Donal Cagney, Tom Begley, Seamus Lisdon, Donal Murray, John O'Mahony, Michael O'Shea, Gerard Collins, James Roche, Jimmy Carey, Donal Carroll, Joe Moloney, Garrett Howard, Pat Hurley, Kevin Cagney.

Croom 1975

The Croom under-21 football team brought off their first south Championship at Bruff on Sunday last. They disposed of Ballylanders 4-16 to 7 pts.

The Croom team was Mike Tuohy, Pat Culhane, Mike Fitzgerald, Tony Kiely, John O'Mahony, Joseph Moloney, Sean Breen (capt.); Martin Quilty, Gerard Collins, Peter Kiely, Gerard Murray, Donal Murray, Michael O'Shea, Anthony Lawlor, Liam Breen.

WEDDING

FOOTBALLERS' VICTORY

The local senior football side won the semi-final of the county football championship on the score 2-9 to 1-3. Scorers for Croom: Terry Murray (1-4), Gerard Collins (0-1), Donal Carroll (0-1), Peter Kiely (0-1), Patrick Hurley (0-1), Con Shanahan (0-1).

The Croom team was: Anthony Lawlor, Liam Fahy, Tony Riely, M. Reidy, Pat Culhane, Sean Breen, Donal Murray, Gerard Murray, Willie Walsh, Peter Riely, Con Shanahan, Brendan Culhane, Peter Hurley, Gerard Collins, Donal Carroll, Willie Dunne for Patrick Hickey. Croom meet Oola at Limerick on the 7th November for the county final.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3, 1976



Croom team that beat Redamore in the final of the County Senior Hurling

Croom GAA

18-5-74
Organisers of the Croom Colleen Bawn Festival apologise to their patrons who had hoped to see Limerick play Tipperary in a senior football challenge on Sunday night last but the atrocious weather caused the cancellation of the game.

On next Wednesday night a hurling game between a Croom Past and Present side will be played and next Thursday, Dromin-Athlaca will meet Patrickswell in the semi-final of the senior hurling tournament.

Croom

Croom lost to Oola in the quarter final of the under 14 County Football Championship last week at Hospital.

ATHLETICS

Croom A.C. travelled to the community games in Limerick last weekend and brought home 2 silver and 1 bronze medal.

PITCH AND PUTT

Croom Pitch and Putt Club are holding their open week, finishing on Sunday next, August 17. Competitors from all over Ireland have entered. The course is in excellent condition.



Frank Greene, chairman of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board, presents the South senior football championship trophy to the captain of the Croom team that beat Camogue Rovers in the final.

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13/11/76
Munster Club Football:

Good win for Croom

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John Mitchell's 2-4

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The Croom under 21 football team which defeated Ballylanders at Bruff to win the South Limerick Championship.



23/8/75 Croom, winners of the under 14 football championship.



The jubilant Croom team with the trophy after they had won the Limerick County Senior Football Championship by beating Oola in the final.



Mr. Tom Boland, secretary of the Limerick County Board, presents the trophies for the Limerick County Senior Hurling League, Section 2, to the captain of the successful Croom team, Martin Quilty, after they had beaten Fedamore in the final. Also in picture are Michael McDonnell, joint treasurer; William Jones, president.

28.8.76 FOOTBALL

Croom	2-7
Ballylanders	1-5

Although failing to register a score in the opening half, Croom scored a good win over Ballylanders in the divisional senior football final at Bruff. After the turn-over, they had two fast points and a rather easy goal by Gerry Murray in the eighth minute was the inspiration they needed.

The winning scores came from P. Kiely, 0-6; G. Murray, 1-0; M. Culhane, 0-1, and W. Dunne, 1-0. T. O'Brien, 1-2, M. J. Coffey, P. Fox and M. Murphy (0-1 each), replied for the losers.

Croom—A. Lawlor, T. Kiely, M. Reidy, L. Fahy, P. Culhane, S. Breen, D. Murray, G. Murray, M. Quilty, P. Kiely, C. Lucy, D. Carroll, L. Breen, C. Shanahan, P. Hurley. Subs.: M. Culhane for Lucy, W. Dunne for Carroll, J. Moloney for Fahy.

Ballylanders—E. Casey, P. Cleary, W. Meade, R. Coffey, M. Condon, M. Fitzgerald, P. Moloney, P. Fox, T. O'Brien, M. J. Coffey, P. Meade, M. Murphy, J. English, M. Daly, J. Sampson. Referee: K. Walsh (Garryspillane).

Croom July 11th 76

Croom under 21 hurlers defeated Garryspillane at Bruff on Sunday last in the South. The score was Croom 4-9, Garryspillane 2-9. The team was: Pat Collins, Pat Culhane, Anthony Culhane, Joe Moloney, Tony Kiely, John O'Mahoney, James Moloney, William Dunne, Gerard Collins, Donal Murray, Gerard Murray, Garrett Howard, Anthony, Lawlor, Michael O'Shea, Liam Breen, Martin Tuohy for Garrett Howard, Garrett Howard for Michael O'Shea, John O'Dea for William Dunne.

WEDDING
The wedding took place at Cappagh Parish Church of Miss Bernadette Prenderville, Bolaglass, Askeaton, and Mr. David Begley, Carrigeen, Croom. The ceremony was performed by Very Rev. Fr. P. Fitzgerald D.D., P.P., Cappagh, assisted by Rev. Fr. Willie Walsh, C.C. Croom

Croom and Oola

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Referee, B. Crosse, St. Patricks.

Oola, 2-14; Cloughaun, 2-9

Oola qualified for the Limerick senior football final at Bruff when they had a 5-pt. win over Cloughaun in the semi-final.

Oola got off to a quick start with an early goal, but Cloughaun took up the running thereafter and deserved a half-time lead of 2-7 to 2-1.

Again Oola were on top in the early stages of the second half and had reduced the arrears to one point after 10 minutes. They were ahead by a point with 10 minutes to go, when Cloughaun's Eamon Cregan failed to score from a penalty and from then to the end Oola were in command.

Scorers—Oola: J. Ryan, 1-7; S. Holmes, 1-0; B. Ryan and D. Quirke, 0-2 each; T. Landers, N. McGrath and P. J. Burke, 0-1 each.

Cloughaun: E. Cregan, 1-4; T. Kennedy, 1-3; R. Prendergast

Byrnes, P. Ryan, R. Ryan, S. Fitzgibbon, N. McGrath, J. Ryan, D. Fitzgerald, T. Landers, S. Holmes, D. Quirke, P. J. Burke. Subs., B. Ryan for T. Fitzgibbon and D. Quinlan for R. Ryan.

Cloughaun—D. Keehan, D. Graham, P. O'Dwyer, B. O'Gorman, J. O'Dwyer, E. Tuohy, C. Cregan, T. Marsh, M. Graham, T. Kennedy, C. Daly, B. Barry, R. Prendergast, E. Cregan and D. Sheehan. Subs., M. Ryan for B. O'Gorman, T. Kennedy for B. Barry.

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Croom

The third annual Colleen Bawn Festival opens this Friday night (7th May). Mr. Donnacha O Dulaing of RTE will perform the opening ceremony.

GAA NEWS

Croom senior footballers defeated Galbally at Kilmallock on Sunday last in the South Limerick senior championship. The score was, Croom 2-8, Galbally 1-4.

DEATH

The death took place during the week of Mr. Dick Casey, Carrigeen. May he rest in peace.

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Croom

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The local under 21 football side lost to Na Fianna at Meanus last Sunday in the South championship.

The Croom team — P. Glynn, Pat Collins, Joe Moloney, Gerard Sheehan, Joe Moloney, Tony Kelly, John Mahony, Donie Murray, Garrett Howard, Willie Dunne, Gerard Collins, Michael O'Shea, John O'Dea, Anthony Lawlor, Jesie Moloney.

Final score: Na Fianna, 3-6; Croom, 0-4.

Oola lose in County final:

13/11/76

Football glory for Croom

BY SEAN MURPHY

CROOM 1-8
OOLA 0-7

CROOM, A CLUB steeped in hurling tradition, had their hour of football glory at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday when, in their first ever appearance in a decider, they won the County Limerick Senior Football Championship by defeating the favourites, Oola, 1-8 to 0-7 after a very poor final, which as a spectacle, never rated anything above the mediocre.

And how richly Croom deserves the tag of champions, having brushed aside with a nonchalant air the challenge of fancied Oola, after being outplayed in the first half. In a power-packed second-half display, Croom playing fast, shrewd and cohesive football centered to a very easy victory over an Oola side that had no answer to their penetrative attack.

COMPETENT ABILITY

Croom's competent ability in the air was a major weapon in their victory and this was particularly obvious at mid-field—the powerhouse of the side—where Willie Walsh was a cool, unhurried general, mopping up everything that came his way and Gerry Murray assisting him admirably and laying off the ball well. From here and from a defiant half-back pair of Donal Murray and Sean Breen, the Croom attack received plenty of possession but the forwards marked a lot of good work with poor shooting.

Oola began with a flourish, eagerly driving forward in waves of attack. Billy Ryan opened the scoring with a point after two minutes and Davy Quirke, a member of the Oola team that last won the title in 1961, made it two after four minutes play.

Oola were dominant at this stage and squandered many chances before Peter Kiely opened Croom's tally with a pointed free in the 8th minute.

Both sides had difficulty in finding the target before Joe Ryan and Peter Kiely exchanged white flags from frees.

UPPERHAND

Despite holding the upperhand in most sectors, Oola did not get on the scoreboard again until the 21st minute when Davy Quirke slotted over a fine point. Three minutes later, the veteran full-forward placed Sean Holmes for another Oola point, but in the 28th minute, Donal Carroll tapped home a nice Croom point to leave Oola leading deservedly by 0-5 to 0-3 at the interval.

Their lead was short-lived, however, as Croom resumed a rejuvenated side. Within two minutes they received the stimulant they so badly needed. A rising centre from Gerry Murray was trapped by Con Shanahan who, from 20 yards, smacked a rising shot which swirled into the corner of the net past a helpless Timmy Ryan in goal. The surprise goal had the desired effect—it injected new life into the lethargic Croom team who immediately showed far greater urge and determination and from this juncture they never lessened their grip on the game although Joe Ryan equalised three minutes into the second-half with a pointed free.

Croom's eagerness and speed was paying off as Oola lost their lead further. Gerry Collins hammered over three superb points,

Peter Kiely pointed a free and Gerry Murray shot a fantastic point before substitute John Landers shot a consolation point for Oola two minutes from time to leave Croom deserving winners of a game that provided poor fare for a fair-sized crowd.

Oola never revealed the form they showed in the earlier rounds of the championship and in the end were sluggish and unadventurous when compared with the slick-moving Croom side especially in the second half.

In the Croom defence, Liam Fahy, Mark Reidy, the team captain; Sean Breen and Donal Murray were all very solid and used the ball well.

The midfield duo of Willie Walshe and Gerry Murray were inspiring all through plucking the ball down and setting attack after attack in motion.

The attack when it settled down produced some fine bouts of play with outstanding displays from Peter Kiely, Gerry Collins, a great-hearted player; Con Shanahan and substitute, Willie Dunne.

Oola players who tried hard in defence were Patsy Ryan, Philip Ryan and Willie Byrnes. Centrefield was ineffective for most of the hour with Noel McGrath the only player able to make any headway while the few spurts of enterprising play in the forward division came from Sean Holmes, Tom Landers and Davy Quirke.

SCORES

Croom—C. Shanahan 1-0, P. Kiely 0-3, G. Collins 0-3, G. Murray, D. Carroll 0-1 each.

Oola—D. Quirke 0-2, J. Ryan 0-2, B. Ryan, S. Holmes, J. Landers 0-1 each.

TEAMS

Croom—A. Lawlor, L. Fahy, M. Reidy (captain), T. Kiely, D. Murray, S. Breen, P. Culhane, G. Murray, W. Walshe, P. Kiely, C. Shanahan, B. Culhane, D. Carroll, G. Collins, P. Hurley. Subs.: W. Dunne for B. Culhane, M. Culhane for S. Shanahan.

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Referee: P. Lane (St. Senan's).

Amidst wild scenes of jubilation, Mr. Rory Kiely, chairman, Limerick Co. G.A.A. Board, presented the trophy to Mark Reidy, captain of the winning Croom team. He praised both sides for their sporting performances and expressed the hope that the leadership and spirit of Croom will play a vital



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VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS G.A.A.

CROOM LEAD THE WAY

In the past 10 to 12 years the number of children who wished to advance to second level education increased dramatically. The varied curriculum, both academic and technical which Vocational Schools offer attracts a large percentage of these pupils. Such schools have always been to the forefront in providing sporting facilities for their pupils.

The County competitions for Vocational Schools in County Limerick at the moment are Under 18 Hurling and Football, Under 16 Hurling and Football. In the coming year 1980 a new competition for under 14 Hurling and Football is being instituted.

It is in this scenario that Croom Vocational School has accepted the challenge of all other schools in the county and virtually exercised total domination in the under 18 county hurling competition (Rushe Cup), winning it for the past five years. This year (1979) school teams narrowly missed making a clean sweep of all Vocational Schools Competitions winning Under 18 Hurling (Rushe Cup), Under 18 Football (Committee Cup) and Under 16 Hurling Championship. They were also beaten finalist in Under 16 Football the only remaining competition.

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Patrickswell panel (Co. Senior Hurling Championship) learned their hurling in Croom V.S. Other clubs with a large sprinkling of past pupils include Adare, Granagh, Banogue, Croom, Camogue Rovers, etc. Many fine players have been produced

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CROOM- A PLACE OF CULTURE AND HISTORY

TO a lot of people the town and parish of Croom is either a spot on the map or a town to pass through coming or going to Limerick. Few appreciate the enormous contribution made by Croom to the Gaelic Culture and History of our land.

This contribution began with the Monastic Settlement at Dysart Aengus, now called Carrigeen, in the ninth century, continued with the Norman Settlement in the 12th Century, then the Maigne Poets, Fili Na Maigne in the 18th Century, right down to the foundation of the G.A.A. in 1884.

As hurling had been played in Croom prior to this time it was not surprising that Croom contributed enormously to the young Association with both players and officials. When the Limerick Co. Board was formed some of

the first officials were from Croom. In the first half of this Century Croom Hurling hit its highest point when numerous players won All-Ireland, Co. Championship and Divisional medals in various grades. The memory of great hurling games played by Croom, some won, some lost are still the subject of a good fireside chat.

For the past number of years the emphasis has shifted from playing hurling to football and the modern Croom player while not neglecting to play hurling, more often collects his trophy for football victory. In this connection 1976 was a really outstanding year when Croom won the County Senior Football Championship and took part in the Munster Club Championship.

The activities of the Club today are much larger and more widespread and varied than in the past. At present

AND HISTORY



CROOM UNDER 14 TEAM. Photo taken in 1972.

Included in this photo, present Seniors:

A. Lalor, Garrett Hauach, Pat Cullhane, Willie Dunne, Micheal O Se.



CROOM Minor Hurling team, beaten by St. Patrick's in 1958

Back Row (L to R): Tony O'Dwyer, Ger Cagney, Patsy Cregan, John Buskin, Vincent Cagney, John Hartigan, Micheal Sullivan, Pat Mangan, Paddy Begley.

Front Row (L to R): Pat Keavney, John Costello, David Fahy, Danny Quain, Donal Quilty, John Carroll, Con Lucy, Tom Cusack, Michael Dennehy, Tom Bennett.

the club caters for no less than twelve teams, for all ages in both hurling and football, with an expense account running into four figures. To help finance this heavy expense the club, each year organises a fund-raising festival, popularly known as the "Colleen Bawn Festival".

While the playing of our National Games are very important the provision of good playing facilities is also a prime consideration. The local sportsfield in Croom, once the only properly enclosed pitch in the county, where many a rousing game took place, has recently been purchased by the Club. Down the years limited development took place in this grounds, but now that it has become the property of the local Club, plans are well advanced for large scale improvements which will

see the pitch enclosed and toilets, dressing rooms erected. When this work is finished hopefully early next year this local field should once again re-echo to the clash of the ash, as it did in days past when the National League decider of 1932 between Limerick and Dublin was played there.

No chronical of Gaelic events from Croom would be complete without mention of our Gaelic winter activities — Scor. Croom G.A.A. members actively participate in all the various competitions of music, song and dance.

Clun Deireadh a cur le seo, se mo ghui go cachaidh Cumann luth cleas Gael Cromad O Feabhas go fheabhas 'sna blianta a ta romhainn. Beannacht De ar an obair.

Le peann Miceal Mac Domhnaill.

Croom retain South S.F.C. title

9/8/47

Croom 1-7
Kilmallock 0-9

Croom got a rare fright from Kilmallock at Bruff on Surlay in the South Limerick senior football final, when they retained their title for the fifth time by the narrowest of margins.

Croom, also Limerick county champions, were assisted considerably by lapses by the Kilmallock defence in the first 10 minutes. It was a disastrous start for Kilmallock, as their defence conceded a number of frees and a penalty, with the result that Croom were leading by 1-4 to 0-0 after 10 minutes.

After that, Kilmallock settled down and for the rest of the game dominated most of the exchanges. At half-time, Croom led by 1-6 to 0-8, and it is significant that in the second half, Croom had only one score, a point. In this second half, Kilmallock were on top and in the third quarter scored three points to leave only a point between the teams. Then Croom had their only score of this half,

but Kilmallock replied with a like score, and in the closing stages, Kilmallock missed three chances of drawing level, one ball striking the upright.

As a football game, it was not brilliant, but it had good passages and the close exchanges, after Kilmallock's disastrous start, kept interest in the game to the end.

Scorers:

Croom — P. Kiely (1-3), G. Collins (0-2), L. Breen and G. Murray (0-1 each).

Kilmallock — P. Kelly (0-7), T. Moloney and D. O'Riordan (0-1 each).

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Kilmallock — D. Moore, N. Hayes, C. Kelly, D. Hayes, J. Fitzgerald, J. McCarthy, J. Houlihan, T. Moloney, P. Kelly, E. Houlihan, M. Carroll, T. J. Moloney, E. O'Donovan, R. Moloney, D. Riordan. Sub., J. O'Riordan for R. Moloney.

Referee, Mr. S. McAuliffe (Hospital).

The cup was presented to Liam Fahy, captain, by Mr. M. O'Callaghan, secretary of South Limerick G.A.A. Board.

KILMALLOCK DEFEATED

Effin 1-6

Kilmallock 0-6

In this South Limerick minor football hurling final at Bruree, Effin won by a single goal — one puck of a ball — and this about indicated how evenly matched the teams were.

Throughout this game, which was a keenly contested and exciting one, there was very little between the teams. Effin led at half-time by 0-4 to 0-3. Early in the second half, Kilmallock levelled the scoring and then went ahead by a point. At that stage, Kilmallock looked like winners, but then a defensive blunder by a Kilmallock defender left Effin through for a goal and that was the turning point in the game. Kilmallock came back for a point and tried very hard in the closing stages for the levelling score, but the Effin defence held well.

Scorers:

Effin — R. Patterson (1-0), M. Rea (0-4), N. Farrell and J. Toomey (0-1 each).

Kilmallock — E. Ryan, M. Leahy, S. O'Grady, T. O'Riordan, D. Barry and P. Hartnett (0-1 each).

Referee, Mr. S. Sexton (Bruree).

The cup was presented to Matt Rea, captain of the winning team, by Mr. M. O'Callaghan, secretary of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board.

SOUTH LIMERICK G.A.A. FIXTURES

At a meeting of the G.P.C. of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board, the following fixtures were made:—

Sunday, August 14, at Kilmallock — Under 21 H.C., Knockaney v. Croom, 2 p.m.; S.H.C. final, Bruree v. Bruff, 3.15 p.m.

Minor football final — If Kilmallock v. Castletown, at Bruree on Friday, August 19.

Sunday, August 21, at Bruff — Under 21 F.C., Croom v. Garryspillane, 2 p.m.; Under 21 H.C., Dromin-Athlaca v. Kilmallock, 3.15 p.m.

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Referee: B. Cross (St. Patrick's).

SOUTH LIMERICK G.A.A.:

29/8/78

Kilmallock make it number five

WITH THE under 21 hurling, under 14, under 16 and senior football titles tucked away, Kilmallock made it number five when their under 21 footballers defeated Croom 1-11 to 0-10 in a replay at Bruree on Friday evening.

Gerard and Pat Collins and Johnny Connell were back on the Croom line-out and despite fine performances from all three, Kilmallock went on to score a fully deserved win.

It was touch and go for long stages with the turning point coming in the 50th minute with a Pat Lewis goal for the winners. Croom supporters will possibly argue that their fate was decided just before the interval when one of their key players was sidelined with an opponent. This decision seemed a harsh one, but at this stage of the proceedings the game was beginning to get somewhat robust. The referee's action certainly sorted things out.

Man of the match was Kilmallock's wing back, Sean Landers. A Macroom youngster, now domiciled in the Southern Capital, he gave an impeccable display of football and why he was not considered for selection on the county minor team is a mystery. A reminder to the incoming county selectors: he is still eligible for 1979. Landers was best assisted by John Houlihan, Eugene Ryan, Mike Burchill, Donal Hayes and Shane O'Grady.

Pat Glynn, Johnny Carroll, Tony Kiely, Ger Collins, Michael O'Shea, Garrett Howard and Pat Collins played great football for Croom.

Kilmallock scorers—J. Houlihan, 0-4; S. Landers, 0-4; P. Lewis, 1-1; T. J. Moloney and D. Hayes, 0-1 each.

Croom scorers—G. Collins, 0-5; P. Collins, 0-2; M. Nash, G. Sheehan and D. Sheehan, 0-1 each.

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Referee: L. Hogan (Camogue Rovers).

Bruff scored a one-point win over Garryspille in the junior football championship. They meet Dromin/Athlaca in the semi-final on this Friday evening. The first semi-final at Kilmallock last Sunday saw Galtee Gaels score a 0-12 to 1-7 win over Camogue Rovers.

Knockainey and Castletown/Ballyagran had easy victories over Bruff and Croom, respectively, in the junior hurling championship. Castletown/Ballyagran won as they pleased, while Knockainey left it late in taking control against Bruff.

Ardpatrick play Knockainey or Na Fianna in the final of the under 16 hurling secondary competition at Bruree on Monday next.



CROOM South Under 16 Hurling Champions 1978
BACK (L. to R.): Mathew Moloney, Anthony Howard, James Kennedy, Joey O'Shea, Michael O'Donnell, Gerard Mullane, Noel Nash, Kevin Cearney, Kevin Begley.

FRONT: Michael Murray, Martin Kiely, Stephen Hayes, John Kenny, Seamus Beehan, Michael Nash, Maurice Kennedy, Kevin Hayes, Oliver Kiely.

RURAL ROUNDABOUT

BY MARTIN RYAN

Glittering future for club with glorious past

4/2/78

HISTORY is being preserved at Croom, with the ambitious plans of the local G.A.A. club to fully develop a playing pitch that is steeped in tradition.

The 5-acre field which has been purchased by the local G.A.A. club is on the Ballingarry road adjacent to the town, and development work is already taking place. The cost of the field has been defrayed by club activities.

Ambitious plans for a £20,000 club rooms on the pitch are on the drawing board, with the first phase of the development to go ahead immediately.

Explained

Fergus Roche, Mark Reidy, Colm O'Regan and Michael McDonnell explained the plans at their annual dinner, which, as usual, was one of the parish social nights of the year.

Local operations of drainage by the Board of Works has turned out to be useful for the work, they told me, by allowing waste removed from the banks of the river to be placed around the field to form an embankment.

"In the spring we will be razing in the field. The enclosing of the pitch will be our first job and we plan to put up the clubhouse in stages. It is designed so that it can be a phased construction," they explained.

When completed there will be a large recreation room, two games rooms, a committee room, plus completely fitted out dressing rooms with showers, etc., for the benefit of the players.

"We have the field paid for, and we hope that the continued success of the festival will enable us to go ahead with the plans for the development work," they told me.

Finance

The annual festival—the Colleen Bawn Festival—has provided much of the finance which has gone into the project. The continued success of the festival will be dependant on for the further stages to the work.

There was much praise for the achievements of the club from

G.A.A. personality, Jackie O'Connell, when he was guest of the club at their annual dinner.

Jackie recalled that the Croom area had been associated with hurling in the county from the earliest days, and through the years they have produced many names that have left their mark on the annals of the Association for their skill in the game.

He spoke of Spencer Lyons, who was associated with the game of hurling even before the formation of the G.A.A., and described the decision of the club to purchase the field as "very wise and prudent because it is a field steeped in tradition".

Jackie congratulated the Croom teams on their success over the past year and while they are now drawing their players from a much more confined area than in former years, it is all the more honour for them that they have continued to keep the name of the club so high in the G.A.A.

Greatest

The greatest feat of the club over the past year was the winning of the South Limerick football championship for the fifth year in a row, and team captain, Liam Fahy, was naturally happy that once again they had the trophy for the top table, where it now had a regular place, year after year.

They are determined to recapture the county title won the previous year, and Liam stressed that they will be trying again this year in those familiar blue and white colours.

His words of thanks were directed to the supporters of the team who backed them throughout the season and his congratulations were aimed at the team for putting on a very fine show.

Fergus Roche, who welcomed their supporters and guests, said that any Croom people with a few thousand pounds to spend could now find a useful place for it in the G.A.A. field... but there was no rush towards the top table with bundles of notes.

Parish Priest, Rev. Fr. Rea, said that they had made their own of the very nice cup over the last few years. They had made a good fight



Liam Fahy, captain of the Croom Football team with the South Championship cup.

even though they were fairly well beaten in the end.

Service

Any association such as the G.A.A. is wonderful in a parish, especially in catering for the young people, and the organisers were doing a great service to the community as a whole.

"I have watched them training under flood lights and I think there is great credit due to them—Croom has a long tradition in the annals," said Father Rea.

During the night, I also met Pat Fitzgerald who has been one of the

stalwarts of the festival committee over the past years.

Pat has certainly highlighted the Colleen Bawn association with the area, which undoubtedly has been one of the features which has made Croom Festival so widely known and popular.

More recently Pat has been concentrating his thoughts on the development of his own auctioneering business and we wish him the best of luck.

Meantime, Colm O'Regan was confirming to me that the 1977 festival "was our best ever", and said that it appeared to be getting better known each year.



Croom, South Feile na nGael runners-up U/14 1979
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 FRONT: Gerard Lowry, Pat Quain, Sean Daly, Joseph Nash, Dennis Moloney, Liam Hayes, Stephen Gegan.



Croom School Team winners of Primary Schools League Div. I.
 KNEELING (L. to R.): Catherine Begley, Helen Quain, Eileen Hayes, Teresa Walsh, Caroline Talbot, Evelyn Glynn, Miriam Quain.
 CENTRE: Brid Culhane, Kathleen McInerney (Capt.), Christina Walsh, Mary Daly, Madeline Glynn, Ann Culhane.
 BACK: Katherine Moloney (Official), Teresa Moloney, Marie Casey, Elizabeth Moloney, Yvonne Hogan, Deborah Noonan, Susan Dunworth.
 EXTREME BACK: Mrs. Essie Daly, Mary Dunworth (Trainer), Mrs. Mary Noonan, Mrs. Nora Dunworth (Committee).

VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS G.A.A. 1979

CROOM LEAD THE WAY

In the past 10 to 12 years the number of children who wished to advance to second level education increased dramatically. The varied curriculum, both academic and technical which Vocational Schools offer attracts a large percentage of these pupils. Such schools have always been to the forefront in providing sporting facilities for their pupils.

The County competitions for Vocational Schools in County Limerick at the moment are Under 18 Hurling and Football, Under 16 Hurling and Football. In the coming year 1980 a new competition for under 14 Hurling and Football is being instituted.

It is in this scenario that Croom Vocational School has accepted the challenge of all other schools in the county and virtually exercised total domination in the under 18 county hurling competition (Rushe Cup), winning it for the past five years. This year (1979) school teams narrowly missed making a clean sweep of all Vocational Schools Competitions winning Under 18 Hurling (Rushe Cup), Under 18 Football (Committee Cup) and Under 16 Hurling Championship. They were also beaten finalist in Under 16 Football the only remaining competition.

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SOUTH LIMERICK G.A.A.:

22-6-79

Bruff and Croom meet in senior hurling

THE SOUTH senior hurling championship advances a further stage on Sunday next, with the meeting of Bruff and Croom at Bruree, while at Knocklong the senior footballers of Ballylanders and Kilmallock do battle for a place in the semi-final.

The hurlers of Croom and Bruff will be hoping for an improvement on the form displayed in the opening round. Bruff can compete with the best in the division, when in form and indeed, have the potential to win through. They play a nice brand of hurling, backed up with good team spirit.

Its many moons since Croom won a senior hurling championship game, due possibly to their emergence as a football force. Many of their supporters are anxious that they make a return to the winners rostrum in hurling. Like Bruff, they have some fine young hurlers and if blended properly, would provide stiff opposition for the best.

Kilmallock, the reigning senior football champions, are fancied to defeat Ballylanders at Knocklong and erase the memory of that shock defeat by Bruree in the first round.

Croom

21-7-84

The death occurred last week of Mr. Tom Ryan, Banogue, and late of Islandmore, Croom. The remains were removed to Banogue Church and following Requiem Mass, interment to local cemetery. Tom Ryan was a member of the staff of Moriarty's Hardware Store, Croom, for over 50 years, and retired some years ago. He was a former sec. of Croom G.A.A. in the early years of the Association in Croom.

The death occurred on Sunday of Miss Nora Ryan, at St. Camillus Hospital, Limerick. Miss Ryan was sister of the late Dan Ryan and Tom Ryan, who died last week.

The death recently occurred of John Hogan, late of Maxwells Lane, Croom. The funeral took place to Castledermot Church, Co. Kildare, where he resided for the past 40 years. During his years in Castledermot he took a great interest in the local G.A.A. Club. He is survived by his wife Aggie, sons and daughters.

Limerick County Council are carrying out road repairs at Islandmore Road and a traffic detour had to be arranged via Toulivan.

28.2.81 Croom

Mr. Plunkett Hayes has opened his new solicitor practice at O'Connell Street, Limerick. He is son of Mrs. May Hayes, Carass, Croom, and the late Gearoid Hayes. He was previously with Tynan & Co., solicitors. Educated at the Adare C.B.S. and Sexton C.B.S., he was also former member of the Croom senior hurling team.

The death occurred recently of Mrs. Hickey, Banogue. She was mother of Mr. Jimmy Hickey, chairman of the Limerick County Board G.A.A.

The weekly 45 drive, which was held at the Community Centre

17.12.83 Joseph Fitzgerald

The death occurred in St. Camillus' Hospital, Limerick, on Wednesday night of Joseph Fitzgerald, Anhid, Croom, who was president of the Fianna Fail Cumann in Croom. Deceased, who was 72 and in failing health for some time, was a farmer and a life-long associate member of the G.A.A. He served in the L.D.F. during the Emergency.

He was predeceased, three years ago, by his wife, Margaret (nee Moroney, formerly of Rockhill, Bruree). He is survived by his sons, Pat, of Anhid, Croom, and John, of Corbally, Limerick, who is with the city corporation, and daughters, Miss Margaret Fitzgerald, of Anhid, Croom, and Mrs. Catherine Guinane, of Rathkeale. Removal of remains will be at 8 p.m. this Thursday evening from Daffy's Funeral Home, Croom, to St. Mary's Church, and the funeral this Friday afternoon to Reilig Mhuire after 12.30 p.m. Mass in St. Mary's.

9/2/85 Croom

Senior hurling selectors, Con Lucey, Mike Daffy and Jack Bennett; senior football selectors, Liam Fahy, Tom Begley and Timmy Quirke; under-21 hurling selectors, Michael O'Shea, Martin Howard and Jack Bennett; under-21 football selectors, Liam Fahy, Tom Begley and Timmy Quirke; junior football selectors, Pat Culhane and John Joe Daly; novice hurling selectors, John Joe Daly and Timmy Quirke; captain, senior hurling team, Donal Murray; vice-captain, senior hurling, Pat Culhane; captain, senior football, Tony Kiely; vice-captain, senior football, Michael O'Shea; trainer, senior hurling, Con Lucey; trainer, senior football, Tom Begley.

4/8/Croom

The unexpected death of Mr. Ned Chawke, Chanke's Cross, Granagh, took place recently. He was for many years insurance agent with the New Ireland Assurance Co. He also was a member of the 1940 Limerick team All-Ireland winners. He played corner forward. The large attendance at the removal of the remains from St. Nessian's Hospital, Croom, indicated how popular he was. His friendly smile and gentle ways brought him close to anybody that knew him. He will indeed be sadly missed. Sympathy is extended to his wife and family.

The Christmas 45 drive

Croom G.A.A. Club

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The chairman of the club, Mr. Liam Fahy, welcomed all and on behalf of the club expressed thanks for all the wonderful work done in the past year, in particular the work of the Field development committee who have carried out further development in the local G.A.A. field.

The president of the club, Michael McDonnell, who is the assistant secretary of the Limerick Co. Board, also spoke in praise of the activities of the club and its committees in the past year, and requested the incoming officers and club members to make a special effort to improve the standard of hurling in the parish in the coming years.

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Co. Board reps., Colm O'Regan, Mark Reidy, Liam Fahy, John Sweeney. South Board delegates, Mark Riedy, Liam Fahy, Colm O'Regan.

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Croom

2-5-83

The death took place recently at the Limerick Regional Hospital of Mr. Jim Sheahan, Main Street, Croom. The remains were removed from Daffy's Funeral Home, and interment took place to Reilig Muire. Jim was involved in the Croom Angling Club and was a great supporter of Croom Hurling Club. He was indeed very popular in the parish, and sympathy is extended to his wife, Liz and family.

The Community Centre

Croom

14-1-84

The annual general meeting of Croom G.A.A. Club took place on Tuesday last and the following elections took place:

President, Mr. Michael McDonnell; vice presidents, Monsignor Boyle, P.P.; Father Aherne, C.C.; chairman, Mr. Liam Fahy; vice chairman, Mr. Timmy Quirke; secretaries, Mark Reidy, Michael O'Shea, Gerard O'Brien; Treasurers, Colm O'Regan and Sean O'Donnell; registrar, Gerry Murray.

Committee: Joe Quane, Jimmy Carey, Danny Quane, Stephen Moloney, Tom Begley, Paul McRory, Ned Quirke, John Carroll, Johnny Cregan, Tom Reagan, Garret Howard, Pat Hurley, Pat Lowery, Liam Hayes, J. J. Daly, James Roache, Tony Kiely, Anthony Howard, Donal Cagney, Seamus Lordan.

Senior hurling captain, Tony Kiely; vice captain, Donnie Murray; junior hurling captain, Joe Maloney; vice captain, Ned Quirke; under 21 hurling captain, Anthony Howard; vice captain, Gerard O'Brien.

Senior football captain, M. O'Shea; vice captain, A. Howard; junior football captain, Paul McRory; vice captain, Pat Lowery; under 21 football captain, Oliver Kiely; vice captain, Gerard Manning.

Senior hurlers selectors: Gerry Manning, Fergus Roache, Johnny Cregan, Liam Hayes, Tom Begley. Junior Hurlers selectors: Stephen Moloney, Donal Carroll.

Senior Football selectors: Tom Begley, Timmy Quirke, Liam Fahy.

Junior Football Selectors: Timmy Quirke, Mark Reidy, Paul McRory.

South football final

7/10/79

ends in draw

Croom 0-6 Galbally 0-6

This South Limerick Senior Football final, which ended in a draw at Knocklong on Sunday, did nothing for the game in the South Division.

Agreed, the conditions were against good football with a cross wind that blew in gusts at times, and a pitch that had been affected by overnight rain. But these conditions did not excuse the scene that took place midway in the second half, when several players became involved in fisticuffs that resulted in one Croom player being taken off the field injured and one Galbally player being sent to the line by the referee, Mr. John Sheehan, Dromin-Athlaca.

Croom adapted themselves better to the conditions early on and, despite failing to score from a penalty which was saved by T. Hennebery in the Galbally goal, they led at half time by 0-5 to 0-1. They had had the advantage of the breeze and better things were expected of Galbally in the second period. But it was Croom who scored first in this half, with a point seven minutes after the "break". Galbally then took up the running and had three points to come within two points of Croom. With five minutes to go, they were only a point behind, and two minutes from the end they had the levelling score.

SEEKING THIRD

One of Galbally's best forwards was 16-years-old John Cummins, who was trying for his third South Limerick title this year. He was captain of the Galbally juvenile team that won South Limerick and County honours and he was on the Galbally minor football team

The Croom senior footballers drew with Na Fianna in the South Limerick Senior Football championship, at Kilmallock, last Sunday. The Maigesiders put on a good display of football and led the Fianna boys until the last minute saved the day for Na Fianna. The Croom team were as follows: S. Glynn, Gerard Sheehan, John O'Brien, Michael O'Shea, Donal Murray, Sean Breen, Pat Culhane, Gerry Murray, Gerard Collins, Pat Collins, Anthony Lawlor, Peter Kiely, Seam Burke, Willie Walsh, Garret Howard, Anthony Howard for W. Walsh, and Liam Fahy for Anthony Howard, substitutes. ⁸⁰ ~~Mc~~ ~~parke~~ will visit the

NOTED LIMERICK HURLER DIES

THE death took place yesterday of Mr. Jim Roche, Croom, Co. Limerick. Mr. Roche, who was in his late sixties, was a noted hurler in his early youth. He won three All-Ireland hurling medals with Limerick in 1934, 1936 and 1940 and he also won five National Hurling League medals with his native county during the same period. He captained the Croom senior hurling team which won the Co. Limerick senior hurling championship in 1940 and in 1941. He was also a well-known inter-county referee.

that won the South Limerick title.

SCORERS

Croom: S Burke (0-2), P. Kiely (0-1), L. Breen (0-1), G. Murray (0-1), and A. Lalor (0-1).

Galbally: J. Cummins and T. Cummins (0-2 each), J. Fraser and M. Quish (0-1 each).

TEAMS

Galbally: T. Hennebery, J. Donovan, B. Noonan, L. Hennebery, P. J. Casey, T. Casey, J. Dunne, M. Quish, M. Fraher, T. Cummins, T. Burke, J. Fraher, J. Fraser, J. Hedigan and J. Cummins.

Croom: S. Glynn, J. Moloney, M. Reidy, T. Kiely, M. O'Shea, S. Breen, P. Culhane, D. Murray, G. Murray, P. Collins, A. Lalor, P. Kiely, L. Fahy, S. Bourke, L. Breen. Subs.: J. Mahoney (for Collins); N. Nash (for Reidy).

Croom A.G.M.

The A.G.M. of Croom G.A.A. Club was held recently in the Community Centre and it was attended by a very large gathering of club members and well wishers.

Election of officers: Life presidents, Jim Roche; president, Michael McDonnell; vice-presidents, Rev. Fr. Rea, Rev. Fr. W. Walsh; chairman, Mr. Liam Fahy; vice-chairman, Tim Quirke; secretary, Mark Reidy; assistant sec., Eamonn Moore; treasurers, Colm O'Regan; assistant treasurers, Michael Kenny; registrar, Gerry Murray.

Committee: Officers of the club, together with Dan Quain, Donal Murray, James Roche, Patrick Hurley, Gerry Carey, Jim Carey, Seamus Lordan, Anthony Howard, Mark Kennedy.

Affiliations: Senior hurling, senior football, minor hurling, minor football, under 21 hurling, under 21 football, under 16, under 14, under 12 hurling and football.

Captains and vice-captains: Senior hurling, Donal Cagney and Donal Murray. Senior football, Sean Breen and Gerry Murray. Under 21 hurling, Arthie Culhane and Garret Howard. Under 21 football, Gerry Sheehan and Pat Collins. Junior football, Tim Quirke and John Sweeney.

Selectors: For senior hurling and junior hurling: Michael Nash, Stephen Moloney, Mark Kennedy. For senior football and junior football: Paddy Hurley, Con Lucy and Mark Reidy. Under 14 and under 16 hurling: Fr. William Walsh, C.C., Danny Quain and J. J. Daly. Under 14 and under 16 football: Liam Fahy, Fr. Walsh and Mark Reidy.

Trainers: All under age teams, Fr. Walsh, Donal Cagney, Paddy Hurley. Trainer for all senior teams, Paddy Hurley.

Coaching courses for young players on each Saturday mornings for hurling and football to be conducted by Fr. Walsh, Donal Cagney, Paddy Jurley.

Delegates to County Convention: Officers of the club together with Mike Kenny, Gerry Murray, John McDonnell, Anthony Howard, Seamus Lordan, Michael O'Shea.

The secretary informed the meeting that the clubs annual fund-raising festival known nationally as the "Colleen Bawn

Feb-Croom80

The annual general meeting of Croom G.A.A. club took place at the Community Centre recently. The following officers were elected: Vice-President, Jim Roche; President Jim Roche; Vice-Presidents, Fr. Rea P.P., Fr. Willie Walsh C.C.; Chairman Liam Fahy Vice-Chairman Timmy Quirke Secreatey Marr Reidy Assistant Secretary Eamonn Moore Treasurer Colm O'Regan Asst. Michael Kenny, Committee : Dan Quane , Donal Murray, John Cregan, Seamus Lordan, James Roche, Gerry Carey, Jimmy Carey, Mark Kennedy.

The annual G.A.A. dinner dance will take place on Friday 18th January at the Deerpark Hotel, Charleville.

12.7.80 Croom

The Croom senior footballers lost to Na Fianna at Bruff on Saturday night last in the South Senior Football Championship. The Croom display of football was of poor standards and they showed no threat to the Na Fianna boys during the hour. The score, Na Fianna 3-6, Croom 1-4. The Croom team was as follows: Pat Glynn, Gerry Sheehan, John O'Brien, Michael O'Shea, Donal Murray, Pat Culhane, Con Shanahan, Garret Howard, Peter Kiely, Pat Collins, Liam Fahy, Anthony Lawlor, Sean Burke.

19.7.80 Croom

The Croom senior hurlers lost to Drumann Athlaca in the final of the Bruree senior hurling tournament at Bruree last Sunday night. The locals displayed good hurling and were narrowly defeated by the Athlaca boys. Aughty Culhane was the man of the match. The Croom team as follows: Anthony Howard, Aughty Culhane, John O'Brien, Joe Moloney, Pat Culhane, Peter Kiely, Tony Kiely, Garret Howard, Gerry Murray, Con Shanahan, Donal Murray, Pat Collins, Donal Cagney, Martin Howard and Sean Breen.

Arrangements are now being made for the selection of

12/9/80 Croom

Croom Athletic Club would like to thank all the walkers, the people who sponsored the walk, Fr. W. Walsh, president of the club, Jimmy Moloney, shop for the refreshments, Liam Donovan and anybody else who helped in any way to make the walk such a success. The money is to be used for juvenile athletics and to buy equipment for the club.

The death took place unexpectedly of Mr. Pat Joe Breen, late of Main Street, Croom. The remains were removed to Daffy's Funeral Home and the funeral procession took place to St. Mary's Church, Croom. Following Requiem Mass, officiated at by Fr. Breen, cousin of the deceased, interment took place to Reiligh Muire. Pat Joe was for many years involved in many Parochial activities, a warden member of the Civil Defence, a member of the GAA, life president of the Croom United Soccer Club, he also took an active role in the senior citizen party day. He also had a great love of the Irish language and was a composer of many songs and poems. His passing came as a profound shock to the whole area and we wish to extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Angela, and to his

20-6-81

Death of Mr. Martin Howard

A grand link with Croom hurling grandeur was severed recently when we learned the sad news that Martin "Sonny" Howard had passed away following a short illness.

It must be almost a record that for over thirty years, during which they won five county senior hurling championship titles, Croom had only two goalkeepers.

The late Jacky McDonnell, father of our present esteemed assistant county secretary, Mick, who died at the exceptionally early age of 38, was Croom net minder in the three successful county campaigns of 1919, 1924 and 1929, and when he passed away his place was very capably taken by Martin Howard, who figured in the great successes achieved by Croom in 1940 and 1941, all the more meritorious in that the defeated team in both of those finals was undoubtedly the greatest ever to strut the championship scene in Limerick - the far famed Ahane, winner of fifteen county titles between 1931 and 1948.

That great Croom team of the early 'forties was remarkable too in that almost identical teams won both titles, as fourteen players were involved in both the 1940 and 1941 finals, a rare achievement for any club even in successive years. They were: Martin Howard, Larry Connors, Bill Griffin, Michael Bermingham, Tom and Peter Cregan, Jacky Purcell, Jim Roche, Martin Butler, Con Simcox, Dick Walsh, Davy Hartigan, Paddy Lalor and Mick Sexton.

The only change over the two seasons was that Frank Costelloe played in 1940 and his place was taken by Paddy Carroll the following year.

Martin Howard continued on as Croom club goalie until the late 'forties when he was replaced by John Murray, having given magnificent service to the team.

The Howard family have given unstinted service to the G.A.A. down the years and Martin's brother, Garret, won undying fame as the Limerick man who played successfully in five All-Ireland senior hurling finals, also winning Railway Cup renown with both Leinster and Munster.

To all those bereaved by Martin's death the sympathy of Limerick Gaeldom is extended.

UNDER 14 FOOTBALL

Camogie Rovers after an uneasy start went on to win the under 14 football decider by disposing of Galbally on the scoreline of 1-5 to 0-2 at Kilmallock.

Galbally enjoyed a fair share of outfield superiority but poor finishing cost them many scores.

Brendan Horan, Michael Carroll, Pat Barrett, Seamus Hourigan, Michael Browne and John Riordan were outstanding for the winners. The losers had fine performers in Tom McGrath, Pat Finnin, Paul Ryan, Tom Sampson and Noel Dineen.

Camogie Rovers-B. Horan, J. Kenny, M. Carroll, M. Dennehy, M. Kenny, M. Browne, D. Hynes, J. Riordan, P. Chidgery, J. Riordan, P. Barrett, A. O'Connell, S. Hourigan, D. Ring, T. Ryan.

Galbally-P. Cunningham, P. Finnin, T. McGrath, E. Fahy, T. Sampson, N. Dineen, L. Morrissey, G. Finnin, S. McGrath, S. Barry, A. Carey, N. McGrath, D. Ryan, P. Sheehan.

Referee, M. Fitzgerald, Kilmallock.

Croom ^{27/9/80}

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Croom ^{30/1/82} G.A.A. Club

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South Limerick G.A.A.

CROOM AIM TO CONTINUE REVIVAL ^{24/4/82}

SINCE THE inception of the divisional championships in 1971, four clubs have inscribed their names on the South Limerick senior hurling roll of honour: Garryspillane ('71) Kilmallock ('72, '73, '74, '75, '79) Bruree ('76, '77, '78, '81) and Dromin/Athlaca ('80) have enjoyed the glory of capturing the Barrett Cup and sampling the sweet taste of success.

The records show Bruree and Kilmallock dominating the competition. Another chapter will be added to these records on Sunday next at Bruff, when the defending champions Bruree and Croom do battle for the 1982 title.

Will Bruree equal Kilmallocks total or will it be Croom to score their initial success.

The emergence of Croom from the shadows has been welcomed by hurling followers everywhere. Their loyal supporters are certain to give them a special faillte when they take the field on Sunday and their place in the final for the first time.

Since the opening round tie against Bruff it has been obvious that Croom had their sights set on the Championship. Against Dromin/Athlaca in the semi-final they survived a gruelling hour, but the fact that they never lost sight of their target, was one of the contributing factors in the defeat of their more seasoned opponents.

Hurling is a sport where it is notoriously hard to succeed. Therefore it is unwise to praise too highly the rise of Croom. Suffice to say, that Croom are a resolute and determined bunch of players, who will not die easily.

Campaign

Bruree opened their campaign in low gear and took a place in the losers group after losing to Dromin/Athlaca. They came out on top in this section to score an overwhelming win over Kilmallock in the penultimate stage.

They are a thoroughly efficient side, who always seem to reserve their best for the latter stages of the championship. They improve as the season advances and should be in good tune for Sunday's clash.

Unlucky against South Liberties in last year's county championship, they will be anxious to enter this season's series as hitherto, on a winning note.

Jim O'Brien, Ger Mullane, Danny Deady, Donal Mullane, Pat O'Brien and Ger Randles are some of the big names on the Bruree line-out.

Success hungry Croom will be looking to Donal Murray, Garrett Howard, Pat Culhane, John O'Brien, Peter Kiely and Eugene Mackessy for leadership.

With Both sides having the potential to play hurling at its best, a game of true championship fervour is assured.

Curtain-raiser

The curtain-raiser at Bruff is the second round junior hurling championship tie between Banogue and Hospital/Herbertstown. Following

the latter are favourites to advance to the semi-final, but Banogue weakened by the transfers of a number of players to other clubs, are still a force to be reckoned with.

On this Saturday evening two J.H.C. games are scheduled for Hospital and Knocklong.

Bruff are expected to account for Galbally at Hospital, while Glenroe should be too strong for Camogoe Rovers.

The week-end programme kicks off on this Friday with minor football games. Bruff meet Kilmallock at Knocklong and its a Croom v Hospital/Herbertstown confrontation at Bruff.

Games played

Glenroe surprised Hospital / Herbertstown in the minor hurling championship at Knocklong. The losers never produced their first round form and finished a well beaten side.

Pat Hickey with a goal and four points was the leading scorer for Glenroe. John Kelly, Michael O'Brien, Pat O'Brien, Pat Coffey and Jim Coffey also starred for the winners. Anthony O'Brien, Andrew Meaney, John Breen, Pat Reale, Pat Donovan and Michael O'Dwyer were best for the losers.

Banogue advanced to the semi-final of the minor football championship with a 1-7 to 0-4 win over Bruree.

Kilmallock cleared a stiff obstacle in the junior football championship, when disposing of Galtee Gaels. The latter were the early pacemakers, but failed to convert outfield superiority into scores. Kilmallock settled in the second quarter and once ahead, they never looked like being overhauled.

Kilmallock scorers - John Houlihan 1-2, Maurice Nelligan 1-2, Gerard O'Brien, T. J. Moloney, Davy Riordan, Eugene Houlihan 0-1 each.

Galtee Gaels scorers - Maurice O'Callaghan 0-4, Eamonn O'Sullivan 0-3, Seamus O'Neill 0-2.

One Kilmallock and two Galtee Gaels players were sidelined by referee Jim Hickey in a game that was hard but not dirty.

Bruree junior footballers scored a whopping 3-13 to 0-2 win over Castletown/Ballyagran.

The junior football game between Knockainey and Stakers at Knocklong was a non event as the latter failed to muster a full team.

Briefs

South Limerick meet East Limerick in the Munster under 16 hurling (losers section) final at the Gaelic Grounds on Tuesday next.

A meeting of the South Board will take place at Kilmallock on Monday 26th.

On the same evening at Caherconlish the county under 12 football semi-final will be played and the teams involved are St. Patricks and Hospital/Herbertstown.

Bruff and Hospital / Herbertstown are through to the under 16 hurling final.

Camogoe Rovers, Hospital, Galbally and Garryspillane are the last four in the under 16 football.

SENIOR FOOTBALL:

BREEN POINT A WINNER ^{4/8/82}

CROOM 1-6
ASKEATON 0-8

A point, kicked from 35 yards range just three minutes from the end by Sean Breen, enabled Croom to defeat Askeaton 1-6 to 0-8 in the quarter-final of the county senior football championship at Rathkeale on Sunday last.

Although this was by no means a spectacular contest, it was keenly fought throughout, with plenty of drama and excitement packed into the last ten minutes as both strove manfully for the vital scores.

Askeaton, aided by the wind in first half, enjoyed much possession and territorial advantage, but yet could only manage an interval lead of 0-5 to 0-2.

The turning point in Croom's favour came when Anthony Lalor crashed home a superb goal and followed this almost immediately with a fine point.

These scores gave Croom newfound confidence and although they had to endure many anxious moments, including a close shave in the very last minute, they deserved their narrow victory.

Garrett Howard, Tony Kiely, Gerry Collins, Jessie Kennedy, Sean Breen, Anthony Lalor and Gerry Murray were the chief architects of Croom's success, while Pat Ives, Enda McDaid, Paddy Barrett, Terence Madigan, John O'Donnell and Fintan Ryan impressed most for Askeaton.

Croom: A. Lalor, 1-1; S. Breen 0-2; J. Kennedy, 0-1; G. Collins 0-1; D. Murray, 0-1.

Askeaton: T. Madigan, 0-5; J. O'Donnell, 0-1; F. Ryan, 0-1; C. Ryan, 0-1.

Croom: A. Howard, G. Howard, J. Sheahan, K. Kiely, M. O'Shea, T. Kiely, M. Kiely, D. Murray, G. Murray, G. Collins, S. Breen, P. Kiely, J. Kennedy, A. Lalor, J. Moloney. Sub., E. Mackessy for J. Moloney.

Askeaton: H. Ryan, D. Barron, P. Ives, E. McDaid, E. McDaid, T. O'Connell, M. O'Donoghue, P. Barrett, D. Foley, M. McDaid, J. O'Donnell, F. Ryan, E. McDaid, T. Madigan, C. Ryan. Sub., S. Kelly for T. Madigan.

Referee: P. Lane (Foynes).

Senior Hurling: ²¹⁻⁸⁻⁸²

Croom bridge 41 year gap

Croom 3-9
Tournafulla 2-8

Timmy Horgan, Connie Brouder, Seamus Horgan, Chris O'Connor, Danny O'Connor and Pat Horgan shone for Tournafulla.

Croom qualified for the semi-final of the county senior hurling championship for the first time since 1941 when they scored a four points victory over Tournafulla in their quarter final tie at Askeaton on Sunday.

This was a keenly contested but unspectacular hurling game between two evenly matched sides, with the issue always in doubt.

Tournafulla led by 1-6 to 0-8 at half time and appeared all set for victory when they were awarded a controversial goal mid-way through the second half.

Croom, however, never rented and four minutes from the end substitute James ("Jessie") Kennedy shot the important goal that gave Croom a semi-final spot against neighbours, Patrickswell.

At Best for Croom were Gerry Murray and Garrett Howard in the mid-field, Tony Kiely, Peter Kiely, Pat Culhane, Donal Murray and Eugene Mackessy, while Mike Brosnahan,

11/18/86 Croom

The annual general meeting of Croom GAA club took place recently. There was a large attendance of members. The outgoing chairman, Liam Fahy, did not seek re-election. The outgoing secretary, Joe Devine, also did not seek re-election. The election of officers as follows: president, Michael McDonnell; vice-president, Fr. Sean Long, C.C.; chairman, Donal Murray; vice-chairman, Timmy Quirke; secretary, M. O'Shea; asst. sec., Sean O'Donnell; treasurer, Colm O'Regan; asst. treas., Ged Carey. Committee: Con Lucey, Johnny Sweeney, Pat Hurley, Mark Reidy, James Roche, Fergus Roche, Liam Fahy.

15/2/86 Croom

The senior football team had their first outing of 1986 on Sunday last, when they played Knockainey in the football league. And they had a convincing win with 4 goals and 8 points to no score. As this was a very good start to the season we hope the trend will continue.

The team was: Pat Murry, John O'Donnell, Pat Culhane, Pat Lowry, Anthony Howard, Michael O'Shea, Terence McCrory, Bobby Moloney, Paul McCrory, Garet Howard, Gerry Murry, John Sweeney, Pat Walsh, Brendan Gallagher, Donal Murry.

Scorers for Croom: D. Murry, 2-2; B. Gallagher, 1-1; G. Howard, 1-2; B. Moloney, 0-2; J. Sweeney, 0-1.

D. Murry, B. Gallagher, A. Howard, P. McCrory, B. Moloney, G. Murry played well for Croom.

Next outing v. Monaleen, on Sunday, February 23.

All players please note training starts Tuesday night, February 18, 8 o'clock.

1-3-86 Croom in Munster Final

The final of the Munster Vocational Schools under-16 hurling championship between Croom and Charleville will be held in the Sportsfield, Kilmallock, on this Friday, February 28, at 1 p.m.

On the way to the final the Croom team beat Middleton — last year's champions — by one goal in a close encounter. Next they defeated Nenagh and had a nine point victory over Borrisokane in the Munster semi-final.

Outstanding so far in the championship for Croom have been Matt Daly, Nigel and Kieran Carey, Pat Sheehan and Peter Stapleton.

The team selected for the final is:

Denis Sheerin (Croom); Matt Daly (Croom), Francis Dillon (Crecora), Shane Griffin (Adare); Liam Nolan (Adare), Nigel Carey (Patrickswell), capt., Pat Kiely (Patrickswell); Kieran Carey (Patrickswell), Peter Stapleton (Grannagh); Declan Barrett (Patrickswell), Michael Carmody (Croom), Tom O'Gorman (Grannagh); Pat Lynch (Patrickswell), Kevin Supple (Adare) and Pat Sheehan (Croom).

South Senior Football

2-10-82

Galbally edge out Croom

Galbally 1-5
Croom 0-7

THE 1981 South senior football final at Bruff on Sunday last was brimful of good football, with Galbally holding out in an exciting final for the narrowest of wins.

The high wind and intermittent rain was not conducive for good football, but both sides overcame

the conditions to serve up enjoyable fare.

Croom were the early leaders and with wind advantage led 0-6 to 0-2 at the interval.

At the end of the third quarter Galbally had reduced the deficit, their task being helped by a soft goal by substitute Dan Cronin. John Scully had the sides level after 45 minutes and the same player put Galbally ahead with 8 minutes of play remaining.

Croom fought back several times in search of the equaliser, but bad shooting at close range cost them the levelling point.

Jim Donovan and John Scully were the Galbally stars and received good support from Mike Quish, Donal O'Brien, Ger Carew, John Cummins, Jim Burke and Dan Cronin.

Goalkeeper Anthony Howard was outstanding for the losers. Others to shine were Mark Reidy, Gerry Murray, Sean Breen, Michael O'Shea and Tony Kiely.

Galbally scorers: D. Cronin 1-0, M. Quish 0-2, J. Scully 0-2, T. Burke 0-1.

Croom scorers: P. Kiely 0-2, J. Kennedy 0-2, S. Breen 0-2, G. Murray 0-1.

Galbally: T. Hennerby, T. Casey, G. Carew, G. Dillon, M. McCarthy, G. Donovan, D. O'Brien, M. Quish, J. Scully, P. Hennerby, T. Burke, M. Fraher, M. Burke, G. Fraher, J. Cummins. Subs.: J. Dunne for McCarthy, D. Cronin for P. Hennerby.

Croom: A. Howard, M. O'Shea, M. Reidy, K. Kiely, G. Howard, T. Kiely, P. Culhane, G. Murray, D. Murray, M. Kiely, S. Breen, P. Kiely, G. Moloney, E. Mackessy, J. Kennedy. Sub.: D. O'Sullivan for Moloney.

Referee: F. Costello (Banogue).

7/2/84 Croom

Our AGM was held on 26/1/87. There was a good attendance. The chairman, Donal Murray, welcomed all. Regrettably there were few successes last year but hopefully with a bit of effort more can be achieved this year. Michael McDonnell wishes to thank all who supported him at the recent convention. Officers elected were as follows:

Chairman, Donal Murray; secretary, Patrick Murray; treasurer, Colm O'Regan; senior hurling captain, Martin Kelly; senior football captain, Anthony Howard.

Selectors: senior hurling, Con Lucey, Garrett Howard, Liam Fahy; senior football, Timmy Quirke, Tom Begley, Gerry Murray; under 21 hurling: Donal Murray, Fr. Sean Long, Mick Carmody; under 21 football, Anthony Howard, John Galvin, Ben Daly; minor hurling, Johnnie Daly, Con Lucey, Ben Daly; minor football, Sean O'Donnell, Martin Kiely, Gerry Murray.

TEAM FOCUS 1982



CROOM: SOUTH SENIOR*HURLING CHAMPIONS FOR THE FIRST TIME

BACK ROW (L. to R.): Donal Cagney, Joe Moloney, Johnny Cregan, Mike Kenny (subs), Donal Murray, Gerry Murray, Anthony Lawlor, Eugene Mackessy, Kevin Kiely, Michael Carr, John O'Brien, Gerard Collins.

FRONT ROW: Sean Breen, Oliver Kiely, Mattie Cross (Subs), Garrett Howard, Kevin Kiely, Tony Kiely, Anthony Culhane, Pat Culhane (captain), Peter Kiely, Michael O Se, James (Jesse) Kennedy, Patrick Murray (Sub).



Croom, South U. 12 Football Champions

Back Row - D. Hegarty, Tony Roche, Pat Sheehan, Willie Madden, Ger Casey, Colm Breen, Francis Moloney, John Lynch, John Brennan, Kieran Glynn, Raymond Begley, Mark Reidy (Coach/Trainer). **Front Row -** Pat Moloney, John Hogan, Richard Casey, Denis Sheehan, Brendan Hayes, Eamonn O'Shea (Capt.), Aidan Mangan, Neillie O'Reilly, Pat Hayes, Robert Cregan.

Croom bow 13/11/83 to champs

**LOUGHMORE-CASTLEINEY 0-9
CROOM 1-4**

TIPPERARY champions, Loughmore-Castleiney, proved just too strong for the home side Croom in yesterday's Munster clubs senior football championship tie and duly won by 0-9 to 1-4. Loughmore were always the smarter when it came to picking off their points but the Limerick champions were always in touch thanks chiefly to a well taken first half goal by Michael Moloney.

Loughmore-Castleiney led by 0-5 to 1-1 at the interval, and just held on in the face of a tigherish challenge by Croom in a hard fought and always exciting second half.

Scorers — Loughmore-Castleiney — T. McGrath (0-4), P. McGrath (0-3), J. Treacy (0-2). Croom — M. Moloney (1-0), P. Kiely (0-3), G. Murray (0-1).

Croom were never seriously troubled against South Liberties at the Gaelic Grounds. They held a 1-5 to 0-2 advantage at the interval, the major score coming from the boot of Michael Moloney.

Peter Kiely and Alan Shanahan exchanged penalty goals in the second half.

Anthony Howard, Brendan Gallagher, Peter Kiely, Anthony Kiely, Martin Kiely and Garrett Howard starred for the winners. Liam McCarthy, Pat Sheehan, Alan Shanahan, Jack O'Brien, Joe Grimes and Michael Butler tried hard for the losers.

Teams 13/8/83

Croom — O. Kiely, G. Mar-

ning, A. Kiely, K. Kiely, G. Howard, A. Howard, M. O'Shea, G. Murray, B. Gallagher, G. Mullane, D. Murray, M. Kiely, J. Kennedy, M. Moloney, P. Kiely.

South Liberties — P. Sheehan, J. O'Brien, J. Carey, W. Shanahan, M. O'Brien, L. McCarthy, J. McManus, A. Shanahan, J. Grimes, L. Dooley, M. Butler, E.

Unique pairing in football final

By SEAN MURPHY

PATRONS of the county senior football final at Pairc na nGael on Sunday between St. Kieran's and Croom, will have the added bonus of viewing the All Ireland junior hurling final between Cork and Galway which is timed for 2.30 p.m., with Pat Delaney of Laois as referee.

The kick off in the county football will be 3.45 p.m., with Terence Murray entrusted with his first county final assignment as referee.

It is an unique pairing between Croom, better known for their feats on the hurling field in bygone days, and St. Kieran's, who draw their forces from the hilly hinterland of Ardagh and Carrickerry.

Amazingly, both sides have made a big impact on the Limerick football scene in the past decade. Croom reached the pinnacle of success in 1976 when they captured the county senior crown. They will parade six of that victorious combination on their panel for next Sunday's showdown — Tony Kiely, Gerry Murray, Donal Murray, Anthony Lalor, Peter Kiely and Sean Breen, who recently resumed training after a serious injury.

St. Kieran's, on the other hand, struck gold in 1981, after failing at the final obstacle on four occasions during the 70's. They come from an area steeped in Gaelic football tradition, and have their sights firmly set on regaining the elusive title.

They are an experienced and talented squad with ten of the history making '81 team — Patsy Nolan, Tom Larkin, Tom Hartnett, Peter O'Connor, Paul O'Connor, Sonny Crowley, Mike O'Connor, John Keane, Donie Mulvihill and Pa Leahy ticked off for duty against the Maiguesiders.

Brothers will be very much to the fore in Sunday's clash with five Kielys — Oliver, Tony, Kevin, Martin and Peter donning the blue

and white strip of Croom in company of the Murrays — Gerry and Donal and the Howards — Garrett and Anthony. The latter duo are nephews of Garrett Howard, the only Limerickman ever to win five senior All Ireland hurling medals.

Peter, Paul and Mike O'Connor and the Larkin trio of Tommy, Timmy and Dan are brothers lining with St. Kieran's whose selection encompasses the parishes of Ardagh, Carrickerry, Coolcappa and Kilcoleman.

Croom, one of the few rural GAA clubs to possess the luxury of floodlights, trained earnestly and in style for the final under the guidance of Liam Fahy, senior selector, Tom Begley, who has been associated with Croom teams as a player and administrator for almost 30 years, and team manager, Timmy Quirke.

"St. Kieran's are a good football side," said Tom Begley, "but our lads are enthusiastic and with a repeat of our second game form against Oola and a little luck we might surprise them," continued the long serving official.

Gerry Murray, the genial school teacher who will line out at midfield for Croom, admits that Croom have not been over impressive this season, but says that luck has been on their side, the defence has conceded very little and most of all, he grinned, "we have been winning matches".

St. Kieran's have trained at their Ardagh headquarters under the expert eye of Tommy Kelly, one of the all time greats of Limerick football and apart from a slight doubt about Peter O'Connor, everything is in ship-shape condition for the final.

Jack Enright, a former stalwart full back with Limerick hurlers, feels that despite the erratic form shown by St. Kieran's during 1983, they have the capabilities of beating Croom, in what he promises to be a fitting finale to the championship.

St. Kieran's caused the sensation

fancied Thomond College team at Croom, but then plummeted to the lower depths of mediocrity when failing by nine points to Askeaton in the West final replay.

But then Phoenix-like they rose from the ashes to reverse that verdict by a whopping margin in the semi-final and instal themselves as firm favourites for the final.

They have an experienced custodian in Patsy Nolan, and a tough and resolute defence comprising the Larkin brothers — Tommy, Timmy and Dan, Tom Hartnett, Liam Barrett and Peter O'Connor, that will not concede scores too easily.

Midfield is likely to be manned by veteran Sonny Crowley and Paul O'Connor, while the attack is likely to be composed of Mike Woulfe, Mike O'Connor, John Keane, Mike Molyneaux, Donie Mulvihill, well known for his soccer touches with Ballynanty Rovers, and Pat Leahy, who figured with Dublin's "Heffo's Army" at the commencement of their trophy-laden march in 1973-74.

Croom were lucky to snatch a draw with Oola in the semi final but showed much improved form in the replay, and on the evidence of this display, will prove worthy opposition to St. Kieran's.

Oliver Kiely will guard the net once again, and is likely to be confronted by Gerry Manning, Tony Kiely, Kevin Kiely, Garrett Howard, Anthony Howard and Michael O'Shea—a sextet that has conceded very little in the series to date.

Brendan Gallagher and Gerry Murray are tipped to form Croom's mid-field partnership with Donal Murray, Martin Kiely, Anthony Lalor, Jessie Kennedy, Mike Moloney, Peter Kiely, Sean Breen, Ger Mullane and Gerry Sheahan all in contention for places in the attack.

All in all, it has the ingredients and spice to be an hour of exciting football with St. Kieran's likely to survive in the end.

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CROOM S.H. TOURNAMENT

26.6.86
 For many years, Croom G.A.A. Club in Co. Limerick has organised wonderful hurling tournaments in their local field. Indeed it was this club who once pioneered the famous suit lengths tournaments, when great games of hurling were played between "The Rockies", Toomevara Greyhounds, Tullaroan, Young Ireland and Cloughaun.

Those glorious days are set to return once again to the popular Co. Limerick venue. On Friday, May 2, Kilruane-McDonagh's of Tipperary and current All-Ireland club champions take on Six-milebridge from Co. Clare in the first semi-final of this revised tournament. On Sunday, May 4, the local rivals of Kilmallock and Patrickswell should help to bring the crowds, as both teams are preparing for the Co. Limerick senior championships a week later.

The final is scheduled for Ascension Thursday, May 8, and all games are timed for a 7 p.m. start.

Winning teams will receive a set of jerseys in their club colours, with individual trophies for players.

Croom

The death occurred at St. Camillus' Hospital, Limerick, of Miss Madge Shanahan, Main St., Croom. The remains were removed to St. Mary's Church, Croom, following Requiem Mass.

The local GAA Scor team travel to Cappamore on this Sunday night to compete in the county Scor final. They carry 3 teams. Set dancing—Miriam Quain, Helen Quain, Catherine Begley, Helen Begley, Liam Fahy, Ned Quirke, Pat Quain, Paul McRory. Instrumental music—Siobhan Condrón, Catherine Cregan, Miriam Quain. Solo singing — Jennifer Normoyle.

Congratulations to Ned Quirke who was a member of the Post Office All Ireland hurling team who defeated Kilkenny at Croke Park. Ned is a well known magician and has travelled many times to London to perform in the Magic Circle in London. His many friends wish him continued success.

22-2-86



Pat Culhane, with the Barret Cup after Croom had won the South S.H.C. title for the first time. 1982

27.9.84
Croom

The local under 14 football team defeated Ballylanders at Kilmallock recently in the final of the South Limerick Championship. The team as follows: Francis Moloney, A. Mangan, M. Daly, Pat Carroll, Raymond Begley, M. Carmody, Joe Condon, D. Hegarty, Con Daly, Denis Sherin, Brian Hayes, Willie O'Reilly, Eamon O'Shea, Pat Sheehan, Seamus Donworth. The score: Croom 5-1, Ballylanders 1-1.

The senior citizens will be taking

Croom Colleen Bawn Festival gets under way on this Friday night.

The death took place of Mr. Denis Cullinane, Church Road, Croom, unexpectedly. He was a native of Abbeysfeale. He resided in Croom for over twenty years. He was a former CEO with Limerick Vocational Education Committee. In later years he transferred to Tipperary where he retired some years ago. Denis took an active role in various organisations in the parish and in the early years in Croom was a trainer to the Croom senior hurlers and the Croom teams achieved great victories in those years under his guidance. He had a keen interest in gardening. The remains were removed from Daffy's Funeral Home to St. Mary's Church, Croom, and following Requiem Mass interment took place in Reiligh Mhuire. The chief celebrant at both the obsequies and interment was Mgr. Liam Boyle, Parish Priest.

5.5.84

Croom

16.2.85

Training re-commenced on Tuesday, February 5, and will continue each Tuesday and Thursday night at 8 p.m. We had an excellent turnout last week but there are still a few faces missing hopefully that will be rectified this week.

Training is under the supervision of Con Lucey, who has given sterling service to the club, both as a player and official and we hope that our present panel will give Con the co-operation he deserves. A feature of last week's training was the number of officials present and we hope this interest continues for the remainder of the season.

The draws for the Senior Hurling and Football Championships are now known. We meet Garryspillane in the first round of the hurling and Ballysteen in the second round of the football.

The AGM of Bord na nOg was held recently and the following were elected: chairman, Paddy Hurley; secretary, Mark Reidy; treasurer, Ger Carey. Committee, Helen Quain, John Joe Daly, Colm O'Regan, Seamus Lordan, Jimmy Carey and Danny Quain.

On a lighter note our Scor teams have been very busy over the past couple of weeks. Three of our teams, namely: set dancing, figure dancing and quiz teams reached the South Finals and for the first time ever our set dancers will represent Croom in the County Finals. We wish Liam Fahy and company the best of luck.

25/1/85
Croom

The annual general meeting of Croom juvenile GAA club took place at the Community Centre. There was a large attendance. The chairman, Mr. Pat Hurley, N.T., thanked everybody for their help and assistance. The election of officers took place: President, Mgr. Liam O'Boyle; vice-president, Dr. Michael Lucey; chairman, Pat Hurley, N.T.; vice-chairmen, Dan Quain, Jer Lowery; secretary, Mark Reidy; asst. secretary, Helen Quain; treasurer, Ged Carey; asst. treasurer, Colm O'Regan.

28.1.84
Croom

At the recent annual general meeting of Croom G.A.A. Club, it was decided to form a juvenile club, and the officers elected were as follows: chairman, Patrick Hurley; vice-chairman, Dan Quain; secretary, Mark Reidy; assistant secretary, Helen Quain, and treasurer, Jed Carey.

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Congratulations to John Allen, Glenma, Croom, on winning the county junior cross country championship recently. John is listed on the panel for the world cross country team. The team included Pat Quain, Pat Fennessy, Terry Talbot.

12.1.85

16.2.85
Croom

The Croom Senior G.A.A. Scor team took part in the South Senior Championship at Knocklong last week. The senior set team brought off the senior title and they got through to the county final to be held at the Savoy in February. The Croom team were as follows: Ned Quirke, Liam Fahy, Paul McRory, Pat Quain, Helen Begley, Catherine Begley, Helen Quain and Miriam Quain.

The A.G.M. of the Croom Juvenile Club was held at the old school in Croom last week and there was a good attendance of members. The chairman, Mr. Patrick Hurley, welcomed all present and complimented officers and players for their dedication and conduct during the year. He emphasised the role of discipline within the club and said it was of vital importance to the success and achievements of the club. Discipline has been the main theme of all the officers of the club. Monsignor Liam Boyle and the secretary, Mark Reidy, spoke on this matter.

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Croom

13.6.85

Training is continuing on Tuesday and Thursday nights and the turnout is very satisfactory. In the county hurling league we had a good win over Monaleen but were beaten by a fitter Newcastle West team in the football league. The hurlers had a good outing against Boher last Sunday, the highlight of this match was a superb goal by Martin Howard.

Our under 21 footballers are through to the next round of the championship but the minors were not good enough for Kilmallock.

On a sad note we are losing the services of Autie Culhane, who has been advised by his doctor not to play again.

Members are reminded that the club subscription is now due. We would also strongly advise our members to join the G.A.A. insurance scheme, details of which may be obtained from any committee member.

The playing field is in very bad condition at the moment and it looks like we will have to rest it for a few weeks.

The juvenile club are running a bus to Thurles next Sunday for the league final and we hope they have an enjoyable day.

27/6/86
Croom

We have organised a senior hurling tournament to take place on Friday, May 2: Kilmallock, co. champions, v. Patrickswell; on Sunday, May 4: Kilruane, Tipperary, and All Ireland Club champions, v. Sixmilebridge, Clare county champions. Both winners meet in tournament final Date to be finalised. With these four very attractive teams, we expect a top class tournament competition.

Our under 14 team were narrowly defeated in the south final Feile na Gael hurling competition by Bruff. We were entertained with a very fine game of hurling by both teams. Congratulations to Pat Mangan and Stephen Moloney (selectors) who did a fine job in coaching this team.

Our juvenile club have a very busy schedule in progress at the present moment. Full list of fixtures next week.

Our senior hurling team have played a number of challenge matches in preparation for the South Senior Hurling Championship first round v. Bruff Sunday, May 4.