

By MADGE DALY

LIKE HIS comrade-in-arms, Edward Daly, Con Colbert was little more than a boy when he faced the British firing squad after the glorious epoch of the 1916 Rising.

"Worthy comrade of the great men with whom he died," wrote Brian O'Higgins, "was Conn O Colbard than whom not one of the them all, not even MacPiarais himself, was more high-minded, more spiritual in thought and feeling, more unselfishly devoted to the cause that had called him even as a boy among the pleasant green fields of his native County Limerick." Such was the noble spirit of that young Athea lad, inspired by a patriotic fervour richly inherited from both sides of his parentage. An uncle was out with the Fenians, and his mother was one of the McDermott's of Cooraclare, who had been the vanguard of the national effort since 1882.

Leaving the gently sloping hills of west Limerick, Con secured employment in Dublin and there he became a pioneer of the Fianna Eireann, a movement close to his heart. He gave it every moment of his spare time, and even during his summer holidays he would don his Fianna uniform and cycle from place to place, getting a few boys together to start a new Sluagh. With his earnestness and enthusiasm he proved a most successful recruiting agent. Con joined the Irish Volunteers at the inception of that movement and was one of the first drill instructors. He was quickly appointed Captain of F Company, Fourth Battalion, a rank which he held until the Rising. He was also a member of the Irish Volunteer Executive at the time John Redmond attempted to gain control of the movement, and when the motion that would literally have put the Volunteers at the disposal of the Irish Parliamentary Party came before the Executive Council, Con voted against it, notwithstanding the very great pressure brought to bear on him by others. His clear thinking and definite mind could not be influenced easily. Despite his youthful years, Con shortly became one of the inspirations of the new and vigorous resurgence movement, and in due course he was appointed to Volunteer Headquarters staff.

Organising

During the years which preceded the fateful rising of 1916, Con Colbert devoted his spare time to the work of organising the men and boys who were to participate in that historic event, and, what it more, although his wages at the time were particularly meagre, he spent almost every penny in the advancement of the movement to which he had given his everything but his very soul. When Padraig Pearse visited us

From the archives of W. W. Gleeson

Chivalrous Con Colbert from Athea



Con Colbert: a forgotten Limerick hero.

in Limerick, in 1916, he spoke of Con lovingly and as a dear friend. He told us how he had asked him to come to St. Enda's College as drill instructor to the boys and how Con agreed despite the many other national activities which made his an over-full life. But when it was suggested that Con's name should be put on the pay-roll he became so indignant that Pearse had to apologise and drop the idea. He was ever bright and cheerful, and I can never recall seeing him out of humour. Whenever he passed through Limerick on his way home to Athea he would call to visit my uncle, and sometimes stay with us a day or two, sometimes only for a few hours. Soon a deep friendship developed between these two, the old, crippled Fenian and the young one. Con's visits were a source of great pleasure to my uncle as he brought him the latest news of the Fianna, the Wolfe Tone clubs and the other national groups in Dublin. He wrote to him, too, whenever there was a little news. My uncle had known Con's Fenian uncle about whom Con was ever anxious to hear. The pair were seldom short of a subject and they often talked until the small hours of the morning.

The last time I met Con Colbert was in O'Connell Street, Dublin, a week before the Rising. I had gone there to get the latest news for my uncle, from Tom Clarke. Without a word being exchanged about the Rising I knew instinctively that Con was aware of the coming test and we both felt that it might be our last meeting. He invited me to the D.B.C. ostensibly for a cup of

tea, but really to talk. It was then I realised that he was entering the fight convinced that he was going to his death. Yet he was as calm and happy as ever, talking of the risks as part of the day's work in the cause for which he lived. He said that he believed they would all go down in the fight but that the sacrifice would be well worth while. I disagreed, pointing out that Thomas Clarke was so full of hope and that he believed that if they had some initial success the youth of the country would flock to their standard. With the whole country up in arms intensive guerilla warfare would probably develop, and Britain, so hard pressed to find soldiers to maintain her armies at full strength for the war against the Central Powers, would be unable to provide the additional forces necessary to quell a general rising in Ireland. Con could not see it that way, but he had no doubt about the righteousness of their effort to win freedom, or about the effect of their sacrifices. He was in the highest spirits when he left me, glad of the opportunity to play his part in the struggle.

When the great day came and the flag of freedom was proudly unfurled over the GPO, Con Colbert took his place with the courage and determination of the true soldier and fought with conspicuous bravery and ability. Later, when the sad day of reckoning arrived, a British courtmartial paid him the significant tribute of a felon's death.

Round the open hearth fires in the homes among his native hills and valleys of Athea they still speak of Con Colbert with love and reverence, and passing years have but helped to mellow the honour and respect with which his name is spoken. Wrote Brian O'Higgins: "Tom Clarke held him in high esteem; MacPiarais trusted him as a friend and comrade ever welcome at the Hermitage; Eamonn Ceannt loved him and was forever singing his praises. So spiritual was he that he abstained from meat during the seven weeks of Lent, and like Mellows he was always slipping quietly away to say the Coroin Mhuire in the shadows of some Dublin Church."

Forfeited

The soul of chivalry always, Con saved the life of his superior officer at the post where he served during the Rising and forfeited his own by assuming

command when the surrender came. At the last he was as brave, as calm, as happy, as nobly edifying as he had been through all the days of his short life. So grand was his bearing that the British soldier who was ordered to pinion him asked the privilege of shaking his hand. Father Augustine, the brown friar who was with him in that last hour has written:

While my left arm linked the prisoner's right, and while I was whispering something in his ear, the soldier approached to fix a piece of paper on his breast. While this was being done, he looked down, and then addressing the soldier in a mild and perfectly natural way, said: "Wouldn't it be better to put it up higher nearer the heart." The soldier said something in reply, and then added: "Give me your hand now." The prisoner seemed confused and extended his left hand. "Not that," said the soldier, "but the right". The right hand was accordingly extended, and, having grasped and shaken it warmly, the kindly, human-hearted soldier proceeded to gently bind the prisoner's hands and afterwards blindfold him. Some minutes later, my arm still linked in his, and accompanied by another priest, we entered a dark corridor leading to a yard and, his lips moving in prayer, the brave lad went forth to die.

Such was the noble and dignified death of a brave young Volunteer from west Limerick who died as he lived, a soldier and a saint. Ever a devout Catholic and daily Communicant, Con Colbert had his own definite opinion as to where his duty lay — to God and to his country. He went that way regardless of censure, no matter what the source, and so he lived and died happily. A few days after his execution, my uncle had the following little note from him:

Kilmainham,
7th May, 1916.

My dear friend,
Just a line to wish you goodbye and to ask your prayers for my poor soul. God prosper you and yours. May He love Ireland. Goodbye.

Yours, ever, Con.

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HIGHLIGHT WAS A.G.M. WINNING OF 1965 COUNTY CUP

Pat Cregan, Chairman, presided at the annual general meeting of the Feohanagh/Castlemanon G.A.A., which was held at the Parish Centre, Castlemahon. Amongst the large and representative attendance was Very Rev. M. Canon Quinn, P.P., President, and Rev. S. Hudner, C.C.

The Chairman in his address, extended a welcome to Canon Quinn and Fr. Hudner, and to all the members, and appealed to all to work hard for the promotion of the G.A.A. in the parish. The Treasurer, Denis Sheehan, presented his report, which showed that the financial position of the club was very low, but this was mainly due to the fact that the club was almost £52 in debt at the beginning of the year, and the cost of hurleys and travelling was very high.

This report was unanimously adopted and a number of suggestions were made about cutting down expenditure for the coming year.

The Secretary, Michael O'Riordan, then presented his report and it was considered very satisfactory.

Canon Quinn presided during the election of officers for 1965, which resulted as follows:

President, Rev. Canon M. Quinn, P.P.; Vice-Presidents, Tom Quaid (Sen.) and John Collum; Chairman, Pat Cregan; Vice-Chairmen, Rev. S. Hudner, C.C., and Patrick O'Connell; Treasurer, Denis Sheehan; Secretary, Michael O'Riordan; Asst. Secretary, Sean Sheehan. Selection Committee (for S.H., J.H., J.F.): Rev. Fr. Hudner, P. Cregan, P. O'Connell, P. O'Donnell, Dan Cremin, Gerald Fitzgibbon and the Captain.

Selection committee for M.H., M.F., Juv. H., Juv. F., Under-14 H., Under-14 F.—Rev. Father Hudner, Messrs. Der Doody, S. Collum, Jim Quaid, Seamus Flanagan, Mikie Walsh, Sean Sheehan and the captain.

Captain, S.H.—Jack Quaid; vice-captain, Frank Whelan.

Captain, J.F.—Dan Sheehan; vice-captain, Sean Collum.

It was decided to appoint captains and vice-captains of the remaining teams at a later date.

HOW TO RAISE FUNDS

A long discussion took place on the question of raising funds for the club, and it was eventually decided to hold a five weeks' "Silver Circle" and to hold a concert in Castlemahon and in Feohanagh.

Sympathy was extended to the Lynch family, Ballinakill, on the death of their brother; to the Whelan family, Ballinakill, on the death of their father; to the Flanagan family, Cooliska, on the death of their father; to the Walsh family, Farren, on the death of their mother; and to the Fitzgibbon family, Cooliska, on the death of their uncle.

The meeting then adjourned as a mark of respect to the various families.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary, in his report, stated:—

"Our senior hurlers won the County Cup for the first time, after a hectic game with Patricswell in the final. They also won the carnival final at Broadford, and we had high hopes of the county senior hurl-

lock in the second round. However we were short Seamus Quaid and Frank Whelan for this game, and their absence was severely felt.

"Our junior hurling team was much depleted for the game against Adare, as a number of them had been promoted to the senior team, and I wish to take this opportunity of thanking some of the team who came out of retirement to make up a team. We are very grateful to them, indeed. Our junior footballers were beaten by Glin in the semi-final, after a very closely contested game.

UNDER 14's IN FINAL

"Our minor hurlers were beaten by Knockaderry in the semi-final, and juvenile footballers were beaten by Father Casey's in the semi-final, and our under 14 footballers are in the final. I would appeal to them to pay attention to training for this game, and if they do they should give a good account of themselves.

"A number of our players were honoured by selection on the county team during the year—Seamus Quaid, Pat Harnett, Dan Sheehan and Donal Quaid on the senior team. Dan Sheehan and Dick Murphy on the under 21 football team. Dan Sheehan and Sean Collum on the under 21 hurling team, and Ben Joe O'Sullivan on the minor hurling team, they all gave a good account of themselves, and we are very proud of them. I also wish to congratulate Jim Quaid who refereed a number of inter-county football games during the year and shows great promise as a referee.

I also wish to congratulate Paddy Connell and Jack Quaid on their selection as football and hurling selectors, respectively. During the past year our vice-chairman, Father Greene, was transferred to Abbeyfeale. During his eight years in the parish, he was actively associated with the G.A.A. and he did a great deal of work for it.

To his successor, Father Hudner, we extend a very sincere welcome, and we trust that his term in this parish will be very happy and very successful.

I wish to thank all those who subscribed to our annual collection, they were very generous and we are extremely grateful to them.

TRIBUTE TO COMMITTEE

I wish to pay a tribute to all my fellow committee members who have done so much for the club during the year. I wish in particular to refer to the amount of work our Chairman has done. He has been a real inspiration to the teams, and if no County Championships came our way in 1964 it wasn't his fault, anyway.

I also wish to pay tribute to Der Doody, who trained the senior hurling team for the Cup and Championship. He had them as fit as fiddles.

To all our players and supporters who suffered bereavements during the year we extend our deepest sympathy. We shall have the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass offered for the repose of their souls.

In conclusion, I wish to thank you all for your help and co-operation during my term of office. You have made my job a very pleasant one and I trust my successor will receive the same kind co-oper-

BIG CROWD SEE EXCITING CUP TOURNAMENT FINAL

Feohanagh, 4-5; Coolcappa-Ardagh, 3-4.

AFTER one of the best games seen in West Limerick this season, Feohanagh scored a hard-earned but well-merited victory over Coolcappa-Ardagh in the final of the Feenagh-Kilmeedy Silver Cup Hurling Tournament at Kilmeedy on Sunday evening. Some 2,000 patrons from all parts of the division thronged into the village for the final and they were amply rewarded with a first-class exhibition of fast, hard-hitting hurling in sixty minutes of a thrill-packed hour. Right from the start it was man for man, with apparently no quarter expected and certainly none given, while stewards strove desperately in the hectic excitement to hold back the crowd from converging on the field of play. It was certainly no easy task in an unenclosed pitch, especially when the excitement reached fever pitch, as it frequently did. Congratulations are due to the local club on the outstanding success of the tournament, which in the earlier stages attracted such well-known teams as Milford, Newcastle West, Dromcollogher and Granagh-Ballingarry, all of whom were eliminated in the preliminary rounds to leave Feohanagh and Coolcappa-Ardagh to fight out the final.

Seldom, if ever, has a tournament final attracted such interest and speculation in the division, and from an early hour there was a constant stream of traffic into the hillside village. Prolonged applause greeted both teams as they entered the arena and from the first whistle it was a veritable whirlwind of excitement as the rival players gave of everything that was in them in what seemed as much a trial of strength and endurance as of hurling ability. Actually, the match provided a rare combination of both, as play was for the most part of an exceptionally high order, with numerous purple passages and quite a few fine individual performances. The Quaid trio, Jim, Jack and Seamus, more than maintained their inter-county reputations around mid-field, while Tom Quaid, the fourth member of the famous hurling clan, was very much to the fore in the forward line. Jack Collins, Bertie Mulcahy, Paddy Gilbourne and P. Lane were always very sound in a very stout Feohanagh defence, in which M. Murphy was a very keen goalie, while T. Sheehan, D. Cremin, Willie Gilbourne and Joe Lane were always in the picture in the attack. Honour of the game must go to T. Kelly, who gave a really spectacular performance in the Coolcappa-Ardagh net with many fine saves, and Jack Enright, West Limerick's sole representative on the Limerick team that won the Munster Junior Championship, gave a really fine performance. Meade, Fitzgerald and Downey in the defence; Moss Downey, J. Kelly, Hurley and Danaher at mid-field; Woulfe, Enright, Liston and Molyneux in the forward line were all very much in the picture for Coolcappa-Ardagh.

THE SCORING.

Feohanagh were away from the throw-in and a few minutes after the start Jim Quaid sent a mid-field drive into the square for the opening score—a goal for the winners. From a free thirty yards out Tom Quaid added a Feohanagh point before Coolcappa-Ardagh replied with a point from a 40-yard free from Jack Enright. Returning to the attack from the delivery Feohanagh again forced the pace and once again Tom Quaid was on the mark with a point from a free. Following some midfield exchanges Jack Collins put Feohanagh a point ahead. The winners were now forcing the pace and Coolcappa-Ardagh conceded two 70's in quick succession but their defence held out and at the other end they were in hard luck when a stinging shot from Jack Enright struck the upright and rebounded back into play. A few minutes later, however, their persistent efforts were rewarded when Tim Woulfe sent to the net for a great goal. Joe Lane replied with a point for the winners, who were in high glee a few minutes later when Jack Collins crashed home another goal and Tom Quaid followed up with a point. With Coolcappa-Ardagh pressing at the interval the issue was still very open at half-time, when the scores stood: Feohanagh, 2-5; Coolcappa-Ardagh, 1-1.

Shortly after the resumption Jack Enright sent Coolcappa-Ardagh in a whirlwind attack and Tim Larkin, who had come on as a sub., assisted Bill Enright, Jim Liston and Tim Woulfe and a determined drive from which Feohanagh conceded a goal. When the long-hitting Jack Enright added a Coolcappa-Ardagh point some minutes later excitement reached a high level with only three points between the teams. Feohanagh, however, promptly replied with a vital goal from Frank Whelan, who had also come on as substitute on the winners' side. Coolcappa-Ardagh retaliated with a point from Tim Woulfe and with excitement mounting Tom Quaid consolidated the Feohanagh lead with a goal to which Coolcappa-Ardagh replied with a similar score after a hectic scramble. In the closing minutes the Feohanagh net was under severe barrage but the defence held until a free enabled Jack Enright to send over a point and reduce the lead to four points, but the winners held on to the lead until the final whistle. Mr. Sean Herlihy (Killeedy) was a very capable referee.

THE TEAMS.

Feohanagh—M. Murphy, J. Collins, P. Gilbourne, B. Mulcahy, J. Collins, Jim Quaid, Jack Quaid, Seamus Quaid, P. Lane, T. Dwane, J. Lane, T. Quaid, S. Sheehan, D. Cremin, W. Gilbourne.

Coolcappa-Ardagh—T. Kelly, M. Meade, J. Enright, C. Enright, D. Fitzgerald, T. Downey, M. Downey, M. Hurley, J. Kelly, T. Danaher, P. Dowling, T. Woulfe, J. Liston, W. Enright, P. Molyneux.

CUPS PRESENTED.

At the conclusion of the game there were scenes of much enthusiasm when the attractive set of miniature silver cups were presented to the winners by Rev. Father Wall, C.C., Chairman of the Feenagh-Kilmeedy Club, who congratulated the winners on their success and thanked all the teams who had taken part in the tournament.

Strong Limerick half-back

1950's

One of the strongest sectors of the Limerick team in tomorrow's senior hurling championship semi-final with Waterford is expected to be the half-back line. It consists of Tom McGarry, famous Railway Cup hurler; Kevin Long, former New York St. Brendan Cup star, and Seamus Quaid, the Garda from Feohanagh.

They are faced by a formidable Waterford trio, and much will depend on the Limerick hurlers' ability to gain the upperhand.

Quaid, one of the country's soundest hurlers, played a very major part in Wexford's great All-Ireland victory of 1960. He was at half-forward for the Slanymen, and his clever distribution had much to do with the victory over Tipperary in the final at Croke Park.

He is again performing splendidly for Limerick this year. The dangerman of the Galway side in the first round was undoubtedly Tom Sweeney, but once Quaid got to grips with him, danger was lessened considerably.

Quaid played his early hurling with Feohanagh whom he helped to a junior county championship six years ago.



Seamus Quaid, Limerick half-back.

Soon afterwards he was transferred to Wexford and lined out with Faythe Harriers,

Kilcoleman-Ardagh, 2-3; Castlemahon, 0-2.

KILCOLEMAN-ARDAGH secured their first divisional title at Newcastle West Gaelic Grounds on Sunday when they scored a hard earned but well merited victory over Castlemahon in the final of the West Limerick Junior Football Championship. The result was certainly a great triumph for the members of the winning team as no less than eleven of the players had helped Coolcappa-Ardagh to win the Western hurling crown at Rathkeale on the previous Sunday, and in this respect their football victory may be regarded as something in the nature of a double. On the other hand the Castlemahon men and their followers must have been keenly disappointed by the outcome of the game as it was the second year in succession they made a close bid for Western football honours. In 1955 they suffered a last minute defeat at the hands of Glin in a hectic semi-final. The Castlemahon selection included the Feohanagh twin brothers, Jim and Jack Quaid, of Limerick hurling fame, who are nearly as capable on the football field as they have proved on so many occasions in the hurling arena.

FIRST-CLASS DISPLAY.

Despite the big disparity in the final score the game was keenly enough contested for a big part of the hour. In this respect the big gathering of patrons who attended from all parts of West Limerick were treated to a first class display with plenty of excitement and a fair measure of football at its best in the division. Marking was very close from the start and a feature of the game was the generally sound defensive tactics of the backs at both ends. As the game progressed, however, the winners proved their superior football skill in most departments and, with many lost opportunities at both ends, Kilcoleman-Ardagh built up a winning score despite a gallant effort by Castlemahon to hold off the growing tide of defeat.

THE PLAY

Castlemahon forced the initiative from the throw in and shaped like winners in the opening ten minutes. However, the Kilcoleman-Ardagh defence stood up well to the test and having survived a series of well combined offensives they settled down to what might be described as a slow but certain battle of attrition as they gradually wore down the Castlemahon opposition. Frank Whelan opened the scoring for Castlemahon with a point from a 21-yard free but the same player missed a good chance of a second score when the winners were again penalised in their own territory. Having beaten off a couple of more Castlemahon attacks, Kilcoleman-Ardagh took up the offensive from the delivery and Kelly finished off a determined effort with a goal to which Tim Downey added a point before the interval when the issue was still open enough on the half time score of Kilcoleman-Ardagh, 1-1; Castlemahon, 0-1.

SECOND HALF

On the resumption the winners were again to the fore and notwithstanding a determined Castlemahon defence Tim Downey finished off a clever move with another goal for the winners. Kelly added a Kilcoleman-Ardagh point and Donovan rounded off the winning score with another point, to give the winners a seven-point victory at the final whistle.

Mr. Gerry Fitzgerald (Rathkeale) was a very capable and impartial referee.

THE TEAMS.

Kilcoleman-Ardagh—T. Downey, S. Enright, T. Kelly, S. Kelly, M. Carrig, S. McMahon, T. Danaher, P. Kelly, D. Fitzgibbon, M. Hanley, D. O'Connor, M. Nash, S. Donovan, S. Kiely, C. Enright.

Castlemahon—L. Heffernan, F. Whelan, T. Whelan, T. Dwane, M. Dwane, P. O'Connor, Y. O'Connor.

Castlemahon advance in S.F. C'Ship.

Castlemahon 3-4
Fr. Casey's 1-5

Castlemahon got away to a very encouraging start at Newcastle West on Sunday when they scored a five-point win over a strong Abbeyfeale selection in the opening round of the Co. Senior Football Championship. The result must have come as a big disappointment to the Fealesiders, who shaped like winners in the opening half, but failed to make the most of a very decided wind advantage.

At the interval they were leading by 1-4 to 0-1, but after trailing for almost threequarters of the hour the winners took over and clinched the issue in a storming finish to which Fr. Casey's just could not find an answer. It was a keenly contested, robust game with a generous measure of good-class football and some fine individual performances on both sides.

Brendan O'Connell opened the scoring with an Abbeyfeale point, to which Pat O'Sullivan added a further point before Brendan O'Connell again came into the picture when he again sent over the bar from a free. Castlemahon fought back against the mini-gale and Dan Sheehan finished off a determined effort when he sent the ball sailing between the higher posts from a 40-yard free. Tom Browne replied with a Fr. Casey's goal, and just before half-time, Sean Collins, receiving a long pass from Pat O'Sullivan, calmly fisted the ball into the net from the corner of the parallelogram.

OPPORTUNIST GOAL

Castlemahon promptly took up the challenge on the resumption and despite a fine display by the hitherto strong Abbeyfeale defence, Dick Murphy got through for another point for the Deelsiders. Dan Sheehan added a similar score from a free, and the tide of fortune really turned for the Deelsiders when Sean Kenny cut through for an opportunist goal that caught the Abbeyfeale backs completely off the mark. With only a solitary point now between the teams, the issue was wide open, but Brendan O'Connell succeeded in stretching the lead to two points. Then the real shock came for Fr. Casey's when Dave Quaid sent to Johnny Collum, who tapped the ball into the corner of the net. Castlemahon were now a point ahead for the first time and after Abbeyfeale lost a good chance of getting on top again, Johnny Collum added another Castlemahon goal, to which Dermot Doody added a point before the final whistle.

Mr. D. Twomey (Mitchelstown) refereed.

Castlemahon—Jim Quaid (goal); J. Mahony, D. Quaid, J. Collum, J. Murphy, J. Quaid, R. Murphy, J. Barrett, D. Quaid, P. Dwane, D. Sheehan, J. Collum, D. Doody, S. Sheehy, Joe Sheehy, S. Sheehan.

Fr. Casey's—L. Scannell; J. O'Connell, M. Scannell, P. Harnett, M. Aherne, P. Prenderville, P. Collins, E. O'Connor, T. Aherne, S. Lyons, T. B. O'Connell, P. O'Sullivan, S. Collins, T. Browne, T. O'Connell.

GROUP FINAL 1956 IN JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Castlemahon, 0-6; Ballysteen, 0-1.

CASTLEMAHON scored a convincing but nevertheless hard-earned victory over Ballysteen in the West Limerick Junior Championship group final at Rathkeale on Sunday after a rather dull and disappointing game. With unusually close marking and rather frequent interruptions by fouls, play never reached a high standard and interest was almost entirely lacking for most of the hour.

Castlemahon, who had the services of the famous Feohanagh and Limerick twin hurling brothers, Jim and Jack Quaid, were well worth their five-point win although there were quite a few occasions when their defence was sorely tested by the Ballysteen men. In this connection it may be mentioned that Jim Quaid, in the Castlemahon goal, gave a very good account of himself, as did also his opposite number in the Ballysteen goal, J. Downes.

THE PLAY.

Castlemahon shaped like winners from the throw-in and at half-time they were leading by 4 points to one. They continued to do most of the attacking in the second moiety and in the closing stages added two more points to their tally without any further reply from Ballysteen.

J. O'Connor opened the scoring for the winners when he pointed from a long drive by Jack Quaid, and a clever centre by Tom Whelan, Ballysteen, replied with determination, but Dan Cremin, Con Magner and Jack Collins combined to effect a good clearance and after Mick Devane sent to the other end J. O'Connor had another point for the winners. A close-in free enabled Frank Whelan to send in another point, before M. Sheehy, from a 21 yards free, sent over the bar for Ballysteen's one and only score. Before the interval Tom Whelan added another Castlemahon point, to leave the half-time score:

Castlemahon, 0-4; Ballysteen, 0-1

SECOND HALF.

On the resumption both sides lost some good scoring chances through faulty kicking. Corbett, in the Ballysteen defence, made some good saves before Tom Quaid cut in to add a further Castlemahon point. At the other end Larry Nestor was in hard luck with a determined drive at the opposing net and before the long whistle Tom Whelan finished the day's scoring with the final point for the winners.

Mr. F. Neenan (Rathkeale) refereed.

THE TEAMS.

Castlemahon—Jim Quaid, C. Magner, D. Cremin, S. Quaid, Jack Quaid, P. Brown, M. Dwane, T. Dwane, T. Whelan, F. Whelan, V. O'Connor, J. O'Connor, T. Quaid, W. Heffernan.

Ballysteen—J. Downes, M. Casey, M. Downes, T. Downes, D. McMahon, M. Kenneally, L. Nestor, M. Danaher, P. Sheehy, M. Sheehy, P. Casey, T. Moran, M. Corbett, S. Neville.

FEOHANAGH HAS EASY WIN Aug 1956

In the final of the West Limerick hurling championship for boys under 14 years of age, played at Newcastle West yesterday, Feohanagh defeated Knocka-

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CASTLEMAHON G.A.A. CLUB PRESENTATION OF MEDALS

A VERY satisfactory year reported at the general meeting of the Feohanagh Castlemahon G.A.A. Club, at Rev. T. Culhane, C.C., who ded, was unanimously re-elected President for the coming year. Welcoming the large attendance of delegates, the President complimented the members both the hurling and football teams on the manner in which they had played the games of 1954 and particularly on their conduct on the field of play. He pressed the hope that this state of things would continue and that the teams would not drop from their good behaviour whether in victory or defeat.

MEDALS PRESENTED

Highlight of the night's proceedings was the presentation of medals by Fr. Culhane to members of the Feohanagh Hurling Championship.

The report of the Treasurer (Mr. T. Quaid) showed that the meeting all liabilities the club had a credit balance of £53 at the end of the year. Their thanks were due to the patrons who had so generously subscribed to the annual collection.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected for the coming year:—President, Rev. T. Culhane, C.C.; Chairman, Mr. T. Quaid (se); Secretary (H.C.), M. O'Sullivan (F.C.), V. O'Connor (S.H.), Jim Quaid; Vice-Treasurer, T. Quaid (junr.); Treasurer, T. Quaid; Capt. (W. Heffernan; Vice-Capt. (D. Cremin; Capt. (M.H.T.), D. O'Connor (Juv. H.), J. Roche; (Juv. F.), P. Flynn; Capt. S. Sheehan.

Selection Committee (Hurling), Rev. Father Culhane, Messrs. O'Connell, B. Flanagan, D. Han, D. Cremin, P. O'Donnell, J. Quaid, J. Quaid, with Messrs. Madden and W. Heffernan to constitute the Football Selection Committee.

Mr. G. Fitzgibbon was appointed trainer.

DELEGATES TO WEST BOARD

Rev. Father Culhane, Messrs. O'Connor, M. Dwane, D. Flanagan, B. Madden, J. Quaid and W. Heffernan were pointed on the panel of delegates to the West Board.



JACK QUAID
(Feohanagh)

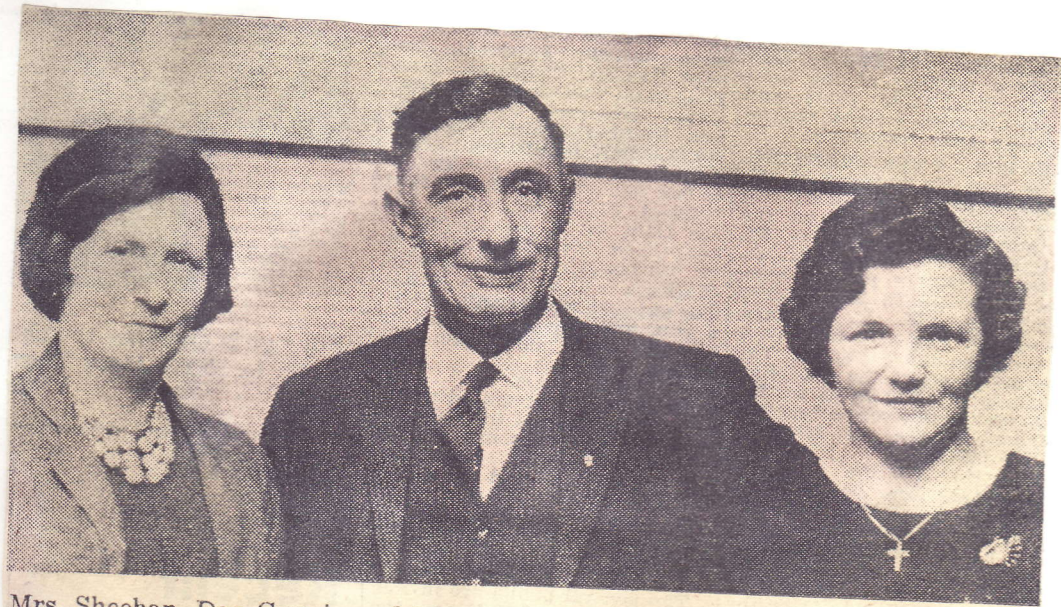
Age Height Weight
22 5 ft. 10 ins. 11 st. 9 lb.

Occupation—Carpenter.
Position—Left half-back.

A determined and whole-hearted left-half, Jack Quaid shone in attack and defence last year when Limerick won the Junior Blue Riband in London. He has been equally impressive since joining senior ranks, being an unqualified success against Clare. Was one of the few men on the Limerick team to enhance his reputation in the recent debacle against Tipperary at Thurles. Like his brother, Jim, who plays at centre-field, helps Feohanagh in club fare.

Busy Tommy

LIMERICK GOALKEEPER
Tommy Quaid is a busy young man these times. A son of Jack Quaid, the former Limerick defender, he has been chosen as goalkeeper on the Irish shinty team which travels to the Isle of Man later in the month.



Mrs. Sheehan, Dan Cremin and Mrs. Cremin at the Feohanagh - Castlemahon G.A.A. social.

27-1-68



The Limerick team defeated by Wexford 3-6 to 2-4 at Cooleyroe last Sunday evening.



Feohanagh and Oliver Quaid at the social at Castlemahon



Feohanagh and Oliver Quaid at the social at Castlemahon

FEOHANAGH-6/26 CASTLEMAHON

At the annual general meeting of Feohanagh-Castlemahon G.A.A. Clubs, Rev. T. Greene, C.C., presiding, welcomed the large attendance of delegates and stressed the importance of the general meeting in the life and activities of the club. On this occasion the past year could be examined in a calm and constructive frame of mind. Its successes could be appreciated, its mistakes realised, and as a result the forthcoming year could be entered into with a renewal of interest and vigour. Dealing with the successes of the clubs, the Chairman said that

success should be measured, not by the attainment of championship honours alone, but more so, on the provision they had made in the parish for the playing of the games; on the response that had been given to this by the youth of the parish; and finally, but most important of all, of fostering a proper spirit of sportsmanship, uprightness and fair play in all their members. He was happy to say that in these respects the clubs had been highly successful.

Special reference was made by the Chairman to the tragic death of their most promising under 14 player, Sean Kennedy; to the juvenile hurling and football teams who brought the Western Juvenile Hurling and Football Championships and County Juvenile Hurling Championship to the parish. The legality of their juvenile hurling team was questioned and was still doubted by a few. "You know quite well," the Chairman told the delegates, "that such accusations and doubts are not alone without foundation, but also far from the spirit and principles of your clubs and your officials."

CONGRATULATIONS

The Rev. Chairman concluded by congratulating Paddy Connell on concluding his thirtieth year as an official of the Club. "Thirty years ago," said the Chairman, "he captained the junior football team in winning the Co. Championship. Since then, as a player and as an official, he had set a standard of self-sacrifice and devotion to the interests of G.A.A. affairs in the clubs, in the division and in the county that could be imitated and copied by all of us. His integrity, loyalty to the Association, prudence and good judgment in both codes have been recognised and appreciated all over the county. The high honours of selection have been entrusted to him, showing the trust and confidence placed in him by the Gaels of the county. Your clubs owe much to Paddy Connell. The G.A.A. in the county also is deeply indebted to him. We would like to express our thanks, our respect and our confidence in him. We are confident that while he and men like him are entrusted with the affairs of the G.A.A. the Association will prosper and flourish and increase in strength."

SECRETARIES' REPORTS

The Secretaries (Messrs. Michael Dwane and Vincent O'Connor), in their respective reports, gave a resume of the club's activities during the year. Pride of place was given to the juvenile hurling team on bringing the Co. Championship to the parish, after winning the Western title for three years in succession; to the juvenile football team on winning their first Western title since the games were re-organised in the parish; to the need for more extensive training and a more suitable playing field being made available this year.

The Secretaries thanked all those who helped the clubs during the year. They also congratulated Dan Sheehan on representing the County in both minor grades while still a juvenile; Jack Quaid on his selection for the Munster Railway Cup team, and Tom Quaid, on his recent marriage.

Mr. T. Quaid (Treasurer) reported that the financial position of the clubs was satisfactory and there was a credit balance on hands.

It was the unanimous decision of the meeting that the senior hurling team should seek re-grading for this year's championship.

OFFICERS ELECTED

The following officers were elected to the respective clubs:

President, Very Rev. M. Quinn P.P.; Vice-Presidents, Rev. T. Culhane, D.O., and Mr. Patrick O'Connell; Chairman, Rev. T.

Feohanagh-Castlemahon

The annual general meeting of the Feohanagh-Castlemahon G.A.A. Club was held at the Hall, Feohanagh, on Saturday night, 11th January.

Patrick O'Connell, chairman, presided, and the meeting, which was very well attended, proved to be most enthusiastic.

The Chairman, in his address, welcomed all the delegates, and gave a very comprehensive review of the activities of the club during 1963. He said he was particularly pleased with the junior B hurling team, who won the championship, and with the gallant display of the junior football team in the West Limerick final. He also complimented the cross-country team on winning the G.A.A. cross-country championship, and appealed to the players to pay more attention to training during the coming year, as he felt sure that if they did success was bound to be their reward. Mr. O'Connell thanked all who helped the club in any way in 1963. He said he was associated with the club as a player or as an official for the past thirty-six years, and he was not seeking re-election as Chairman this year, but he would help the club in any way possible. He appealed for unity and trusted that his successor would receive the help and co-operation of all the players and supporters.

TREASURER'S REPORT

The Treasurer presented his report, which showed that after paying all expenses, including the paying for the new G.A.A. field, the club was only £10-16-0 at the wrong side. This was considered very satisfactory, and the report was unanimously adopted.

Tributes were paid to the Treasurer for the very able manner in which he presented his report.

The Secretary then presented his report. This report was very favourably received.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

In his report, hon. secretary Michael O'Riordan said: "The year under review has been very successful for the club. We affiliated ten teams, namely, senior, junior, junior B, minor, juvenile and under 14, in hurling and junior, minor, juvenile and under 14 in football. We fulfilled all our engagements, and it gives me great pleasure to report that all our games were played in a grand sporting manner, in addition to our championship engagements."

"Our senior hurlers played in the County Cup, Egan Cup, and also played in a number of tournaments. They won the 'Gold Watches Tournament' final at Bruree, in which they beat the county champions, 'Western Gaels,' in one of the finest games played in the county in 1963; our boys were simply terrific in this final, and we felt confident that they would win the county championship, but after winning well from Ahane in the first round they failed unaccountably to the South Limerick selection, Emmets, in the second round."

"I feel that this match could and should have been won, if the players had sufficient training, but they approached it in a very lakadaisical manner and they paid the penalty. However, we are not downhearted over this defeat, but we are determined that proper attention will be paid to training this year, and if it is, I see no reason why we cannot win the champion-

were beaten by an exceptionally good Knockaderry team. Our juvenile hurlers reached the semi-final, but were then beaten by a great Dromcollogher team who, incidentally, won the championship, and only lost the county final by a very small margin. Our under 14 hurlers proved disappointing, and lost to Killeedy in the first round.

"Our junior football team defeated Glin and Carrickerry, and so reached the west final, in which they lost to Atlea by two points. This was a terrific final, and it drew a record gate.

"I wish to pay a very special tribute to Jim Noonan, who trained the teams. They were a credit to him.

"We didn't fare too well in the under age football.

"Our minors were beaten in the first round by Fr. Casey's.

"Our juveniles were beaten in the second round by Fr. Casey's, and our under 14s lost to Glin in the first round.

"A special word of praise is due to all those who gave their cars to take players to matches; to take delegates to conventions and meetings, etc. They have spared the club an amount of money.

"We are very grateful to all who subscribed to our annual collection. As you will see by the Treasurer's report this collection was a record one this year.

GREATEST ACHIEVEMENT

"Perhaps our greatest achievement this past year was the purchasing of the field at Coolyrue from the Irish Land Commission. It is the aim of every club to have a field of its own, so we should feel especially proud we have our own field. It is almost paid for. We are also very grateful to our Rev. President, Fr. Quinn, for a very generous subscription to the club. We all regret his recent illness, and we are delighted he is making such good progress, and we hope he will be home and fully recovered in the very near future.

"I wish also to thank Feohanagh Muintir na Tire for their very generous subscription. We are deeply indebted to them.

"I wish to congratulate our players who have been honoured by the County Selectors—Sheamus Quaid, Pat Hartnett and Dan Sheehan in S.H., and Dan Sheehan and Dick Murphy in the under 21 football.

"I wish also to congratulate our Chairman (Paddy Connell) and our Captain (Jack Quaid), who were appointed County Selectors in football and hurling, respectively.

"I wish also to offer our very sincere congratulations to our cross-country runners who won the county championship for G.A.A. clubs. They brought great honour to the parish, and we are all very proud of them.

"The following were the winning team:—Billy O'Connor, Der Doody, Christy Hartnett, M. Shields, Tim Flynn, Jackie O'Connor and Sean Collum. Two of this team, namely, Billy O'Connor and Der Doody, are selected to represent Limerick in the Munster novice championship.

"I think it would be a great thing if we had an Athletic Club attached to the G.A.A., as it would keep the boys fit during the winter and early spring, and I am sure we have plenty material in the parish. All it requires is to make a start."

Feohanagh qualify for S.H. Cup semi-final

Feohanagh ... 5-2
Kilmallock ... 3-2

Feohanagh qualified to meet Old Christians in the second semi-final of the Limerick Senior Hurling Cup (1961) when they defeated Kilmallock at Bruree on Sunday in the quarter-final by 5-2 to 3-2.

The game fell far short of expectations, but this may be due to the fact that both teams, particularly Kilmallock, were not as fit as they might be. There was very little good hurling and there was some rough play during the course of the hour and the referee might have taken a stronger hand in some instances.

Kilmallock, without their regular goalkeeper, Tom Hanley, had a very bad first half and Feohanagh led at half-time by 5-2 to 2-0. In the second half, Kilmallock shaped better and Feohanagh were held scoreless, but at the same time the Kilmallock forward line could only register 1-2, the goal coming from a close-in free. On the run of play, however, Feohanagh deserved their win.

Scorers for Feohanagh were: P. Molyneux, T. Dwane, W. Gilbourne, P. Harnett and D. Sheehan.

Scorers for Kilmallock were: J. O'Grady, J. Millea, D. McCarthy and P. Fitzgerald.

Referee, Mr. J. Sheehan, Limerick.

TEAMS

Feohanagh—J. Kenny, J. Collins, P. Gilbourne, B. Mulcahy; T. Quaid, L. Quaid, Jack Quaid; T. Dwane, P. Harnett; P. Molyneux, F. Whealan, Jim Quaid; D. Sheehan, W. Gilbourne and D. Sheehan.

Kilmallock—E. Walsh; P. O'Sullivan, T. O'Donnell, J. Cotter; P. O'Grady, V. Cusack, N. Flynn; P. Heffernan, J. Heelan; P. Fitzgerald, D. McCarthy, J. O'Grady; J. Millea, C. O'Grady, H. Keane. Subs. M. Heelan, T. J. Hanley and J. Brazill.

ball); Mr. Vincent O'Connor; Asst Sec., Mr. Ed. Walsh. Committee—Messrs. John Doody, Paddy O'Donnell, Pat Cregan, Gerald Fitzgibbon, Seamus Flanagan. Captain—Junior Football—Jack Quaid; Vice-Capt.—Tadhg Dwane; Captain—Jnr. Hurling—Jim Quaid Vice-Capt.—Jim Kenny; Captain Minor Hurling—Dan Sheehan; Vice-Capt.—Dick Murphy; Captain—Minor Football—Donal Quaid; Vice-Capt.—Owen O'Sullivan; Team

WITH the enthusiasm and interest that there is to be found at club level, there must be a bright future and better days for the G.A.A. in the county just around the corner.

And with a little encouragement, perhaps, it will not be long until some of the glory of former days will be re-captured by the hurlers from the Shannonside. The thought crossed my mind at Cronin's Hotel, Charleville, one evening during the week when I chatted with G.A.A. enthusiasts who had come from a little West Limerick parish of about 1,300 population that have been fielding fourteen teams in hurling and football. It was the first dinner and social of the Feohanagh-Castlemahon G.A.A. Club, and the swinging success of the night assured its future as an annual event.

COUNTY CHAMPIONS IN 1954

Names like Quaid, Whelan, Connell, Cremin and Cregan are among those still active in the club that link them with the better days of the G.A.A. in the county. Success came their way, too, and the "new life" put into the club by Rev. Fr. Culhane in the early '50s soon brought them a county title in junior hurling. Captain of that team, Dan Cremin, is now a county selector, and chairman of the club to-day, Pat Cregan, was also on the field then.

Secretary of the club, Michael O'Riordan, told me that they have been fielding a senior hurling team since 1955, and many feel that they are, all too often, the unlucky team of the championship, for after getting off to a great start, they fail unaccountably. And Michael proved their attraction as a side that fans look forward to a good game from when he told me that in one season their admirers and followers paid over £1,300 to watch them in action four times. He wouldn't take any credit for the success of the dinner and social. "It is due to Fr. Hudner, C.C.," said Michael; "he is a great organiser for the club."

A WONDERFUL WAY

Rev. Fr. Hudner came to the parish about eighteen months ago, and the parishioners say that his "wonderful way" is the success of everything he turns his hand to. Among the attendance was the twin brothers, Jim and Jack Quaid, and their wives. It seems so short that it's not like nineteen years ago since Jim won a county minor hurling medal with Adare. He was working in the district at the time and the following year "lined out" with his own Feohanagh-Castlemahon side. He recalls being told before a League game against

In the opening half of the West Limerick final at Dromcollogher, exchanges were even and both sides missed many easy scoring chances before O'Connor, from a free, opened with a point for Feohanagh. From a like free, Danagher equalised for Knockaderry, who then took the lead with a goal from Sheehy in a goal-mouth melee. The Quaid brothers were prominent for the winners, and

Phelan added a point. Before the interval, Browne for Knockaderry and O'Connor for Feohanagh exchanged points to leave the half-time score: Knockaderry, 1-2; Feohanagh, 0-3. On resuming, Phelan put the winners in the lead with a well-placed goal, and O'Connor followed with a point. Feohanagh now held the upper hand, and the losers' defence was hard pressed with repeated saves by Begley and Guirey. Constant pressure by Feohanagh saw Cregan and Quaid add two goals. Knockaderry took up the running for a short spell, and Danagher added a point. Feohanagh added two points and a goal from Cremin. Both sides then exchanged points, and the last score, a goal from Phelan, came to the winners.

For Feohanagh, the Quaid brothers, Collins, Phelan and O'Connor were best, while Knockaderry were best served by Guirey, Danagher, Begley and Meehan.

Mr. W. O'Donoghue (Limerick) refereed, and there was a record crowd present. 7.11.54

Browne, that if he scored two goals on him, Limerick would win the day. "I scored the two goals," said Jim, "but we were beaten in the last puck of the game."

TWENTY YEARS AGO

And thinking back some twenty years or more, he remarked that the youth today are not taking the same interest in the game. "There is too much amusements and dance halls, and they have no time for it with so many other attractions," said Jim. Jack, county selector and holder of three Railway Cup medals with Munster, shares his view. I met another brother, Tom, and his wife, Catherine, who like Liam and Oliver Quaid, and cousins, Donal, David and Seamus Quaid, are all synonymous with hurling in Limerick. After the excellent dinner they presented the county cup medals for 1964 and regretted the departure of the captain of that team, Denis O'Grady, who has now taken up residence in Newcastle West. I shook the hand of Con Murphy just before he left for home in the early hours of the morning. Con, one of the outstanding footballers in the county in the past, felt that the social had created a new interest in the club by bringing the parishioners together.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Castlemahon, 1-10; Newcastle West, 1-2. 10.10.54

Castlemahon proved much too good for Newcastle West in the quarter final of the West Limerick Junior Football Championship, which was decided at the same venue. The game was a rather dull affair with little in the way of good football, although there were a few impressive individual performances on both sides. Castlemahon were on the offensive for most of the hour and, despite the heavy score registered against them, the Newcastle West defence held out reasonably well. The winners were, nevertheless, six points ahead at half time and on the general run of the play they were fully deserving of their eight-point lead at the final whistle. Lane, Sullivan, Whelan, Dwane and Gilbourne scored for the winners while Connors, Tobin and O'Donnell scored for Newcastle West.

THE TEAMS

Castlemahon — J. Collins, J. Quaid, D. Cremin, S. O'Connor, J. Geary, J. Quaid, S. Quaid, T. Dwane, M. Dwane, T. Quaid, W. Gilbourne, J. Lane, C. O'Sullivan, P. Lane.

Newcastle West — P. Dowling, J. Woulfe, S. Sheehan, T. Forde, M. O'Grady, M. O'Connor, M. O'Connor, S. O'Connor, C. O'Connor, J. O'Brien, D. O'Donnell, W. McKessy, J. Egan, M. Tobin, J. Nix.

Junior Football 29-9-56 Convincing Win By Castlemahon

Castlemahon, 0-5; Mountcollins, 0-0.

Castlemahon provided something in the nature of a surprise at Newcastle West on Sunday by scoring a convincing and hard-earned victory over a fancied Mountcollins selection in the West Limerick junior football championship. Although play seldom reached a high standard, there were plenty of thrills and spills for the spectators gathering and as a result of an altercation between two players in the opening half both were given their marching orders by referee Gerry Fitzgerald (Rahkeale), who made it clear from the start that he was not having any such conduct.

THE PLAY.

At half-time the winners were leading by 0-4 to 0-0, and although Mountcollins made a determined bid to recover lost ground in the second moiety they were unable to make any effective impression on the Castlemahon defence, and so succeeded in registering a point while the winners added a similar score to their first half tally.

Castlemahon exerted an almost continuous pressure on the Mountcollins defence in the opening half but lost some good scoring chances. Eventually Tommy Quaid scored over a point to which Sean O'Connor added a similar score. After beating off a couple of Mountcollins offensives, the winners again took up the running and Tommy Quaid was again to the fore with a point, to which Frank Whelan added a similar score. There was no reprieve from Mountcollins before the interval, when the winners were leading 0-4 to nil.

On the resumption, Mountcollins tried to make the most of the wide advantage, but their efforts to level up were frustrated by the Castlemahon defence. Eventually Murphy and Murphy opened a clever attack which was rewarded by a point for the losers' solitary score of the game. Castlemahon clinched the issue with a further point before the final whistle.

THE TEAMS.

Castlemahon — J. Quaid, Cremin, J. Collins, P. Browne, Quaid, S. Quaid, S. O'Connor, Whelan, T. Dwane, M. Dwane, O'Connor, T. Quaid, J. Lane, Collins, W. Heffernan.

Mountcollins — D. O'Connell, Quirke, D. Lenihan, E. Flynn, Myles, D. Sheehan, T. O'Connor, Curtin, S. McCarthy, D. Lane, Hartnett, S. Myles, P. Sheehan, Lenihan, T. Murphy, S. O'Connor.

County Junior Hurling Victory Celebrated

Feohanagh hurlers, winners of the Limerick County Junior Hurling Championship for 1954, after one of the most spectacular successes in the history of the game in West Limerick, faced the footlights in Castlemahon Hall on Sunday night, 30th ultimo, for the victory celebrations which marked the close of a triumphant season. Well over 400 patrons, including representatives of practically all the clubs in the Western Division, turned up for the function, which proved a most successful and enjoyable affair. Main attraction was, of course, the victory ceilí and old time dancing with the additional attraction of a selection of half-sets—now all but a forgotten art in the modern ballroom. Guests of honour, who were given a tumultuous reception from the crowd, were the members of the victorious hurling team, who were introduced by Rev. T. Culhane, C.C., President of the Club and main inspiration of the champions.

In the course of a brief address, Father Culhane congratulated the members of the team, not only on their success on the field, but on the fine sporting manner in which they had conducted themselves on and off the playing pitch throughout their very successful season. He expressed the hope that this same spirit would continue in their new role as competitors for the senior hurling championship, in which he wished them every success.

First-class music for the occasion was supplied by Tom Galvin's ceilí band, Newtownshandrum, and amongst the many novel features of a great night's entertainment was the presentation of a victory song composed in honour of the victorious Feohanagh hurlers.



Junior Hurling Thriller:

Feohanagh won classic final

1981

Feohanagh.....3-9
Dromcollogher.....3-8

The county junior hurling final at Bruff on Sunday last, can surely be classed as one of the greatest the grade has produced. At the end of a game which throbbed all through and warmed the hearts of the big attendance on a cold November evening, Feohanagh had a point to spare over Dromcollogher.

Sustained spells of stylish and swift hurling, coupled with hip to hip exchanges, made it a game to remember. The fiery and resolute mood of the combatants never waned for a single moment. Both sets of players cast abandon to the wind and gave us everything that is good in the art of hurling.

So fast and furious were the exchanges and so great the eagerness to come out on top, that the idea of unsporting or unmanly play never entered into the fray. Hurling as we had in Bruff on Sunday will always be a winner.

Dromcollogher faced a near gale in the opening half and had a dream start when John Connors blasted the ball to the net in the 3rd minute. This tearaway effort, but brilliantly taken goal, set the stage for a titanic encounter.

Inter-county goalkeeper, Tommy Quaid, operating at centre forward for Feohanagh, opened his side's account with a point from a long range free in the same minute.

John Connors, the Dromcollogher full forward, always a menacing figure in attack, sent over a point before Ger Coleman and Tommy Quaid raised white flags.

In the 11th minute, Feohanagh were awarded a sideline ball, just inside the forty yard line. Tommy Quaid cut a beautiful shot goalwards and with the strong wind helping it to gather speed, it finished in the Dromcollogher net and the lead for Feohanagh for the first time.

Changes

While Dromcollogher were performing very well against the wind, they were forced to make changes to curb the activities of Tommy Quaid. Their remedy was to weaken their own attack, by moving Seamus Madigan back to the number six spot and bring Michael O'Connor to the half forward line.

O'Connor in his new role was soon to figure on the scoring sheet. He goaled from close in and restored the lead to Dromcollogher in the last seconds of the first quarter.

Realising that immediate action was needed with wind advantage, Feohanagh set up many raids in the second quarter. A John Flanagan sideline ball was deflected over the bar and in the 19th minute, Tommy Quaid took a pass from Gerry Coleman and raced through the opposing defence to slam home a goal and the lead for Feohanagh.

Points from frees in the minutes preceding the break from Quaid, but Feohanagh 2-6 to 2-2 ahead.

Surprise

Feohanagh, against the wind after the turnover, with a meagre four point lead, had their ambitions boosted when Pat Mahony snapped a surprise goal early in the second moiety. They continued to defy the best efforts of the opposition and this was vividly evident when one reflects on the fact that fourteen minutes of the second half had elapsed before Drom had a score - a point from play.

At this juncture, Seamus Madigan reverted to his customary position in the forward line, with Michael O'Connor moving back to the full back position and Michael Barry taking over the centre back berth.

Madigan signalled his arrival in attack with a point, but Feohanagh had now the appearance of champions when Michael Mullane sent over to leave them 3-7 to 2-4 ahead.

Semi-penalty

Madigan and Dan Noonan exchanged points to leave it 3-8 to 2-5 with eight minutes remaining. A two goal advantage to Feohanagh mattered little to the stout-hearted hurlers from Dromcollogher.

Seamus Madigan, one of the outstanding players on view was tearing the Feohanagh defence to shreds in the exciting last 10 minutes. He sent over three great points and the drama was almost

unbearable when Dromcollogher were awarded a semi-penalty. It was Madigan who stepped up to take the shot and a blistering low puck found the rigging and the equaliser for Drom.

With three minutes remaining, Feohanagh, from a wholehearted Noonan effort edged in front once again and this hard-earned, but well-taken point gave them the title.

Dromcollogher could have at least drawn in those last two minutes. Seamus Madigan, so accurate all through the second half, failed to score from a close in free and Tim Bourke just failed

from a long range effort. Apart from these misses, the Feohanagh defence had luck on their side in the dying seconds as the ball crossed the goalmouth.

A draw might have been a more equitable result, but the day belonged to Feohanagh. They took the laurels from windy Bruff, but divided the honours with Dromcollogher.

Tommy Quaid, although tiring in the last quarter, was the shining light for the winners. Captain and right full back, Ned Vaughan, had an inspiring hour and others with high ratings were John Flanagan, John Brown, John Quaid and Ger Phillips.

Seamus Madigan had a stormer for the losers and was ably supported by David Carroll, Ger Morrissey, John Connors, Tim Bourke and Michael Barry.

Scorers:

Feohanagh-T. Quaid 2-4, P.

Dromcollogher-S. Madigan 1-5, M. O'Connor 1-0, J. O'Connor 1-1, J. Harrold and J. Hogan 0-1 each.

Feohanagh-J. Quaid; N. Vaughan, J. McAuliffe, S. Mahony; M. Sheehy, G. Phillips, T. Quaid; J. Flanagan, J. Browne; E. Flanagan, T. Quaid, M. Mullane; D. Noonan, P. Mahony, G. Coleman. Subs.: T. Greaney and D. Noonan.

Dromcollogher-D. Carroll; D. Barry, M. Barry, S. Madigan; C. Barry, M. O'Connor, T. Quaid; J. Hogan, G. Morrissey; P. Toomey, S. Madigan, T. Burke; J. Harrold, J. Connors, P. O'Dell.

Referee: K. Walsh (Garryspilane).

Club GAA

Feohanagh-

C'mahon

The official opening of the Seamus Quaid Park and sports complex at Coolyroe will take place on Sunday, 2nd May, 1982, at 6.30 p.m. The opening ceremony will be performed by Paddy Buggy (Kilkenny), the president-elect of the GAA, and to mark the occasion Limerick play Wexford in the final of the Inter-County hurling tournament.

Back in 1965 when the local GAA club purchased this field from the Irish Land Commission the members of the committee had to go into the bank to raise the money to pay for it, as there was no money in the funds. The price was £200, but at that time it was a lot of money, but it has proved to be money well invested and today Coolyroe is a living testimonial to the faith of those enthusiasts.

The official blessing was performed by the late Canon Michael Quinn, P.P., Castlemahon, assisted by Rev. Tim Greene, C.C., Feohanagh.

Paddy O'Connell (R.I.P.) was the chairman of the club, and both he and Fr. Greene were mainly responsible for obtaining the field. Others who were closely associated with the project were Pat Cregan, vice-chairman; Danny Sheehan, treasurer; Paddy O'Donnell.

Today Coolyroe has one of the finest sports complexes in the country, consisting of a splendid playing field (with lights laid on), dressingrooms, showers and toilets, handball alley, squash court, shop and large room suitable for card tournaments, meetings, etc. All those facilities would not have been possible were it not for the generosity of the Castlemahon Carnival Committee, who have provided the money to pay for all those improvements.

To the secretary, Johnnie Colm, and to all those associated with the carnival, our very sincere thanks.

A special word of praise is also due to AnCO who have done such

Row marred Junior Final

9/5/81

Castlemahon 2-6. Dromcollogher 1-2.

SUMMER was perhaps absent from the Askeaton venue on Sunday but much more regrettable was the hurried exit of sportsmanship shortly before the final whistle.

Rarely was there any full flowing football in this 1980 Junior West Final of countless sideline kicks. This was due to the strong cross-wind which made ball control difficult and an effective pass could only be tried with hope rather than conviction. This wind, which persisted right through the hour, made for very unpleasant conditions and as a result, the general overall standard was below par.

Castlemahon undoubtedly merited the favourite tag for this game having won the 1979 title a mere five weeks ago, and any ambitions Drom may have had for the 1980 title, seemed to vanish when a well hit shot from a penalty was saved by Tommy Quaid in the dying moments of the first half.

The second half was a vast improvement on the opening 30 minutes, and a second penalty which found the back of the net set Drom on the road to recovery and they essentially dominated proceedings for at least 20 minutes.

However, D. Noonan's goal for the winners must be the highlight of the second half, when with a beautiful piece of finesse, he got behind his man, and with only the goalkeeper to beat, he calmly took his time and made no mistake.

In the final summing up, it was craft and experience that won the title and in fitness terms I doubt if

the winners had little if anything to spare over Drom.

Despite the adverse conditions, there were some good individual performances. J. Mulcahy, M. Mullane, D. Noonan and J. Flanagan were impressive for the winners. Tommy Quaid, who must be reckoned a No. 1 dangerman by any standard, was in somewhat subdued form.

He was, of course, closely watched but this doesn't always suffice. I think that the trouble today stemmed from the strong wind, as passes intended for his attention tended to go astray.

M. O'Connor and T. Burke, together with the Twomeys and S. Quaid in goals, were in fine form for Drom.

Scorers: Castlemahon: J. Mulcahy 0-3, M. Mullane 1-1, D. Noonan 1-0, T. Quaid 0-2, Drom: M. O'Connor 1-1, T. Burke 0-1.

TEAMS

Castlemahon: M. Quaid, J. McAuliffe, J. Lenihan, S. Moloney, J. Browne, J. Flanagan, J. Noonan, T. Quaid, J. Mulcahy, C. Quaid, D. Noonan, M. Leahy, D. Noonan, M. Mullane, P. Maloney.



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Feohanagh formula foil Drom.

Feohanagh 2-10: Drom. 0-5.

ONE OF the happiest men at Askeaton on Sunday must have been Dereck Mannix, Feohanagh team trainer, when he saw his match winning formula truly vindicated as his team collected the West Junior title after a lapse of 26 years.

Feohanagh's win was a most decisive one and indeed the second half must be somewhat of a nightmare for the losers, as they could not manage a solitary score during the entire 30 minutes.

It is indeed difficult to categorically state the reasons for the losers demise, but one most opt for speed, fitness and undoubted physical advantage and the ability to play the wings and use the passing movement to devastating effect.

The winners goal from a penalty within seconds of resumption appeared to be a body blow from which the losers never recovered and with it restored the winners confidence which was somewhat shattered in the first half.

The winners ability to retain a one point margin in the first half considering the amount of ground they were conceding must be laid firmly at the aimless shooting of the Drom forwards as I saw at least six efforts from premier positions go astray.

Although the winners attack were in a semi-starvation diet during the first half it didn't prevent them from claiming, loud and clear, that given an adequate supply, they had the clinching of the game.

This first half was without doubt the better part of this game, as both sides played with a fervour and commitment. Honours appeared equally divided, with perhaps that slight edge in favour of Drom. But lingering over the entire game was unmistakable evidence that a title was at stake.

Drom. started briskly with a point within 2 minutes of throw-in, from John Harrold, followed by an equaliser from a free by Tommy Greaney. The first goal of the game by John Flanagan came from a goal mouth melee and set the scene for a pulsating first half. At this point the losers were enjoying a decided territorial advantage. They looked well and played some brilliant constructive hurling but unfortunately their finish fell very short of their approach. Scores went abegging but still there was little to suggest that the winners dominance would be so final in the second half, as they went into the break, 1-3 to 0-5.

Feohanagh's second half dominance was not a gradual affair, but rather a total devastating effort from the earliest moments - they left nothing to chance, and tied up the Drom. attack to such an extent that they remained scoreless for the entire half hour. Moving with the fluency which brought them to the final, they seemed to have

patented the art of the passing movement as they notched up the scores with monotonous regularity, and the ability of one hurling team to hold another scoreless for 30 minutes, must surely send the statisticians checking the record books. Feohanagh's win was essentially a team effort spaced with some brilliant individual performances.

Tommy Quaid's defence splitting solos created all sort of problems for the losers and his roving tactics were rewarded with some well taken scores. Perhaps it is a fair comment to suggest that Tommy's consistent skills and speed at outfield must merit thoughtful consideration from the county selectors. John Flanagan was in fine form, with ability in abundance, quick to punish mistakes, and combining with his friendly wingmen, Derry Noonan and Tom Greaney, had a hand in most scores. John Linehan had a good game at full back in a defence that had no apparent weakness, and once again young John Quaid in goals was displaying a coolness and ability far beyond his experience.

Pat Toomey had a good game for the losers particularly in the first half, full of fire and the will to succeed. Pat's wing man, half forward Mike Barrett, also had a good game and perhaps they lacked the requisite support to prise open the defence.

S. Madigan adequately filled his position and also did C. Barry, while goalie D. Carroll put in a fine performance.

Generally it was an enjoyable game and had the second half matched the first, it could be considered one of the best junior finals in years.

To referee Neaile Duggan must go the credit for a job well done. He kept a firm but unobtrusive hand on the game, allowed the play to flow and used his whistle sparingly.

Scorers: Feohanagh: T. Quaid 1-4, J. Flanagan 1-3, D. Noonan 0-1, J. Quaid 0-1, T. Greaney 0-1; Drom.: T. Burke 0-3, M. Barrett 0-1, J. Harrold 0-1.

Feohanagh: J. Quaid, S. Mahoney, J. Linehan, N. Vaughan, M. Sheehy, J. Noonan, S. Quaid, J. Browne, T. Quaid, M. Mullane, D. Noonan, G. Quaid, D. Noonan, J. Flanagan, T. Greaney.

Drom.: D. Carroll, T. Broderick, S. Madigan, D. Barry, T. Quaid, C. Barry, M. O'Connor, S. Madigan, T. Burke, D. Toomey, P. Toomey, M. Barrett, D. Noonan, J. Harrold, J. O'Connor.

Referee, N. Duggan (St. Mary's).

AFTER a lapse of 27 years, Feohanagh Junior hurlers won their second title, when they defeated Dromcollogher by one point in one of the best finals ever, on the score Feohanagh 3-9, Dromcollogher 3-8. This game had everything skillful hurling, fast, hard and extremely sporting they wasn't a dirty stroke in the whole game, and from the neutrals' point of view a draw would be a favourable result, but of course Feohanagh supporters think it was a just result, as we lost the West final by a solitary point, and we turned the tables this time, so that evens the score for 1981.

Our team had to line-out on Sunday without our captain, John Noonan and John Lenihan, who were both injured, and Gerry Quaid who is in England, these players were a big loss, to the team, but their replacements rose to the occasion in great style, and indeed the whole team played with great heart and great determination, and fully deserved their success.

On the day they were all stars, and the supporters showed their appreciation by giving them a rapturous reception after the game.

It was truly hectic, never in the history of the game, in the parish, were there such scenes of enthusiasm, as the players were cheered, clapped, and shouldered off the pitch it was a real, red letter day for the Parish, and they have every right to be proud of these lads who have brought such glory to the club and to the Parish.

Before the start of the game a two minute silence was observed, as a mark of respect to the memory of Mike Walsh a great supporter, who died during the week.

Feohanagh team: Ned Vaughan (capt), John Quaid, John Flanagan, Eamonn Flanagan, John McAuliffe, Mike Mullane, Tom Quaid, Dan Noonan, Derry Noonan, Tommie Quaid, Mickie Sheehy, Gerry Phillips, John Browne, Pat Mahony, Sheamus Mahony, Gerry Coleman.

Subs: Tom Greaney, B. Flanagan, Moss Hanlon, John Noonan, John Lenihan.

Feohanagh- C'mahon

Last Sunday La na gClub, in this, the centenary year of the G.A.A. was celebrated in style. There was Mass at the Sports Complex in Coolyroe, attended by a large congregation. Fr. Kelly, P.P., gave a very nice sermon about the great Irishmen that have gone to their reward in the last hundred years and also praised the G.A.A. and what it meant to the youth. At 10.30 a.m. the under-age 7 a-side football was played with players from the under 12, 14, 16 teams taking part. Immediately after lunch the senior, minor, under 21 and novice players were in action, playing 7 a-side hurling. A parish sports was run for boys and girls age 4 to 9 years; also a penalty shot competition for juveniles.

At 6.30 p.m. the under-age camogie players had a 7 a-side tournament. The winners - a set of plaques, and runners-up received a set of centenary medals.

The finals of the under-age and senior were played immediately afterwards. Both winners receiving a set of blazers and the runners-up a set of centenary medals. After the games the ladies committee supplied tea and sandwiches to everybody.

An Irish night with singers, dancers and musicians taking part and enjoyed by all. It was a great programme put on by the local club, starting in the morning at 9.30 a.m. and finishing at 12.45 a.m. with young and old involved and everything free of charge.

Feohanagh- Castlemahon

The recent death of Canon Michael Doody, retired parish priest of Kilfinane, has occasioned much regret in the parish. Born at Ahawilk, Feohanagh, he, in company of fellow parishioner, Fr. Pat Murphy of Fanleahane, Castlemahon, are regarded as two of the greatest hurlers to ever represent this or any parish this century. Both were ordained at Maynooth on the same day and both figured on the famous Maynooth College team of the late 1920s and were it not for the ban, which at that time prohibited priests from playing either at club or county level, it is regarded that both would have been automatic selections for the Limerick senior hurling team.

Canon Doody was also a top class footballer and played some great games with the local club. At that time there was very little hurling played in the parish, and Fr. Murphy played with the famous Kilmeedy team of the late twenties.

To his brothers, sister and other relatives our sincere sympathy is tendered.

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Feohanagh- C'mahon

The wedding took place at Feenagh Church during the week of John Fitzgerald, Ballinvullen, to Mary Coughlan, Bohard.

Congratulations to Maria Quaid, Balliniska, and Tom Maguire, Kilmallock, on their recent engagement.

The A.G.M. of the G.A.A. Club took place at Coolcyrne Complex last Sunday. The following officers were elected:

Chairman, Sean Sheehan; sec., John Noonan; asst. sec., Pat O'Donnell; treas., Teresa Cregan; registrar, Pat O'Donnell; vice-chairman, Joe Ryan; PRO, Ml. O'Riordan.

Committee: J. McAuliffe, John Quaid, Eamonn Walshe, Pat Flanagan, John Young, John Collum, Jim Quaid, Tom Sweeney, Jim O'Mahoney, Sean Kenny, Tom Brouder, Joe Quaid, Frank Phelan.

Selectors: Senior hurling: John Young, Jim Quaid, and Junior: Pat Sheehy. Junior football: Sean Kenny, Pat O'Donnell, Jerry Noonan. Minor hurling and football, and 21 hurling: Tom Sweeney, S. Flanagan, Pat O'Donnell, Jack Quaid, Joe Quaid. Co. West Board delegates: P. O'Donnell, Tom Sweeney, Sean Sheehan.

Club GAA 16-10-82 Feohanagh- C'Mahon

Under ideal weather conditions and on a perfect sod, Castlemahon defeated Ballyahill (Gerald Grifins) in the replayed Western junior football semi-final at Rathkeale on Sunday on the score Castlemahon 0-8, Ballyahill 0-7.

Castlemahon can consider themselves lucky to win, if Ballyahill had a marksman of Tommy Quaid's calibre, they would certainly have qualified for the final, as they drove a number of scoreable frees wide, and so Castlemahon will now meet their old rivals Athea in a final that's sure to be a thriller.

On Sunday the Castlemahon forwards did not hit top form, as they overplayed the ball, when more direct methods would be much more effective.

We hope to see a much improved display from them in the final.

Mike Quaid gave a great display in goal, and he is certainly one of our heroes, all the backs were great, but none more so than John Lenihan, and the captain John Flanagan gave a masterly display at centre back; and others to impress were Pat O'Grady, John Browne and of course Tommie Quaid who scored six points of our total.

Team - Mike Quaid (goal), John Flanagan (capt.), Pa O'Mahony, John McAuliffe, John Noonan, Pat O'Grady, John Lenihan, John Browne, Tommy Quaid, Mike Mullane, Eamon Walshe, Dano Noonan, Gerry Butler, John Quaid, Pat Madigan. Subs.: Joe Mulcahy, Tom Quaid, J. Madigan.

Pat Lane, Foynes, was a most impartial referee, and the Rathkeale club are to be complimented on the excellent state of the pitch.

West J.F. Final Won first title in thirty-five years

(LEADER Staff Reporter)

Castlemahon ... 0-5
Newcastle West ... 0-2

CASTLEMAHON, with a hard earned but merited three points win over Newcastle West in the 1965 Junior Football Final at Ballingarry on Sunday, brought the trophy to the Upper Deelside parish after a lapse of 35 years.

In a game that was largely spoilt by persistent frees for minor infringements, the winners forced the pace for most of the hour but, owing to faulty marksmanship and a very sound Newcastle West defence, they had little enough to spare in the final analysis.

Short three of their regular fifteen, the Magpies fought back gamely and when they drew level, midway in the opening half, after missing a few good scoring chances, they gave plenty of cause for worry to the winners at this and some later stages. In fact, at one of the most vital stages of the closing quarter they missed a golden opportunity of an equaliser that might well have tilted the balance in their favour. However, Castlemahon's mid-field superiority paved the way for the all-important winning points, despite a fine performance by the Newcastle West defence and some spectacular saves by Billy Kelly in goal.

TO THE FORE

Seamus Quaid (the Limerick hurler) with Dan Sheehan, Joe Lane, Jimmy Barrett, Dave Quaid and Paddy Molyneaux were always very much to the fore for the winners. Newcastle West were well served throughout by Billy Kelly, Dan Kennedy, Noel O'Connor, Tom Downes, Moss Hurley and Billy Nash.

Although play seldom reached the expected standard, there was plenty of excitement for a small but enthusiastic crowd. The winners got away to a flying start with two early points, but the "Magpies," having got into their stride hit back and drew level. Before the interval Castlemahon recovered the initiative and regained the lead with two further points. Playing with the advantage of a stiff cross wind in the second half, the Newcastle West men failed to come up to expectations after the turn over. While mostly on the defensive they frittered away the few scoring chances that came their way, while Castlemahon notched another valuable point. The winners did most of the attacking in the closing stages but the Newcastle West defence, with Billy Kelly in goal, stood gallantly up to the test and succeeded in holding off what might well have been a much more crushing defeat.

Western Sports Round-Up

GREAT TRIUMPH FOR CASTLEMAHON

(By DAN MULCAHY)

Everything comes to those who wait. It was certainly a long and patient wait for Castlemahon who, after a lapse of 35 years, triumphantly bore the 1965 Western Junior Football trophy home from Ballingarry on Sunday evening. Their previous success in this grade was in 1929 and there was surely good reason for the celebrations that marked their victory in last season's held-over final. Newcastle West, on the other hand, felt they had equally strong grounds for disappointment, not so much over the outcome of the decider as the loss of strength sustained over the delay in finishing the competition. Claiming that they were short at least five of the players that helped them on their way to the final, they argue that Sunday's result might well have been a different one of the decider had been played at the end of last season. But such, of course, are the fortunes of war on the football arena as well as the field of battle.

POOR FARE

The final itself, apart from the excitement and enthusiasm of the small but exuberant crowd, was a rather disappointing affair. In the heavy going, play seldom reached the standard usually associated with a Western decider. The sequence of the game was largely spoilt by interruptions arising from over numerous minor infringements that occasionally gave rise to frayed tempers and some noisy protests from over-zealous fans. Apart from these interludes, the game was palyed in a sporting spirit that reflected credit on both teams. Castlemahon, on the run of the play, were well worth their win even though they made rather heavy weather of their path to victory. The Deelsiders dominated at mid-field for most of the hour but their forwards were not by any means impressive in pressing home the advantage.

MID-FIELD PULL

The new chmpions came out on top mainly because of their stronger pull around the mid-field area, where Dan Sheehan and Limerick hurler Seamus Quaid had the better of the exchanges. They maintained a steady supply of the ball to their forwards who, apart from Paddy Molyneaux, failed to exploit the many scoring opportunities that came their way. However, this failure to produce more effective results on the scoreboard might well be attributed in a large measure to the stubborn display of the Newcastle West defence and a really good performance by Willie Kelly in goal, where he is better-known with the caman. Now that Castlemahon have reached the top in the home division, Western football fans will unite in wishing them success in their coming bid for Co. laurels.

OPENING SCORE

Two minutes from the throw-in Dan Sheehan initiated a well combined attack and Paddy Molyneaux finished off the effort with a point for the opening score of the game. Seamus Quaid and Frank Whelan were in the van of a further Castlemahon offensive and following some exciting exchanges a 30 yards free enabled Paddy Molyneaux to put the winners a further point ahead. After beating off a couple of further dangerous attacks Newcastle West returned to the offensive and eventually Moss Hurley pointed. Shortly afterwards the issue was again wide open when Billy Nash sent over the equalising point from a 30-yard free. However, Castlemahon promptly hit back again and two minutes later Paddy Molyneaux recovered the lead for the winners with a point from a free. Before the interval Dave Quaid put the winners a further point ahead, leaving the half time score — Castlemahon, 0-4; Newcastle West, 0-2.

Castlemahon got away to an early start after the resumption and Johnny Colum and Dave Quaid paved the way for a point which proved to be the last score of the game. Although now without the wind advantage, Castlemahon continued to enjoy superiority at midfield but failed to press home the offensives against the very effective Newcastle West defence.

PROMISING RAIDS

The "Magpies," on the other hand, succeeded in making a few very promising raids on the Deelside net and missed at least one chance of an equaliser. Apart from an occasional tendency towards over robustness and rather too frequent minor infringements, the game was, on the whole, played in a good sporting spirit, with no quarter given or expected.

Mr. Steve Cronin (Claughaun) refereed.

70 UNDER-14 HURLING

At Dromcollogher on Sunday last, Feohanagh deservedly won the under-14 hurling championship, defeating Knockaderry in the final by 5-4 to 2-0.

Feohanagh led at half-time by 4-2 to nil, and looked as if they were heading for a landslide victory, but Knockaderry played much better in the second half and while they never appeared capable of winning they made the second half a very enjoyable one indeed.

Johnny Flanagan, Joe Butler, John Mahony, Pat Hannon, Charlie Murphy and Ben Scanlon starred for the winners, while for Knockaderry, Joe Body (goals) was outstanding, together with John Downes, Pat Murphy, John Sheehy, Bertie Flavin and Sean McMahon.

TEAMS

Feohanagh — Dave Noonan, Martin Daly, John Mahony, Pat Mahony, Mike Roche, Joe Butler, Mick Sheehy, John Flanagan, Pat Hannon, John Noonan, John Brown, Charlie Murphy, Eamon Scully, Ben Scanlan, Eamonn Flanagan.

Knockaderry — Joe Body, Joe Walsh, John Downes, Jim Scanlon, Liam Curtin, Pat Murphy, Sean McMahon, John Sheehy, Tom Hannon, John McMahon, Bertie Flavin, Liam Moloney, John Sheehy, Seamus Condon,

John Kennedy

Castlemahon 2-5
Abheyfeale 0-6

82 FINAL

At last, at long last, the young footballers of Castlemahon have firmly laid the ghost that has dogged their efforts over the years as they stormed through to capture their first ever minor title when they defeated Abheyfeale at Newcastle West on Thursday evening. And at the end of this history making game the players were swamped in a tide of excitement-lifted shoulders high and nobody seemed to notice the Abheyfeale side as they plodded wearily to the dressing rooms. And in that lovely tumult after the West Board Chairman had presented the cup to the side's captain, Eamon Walsh, I spoke to the team trainer, Sean Sheahan, and in a voice choked with emotion, he told me of the long hours of hard training, the total dedication and above all the buoyant and never say die spirit of his young charges.

It was a great evening for Castlemahon, a team that had suffered long in the backwaters of minor football and against the majority of the predictions they came into the final-fashioned a game that was entertaining all the way, defeated the favourites by five points and went home with the trophy.

After a nervous and uneasy start the tempo and quality of the football improved but blustery and greasy conditions tended to make ball control difficult. From early on it was evident that this Castlemahon side were very sharp and very much on their game and furthermore all through the hour the majority of the lucky breaks were certainly favouring the side.

Abheyfeale did most of the early attacking, with Danaher and Leahy combining well at centre-field and setting up some promising approach movements but all too often the final killer blow was either mis-hit, muffed or generally mis-handled during a period in which the Castlemahon defence was to say the least, somewhat porous and lax. However, as the game progressed their defensive tactics improved with inspiring work coming from Leahy, Doody and O'Sullivan, and going into the break leading 1-3 to 0-2, they looked well and showed all the confidence of a side determined to maintain their lead despite the fact that they would have to face a stiff wind on change over.

The tension and excitement continued into the second half and then came the score that was really the turning point of the match. Abheyfeale were sweeping on in attack spearheaded by their top midfielder, Philip Danaher, when a mis-placed pass was gobbled up by the defence, cleared downfield, fielded by John Lynch and crashed to the back of the net, and their spirits were further dampened by having one of their most useful forwards sent to the line. Their run of ill-luck was not yet over as later they were further reduced when another player was sent to the line after offering some words of advice to the referee following a disallowed goal.

And at the end of this splendid minor final, nobody could or would deny Castlemahon their worthy win and while their football may not have always matched the losers for visual attraction, they had it on the scoreboard where it really mattered. Best for the winners were E. Walsh, L. Leahy, S. Doody, L. O'Sullivan, T. Galvin and T. Collins. And for the losers, P. Danaher, B. Colbert, T. O'Mahony and M. Carroll.

Castlemahon: G. Walsh, L. Leahy, P. O'Grady, P. Foley, S. Doody, L. O'Sullivan, M. Sweeney, D. Browne, T. Galvin, T. Collins, J. Lynch, E. Walsh, J. Quaid, C. Purcell, P. Flanagan.

Abheyfeale: J. Collins, B. Hartnett, T. O'Mahony, L. Lyons, B. Colbert, J. Finucane, G. Doody,

GAA: Seamus Quaide Park opened . . .

New amenities a major boost

By SEAN MURPHY

"AS WE approach the centenary year of the foundation of the GAA, each club has a duty and an obligation to play its part in the advancement of the aims and aspirations of Cumann Luith Chleas Gael, thereby creating an acceptance of, and respect for, the aims and ideals for which it was founded," said Mr. P. J. Ryan, Limerick's central council delegate when he officially opened the magnificent Seamus Quaide Memorial Park at Coolyroo on Sunday evening.

The playing field and complex, embracing handball and squash courts, dressingrooms with showers, committee rooms and catering facilities was provided by Feohanagh-Castlemahon GAA Club at a cost of over £70,000.

Despite Arctic conditions of gale force winds and frequent showers of hail and sleet a fine crowd turned out for the historic occasion.

The field was blessed by Very Rev. M. Kelly, P.P., and on the platform were Mrs. Olive Quaide, wife of the late Seamus Quaide and his father, Mr. T. Quaide, with Mr. Jim Hickey, Chairman of the Limerick County Board; Mr. Donie Nealon, secretary, Munster Council, G.A.A., Mr. Moss Hennessy and Mr. John Hartnett of the Limerick Handball Board; Mr. Ned Corbett and Mr. Paddy Browne of the West Limerick GAA Board; Fr. T. Culhane, P.P. and Very Rev. Tim Greene, P.P.

Mr. Sean Sheahan, chairman of Feohanagh-Castlemahon Club welcomed all present and praised the vision and foresight of the men who originally bought the field for a modest £200 in 1965. He thanked all concerned especially the carnival committee for their great support down the years and said the field and complex was a monument to their dedication and a binding force for all the community in both parishes.

EXAMPLE

Mr. Jim Hickey, chairman of the Limerick County Board said the deeds of Feohanagh-Castlemahon was a shining example for all other clubs to follow. He praised all associated with the project in providing such excellent facilities for the playing of our three national games - hurling, football

and handball and felt confident they would be used to achieve further success for the club.

Continuing, Mr. Hickey said the complex and playing pitch would provide a fitting memorial to the late Seamus Quaide — a hurler supreme and a great sportsman.

Mr. P. J. Ryan, in declaring the pitch officially opened, said:

"We are assembled here this evening to be living witnesses to the achievements of a small rural club in providing by dedication and hard work, a fitting recreational complex for its club and community. This excellent playing field for its youth to play the national games of hurling and Gaelic football and the inclusion of a handball alley and other amenities catering for the entire sporting and recreational needs of this parish in a Gaelic and social atmosphere.

"As we approach the centenary of the foundation of Cumann Luith Chleas Gael the parish club which was the basic unit of that foundation continues to play a vital role in the work of the Association. Each club has a duty and an obligation, be it large or small to play its part in the advancement of the aims and aspirations of Cumann Luith Chleas Gael thereby creating an acceptance of, and respect for, the aims and ideals for which it was founded.

"Feohanagh-Castlemahon as a basic unit must be included and rightly so, in the long list of clubs who aspired to, and promoted such ideals. This fine playing field and sports complex was not established without hard and long hours of voluntary work provided by its members who must be congratulated on a job well done. This club was established by dedicated men and women, some of whom unfortunately did not survive to see the realisation of their dreams, nevertheless, they were part of it and it stands as a living monument to their memory. As in every project of this magnitude club officials and its members bear the brunt of the hard work in order to accomplish tasks of this nature. A first class club, well organised, well disciplined and dedicated to a cause is necessary for success.

"Feohanagh-Castlemahon were well served in the past and continue to be well served at the present time by such dedicated members and officials. Besides the accomplishments of the club here and its dedication to the games and administration at local level the achievements of its members are

not and were not confined to the parochial sphere either on the playing field or in the local clubhouse. They have given in the past, and continue to give at the present time outstanding players, referees and officials at divisional, county and national level.

"This is the hallmark of an excellent club which, apart from its members' heavy commitment to the local community, they give of their leisure time—that is if one can call it leisure time, assistance to and dedicated services to Cumann Luith Chleas Gael as a whole.

"May they long continue to do so.

SADNESS

"This evening's celebrations are unfortunately tinged with sadness as the man whose memory is perpetually honoured in this arena is no longer with us, Seamus Quaide, like all other families which bear the name in this area, was an outstanding sportsman, excellent hurler (winning an All-Ireland Senior Hurling title with Wexford in 1960) — gentleman, true patriot and personal friend; his sacrifices and shining example to the Constitution of his country, loyal comrade, his commitment to the cause of justice which caused his untimely death will forever emblazon the name of Quaide in letters of gold, not alone in his native parish and his adopted county of Wexford, but throughout the length and breadth of Ireland. Of him it can truly be said that on the field he served Cumann Luith Chleas Gael and off the field he served his country.

"Go ndeanaidh Dia trocaire ar a anam.

"This field and sports complex is a fitting memorial to him, it should remind people of this and future generations of his sacrifices; we would hope that the present and future generations will enjoy and respect the wonderful amenities provided here and in using those facilities, will respect and enjoy them in a wholesome Christian way and never do anything that would bring discredit on this parish, its community, its club, the Gaelic Athletic Association or the man who is commemorated in perpetuity."

In the hurling game for the Seamus Quaide Memorial Cup and trophies, Wexford defeated Limerick, 3-6 to 2-4.

Both teams and guests were treated to an excellent meal in the new complex after the game by a most efficient and courteous ladies committee.

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A very pleasant function took place at Liston's Lounge, Castlemahon on Saturday night, when the 1954 team who won the Limerick junior hurling championship, were the recipients of a beautiful set of plaques, very kindly presented by Pat and Gill Liston (director of Liston's petrol filling station).

This night was memorable in many ways for it brought together the heroes, who brought the first hurling championship to the parish 27 years ago, and it was wonderful to see them all so hale and hearty, and fit to play an hour with the best in the county, when their names were called out, each man was cheered to the echo, but perhaps the biggest cheer of the night was given to Gerald Fitzgibbon, who is after a very severe illness, but is now fully recovered. The presentation was made by Rev. Tim Culhane, P.P., Banogue, who is cultured, with organising, and promoting hurling in the Parish. When Fr. Culhane came to the parish as a curate in Feohanagh in 1946, football was the only game played, but with the help of some willing helpers, he set about promoting hurling. He started off with some school leagues, and how successful he was in this venture, was proved by the winning of the junior championship in 1954.

On Saturday night Fr. Culhane met many of his old friends in the parish, and of course many of their sons and daughters.

The following players received trophies: Dan Cremin, capt.; Bertie Mulcahy, goal; Jack Collins, Gerald Fitzgibbon, Paddy Gilbourne, Junior Harnett, Tadgh Dwane, Jack Quaid, Frank Phelan, Jim Quaid, Vincent O'Connor, Micky Dwane, Pat Cregan, Tom Quaid, Jackie King and Dick O'Sullivan.

Tom Phelan, Jim Cronin and Tadgh Collins were unable to attend, but their trophies will be sent on to them. Presentations were made to Paddy O'Donnell, 1954 selector; Danny Sheehan for his great work for the club; to Dermot Doody, trainer of this year's champions, and to Tom Sweeney; John Young and Joe Quaid, 1981 selector; Jim Hickey, chairman of the County Board G.A.A., and Paddy Browne, secretary West Board G.A.A., were also in attendance, and both spoke highly of the great work that the Feohanagh-Castlemahon Clubs were doing for the G.A.A. in the County, and they wished them every good luck in the future. One of the highlights of this night was the singing of the Feohanagh Boys in Blue, by Pat Cagney (of radio fame). This song was written by Fr. Culhane as a tribute to the 1954 champions, and it literally brought the house down.

An item of much admiration was a medal won by Robert Normoyle (Ballinakill, Castlemahon) a grand uncle of Jackie King, this medal was won with the Limerick Commercial, and it was an All-Ireland football championship won by Limerick in 1887, which incidentally was the first All-Ireland played. The Munster senior hurling cup 1981 was also on display and it was much admired, it was a truly great night for the Parish, and great praise is due to all those who contributed to the success of the night, to Sean Sheehan who acted as MC in a really professional manner, to the proprietors of Liston's Lounge, and to the staff for providing such excellent service; to Brian Scully, who provided such fine music; to Pat and Gill Liston for their generosity in donating the beautiful plaques; to all the loyal fans who attended in such large numbers, and to Johnnie

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Feohanagh-Castlemahon celebrations of their county final story concluded on Monday night when a packed house tended Liston's Lounge, Castlemahon, to see a video recording of a game and it was most entertaining. A very welcome feature of the night's entertainment was the tendence of a large number of the romcollogher team and their supporters. This was most desirable and it showed a great sense of ortsmanship between the Dromcollogher and Feohanagh teams and supporters.

Mrs. Bridget Liston and her husband, James, presented a set of aques to the winners and the subscribers a very special plaque was presented to Jack Gilbourne, one of our greatest supporters and one of the really great personalities who, incidentally, travelled all the way from Athlone to attend the function.

A special word of praise is due to Mr. Molyneaux, who did the interviewing, in a manner that could do justice to Michael O'Heir at his very best.

A very pleasant feature of the night was the attendance of so many members of the 1954 team, including Dan Cremin (capt.), Frank Phelan, Bertie Mulcahy, Jack, m and Tom Quaid, Micky and adgh Dwane, Dick Sullivan and ickie King, Jack Collins, Jim arnett and Pat Gilbourne. They ere all agreed that it would have een far easier to be playing than to ave to stand the strain on the deline.

In conclusion, I would like to pay tribute to the trainers, Dermody and John Flanagan, the selectors, Tom Sweeney and John oung and Joe Quaid, to all the ayers and subs and to the onderful supporters who cheered ie boys to victory. You were all onderful. Slainte go leir.

Scor

A packed house at Feenagh on Friday night got real good value when the Scor na nOg competitions got under way. Feohanagh-castlemahon did very well, Helen utler, our great athlete, showed ow versatile she is by getting 2nd place in the recitation, hile Catherine Scully and her 2companion, Anne Phelan, were 2nd in the solo ballad section, nd the Heffernan sisters, faighread, Maura and Anne, and ie Mulcahy sisters, Ida and iamm, were second in the ballad rump. They all have a second nance when they compete at 2mplegantline on Friday night ext. We wish them all the best of ick. Great praise is due to Bridget helan, Pat Normoyle and Carl ash (N.T.), who did so much od work in preparing them for iese competitions.

Schools

In the semi-finals of the Schools furling League, played at the hool field last Saturday, Tom reaney's team beat Hugh Kelly's am and Donie Sullivan's team eat Tom Condon's team. The inal will be played on Saturday ext at 2 p.m., and it should draw a ig attendance. Jerry Molyneaux ill be the referee.

Feohanagh Castlemahon

On the 27th January 84, the annual juvenile social was held at the Turnpike, Newcastle West. Almost sixty children were guests at this very enjoyable function.

Pat Barry (chairman of the juvenile board) welcomed everybody and congratulated the under 12 and under 14 players on their success in 1983. He also thanked the parents who took the players to a record number of matches even in very bad weather. He pleaded for more parents to help in the future.

Father Kelly also spoke and complimented the children on their fine sportsmanship.

Joe Kelly, chairman of West Limerick Bord na nOg, congratulated the players and paid tribute to the officers of the club who were most helpful to the board always. He looked forward to many successes in our progressive club.

Mike Sweeney, captain of the Limerick minor team, presented the hurling medals to the following under 12 panel: Tom McCarthy, Conor Murphy, Eamon Doody, Pat Riordan, Garry Sheehan, John Kenny, Diarmuid Doody, John Barry, Joe Quaid, Seamus O'Keeffe, Pat Quaid, Liam Lynch, Des Flanagan, Pat Gilbourne, Donal Foley, Subs., Eoin O'Brien, Mike O'Brien, Hugh Ryan, Seamus Roche, Noel Ahern, Richard O'Sullivan, John O'Keeffe, Neil Doody, Eugene Sheehy, Jim Creedon, John Liston.

The following under 12 football team: Des Flanagan, Eamon Doody, Conor Murphy, Pat O'Riordan, Noel Ahern, John Barry, Diarmuid Doody, John Kenny, Liam Lynch, Seamus O'Keeffe, Pat Gilbourne, Joe Quaid, Eoin O'Brien, Pat Quaid and Tom McCoy. Subs., Des O'Connor, Donal Foley, John Liston, Hugh Ryan, Mike O'Brien, Donie Murphy, Mike Quaid, Michael O'Sullivan, Pat O'Hanlon, Jim Creedon.

The hurling selectors have now got Bernie O'Connor of Meelin to train the senior, novice and under 21 hurling teams. Bernie has trained Milford and Feenagh-Kilmeedy in 1983. Training commencing in the near future. All players are requested to attend. Players note that only those who turn up for training will be considered.

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The annual general meeting of the club was held at the sports complex, Coolyroe recently before a large attendance. The following officers were selected for the coming year: life president, Pat Cregan; chairman, John Young; vice chairman, Dermot Doody; secretary, Pat O'Donnell; asst. secretary and registrar, John Noonan; treasurer, Teresa Cregan; PRO, John Collum.

Executive committee: Michael Foley, Pat Foley, Gerry McAuliffe, Sean Sheehan, Dan Noonan, Gerry Noonan, Tom Sweeney, Tom Brouder, Vincent O'Connor, Tom Gilbourne, Michael King, Jack Quaid, Tom Collins, Sean Kenny, Michael O'Brien, Michael Lane, Joseph Ryan, Joseph Quaid, Seamus Flanagan.

It was decided that 2 selectors would be selected at the meeting and the players on each team concerned would pick one selector.

Senior and under 21 H — Dermot Doody and Joseph Quaid.

Novice H — Tom Collins and Pat Sheehy.

Junior and under 21 F — Pat O'Donnell and Sean Kenny.

Minor H & F — Pat Foley, Tom Sweeney, Seamus Flanagan, Jack Quaid, Vincent O'Connor.

County board delegate — Tom Sweeney.

West Board delegates — Pat O'Donnell and John Young.

The juvenile committee are holding the AGM and we will have the officers, etc., at a later stage. A players meeting will be held this Saturday evening, January 21st, at 8 p.m. All players interested in playing for the club in 1984 please attend. This is a very important meeting as the election of team captains will take place and also training and coaching for hurling and football will also be discussed. Trophies will be presented at a GAA dance on Sunday night, January 22, Liston's Lounge, to the junior footballers who won the west and county leagues and also the North Kerry-West Limerick league. Everybody is welcome for a good night's entertainment.

Feoghanagh- Castlemahon

A meeting of the G.A.A. club was held at the sports complex on Saturday, February 25, and was adjourned by the chairman, Mr. John Young. A vote of sympathy was passed to the husband brothers, sisters, sons, daughters, daughters-in-law, sons-in-law, grandchildren, relatives and friends of the late Bridget Quaid, Ballinakill. R.I.P.

Training continues on Monday and Friday evenings at 7.30 p.m. Note that only players who turn out for training will be considered.

The novice football team play Dromcollogher on Sunday next and the local club have a strong panel of players to select from. Four of the under 21 hurlers are getting a trial for the county. The players are Michael Sweeney, Pat

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Feohanagh- Castlemahon

The Feohanagh-Castlemahon GAA annual general meeting was held at Coolyroe on Sunday, Jan. 2. Sean Sheehan, chairman, presided and the attendance was one of the largest for a number of years. The chairman, in his address, gave a very detailed report on the activities of the club during the year and he paid a very well-deserved tribute to the minor footballers who brought the first minor title to the parish and who advanced to the county semi-final in which they were beaten by a powerful South Liberties team who went on to win the county title.

He also praised the minor hurlers who reached the Western final only to be beaten by a great Newcastle West team who went on to the county final in which they again beat Feohanagh, but this time Feohanagh put up a much better display and with a bit of luck they could have reversed the results. He also paid a very special tribute to the under-12 footballers who won the western championship and were unlucky to be beaten in the county final by a great St. Patrick's team. He said the opening of the Seamus Quaid Memorial Park at Coolyroe and the attendance of Paddy Buggy at the annual dinner dance were the highlights of a most outstanding year for the club. The secretary presented his report which was considered very satisfactory but the report of the treasurer showed that the club would have to cut out all unnecessary expenses this year as the expenses for 1982 were far too high and it would cost a good deal to finish the complex at Coolyroe.

OFFICERS

Officers elected for 1983: Chairman, Sean Sheehan; vice-chairman, Joe Ryan; treasurer, Theresa Cregan; secretary, John Noonan; PRO, Michael O'Riordan.

Selection committees: Senior hurling, Jim Quaid, Pat Sheehy, John Young.

Junior football: Sean Kenny, Pat O'Donnell, Jerry Noonan.

The appointment of other committees will be considered at a special meeting of players, selectors and officials at Coolyroe on Sunday, Jan. 16, at 2 p.m.

F'ohanagh- C'mahon

The AGM of the local GAA Clubs was held on Sunday last. The following officers were elected: Life President, Fr. Tim Culhane; pres., Ml. O'Riordan; chairman, DSean Sheehan; vice-do., Joe Ryan; sec., John Noonan; asst. sec., John Young; treas., Teresa Cregan. Minor Club: Chairman, Tom Sweeney; sec., John Quaid, jr.; selectors, junior and 21 teams, Jack Quaid, Tom Collins, Joe Quaid and captain of team.

Captains of teams: Junior Hurling, John Flanagan; vice-capt, Tom Quaid. Junior Football, John Noonan; vice-do., P. O'Mahony. Under 21 Hurling, and Football captain, Jerry Butler.

Selectors: Under 12 and under 14, Joe Ryan, Vincent O'Connor and Karl Nash. Under 16, Tom Sweeney, Seamus Flanagan and Joe Ryan. Under 18, Tom Sweeney, Seamus Flanagan and Jack Quaid.

It was decided to affiliate the following teams: under 12, under 14, under 16, under 18, under 21, and Junior, in both hurling and football.

Castlemahon crow in the sun

**CASTLEMAHON..2-6
BALLYSTEEN.....0-5**

Castlemahon coasted home to collect the 1979 West Junior title at the new-look Rathkeale venue on Sunday.

This win, which sent their supporters happily home, was all the sweeter, especially when it was collected at the expense of a senior side and perhaps the winners performance was best summed up by West Board chairman, Eddie Corbett, when he said: "It is well within the bounds of probability that I will present this trophy on two further occasions to this team during the year."

Essentially, it was not a great game of football, but if the quality was questionable, the spirit and the determination, especially of the winners, was not. The losers never really got going and had to battle all the way to get a share of the game and were always troubled by the speed and fielding of Tommy Quaid.

But in the midst of pace and determination, there were very obvious causes for concern in the winners attack, as several scores went a-begging that really should never have happened and probably will be laid at the door of a capricious wind.

Danno Noonan opened the scoring for the winners with a well-taken goal within seconds of throw-in, and with it set the tone for the whole game.

Anthony Moran had a point from a placed ball, some minutes later, and with it we expected this Ballysteen side to catch fire, but we waited in vain, as this gritty Castlemahon side rarely allowed them to contemplate, never mind present those score-making movements in which they specialised during last year's championship. It certainly needed something special to coax the game their way, but never-the-less they stayed within a few points distance until Danno Noonan, with a goal and a point in quick succession, arranged the score line more satisfactorily for the winners in the last quarter.

Tommy Quaid put in a tremendous performance, and although lining out at centre-field, he made his presence felt in all sectors, ranging from the full-back to the full-forward line and in the process produced a type of football for which Ballysteen had no real answer.

Also, very much in evidence for Castlemahon were Danno Noonan, Jer Quaid, while Mike Quaid, John Flanagan and Tom Greaney also worked their passage.

It is difficult to pin-point any outstanding performance from the Ballysteen side, and although there are some outstanding performers on this

Castlemahon had the tremendous advantage of a close, hard game with Mountcollins on the previous Sunday, but, all in all, Castlemahon were the better side and deserving winners.

SCORERS

Castlemahon: Danno Noonan, 2-1; Tom Quaid, 0-2; Jer Quaid, 0-1; Tom Greaney, 0-1; P. Madigan, 0-1.

Ballysteen: Anthony Moran, 0-3, Donie Moran, 0-1; W. McMahon, 0-1.

TEAMS

Castlemahon: M. Quaid; J. McAuliffe, S. Maloney, J. Flanagan, J. Noonan, T. Quaid, J. Quaid, P. Maloney, M. Mullane, M. Leahy, D. Noonan, M. Sheehy, T. Greaney, J. Mulcahy, P. Madigan.

Ballysteen: M. McMahon, S. Madigan, P. Madigan, V. Fitz, J. Ranahan, D. Hayes, J. Holland, D. Neville, D. Moran, S. Ranahan, P. McDonagh, A. Moran, J. Neville, W. McMahon, Fr. Cussen.

Referee: Timmy Woulfe.

CLUB GAA

Fenagh-C'mahon

At Newcastle West on Thursday night, Castlemahon minor footballers had a historic victory over Fr. Casey's (Abbeyfeale) in the West Limerick final and so had the distinction of bringing the first minor championship in either hurling or football to the parish.

This victory was unexpected, as Fr. Casey's were red hot favourites but the Castlemahon boys under the inspired leadership of their captain, Eamon Walsh, were convincing winners. This was football at its best, and two very talented and sporting teams gave the supporters good value for their money. Castlemahon had to line out without one of their best players, Brendan Butler (down with the flu), but all the boys rose to the occasion in great style, and the display of their captain, Eamon Walsh, was something we haven't seen in the parish since Dan Sheehan led the junior team to county glory in 1965.

A special word of praise is due to the two Nenagh boys on the team, Tom Galvin and Liam O'Sullivan. They were really brilliant. Our goalie, Miceal Walsh, is a real find, and the contribution of Liam Leahy stopped a pile driver, and a great clearance by Seamus Doody, which led to a brilliant goal by John Lynch, were other highlights of the game. Final score: Castlemahon 2-5, Abbeyfeale 0-6.

Castlemahon: Eamon Walsh capt., Miceal Walsh, Pat O'Grady, Pat Foley, Liam Leahy, Liam O'Sullivan, Seamus Doody, Tom Galvin, Richard Browne, Michael Sweeney, Tom Collins, Chris Purcell, John Quaid, John Lynch, Pat Flanagan. Subs., Tom Flanagan, Liam Keane, Kieran O'Con-

Feohanagh Gael: an example

AS THE Gaels of Feohanagh-Castlemahon celebrated their first junior championship success in twenty-six years, the comradeship that achieved their victory, set an example for the community for the future.

The silver glittered on the main table at the River Room Motel, Newcastle West, as the players and their supporters gathered to celebrate a success for which they have been waiting for more than a quarter of a century.

It marked the culmination of dedication and effort, the sharpening of all their skills in the art of hurling and the enthusiasm of their supporters to cheer them on to a championship title for the sake of the parish.

It was on the same theme that Limerick County Manager, Richard Haslam, spoke when he addressed the gathering as one of their chief guests at the dinner and social.

He told them that the County Council were glad to help in any way open to them where they found that a community was prepared to do something for themselves.

Role

"Time and time again we have to say that the County Council role is not the sole provider, but it can be the willing helper. Its resources are limited, its area great and they give a little to all rather than all to a little," he told them.

"We would like to help where effort deserve it - but people in Ireland expect too much - and we would appeal for co-operation and understanding," he added.

He said that at the present time the County Council was struggling to do the best in the circumstances, maintaining the employment level and planning for better times in the future.

He said that they were working on the provision of amenities and services for Castlemahon and - "fingers crossed" - 1981 should see the sewerage scheme in progress - "not a promise but a hope, because things can go wrong."

He complimented the local people on their own initiative. The field at Cooleyroe was well established and the ball alley and squash courts were well under way with the co-operation of the local community and AnCO.

"It is a difficult job serving the public, because you cannot please all the people all of the time, but we are anxious to serve to the best of our ability. Everything we do is in the open, publicly answerable, for all we do and all we spend and our critics are never thin on the ground."

Hearing

The policy was a fair hearing for all and a fair crack of the whip for

G.A.A. and festival.

Among them were Supt. Foran, Newcastle West; Inspector P. J. McWeeney, Newcastle West; Sergt. Cronin and members of the gardai, all of whom have a busy time and render valuable assistance towards the smooth running of the annual festival.

Present also were Pat Normayle, area manager, Golden Vale Co-op; Michael and Mrs. Mullen, manager, E.S.B., Newcastle West, and John Joe Browne, representing the I.F.A.

Joe Ryan, chairman of the Development Association, said that £10,000 had already been spent on the project at Cooleyroe and a further £20,000 would be spent before the project was completed. The funds had all been donated by the Carnival Committee and he thanked them for providing the wonderful amenities for the youth of the parish which were so necessary at the present time.

The playing pitch at Cooleyroe had cost £11,000 to date, which had been financed by the Carnival Committee and he also thanked them for the voluntary effort to make the pitch one of the finest in the country.

Dedicated

He said that they were fortunate to have dedicated people as those with Anco were also grateful for the co-operation and assistance from the County Council.

Thomas Brouder, vice-president of the Carnival Committee, thanked the people who had supported their dances during the year and also the gardai for their co-operation which made the event easy to run.

He congratulated the juvenile hurling team on winning the West Limerick championship and also the junior hurling team and wished them success in the county final. The festival had gone from success to success and he hoped that they would be able to keep up the work.

Pat Kelly, senior instructor with AnCO, outlined the work of AnCO and said that he was pleased with the progress being made on the ball alley, squash courts, dressing rooms and meeting room at Cooleyroe, and he was looking forward to the official opening.

He said that great progress has been made, and it was mainly due to the committee being able to supply the suitable trainees and also supplying the materials punctually when required.

Festivals have been organised throughout the country for very many purposes, but the people of the Feohanagh and Castlemahon parishes have no doubt but the annual festival is now playing a significant part in their lives and providing facilities and amenities in the parish which would otherwise not be possible.

For the past 12 years the G.A.A. has been financed by the proceeds of the festival and they are now seeing the results of that with the title in West Limerick junior hurling after a lapse of 26 years and the

Club GAA Feohanagh-C'mahon

The official opening of the Seamus Quaid Park and sports complex at Cooleyroe will take place on Sunday, 2nd May, 1982, at 6.30 p.m. The opening ceremony will be performed by Paddy Buggy (Kilkenny), the president-elect of the GAA, and to mark the occasion Limerick play Wexford in the final of the Inter-County hurling tournament.

Back in 1965 when the local GAA club purchased this field from the Irish Land Commission the members of the committee had to go into the bank to raise the money to pay for it, as there was no money in the funds. The price was £200, but at that time it was a lot of money, but it has proved to be money well invested and today Cooleyroe is a living testament to the faith of those enthusiasts.

The official blessing was performed by the late Canon Michael Quinn, P.P., Castlemahon, assisted by Rev. Tim Greene, C.C., Feohanagh.

Paddy O'Connell (R.I.P.) was the chairman of the club, and both he and Fr. Greene were mainly responsible for obtaining the field. Others who were closely associated with the project were Pat Cregan, vice-chairman; Danny Sheehan, treasurer; Paddy O'Donnell.

Today Cooleyroe has one of the finest sports complexes in the country, consisting of a splendid playing field (with lights laid on), dressingrooms, showers and toilets, handball alley, squash court, shop and large room suitable for card tournaments, meetings, etc. All those facilities would not have been possible were it not for the generosity of the Castlemahon Carnival Committee, who have provided the money to pay for all those improvements.

To the secretary, Johnnie Colm, and to all those associated with the carnival, our very sincere thanks.

A special word of praise is also due to AnCO, who have done such a splendid job of work.

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WEST LIMERICK JUNIOR HURLING FINAL

Heartiest congratulations to the Feohanagh junior hurling team on winning the West on Sunday last in Askeaton. After a lapse of twenty-six years a brilliant Feohanagh team led by county hurler, John Flanagan, and Limerick star goalkeeper, Tommie Quaid, defeated a great Dromcollogher team in a hard-hitting and very sporting final played under very unfavourable conditions, which made top class hurling very difficult, but two great teams rose to the occasion and gave a brilliant display which was well up to the high standard set on previous occasions. Whilst it would be very unfair to single out any player for special praise, as they were all stars in their own way, a special word of praise must go to John Lenihan, who came in at the last moment to deputise for Feohanagh star full-back, John McAuliffe. John, who had been playing brilliantly all the year, had received a serious nose injury which prevented him from playing. Into the breach stepped John Lenihan, and he gave a classic exhibition. John had already won county minor titles with Knockaderry in 1978 and 1979, but on Sunday he really excelled. Young John Quaid, who had already captained Feohanagh to the juvenile title, was another one to hit top form, as also did the near veteran of the side, Tom Greaney, who has given fifteen years of faithful service to the parish, in both hurling and football, and on Sunday gave a wonderful exhibition which would do justice to a player many years younger. Tom will now collect his first championship medal and it is well deserved. Many links with the 1954 team is shown in the present selection. The 1954 team which was captained by Dan Cremin, included three sets of brothers, Mike and Tadgh Dwane, Frank and Tom Phelan and Jack and Jim and Tom Quaid. The present team

Easy for Castlemahon

Castlemahon0-8
Gerald Griffins0-2

In the final of the North Kerry-West Limerick junior football competition, played at Askeaton on Sunday last, Castlemahon proved that to win any competition fitness is one of the main ingredients, and this they had in abundance. Add in a bit of youth, plus Tommie Quaid, and here you have a team that will surely be fighting for county honours in this the Centenary Year. It is fair to say that the Ballyahill lads had no luck on the day as they missed a number of easy scoring chances, especially in the second half when playing with the wind. Neither did they produce the form that saw them overcome the Kerry opposition in the semi-final. The Noonans, O'Connor, Dalton and Thornton tried all they knew, but with the Quaid, Flanagan, Sheehan, Lenihan and Sweeney in the right mood it just had to be Castlemahon's day. At the end of the match, Joe Langan (representing North Kerry) presented the cup, which had been sponsored by Swankey Bar, Tarbert, to John Lenihan, captain of the winning team.

Referee, Joe Langan (Tarbert).

includes three sons of Jack Quaid, Tommy, Seamus and 16-year-old goalkeeper, John. Gerry Quaid is a son of Jim's, and they have two uncles, Dave and Mike and a first cousin, Thomas, also on the selection.

John Young, Joe Quaid and Tom Sweeney did a great job of work and they must be admired for the courage they showed and the changes they made from match to match. It isn't easy to please all the people, but they seemed to make a fair effort, so fair dues to them. A word of praise is also due to the referee, Neily Duggan, and his officials. They did an excellent job.

On Sunday next at Kilmallock Feohanagh play either Na Piar-saigh or Patrickswell in the county quarter-final.

18 Feohanagh C'mahon

At the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick, on Sunday, Newcastle West defeated Feohanagh in one of the best minor hurling finals seen for years, on the score Newcastle West 2-9pts, Feohanagh 1-7 pts. This was hurling at its best played by two very fit and sporting teams, and Newcastle West, who were bigger and evenner, were deserving winners, but Feohanagh made them fight all the way for their success, and have no need to feel downhearted over this reverse.

They were unlucky to meet one of the best minor teams seen in a Limerick final for years, and their supporters have every reason to feel proud of them, they have given them wonderful enjoyment, all the year and of course they are still in the Minor Football semi-final on Sunday.

I feel, we had one of the best players on view, in Pat O'Grady at centre-back, he gave a display that would do credit to any senior player, and in Pat Foley at wing back we had another star, all the boys deserve credit for their great displays during the year, and a special word of praise for their trainer Sean Sheehan and the selectors Nial Doody, Pat O'Donnell, Sheamus Flanagan, Sean Kenny and Jack Quaid for a job well done.

Club GAA: 9.1.82 Feohanagh

The AGM of the local GAA Club was held recently. The following officers were elected:

Honorary pres. Father Tim Culhane, vice-pres. Wm. O'Donnell, chairman Sean Sheehan, vice-chairmen Joe Ryan, Tom Gilbourne, sec. John Noonan, asst. sec. and registrar Pat O'Donnell.

Committee, Eamonn Walshe, John Quaid, Jerry Noonan, John Collum, Pat Cregan, Wm. O'Donnell, Ml. O'Riordan, Neill Doody, John Cussen, Dave Quaid, Jim Quaid, Tom Quaid, Joe Quaid, Ml. Lane, Moss Hanlon, Mrs. O'Keefe, Mrs. Greaney.

Selectors—Senior and junior, Tom Sweeney, John Young and Joe Quaid.

Minor and under 21, Seamus Flanagan, Pat O'Donnell, Sean Kenny, Jack Quaid, Neill Doody.

Minor club, chairman Tom Sweeney, sec. John Quaid.

Hurling captain, senior, Ned Quaid, vice-captain Eamonn Flanagan. Junior captain Mike Quaid, vice-captain Neol Guina.

Under 21 captain John Lennan, vice-captain Eamonn Walshe.

Minor captain Ml. Sweeney vice-captain Pat Foley.

Football captains, junior captain Tom Quaid, vice-captain John Lenihan.

Under 21 captain Ml. Leahy vice-captain Pat Madigan.

Feohanagh Castlemahon

For the second year in succession Feohanagh juvenile hurlers have won the West Limerick juvenile championship, in a great final played at Rathkeale recently, when they defeated a highly fancied Killeedy on the score Feohanagh 4-4 to 1-2 for Killeedy. The Feohanagh team gave a very polished display and completely confounded the critics, who had installed Killeedy as firm favourites after their defeat of Newcastle West in a great semi-final. Feohanagh, who seemed to be a much evenner team, had also some really outstanding players and though it seems unfair to mention any player in particular, it must be admitted that Mike Sweeney, Brendan Butler, John Lynch, Seamus Doody, Tom Collins and the Foley brothers and Mike Walsh were top class, but the Flanagan, O'Regan, Scully, O'Connor, Lyons and Keane were little behind them.

Team—Shamus Doody (capt.), Dave Flanagan (goal), Mike Sweeney, Brendan Butler, John Lynch, Mike Walsh, Tom Flanagan, Gerard Scully, Mike Lyons, Mike Touhy, Tommy Collins, Pat Flanagan, Ciaran O'Connor, Tom O'Regan, Sean Keane.

Subs., Liam Collins, Tony O'Connor, John Burke, Joe McNery.

Great credit is due to Joe Ryan (N.T.), Tom Sweeney and Shamus Flanagan who have done so much in preparing them for all their games. They have much reason to be very proud in this the fourth year in succession that their charges have hit the high spots.

The following is the record of these players and it has to be pointed out that some eight of these boys who won the juvenile championship this year have appeared in four finals since 19 and only lost one of them.

Results

1978—beaten by Newcastle West in the under 14 final.

1978—Beat Newcastle West in the under 14 final.

1980—Beat Newcastle West in the juv. final.

1981—Beat Killeedy in the juv. final.

This is a great record and to the boys concerned and to their mentors, our very sincere congratulations are due, and we look forward to much more success in the future.

Fixtures

Feohanagh juvenile hurlers play Cloughaun in the County semi-final at Bruff on Saturday next, August 22nd, at 7 p.m., and it is hoped that a large number of supporters will travel with them.

Results

Milford defeated Knockaderry

Team

Mike Sweeney, captain; John Quaid, goal; Pat O'Grady, Pat Foley, Tom Flanagan, Pat Flanagan, Liam Leahy, Seamus Doody, Richard Browne, Tom Collins, Eamon Walsh, Michael Walsh, Brendan Butler, Chriss Purcell, John Lynch, Subs. Kieran O'Connor, D. Flanagan, L. Keane, Ger Scully.

by 3-8 to 2-5 in the final of the Castlemahon Carnival Tournament on the 14th August. This was a very good game and the referee Mike Quaid had a very easy task in handling it as it was played in a very sporting manner. Dermot Doody, Carnival chairman, presented the prizes to the winners and Tom Brouder presented a very special prize to the captain of the winners (E. Gorman).

GAA

Feohanagh C'mahon

At Bruff on Sunday Feohanagh defeated Killfinane in the Junior Hurling Semi-Final on the score Feohanagh 3-9, Killfinane 2-7 in one of the best games seen in the Junior Championship for many years. This was hurling at its best, fast, hard, and most sporting, hard knocks were given, and taken, in a most exciting game, and the standard reached by both teams was well up to Senior standard.

Feohanagh seemed to be better trained, and they finished on a high note, while Killfinane who started in great style, seemed to fade as the game progressed, but still they were in there with a good chance, up to the last five minutes, Feohanagh powered by their County stars John Flanagan and Tommie Quaid gave their best display in many a long day, but on the day they were all stars and none, more so than young John Quaid in the goals. He was coolness personified, and he surely has a very bright future, great credit is due to their trainers John Flanagan and Der Doody who had the team in such form, and of course the selectors Tom Sweeney, John Young, and Joe Quaid, also deserve great credit for a job well done.

Feohanagh: N. Vaughn (Capt), John Flanagan, E. Flanagan, John McAuliffe, John Browne, Dan Noonan, Jerry Coleman, John Lenihan, Mike Sheedy, Tommie Quaid, Mike Mullane, John Quaid (goal); Ger Phillips, Sheamus Mahony, Pat Mahony, Subs: Derry Noonan (for Pat Mahony); Tom Greaney (for Jerry Coleman); Mike Quaid, Tom Quaid, and B. Flanagan.

Feohanagh had to line out without their Captain John Noonan who is injured, and Ger Quaid who is in England, but we hope to have both of them back for the final.

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When Feohanagh and Pal-lasgreen junior hurlers meet next Sunday in the county junior hurling quarter-final, it will be a meeting of two clubs who have a great record in the annals of Limerick hurling.

Both have given some great players to the Limerick colours, and it is expected that on Sunday we shall have a real thriller from two teams who have a great tradition to live up to.

This game will be played at Bruff, and it is sure to draw a big crowd of G.A.A. enthusiasts and a great game is expected.

Sincere congratulations to Tom Brouder, that well-known G.A.A. and athletics personality on winning the Baron of Castlemahon competition, which was organised by the local G.A.A. to help defray the costs of the improvements to the sports complex at Coolyroo.

It is estimated that something in the region of £8,000 has been realised and this should result in a profit of £6,000, which is very much to be welcomed by the officials of the club, who have done so much to make Coolyroo one of the top-class sports complexes in the country.

The sincere congratulations of all G.A.A. enthusiasts in the parish is tendered to the con-

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At an executive meeting held recently at the Sports Complex in Coolyroo, the following committee were appointed for 1984.

Centenary committee: Vincent O'Connor, John Young, Sean Sheehan, Frank Phelan, Michael Riordan, Teresa Cregan, Ann McCarthy, Joan McCarthy, John Noonan, Pat O'Donnell.

Fields committee: Tom Gilbourne, Tom Collins, Michael King, Pat Foley, John Collum, Jim Quaid, Tom Donegan, Seamus Flanagan.

Finance committee: Teresa Cregan, Mary Lane, Teresa Roche, Jack Quaid, Vincent O'Connor, Tom Sweeney, Pat O'Donnell, Michael O'Brien, John Noonan, Dan Noonan, Jim Quaid, Der Doody, John Collum.

The following are draws for 1st round of West Limerick Championship:—

In the senior hurling championship, Feohanagh received a bye.

Senior Hurling Centenary Cup knock-out: Ardagh v. Feohanagh.

Under 21 hurling: Granagh v. Feohanagh.

Minor hurling: Kilcolman v. Feohanagh.

Junior football: Rathkeale v. Castlemahon.

Under 21 football: Castlemahon received a bye.

Minor football: dromcollogher v. Castlemahon.

Novice football: Dromcollogher v. Castlemahon.

In the county championship, Feohanagh play Ahane in the first round.

Training will commence im-



Jack Quaid