

DEATH OF WELL-KNOWN LIMERICK GAEL

Mr. Tom Culhane, Glin, Co. Limerick, well-known All-Ireland footballer and referee, died at the County Infirmary, Limerick, yesterday, aged 27. He had been recuperating from the effects of an operation and there were high hopes of his recovery, when pneumonia set in.

He played for Munster in the Inter-Provincial Championship for the past six years, being on some occasions the only player selected who was not from Kerry. He also played with the Limerick football team, and refereed All-Ireland and inter-county matches, and had been selected to play for Munster this season.

Mr. Culhane was a member of a committee of prominent referees and players appointed by the Central Council to consider the rules governing football and make recommendations as to their working. In this connection he gave a great deal of time to the work of the organisation, and much valuable advice. He was very popular, not only in Limerick, but throughout Munster.

Speaking of his death to an IRISH PRESS reporter yesterday, Pádraig O Caoimh, General Secretary of the G.A.A., said: "Tom Culhane's death was a great shock to us all. He was a fine character and a great player, and his death is not only a loss to Munster, but to the Association as a whole, for he gave his time and services most unselfishly to the advancement of Gaelic pastimes."



1938

MR. T. CULHANE.

To whom Kerry and Galway, as well as the different members, paid high tributes at the last meeting of the Central Council on his refereeing of the All-Ireland Football Final.

THE LATE TOM CULHANE

The Passing Of A Famous Footballer

(BY ONE WHO KNEW HIM).

His intimate friends and the many who had seen him excel in the football field were grieved and pained on hearing of the death of Thomas (Tom) Culhane of Glin, Co. Limerick, after a comparatively short illness, during which high hopes of his recovery were entertained. Pneumonia set in and the Lord called him to Himself. In the passing to his eternal reward we have lost an admirable Catholic, a faithful follower of Father Mathew, the possessor of much talent, and a noted footballer.

On several occasions he gave some memorable exhibitions of football in Croke Park, playing centre-field in All-Ireland matches, and for Munster in the Interprovincial Championships, in which he has figured for the past six years. The G.A.A. by his death have lost a wonderful player and Ireland a true Irishman. Tom had been selected to play for Munster this season, but, alas! he is low to-day, and will never again be applauded at Croke Park. To his grief-stricken family the sympathy of all who knew him goes out. May God grant his soul eternal happiness.

Tom Culhane of Glin in West Limerick was so young and blooming when we knew him in hurling and referee circles that it is hard to think that he has gone from us (Slán beo).

The hardest team to give honours outside its own county is Kerry. They gave Tom Culhane that honour and not without reason. He was a brilliant winger. Like many brilliant men on field and fane he died young. Young Culhane was a noble type.

GAA

The death took place in the County Infirmary of Mr. Tom Culhane, Glin, the noted Limerick footballer. Mr. Culhane, who had been ill for some time, was frequently selected to represent Munster, and his early death has come as a great shock to his many friends in the G.A.A. He was one of the youngest referees in Ireland, and refereed the All-Ireland final between Kerry and Galway two years ago.

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EFFIN-1950's.

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Tournament ³⁰/₁₀
Hurling Games ⁵⁴
At Effin

M.H.—Ballyhea, 3-5; Knockaney, 1-5.

J.H.—Charleville, 4-5; Camogue Rovers, 1-6.

At Effin, Kilmallock, two very interesting hurling games were witnessed in the hurling tournaments organised by the Effin G.A.A. Club.

The first match was the minor hurling tournament final between Knockaney and Ballyhea, and after a most exciting game, Ballyhea ran out winners on the score of 3 goals and 5 points to 1 goal and 5 points for Knockaney.

After the game, Rev. G. Wall, C.C., Chairman of the Effin Club, presented the cup to the Ballyhea captain and congratulated both teams on giving a very sporting and interesting display.

In the second game, Charleville defeated Camogue Rovers in the first round of the Junior Hurling Championship by 4 goals and 5 points to 1 goal and 6 points for Camogue Rovers. This was a good game that held interest to the final whistle.

The teams were played on to the field by the very popular Bulgaden Tin Whistle Schoolchildren's Band, conducted by Mr. P. Ward, B.A., N.T., Bulgaden, and the band gave a fine selection of Irish airs during the interval.

Eggin-1960's

PRESNTATION OF MEDALS AT May G.A.A. 1960 FUNCTION

1960

"I would like to appeal to the parents in this parish to see that their boys go to the local playing field and to put a hurley in every boy's hand," said Mr. Patrick J. Ryan, P.C., Chairman of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board, when he presented to the members of the Eggin minor hurling team the medals which they won as South Limerick champions in 1959, at a very enjoyable social in the Canon Hayes Memorial Hall, Eggin, Kilmallock, in the presence of a large gathering.

The Eggin minor team was, he said, not only a credit to the parish of Eggin, but was a credit to the Gaelic Athletic Association. Their sportsmanship on the field of play and their loyalty to the ideals of the Association were of the highest standard. Here in Eggin, he said, you have a great tradition for the Gaelic pastimes down through the years since the inception of the Association. Eggin has always been to the forefront and I hope that this victory with the minor team is but a prelude to more junior and senior championships in the years ahead.

ILLUSTRIOUS SON OF ILLUSTRIOUS FATHER.

Congratulating Rev. G. Wall, C.C., Chairman of the Eggin Club, on the success of the team, he said that Father Wall is an illustrious son of an illustrious father. There was no need for him to elaborate on what the Walls did for the Irish nation in dark and evil days.

After making the statement at the outset, the Chairman said: "If you do this, the Gaelic Athletic Association will for ever prosper in this historic parish."

The Chairman also complimented Croom, the defeated finalists, on their display in the South Limerick final, and he paid high tribute to the ladies' committee who had done excellent catering during the evening and supplied a sumptuous meal.

GUESTS WELCOMED.

Very Rev. M. Quinlan, P.P., Eggin, who welcomed the guests to the function, congratulated the minor hurling team on their win, and said they looked forward to similar celebrations in the future.

Rev. G. Wall, C.C., Chairman of the Eggin Club, also welcomed the guests and said that the social was a gesture on behalf of the Club to the minor team on their great victory last year. He said he was glad to see members of the opposing team—the Croom Club—present at the function.

HURLING AT LOW EBB.

Rev. G. McNamee, St. Munchin's College, Limerick, said that in Limerick at the moment hurling was at a rather low ebb and it was up to every club to pull together to put the green and white back on the map. We have, he said, been too long away from Croke Park. There are so many young hurlers in the county who cannot remember us except with a tale of defeat, but if every parish and every club could give us one or two men of inter-county standard we could come back. We realise that there is nothing going to do as much good for the G.A.A. as a senior All-Ireland title. He appealed to all parents to give the young lads every

Rev. M. J. McCarthy, P.P. Ardpatrick; Mr. P. Clohessy, T.D., M.C.C. (East Limerick Board), and Mr. J. Lowry, Croom, also spoke.

RECIPIENTS OF MEDALS.

Mr. Ryan presented medals to the following:—

Bobby Burke, Michael Sheedy, Christy Conway, Walter Burke, John Carroll, Michael Pitman, Thomas Bluett, Eamon Rea, John Callaghan, Pat McCarthy, John O'Donnell, Jimmy Kiely, Charlie Callaghan, Dermot Sheehan, Mossy Buckley, Billy Magner, Conny Sullivan, Jimmy Bluett, Noel Sullivan, Timmy Bluett, Noel Sullivan, Timmy Sullivan, Pat Corbett and Denis O'Keeffe (trainer).

The presentations took place during a very enjoyable social, during which music for dancing was supplied by Jerry Kennedy's ceili band.

Vocal items were rendered by Rev. G. McNamee; Messrs. P. Clohessy, J. Burke (Dromin), and P. Cagney, Feohanagh.

Fine exhibitions in Irish dancing were given by Mary O'Callaghan, Eggin, and Sean McMahon, Limerick.

An excellent supper was provided for the guests and members of the winning team by a most efficient ladies' committee.

THE ATTENDANCE.

Others in attendance included:—
Rev. T. Greene, C.C., Feohanagh;
Rev. J. Culhane, C.C., Kilmallock;
Rev. D. McCarthy, C.C., Croom;
Rev. D. Brown, C.C., Glenroe; Rev. E. Casey, C.C., St. John's, Lmk.;
Miss C. O'Connell, Chairman, Limerick Camogie Board; Messrs. J. Burke, Vice-Chairman, South Limerick Board; S. Fitzgerald, Secretary, do.; M. J. McNamee, Treasurer, do.; P. Fitzgerald, Registrar, do.; M. Rea, Chairman, Eggin Club; S. Gleeson, senior (East Limerick Board).

Effin-1962

Effin A.G.M.

27-1-62

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1965.

A.G.M. of Effin

20-2-65

The annual general meeting of the Effin G.A.A. Club was held at the Canon Hayes Memorial Hall, Effin, Kilmallock.

The Chairman (Mr. Michael Burke), in his address, welcomed the very large attendance present. He stressed the need for co-operation and he exhorted every player to put their hearts into the game and to keep up the very high standard of sportsmanship which their teams had displayed over the past years—it is something to be proud of, he said.

The Secretary (Mr. P. J. O'Donnell) gave a detailed account of all activities of the club for the year 1964. He pointed out that the attitude of some of the players to the game was very disheartening at times and he encouraged in the game, not alone to bring them to take a keener interest honour and glory to themselves but to give honour to the national game. He thanked everybody concerned who helped in any way to make the club a success in 1964.

The Treasurer (Mr. C. O'Callaghan) gave a detailed account of income and expenditure for the year and there was a small credit balance in the funds.

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It was decided to affiliate junior and juvenile hurling teams for the current year's championships.

1969.

EFFIN A.G.M.

1/3/69

There was a good attendance at the annual meeting of the Effin G.A.A. Club, and the Chairman, Mr. T. O'Sullivan, referred to the lack of interest and spirit which was prevalent in the club during the year. He thought that it would take little to bring some success in the future. He regretted that he would not be seeking re-election.

Very Rev. E. O'Dea, President, also addressed the meeting.

The Secretary, Mr. John O'Donnell, was also concerned about the lack of success in 1968. He felt that this was mainly due to the players themselves, to their attitude towards training and general preparation for games. He also referred to some challenge matches which had been arranged but had to be cancelled as only about half the players turned out.

He congratulated the under-14 hurlers on winning the South Championship and praised the Chairman for the interest he had shown in these young players.

He said that owing to pressure of business he would not be seeking re-election.

The Treasurer's report, presented by Mr. P. J. O'Donnell, showed that the club had a small credit balance.

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President, Very Rev. E. O'Dea, P.P.; Chairman, Mr. P. J. O'Donnell; Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. McNamara; Secretary, Mr. W. J. Magner; Treasurer, Mr. P. Kennedy.

Committee: Messrs. J. O'Brien, D. O'Keeffe, J. O'Donnell B. O'Keeffe and A. O'Mahony.

Selection Committee: Messrs. R. McNamara, J. O'Brien, P. J. O'Donnell, D. O'Keeffe and team captain.

Effin win

9/8/69

Effin, 5-8; Charleville, 2-3.

Effin (Co. Limerick) won the Quish Cup at Kilmallock when they defeated Charleville (Co. Cork) in the final by 5 goals and 3 points to 2 goals and 3 points.

This game, held in connection with Kilmallock Festival programme, did not live up to expectations, and was a rather tame affair. Effin got off to a good start and led at half-time by 3 goals and 6 points to 1 point. Charleville had two early points, followed by a goal, on the turn over, but Effin fought back for a goal. Charleville were again in the picture with a good goal, but in the closing stages, Effin were on top.

Mr. J. Quaid, Feohanagh, refereed.

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14-3-70

Mr. P. J. O'Donnell, chairman, presided at the annual general meeting of the Effin G.A.A. Club held at the Hall, Effin, Kilmallock, and in the course of his address to the meeting expressed regret at the lack of success and spirit in the parish during 1969 and he hoped that 1970 would be more fruitful.

The secretary (Mr. W. J. Magner), in his report, also expressed concern regarding the bad showing of the Junior Hurling team during 1969. This was due, he said, both to the players themselves and the selectors. He blamed the players for not turning up for training, and more especially for not appearing for some challenge matches which had been arranged. He blamed the selectors for dropping young fellows, who had started the year, in favour of older players, who just turned up when it suited them, especially for championship matches, and who were not in form to be playing in a hurling field.

Mr. Magner praised the displays of the under age teams during the year and he hoped for more success from these teams during 1970. He concluded by thanking all his fellow officers in the club, the Youth Club, Muintir na Tire for the use of the hall, Mr. Paddy McCarthy for the use of his field and all others who assisted the club in 1969.

The treasurer in his report showed a small credit balance.

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Junior Hurling capt.—W. J. Magner; vice-capt. T. Bluett.

Minor Club: chairman, Mr. D. O'Keefe; secretary, D. Barry; capt., Jimmy Gilbert; vice-capt., M. Wall.

No. 135—MICK CULHANE Of Glin

By SEAMUS O'CEALLAIGH

Glin football hit its peak in the decade from 1926 to 1935, and to none more than Rev. P. Lyons, now P.P. of Monagea, must the credit go for that unforgettable spell in the history of the parish, reviving a glory that was previously evident around the turn of the century, when another great combination made football history for the district.

On his transfer to Glin from Kilmeeady in 1925, Father Lyons at once set about starting a football club. How successful were his efforts can be judged by the fact that in 1926—the first year out, his team won both the junior and senior championships of the west and county, and brought the total of senior successes to seven in the years that followed.

When Glin at last faded from the football stage, the fame of the district was upheld by the deeds of the late Tom Culhane, who starred on the field of play and proved a referee of outstanding quality, and Tom's untimely death was a sad blow indeed, and a big loss to Limerick football.

RUNS IN FAMILIES

The old proverb says that "athletics run in families" and in the case of Tom Culhane it was to find expression in the fine football deeds of another member—his younger brother, Mick. Tom had played for Limerick and for Munster on many occasions but Mick's glory was gathered mainly away from his native county and he wore the Dublin and Roscommon colours with distinction.

Independent of the part poor Tom played in the advancement of football, Mick could claim descent from great athletic stock and point to many relatives who had made their mark in the active arena. There are over a hundred families of Culhanes scattered around the Glin parish and no less than a dozen members of this clan hit the headlines in the ranks of athletics.

The first pair of the name to come to the fore on football fields were Michael and William, who were prominent members of the far-famed Commercials Club. Michael, a popular citizen of Limerick City for many years, was an outstanding player on the team and figured in the grand old colours for many years. Although very young at the time he was a reserve on the Commercials selection that captured All-Ireland honours in 1896—that team captained by another great son of Glin—the late Con Fitzgerald, of happy memory.

William Culhane, besides excelling

at football, was an ardent Gael and a prominent worker as a member of the Commercials Club Committee. His untimely passing in 1895, at the early age of thirty-two, was deeply regretted by all his colleagues.

NEXT IN LINE

Next in line we meet Maurice Culhane, of the Mall, Glin—a leading member of the great Glin Emmets Football Club committee, who, with Dan Culhane of Killeany and Tom ("Murray") Culhane were prominent players on this fine team. The latter was also a useful sprinter and jumper.

Soon another crack sprinter appeared in the person of M. T. Culhane, now resident in Borrignone, who won many prizes at meetings around West Limerick and in Kerry and Clare. In addition, he was a keen coursing enthusiast.

And to prove that the old spirit still lives we have another member of the clan just hitting into the limelight just now. Young John Culhane is a very promising footballer, and was mainly responsible for putting the newly formed Borrignone juvenile hurling team on the field this season.

And we must not omit to mention the fine work of Patrick Culhane, who has done much for Glin football in recent years.

MICK'S G.A.A. CAREER

The subject of this sketch, Mick Culhane, opened his football career whilst still a schoolboy and at an early age was figuring with distinction on the local junior side. He was denied the opportunity of playing in minor ranks through the absence of a team in this grade in the parish at the time.

In 1946, Mick joined the Gardaí, and during his period of training at the Depot turned out as a member of the grand old Dublin club, the Geraldines—as Garda had no senior team in the Metropolitan championships of the time. Before the season was out, Mick's prowess on football fields was a bye-word and it was no surprise to see him selected to play for Dublin, with whom he lined out for the remainder of the year.

Early the following season Mick was transferred to County Roscommon, where he quickly joined the famous Tarmons Club, then well filling its role as one of the leading units of the Association in the great sheep raising county beside the Shannon. The Glin lad figured prominently on all Roscommon teams from 1947 to 1950, while he was also an outstanding member of the Connacht Railway Cup sides during the same years. He helped Roscommon win

the Western championship in 1947, but they were beaten in the semi-final by Cavan, who later played Kerry in the Polo Grounds, New York, for the Blue Riband, and secured a resounding victory.

IN THE U.S.A.

Towards the end of 1950 Mick left for Pittsburgh, U.S.A., where to this day he is still playing fine football, even if passed his best.

Prior to his departure for America the Gaels of Roscommon showed their appreciation of his services by making him a valuable presentation at a reception held in his honour. Dr. Hugh Gibbon, Chairman of the Roscommon County Board, who presided on that occasion, said that if Mick got on as well in the States as he did with the people of Roscommon there was a bright future in store for him. Dr. Donal Keenan, the captain, also paid tribute to his prowess and wished him well in the land of his adoption. He said that the departure of such a fine footballer was a severe blow to Roscommon football.

Mick was not long in America before making his mark and he played full forward on the New York side that lost to Meath at the Polo Grounds in the 1951 National Football League final. He also figured prominently on the New York selection the following season.

The year 1953 was another red letter one for him, when he captained the mid-west team which won the American championship. He still skips this side.

RECENTLY QUALIFIED AS
A DENTIST

Since arriving in the States, Mick has also been very successful in his studies and recently qualified as a dentist.

He is a splendid fielder and long accurate kicker, and has played in many positions both in attack and defence, but is more at home at mid-field or full forward. He stands six feet two inches in height and weighs close on fifteen stone.

The esteem and affection he has already won in America is best illustrated by the fact that last year the Gaels of that great country elected him President of the National Council of the G.A.A. in America—a truly big honour for one of Limerick's greatest footballer.

Riordan, J

(of Effin.)

1893 = 1st h.v. Kilmallock Sports. Second in Running Hop, Step & Jump
(from scratch) 4.0ft. 2 in.

G. M. H. Semi Final.

Effin 2.8 Doon 1.6

Importance Of The Parish Club

EVERY parish should have its own hurling or football club or both and these clubs should be the centre of life and vitality in the parish, said Mr. J. Kennedy, outgoing secretary, in the course of his report to the annual general meeting of Effin G.A.A. Club, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick.

Many of our Gaels, he said, emigrate and our games and our clubs could help by making country life brighter, by providing healthy Irish amusement and recreation. A well-organised parish club can provide its own amusement each evening of the week during summer and a parish hall can do likewise in the winter.

10th May 1896

at Kilmallock 5 H Ch. Effin

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14th June 5 H Ch. Charleville 2.5

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