

**Late Mr. J. J. Franklin,**  
**Hospital. 30.3.40**  
(From Hospital Corr.)

HOSPITAL, Tuesday.

The death took place recently of Mr John J. Franklin, formerly of New York, U.S.A., at the residence of his uncle, Mr. Edmond M. Canty, Hospital, Co. Limerick.

Deceased who, after a prolonged illness, died at the exceptionally young age of 34 years, was most popular not only in Hospital, where he lived from his very earliest years, but all over the county and those adjoining it. A member of a highly respected family, deceased was greatly esteemed by all those whom he met and his demise at so early an age is deeply regretted. Among his many qualities, deceased was very intellectual and as a brilliant conversationalist he won for himself widespread popularity.

The late Mr. Franklin was an active member of the Hospital G.A.A. Club, and as a result of his services as goalkeeper to the football team the club was on many occasions victorious. Besides his interest in the G.A.A., deceased was a member of the Slieve Reagh Gun Club, and was successful in many competitions throughout the country, and had in his possession many prizes which he won at these competitions. A keen sportsman in every way, he was a great supporter of the Hospital Harriers, which he helped to introduce some years ago.

His remains were removed to St. John's Parish Church, Hospital, followed by a huge concourse of mourners and friends. The remains were received by Very Rev. J. Canon McCarthy, P.P., V.F., who with the large congregation recited prayers for the repose of his soul. The interment took place in the adjoining cemetery after Office and Requiem Mass in the presence of a very large and representative gathering, who testified to the high esteem in which the deceased was held. The officiating clergy were: Very Rev. J. Canon McCarthy, P.P., V.F., Hospital; Very Rev. A. Canon Humphreys, P.P., Knockaney; Rev R. Power, C.C., Hospital; Rev. J. Fitzgerald, do.; Rev. C. P. Lee, D.D., C.C., Knockaney; Rev J. Hammersly, C.C., Tipperary.

The chief mourners were: Messrs. Edmond M. Canty and Miles Franklin (uncles); Miss Josephine Canty (aunt); Miss Mary Canty. Messrs. James, Maurice and Edmond J. Canty. Mrs. M. Canty, Mrs. Franklin, Mr. Hugh Mulcahy, Messrs. W. Franklin, J. Ryan and C. Ryan, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Pigott and family, Mr and Mrs. James McGrath and sons (cousins), etc.

Mass cards were received from: Mr Edmond Canty and family, Gotoon; the Hospital Hurling and Football Club. Messages of sympathy from: Mr. G. C. Bennett, T.D., Rathanny, Hospital; Mr. John O'Connell, cattle dealer, Dublin; Mr. Denis Horgan, Principal, Kilfinane Voc. School; Mr Ml Lysaght, Ballingarry; Mr. J. Dwyer, cattle dealer; Mr Thos Walsh, P.C., Blackrock, and from relatives in Cashel, Dungarvan and Tipperary.

To his relatives we extend our heartfelt sympathy on their great loss.

—R.I.P.

## Juvenile Hurlers

Amidst great excitement at Croom on Sunday last, Herbertstown juvenile hurlers qualified for the county final against Ballybrown or Broadford, when they defeated Doon 3-5 to 2-5. It was a ding-dong struggle all through with Herbertstown leading 2-5 to 1-5 at the interval. They seemed to be coasting to victory with three minutes remaining, but Doon staged a late rally and it was only the brilliance of goalie Ned Mitchell that saved the day. The team lined out as follows: Ned Mitchell, Michael O'Brien, Finbar Cleary, Ged Enright, Martin Phillips, Michael O'Leary, Gerard Mitchell, Joe Condon, Jimmy Reale, Jimmy Higgins, Jimmy O'Donoghue, Eamonn Quin, Michael Conway, Gerard O'Shea and Pat Ryan. The footballers now meet Caherline in the county semi-final at Croom on Sunday next.

## Hospital Defeat Herbertstown

### By Point

(From East Limerick Correspondent.)

AT St. John's Park, Hospital, on Sunday last, before a fairly large attendance, Hospital defeated Herbertstown by the narrow margin of one point in the South Limerick Junior Hurling Championship. It was a hard and keenly fought struggle between two evenly matched teams and, although Herbertstown held the upper hand at centrefield for most of the hour, a sound defence saved the day for Hospital.

Playing with a strong breeze in their favour, Herbertstown made the most of this advantage during the first half, and had the better of exchanges. After Hospital had raised the first flag, they settled down to a twenty minutes' spell of scoring and when the interval whistle sounded they were nine points in front, the half-time scores being Herbertstown 2-6, Hospital 1-0.

### SOUND DEFENCES.

Immediately on the turn-over, Hospital attacked and had a brace of points. Both defences held out well against many onslaughts before Hospital again broke through for a goal. Herbertstown fought back but all their attempts at scoring were foiled by a strong defence, in which Dick Fitzgerald and Kenny were outstanding. Hospital resumed pressure and with a further brace of points narrowed the lead to two points. With time running short Hospital went all out to secure the all-important goal. It came just before the long whistle sounded, when a long drive reached Leahy at full forward, who beat Baggott for a grand goal.

Jimmy O'Toole, in goal, gave a great display for Hospital, his spectacular clearances saving the situation time and again. Fitzgerald and Kenny were the highlights of the defence and were chiefly responsible for breaking up many raids by the Herbertstown forwards. Brother M. Walsh, Leahy, Woods and Kelly were the pick of the forwards.

For Herbertstown, Higgins played a great game and, as well as being a big stumbling block to the Hospital attack, his long drives resulted in many scores. He got good support from Baggott (goal), Whelan, M. Baggott and White.

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**P. P. HOGAN'S WINNER**  
**99-50**  
**FOOTBALL TITLE FOR**  
**KILFRUSH-HOSPITAL**

Though somewhat flattered by a two goals margin, on the score 2-4 to 0-4, Kilfrush-Hospital footballers deserved to triumph over Galbally in the final of the South Limerick championship at Elton on Sunday last, after being led by 4 points to 2 at the interval.

Galbally held the lead into the third quarter, when a quick goal by the ultimate winners undermined their confidence. In the end the winners were completely on top, and it was this period of supremacy that earned them victory.

The soundest part of the winning combination was the defence, in which the stars were F. England, Dan Cotter, and Willie Leahy.

The scorers were:—

Galbally—Paddy Simpson and Billy Sampson (a point each), and Tom O'Donnell (two points).

Kilfrush-Knocklong—Liam Hanly (1-1), Martin Bourke (1-0), and a point each from Tommy Bourke, John Ryall and Johnny Quinn.

It was Galbally's fifth successive appearance in the junior final—two of which they won.

Happiest man on the ground was the well-known amateur jockey, Mr. P. P. Hogan. As Captain of the Kilfrush-Hospital team, he was presented with the Murphy Cup by Rev. Fr. O'Sullivan, U.S.A., who is a son of Mr. P. J. O'Sullivan, Elton.

The win of Kilfrush-Knocklong long rings down the curtain of South Limerick football championships for 1950.

## SHOULD BE PAST THE POST

BECAUSE their captain is P. P. Hogan, leading Irish amateur jockey, Kilfrush will wear racing colours instead of ordinary club jerseys at Elton, Limerick, to-day, against Galbally in the South Limerick Hurling, final.

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## Hurler

June 1951

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## MINOR HURLING

In the minor hurling encounter between Glenroe and Garryspillane the former were victorious, the scores being: Glenroe, 5-1; Garryspillane, 4-2. This game was a delight to watch and held interest right up to the end. That there had to be a loser was a pity as another meeting between these two sides would be worth seeing. If allowance is made for Garryspillane's lapse in the opening quarter, when Glenroe scored 3 goals, Garryspillane were a little unlucky in the end as after this early lapse they hurled back with a determination and a will to win which made Michael McNamee give of his best in the Glenroe defence. They were still fighting hard for the goal that would turn the tide at the end and time alone saved Glenroe from defeat.

Best for Glenroe were: Michael McNamee, Raymond Davern, David Corkeran and John Carey, while Crawford brothers, Michael Treacy, Tom Gainey, Shaun O'Connor and Tim Harrington were best for Garryspillane.

Mr. P. J. Ryan, Chairman South Limerick Board G.A.A., refereed both games.

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## OLD LIMERICK GAEL IN U.S.A. LOOKS BACK

AN old Co. Limerick Gael residing for many years in Sioux City, Iowa, U.S.A., writes us an interesting letter in which he takes a look back over the years of his association with the national pastimes. He is Mr. "Bill" Keane, who was born in Hospital 74 years ago and left Ireland in 1903 — almost half a century back. He writes:—

Dear Sir—In the "Limerick Leader" of March 22nd I read with great pleasure the story by "Camán" regarding hurling and football in the old days in Limerick when Kilfinane defeated Caherline and Cappamore for the Limerick County Championship. I saw both those games, and they were really worth seeing. It was hurling at its best. Then Kilfinane, with a picked team from all of Limerick County, defeated Blackrock at Mallow, Tullarcan, at Tipperary (champions of Kilkenny); and, if my memory is correct, Tulla or Clare was also in the Munster Championship. I was a personal friend of John Downs, President Kilfinane Hurling Club, who at this time was working as plasterer, at Hospital and Knocklong jobs, and Mike Woods of Hospital. Under our suggestions John Downs picked the following team:—J. Reidy, Ballingarry; P. Buskin, Croom; J. Honey, Kilfinane ("Shaun Oge"); M. Downes, Kilfinane; Paddy Mulcahy, Paddy Butler, Johnny Condon, John Hynes, Cappamore; Mike O'Neill, Jim Flood, Timmy Lloyd, Caherline; and some more Kilfinane boys whose names I forget.

It is a long time ago, over the 55 year line. I'm now 74 years of age and it thrills my heart to read of good old Limerick of the past in hurling and football. All those boys I have mentioned were personal pals of mine in those days of the good old game of hurling and football in Limerick County.

I also see that Paddy Ryan, of the old Commercials, has passed away. A great player and a fine man (R.I.P.). Let us not forget football in Limerick County at that time—Con. Fitzgerald (capt.) old Commercials; Albie Quillinan, Commercials; Ryans, Commercials, and Larry Roche, Tommy Campion, Kilmallock; Denny Fraher, Knocklong and Galbally; Mick Nash and John Ryan of Oola; Hogan and Guerin of Kiltelly; Tommie Ryan, Mick Woods and the Fitzgerald brothers; Mick Sullivan of Hospital. While not in championship games those Hospital boys could play football. In later years Mike Sullivan played championship matches with Limerick. (There were two Sullivan boys—different families).

I am always happy to get the "Limerick Leader" in this Western country and I always enjoy it. Limerick men out in this Western country are as scarce as a "Black and Tan" in Limerick now.

If any of those hurlers whose names are here would please write me or anybody else who knew me in my days at Knocklong and Hospital (my home town) I would be delighted. I left Ireland in 1903.

Sincerely yours,

BILL KEANE,

1014 Douglas St., Sioux City,  
Iowa, U.S.A.

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## HOSPITAL HANDBALL CLUB

### THE ANNUAL MEETING

There was a representative attendance of members at the annual general meeting of the Hospital Handball Club, held at the Alley, Hospital, on Sunday night last.

Mr. T. Downes, Chairman, proposed that the existing rule of 1d. each for losers, winners free, be sustained for the coming year.

Mr. Michael O'Toole objected to this proposal and stated that a game of handball for 2d. was not extravagant, considering the cost of handballs and the fact that a caretaker had to be paid.

Mr. R. Fitzgerald—I guarantee very few games will be played during the year and none paid for at twopence a game.

Mr. M. Mitchell—I don't think that that is true. No handballer would refuse to pay 2d. for a game and the caretaker should be asked to enforce this rule strictly.

Mr. P. Moloney, Secretary, interposed and asked for a show of hands on the motion and the amendment of 2d. per loser was carried by a big majority.

The question of repairs to the alley was then discussed and it was decided to repair the entrance doors first and the matter of repairs to the alley itself could be dealt with at a later date.

Mr. W. Leahy pointed out that some damage was being done to the property of the householders adjacent to the handball alley and that the Committee should take some action in this respect.

The caretaker was asked to make a note of any further infringements and to report the matter to the Committee at the next meeting.

The outgoing committee was returned unanimously for the coming year.

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## Hospital Fields Committee

The annual meeting of the Hospital Fields Committee was held at Mitchell's hall recently, and the following officers were returned for the coming year: Chair, Father McGrath; Vice-Chair, Mr. James Walshe; Treasurer, Mr. J. O'Callaghan; Sec., Mr. J. Leahy. Members—Messrs. T. Ran, James O'Toole, Ed. Mitchell, William Woods, P. O'Neill, T. Daly, Jim Fitzgerald.

The Secretary in his report said that four championship matches had been played on the pitch during the year and that members of the hurling club had put up two new goal posts and a cross-bar, and also stewarded all these matches.

In the Treasurer's report it was pointed out that the financial situation was practically the same as last year and that the funds would not allow any serious improvements yet.

The Secretary was asked to enquire of the South Board what were the conditions of the grant towards sports fields. In the meantime it was decided that any improvements necessary for the coming season would be carried out. It was also thought advisable to run a sweepstake on the Derby for the purpose of raising funds.

*April 1951*

## SOUTH LIMERICK MINOR TITLE FOR HOSPITAL

Hospital, 8-7; Glenroe, 1-1.

Five minutes from half-time in the South Limerick Minor Hurling Final, at Kilmallock, yesterday, Glenroe were leading Hospital by two points, but then Hospital went on a scoring spree, and in as many minutes cracked home three goals, which set them on the road to victory.

In an exciting first-half the hurling was of a high standard, with Glenroe having the better of matters, but once Hospital took the upper hand they left no doubt as to their superiority, and in a rather one-sided second period scored pretty much at will.

Scorers for Hospital were: D. McElligott, P. Power, C. Real, D. Creighton, B. Sullivan and T. Carroll, while T. Hanley and B. Hayes scored for Glenroe. Best of the Hospital side was T. Joyce, and he was ably assisted by T. Carroll, D. McElligott, C. Real, J. McGrath and P. Power. Outstanding player on the Glenroe team was Michael McNamee, and others to shine were B. Hayes, P. Gleeson, T. Hanlon, E. Noonan and J. O'Connell.

At the conclusion, the minor hurling cup was presented to C. Real, the captain of the Hospital team, by Mr. P. J. Ryan, P.C., Chairman of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board, who congratulated both teams on their fine display.

## HOSPITAL G.A.A. CLUB

The above club held their annual meeting at the Club Rooms on Wednesday night last when a record number of players and followers attended.

The Secretary reported a very successful year and thanked all the players for turning out at every match played. He said he hoped that the spirit of training of last year would be kept up this year.

The Treasurer gave an account of last year's finances and said he was happy to announce a credit balance of close on £10 this year.

For the purpose of raising funds for the club, it was decided to hold practice dances on some week nights in the local hall, should same be available. It was also thought it might be well to hold raffles at the pictures for a few nights.

At the conclusion of the meeting the following officers were elected for the coming year:—Chairman, James Walshe; Vice-Chairman, P. Reale; Treasurer, John Martin; Secretary, William Leahy; Captain, J. Toole; Vice-Captain, R. Fitzgerald.

The following were appointed to attend Board meetings: J. Smyth, J. Walshe, P. Reale, M. Connors, R. Fitzgerald, J. Bourke and E. McGrath.

# Hospital G.A.A. Questions At Annual Meeting

The annual general meeting of the Hospital G.A.A. was held in the Christian Brothers' School, Hospital.

Addressing a very large gathering, Mr. James Walshe, outgoing chairman, said he wished in particular to thank all who subscribed so generously to their annual collection and made it possible to field four teams. These teams, he remarked, gave a very good account of themselves during the year, especially the minor hurlers, who won the South Championship and narrowly missed county honours. Before the election of officers should take place the Chairman said he would like to state that as long as he held any office he would rule that any person playing, promoting or encouraging foreign games was automatically suspended from the G.A.A.

The following officers were elected: Chairman, Mr. James Walsh; Vice-Chairman, Mr. R. Fitzgerald; Secretary, Mr. Joseph Kenny; Treasurer, Mr. John Martin. Captain junior hurling, Mr. Thomas Bourke; vice-captain do. Mr. D. Moylan. Captain minor hurling, Mr. C. Ryan; vice-captain do. Mr. M. Reale. Captain minor football, Mr. B. O'Sullivan; vice-captain do. Mr. B. Walsh.

Selection Committee—Messrs. T. Bourke, J. Kenny, D. O'Sullivan, T. Carroll, D. Fitzgerald, W. J. Leahy and J. Farrell.

The following six were appointed to attend County Convention to be held in Limerick on the 25th January:—Messrs. J. Walsh, J. Kenny, D. Fitzgerald, J. O'Toole, J. Farrell and M. McElligott.

On the question of raising money it was decided to run a 45 drive, the finals to be played on March 22nd. It was also decided to revive the annual grand social and to hold it in the near future.

A vote of thanks was passed to the Brothers for the use of their school rooms.

## KILFRUSH-HOSPITAL CLUB.

At the annual general meeting of the Kilfrush-Hospital Football Club, held recently, the following officers were elected for the coming year:—Chairman, Mr. M. Ryan; Vice-Chairman, Mr. J. O'Toole; Treasurer, Mr. J. Quinn; Secretary, Mr. L. Hanly; captain, Mr. Martin Joe Burke; vice-captain, Mr. F. O'Sullivan. Selection Committee—The captain and vice-captain, Rev. Brother David, Mr. William Leahy and Mr. J. Quinn.

At the conclusion of the meeting the delegates rose to their feet in an expression of sympathy with Rev. Brother Flavian, whose brother died during the year, and with Mr. Joe Hill on the recent death of his mother. Both Brother Flavian and Mr. Hill are active and enthusiastic members of the Club.

## Cup Hurling Semi-Final

Abbey School C.B.S. Tipperary, 6-1, De La Salle, Hospital, 4-4.

Amid wild scenes of enthusiasm, the Abbey School, Tipperary, defeated De La Salle, Hospital, in the semi-final of the Br. Rice Memorial Cup in the Sportsfield, Doon, on Saturday. De La Salle, holders of the trophy for the past two years, were naturally anxious to make it three in a row.

A good standard of hurling was maintained throughout the hour and the closeness of the score kept the respective supporters at fever-pitch. Hospital failed to show their true worth while playing with the wind in the first half, and they turned over facing a deficit of one goal with the scores reading: Abbey School, 3-1; De La Salle, 1-4.

### SECOND HALF.

On the resumption, Hospital strove earnestly for the winning score and eventually did snatch a lead of a goal. Tipperary, however, equalised some five minutes from full time and in the dying moments of the hour a beautiful drive from the left wing gave Tipperary a hard but well-earned victory. The winners will now meet Thurles C.B.S. in the final.

### THE TEAMS.

Tipperary—J. Wade, J. Condon, G. Moloney, J. Delaney, D. Cremins, P. Lyons, T. Lonergan, M. Ryan, M. Carroll, L. Kennedy, M. Ryan, P. Corbett, T. Moloney, P. Merrigan, E. Crosse.

Sub.—W. Quinlan for J. Delaney.

Hospital—M. McNamara, R. Dunworth, P. Hickey, J. Hoare, D. Tobin, M. Whelan, D. O'Keeffe, T. Ryan, F. Callaghan, P. Ryan, C. Reynolds, M. O'Meara, M. Coogan, C. Keogh, J. Dunne.

Herbertstown—President, Rev. J. Ryan, C.C.; Vice-President, Mr. George Butler; Chairman, Mr. P. Jones; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. T. McNamara and J. Conway; Secretary, Mr. G. Bresnan; Treasurer, Mr. J. McCarthy. Committee—Messrs. Patrick Higgins, J. Corbett, Patrick Baggott, John Brennan, Patrick McNamara, Joseph Conway. Captain J.H. Ed. Ryan; Vice-Captain, Patrick Baggott. It was decided to affiliate junior hurling and minor hurling teams.

McNamara, P. Baggott, M. Condon, P. McKenna, T. McNamara, J. Corbett, E. Ryan, D. McCarthy, M. Barron, P. Hogan, J. J. Baggott, M. Phillips, G. Brennan. Hospital—T. Burke, D. Moylan, M. Condon, J. O'Toole, R. Fitzgerald, W. Woods, J. Hill, J. Murphy, P. Reale, C. Reale, C. Hayes, P. Lavery, T. Joyce, D. McElligott, E. McGrath. Kilmallock—M. Sheehan, J. Mulcahy, J. Doherty, P. O'Donnell, D. O'Carroll, J. Walsh, J. Moloney, J. Riordan, M. Murphy, J. Brassil, J. J. Millea, D. O'Brien, M. Galvin, S. McGrath. Glenroe—J. O'Connell, M. Carroll, G. Howard, T. Howard, P. Lee, B. Hayes, P. Gleeson, J. Sweeney, W. Murphy, P. McNamee, M. Howard, J. O'Keeffe, D. Sweeney, M. O'Sullivan and J. Walsh.

## Kilfrush-Hospital Football Club : Successful Season

The Kilfrush-Hospital Football Club held their annual general meeting on the 18th December.

The following members attended: Brother Flavian, Brother Richard, Messrs. P. McElligott, D. Walsh, D. Woods, R. Fenton, M. Doran, M. Ryan, M. McElligott, M. Murphy, T. Downes, T. Joyce, D. Carroll, T. Reale, J. Doran, J. Woods, C. Rice, C. Hayes, T. Woods, T. Carroll, N. Moylan, Wm. Woods, J. Walsh, F. Ryan, T. Ryan, J. Quinn, J. Hill, D. O'Keeffe, D. McElligott, M. Brosnan, M. Ryan, W. Leahy, C. Reale, P. Reale (senr.), P. Reale, B. O'Sullivan, E. Moloney, D. Creighton and P. Quane.

### SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

The outgoing Chairman (Mr. D. O'Keeffe), reviewing the activities of the Club during 1953, said the Club had just concluded a very successful season. He paid tribute to the fine display of the team in the Junior Championship, in which they were narrowly defeated by the eventual winners. He attributed much of this success to the league which was run within the Club during the season and said he hoped to see this league continued in the coming season. He thanked Brother David for the use of the school for meetings during the year, also the other Brothers for the able assistance to the Club and team. He went on to thank those who contributed so generously to the annual collection, and all who in various ways helped the Club during the year.

The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £5 2s. 6d.

### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

The following officers were elected for 1954:—Chairman, Brother Flavian; Vice-Chairman, Mr. D. O'Keeffe; Secretary, Mr. J. Hill; Captain, Mr. J. Hill; Vice-Captain, Mr. M. Doran.

The following Committee was elected—Messrs. J. Quinn, M. Ryan, T. Ryan, D. Woods, T. Downes, J. Woods, T. Woods, T. Reale and Brother Richard.

THE Gaels of Hospital are to be congratulated on paying the very high figure of £1,070 for the Well Field, situate adjacent to St. John's Parish Church — scene of many thrilling games up to a quarter of a century ago, when the Land Commission allotted a pitch on the Gubins Estate at Kilfrush to be subsequently known as St. John's Park.

Down through the years energetic committees spared no effort towards improving this venue. Still their efforts never really bore fruit as it was evident that St. John's Park could never capture the glamour of the Well Field.

Hospital during the past twenty to twenty-five years was never a popular venue, due chiefly to the fact that the pitch was so far away from the town.

### AN IMPORTANT VENUE.

The Well Field is now in the hands of an energetic committee, who hope to put Hospital on the map as an important venue.

Later during the summer months, with voluntary labour, it is hoped to erect an embankment along the river bank. Eventually, perhaps, a stand might be erected on the embankment.

Next Sunday will mark the re-opening of the Well Field as a venue, and at the moment many willing hands are preparing the pitch as two important matches are down for decision, in Fedamore v. Caherline and Knockane v. Oola in junior hurling and minor football, respectively.

Many old Gaels and athletes will welcome the acquisition of the Well Field as a venue. Stars of former years like Paddy Clohessy, Willie and Stephen Gleeson, Mackey brothers, Jackie Power, Mick Hickey and many other well known hurlers and footballers struggled for victory there. Many will recall three epic draws between Bohermore and Emly and also it is interesting to note that Ahane won their first trophy there.

### SPORTS MEETINGS.

Not alone was the Well Field a popular G.A.A. pitch, it was also an excellent track, as many first class sports meetings attracted such well known competitors as the late Jack O'Grady and Paddy Ryan, both world champions for 56 lb. and 16 lb. hammer, respectively. Paddy Ryan, the boy wonder, the Guiney brothers, Dr. O'Callaghan, Jim Daly, Fr. Joe O'Sullivan, Jimmy Thompson, J. J. O'Connor and several other well-known athletes of that period.

Crack cyclists like Bertie Donnelly, Sergt. Lynn, John T. O'Sullivan, F. Guest and P. Reddan always looked forward to competing at Hospital.

It is also hoped to foster athletics in Hospital during the year and run a first class sports meeting in the near future.

The purchase of this field was due especially to the efforts of the Very Rev. Canon R. Power, P.P., V.F., who hopes to see this field utilised by the young boys and young men at their national games.

### ANNUAL DANCE.

On Sunday night the Committee will hold their first annual dance in the Muintir na Tire Hall. The proceeds from same will go to eradicating the debt incurred on the Sportsfield and the Committee are leaving nothing undone in making it a night of nights.

### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

Officers of the newly formed Committee are:—Very Rev. Canon Power, President; Vice-President, Rev. D. McGrath, C.C.; Chairman, Mr. Edmond Mitchell, M.I.A.A.; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Michael O'Neill; Treasurer, Mr. Jeremiah O'Callaghan; Hon. Secretary, Mr. Joseph Kenny; Assist. Hon. Sec., Mr. James Canty.

Members of the Committee — Messrs. Thos. M. Mitchell, solr.; John J. O'Sullivan, Thomas Hickey, Jackie O'Sullivan, Richard Fitzgerald, Patrick O'Neill, Patrick Daly, Malachy McElligott, John Woods, Daniel O'Connell, Thos. O'Donovan and Michael

O'Donovan

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Committee—Messrs. J. Connell, J. Hyland, J. Lyons, M. Meade, Alan Mee, S. Moynihan, M. J. McNamee, N.T.; P. McSweeney, Sean Rea and P. Wallace.

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## South Limerick Hurling Championship

### BRUFF AND EFFIN GO OUT

Bruff and Effin made their exit from the South Limerick Hurling Championship, at Kilmallock, on Sunday, when they were defeated by Glenroe and Kilfinane, respectively, in the second round of the Championship.

In the first game, Glenroe sprang a major surprise by defeating a fancied Bruff team by 5-1 to 2-4, and in the second game, Kilfinane had a good win over Effin by 3-11 to 1-2.

Bruff looked set for victory when they opened well with points per Hogan and a goal per Bulfin. Then Glenroe pegged them back and Sweeney pointed for the winners. This was followed by a goal by S. Connell for Glenroe. Bruff had an innings at this stage and Casey pointed, but S. Connell was again the marksman for Glenroe and shot to the net to put them ahead at the interval by 2-1 to 1-3.

Glenroe improved their position on the resumption, when J. Sweeney sent to the net, and S. Connell followed with a like score. Bruff rallied and J. Casey (0-1) and W. Hogan (1-0) brought them within three points of the winners. T. Connell, however, clinched the issue with a goal for Glenroe, to close the scoring.

Mr. J. Ryan, Kilmallock, refereed.

## NEW COUNTY LIMERICK SOLICITOR

Mr. Patrick M. McNamee, who has qualified as a solicitor, is son of Mr. M. J. McNamee, N.T., and Mrs. McNamee, Glenroe, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick. He served his apprenticeship with Mr. William A. Lee, solicitor, Kilmallock. A member of a family with strong Gaelic affiliations, he took a keen interest in the G.A.A. and played hurling with his native club. His father, Mr. M. J. McNamee, has been treasurer of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board for many years, and his brother, Rev. G. McNamee, St. Munchin's College, Limerick, was one of the selectors in charge of the Limerick minor hurling team that won this year's All-Ireland. Another brother is Rev. D. McNamee, C.C., Mungret. His many friends in South Limerick wish him many successful years at the legal profession.

## Glenroe Defeat Effin in Exciting Finish

Glenroe 4-5; Effin 4-3.

In a most exciting game at Kilmallock Glenroe defeated Effin in the South Limerick Minor Hurling championship by 4-5 to 4-3, and thus qualified for the semi-final of the championship.

The game was a most keenly contested one all through. Effin had the better of the early stages, and led at half-time by 3-1 to 2-1. Each team exchanged points after the resumption, and then in the tenth minute of the second period Glenroe drew level. In the closing minutes, there was high excitement as Effin crashed to the net and added a point to leave only two points between the teams. Further Effin on-slaughts were beaten off by a sound Glenroe defence.

Scorers for Glenroe were: E. O'Brien, L. Kelly, J. Lyons, M. Sheehy, M. Hanley, D. Sheehan; scorers for Effin were: C. Daly, T. Bluett, D. Roche, P. O'Sullivan, P. Mahoney and J. Leo.

Mr. J. Ryan, Kilmallock, refereed.

## JUVENILE HURLING.

Glenroe, 4-1; Bruree, 1-0.

At Kilmallock on Sunday, Glenroe defeated Bruree in the South Limerick Juvenile Hurling Championship by 4 goals and 1 point to 1 goal.

Some nice hurling was witnessed between two energetic young teams. The game was closely contested in the first half, but in the second period Glenroe took the upper hand and won well.

Bruree opened the scoring with a goal per M. Flaherty, but Glenroe levelled with a like score, per J. McCarthy. M. O'Brien put Glenroe ahead with a point, and Glenroe led at the interval by 1 goal and 1 point to 1 goal for Bruree.

In the second period, Bruree fell away and Glenroe had goals per W. Kelly (2) and S. Carey.

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

July 1956

## Glenroe For Losers' Group Hurling Final

Glenroe, 4-1; Kilfinane, 0-7.

GLENROE advanced to the final of the Losers' Group of the South Limerick Hurling Championship at Kilmallock on Sunday, when they defeated Kilfinane in the Championship by 4 goals and 1 point to 7 points. Glenroe will now meet Garryspillane in the final of the Losers' Group on the 11th August at Kilmallock.

The game was a very keenly contested one and there was plenty of excitement between these two neighbouring parishes. The hurling, too, was, for the most part, of a good order and generally the game was an entertaining one.

Kilfinane had the better of the matters early on in the game and had registered 5 points before Glenroe got going towards the close of the first half, and had two fast goals. The teams were level at the interval, the score being 2 goals for Glenroe against 6 points for Kilfinane.

### SECOND HALF

For fully a quarter of an hour of the second period, there was no score. Glenroe had the better of matters during this quarter, but a sound Kilfinane defence, in which veteran Kevin Foley and goalkeeper McAuliffe starred, kept the Glenroe forwards at bay, until entering the last quarter, Mick McNamee of Glenroe went through for a goal that set Glenroe on the road to victory. The same

player added a point for Glenroe, and, although Kilfinane did try in the closing stages, Glenroe finished stronger with another goal by Mick McNamee.

J. Fitzgerald opened the scoring with a Kilfinane point, and P. Tobin added another for the losers. J. Fitzgerald then had two points and P. Tobin scored one before J. McSweeney went through for a Glenroe goal. E. Moriarty secured Glenroe's second goal before J. Fitzgerald pointed for Kilfinane to leave the scores level at the interval.

After 15 minutes play in the second half, M. McNamee went through for a Glenroe goal and the same player followed almost immediately with a nice point. J. Fitzgerald pointed for Kilfinane, but Glenroe finished stronger with a good goal by M. McNamee.

Mr. J. Ryan, Kilmallock refereed.

### THE TEAMS

Glenroe—L. Drake, J. O'Connell, W. O'Keeffe, J. O'Keeffe, J. McSweeney, E. O'Brien, L. Murphy, R. Murphy, M. Howard, M. McNamee, E. Clery, J. Walsh, D. Mul-lane, E. Moriarty, and D. McSweeney.

Kilfinane — D. McAuliffe, P. Tobin, E. O'Sullivan, T. Ryan, J. Downes, E. McGrath, J. Fitzgerald, C. O'Dea, L. McAuliffe, J. Tobin, D. Healey, M. Kelly, J. Hennessy, D. O'Sullivan, T. O'Keeffe. Sub.—K. Foley.

## Kilfrush-Hospital Football Club: Successful Season

The Kilfrush-Hospital Football Club held their annual general meeting on the 18th December.

The following members attended: Brother Flavian, Brother Richard, Messrs. P. McElligott, D. Walsh, D. Woods, R. Fenton, M. Doran, M. Ryan, M. McElligott, M. Murphy, T. Downes, T. Joyce, D. Carroll, T. Reale, J. Doran, J. Woods, C. Rice, C. Hayes, T. Woods, T. Carroll, N. Moylan, Wm. Woods, J. Walsh, F. Ryan, T. Ryan, J. Quinn, J. Hill, D. O'Keeffe, D. McElligott, M. Brosnan, M. Ryan, W. Leahy, C. Reale, P. Reale (senr.), P. Reale, B. O'Sullivan, E. Moloney, D. Creighton and P. Quane.

### SUCCESSFUL SEASON.

The outgoing Chairman (Mr. D. O'Keeffe), reviewing the activities of the Club during 1953, said the Club had just concluded a very successful season. He paid tribute to the fine display of the team in the Junior Championship, in which they were narrowly defeated by the eventual winners. He attributed much of this success to the league which was run within the Club during the season and said he hoped to see this league continued in the coming season. He thanked Brother David for the use of the school for meetings during the year, also the other Brothers for the able assistance to the Club and team. He went on to thank those who contributed so generously to the annual collection, and all who in various ways helped the Club during the year.

The Treasurer's report showed a credit balance of £5 2s. 6d.

### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

The following officers were elected for 1954:—Chairman, Brother Flavian; Vice-Chairman Mr. D. O'Keeffe; Secretary, Mr. J. Hill; Captain, Mr. J. Hill; Vice-Captain, Mr. M. Doran.

The following Committee was elected—Messrs. J. Quinn, M. Ryan, T. Ryan, D. Woods, T. Downes, J. Woods, T. Woods, T. Reale and Brother Richard.

## St. John's Park, Hospital: Meeting Of Committee

Very Rev. R. Canon Power, P.P., V.F., President of St. John's Park Committee, Hospital, presided at a meeting of the Committee, held at the De La Salle Brothers' School. Others in attendance were: Mr. Edmund Mitchell, Chairman; Mr. Jeremiah O'Callaghan, Treasurer; Mr. Joseph Kenny, Secretary; Messrs. P. O'Neill, D. O'Connell, J. Woods, J. J. O'Sullivan, P. Daly, M. McElligott and Thomas Hickey.

An application from the Secretary of Hospital Agricultural Show Committee seeking permission for the use of St. John's Park for the horse jumping competition, to be run in conjunction with the agricultural show at Hospital on the 23rd July, was granted.

A lengthy discussion took place on the ways and means of reducing the debt on St. John's Park and it was finally decided to run tournaments with inter-county teams for valuable trophies. With a view to this, Messrs. Patrick O'Neill and Joseph Kenny were appointed to attend at the next meeting of the East Limerick Board, to be held at Caherconlish at a future date, to fix dates for such inter-county tour-

## DE LA SALLE BOYS HAVE FIELD DAY AT HOSPITAL

BOYS from De La Salle College, Mallow, travelled to Hospital on Saturday last, and played De La Salle Schools, Hospital, in a series of games, two in hurling and one in football. All three games were evenly contested and brilliant hurling and football games were played under ideal weather conditions.

### HURLING

Mallow, 3-2; Hospital, 2-1.

This game got off to a dazzling start amidst a roar of applause from supporters. Mallow were first to attack, but their best efforts were coolly dealt with by goalkeeper J. Manahan. He was completely beaten by a close in rasper from Nolan for Mallow's first goal. This bewildering start did not discourage Hospital and a great drive by Cunningham went all the way to the Mallow net. Mallow struck back in lightning fashion with a goal and a point from Rellis. The second half was one of continual effort by the Hospital boys to come to equal terms, but only twice did they succeed in penetrating a solid Mallow rearguard.

Best for the winners were J. J. Phelan, R. Rellis, A. Byrne, P. Ryan, C. Murphy, M. Nolan and J. Williams. Best for the losers were T. Daly, Maddens, Prior, Cronin, Halpins.

### SECOND HURLING GAME

Hospital, 5-1;

De La Salle Mallow, 5-0.

This game was a real classic. The Hospital boys, facing sun and wind, set off to a lightning start. Led by A. O'Loughlin, W. Ryan and D. Wynne, they maintained superiority in the opening stages of the game. M. McElligott stormed his way through the Mallow defence and crashed home the opening goal. This lead, however, was shortlived as sterling work by J. Kavanagh and D. Flannery at mid-field sent their forwards into the attack and quick goals by D. Flannery and T. Buckley gave Mallow the lead. The Mallow boys continued to take complete control of the game; their combination, lightning speed, and sparkling hurling paved the way for further scores by McNamara and Kavanagh. Brilliant defensive work by the O'Loughlin brothers, M. Callanan, E. McGrath, P. Ryan and J. J. Ryan kept the Mallow boys from obtaining a substantial interval lead. The half-time score was Mallow, 5 goals; Hospital, 1 goal.

On the resumption Hospital, aided by a strong breeze, gradually gained mastery of the game. Playing typical Limerick hurling, E. McGrath, P. Foley, D. Wynne and W. J. Carroll weaved their way through the Mallow defence for major scores. Teams were now level, exchanges were hectic, and the Hospital boys made fierce onslaughts on the Mallow citadel. Brilliant hurling by S. Canny, in goal, J. Byrne, G. Hewitt and P. Enright sent Mallow into the attack once more. The lion-hearted all round athlete, A. Leonard, bustled his way through a bewildered Hospital defence and crashed to the net. From the puck out R. Coffey sent all the ways to P. Lyons; the latter unwitting the Mallow defence and raised the green flag for Hospital. Shortly before the final whistle D. Wynne sent over the bar for Hospital and thus enabled the homesters to gain victory by the narrowest of margins.

### FOOTBALL

De La Salle, Mallow 0-6;

Hospital, 1 goal 2 points.

This was a hectic football game all through to the final whistle. Aided by a stiff breeze, the Mallow boys were quickly away and, despite sound defensive work by Hospital, ran up an interval lead of 4 points without reply. On the resumption, Hospital set about pulling down the lead and constant pressure yielded 2 points. Mallow replied with a point and a determined Mallow defence kept the Hospital forwards scoreless till five minutes from time, when a neat goal left the sides level. The remaining five minutes were played in a welter of excitement and on the stroke of time Mallow sent over the winning score. Best for the winners were P. Flanagan at mid-field, D. Keane, L. Farrell, D. Liston and J. McArdle in defence, and T. Duffy, P. Foy, P. Moloney and H. Leggett in attack. Scorers were F. Duffy (0-4), P. Flanagan (0-1), and H. Leggett (0-1). Best for Hospital were O. Meaney and N. Creamer at mid-field, H. Burke, E. Slattery, D. Connors, J. O'Meara in defence, D. Dillon, T. Dawson, C. Davern and T. Meade in attack. Scorers were T. Meade (1-0), T. Dawson (0-2).

## HOSPITAL JUNIOR H.C.

The annual general meeting of the Hospital Junior Hurling Club was held in the Boys National School on Tuesday night. There was a very large and enthusiastic attendance.

Officers elected for the coming year were—Chairman, Rev. D. McGrath, C.C.; Vice-Chairmen, Rev. Bro. Brendan and P. Reale; Joint Secs., D. Moylan, J. Smyth; Treasurer, J. Woods; Captain, D. Moylan; Vice-Captain, C. Reale.

The Rev. Chairman congratulated the team on their displays during 1955 and, with proper training this year, he was confident that the team would prove an outstanding combination in 1956.

The Treasurer's report showed the Club to be in a sound financial position.

It was decided to run a whist drive on 24th February and also hold the annual sweep on the Grand National.

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## HOSPITAL FOR COUNTY JUNIOR FOOTBALL FINAL

Hospital, 3-3; Croom, 0-1.

**H**OSPITAL qualified for the County Limerick Junior Football final at Kilmallock on Sunday, when they defeated Croom in the semi-final by 3 goals and 3 pts. to 1 point.

It was a good game, featuring some good football, with Hospital proving to have a much better knowledge of the code than their opponents, and they fully deserved their win.

Hospital led at the interval by 2 goals and 1 point to 1 point, and continued to have the better of the exchanges in the second half to run out good winners.

Hospital meet Giin in the final on Sunday next.

### OUTSTANDING PLAYERS.

Best for Hospital were:—T. Burke, J. Hill, M. Coogan, M. Doran, P. Lavery, W. O'Brien, B. Morahan, R. Fenton, B. Fogarty and the Murphy brothers.

Best for Croom were: J. Breen, M. McDonald, T. Lynch and Bennett.

Scorers for Hospital were: B. Morahan, W. O'Brien, P. Lavery, W. Fogarty and the Murphy brothers.

Scorer for Croom was T. Lynch.

### THE TEAMS.

**Hospital**—T. Burke, D. McCormack, J. Hill, M. Twomey, M. Coogan, M. Doran, P. J. Real, P. Lavery, R. Fenton, E. Murphy, J. Bresnihan, B. Morahan, M. O'Brien, B. Fogarty and M. Murphy.

**Croom**—T. Sweeney, J. Bennett, J. Breen, M. McDonald, T. Bennett, M. Cusack, P. Healy, T. Lynch, V. Donnelly, D. Gibbons, E. O'Shea, S. Moloney, J. Riordan, W. Cantwell, S. Hayes.

### FINE SELECTION OF MUSIC.

A feature of the game was the excellent rendering of Irish airs by the Hospital De La Salle school-boys band, under B. Morahan and M. Moloney. The band, in neat attire, played the teams around the field and rendered "Faith Of Our Fathers" before the game. Afterwards they delighted the townspeople with some fine selections of music, and they were a credit to their teachers.

# No. 175-BILL KEANE of Hospital

LIVING in exile in Sioux City, Iowa, U.S.A., for fifty-three years is Bill Keane, who was born in Hospital on January 14th, 1879, seventy-seven years ago.

An athlete and footballer before leaving his native shores, Bill has maintained his interest in G.A.A. affairs through over half a century in a foreign clime and in a city where Irishmen are not plentiful — and Gaelic games almost unknown.

Bill's story of the early days of the Gaelic revival in Limerick will be read with interest, particularly by the old timers, who will recall many of the men and incidents mentioned in the narrative.

I will let the old veteran tell in his own words and way his recollections of those early days of long ago:—

## EARLIEST GAELIC MEMORY

"My earliest Gaelic memory is of Kilfinane defeating Caherline and Cappamore for the Limerick Hurling Championship. I saw both these games, and they were really worth seeing. It was hurling at its best.

Then Kilfinane, with a picked team, defeated Tulla of Clare, Blackrock at Mallow and the Kilkenney Champions, Tuillaroan, at Tipperary. I was a personal friend of John Downes, the Kilfinane President, who at this time was working as plasterer at Hospital and Knocklong jobs, and Mike Woods of Hospital. Helped by a few of our suggestions John Downes picked the following team: J. Reidy and J. Cottrell (Ballingarry), P. Buskin (Croom), J. Hanley, N. Downes, D. Grimes, M. Flynn, P. Flynn, M. Finn, T. Brazil, T. Casey (Kilfinane); P. Mulcahy, P. Butler, J. Condon, J. Hynes (Cappamore); M. O'Neill, Jim Flood and Timmy Lloyd (Caherline).

## GREAT FOOTBALLERS

Let us not forget football in Limerick County at that time. The Commercial were famous. They had Paddy Ryan, a great player and a fine man; Con Fitzgerald, the captain; Albie Quillinan and Larry Roche. Then there was Tommy Champion (Kilmallock), Denny Fraher, Knocklong and Galbally, other Knocklong lads in Owen McCann, C. Harty, Mick Hynan (the Runner) and Paddy Lee. Then we had Mick Nasa and John Ryan of Oola, Hogan, Guerin and Clifford of Killeely, also some outstanding players from Knockane Club — John Donovan, Mick Shinnors, John Nash, Con Harty, Jim Dwyer, Jack and Mick Maher of Pallas. The Hospital boys could play good football too—Bill Curran, our captain, Tommy Ryan, Mick Woods, the Fitzgerald brothers, Mick Sullivan, Davy Mack, Jimmie O'Connell (a Newcastle West boy), W. Lynch, F. O'Mara, Eddie Davern, Bill Holloway (Emly) and Patsy Murray. Prominent hurlers around my section of the county included Bill Gammell of Knocklong, Jack Gould of Lough Gur and the Muldoons of Caherline.

At that time Limerick had some fine hurlers and footballers all over the county who never got a chance to play in the big games. The principal reason was transportation to the various venues. Only few clubs could afford to pay travelling expenses to outside players as in those days we all paid our own expenses when we played.

I played with Hospital, February 19th, 1899 at the Markets Field. It was our fourth meeting with Knockane to decide the football championship and we were

## By SEAMUS O'CEALLAIGH

for three years until I was forced to seek employment and went to Pallas to to work for my cousin, Pat Hayes, as a jaunting car driver. I could not get away from my work to play football, as it was work first and pleasure afterwards. I had no time for pleasure, as a hackney car driver had to work Sunday as well as Monday, so that ended my football days in Limerick until I left for America in March, 1903. I played soccer in Sioux City with the Scottish team that was here for a few years. It took me some time to learn the game, although I knew some of the fundamentals from Davy Mack, an old army player, before I left Hospital.

In my time at Hospital we had some right good followers, particularly P. J. O'Sullivan, a good player himself in the nineties. He was the father of our team for years and showed us all about the game until he moved to Elton, where he still continues his good work for the G.A.A. I also recall figures like J. O'Neill, County Board member and referee; Tom Hayes, James Dugan, Paddy Real and son, John Hannon, Bob and Joe Kenny, Micky O'Halloran, Dick Murphy, Tommy Curtin, Paddy and Jim Gleeson, Pappy Lynch, murdered by the Black and Tans on the Fair Green at Hospital; Jim Carty and his son Eddie, Dan Hurley, Will and Mick Callaghan, also the Downes brothers, George and Dan; Matt, Jack and Bill Hayes, and the Hayes brothers, painters—Tommy, Mick and Bill. We too had some young Hospital girls, who were always interested in our team: May and Flossie Millea, Madge Hazel, Annie Callaghan, Annie and Madge Curran. I think John Reidy was the best goalkeeper Limerick ever had in hurling whilst John Hynes was a great outfield player and on frees he had no peer.

I only know three here in Sioux City who came from Limerick in the last fifty years, also the late Right Rev. Edmond Heelan, D.D., of Knockaney Parish, who was Bishop of this Diocese until his death some years ago.

## PADDY RYAN OF PALLAS.

Now to athletics. There is no question but Paddy Ryan is the world's greatest weight-thrower. I got acquainted with Paddy in 1900 when I was in Pallas and watched his practice with the blacksmith hammer in the Pad-dock near his home near the church. He was not yet twenty years of age. I said one time to him: "Paddy, you will be world's champion some day." He smiled, and my words came to pass.

Jim Mitchell I remember as a small boy with my aunt near Emly. Jim lived close, and, as I grew up, Jim was my idol. With the wooden handle Jim had no equal. But I was always glad the man that eventually beat him was a Limerick man—the great athlete, John Flanagan of Kilmallock.

I competed in a novice race at Kilmallock when John was home on a visit and he gave some exhibition throws. He was a powerful athlete. The Leahy brothers I saw compete many times — real athletes, and Mick Creed of Elton was a personal friend of mine. For his height Mick was a great athlete, also a good hurler. My cousin,

race at Hospital. We dead-heated, I thought, but Jim got the race. He was a fine runner.

At Elton Novice Sports I beat O. D. Coll in the 100 yards and 440 yards and was second in the 220. I also won the mile and the long jump and was second in the hop, step and jump, and captured the all round prize, which was the makings of a frieze overcoat, and this I gave to my father.

At Bulgaden Novice Meeting I beat Herihy of Bruree and Hayes of Knocklong in the 440. Hayes and I tied for first and I won on the run off. At Kilfinane I won the 440 and was second in the 220. I also won the 440 at Bruff.

I was entered for Kilmallock G.A.A. meeting but was ruled out by D. Power, the handicapper, for competing at Elton, which was not under the rules, although O. D. Coll and others were allowed compete. It was a mystery to me why I was ruled out, so that was the end of my days as an athlete.

## ADVICE TO YOUNG LIMERICK MEN

I am indeed happy to see the young men of Limerick County following the good old G.A.A. games — both in athletics and hurling and football. In the good old Fair Green we used to jump and run, hurl and play football every evening and I owe the good health I have enjoyed during over fifty years in America to the sound foundations laid then.

To all young Limerick men I say, keep up the good old Irish games of hurling and football, jumping and running, and to those who may emigrate to America or any other foreign country don't forget the Church your mother worshipped in. So many I have met in my travels around this western country, who have forgotten that little church where mother used to pray. But I will say I never met a Limerick County man or woman who had lost their Faith, thank God. In early days out here it was rough. Churches were few and far between. Its not the case now. But with all the churches in every city now, some Irish men and women fail to find them.

I have never lost contact with Gaelic happenings in Ireland, thanks to the good old "Limerick Leader" and I would be glad to hear from Limerick Gaels no matter where they live. I'll gladly reply. My address is: 1014 Douglas Street, Sioux City, Iowa, U.S.A. May God bless you, the good Gaels of Limerick County."

## BEST WISHES

Bill Keane has shared his treasured memories with us and we are grateful to him. And from Limerick Gaeldom I send him across the seas best wishes for many further years of happiness and health.

Thus shall memory often in dreams sublime,  
Catch a glimpse of the days that are over;  
Thus, sighing, look through the waves of time  
For the long faded glories they cover.

C. L. C. G.  
SENIOR FOOTBALL  
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At 3 p.m.  
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Continuing, the Chairman said that he wished to extend to the widow of the late James Walsh, Hospital, the deep sympathy of the Board on his death. James Walsh, he said, was a great Gael. He put everything he had into the affairs of both South Limerick and the Limerick Co. Board. He is a great loss to the Board and to his widow. The Chairman also extended sympathy to Rev. Father Houlihan, C.C., Bruff, on the death of his mother. 22.9.56  
All those present stood in silence.

#### HOSPITAL OVERWHELM KILMALLOCK FOOTBALLERS.

Hospital, 6-1; Kilmallock, 0-3.  
Hospital (holders) deservedly defeated Kilmallock in the South Limerick Junior Football Championship at Elton by 6-1 to 0-3.

At no period during the game were the holders really threatened and, although Kilmallock had the first score of the game—a nice point by J. McGrath—Hospital got going immediately after and led at the interval by 4 goals to 2 points for Kilmallock.

After J. McGrath's point for Kilmallock, Hospital went away and W. Fogarty, who was one of their principal marksmen, shot to the net. M. Condon followed with a like score for Hospital and C. Reale registered Hospital's third goal. J. O'Sullivan (Kilmallock) reduced the lead with a point, but Hospital again moved into the attack and again W. Fogarty found the net with a good drive, before the interval.

W. Fogarty was again on the mark for Hospital when he sent over the bar shortly after the resumption. Kilmallock replied with a like score, per J. Foley. Kilmallock had then shot their bolt and P. J. Reale and L. Murphy each had a goal for Hospital to leave the champions undisputed winners.

#### TEAMS. 1956

Hospital—J. Hill, M. McElligott, W. Fogarty, T. Burke, P. Lavery, C. Hayes, P. O'Neill, M. Hehir, C. Reale, P. J. Reale, M. Brosnan, M. J. Murphy, M. Murphy, J. J. Byrne, J. Doran, M. Doran, B. O'Sullivan and R. Fenton.

Kilmallock—M. Galvin, J. O'Sullivan, P. O'Grady, P. Leahy, L. McGrath, D. McCarthy, M. Murphy, N. Flynn, A. Geens, J. Foley, J. McGrath, J. Cotter, T. O'Donnell, D. Kelly and R. Delea.  
Referee—Mr. E. Cleary.

#### Presentation Of Medals To Winning Team

June 1956

There was a representative gathering in the Muinistir na Tire Hall, Hospital, when Rev. Fr. David McGrath, C.C., presented the local football teams with medals to mark their victory in the South Junior Football Championship over Kiltelly at Knocklong in November last. Members of St. John's Park Committee present were Messrs. Jackie O'Sullivan, Joseph Kenny and Michael Cunningham.

In the course of a short address Rev. Fr. McGrath congratulated the team on their fine achievement and stressed that every facility for those interested in such grand sport as hurling and football was now made available in the purchase of the New, St. John's Park.

Following the presentation those present were entertained to a very enjoyable tea by the local Ladies' Committee.

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### CHAMPIONS DETHRONED

Garryspillane, South Limerick hurling champions of 1955, lost their title at Kilmallock on Sunday last when they were defeated by a dashing young Hospital team in the second round of the current South Limerick hurling championship by 10 goals and 4 points to 7 goals and 4 points.

At the same venue, Glenroe defeated Camogue Rovers by 6 goals and 9 points to 3 goals and 5 points.

Playing with a strong breeze, Garryspillane led at the interval by 5 goals and 1 point to 3 points, but immediately on the turn over Hospital turned on the steam, and with five fast goals they shot into the lead. Garryspillane, fighting back like champions, took the lead again with a goal, but after that Hospital were on top and deserved their 3 goals win. The fact that Hospital scored 10 goals and a point in the half, although a few of the goals might have been stopped by the Garryspillane net minder.

In the second game, Camogue Rovers, playing with the breeze, were on top in the first moiety, and led at the interval by 3 goals and 4 points to 1 goal and 2 points. They held pretty well after the resumption, and the game was 22 minutes in progress before Glenroe went into the lead and they finished very strong and won well.

In the first match, Hospital got the better of Garryspillane by virtue of their stronger finishing. Mr. D. Barrett refereed, and the marksmen for the winners were: D. McElligott, E. McGrath, L. Murphy, A. Connolly, M. Hehir, P. Lavery, M. Donovan.

Scorers for Garryspillane: J. J. Crawford, J. J. Creed, J. Fitzpatrick, R. Crawford, and E. Sampson.

The teams were:

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**Hospital**—M. Murphy, M. Real, C. Real, C. Hayes, E. McGrath, P. Real, M. McElligott, D. McElligott, P. Lavery, A. Connolly, P. O'Neill, N. Murphy, M. Donovan, L. Ryan, T. Burke, M. Hehir.

**Garryspillane**—M. Gleeson, M. Casey, M. Hayes, M. Davern, T. O'Dwyer, T. Gainey, T. Kelly, J. J. Creed, E. Sampson, J. Fitzpatrick, J. Crawford, R. Crawford, E. Crawford, J. Doyle, C. O'Connor.

## SHOULD PLAY THE GAME FOR ITS OWN SAKE

"TRY to play the game, win, lose or draw," said Very Rev. R. Canon Power, P.P., presiding at the annual general meeting of Hospital and Herbertstown G.A.A., held at the De La Salle Brothers' School, Hospital. "There are too many at present," said the Rev. President, "out to win by fair means or foul. We should play the game for its own sake, with the will to win and in a sporting manner." Now that they had a pitch of their own he saw no reason for lack of training. He exhorted each man to pull his weight, and hoped to see the pitch used continually by the men and boys of the parish and promised to stand by them and give them every help and assistance he could.

Rev. Father D. McGrath, C.C., Chairman, said it was in the hands of those present to elect strong and vigorous officers for the coming year and with co-operation and the proper spirit, Hospital and Herbertstown G.A.A. Club could rank with the best in the country and he suggested that all gradings of the Club be run by one committee.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

The Secretary, Mr. Joseph Kenny, then read his report and thanked Canon Power for his guidance in the purchasing of the new playing pitch. Although teams found it strange for the first year under the East Board Division, nevertheless, some good matches were had, and with a little more enthusiasm and strict training, Hospital and Herbertstown could easily field teams to test the best in this Division. Congratulating the minor team, he said this fine team was getting better every day and all the players were still eligible this year. He also thanked the Herbertstown players for their help and co-operation during the year; Father McGrath for guidance and advice; Patrick Reale, Vice-Chairman, and John Woods, Treasurer; Bro. David, Superior, De La Salle Brothers, for their assistance during the championship campaign. He urged all members to keep the G.A.A. flag flying in the parish as had been done down through the years.

The Treasurer, Mr. John Woods, presenting his financial statement, gave the assurance that the Club was in a sound financial position.

### OFFICERS ELECTED

Officers elected were: President, Very Rev. R. Canon Power, P.P., V.F.; Chairman, Rev. Fr. D. McGrath, C.C.; Vice-Chairmen, Bro. David, Bro. Sylvester, Messrs. G. Bresnihan, Thomas Bourke and Patrick Reale; Treasurer, Mr. John Woods; Joint Secs., Messrs. J. Kenney and John Moran. Capt. junior hurling team, Patrick Reale; Vice-Capt., do., Pat. Ryan. Captain junior football team, William Fogarty; Vice-Capt. do., Malachy McElligott; Capt. minor hurling team, John Bresnahan; Vice-Capt. do., William Hickey; Capt. minor football team, Michael Coogan; Vice-Capt. do., Pat. Ryan.

A Selection Committee was then appointed and it was unanimously decided to call the Club the Hospital and Herbertstown G.A.A. Club.

It was arranged to hold a social later and to present at this function the East Championship medals.

### WORDS OF THANKS

In conclusion, Father McGrath thanked Canon Power for attending in spite of his many onerous duties. He also thanked Brother David for the use of the schools, and was glad to inform the Club that the new Muintir na Tire Hall would be at their disposal.

## HOSPITAL SPORTSFIELD COMMITTEE

At the annual general meeting of Hospital Sportsfield Committee held in the Muintir na Tire Hall recently (writes our Hospital correspondent), Very Rev. R. Canon Power expressed much pleasure at seeing such a fine attendance, and said that with so many willing hands, the project was bound to be a success. He congratulated the committee on the purchase of the new sportsfield and mentioned that it was one of the best known in County Limerick some years ago. It was also gratifying to learn from Jerry O'Callaghan, Treasurer, that the money borrowed from the bank had almost been repaid. They had reduced a debt of £1,000 to £200 in a very short time and in this connection he wished to thank Mr. William J. Tomkins, manager, Munster and Leinster Bank, for the accommodation afforded them. The Treasurer's report was an example of how records should be kept in an efficient and capable manner. The grant of £100 so generously donated by the County Board helped in no small manner.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT

In his report, the Secretary, Mr. Joseph Kenny, said the purchase of the new field was an important milestone in the history of the Sportsfield Committee and judging by the enthusiasm of the officers and committee, they could expect to see a first class G.A.A. pitch in Hospital again in a very short time.

Thanks was due to the purchasing committee, to Canon Power, Messrs. T. M. Mitchell, J. J. O'Sullivan, Richard Fitzgerald, T. Hickey, M. O'Neill, Jerry O'Callaghan and Edmond Mitchell. They saw this field was needed for G.A.A. as a pleasure ground for the townspeople and for the good of the business people—they went all out to buy it and buy it they did. It was heartening they had the support of the parishioners in the matter and the great number of signators was evidence of this. He also thanked the helpers for removing posts from the old pitch and Mr. P. P. Hogan and Mr. J. Callinan for the use of their tractors and trailers.

### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE

The following officers and committee were elected:— President—Very Rev. R. Canon Power; Vice-President—Rev. D. McGrath; Chairman—Edmond Mitchell; Vice-Chairman—Michael O'Neill; Treasurer—Jerry O'Callaghan; Secretary—Joseph Kenny; Assistant Secretary—John Moran.

Committee:— D. O'Donnell, James O'Carroll, James Davern, Pat. O'Neill, Thomas Lee, Edward Leddin, J. J. O'Sullivan, John Woods, Michael O'Connor, Patrick Daly, Jackie O'Sullivan, Thomas Woods and Patrick Real.

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## Officers For Hospital- Herbertstown G.A.A. Club

The officers of the Hospital-Herbertstown G.A.A. Club for 1959 are as follows:—

President, Very Rev. Canon Power, P.P.; Chairman, Rev. D. McGrath, C.C.; Vice-Chairmen, Mr. John Moran and Mr. Joe Conway; Secretaries, Mr. Tom Bourke and Mr. John Murphy; Treasurers, Mr. Larry Butler and Mr. John Moran.

Committee — Messrs. Paddy Reale, Jackie O'Sullivan, Paddy O'Carroll, Peter Lavery, Lowry Murphy, Willie Fogarty, Paddy Phillips, Matty Toomey, John Higgins.

J.H. Captain, Mr. John Brennan; J.F. Captain, Mr. Tom Bourke; Minor Hurling Captain, Mr. Billie O'Brien; Minor Football do., Mr. Frank Brennan.

The Club will hold a victory social in the Hall, Hospital, on the 28th January, with the Garryowen Ceili Band supplying the music. Tom McGarry, Limerick's great all-rounder, will present the medals, and Mr. P. Clohessy, T.D., who donated the championship cup, will also be present.

## Third Member of Family Raised to The Priesthood

The third member of the McNamee family, Glenroe, was raised to the priesthood in the Cathedral of the Assumption, Thurles, on Sunday last, by the Most Reverend Dr. Byrne, Bishop of Moshi (writes our Galbally correspondent). Father Michael, who was ordained priest on Sunday, is youngest son of Mr. Michael J. McNamee, N.T., Glenroe, and Mrs. McNamee, and is brother of Reverend Father Gerard McNamee, on the teaching staff of St. Munchin's College, Limerick, and of Reverend Father David McNamee, C.C., Chaplain to the Regional Hospital, Limerick. Father Michael, like his two brothers, took an active part on the playing fields of Limerick and Munster during his student days and was a player of more than average ability, having had many memorable games for Glenroe, Kilfinane and Ballylanders. Father Michael celebrated his first Mass in the Parish Church, Glenroe, on Sunday morning last, at which there was an overflow congregation, all of whom approached the altar rails for his first blessing after Mass. The singing of the Te Deum by the three brother priests moved many in the large congregation to tears. The fourth male member of the family is a solicitor, Patrick, who works with a prominent firm of lawyers in Dublin. The only sister in the family is married in the North of Ireland, she also being a distinguished graduate of University College, Dublin, and a teacher of distinct possibilities prior to her marriage. An uncle, Mr. Padraig McNamee, "Blaitin," Belfast, a member of the Radio Eireann Advisory Staff and a staff teacher in Belfast was President of the Gaelic Athletic Association for two terms of office, having guided the affairs of the Association during the troubled period of the last war.

After Father Michael's first Mass on Monday last a reception was later held at Kilcornan Lodge, near Cahir, at which members of the family and many friends attended. Also present were Very Rev. Father Carroll, P.P., Glenroe, and Rev. Father Browne, C.C., do., as well as former class mates of the newly ordained priest. After the reception an impromptu concert took place, at which many of the guests contributed.

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Members of the Hospital Sportsfield and Carnival Committee (seated, left to right): John Moran, Patrick O'Neill, Brother Sylvester (Chairman), John Murphy, Asst. Secretary; Joseph Kenny, Secretary. At back: Jeremiah O'Callaghan, Treasurer; Patrick Foley, Edmund Mitchell (Vice-Chairman), Patrick McElligott and Thomas Bourke.

Hospital, on the banks of the Camogue River, premier country town of Co. Limerick!

This historic town, proudly dedicated to St. John the Baptist, that glorious martyr, victim of a tyrant and Church persecutors' lustful hate, in a bygone age, is unique in present day history, and immortal in the days that are gone, when the Knights Hospitallers perpetuated its glory. It is a progressive town with fine facilities for Church and State.

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Its Primary and Secondary Schools, ably conducted by the Presentation Nuns and De La Salle Brothers, are second to none, while a palatial vocational school caters for the educational needs of a spacious area. These establishments have added, and will continue to add lustre to an historic past, making a glorious halo to shine brilliantly over the ensuing years, and will be a golden page brightening in the town's educational story in yet unborn generations.

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Hospital, of the kindly, hospitable people, ever true to its past, has upheld its glorious traditions, by giving its quota of innocent blood for the regeneration of our dear land, when an esteemed townsman in the person of Mr. Patrick Lynch, gave his life for Ireland. His seed fructifies to-day, and, we hope and pray that it continues to do so.

Its spacious new hall, under the auspices of Muintir na Tire, its well laid out sportsfield, carefully kept tennis courts and fine ball alley, provide carefree and healthy amusements, which, we hope, will help to stem the regrettable tide of emigration that it at present depriving this fair land of her youthful population. Its prize-winning creamery is also a great acquisition to the town, and a valuable asset to the dairy farmers of this fertile district.

Sunday next will be a red letter day for Hospital and surrounding district, when at 2 p.m. a fancy dress parade will herald the opening of one of the most ambitious carnival programmes ever held in the South of Ireland. It is being ran by St. John's Park Committee in an effort to raise funds to clear the debt in the sportsfield and then to embark on a large scale improvements scheme. The field—the scene of many a hectic battle in the golden years of Limerick hurling—was vacated in the 30's following the offer of a playing field in Kilfrush from the Irish Land Commission. But the "Well" field held happy memories for Hospital townspeople, and so in 1956 a committee was formed to purchase and re-open it as a sportsfield. It was blessed and declared open by Very Rev. Canon Power on Easter Sunday, 1957, amidst the greatest rainstorm of recent years. Let's hope the weather clerk is kinder this time.

run by St. John's Park Committee  
The present carnival committee consists of the following members—Very Rev. Canon Power, P.P., Chairman; Bro. Sylvester and Ed. Mitchell, Vice-Chairmen; Jeremiah O'Callaghan, Hon. Treasurer; Joseph Kenny, Hon. Sec.; John

Murphy, Sports Promoter and Publicity Secretary, with John Moran, Patrick Quish, Thos. Bourke, Bro. Anslun, Pat Foley, Sgt. O'Donnell, Thos. Walshe, Denis O'Leary, Pat McElligott, Thos. Lee, Dan O'Connell and Pat O'Neill, as hard working associates.

## HANDBALL REVIVAL

### May IN HOSPITAL 1960

At a very largely attended meeting held at Hospital recently it was decided to re-form the handball club, and make an all-out effort to revive interest in this fine old Irish ball game, and to put Hospital back on the map once again as a stronghold of this manly art. The following officers and committee were elected:—

Chairman, Mr. John Woods; Vice-Chairmen, Sgt. J. O'Donnell, Mr. Jimmy O'Toole; Hon. Sec., Mr. Paddy Moloney; Hon. Treas., Mr. John Frazer. Committee—Messrs. M. Hurley, Edmond Mitchell, Rev. Bro. Sylvester, Thos. Walsh, John Moran, Sean Murphy (Herbertstown), Thos. Burke, Jackie O'Sullivan, James O'Carroll, Pat O'Neill, Joe Hill, Denis McElligott, Denis Woods, Mathew Mitchell, M. Coogan, Patrick Reale, Thos. O'Carroll.

A record membership was taken up and work has already commenced in renovating gallery etc.

applied to the parish of Hospital.

"There is no employment in the area," was the reason I was given at the second annual dinner of the Hospital G.A.A. Club at Cruise's Hotel for the emigration from the parish.

Just consider the fact that already eight of last year's junior football team have emigrated and then you will not wonder at there being an almost all Hospital G.A.A. team in Belham . . . known as St. Mary's.

The surprise is that the club can continue to field so many teams.

The under-14 hurling team, winners of the South Limerick final last year bring hope for the future, but in a few years some of them may be on their way to another land.

Hospital won the football tournament at the local carnival and their sister club at Herbertstown won the hurling.

Garda Michael Fox recalled treasurer, John Moran, told me, the years he spent at Hospital as six-and-a-half of the happiest of his life.

And John Moran said how sorry they were at Hospital to lose Michael.

John wished him well on his promotion to Sergeant at Kilfinane.

The chairman, Michael O'Neill, welcomed the 200 who attended the dinner, and Rev.

Fr. Morris, their president, said how glad he was to see the popularity of Hospital G.A.A. Club being well maintained.

During the brief after-dinner speeches Rory Kiely, the vice-chairman of the County Board, said:

"The winning of a game is not everything and should not be the sole aim of a team."

By all means play to win, he added, but not simply for the sake of winning.

Brother Anselm will be missed by the youth, in whom he took a very keen interest. He was delighted to see the under-14 side bring their first ever victory to the parish before he left for Ardee.

The wonderful work of Brother Anselm will long be remembered in Hospital.

Among the attendance at the dinner was Thomas Murphy, one of the club members who made his mark on the field as a referee last year.

Tom refereed 58 games in all four grades, both hurling and football.

With him was Thomas Bourke who was secretary of the club for nine years and is holder of three South Limerick titles, won in 1955, 1956 and 1966, and one earned in the eastern side in 1958.

There, too, was Adare-born James Hickey who is an active supporter of the G.A.A. affairs around Hospital since he came to live there.

Captain of the junior football team, Philip O'Carroll, had to miss the dinner. He was on

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No sooner are they fledged than they are flown . . . the expression could be very well

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Angela Breen was also enjoying the Hospital G.A.A. dinner at Cruise's Hotel.

## Comedian And Sportsman

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Limerick comedian, Davy Finn, made a great hit at last Sunday night's charity concert in Cappoquin with his performance of "The Unforgettable Man" in the sketch "Huckleberry Gets Lost."

Two other well-known city comedians, John and Joe Gardiner, of Sarsfield Barracks, also impressed in such top company as Eugene Lambert, Mick Finnegan, Albert Healy, Ann Grayson, Jack O'Connor and Albert le Bas.

During the past few years Davy has performed in variety concerts throughout the South and in 1959 appeared with Bridie Gallagher in an Army concert for the wives and relatives of the men of the first Congo contingent. Last Sunday's concert marked, however, one of his most important public appearances, and if Davy's ambition to appear on Telefís Éireann is fulfilled it will delight his many fans as much as himself.

### COLLECTIONS

Next to the stage, Davy's interest lies in G.A.A. games, and in this sphere he has two collections which are probably unique. The first is a series of autographed programmes of Munster and Leinster Championship games and All-Ireland finals which he has attended over the past 20 years. The second is a collection of broken hurleys from Championship games and these, too, carry the signatures of such stalwarts as the Mackey brothers, Seamus Power, Christy Ring, Tony Wall and many others.

Davy has an excellent hurling record himself and, fielding in turn with Killeely, the Army, Mental Hospital and Herbertstown, has won several tournaments. While on the Mental Hospital team he won the 1953 City Championship and was beaten by Knockainey in the County Final.

Davy served in the Army for the period of the Emergency and, re-joining in 1947, was stationed in Clonemi, Cork and the Curragh. For the past 17 years he has been stationed at Sarsfield Barracks and in 1960 served for a period of six months with the 1st Infantry Group in the Congo.

Davy's wife is the former Miss Nellie Croker, of Herbertstown. They have a family of eight boys and three girls.



James Hickey, James O'Carroll, Thomas Murphy and Thomas Bourke . . . at Hospital G.A.A. dinner.

his honeymoon.

His wife is the former Miss Maureen Dillon of Grange.

Philip also played on the county junior football team last year with Garrett Barry and Brother Gabriel, also of the Hospital Club.

Also present were secretary James O'Carroll, Brother Donald and Sergeant Farrell.



At the Hospital G.A.A. dinner at Limerick was Mary Noonan.

## Death of <sup>may 1965</sup> former G.A.A. officer

THE death occurred yesterday of Mr. Michael McNamee, of Forkhill, County Armagh. The deceased who principal of Glenroe, Co. Limerick, National School for over forty years was father of Rev. G. McNamee, a member of the senior and minor hurling selection committees in Limerick and Rev. David McNamee, Mungret.

The late Mr. McNamee was treasurer of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board for a record number of years and had a long association with the I.N.T.O. His brother, Mr. Padraig McNamee, is a former President of the G.A.A. and is still a trustee of that body. Padraig was recently honoured with the Cuchulann Award.

The late Mr. McNamee was held in the highest esteem in many parts of the country where he was well-known and, in particular, in Limerick, where his outstanding work as a teacher and an organiser in the interests of the G.A.A., was much appreciated.

The late Mr. McNamee, who retired from the teaching profession some years ago is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary McNamee; his sons, Fr. Gerard McNamee, St. Munchin's College; Fr. David McNamee, Mungret; Fr. Michael McNamee, Hamilton, Scotland; Padraig M. A. McNamee, Dublin; his daughter, Mrs. Bri Creery, B.A., H.Dip., Lurgan, Co. Armagh, and his brothers and sisters.

#### G.A.A.

Our minor hurlers made a tame exit from the South Limerick championship at Hospital recently when failing by a 3 goal margin to Garryspillane in a game that was spoiled by gale force winds.

The minor footballers met a similar fate at Ballylanders and so it is left to our junior hurlers and under-21 team, of whom great things are expected, to wrest any laurels for 1965. The senior selection, St. Ailbe's, are still in the running, meeting St. John's (Fedamore, and Ballybricken) in the opening round.

#### GLENROE G.A.A. CLUB

There was a record attendance at the annual general meeting of the Glenroe G.A.A. Club held at the Hall, Glenroe, at which it was decided to field junior hurling and juvenile hurling teams in this year's South Limerick championships.

The following officers were elected:—

President, Very Rev. J. Carroll, P.P.; Chairman, Rev. D. Browne, C.C.; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. J. McSweeney and W. O'Keeffe; Secretary, Mr. T. Howard; Treasurer,

Mr. T. O'Connell.

Captain of J. H. team, Jimmy O'Connell; Vice Captain, Eamon O'Brien.

It was decided to appoint the selection committee at a future meeting.

#### MR. TIMOTHY LEE, BALLINAMONA.

The death has taken place at his residence, Ballinamona, Hospital, of Mr. Timothy Lee. Deceased, who was a native of Ballintubber, Kilfinane, had reached the age of 90 years. He was a well-known farmer and had been all his life a sterling nationalist and a prominent supporter of the national movement. He also took an active part in the political life of the district and was at one time President of Hospital Branch of Fine Gael. Deceased was prominently associated with the G.A.A. and in his youth was an outstanding player on the Glenroe hurling and football teams. Later, he was a conspicuous hurler in County Tipperary and was a prominent exponent of the code in senior ranks, crowning himself on many occasions in the playing field with a particularly brilliant display. He was also a very keen sportsman and dog fancier and took a keen and active interest in coursing and hunting.

His remains were removed to St. John's Parish Church, Hospital, and the interment took place in the adjoining cemetery in the presence of a very large and representative gathering.

The officiating clergy were: Very Rev. R. Canon Power, P.P., V.F., Hospital; Rev. Father D. McGrath, C.C., do.; Rev. Father J. Ryan, C.C., Herbertstown; Very Rev. M. Morrissey, P.P., Killeely; Rev. Father Coakley, C.C., do.; Very Rev. Canon Foley, Knockainey, and Rev. Father Noonan, C.C., do.

Chief mourners were — Thomas Lee (son); Misses Mary, Margaret, Anne and Bernie O'Neill (grand-children); Patrick O'Neill (son-in-law); Louis Walsh (brother-in-law); T. Lee (nephew), and R. Lee (niece).

#### HOME ON WELL-EARNED HOLIDAY

Rev. Thomas O'Neill, formerly of Gotoon, Hospital, son of the late Patrick and Mrs. O'Neill, who is ministering in the U.S.A., is at present on a holiday in his native district (writes our Hospital correspondent). He is brother of Mr. Patrick O'Neill, Gotoon, and of Mr. William O'Neill, Emly Road, Hospital, and, like his brothers, before his departure to the U.S.A. he was a well known hurler and Gaelic enthusiast. He is being welcomed by his many friends and is enjoying a well-earned holiday.

#### Buried With Full Military Honours

Full military honours were accorded to the deceased at the funeral of Mr. Edward Walsh, of Millmount, Kilmallock, which took place from SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Kilmallock, to Ballingaddy Cemetery (writes our Kilmallock correspondent). A firing party of old comrades in the Old I.R.A., under Mr. Sean Morrissey, Bruff, fired three volleys over his grave, and a bugler sounded the Last Post. The coffin was draped in the Tricolour.

The late Mr. Walsh, who was a member of a most esteemed family, was very prominently identified with the Irish War of Independence. As a member of the Glenroe Company, Fifth Battalion, East Limerick Brigade, Old I.R.A., and the East Limerick Flying Column, he took part in many engagements during the Fight for Freedom. A lifelong supporter of Gaelic games, he was a keen follower of hurling and football up to the very last, and was for some years vice-chairman of the South Limerick G.A.A. Board. He took a keen interest in local affairs and was a member of the Limerick County Council for some years. He was very popular with all classes, and the large attendance at his interment included people of all walks of life, as well as many of his old comrades in arms.

Members of the firing party were: Messrs. Michael O'Keeffe, Robert Horgan and John Wall, Tankardstown; John F. Hayes, Kilmallock; Sean Lyons and Sean Lee, Glenroe.

Officiating clergy were: Right Rev. C. Dean Mulcahy, P.P., V.F., Kilmallock; Rev. J. Culhane, C.C., do., and Rev. D. Crowley, C.C., do.

Six O'Brien brothers of Ballinacourty, Glenrue, fielded with Glenrue local junior hurlers against Effin recently. The six brothers are: Eamonn, Matt, Mossie, Paddy, John and Michael.

#### Shock Defeats For Claughau

Claughau, 1-2; Askeaton, 3-4.  
Claughau, 0-2; W. Gaels, 1-6.

Claughau, at Croom, yesterday, were beaten in the county minor football final by the holders, Askeaton, and in the county senior football semi-final they were surprisingly eliminated by Western Gaels.

Play in the minor game was held up for 20 minutes while spectators questioned the awarding of a free to Claughau.

In the senior game, the holders were short Dermot Kelly and Jack White, and Seamus Cox, who was injured in the minor match, had to cry-off.

Declan Moylan, Jack Quinlivan, George Ryan and Pat Lynch (goal) were the Claughau players to catch the eye. The Kelly brothers — Jack, Jim and Tom — and Mossy Hanly, from Newcastle West, and Tom Woulfe, of Athea, took the honours for the "Gaels."

#### HERBERTSTOWN QUALIFY FOR FLOOD CUP FINAL

Herbertstown 5-5, Ballybrown 4-7

Herbertstown qualified for the final of the Flood Cup junior hurling tournament when they defeated Ballybrown in the replay of their semi-final tie at Caherconlish.

The game, which was a tense and exciting struggle, took the same pattern as the drawn affair. Herbertstown went into the lead from the throw-in and looked to be coasting for victory when they held a three-goal advantage with 20 minutes remaining but Ballybrown suddenly came to life and scored four goals to take a surprise lead. However, Herbertstown were not to be denied and with almost the last stroke of the game Philly Carroll from centre-field sent a long shot to the net to give them a deserved victory.

Best for Herbertstown: John McCarthy, James Bresnan, Michael Barron, Jim Gannon and Garrett Barry, while the McCarthy brothers, Tom Ryan and Jim Carroll were most prominent for Ballybrown.

## FOOTBALL VICTORY 16-11-66

Hospital Junior Footballers once again South Limerick champions, after their thrilling victory over Ballylanders on the score of 3-9 to 1-6 at Kilbehenny on Sunday last.

Scorers for Hospital were G. Barry, 1-2; F. Bresnihan 0-4; F. O'Leary, 1-0. Ballylanders replied with R. Rafferty, 1-0; J. Meade, 0-4 and D. Walsh, 0-2.

The following was the Hospital team:-

T. Bourke; M. Coogan, M. Whealan, M. O'Shea; A. O'Sullivan, J. Bresnihan, P. O'Carroll; N. Ryan, S. Bourke; E. Murphy, F. O'Leary, F. Ryan; B. Ryan, G. Barry, J. Mulcahy.

## Big Win For Herbertstown 27/7/66

Herbertstown ... .. 7 13  
Ardpatrick ... .. 1 6

Herbertstown scored a big win over Ardpatrick in the first round of the South Limerick Hurling Championship at Kilmallock on Sunday, winning by 7-13 to 1-6. Herbertstown opened well and led at half-time by 5-6 to 1-5 and in the second half they continued to hold the upperhand and ran out easy winners, Ardpatrick only scoring one point in the second period.

Scorers: Herbertstown — J. Meaney, F. Bresnan, J. Real, T. Higgins, D. Garvey, J. McCarthy and A. Higgins. Ardpatrick—J. Shaw, J. O'Sullivan, J. Wall and P. Herbert. Mr. W. O'Brien refereed.

## Fine Minor Hurling Game at Hospital 21-9-46

On Sunday last, at Hospital, the De La Salle home team defeated Kiltelly in a very exciting and well contested game. Hurling throughout the hour was very clean and open, which made the game a real treat to watch.

Kiltelly led at half-time with a score of 1-1 to 1-0, but from the commencement of the second half Hospital asserted their superiority and score after score came in quick succession until at the final whistle Hospital led 6-6 to 2-2.

Outstanding for Hospital were: P. O'Shea, Michael Condon, J. Halloran and J. Keffe, while the mainstay of the Kiltelly side were F. Greene, J. Hayes and V. Connors.

The junior hurling between Hospital and Kiltelly was not played, as Hospital was unable to field a team on account of the harvest work.

## large congregation. HOSPITAL G.A.A. CLUB 25-5-46

At a special meeting of Hospital Junior Hurling Club on Thursday night last, the following appointments were made: Chairman, Mr. Joseph Kenny; Hon. Sec., Mr. Patrick Woods; Hon. Treasurer, Mr. James Walsh; Trainer, Mr. Dan Cotter.

## Hospital A.G.M. 27-1-62

The annual general meeting of Hospital-Herbertstown G.A.A. Club was held recently and the following officers have been elected for the coming year:—Chairman, Mr. William Fogarty; Treasurer, Mr. John Moran; Secretary, Mr. Thomas Bourke; Assistant Secretary, Garda Michael Fox. Captain M.H. team, John McCarthy; Vice-Captain, M. O'Shea; football, T. Higgins; Vice-Captain, M. O'Shea. Junior Hurling, Captain, Tom Riordan; Vice-Captain, Mr. Coogan; Junior Football, Captain, Rd. Fenton; Vice-Captain, Phil O'Carroll. Trainer for all teams, Garda Michael Fox.

## Herbertstown 1970 Juvenile footballers

Herbertstown juvenile footballers on the journey to Limerick on the journey to Sunday Village Grounds on Sunday where they encountered the county champions, Commercial, in a tough final. After the tough luck the hurlers at a similar local follow-up will be hoping for a change of fortune on the occasion. Good news is that Michael O'Brien, who missed the hurling encounter, will be available to take his place. Special buses will convey supporters to the venue. A special collection in aid of the Herbertstown G.A.A. Club will be taken up at all Masses at the Sacred Heart Church, Herbertstown, on Sunday next.

## Herbertstown 1970

## Victory social

Herbertstown juvenile hurlers and footballers who last year made history by winning South Limerick championships for the first time celebrated the occasion with a victory social in the Village Hall last week. The cups were presented to the captains — Jimmy Higgins (hurling) and Martin Phillips (football) and the medals to the individual players by Mr. Sean Fitzgerald, hon. secretary, South Limerick G.A.A. Board, who praised the players for their great spirit and sporting displays throughout the year. A ladies committee served an excellent supper and music for the dancing was provided by Joseph O'Donnell and his band. The officials of the...

off a double surprise, as Kilmallock Hospital were extended to win by 1-0 to 0-1. As a matter of fact, if Anglesboro' - Kilglass played an offensive instead of defensive part in the second half they could easily have won. This game was a very poor exhibition but is no pointer to what might happen later on in the championship as both sides were without some of their leading players.

J.F. 26.4.52

Mr. P. J. Cussen, Galbally, well-known inter-county player, was a capable and impartial referee of both games.

## Garda Escort For Referee After Match

Kilteely 6-4; Bruff 6-3.

Unruly scenes, during which referee John Naughton (Monaleen) was struck with a hurley, marred the concluding stages of the Wills Cup Junior Hurling Tournament Final at Herbertstown when Kilteely defeated Bruff by a one point margin.

The incident occurred when the referee sounded the final whistle. He was immediately assaulted and were it not for the timely intervention of four Hospital gardai under the direction of Garda M. Fox, a nasty situation could have arisen. The referee was escorted from the pitch by the gardai and later as he made his way from the village, the gardai again provided an escort for his car.

The game itself provided the best hurling seen in the division for many years. The half-time score was Kilteely 4-4; Bruff 3-1.

## HURLING

Herbertstown junior hurlers scored their second success in the competition in three years when they defeated Kilteely 2-8 to 2-4 in the final of the Hospital Carnival tournament, after a thrilling game, played before a capacity attendance on Sunday night last.

22.4.1967

## HOSPITAL FOR SOUTH FINAL

Hospital football team won their way to the final of the South Limerick Junior football final on Sunday last when they beat Camogue Rovers 1-6 to 1-3. Hospital now meet Ballylanders for the South final on Sunday next in Kilbehenny.

Hospital team—T. Bourke; M. Ryan, J. Bresnan, J. Mulcahy, A. O'Sullivan, F. O'Donoghue, M. Cremins, P. O'Carroll, N. Ryan, S. Bourke, F. Bresnan, G. Barry, M. Fox, F. Ryan, J. Reale, Subs., M. Whelan, L. Jones.

22.4.1967

## HOSPITAL PITCH OPENED

Last Sunday was by no means an ideal day for the opening of a new playing field at Hospital. The committee had arranged a game between Cork and Limerick. As a result of a downpour the pitch was waterlogged and conditions were very unfavourable for good hurling. After an exciting, if unspectacular hour's hurling, the visitors carried away the unusual prize of a set of barometers. The score was 5-6 to 4-3.

29.5.65

## Juvenile Champions

Hospital - Herbertstown won the South Limerick juvenile hurling championship when they defeated Dromin-Athlacca 6-4 to 3-0 at Bruff. Players from this end of the parish who figured in the triumph included Joe Condon (Mohane), who had a brilliant game at midfield; Liam Jones (Ballyloundash); Jimmy Higgins (Ballinard); Mickey O'Brien (Cahercorney); Tom Ryan (Ballinard) and Martin Phillips (Village).

## THE MINOR GAME.

The standard of hurling was good in the minor game, but it was a pity that Kilmallock were not a better match for their livelier opponents, who held sway throughout and seemed to have little difficulty in keeping the upperhand.

Their forwards were more trusting than the Kilmallock vanguard and they made much more use of their opportunities.

A better balanced team, Hospital took control at the start and playing with confidence held a comfortable lead at the interval of 5-2 to nil. On the resumption, Kilmallock fought pluckily to reduce the leeway, but they were up against a sterling Hospital defence, where McGrath and Reale starred and they could only register 1-2 against three goals scored by Hospital in this moiety.

## EARLY GOALS.

Immediately on the start of the game, Hospital got going, and their forwards were driving the ball through the Kilmallock defence during most of the first half. Early goals came their way per C. O'Connor and O'Sullivan. Then A. O'Brien put them three goals up, and when O'Sullivan sent to the net again, Hospital looked set for victory. Then O'Connor pointed twice and J. O'Keeffe crashed to the net to give Hospital a lead of 5-2 without reply from Kilmallock, at the interval.

Kilmallock shaped better on resuming, and O'Connor sent over the bar. Back at the other end, however, Moylan followed a nice run up the sideline to O'Sullivan, who sent to the net, and in the next minutes O'Sullivan and O'Connor combined with O'Brien to send to the net for Hospital. Playing pluckily still, Kilmallock came down the field and M. O'Grady sent over the bar, and almost immediately the same player had a rather easy goal, when the Hospital custodian misjudged the drop of the ball and it sailed into the net. In the closing minutes, Hospital asserted their very apparent superiority when they scored their final goal.

Best for Hospital were: McGrath, Reale, Moylan, O'Keeffe, O'Brien, O'Sullivan, O'Rourke and O'Connor, while Duggan, O'Grady, Whelan, O'Connor tried hardest for Kilmallock. Mr. T. Hehir, Bruff, refereed.

The teams were:—

**De La Salle (Hospital):** A. O'Brien (capt.), J. O'Rourke, S. Moylan, C. O'Connor, J. O'Keeffe, J. Murphy, T. Murphy, P. Murphy, M. Carmody, J. Egan, D. O'Carroll, E. O'Dwyer, E. McGrath, J. Reale, P. O'Sullivan.

**Kilmallock:** M. O'Grady, R. Delea, J. Hayes, M. O'Connor, M. O'Sullivan, T. Whelan, D. O'Connor, C. Duggan, T. O'Connor, M. Scanlan.

## Junior footballers

Herbertstown juvenile footballers, like their hurling counterparts, failed in their bid to win Co. championship honours when losing to Commercial at the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick, on Sunday last on the score, 2-3 to 0-2. The locals were on level terms after 15 minutes of the first half, but following a great passing movement, Ned Mitchell shot to the net for what looked a perfect goal to give them the lead but referee Donie Nestor (Askeaton) disallowed the score and awarded a free which Martin Phillips pointed.

The turning point in the game came shortly after the resumption when Joe O'Shaughnessy miskicked a free but his shot was deflected to the net by a Herbertstown defender. The lads never recovered from this reverse and from then to the end were fighting a losing battle. Michael O'Brien had a brilliant game between the posts making several daring saves, and saved the team from a much heavier defeat.

The side lined out: Michael O'Brien, Ged Enright, Finbar Cleary, Ger O'Shea, Gerard Mitchell, Mich O'Leary, Martin Phillips, Joe Condon, Jimmy Reale, John Prenderville, Eamonn Quinn, Martin Phillips, Eddie Mitchell, Jimmy O'Donoghue, Jimmy Higgins.

14/3 Co. Board  
70 P.R.O.

"The Association has been accused of losing contact with its grassroot members and we intend to ensure that such will not be the case with regard to clubs and their members in Limerick."

This was stated by Mr. Rory Kiely, chairman, Limerick Co. Board, at a Press conference in the Shannon Arms Hotel, Limerick, recently, at which it was announced that Mr. Sean Murphy had been appointed public relations officer to the County Board.

Mr. Kiely said that the duties of the P.R.O. would be to pass on the workings of the Board and its clubs to the mass media. Without the aid and co-operation of the clubs he would be unable to function.

"With so many and such important plans before the Association in the decade, it is essential that we gear ourselves to cope with the changing times by the appointment of our own P.R.O.," said Mr. Kiely.

Also at the conference were Mr. Tom Boland, secretary, and Mr. Declan Moylan, treasurer, of the County Board.

Camillus Hospital, Limerick, is district promoter for the pools, and this is his first win.

### LEFT FOR LIMERICK

"Toss" Ryan, the popular employee of Herbertstown Co-op. Stores, has relinquished his post with that firm to take up employment at Flannery's Bar, William St., Limerick. An all-round sportsman, his trophy laden sideboard contains awards for hurling, football, athletics and singing. His most treasured medal is the county championship trophy which he won in the under 16 road championship at Mungret in 1960. He has represented Limerick in the Munster minor football championship, and recently has been making his name as a poet. Several of his compositions have been published by this newspaper. His good humour and great wit will be sadly missed in the locality, but all join in wishing him every good wish in his new post.

### CAMOGIE MEETING

### G.A.A. CLUB

The annual general meeting of Hospital G.A.A. Club was held during the week. Very Rev. Fr. T. Morris, C.C., presiding. Fr. Morris congratulated John Reale, Knockaine, on his win of a Munster Minor Championship medal with Limerick last year and the local Herbertstown hurling team on their tournament wins.

The treasurer, John Moran, presented his report, which showed a credit balance of £8-10-4. The report of the secretary, Tom Bourke, was then read. Both reports were unanimously adopted.

The meeting elected the following officers: President, Rev. Fr. T. Morris, C.C.; chairman, P. Reale; vice-chairman, N. Leddin; treasurer, John Moran; secretary, T. Bourke. Training and selection of teams for 1966 — Rev. Fr. T. Morris and T. Murphy, J. O'Toole, J. Kenny Woods, J. O'Carroll, T. Murphy, J. O'Toole, J. Kenny, T. Meaney, M. Whelan, R. Galligan, J. Hickey, C. Hayes and officers. Delegates for Co. Convention — J. Moran, J. O'Carroll, N. Leddin and T. Murphy.

## Herbertstown for South Juvenile Final

Herbertstown ..... 3-8  
Bruff ..... 1-3

This replay of the South Limerick juvenile hurling semi-final at Kilmallock on Friday evening last, produced hurling of a high order, featuring particularly fine ground play, and it was, in fact, one of the best games seen in any grade in the division so far this year.

From the very start it had all the ingredients of being a high-class game, and the exchanges were close during the first half, at the end of which the teams were level — Bruff, 1-2; Herbertstown, 0-5.

Early in the second half, Bruff had a point, but Herbertstown were then on top and with a goal and a point were four points ahead half-way through the second period. Bruff were still trying hard to come on terms, but in the last five minutes, Herbertstown got on top and finished very strongly to deserve their win on the score of 3-8 to 1-3.

Scorers — Herbertstown: J. Higgins (2-2), J. Condon (0-5) and E. Quinn (1-1). Bruff: J. McEniry (1-0), E. Hayes (0-2) and P. Hehir (0-1).

Mr. G. Fitzgerald (Rathkeale) refereed.

Herbertstown now meet Kilmallock in the final.

## HOSPITAL

Late Mr.

John Woods

The death took place recently of Mr. John Woods, a native of Hospital, Mr. Woods took an active interest in G.A.A. and handball activities in the locality. He is survived by his sister, Miss Nora Woods and a large circle of relatives, with whom sympathy is felt.

## HOSPITAL WIN

Hospital, 2-6; Galbally, 1-3

Hospital qualified for the final of the South Limerick juvenile football championship at Kilmallock, when they defeated Galbally by 2-6 to 1-3.

In the first half, Galbally had the edge and led at half-time by 1-3 to 0-4. In the second half, however, Hospital took control, wiped out the arrears and went on to deserve their 6 points win.

Best for Hospital were: M. O'Neill (at centre back), M. Corbett (goal), W. Frazer, J. Condon, M. Reale and P. O'Shea.

Scorers for Hospital were: J. Higgins and J. Donoghue (1-0 each), M. Reale (0-3), M. Leary, M. Quane and J. Condon (0-1 each).

Galbally — O'Donnell, Frazer and Sheehan.

Hospital have also reached the juvenile hurling semi-final in which they meet Garryspallane.

## Herbertstown

## Hurlers triumph

Herbertstown juvenile hurlers qualified for the South Limerick championship final when they defeated Kilfinane 7-3 to 2-3 at Kilmallock on Sunday last. Eddie Mitchell (who was top scorer), Frank Corbett, Jimmy Higgins, Martin Phillips and Michael Condon were the heroes of the team which is now confidently expected to bring the first South title to...

## MR. RICHARD RAFFERTY

The death has taken place at a comparatively young age of Mr. Richard ("Dick") Rafferty, Castle-farm House, Hospital, who was a well-known and progressive farmer in the district. Deceased was popularly known over a wide area and was reputed to be a first-class judge of livestock. He was a native of Longstone, Cullen, Co. Tipperary, and in his younger days was prominently associated with the G.A.A., being an outstanding footballer, and having distinguished himself in many important games. Deceased leaves a wife and a young son and a large circle of friends and relatives to mourn his loss.

## HERBERTSTOWN

# Parochial Hall

Herbertstown Parochial Hall is at present undergoing extensive renovations. The complete project will include a modern stage, diningroom, library and other modern amenities to make it an excellent community centre.

### MEMORIAL

From London this week comes news of a move by Herbertstown emigrants in the English capital to perpetuate the memory of the late James Ryan, N.T., a native of Cappamore, but many years Principal of Herbertstown. A committee has been formed and it is intended presenting a memorial trophy — named the James Ryan Cup, to the G.A.A. for an annual hurling tournament in Herbertstown.

### FOOTBALL

Herbertstown-Hospital junior footballers completed the coveted Hospital Carnival Tournament double when they defeated Ballylanders in the final. Locals who helped in the success included Garrett Barry, Noel Ryan, Frank Bresnan, John Bresnan, John Mulcahy and James Bresnan.

### TOURNAMENT

Despite inclement weather, the Herbertstown hurling tournament is progressing favourably. Boher, after eliminating Knockaney, qualified for the final at the expense of a fancied Bruff team. On to-night (Friday) at 7.30 the second semi-final is down for decision, when Killeely meet the winners of the South Liberties v. Caherline replay.

## HOSPITAL

# G.A.A. Club

At the annual general meeting of the Hospital G.A.A. Club, the following officers and committee were elected for 1968:—  
President, Rev. Fr. Thomas Morris; Chairman, Michael O'Neill; Vice-Chairman, Thos. Bourke; Secretary, James O'Carroll; Treasurer, John Moran. Committee: Messrs. M. Moloney, J. Hickey, H. Fenton, T. Murphy, J. O'Toole, N. Ledin, T. Fox, P. Carroll, W. Woods, D. O'Sullivan, J. Carroll, T. Sullivan and J. Reale.  
The Selection Committee was deferred to the next meeting. It was decided also to hold the second annual dinner at Cruise's Royal Hotel on the 18th of January.

# Hospital

"Our greatest achievement during the year was the winning of the Kenneally Cup and replicas at Hospital Carnival, but I feel that with a greater effort and a little luck we could have annexed higher honours," stated James Bresnan, Hon. Sec., in his review of the year's activities to the annual general meeting of Herbertstown G.A.A. Club last week.

The following officers were elected for the season 1965/'66: President, Martin O'Dwyer; Vice-President, Gerard Bresnan; Chairman, Joseph Conway; Hon. Secretary, James Bresnan; Treasurer, Garrett Barry. Committee — Messrs. Pat Long, Michael Spillane, Jimmy Conway, Patrick Higgins and Daniel Ryan. Selection Committee — Messrs. G. Bresnan, Jimmy Conway and Pat Baggott.

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## G.A.A.

Herbertstown minor hurlers made their exit from the South Limerick championship at Kilmallock, when failing to Glenroe on the score 6-5 to 5-5. Our minor footballers, under the Hospital banner, met a similar fate on Sunday last when failing to Rallylanders, 2-7 to 1-1.

## CAMOGIE

Herbertstown Camogie team open their 1966 campaign at Bruff on Sunday next, when they meet South Liberties in the opening round of the County Senior Camogie League.

1966 - South J.F. Final at Kilbenny.

16.10.1966. Beat Rallylanders 3.9 to 1.6

Tom Burke, \* Mickie Cogan, Matt Whelan, \* Matt O'Shea, Aidan O'Sullivan, Phil Cornell, Captain, James Brennan, Noel Ryan (ft. 24) Garrett Barry, \* Eamonn Murphy, Sean Burke, Derek C.B.S. & M. Hurker, Frank Brennan, Frankie Ryan, Mick Ryan, Frank O'Sheery

\* returned from England for game.

Tom Burke, Mickie Cogan and Eamonn Murphy played when last won South Champ. in 1956.

# S. Limerick football semi-final

Hospital-Herbertstown, 8-8;  
Banogue, 0-2.

Hospital-Herbertstown qualified for the South Limerick Football semi-final at Kilmallock on Sunday when they defeated Banogue in the quarter-final by 8 goals and 8 pts. to 2 pts.

At no time during the hour did Banogue shape like making a fight of it, and when T. Higgins scored Hospital - Herbertstown's first goal in the 14th minute play, the game became a one-sided affair in which Hospital-Herbertstown were completely top.

The winners led at half-time 5 goals and 5 pts. to nil, and in the second period had little in scoring at will, the only goal of the game being punctuated by 8 pts. for Banogue.

Scorers for Hospital-Herbertstown were: M. M. Fox, T. Higgins, V. Ryan, J. Bresnan, N. Ryan.

Banogue's score by P. Fitzgerald. Referee was Mr. [unclear]

## Easy win

Herbertstown, 1-3; Bruff, 1-1.

Excitement ran high in this South Limerick Juvenile football final at Kilmallock, as Herbertstown held on grimly to defeat Bruff by 1 goal and 3 points to 1 goal and 1 point.

Excitement was so high that some spectators had a private row of their own on the sideline in the second half, which spilled over on to the pitch and the game was held up for some minutes while the spectators were calmed down and moved back to the sideline again.

Scorers - Herbertstown: M. Conway (1-0), M. Phillips (0-3). Bruff: G. Hayes (1-0) and T. Hehir (0-1).

## ST. JOHN'S PARK, HOSPITAL

SAINT John's Park, Hospital, had a "good number of matches" during the past year. Garda Sean McAuliffe, secretary to the park committee, told the A.G.M.

"But, as usual, the lack of support as far as stewarding is concerned was bad," he added.

The treasurer, Mr. Edward Mitchell, M.I.A.A., reported a credit balance for the year, which had been deposited in the bank.

Both were re-elected.

The chairman, Very Rev. Richard Canon Power, P.P., Hospital, who was also re-elected, thanked the secretary for the work he put into the field.

Rev. P. Morris, C.C., was re-elected vice-chairman.

## Eastern G.A.A. Roundabout

By "Setanta"

Herbertstown ... 4-4  
Knockaney ... 3-2

This was a very exciting and closely contested game. Herbertstown forced the pace from the throw-in and were rewarded with an early goal from Noel Ryan. Knockaney gradually found their feet, and after a hard half hour's hurrling only trailed at the interval by two points.

The second half was a ding-dong struggle all the way. The lead changed hands a few times and the scores were level twice.

Entering the last quarter Knockaney led by a point, but a great goal by Paddy Phillips swung the game in favour of the locals, who increased their advantage in an exciting finish.

Best for Herbertstown were Matty O'Shea, Toss Ryan, J. McCarthy, G. Barry and J. Bresnan.

Tom Hickey, Dan Murnane, Mick Browne and W. Coffey were most in the picture for a gallant losing side.

Pallas ... 2-7  
Herbertstown ... 0-3

Herbertstown were on top from the throw-in, but great defensive work by W. Shanahan (goal) and Jim Howard held them at bay. The marking was so close that no score was recorded until the 12th minute, when Jim McCarthy put the home supporters cheering with a point from a free. Having broken the ice, Herbertstown followed with points from McCarthy and Noel Ryan. Patsy Brunnock and Jimmy Carr then notched points for Pallas, leaving the score 0-3 to 0-2 in favour of the home team at the interval.

Scores were again hard to come by in the second half and with five minutes left for play Pallas led by 0-4 to 0-2. Pallas then went on a scoring spree and scored 2-3 before the final whistle to finish deserving but flattering winners.

Great credit must go to the backs for keeping Herbertstown's scoreless in the second half.

Best fir the winners were Jim Howard, Willie Shanahan, Con Dwyer, Maurice Power and Jim Carr.

## A.G.M.

The annual general meeting of St. John's Sportsfield Committee in Hospital was held recently. The following officers were elected: Chairman, Very Rev. Canon Power, P.P.; Vice-Chairmen, Rev. T. Morris, C.C. and Patrick Foley, Oldtown; Secretary, Garda Sean McAuliffe, Rev. Bro. Donal; and Treasurer, Edward Mitchell.

## HERBERTSTOWN

### Hurling Shield

Herbertstown junior hurlers had a facile victory over Kilmallock in the South Limerick Junior Hurling Shield at Meanus on Sunday last. Impressive on a fifteen that showed a lack of match practice were Toss Ryan, Matty O'Shea, Tom Bresnan, Garrett Barry, John McCarthy and young Pat Reale in goal.

St. Ailbe's, the Knockaney-Herbertstown senior selection, will have their first outing in the County Senior Cup on Sunday, April 11, when they meet Kilmallock.

The local club has been granted permission to hold their annual tournament from May 11 to May 23.

### CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Toss Ryan on his selection on the County Limerick under 21 hurling team for the Munster championships. Toss has had a varied sporting career, having won several cross-country and track championships, and has previously worn the county jersey in cross-country and minor football spheres.

# Hospital.

The call of the emigrant ship leaves the parish of Hospital the poorer every year of many

young men who leave to seek their living in other lands. Year after year they go and this has increased the difficulties of the G.A.A. in the parish in achieving any success, but last year they won the South Limerick Junior Football Championship, and Chairman of the County Board, Jack O'Connell, presented the trophy to captain Phil O'Carroll at the club's dinner in the Glentworth Hotel. In the last nine months seven footballers have emigrated, Phil told me, but nevertheless they gained the honours and attribute their success to the good work of the De La Salle Brothers

## THE PAST

Brother Gabriel is secretary of the club and told me that last year they also won a tournament at Galbally and were beaten in the final of a tournament at Ballylanders. They regret the many that leave and in 1966 away from home Peter Lavery was acclaimed the outstanding hurler of the year in U.S. Chairman Michael O'Neill welcomed not only the guests from Hospital but also from Knockainey, Bruff, Emly and Herbertstown and hoped that their club dinner will become the great annual social occasion of the locality. Rev. Fr. Morrissey, C.C., who is Chairman of the Herbertstown Hurling Club, deplored the lack of respect for referees. They were all important in making the game more enjoyable for everyone and it was time that they were elevated to the status they deserved, he said, surely thinking of some of the incidents that marred the enjoyment at games during the year.

## HANDBALL

Hospital's association with the G.A.A. is deep-rooted and the work of the De La Salle Brothers in promoting the high ideals synonymous with the G.A.A. were all too often overlooked. The Brothers have given much to the Association for the benefit of many clubs recalled Patrick Ryan, Chairman of the South Board, and he remembered that it was to Hospital they came some three years ago for the reforming of the South Board. Jack O'Connell is one of the past pupils that the Brothers are proud of, and he reminded the gathering of about 200 that Hospital also has a tradition of fine handballers. A former secretary of the club is Tom Bourke, and old Hospital stalwarts of the county teams present included vice-chairman Joe Kenny, Jackie Walsh and Dick Fitzgerald. Despite their handicaps, Hospital marches to victory and their hopes are high that they'll be able to bring a county title to the parish that has given so many men to the county teams.

## HURLING LEAGUE

In an effort to infuse interest in hurling amongst the youth of the parish, Herbertstown G.A.A. Club has inaugurated a 10-a-side juvenile league. Four teams have been selected and the outright winners will receive a set of trophies donated by Rev. Fr. M. Morrissey, C.C., Herbertstown. The teams are as follows:

**Team A** — Billy Enright, Con Condon, Pat Curtin, Dan McInerney, Patsy Heagney, Ged Enright, Thomas Ryan, Vivian Slattery, John Heagney, Tony Finn.

**Team B** — Frank Corbett, Patsy Quane, Tommy Higgins, John Joe Ryan, Liam Lowery, Michael O'Brien, Paul Quane, Sean Kiely, Sean Condon, Billy Higgins.

**Team C** — Patrick Finn, Jimmy Higgins, Finbarr Cleary, Cyril Greaney, Joe Condon, Denis Wallace, Timothy Doody, John Ryan, Liam Jones, Michael Ryan.

**Team D** — Tim Mucally, Teddy Higgins, Michael Quane, Michael Condon, Joan Wallace, Michael Conway, Martin Phillips (village), Teddy Barron, Seamus Dooley, Martin Phillips.

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## SOUTH TITLE (Under 14)

The South hurling title for under-14's was won by Hospital recently. The team was: P. Ryan, J. Cleary, G. Enright, G. Mitchell, M. O'Brien, P. O'Connor, Joe Condon, J. Higgins, E. Mitchell, G. O'Shea, J. O'Donoghue, E. Quinn, M. O'Leary, J. Reale. Subs. T. Higgins, M. Phillips, P. Haigney and M. Daly. Scorers were: J. Reale, Joe Condon, E. Quinn and E. Mitchell. There was great rejoicing in the locality on their victory and to mark their very great achievement a huge bonfire was lit in the town.

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## A.G.M. of Hospital G.A.A. Club

A very large and representative gathering attended the annual general meeting of the Hospital G.A.A. Club held in the local Muintir na Tire Hall on Friday, January 20. The past year reviewed related the winning of the South Limerick junior football championship and a reasonably successful year in all spheres of field activity. The financial reckoning was not quite so satisfactory as a deficit of £39 on the year's working was recorded. Officers elected for 1967 were:—

President, Rev. Fr. Morris; Chairman, Mr. Michael O'Neill; Vice-Chairmen, Messrs. N. Ledin and Joseph Kenny; Secretary, Rev. Bro. Gabriel; Asst. Secretary, Mr. Thomas Murphy; Treasurer, Mr. John Moran; Asst. Treasurer, Mr. James Carroll.

Committee—Messrs. T. Burke, E. Magner, W. Woods, R. Fitzgerald, M. Fox, S. Reddin and W. O'Rourke.

Selection committee — Chairman, Secretary, Captain, with T. Murphy and J. Carroll.

Team trainers—M. Fox and Bro. Gabriel.

Junior captain, Phil Carroll; vice-captain, Aiden Sullivan.

Under-21 captain, John N. Reale; vice-captain, Frankie Ryan; Minor captain, Aiden Sullivan; vice-captain, Sean Reddin.

It was unanimously decided that the position would remain as last year with Hospital entering only football teams and depending on a boost to their selections with the inclusion of Herbertstown players. A delegation of two officers of the club are to seek a hearing from the Herbertstown Hurling Club with a view towards developing greater co-operation between the two units. With the all-round enthusiasm displayed the club look hopefully to the resumption of activities in 1967.

## Sportsfield Committee

A meeting of the Hospital Sportsfield Committee was held recently. The following officers were elected for the coming year—Chairman, Very Rev. R. Canon Power, P.P., V.F.; Vice-Chairmen, Rev. Fr. T. Morris, C.C., and Mr. Patk. Foley; Secretary, Mr. Michael Fox; Asst. Secretary, Brother Anselm, and Treasurer, Mr. Edward Mitchell, and a large committee. Tributes were paid to Rev. Bro. Anselm, who, as Secretary, worked so unceasingly to develop the field, and congratulations were extended to Philip Carroll and Garret Barry of the local football team on their selection on the county junior football side to play Clare in the Munster championship.

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# Hospital.

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In the first half, Galbally had the edge and led at half-time by 1-3 to 0-4. In the second half, however, Hospital took control, wiped out the arrears and went on to deserve their 6 points win.

Best for Hospital were: M. O'Neill (at centre back), M. Corbett (goal), W. Frazer, J. Condon, M. Reale and P. O'Shea.

Scorers for Hospital were: J. Higgins and J. Donoghue (1-0 each), M. Reale (0-3), M. Leary, M. Quane and J. Condon (0-1 each).

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footballer  
3.8.68.*

## FOOTBALL

Herbertstown qualified for their second County final of the season when their juvenile footballers beat Ahane 1-3 to 1-2 in the semi-final at Croom on Sunday last and so qualified to meet Commercial in the final. Ahane led 1-2 to nil at the interval and the locals were still trailing by two points when Ger O'Shea punched the decisive goal three minutes from time for a deserved victory. Other scorers were Joe Condon (2 pts.) and Jimmy Higgins (1 pt.), while others to impress were Finbarr Cleary, Michael O'Brien, Pat Prenderville, Mick O'Leary and Ger Enright.

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Herbertstown - 19.10.1969.

Juvenile Hurling Final.

*Ned Mitchell, Ed Enright, Finbarr Cleary,  
Pat Ryan, Gerald Mitchell, M. O'Leary,  
Martin Phillips, Joe Condon, Jimmy O'Donoghue,  
Eamon Quinn, Jimmy Reals, Jimmy Higgins  
M. Condon, Ed O'Shea, M. Conway.  
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Colours - maroon and white.*



The Herbertstown juvenile hurling team which won the South Limerick championship in 1969. They later failed by two points to Balling...

# Hospital.

FEILE NA nGAEL:

2/6/73

## Meet the

NA FIANNA

This may be a new name in Southern hurling activities, but the boys of Hospital/Herbertstown are no newcomers to the competitions. Victories may be rare in recent years, but many of the Junior team were on a successful side in the early sixties, and the revival of the club under the name of Na Fianna last year has kindled new interest in the game.

While county representatives have been few from this area, at least one member of the panel can claim that his father—"Dickie Fitz"—had the honour of keeping the great Christy Ring scoreless in a league game. Davy Finn of Killeely fame also has a son on the team. Another player, John McGrath, is following in the footsteps of a famous father—"Hopper" McGrath—who wore the county green and white.

Some of the players are more skilled in the art of handball. Lawrence O'Neill and Pat Hayes were Limerick Community Games champions in 1971, and were county runners-up in the Tailteann Games this year and last. John Quish is a Tailteann Games champion this year, and was the only underage winner for Limerick against Tipperary recently. Pat Reale is also on the Community Games panel.

For the past two years the team has been invited to compete in the James Stephens' Juvenile tournament in Kilkenny. They have not been successful as they were drawn against the host club last year and this year went out to Abbeyleix—a team ably led by a son of Mick Bohane of Laois fame.

The team is managed by Maurice Tierney, at Figgins, Joe Conway, Garda Sean McAuliffe, Darby Finn and Bro. Cyril. They are looking forward to the visit of the Louth champions and plans for their accommodation and entertainment are being drafted. Mrs. Tierney is making the club banner. A set of jerseys in yellow with a hoop of blue-green-blue was purchased last year and worn with green togs, looks quite distinctive.

The panel is: Tom Reale, Eugene Sullivan, Michael Sullivan (capt.), John McGrath, Derek Cagney, Lawrence O'Neill, Pat Higgins, Pat Hayes, Pat Reale, John Quish, eddy Finn, Maurice Murphy, Michael Hennessy, Martin Kiely, Eamonn Kiely, Eamonn O'Neill, Michael O'Donnell, Gerard Carty, Martin Quaid, Joseph O'Sullivan and Dan Murphy.

The team has competed in the Community Games hurling for the past couple of years, but have been drawn against Monaleen in '72 and '73, and against such talented opposition, defeat was their lot.

## Wins for 1970 Glenoe and Bruff

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

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

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

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

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

### EASY FOR BRUFF

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

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

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

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

## Herbertstown 1970

## Tournament final

The final of the Wills Cup junior hurling tournament between Killeely and Garryspillane takes place at the GAA Field, Herbertstown, on this (Friday) evening at 7.30. In the minor hurling tournament, Herbertstown defeated Kilmallock, 4-12 to 4-5, after a replay and in the other semi-final Dromin - Athlaca overcame Garryspillane. The final will be fixed when the schools examinations are finished.

# Hospital

## SUSPENSIONS

Eight members of the Hospital G.A.A. Club were suspended by the chairman for playing foreign games, following a report from the Divisional Vigilance Committee. They were: John Reale, Michael Reale, Tony Reale, John Reale, Michael Cremmins, Liam Manahan, Eamonn Canty and Thomas O'Toole.

April 1970

## G.A.A. 71 officials

The annual general meeting of Hospital G.A.A. Club was held in the Hall, Hospital, on Wednesday, the 18th instant. The following officers were elected for 1971:

President, Rev. Fr. Thomas Morris, C.C., Hospital; chairman, Mr. Patrick Reale; vice-chairman, Mr. Edmond Leddan; secretary, Mr. Richard Fitzgerald; assistant secretary, Mr. Michael O'Leary; treasurer, Mr. John Leahy.

Committee: Messrs. Edmond Magner, James Carroll, John Prenderville, Thomas Lee, John Carroll, Edmond Creighton, Thomas Burke, Michael Cremmins, Jerry Lyons, Dick Foley and Tom Murphy.

At the A.G.M. of Herbertstown G.A.A. Club the following officers were elected: President, Martin O'Dwyer; Chairman, Joseph Conway; Vice-Chairmen, Michael O'Brien and Pat Baggot; Hon. Sec., Maurice Tierney; Asst. Sec., Gerard Bresnan; Treas., Father M. Morrissey, C.C.

The club's first annual dinner dance will take place at Cronin's Hotel, Charleville, on Saturday, 13th March. Tickets are available from Messrs. Joe Conway or Maurice Tierney. A bus service will operate from Herbertstown village.

## Hall of fame 1971

Mr. John Murphy, Clougherville, Herbertstown, is the first recipient of the Bord na nOg 'Hall of Fame' award. This award will be presented annually by Bord na nOg for feats of note or services rendered to the Board. Mr. Murphy has been P.R.O. with Bord na nOg since 1963, and was responsible for the inauguration of the Golden Amber awards three years ago.

The award was presented at a special function at the Glentworth Hotel by Eamonn Grimes, the well-known inter-county hurler.

## Minors 1971 qualify

Herbertstown minor hurlers qualified for the South final on Sunday last when they scored a facile win over Garryspillane. They meet Kilmallock in the

1972. Under 14 Hurling

Na Fianna 6.0 Bruff 0.1

Na Fianna Team - Joseph Kennedy, M. O'Sullivan, Philip Cloy, Sean O'Neill,

Peter Higgins, Seamus Finn, Kevin Sheehy, Dermot Agney, Thomas Kelly, Seamus O'Donovan,

Philip O'Donovan, Timothy Dwyer, Maurice Conery, Patrick Murphy

Colours - All Black, White Collar, Cuffs & numbers.

Knockree Festival 1972. JH J'neat  
Final. Na Fianna 3.5 Glenroe 1.3

## Herbertstown 2

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## Champions at Last!

Herbertstown won their first ever South Limerick championship at Bruff on Friday evening when they defeated Kilmallock 2-7 to 2-1 in the juvenile hurling final. The winning team lined out: Ned Mitchell (goal), Ged Enright, Michael O'Brien, Finbar Cleary, Gerard Mitchell, Michael O'Leary, Pat Ryan, Jimmy Reale, Joe Condon, Jimmy Higgins, Eamonn Quin, Gerard O'Shea, Michael Conway, Martin Phillips, Jimmy O'Donoghue. They now meet the Eastern champions in the county semi-final.

## Herbertstown

## Minor 1971 hurlers

The local minor hurling team advanced to the second round of the divisional championship when they easily accounted for Croom on Sunday last. Two weeks ago Herbertstown won both hurling and football in the juvenile grade and the present minor side is backboned by these former under 16 players. With plenty of training they could make a bold attempt to take the minor double this year.

## THRILLING RE-PLAY 1972

Na Fianna junior hurlers played a thrilling draw with Kiltelly/Dromkeen in the replay of the Hospital Festival junior hurling tournament final.

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## G.A.A. Personality

Sean Murphy, Limerick County  
G.A.A. Board P.R.O.

Limerick Co. G.A.A. Board followed the trend of other counties this week by appointing a public relations officer in the person of Sean Murphy.

Mr. Murphy was introduced at a Press conference in the Shannon Arms Hotel by Mr. Rory Kiely, chairman of the County Board, who said the appointment was necessary in these challenging times to ensure that Gaelic games get adequate coverage from the mass media. He appealed to all clubs to give the new officer their wholehearted support, otherwise he will fail to achieve the coverage he has set out to obtain.

Of his new appointment, Mr. Murphy said his primary objective was to spotlight club activities. "Too often," he continued, "the Press was subjected to severe criticism when in fact the cause of poor publicity lay with the clubs and various Boards." To remedy this defect and to ensure a steady flow of information to himself, he urged all clubs to appoint a special officer with sole responsibility for publicity.

Sean Murphy, a native of Herbertstown, has a long association with Gaelic games both as player and administrator. He played minor and junior hurling and football with his native parish and was elected chairman of Herbertstown G.A.A. Club when only 18 years of age. He was secretary of Hospital-Herbertstown Club for three years.

On moving to the city in 1963, his ability and industry for work was recognised by Old Christians and he was appointed Hon. Secretary of the club, a post he held for three years. He is still an active member of the club committee.

He was appointed Press Officer of Bord na n-Og in 1963 and of the City Board in 1964. He still fills both of these posts admirably. He was a Limerick representative at the recent Leadership Course and will be a delegate at the GAA Congress in Galway on Easter week-end.

On the athletic front he was founder member and only Hon. Secretary of the Herbertstown NACA Athletic Club, which produced Gerry Slattery, Irish sprint champion, and Dave McDonogh, the only Limerick cyclist to win an Irish road championship.

He was recorder of the Limerick County NACA Board from 1959 until its disbandment in 1966 and was chairman of the Board for 2 years, 1961/62. He is Press Officer for athletics since 1960.

Sean also acted as team-manager of the Limerick team in the 1961 Ras Tailteann and was one of the organisers of the Limerick City stage-end of the famous 8-day race in 1965.

Sean is Assistant Manager of Jordan Estates Ltd., 105 O'Connell St., Limerick.

He is married to the former Miss Teresa Russell and they reside at "Villa Maria," Lowe Park. They have three children: John, 5½; Orla, 4½, and Brian, 6 months.

Herbertstown 1970

## G.A.A. official

John Murphy, a native of Clougherviller, Herbertstown, has been appointed P.R.O. to the Limerick County G.A.A. Board. A former player with Herbertstown, he served as chairman of the local club and hon. secretary of Hospital G.A.A. for many years. He was a founder-member and hon. secretary of the very successful Herbertstown N.A.C.A. athletic and cycling club. He has been press officer of Bord na n-Og and the City G.A.A. Board for the past five years. He is at present attached to Old Christians G.A.A. Club, of which he was hon. sec. for three years. He is wished every success in his new appointment. He was one of the Limerick delegates at the G.A.A. leadership course last week-end.

## First trophy 17-6-72

At Knockainey on Sunday evening Na Fianna, Herbertstown/Hospital combination, won their first trophy when they easily beat Glenroe in the local festival junior hurling tournament final. Na Fianna team lined out:

Tom Bourke, Mike McInerney, Paddy O'Shea, Paul O'Sullivan, John Leddin, Tossie Ryan, James Bresnihan, Phil Lavery, Mike O'Leary, Aiden Higgins, Garrett Barry, John Real, Sean McAuliffe, John Higgins, Francis O'Brien.

Subs.: Mick Mangan, Aiden Quinn, John Real.

## LIMERICK LEADER, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 1972



Taking part in the final of the Community Games handball at St. Munchin's College were, from left: Frank Flanagan, Michael Walsh, both of St. Mary's; P. O'Halloran, who was the referee; Martin O'Shea, Patrick Donovan of Hospital. The winners of the match were Hospital.

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Na Fianna, Hospital, under 14 hurling team. 26-5-73

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Hurling final at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last. The Feinne. G. J. H. Finel

## Hospital 2/4/73 Junior footballers

Nt Fianna junior football team created a major surprise at Bruff on Saturday evening. Short five of their regular side, they defeated Camogue Rovers, a much more fancied side, by 10 points in the South Limerick Junior Championship.

The minor team make their appearance next Sunday, and are expected to give a good account of themselves.

### BINGO WINNER

Mrs. Bourke, of Herbertstown, won £50 at Hospital Bingo on Monday night.

## HURLING TITLE 12/10/74 FOR GLENROE

Glenroe ..... 2-7  
Castletown-Ballyagran ..... 0-6

Glenroe created a surprise when they toppled favourites Castletown-Ballyagran to become the South Limerick Junior hurling champions after a runaway victory over Kilmallock.

Playing with the wind in the first half they had the advantage and led at half time by 1-7 to 0-2. Better things were expected of Castletown-Ballyagran and they did in fact reduce their lead and dominate the play.

However, they lacked scoring power, owing to the poor finishing of their forwards, and Glenroe clinched the issue with another goal.

## JUNIOR HURLING SEMI-FINAL:

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While Na Fianna's win was a deserved one, Treaty Sarsfields did not get a just reward for their efforts. They never gave up trying, and for most of the second half they carried the fight to their winning opponents. Stephen O'Shaughnessy was outstanding at full-back, and again at centre-back in the second half. Don Purtill, at left half-back, did trajan work. In attack, Ken Rennison tried very hard, and he was best suppor-

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Referee, G. Fitzgerald (Rathkeale).

## County Junior Hurling final: 17/11/73

# Meet the Na Fianna players

**W**HEN NA FIANNA—a combination drawn from the parishes of Hospital and Herbertstown—line-out against Boher in the County Junior Hurling final at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday next at 2.45, they will be attempting to end a barren spell for teams from their district.

Hospital teams have won county honours on a few occasions but Herbertstown have yet to win a county title in any grade. They failed in both juvenile hurling and football finals a few years ago and skipper Garrett Barry will be hoping for better luck on this occasion. Powered by many of that juvenile side which lost to Ballingarry, Na Fianna have shown themselves to be a talented team on their path to the decider. They overcame a fancied Castletown-Ballyagran side in the South final and then eliminated highly-rated Treaty Sarsfields in a dull semi-final. They possess a sound defence built around such stalwarts as James Bresnihan, Phil Carroll, Paul O'Sullivan and Mike Reale, a beneficial duo at midfield in speedy Joe Condon and crafty Joe Moran, while Garrett Barry, John Reale, Denis O'Leary and Sean McAuliffe are forwards capable of notching the scores. They have trained earnestly for the contest and while they respect their opponents, Boher, Fr. Morrissey and his fellow mentors including Paddy Reale and Maurice Tierney, are quietly confident that the cup is bound for the hillside village.

The team to don the maroon and black jerseys against Boher will be selected from the following panel:

Tony Reale—Age 23. Height 5-9. Weight 11-0. A fitter. Plays hurling and football with the John Leddin—Age 23. Height 5-10. Weight 12-8. Auctioneer. Also a dual player, a former Limerick county senior hurler.

Phil Carroll—Age 30. Height 5-11. Weight 13-10. Salesman. A member of the Hospital De La Salle team which won the Kinnane Cup in 1961. Won two South J.F. medals with Hospital and a South J.H. medal with Bruff.

Paul O'Sullivan—Age 26. Height 5-10. Weight 13-0. Driver with Ranks. Won an East J.H. medal with Caherline.

Mike Reale—Age 21. Height 5-9. Weight 13-6. Civil engineer. A former juvenile star.

James Bresnihan—Age 28. Height 6-0. Weight 13-0. Sales representative. Won Kinnane Cup in 1961 and South M.F. medal in 1962. A brother of former Limerick stalwart full-back, J. J. Bresnihan.

Aiden Higgins—Age 28. Height 5-8. Weight 10-5. Clerk. Kinnane Cup winner and a former county minor.

Garrett Barry—Age 28. Height 5-11. Weight 12-10. Farmer. Former county minor. He won a Munster Schools rugby medal with Mungret College, captain of the team.

Joe Moran—Age 22. Height 6-1. Weight 11-5. Farmer. Has represented Limerick in minor, Under 21, junior and senior football.

John Reale (Reilly)—Age 26. Height 5-7. Weight 10-12. Gardener. Won medals in all grades of hurling and football.

Joe Condon—Age 20. Height 5-8. Weight 10-7. Student. Won a Fitzgibbon cup medal with Maynooth College in 1972.

Denis O'Leary—Age 22. Height 5-8. Weight 11 st. Insurance official. Former county minor footballer with Kildare.

John Reale (Killer)—Age 24. Height 5-10. Weight 13-7. Contractor. Plays hurling and football with the club.

Sean McAuliffe—Age 26. Height 5-10. Weight 13 st. Garda. Won a county senior football medal with Athea. Has played all grades of football with Limerick.

Ged O'Shea—Age 20. Height 5-11. Weight 12 st. Labourer. Won a county juvenile hurling medal in 1968.

Tom Burke—Age 36. Height 5-11. Weight 14 st. Publican. Longest serving member of the team. Has won trophies for hurling, football, soccer, handball, tennis and badminton.

Jimmy Higgins—Age 19. Height 5-6. Weight 10 st. Office worker.

Michael McInerney—Age 25. Height 5-9. Weight 12 st. Creamery worker.

Christy Higgins—Age 24. Height 5-6. Weight 10-0. C.I.E. employee.

Thos. Ryan—Age 27. Height 5-9. Weight 12-7. Builder's employee. Former cross-country champion. Has played hurling and football for Limerick. Won an East J.H. medal with Killeedy in 1969.

Mick O'Leary—Age 21. Height 6-1. Weight 13-7. Won a county juvenile hurling medal in 1968.

Mick Barron—Age 37. Height 5-9. Weight 11-3. Machien operator. The veteran of the side but one of the fittest. Won a South J.H. medal with Knockaney in 1963.

Mick Mangan, Age 30. Height 6-2. Weight 14-7. Painter. Learned his hurling at Adare C.B.S. Equally effective in attack or defence.

Michael O'Brien—Age 20. Height 5-6. Weight 10-3. Shop assistant. Won county juvenile hurling medal in 1968.

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## Na Fianna winners

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Na Fianna ..... 1-15  
Knockaney ..... 0-2

Na Fianna proved too good for Knockaney in this quarter-final of the South Limerick junior hurling championship at Bruff and fully deserved their 1-15 to 0-2 win.

Na Fianna got off to a good start in a game, which was played in trying conditions, and they quickly got on top of their neighbours, Knockaney, who failed to score in the first half, at the end of which Na Fianna led by 1-10 to 0-0.

Knockaney showed up in better light in the second half and might very well have been in a better position at the end if they had availed of some good opportunities. Na Fianna, however, still continued to impress and, holding their grip on the game, ran out rather easy winners.

Scorers: Na Fianna—M. Mangin (1-1), G. Barry (0-6), J. Condon (0-4), S. McAuliffe (0-3), and J. Higgins (0-1).

Knockaney's scorer was A. Madden.

Referee, Mr. D. Toomey, Mitchelstown.

# County Junior Hurling Final:

## Third time lucky for Boher

Under Na Fianna

24/11

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Early misses prove costly for Na Fianna

BY SEAN MURPHY

BOHER, 1-6;

NA FIANNA, 1-3

**B**OHER, appearing in their third final in eight years, made it third time lucky at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last when they defeated Na Fianna 1-6 to 1-3 in the county junior hurling championship final.

Despite the low scoring this was one of the best and most exciting finals seen in this grade for many years. What a pity it was marred by a few unwarranted outbursts of foul play including one vicious assault. Na Fianna had two players ordered off while Boher had one sidelined.

### GREAT HURLING

Na Fianna opened up as if they were going to engulf Boher. During the opening 20 minutes they played superb hurling with Joe Condon and Joe Moran ruling the roost at mid-field, but their forwards lacked drive and many glorious scoring opportunities went abegging.

Eventually, it was Boher who opened the scoring in the 9th minute with a point from a free by Tony Hickey and the same player stretched his side's advantage with a white flag from play. Na Fianna continued to force the initiative but could not score even from frees. These failures proved costly in the final analysis.

In the 14th minute, Paddy McLoughlin shot a Boher point from play but at last, Na Fianna were rewarded for their pressure when John Reale flashed home a goal to level matters in the 16th. Both goals, Donal Leahy (Boher) and Tony Reale (Na Fianna) were seen to advantage with some fine saves before team captain, Garrett Barry, shot Na Fianna into the lead with a point from play in the 25th minute.

Na Fianna had tough luck just before the break when a pile-driver by Joe Moran was deflected over the bar by goalie Donal Leahy, so Na Fianna led 1-2 to 0-3 at the interval. This, however, was a poor reflection of their superiority in the first half.

### DETERMINED

Na Fianna again opened in determined fashion, but the game was won and last in a two minute spell between the 6th and 8th minute. Firstly, Paddy McLoughlin availed of a defensive error to shoot a goal and Tony Hickey pointed a free.

Boher were now a new force with captain, Patsy Laffan, an inspired force at centre-back. They began to get a grip at mid-field when a knee injury was hampering Joe Condon, and Joe Moran had run out of steam. Na Fianna, too, were upset, following the dismissal of their full-back, but they rallied their forces, but try as they might they could not match the all round composure of Boher.

Points from play by Tony Hickey and John Brouder pushed Boher four points ahead but Na Fianna fought back fiercely to reduce the deficit but they could only manage a point from play by John Reale. In an exciting finish they bombarded the Boher goal, but a resolute Boher defence won the day.

For Boher, who paced their effort to perfection, Donal Leahy, Patsy Laffan, P. J. O'Shea, Brendan Quirke, John Brouder, Paddy McLoughlin, and Tony Hickey were outstanding while Paul O'Sullivan, Mike Reale, James Brosnihan, Aidan Higgins, Joe Condon, Joe Moran and John Reale, were most in the picture for Na Fianna.

Scorers: Boher: P. McLoughlin, 1-1; T. Hickey, 0-4; J. Brouder, 0-1.

Na Fianna: J. Reale, 1-1; Barry, J. Mason, 0-1 each.

### TEAMS

Boher: D. Leahy, P. O'Connor, J. Walsh, P. J. Fitzgibbon, F. J. O'Shea, P. Laffan, T. Ryan, B. Quirke, I. Walsh, J. Brouder, S. Hickey, M. Foley, P. McLoughlin, T. Hickey, P. Walsh. Subs.: F. Hickey for M. Foley, O. O'Neill for P. Walsh.

Na Fianna: T. Reale, J. Leddin, P. Carroll, P. O'Sullivan, M. Reale, J. Brosnihan, A. Higgins, J. Condon, J. Moran, J. O'Leary, G. Barry, J. Higgins, S. McAuliffe, J. Reale, J. Reale. Subs.: G. O'Shea for S. McAuliffe.

Amidst great excitement, M. Rory Kiely, Chairman, Limerick County Board, presented the trophy to Patsy Laffan, captain of the Boher team.

Referee: S. O'Conner (Cloughaun).

## Glenroe GAA

The A.G.M. of the Glenroe Hurling Club was held recently in the local hall. A very large and enthusiastic crowd attended.

1974 went on record as being the most successful so far for the club who won their first ever South and County Limerick Junior hurling titles.

The chairman, in the course of his address urged that something positive would be done towards obtaining a parish sports field and in thanking everybody who helped make 1974 the success that it was for the club asked for the same spirit of co-operation to continue.

The treasurers very detailed report showed that club finances were in a healthy condition and a credit balance was recorded.

It was decided to enter teams in the following grades for 1975, hurling, Minor hurling, under 16 and under 14 hurling.

The following officers were elected.

President Thomas Howard, Chairman Matt O'Callaghan, Vice-Chairmen Jerh Coffey & Matt O'Brien, Secretary M. J. Hennessy, Ass. Sec. M. Howard, Treasurer Rd. Coffey, General committee members, Jim Maloney, Mee, Coffey John McSweeney, John Hennessy, Goc. Howard, Jim Lee, M. Russell was unanimously re-elected team trainer.

Selection Committee for Interim hurling and Junior hurling teams are as follows, team trainer and captain in each case plus Jerh. Coffey James Lee and Matt O'Callaghan.

Team captains, Intermediate hurling Dick Coffey, Vice captain Pat Maloney, Junior hurling M.J. Hennessy, Vice captain John Hennessy Minor hurling M. McSweeney, Vice captain M. J. Coffey.

## Herbertstown

Na Fianna junior footballers received a great welcome on their return to Herbertstown and Hospital on Sunday evening last, after that great victory in the county junior football final at the Gaelic Grounds. In a very exciting game they defeated Oola by 0-9 to 0-4.

The winning panel are as follows — Michael Reale (capt.), Tom Bourke, John Leddin, Joe Moran, Thomas O'Toole, John Hayes, Jimmy Reale, John O'Toole, Jimmy Carroll, John Reale, Garrett Barry, Mike Ryan, Billy Higgins, Phil Carroll, Jimmy Higgins, Sean McAuliffe, Harry O'Dowd, Geddy Ryan, Bob Kiely, D. J. Ryan and John Higgins.

The selectors were Eddie Creighton, Tom Bourke and John Higgins, and the team was trained by Harry Green-smith.

The players and officials wish to thank Bruff R.F.C. for the use of their pitch at Killballyowen for training purposes.

I.C.A.

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Na Fianna made G.A.A. history on Sunday last when they inscribed their name on the South Limerick J.F. roll of honour for the first time by defeating Dromin/Athlaca at Bruff. The winning team lined out; John Higgins, John Leddin, Sean McAuliffe, Tom O'Toole, Jimmy Reale, Michael Reale (capt.), Joe Moran, John O'Toole, John Hayes, Michael Ryan, Jimmy Carroll, Billy Higgins, Garrett Barry, Harry O'Dowd, Jimmy Higgins.

Subs.: John Reale, D. T. Ryan, Bob Kiely, Jimmy O'Donoghue, Phil Carroll, Geddy Ryan and Tom Bourke.

## Junior Hurling Championship:

# Glenroe for county final

GLENROE 0-13;

PATRICKSWELL 1-4

**THE SOUTH** Limerick divisional champions, Glenroe, qualified for the county junior hurling final when they defeated Patrickswell by a six-point margin at Bruff on Sunday.

In a very entertaining game, the younger Glenroe side were most deserving winners. They led 0-5 to 0-1 at the interval, after playing with the aid of the wind. This was a very uncomfortable lead going into the second half, but they produced their best hurling after the resumption, and always shaped like winners.

Patrickswell rallied in the last quarter, and a Ger Higgins goal from a 21 yards free, reduced the deficit to two points, but the Southern men struck back and ran out good winners.

Seamus Murphy in goal, Moss

Lee at full back, Mike Daly, right half back; midfielders, Denis O'Dwyer and Tom O'Brien, left half forward, Mike Murphy and left corner forward, Moss Coffey, were the stars of the winning fifteen.

For Patrickswell, Liam Shinnors was outstanding at full-back; Philip Foley, put in a good hour's hurling at right half back, and in attack, Ger Hayes and Joe Lynch were most prominent.

### SCORERS

Glenroe: M. Murphy, 0-5; M. O'Brien, 0-3; M. Coffey, 0-3; T. O'Dwyer, 0-2.

Patrickswell: G. Hayes, 1-2; J. Lynch and P. J. O'Grady, 0-1 each.

Glenroe — S. Murphy; M. O'Brien, M. Lee, J. Sweeney; M. Daly, D. Coffey, P. Moloney; T. O'Brien, D. O'Dwyer; M. Murphy, M. O'Brien, T. O'Dwyer, P. Meade, T. Coffey, M. Coffey.

Patrickswell — M. Quaid; G. Bennis, L. Shinnors, D. Moran; P. Foley, P. J. O'Grady, J. Morrissey; T. Moran, P. Carey; G. Hayes, L. Mann, Jnr. Morrissey; N. Darcy, J. Carey, J. Lynch.

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

### OTHER RESULTS

Croom had little difficulty in retaining the Southern senior football crown when they defeated Camogue Rovers at Kilmallock. They led 1-3 to 0-2 at the interval, after playing against the strong breeze. The losers failed to score in the second half, and the final result was Croom 2-9, Camogue Rovers 0-3.

At Askeaton, Granagh defeated Knockaderry by a point, in the West Limerick J.H. final, while St. Kierans had the better of Glin in the S.F. final.

The county minor football final was also down for decision, at Askeaton, where Fr. Casey's were too good for N. Piarasigh.

## South J.H. title for Glenroe

Glenroe ..... 2-7  
Castletown-Ballyagran ... 0-6

Glenroe won the South Limerick Junior Hurling title at Kilmallock on Sunday when they had a surprise win over Castletown-Ballyagran in the final.

Glenroe, playing with the wind in the first half, had the better of the exchanges, and led at half time by 1 goal and 7 pts. to 2 pts.

Better things were expected of Castletown - Ballyagran, who were regarded as pre-match favourites, in the second half, and they reduced the arrears with four points. They were completely on top in the second half, but there was poor finishing by their forwards, and in the last five minutes, Glenroe went through for their second goal—their only score in this half—to clinch the issue.

Scorers: Glenroe — M. Coffey (1-0), D. O'Dwyer (1-1), M. Murphy (0-6).

Castletown - Ballyagran: J. Cullinane (0-6, all from frees).

Referee: Mr. J. Sheehan, Athlaca.

### TEAMS

Glenroe: S. Murphy, M. O'Brien, M. Lee, J. Sweeney, M. Daly, D. Coffey, P. Moloney, D. O'Dwyer, T. O'Brien, M. Murphy, P. O'Brien, T. O'Dwyer, P. Meade, T. Coffey and M. Coffey.

Castletown - Ballyagran: W. Donegan, T. Donegan, M. Donegan, J. O'Gorman, N. Cullinane, G. Greaney, W. White, J. Cullinane, D. J. Hourigan, J. Fitzgerald.

# FIERY FIANNA WIN FOR FIRST TIME

NA FIANNA ..... 0-9  
OOLA ..... 0-4  
FAST, fiery football, enabled Na Fianna to take their first county junior football championship at the expense of Oola in a lively and keenly contested final at the Gaelic Grounds.

The winners, a side drawn from the parishes of Hospital and Herbertstown, gave a polished performance and thoroughly deserved their five point win. They were much faster and sharper than their opponents and when Michael Ryan gave them the lead after two minutes they never looked back and went on to give a fine display of strong, open football.

Oola were slow in settling down and nineteen minutes had elapsed before Billy Ryan opened their account with a point. They came more into the game in the ten minutes preceeding half time and could possibly have goaled if their forwards had made better use of a great opportunity, set up by full forward Davie Quirke.

Na Fianna attacked continuously in the early stages of the second half, but thanks to fine covering by the Oola full back, Rodger Ryan, their scoring efforts fizzled out. At the end of the third quarter, Oola missed a penalty shot and were out of luck with two further efforts from play. These were near misses for the losers, but for the winners and in particular their goalkeeper, Tom Bourke, they were the saves of the year.

With ten minutes remaining, Jimmy Higgins, Garrett Barry and Jimmy Carroll, sent over points to ensure Na Fianna of the long awaited title.

Tom Bourke, Joe Moran, Mike

— by —  
**Mac Lear**

Reale, John Hayes, John O'Toole, Jimmy Carroll, Billy Higgins, and Garrett Barry starred for Na Fianna. The sporting losers were best served by Billy Ryan, Roger Ryan, Dick and John Quinlan, Davie Quirke, Pat Heuston and Sean Fitzgibbon.

G. Barry 0-4, J. Carroll 0-3, M. Ryan and J. Higgins 0-1 each were the Na Fianna scorers. B. Ryan 0-3 and P. Ryan 0-1 replied for Oola.

NA FIANNA: T. Bourke, J. Leddin, J. Moran, T. O'Toole, M. Reale (Capt.); J. Hayes, J. Reale, J. O'Toole, J. Carroll, M. Ryan, J. Barry, B. Higgins, J. Reale, P. Carroll, J. Higgins, Subs: D.J. Ryan for J. Reale. H. O'Dowd for J. O'Toole.

OOLA: M. Slattery, K. Bourke, R. Ryan, D. Quinlan, P. Anderson, J. Quinlan, T. McGrath, P. Heuston, S. Fitzgibbon, D. Holmes, J. Landers, B. Heuston, P. Ryan, D. Quirke, B. Ryan. Subs: P. Fitzgibbon for B. Heuston, B. Godfrey for J. Landers.

Referee, P. Lane (Foynes).

LONDON-BORN John Scully, scored two goals for Hospital Vocational School in their recen win over Kilmallock-Kilfinnane V.S. MR. GORDON WALLACE, a kinsman of Staker Wallace, who was hanged in Kilfinnane in 1798, for his United Irishman activities, has donated a perpetual trophy to the South Board. The trophy will be allotted to the J.H.C.

Mr. Wallace, a citizen of the V.S.A., wrote to Mr. Mannix Joyce, who in turn contacted the South Board.

SOUTH JFC FINAL:

## Runaway win for Na Fianna

Na Fianna ..... 4-9  
Dromin/Athlacca ..... 0-0

The South J.F.C. final at Bruff on Sunday, resulted in a runaway win for Na Fianna, who were never tested by a very poor Dromin/Athlacca combination.

The winners led by 2-6 at the interval and in the second-half they were again in command. The nearest Dromin/Athlacca came to scoring was in the dying seconds of the third quarter when they were awarded a penalty. The taker, however, kicked straight into the hands of the Na Fianna 'keeper and a chance to score was lost.

Sean McAuliffe, John Leddin, Mike Real, Joe Moran, John Hayes, Jimmy Carroll, Garrett Barry and Harry O'Dowd, starred for Na Fianna.

G. Barry, 2-0; H. O'Dowd, 1-3; J. O'Carroll, 1-3; J. O'Toole, J. Hayes and M. Ryan, 0-1 each, were the Na Fianna scorers.

Dromin/Athlacca were best

## 1945 Na Fianna for final

Na Fianna ... .. 1-6  
Garryspillane ... .. 0-7

Na Fianna qualified for the South Limerick Junior Football final at Bruff on Sunday when they defeated Garryspillane in the semi-final by two points.

It was a closely contested game with Na Fianna playing the more dynamic football and deserving their two point win.

They had their goal early in the game and this gave them the inspiration which had them leading at half time by 1-3 to 0-3 and, although Garryspillane were dangerous in the second period, the winners kept their grip on the game and finished well.

Scorers: Na Fianna—B. Higgins (1-0), J. O'Carroll (0-4), M. Ryan (0-1), and H. O'Dowd (0-1); Garryspillane—S. Burke (0-6), and P. Ryan (0-1).

Referee—L. Shanahan, Croom.

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Dromin/Athlacca were best served by M. O'Leary, N. Mulcahy, B. Carroll and J. Neenan.

ALL ONE WAY

NA FIANNA ..... 4-9  
DROMIN/ATHLACCA .. 0-0

NA FIANNA a team drawn from the Herbertstown/Hospital area, swept to a convincing seven goal win over Dromin/Athlacca in the South J.F.C. final at Bruff.

As the scores suggest, it was all one way traffic with the standard of football little to get excited over.

J.F.C. FINAL:

# Historic first win for Na Fianna

NA FIANNA 0-9

OOLA 0-4

**IN A GAME** that was brimful of fast, open football, Na Fianna—a Hospital and Herbertstown combination—inscribed their name on the junior football role of honour for the first time by defeating Oola in the county final at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday.

Na Fianna, fired with enthusiasm, certainly took this game by the scruff of the neck from the opening minutes and indeed they were much sharper and faster than their opponents and their five point victory was fully deserved. As a football spectacle it may not have satisfied the cravings of those who only enjoy football of the classical mould, but at least it lacked nothing in fighting heart and endeavour.

It was played at a cracking pace and the many heart palpitating incidents made it a game to be enjoyed and savoured over and over again. Although on the losing side, it was fitting Oola grabbed a share of the limelight, their acceptance of defeat when the Na Fianna players and supporters enthusiastically greeted the final whistle and their sportsmanship on the field which was on par with that of the opposition, added to the enjoyment of the game.

## SLIGHT BREEZE

Only a slight breeze stirred the National flag at the Clare end of the field when Oola, after winning the toss, decided to play with the assistance, if any, of the breeze.

The old adage, that a good start is half the battle, seemed to be Na Fianna's motto as they brushed aside the opposition in those early minutes.

Mike Ryan pointed an awkward close-in free to give them the lead after ten minutes—a lead they were never to relinquish. Jimmy Carroll, with two great runs from mid-field, sent over two further points and nineteen minutes had elapsed before Oola had their first score, a point per Billy Ryan. The latter narrowed the deficit to a single point three minutes later, and at this stage Oola were coming more into the game. Garrett Barry pointed a long-range free for Na Fianna just before the interval, to leave the score 0-4 to 0-2.

The winners made all the running in the early stages of the second half, but failed to consolidate their position. This was due to poor finishing by their forwards and a powerful defensive display by Oola's number three, Roger Ryan.

Midway through the half, Oola made great efforts to take the lead. They failed with a penalty shot and the Na Fianna goalkeeper, Tom Bourke, who played in the same position with Hospital in the junior football final against Glin twenty years ago, made two daring saves when it seemed as if Oola must goal.

## FINE EFFORTS

These fine efforts by veteran, Tom Bourke, really inspired his team and points by Jim

Higgins and Jimmy Carroll put them nicely ahead. Oola, however, never gave up the fight, and they were on the offensive when the last whistle sounded.

Tom Bourke, as stated, was in great form in the Na Fianna goal and his front line of John Leddin, Joe Moran and Thomas O'Toole never put a foot wrong. The half back line of Michael Reale, John Hayes and Jimmy Reale was the winners' strongest line, with John Hayes in particular giving a star-studded display. John O'Toole and Jimmy Carroll shaded the issue at mid-field.

Carroll faded out of the picture in the third quarter, but found a new lease of life when moved into the attack. Garrett Barry at centre-half-forward did an amount of work and his unselfish distribution of the ball yielded results. When moved to mid-field in the last quarter he helped to revive the sagging spirits in this sector and set up his forwards for those clinching points. The remainder of the attack, Mike Ryan, John Reale, Phil Carroll, Billy and Jimmy Higgins, all gave solid performances.

One of the shining lights of the game was Roger Ryan at full-back for Oola. His high fielding and long clearances helped to keep the lively Na Fianna attack in check. Paddy Anderson, John Quinlan and Dick Quinlan also impressed in defence. The mid-field pairing of Pat Heuston and Sean Fitzgibbon were never happy, except for that third quarter and in the forward line only Billy Ryan, Denis Holmes and Davie Quirke looked dangerous.

## SCORERS

Na Fianna: G. Barry, 0-4; J. Carroll 0-3; M. Ryan and J. Higgins, 0-1 each.

Oola: B. Ryan, 0-3; P. Ryan, 0-1.

## TEAMS

At the County Board chairman, Rory Kiely, presented the cup to the captain of the Na Fianna team, Michael Reale. Jubilant supporters chaired the winning team off the field.

SOUTH G.A.A.:

# Glenroe through to I.H.C. final

**FIVE** points inside the final ten minutes gave Glenroe their ticket to the county intermediate hurling decider for the second year in succession and deprived Feenagh-Kilmeedy of victory, which seemed would be theirs for the greater part of the game.

The western representatives had a dream start when Pat O'Sullivan goaled after thirty seconds. Maurice O'Sullivan added two points before Glenroe opened their account with a point from a free by Mike Murphy in the 7th minute. Willie Walsh at centre forward for Feenagh-Kilmeedy was causing untold trouble to the Glenroe defence at this stage and the ever dependable Dick Coffey at centre back was moved to the wing, with Michael Daly taking over the No. 6 spot. This move steadied the Glenroe defence and a minute before the interval they were on level terms. Just on the stroke of half time John McCarthy restored the lead for Feenagh-Kilmeedy with a long range pt.

Willie Walsh and Tom O'Dwyer exchanged early second half points before Maurice O'Sullivan had a further brace to put his side three points ahead. The first 20 minutes of this second half belonged to Feenagh-Kilmeedy but they failed to turn outfield supremacy into winning scores. Poor finishing cost them the game during this period.

Early in the last quarter M. J. Coffey, the Glenroe wing forward, began to roam outfield and it was his final handling and long striking that enabled the South Limerickmen to stage a great comeback and dominate the proceedings in the final stages. Points by Murphy and O'Dwyer levelled matters and with seven minutes remaining Glenroe went ahead for the first time when M. J. Coffey sent over. The winners had two further points to leave the final score 0-13 to 1-8.

This semi-final was a replay, played at Bruff and refereed by Brendan Crosse.

M. Murphy, 0-4; M. J. Coffey, 0-2; M. Coffey, 0-3; T. O'Dwyer, 0-2, and M. Maguire, 0-2, were the marksmen for the winners. The replies came from M. O'Sullivan, 0-5; P. O'Sullivan, 0-10; J. McCarthy, 0-2, and N. Walsh, 0-1.

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Sub., T. Hanly for Moloney.

Feenagh-Kilmeedy—J. Finnegan, B. Lynch, N. Roche, P. Walsh, T. Galvin, P. McCarthy, J. Herlihy, M. O'Sullivan, J. McCarthy, M. McCarthy, W. Walsh, D. O'Sullivan, P. O'Sullivan, M. O'Sullivan, J. Neenan.

Subs., P. Keogh for D. O'Sul-

livan, P. Herlihy for M. O'Sullivan, D. Kelly for J. Neenan.

## JUNIOR FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL:

# Na Fianna reach county final

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NA FIANNA 2-5

ST. MARY'S 0-6

**NA FIANNA**, a team drawn from the Hospital/Herbertstown parishes, qualified for their first junior football final when they disposed of St. Mary's (Rathkeale) on Sunday in a hard-fought and keenly contested semi-final at Croom.

Both sides overcame the biting cold and high winds to serve up an entertaining game. The football was not of the copybook variety, but so close were the exchanges the attendance had plenty to enthuse about. It was late in the game when the winners went ahead, but had to withstand a barrage of raids in the final minutes and overall were slightly lucky to come out on top.

St. Mary's opened in fine style with points from John Hartnett and Mickie O'Sullivan. They had a great chance of going clearly ahead early in the game when they were awarded a penalty, but the effort only yielded a point. Na Fianna came more into the picture in the second quarter and by the interval they were on level terms, 0-4 each.

In the first ten minutes of the second half, Na Fianna dominated but their forwards missed numerous chances and it took a St. Mary's point to give a greater sense of urgency to their approach. Garrett Barry gave them the lead for the first time with a great goal midway through the half and almost immediately afterwards Harry O'Dowd fisted home another major score to put Na Fianna five points ahead.

St. Mary's piled on the pressure in the final ten minutes, but luck was not on their side.

They definitely deserved more for their efforts in those final moments and would surely have reaped reward were it not for the defensive play of Joe Moran and Jimmy Reale.

Moran was the man of the match. He lined out at centre-back, but was moved back to full-back when Sean McAuliffe received a serious hand injury in the fourth minute. He gave a splendid display and was always the mainstay of the Na Fianna defence. He was well supported in this sector by Mickie and Jimmy Reale. Garrett Barry was in tremendous form in the second half and did an amount of work at mid-field and in the at-

tack. Jimmy Carroll had his moments and was streets ahead of his colleagues in the forward lines.

Tom Hartnett, Pat Sheehy, Sean Lynch, Denis Kennedy, John Hartnett and Noel Fitzgerald were always in the thick of things and strove hard to give St. Mary's the upper hand.

Na Fianna scorers: G. Barry, 1-1; H. O'Dowd, 1-0; M. Ryan, 0-2; J. Carroll and J. Hayes, 0-1 each.

St. Mary's scorers: J. Hartnett, 0-3; M. O'Sullivan and N. Fitzgerald, 0-1 each.

Na Fianna — J. Higgins, J. Leddin, S. McAuliffe, T. O'Toole, J. Reale, J. Moran, M. Reale, J. O'Toole, J. Hayes, B. Higgins, J. Carroll, M. Ryan, J. Higgins, H. O'Dowd, G. Barry.

Subs.: D. J. Ryan for McAuliffe, J. Reale for J. Higgins, P. Carroll for J. O'Toole.

St. Mary's — P. Clancy, S. McInerney, T. Markham, L. Woulfe, P. Sheehy, D. O'Dea, D. Kennedy, S. Lynch, A. Supple, M. Tully, P. Markham, J. Hartnett, M. O'Sullivan, D. O'Doherty, N. Fitzgerald.

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

## Glenroe through to I.H.C. final

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This semi-final was a replay, played at Bruff and refereed by Brendan Crosse.

M. Murphy, 0-4; M. J. Coffey, 0-2; M. Coffey, 0-3; T. O'Dwyer, 0-2, and M. Maguire, 0-2, were the marksmen for the winners. The replies came from M. O'Sullivan, 0-5; P. O'Sullivan, 0-10; J. McCarthy, 0-2, and N. Walsh, 0-1.

Glenroe — M. Hennessy, M. O'Brien, T. Coffey, J. Sweeney, M. Daly, D. Coffey, P. Moloney, T. O'Brien, B. Maguire, M. J. Coffey, P. Meade, M. Murphy, T. O'Dwyer, M. Coffey, M. Sweeney.

Sub., T. Hanly for Moloney.

Feenagh - Kilmeedy — J. Finnegan, B. Lynch, N. Roche, P. Walsh, T. Galvin, P. McCarthy, J. Herlihy, M. O'Sullivan, J. McCarthy, M. McCarthy, W. Walsh, D. O'Sullivan, P. O'Sullivan, M. O'Sullivan, J. Neenan.

Subs., P. Keogh for D. O'Sullivan, P. Herlihy for M. O'Sullivan, D. Kelly for J. Neenan.

Stakers thrilling win over Castletown/Ballygran in the junior hurling final and Bruree's equally thrilling win over Croom in the under 21 hurling replay at Kilmallock leaves only the junior football championship incomplete. In this competition, Garryspillane are in the final and they await the outcome of the Ballylanders and Castle-town/Ballygran v Croom game.

## Herbertstown

1975

The A.G.M. of Na Fianna G.A.A. Club was held in Hospital and the following officials were elected: president, Very Rev. Canon O'Grady, P.P.; vice-presidents, Rev. Fr. Finnan, C.C., and Paddy Reale; chairman, Harry Greensmyth; vice-chairman, Rev. Fr. Walsh, C.C.; hon. secretary, Maurice Tierney; treasurer, Paddy Higgins. Committee: Darby Finn, Willie Ryan, Mike Reale, John Higgins, John Reale, Declan Davern, John O'Toole, Denis Woods, Michael Ryan, Denis O'Leary.

Finance committee: Willie Ryan, Darby Finn, Declan Davern, Mike Reale.

Captains: I.F., M. Reale; u/21 F., J. Hayes; M.F., B. Higgins; J.H., J. Carroll; u/21 H., M. Ryan.

Football selectors: W. Ryan, M. Tierney, H. Greensmyth.

Hurling selectors: D. Woods, D. Finn.

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Na Fianna Festival results:  
S.H.—St. Finbarr's, Cork. J.H.—Na Fianna. J.F.—a.N Fianna.  
Camogie—Clare and Bruff.  
Soccer—Pike Rovers.  
Road race—John O'Toole and Tom Ryan, Killeely.  
Under 14 football—Regional.  
Under 14 hurling—Knockainey.  
Set dancing—Cappamore.  
Pram race—Mrs. Sally Howard.  
Fathers' race—Willie Laffin.  
Ladies' soccer—Mungret.  
Donkey Derby—Miss Cagney Oldtown.

*Na Fianna Player of the Year 1974 - Jimmie Carroll.*

Co. U-21 F. semi-final:

**Na Fianna through** <sup>28</sup>/<sub>11</sub> 76

Na Fianna, 2-8; Oola, 1-1.

Na Fianna gained a place in the county under 21 football final for the first time when they defeated Oola 2-8 to 1-1 at Caherconlish on Sunday.

The winners were without question the better side, but they took a long time to take control, and at the break were only one point ahead after enjoying territorial advantage for much of the half. After the turnover they continued to dominate and with the forwards showing marked improvement they added on the vital scores. Their task was made a little easier when one of the Oola defenders received marching orders at the end of the third quarter.

Na Fianna opened the scoring with a fourth minute point, but relinquished their lead when Pat Hueston slammed home a penalty shot 6 minutes later.

Jimmy Carroll and Martin Cleary had early second half points for Na Fianna, before Aiden Quinn burst through for a goal. At this juncture they were well on top and remained so for the final 20 minutes.

John O'Grady, Jimmy Carroll, Billy Higgins, Martin Cleary, Gerry Sullivan and Chris Conway were best for Na Fianna. Dick Quinlan, Sean Fitzgibbon, Mike O'Donnell, Sean Danagher and Pat Hueston tried hard for Oola.

Na Fianna scorers: B. Higgins, 1-1; E. Quinn, 1-0; J. Carroll, 0-4; M. Cleary, G. O'Sullivan and M. Ryan, 0-1 each.

Oola scorers: P. Hueston, 1-0; J. Harding, 0-1.

Na Fianna — D. Smith, P. O'Mahony, G. Whelan, C. Conway, T. Davern, J. O'Grady, G. Sullivan, J. Cannock, N. Hartigan, M. Cleary, M. Ryan, M. Fogarty, B. Cottel, B. Higgins, A. Quinn.

Subs.: J. Ryan for B. Cotter, B. Cotter for P. Mahoney.

Oola—M. Slattery, M. Landers, D. Quinlan, P. Mahoney, P. English, S. Fitzgibbon, B. Godfrey, M. O'Donnell, P. Hueston, M. Thompson, S. Danagher, M. Fitzgerald, N. Landers, W. Mahoney, P. Harding.

Ref., P. Lane, Foynes.

## NA FIANNA HOLDS AGM

31/1/76

AT THE A.G.M. of Na Fianna, Harry Greensmyth, was returned unopposed as Chairman. Maurice Tierney continues as Secretary, with Paddy Higgins in charge of finances. The club held a very successful victory social at the Golden Thatch, Emly. Jim Hickey, representing the South Board and Declan Moylan representing the County board presented the South and County junior football medals. John Hayes was elected the "Player of the Year" and he was presented with his award by the club secretary, Maurice Tierney.

Billy Higgins the youngest member of the junior football

team, presented Harry Greensmyth the Chairman and team trainer with an award on behalf of the club.

TURDAY, JUNE 28, 1975



Presentation De La Salle Hospital, under 19 Munster football champions (Corn an Rúnaí). Front row (l. to r.)

## Juniors to the fore

IN some counties the remark 'a junior hurler' might sound uncomplimentary but not in Limerick. Limerick hurling followers down the years have been well aware that many of our junior clubs of today will be the senior champions of tomorrow; Furthermore many of these clubs will give a lesson in dedication and will to win to their senior brothers, will have a sprinkling of very accomplished hurlers but often fail to make it because the 'Parish rule' limits their resources to a parish population of from 800 to 1200 people. Parishes in Limerick are below the average units in population. There are precious few parishes with over 1500 people and up to a decade ago, emigration was a further serious drain on playing resources. Hence the introduction of 'the parish rule', reduced senior teams in the 1940-1960 era often to ten teams. It wasn't unusual for a division to have only one senior team. Result was an enormous build up of interest in the junior grade - highly competitive with gate receipts surpassing the senior championships.

In 1970 the Co. Board made a bold decision, and ordered senior championships to be played in each of the four

divisions. At this point the city Division had most of the existing senior teams so it meant that the other rural divisions were compelled to up-grade their 5 or 6 top junior clubs. The results have been most gratifying. The upgraded juniors have made their presence felt in no uncertain terms and in fact one of them South Liberties won the 1972 Senior title even though they failed miserably to make their mark in the junior grade.

Remarkably the junior championship has not lost its appeal in any division despite a reduced number of teams. Wonderful parish pride is part of the explanation I suppose, but also hurling enthusiasts know that even on the weakest junior side there lies hidden many a potential inter-county star and from the present bunch of juniors will emerge a side liable to be cock o' the walk in senior ranks in the not-so-distant future.

What of our Junior champions of the past few years? Kilteely-Dromkeen in 1972 and Boher last year, both first timers, and both from the East Division. Each has had the chilling experience of meeting a Hartigan-Grimes fired, South Liberties on their debut in the Senior grade, but both sides

have recovered from setbacks in the past. Boher was defeated heavily in the finals of '65 and '70 but back they came to swell all before them in '73. Drawn from a tiny area (there is another junior side at Murroe in the other end of the parish) the Club was only revived in 1955 after an absence of 50 years, and its first successful team in '64 was backboned by no less than five Finucane brothers, Vincent, Joe, John, Carl and Ignatius, with three O'Connor brothers, Martin, Paddy and "Mutts". Their most notable player has been Owen O'Neill who wore the Limerick and Dublin colours with distinction, also Tony Hickey and Patsy Laffan, captain of their title winning side. No doubt you and I will be hearing more of Boher.

Kilteely's fight to the top has been a long one, beaten in many divisional finals over the years, their first break-through was the East Title in '69 which was achieved when their tiny resources of 800 population was depleted by the emergence of another junior side at the other end of the parish of Dromkeen. However there was a united front in 1972 and who will ever forget the excitement when Kilteely-Dromkeen brought home a first ever Co. ti-

tle to the parish. Kilteely had produced many fine hurlers down the years; Jackie Ryan won an All-Ireland minor in 1940. The brothers Jim and Dicksie McGrath were star minors and College's medallists in the 50's as was J. J. O'Keeffe and the present senior hurling selectors are closely watching the form of Mick O'Loughlin (who only just missed the "Big One" in '73), Gerard McGrath and Pakie Redfern. The club is very handicapped in that ten of their present side is resident away from the parish, and not always available. With so many good players on their team, hopes are high that the red green and white clad boys will be successful in the higher grade.

After all, Seamus Horgan, Willie Moore, Pat Hartigan, Jim O'Brien, Jim O'Donnell, Phil Bennis, Tom Ryan, Eamonn Grimes, Eamonn Rea, Liam O'Donoghue were products of junior teams. Hasn't it added spice to the juniors that ever so often a team has gone directly from junior to senior fame. Ahane started off their unparalleled spell of senior dominance in 1931 by taking the junior title of 1926 followed by major honours in 1927, though admittedly teams of that era had a wider selection to call on, before the advent of the parish rule. More remarkable then was the achievement of Kilmeedy-Feenagh who added the senior title of 1963 to the junior honours of the year

### ***Below: BOHER, EAST AND COUNTY JUNIOR CHAMPIONS 1973***

***Front (left to right): Tom Ryan, Jim Foley, Paddy McLoughlin, Brendan Quirke, Patsy Laffan (capt.), Thomas Hickey, Paddy O'Connor, Mattie Foley, Sean Hickey, Pat Walsh. Back (left to right): P. J. O'Shea, John Brouder, Noel Foley, Donie Leahy, Sean Sweeney, Denis Bartley, Pat Mulcahy, Tony Hickey, Ignatius Walsh, P. J. Fitzgibbon, John Walsh.***





### **GLENRUE – South Junior Hurling Champions and County Finalists (for first time) 1974.**

*Back (left to right): Seamus Murphy, Denis O'Dwyer, Tom Coffey, Moss Lee, Mossie Murphy, Richard Lee, Martin Connors, Micky Joe Hennessy, Mick Russell (coach). Front (left to right): John Sweeney, Dick Coffey, Tom O'Dwyer, Matt O'Brien (capt.), Mick O'Brien, Jim Moloney, Pat Meade, Donie Moloney, John Hennessy, Ollie Coffey.*

before with the same panel of players, drawn from a small rural parish of 1,000 people. Again probably our 2 most consistently prominent senior clubs in recent years – Kilmallock and Patrickswell had only junior teams in the Fifties; Once their talented young side had broken the junior barrier – Kilmallock in 1956 and Patrickswell in 1957 – they never looked back, although it might encourage our junior winners of recent years to remember that Kilmallock had 4 unsuccessful attempts at their first senior title, while Patrickswell had to contend with eight seasons of ill-fortune in the senior grade before they reached their objective in 1965. More fortunate was Capamore, and who would have guessed that their winning junior side of 1952 would run

up four well deserved senior titles within the following decade.

But all junior success hasn't had a fairy-tale ending. Fine junior winning sides with youth and ability were destined never to make it. Teams like Knockaderry in '47, Knockaney in '53, though emigration was a contributory factor at that time. Harder still to understand how talented junior sides like Croom and Monaleen never crashed the senior barrier after their junior successes in 1965 and 1961 respectively. And there were other sides like Dromcollogher who followed up their junior success of 1963, by reaching the final the following year, or Feohanagh, who pressed every senior side to the limit for a full

decade after their junior success of '54, but lady-luck never frowned too kindly on either of these sides. Another western side, Adare and also Ballybrown are still threatening to add to their junior titles of the mid-sixties and as both clubs have won under-age Co. titles recently it can confidently be predicted that senior fame awaits them in the not-too distant future.

What of this year's bunch? Granagh with the good hurling name of Chauke, prominent came out of the West for the first time since 1942 but were defeated by East Champions, Caherline, an old stronghold that had been out of the limelight for 43 years. From the South came Glenrue whose overwhelming enthusiasm

brought them their first ever Divisional Junior title and later a place in the Co. Final against Caherline. This game was witnessed by a huge crowd with practically every man, woman and child from the two parishes present. It was a first Co. Final experience for both teams hence the excitement and the Co. Junior Cup was carried triumphantly too. I have mentioned the far most recent junior teams in the role of honour.

Who knows but some one or other of them will be a familiar name in Munster club hurling in a few years time. But even if they never get that far they can be sure that their feats of '72 or '73 or '74 will be spoken of at 'The Big Tree' or Boher Cross or in Ballyorgan village or in the homes of Ballingrana, twenty years from now.

### **KILTEELY-DROMKEEN – County Junior Hurling Champions (for first time) 1972.**

*Back (left to right): Paddy Lyons (official), Michael O'Keeffe, Brendan O'Loughlin, Michael Lyons, J. J. Kenny, Joe Lyons, P. J. Breen, Michael McKenna, Jim O'Loughlin, Andrew O'Loughlin, Pakie Redfern, Larry Small, Pat Coughlan, Jimmy Breen (sec.), Patrick O'Dea (official). Front (left to right): Dan Murphy (chairman), Phillip Murphy, Gerry Murphy, Tim O'Dea, John J. Bermingham, John McCarthy, Pat O'Dea, Gerry McGrath, Tom Gilhooly, Dixie McGrath.*



## UNDER - 21 FOOTBALL

# NA FIANNA ARE STILL TOPS

Na Fianna became the second club to win the County Under 21 championship in successive years. They retained the title at Caherconlish by defeating Treaty Sarsfields, 1-8 to 1-4.

On the road to the decider they encountered stiff opposition and in fact in the South division they were drawn in the strongest of two groups. After overcoming, Galbally, Ballylanders and Croom, they defeated Bruff in the divisional final.

Newcastlewest provided the opposition in the



*Gerry Sullivan U-21 star.*

county semi-final and after a tough, uncompromising hour, Na Fianna qualified for the final with a single point to spare.

After trailing early in the game against Treaty

Sarsfields they fought back to win a fast flowing and exciting game. The under 21 crown was retained and Na Fianna had completed their first county football double, having already won the intermediate championship.

Interesting facts from their campaign: Midfielder Jim Carroll was their scorer in chief — Mike Ryan scored 2-4 in the South Final, the highest tally in any one game — Timmy Hartigan who played in goal in the county final, played in the full back line, half back line, centre field and both forward lines — Billy



*Denis O'Leary, starred for Na Fianna Intermediate team.*

Higgins usually at wing forward was switched to wing back during all games — the team they feared most was Croom — John Hayes was captain — Harry Greensmyth trained and John Higgins and Harry O'Dowd were selectors.



**NA FIANNA U-21 FOOTBALL TEAM WHICH RETAINED THEIR COUNTY TITLE:**

Front (L to R): Joe Quinlin, John Byrnes, Mike Ryan, Jimmy Carroll, Norman Hartigan, John Hayes (capt.) Martin Cleary, Michael Walsh, Billy Higgins.

Back: Tom O'Donnell, Gerard Bannon, Timmy Hartigan, Billy Cotter, Gerry Whelan, John O'Grady, Chris Conway, Timmy Davern, Donie O'Mahony, Harry Greensmyth (trainer).

## UNDER - 21 FOOTBALL

# NA FIANNA ARE STILL TOPS

Patrickswell Senior Hurling has at long last blossomed forth after seven years in the doldrums and lets hope that this long awaited "revival" continues for some time to come.

The year 1977 saw them regain the Senior Hurling County Championship for the fifth time in its history. They last held the title in 1970.

This latest success is gratifying, to say the least as it has been hard earned, as anyone of the 23 member panel will testify. This bunch of players has been training regularly and diligently since the second week in April. A long time when one realises that the County Final was played on Sunday November 13th. Nevertheless, the "hardships" endured seem to act as a spur to players and officials alike. There was a tremendous spirit among the team which brought with it, a total 100% commitment from all involved.

If one were to take an analytical look at Patrickswell Senior hurling since 1970, one would discover that they have been involved in the final "shake up" in almost every season. The 1977 County final was their fourth appearance in



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the final during this period which was a barren one as regards titles. The previous three were lost thus:

1972 — lost to South Liberties.

1974 — lost to Kilmallock.

1975 — lost to Kilmallock.

However, something seemed to be missing during these years when just a "little extra" would have been sufficient, to "pull off" at least one victory.

Consequently, attitudes changed for the 1977 campaign. Everybody was asked to put their shoulders to the wheel and make a special effort to bring back the Daly Cup to the club. There was a tremendous positive response. Training sessions were enjoyable and

a great bond of comradeship grew within the panel.

The first round of the Championship was played on August the 7th. when the 'Well brigade had a facile win over neighbours Mungret on the scoreline 8-18 to 0-6. We had to wait seven weeks for our next date which was the City Final against highly fancied Claughaun. After a great hours hurling the Country lads finished on top 1-11 to 0-9.

The following Sunday, 2nd October the County Quarter final was played in Kilmallock against Killeely-Dromkeen. After a rather subdued performance the 'Well finished in front by 2 points, 1-7 to 1-5.

Due to the poor performance in Kilmallock, the 'Well were underdogs for their semi-final date with reigning champions South Liberties. This game was a thriller from start to finish and ended all square at 0-10 Patrickswell and 1-7 to South Liberties.

The replay, two weeks later reached the same standard and this time the City champions made no mistake with a deserved win over their Eastern opponents on the scoreline 0-12 to 1-5.

The County Final was fixed for Pairc na nGael on Sunday November 13th and the opposition was provided by Western champions Kileedy. The atmosphere, which literally gripped all and sundry in Patrickswell was tremendous. Every effort was made to ensure that victory would not elude the club on this occasion.

With the preparation being 100% no stone was left unturned to achieve this goal. And so the big day came and the 'Well boys, with all the power, determination and "will to win" which epitomised the attitude adopted throughout the campaign, surged forward and were victorious on the scoreline 3-7 to Kileedy's 0-7.

Full credit to everyone concerned. The team and substitutes was as follows: Joe Murphy; Tony O'Brien; John O'Brien; Eamonn Kelleher; Philip Foley; Phil Bennis; Dom Punch; Sean Foley; Terence Murray; Liam Foley; Richie Bennis; David Punch, captain; Joe Lynch; Peter Bennis; Frank Nolan; Tom O'Brien; Tom Bennis; Jimmy Mulqueen; Michael O'Connell; Kieran Darcy; Pa Foley; Lar Considine; Benny Nolan.



*Banogue U-14 hurling team, who reached the South final for the first time in 1977.*

(Back: L to R): Brendan Ryan, Paddy O'Dwyer, Pat Carey, Mike Quaid, Kieran Carey, Aidan Ryan, Ollie Biggane, Liam Hickey, Paddy Biggane, Ollie Nash, Martin Ryan, Tom O'Connor, Liam Clarke, Christy Costello, Pat Ryan, Eddie Barry.

(Front): Jim Hickey, Pat Meaney, Eamonn Griffin, John Riordan, Cyril Donworth, John Nestor, Kevin Costello, Colm Clarke, Liam Cagney, Kevin Hogan, Peter Biggane, Tom O'Shea.

Under 21 Football Final: 1977

# Na Fianna retain title in great style

Na Fianna ..... 1-8

Treaty-Sarsfields ..... 1-4

Na Fianna, who won their first county football title in 1975, made it number four at Caherlonish on Sunday last when their under 21 footballers retained the championship by defeating Treaty-Sarsfields, 1-8 to 4 in an exciting and closely contested game. The winners also registered their first double as the intermediate championship was captured by the Hospital based club a few weeks ago.

Jimmy Carroll was the hero on the winning side, with Timmy Hartigan, Gerry Whelan, Chris Conway, Billy Higgins, John O'Grady, Gerry Sullivan, Mike Ryan, Martin Cleary and Aidan Quinn making a big contribution. John O'Grady had a powerful second half at centre half back and thwarted numerous dangerous attacks. Billy Cotter was another improved player in the second half as was Jimmy Davern.

Sean Copley at full-back was

the dominant figure in the Treaty line-out. Martin Meehan, Ger Copley, Tom McInerney, Eugene Smyth, Donie Daly, Mike Ryan, Pat Collins and Tom Meehan were others to star for the gallant losers.

## SCORERS

Na Fianna—J. Carroll (1-5), G. Sullivan (0-1) and M. Ryan (0-2).

Treaty Sarsfields—T. McInerney (1-0), T. Meehan (0-2), E. Smyth (0-2).

Na Fianna — T. Hartigan, T. Davern, G. Whelan, C. Conway, B. Higgins, J. O'Grady, G. Sullivan, J. Carroll, N. Hartigan, B. Cotter, M. Ryan, M. Cleary, D. Mahony, A. Quinn, J. Byrnes. Subs.: J. Quinlan, G. Barron, M. O'Sullivan.

Treaty Sarsfields — G. Moore, M. Meehan, S. Copley, B. Cronin, M. Ryan, S. Copley, T. McInerney, D. Daly, P. Collins, C. Healy, E. Smyth, K. Buckley, C. Earls, T. McInerney, T. Meehan.

Referee: P. Lane (Foynes).

Under 21 football final replay:

# Na Fianna best in football feast

NA FIANNA ..... 2-5

NA PIARSAIGH ..... 0-7

NA FIANNA captured the Under 21 Football Championship at Bruff on Sunday, after an hour's endeavour which was tension packed to the stage of being almost beyond enjoyment, and in doing so, inscribed their names on the roll of honour for the first time.

## NA PIARSAIGH

Na Piarasigh — M. Quaid, G. Galvin, S. McCartney, G. Duggan, B. Moran, T. Fox, P. Coady, P. Riordan, G. Woods, K. O'Connor, M. McDonnell, P. Dowling, D. Walsh, E. Coady, L. Fitzgibbon. Referee, N. Duggan (St. Mary's).

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I.H.C. SEMI-FINAL:

# Glenroe win

Glenroe ..... 1-10  
Cappamore ..... 1-6

Glenroe battled their way to yet another intermediate hurling final when they surprised Cappamore at Bruff on Sunday. The latter failed to utilise the wind advantage in the opening half and their three point interval lead was not enough to halt the eager Glenroe side after the turnover.

Tom O'Brien put Glenroe ahead with a fine point in the 8th minute of the second half and once in front it was obvious they would stay there. Cappamore, however, fought stubbornly and were always there with a chance of winning.

Michael Daly, Dick Coffey, Tom Harty, Tom O'Brien, Vincent Hanley and M. J. Coffey were outstanding for the winners. Pat Butler was in fine fettle in the Cappamore goal and he received good support from Jim Butler, Liam O'Brien, Mick Lonergan, Eamonn Mulcahy and John Sheehan.

Glenroe: M. Hennessy, M. O'Brien, M. Daly, J. Sweeney, D. Mahoney, D. Coffey, B. Maguire, T. Hanly, P. Moloney, M. J. Coffey, T. O'Brien, V. Hanly, P. Meade, M. Hanly, M. Sweeney.

Cappamore: P. Butler, T. Butler, M. Hickey, J. Mullins, J. Hogan, J. Butler, E. Mulcahy, O. Dillon, J. Sheehan, L. O'Brien, J. Mooney, R. Ryan, M. Lonergan, G. Dillon, C. Mulcahy.

Referee: J. Quaid, Feohanagh.



Hospital hurling team who took part in the Community Games finals at Plassey. Back: Pat Donovan, Sean Gallagher, Declan Murphy, Tommy Hennessy, John Hickey, Tom Condon, Simon Rael, Noel Finn, Ger Kiely, Billy Long. Front: Tim Tierney, Pat O'Neill, David Hanley, Anthony O'Brien, Tadgh Meaney, Eamonn Murphy, Tom Reale, Paul Russell, Liam Doherty, Seamus Ryan, Michael Durkin, Liam Ryan, Andrew Meaney (capt.).



# LOYAL SUPPORTERS

Feb 77

**I**T WAS very heartening to find that there are so many people in the parish so willing to give their time to the promotion of the game, Very Rev. T. Greene, P.P., told his parishioners from Glenroe at the parish G.A.A. dinner.

And without support like that, even from the wives and girl friends of the players, they could not succeed, he told them on his first occasion attending their club dinner.

For a small parish fielding 6 hurling teams from intermediate to junior, under 21, minor, under 16 and under 14 years, it is no mean achievement. As the fruits of their skills there were trophies from Galtee Gaels and Ballylanders tournaments won by the intermediate team, and from Mitchelstown, where the junior hurlers triumphed.

Father Greene congratulated them on the good sportsmanship and the good spirit that they showed during the year, and the manner in which they accepted the defeat that came their way.

"I have noticed that there are not many people at home in the parish the day a team is playing, and with that kind of spirit behind the team we can look forward to a good year in the future," he said.

While they supported the team, he would like to see more of them becoming registered members of the club.

## Chairman

Gerard Coffey, chairman of the club, was M.C. for the evening and one of his pleasant duties was to present a briefcase to former chairman of the club and South Board secretary, Matt Callaghan.

Accompanied by his wife, Mary, he received the briefcase with surprise, and very appropriately thanked the officers and members for the nice gesture.

It was fitting on the occasion of his recent marriage and in recognition of his contribution to the success of the club.

Matt Moloney, captain of the intermediate team, was there to receive the trophy they won when defeating Shannon in the tournament final. His club colleague, Tom Coffey, who captains the junior team, had a similar presentation for victory over Ballygiblin in the Mitchelstown tournament.

Like their playing occasions, the attendance at the annual dinner must have left very few at home in the parish, and it was another gauge of the support which rallies behind the players from Glenroe and Ballyorgan.

The club secretary, Michael Hennessy, was pleased with the success of the function, which was one of their best to date. And Michael Russell, who teaches by day and spends his evenings training the Ballyorgan players, was having a relaxing night in their company.

I also met committee members, Oliver and Maurice Coffey, James Moloney, John Hennessy, Michael J. Coffey, Gerard Coffey, Bob Kelly and Brian Maguire.



Matt Moloney, captain, Glenroe intermediate team, receiving the tournament trophy from club chairman, Gerard Coffey.



Very Rev. Fr. Greene, P.P., making a presentation of a briefcase to Matt and Mary Callaghan at Glenroe GAA dinner

## Intermediate Football: Na Fianna through

Na Fianna ... .. 1-1  
Athea ... .. 1-1

Na Fianna scored a good win over Athea in the county intermediate football semi-final at the aGelic Grounds on Sunday. They led all the way and never at any time looked like being over-taken.

Aiden Quinn and Sean McAuliffe sent over early points for the winners, who were four points clear at the end of the first quarter. Athea goalied midway in the opening quarter, and went very near scoring on many occasions in the minutes preceding the interval.

After the turnover, Na Fianna showed greater urgency, and never allowed the opposition to come back into the game.

Tom and John Toole, Jim Carroll, John O'Grady, John Hayes and Garrett Barry did well for Na Fianna. Noel Barry, Conor Mullane, Pat Dalton, Tom Scanlon and Oliver McGrath were best for Athea.

Na Fianna scorers: J. Carroll (1-4), A. Quinn (0-2), G. Barry, S. McAuliffe, M. Cleary, D. O'Leary and B. Higgins (0-1 each).

Athea scorers: D. Mulvihill (1-0), T. Scanlon (0-1).

Na Fianna—N. Hartigan, M. Reale, G. Whelan, T. Toole, G. Hayes, G. O'Grady, J. Reale, J. Toole, J. Carroll, B. Higgins, G. Barry, D. O'Leary, M. Cleary, S. McAuliffe, A. Quinn. Subs.: B. Cotter for McAuliffe, T. Hehir for Quinn, M. Fogarty for O'Leary.

Athea—N. Barry, H. Moran, C. Mullane, P. Collins, E. Sheehan, P. Dalton, G. O'Connor, T. Scanlon, T. White, B. Vaughan, M. McMahon, O. McGrath, D. Mulvihill, T. Browne, T. O'Connor. Sub.: T. Woulfe for O'Connor. Referee: R. Moloney (Kilmallock).



**De La Salle School, Hospital, Somewhat unlucky losers of the Primary Schools Div. I Final.** 1949

FRONT ROW (L. to R.): Geoffrey Walsh, Timmy Leddin, Thomas Davern, Brian O'Sullivan, Patrick O'Neill, Frank O'Brien, Eamonn O'Neill, Kevin Collins, Pat O'Shea, Brian O'Rourke, Jerry Ryan,

Mossie Harrington, Joe Gallagher.

FRONT: Colm Gallagher, David O'Shea, Michael Russell, Trevor O'Brien, David O'Shea, Tom O'Neill, Donie Carroll, Peter Davern, John Ryan, Michael Real, Derek Reale, Shane Morrissey.

MISSING: P. Pender, T. Murphy, Ml. Frazer, Enda Sampson.

**Glenroe A.G.M.** 12/76

The AGM of Glenroe hurling club was held recently in the local hall. A new record of 48 games were played by the club during the year according to the secretary's report. Many tributes were paid to Matt O'Callaghan, club chairman for the past six years, who was retiring to take up the position of South Limerick Board secretary.

Officers were elected as follows:

President, T. Howard; chairman, Jer. Coffey; vice-chairmen, Mce. Coffey, M. O'Callaghan; sec., Ml. J. Hennessy; asst. sec, Ml. McSweeney; treas., Brian Maguire; registrar, John Hennessy.

Committee: Rev. Fr. Greene, Geo. Howard, Jim Lee, Matt O'Brien, Ml. Coffey, Ml. Rea.

Field committee: J. Hennessy, J. MacSweeney, David McCarthy, Tom Lyons, D. Carroll, D. O'Brien.

County Board delegate, Rev. Fr. Greene. South Board del., Ml. Hennessy, M. MacSweeney.

Representative on Parish Council, James Lee.

Team trainer, Ml. Russell.

Selection committee for intermediate, junior and under-21: M. Russell, Fr. Greene, Jer. Coffey, Jim Lee, Matt O'Brien.

Captains and vice-captains, interm. H., Tom O'Brien, John MacSweeney; junior H., Donal Moloney, Mce. Moynihan; u.21, B. Maguire, M. J. Coffey; minor captain, M. J. Coffey; trainer, R. Coffey.

Minor selectors, M. O'Callaghan, R. Coffey, Tom Lyons, G. Howard, D. O'Brien.

Juvenile committee, James Marrinan, David O'Brien, Geo. Howard, Ml. O'Brien, Pat Mee.

**SOUTH LIMERICK G.A.A.**

**Na Fianna regain U-21 football title** 25/8/79

In an exciting under 21 football final at Meanus on Friday last, Na Fianna regained the title they last held in 1977 by defeating Kilmallock, 1-6 to 1-5. The football was not great, but the closeness of the scoring and the determined endeavour of both sides provided enjoyable entertainment for the spectators.

Na Fianna just about deserved to win a game which could have gone either way. Their attack was a little sharper and made better use of their opportunities.

Kilmallock, the holders, were trailing by four points at the threequarter stage, but made a fighting comeback and were on level terms with five minutes of play remaining.

The winning point came from Gerard Barron in the 58th minute.

But tragedy dented the performance of Na Fianna, for their centre half-forward, John Byrnes, broke his right leg in an accidental collision with an opponent early in the first half, and will be out of action for quite a while.

Kilmallock officials provided first-aid treatment and also provided transport to take the injured player to hospital. The sporting gesture of Kilmallock deserves mention and should set an example for all clubs.

Back to the game, and it was Na Fianna who were the early pacemakers. Joe Quinlan had a point in the 3rd minute, but they could never take control. At the break it was 0-3 to 0-2 in favour of the winners.

Na Fianna nosed further ahead in the third quarter, but good play by John Houlihan, Donal Barry and Donal Hayes saw the losers draw level. Then came the all important score, which decided the issue in favour of Na Fianna.

Dunworth, J. Quinlan, M. Harrigan, M. Cleary, J. Byrnes, B. Higgins, S. Barron, S. Canty, J. Cronin, M. O'Shea.

**Kilmallock:** G. O'Brien, S. Burchill, S. O'Grady, P. Moloney, S. Launders, M. Leahy, T. J. Moloney, E. Ryan, J. Houlihan, D. Barry, D. Hayes, T. Riordan, C. Hennessy, T. Moore, L. O'Sullivan. Referee, L. Hogan (Camogue Rovers).

Galbally qualified to meet Croom in the senior football final, when they scored a 2-13 to 4-3 win over Kilmallock at Knocklong. The latter trailed by ten points at one stage in the second half, but great goals by Paddy Kelly paved the way for a hectic finish. Mike Quish made a welcome return to the Galbally side and was the inspiration behind their win.

The junior hurling championship advanced a further stage at Bruff. Hot favourites, Castletown/Ballyagran, led 1-5 to Banogue's 0-4 at the interval, but at the final whistle it was Banogue who were ahead on the score of 3-8 to 3-7.

Effin also trailed by a point in their meeting with Glenroe at the halfway stage, but were at the right end at the finish with a score of 2-9 to 2-7.

The fixture list for the coming week is as follows:—

**Saturday, August 25:**

County U-14 F. final at Askeaton — Camogue Rovers v. Fr. Casey's.

U-16 H. at Knockainey — Stakers v. Na Fianna.

**Sunday, August 26:**

J.H.C. — At Bruree (2.00), Kilmallock v. Banogue; At Knocklong (2.00), Knockainey v. Ardpatrick/Kilfinane.

**Monday, August 27:**

J.F.C. — At Galbally (7.00), Ballylanders v. Garryspillane.

U-12 F.C. — Na Fianna v. Camogue Rovers at Knockainey

28/11/79 **Gaelic  
football news**

Na Fianna retained the County under-21 football championship when they defeated Treaty Sarsfield 1-8 to 1-4 in a good game before a big crowd at Caherconlish. In the county junior football championship semi-final replays, Bruree defeated Na Piar-saigh 3-10 to 0-7, at Meanus, while at Kilmallock, Fedamore ousted Rathkeale, 1-6 to 1-2.



Na Fianna, who failed to Galbally in the South M.F.C. final at Knocklong.

K LEADER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 18, 1979



David O'Neill of Hospital, beaten finalist in the Limerick under 10 handball singles championship.



Glenroe, South Limerick under-21 hurling champions.



Na Fianna South Limerick U/21 Football Champions 1979  
FRONT: Pat O'Grady, Tom Rea, Andrew Meaney, Malachy Hayes, Pat Higgins, John Lonergan, Michael Hennessy, Donnacath Cleary, Simon Reale, Absent: Norman and Tim Har-

# Arise, Sir James

BY JIMMY WOULFE

INTER-COUNTY hurler and footballer, Jim Carroll (21), of Hospital, has been "knighted".

And for the coming year he will be addressed as Sir James by his friends and neighbours in his home town.

The title has been bestowed on him not for his exploits on the playing field, but his fund-raising efforts in aid of the local school fund.

The election of the knight was the highlight of a gala weekend recently held in Hospital to raise funds for the Presentation de la Salle school fund.

And for each 5p collected by the three candidates a vote was allowed.

And over the three days, Jim and his election agent, Daithi O'Sullivan, raised £171.

His chain of office and robe were draped over him by the defeated outgoing Knight, Darby Finn, at a midnight presentation function. The third candidate was Jim Farrell.

"It was a very closely fought contest and the opinion polls were proved all wrong," said the new Knight. "There was a seven per cent swing to me and this really clinched the



Sr. Claude presents the Knight of Hospital trophy to Jim Carroll. Also pictured is Daithi O'Sullivan, election agent.

issue. Darby was the hot favourite, but I had a great election agent in Daithi".

He will preside over many local functions during his year of office.

Sr. Claude of the Presentation Convent told me that £2,500 was raised over the weekend

and they were delighted with the tremendous public response from the local community. The school extension, which was completed last year, cost £90,000. There are 468 secondary students attending the school.



Joan McLoone, the Presentation De La Salle full-forward, in action during the Colleges camogie HOSPITAL semi-final at Emly.

## Handball 12.4.80 Great win for Hospital boys

Two young handballers from Hospital Co. Limerick, gave a tremendous performance when representing Limerick in the u/14 finals of the Willwood Tailteann games in Dublin last week-end.

Eamon O'Neill and Niall O'Brien playing in the 40 by 20 court, beat the Mayo representatives in the semi-final and also accounted for the very fancied Kilkenny representatives in the final.

Their win is also the more noteworthy bearing in mind that there is no 40 by 20 court in Limerick, though the Hospital Handball Club have plans to build such a court.

Coach Tom Quish is deserving of special praise as he had to bring the lads outside Limerick to give them proper coaching in such courts.

celebrations.

## 5-7-80 Hospital

Three of our handballers won two All-Ireland finals last Sunday in Croke Park.

Eamonn O'Neill and Niall O'Brien won the under 14 doubles title in two straight games.

Patrick Donovan won the under-16 singles in three games in a very close contest.

CONNACHT S.F.C.

Gerry Sullivan who helped Na Fianna to win two county under 21 and one intermediate football championship in the mid seventies, lined out at centre-half-back for London against Mayo in the Connacht senior football championship at Ruislip on Sunday last. Gerry, who hurled with Knockainey before emigrating is a brother of the well known camogie players, Angela, Elizabeth and Marie.

## Glenroe 16-5-81

Glenroe G.A.A. and Youth Clubs are staging a sponsored cycle to the Munster hurling final on Sunday, July 5th, 1981. All sponsors will be included in a special draw for a ladies or gents bicycle.

G.A.A.

Herbertstown juvenile hurlers won the Mullaly Cup and medals at Kiltelly on Sunday last, when they defeated the home side in the final of the sports tournament. There was much excitement in the village when the victorious team arrived back led by their captain, Christy Higgins. Bonfires blazed and the players were accorded a great reception.

The junior selection open their championship campaign on Sunday next, when they meet Ardpatrick in the South Limerick section.

## H'town

The death occurred on Saturday last of George Butler, Ballinard. He once played junior hurling with Herbertstown and assisted the famed Fedamore team in the senior grade in the Clohessy and Gleeson era.

27/6/81

Junior football 12-4-83

## Another win for Hospital- Herbertstown

Hospital-Herbertstown ..... 1-6  
Sean Finns (Rathkeale) ..... 0-5

Hospital-Herbertstown kept on course for a junior double when defeating Rathkeale in the football semi-final at Croom on Sunday last.

After a lack-lustre first half the winners held an 0-2 to 0-1 lead. Three fine saves by goalkeeper Paudge Hayes denied Rathkeale certain goals in the opening moiety.

Hospital-Herbertstown displayed great character and grit in the second half. A goal by John Breen midway through the moiety proved to be the all-important score. The losers were completely on top in the closing ten minutes but fluffed numerous scoring chances.



Hospital De La Salle, who defeated St. Joseph's, Tulla, in the final of the Munster Junior Colleges final, at Emly, on Saturday last.

23-2-80



St. Joseph's, Tulla, who were defeated by Hospital De La Salle, in the Munster Junior Colleges final.

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The Glenroe Hurling Club held a victory dinner dance in the Glen Hotel, Glen of Aherlow to honour their minor hurling team who captured for the first time ever the South Limerick Hurling title beating near neighbours Kilfinane after a draw and replay. In an attendance of well over 200, there were some distinguished people including 92 years young Mr. Michael O'Brien, grandfather of Michael O'Brien, who was captain of the team and who played and won Munster and All Ireland minor championship medals in Centenary Year; his son, Mr. Paddy O'Brien, secretary of Faughs Club in Dublin; Very Reverend Father Charles O'Neill, P.P., Glenroe; Reverend Father O'Sullivan, C.C., Glenroe and Miss Mary Myers, Kilcruaig home from Zambia; Mr. Matt O'Callaghan, M.C.C., chairman of the club acted as M.C. for the evening. He is of course, also the popular secretary of the South Limerick Board G.A.A. It was a most enjoyable nights entertainment and speaks volumes for the community spirit of a small parish dedicated to the games of the Gael, incidentally Glenroe hurling teams have now won every hurling championship in South Limerick with the exception of the senior hurling championship which will be the main objective of Glenroe in the years ahead.



Under 14 Boys County Football Champions, from the Vocational School, Hospital. Back row: (left to right) M. O'Donovan, J. O'Grady, J. Whyte (Captain); B. O'Donnell, B. Halvey, B. Daly, D. Cleary, P. Chidgey, M. Flynn. Front: B. O'Donnell, J. Kenny, D. Fitzgerald, A. Meade, M. Ryan, W. Corkery, D. Fitzgerald, P. Sheehy, L. Walsh.

5-6-82

## May Hospital 80

The under 17 football Munster final was won by Hospital in Caherconlish last week beating Newport by 2-10 to 3 pts.

## Hospital

Niall O'Brien and Eamonn O'Neill are to be congratulated on winning the under 14 double in the All Ireland semi-final in Roscommon last Sunday. The under 16 singles was won by P. O'Donovan, and Anthony O'Brien put up a great show, though beaten, in the under 14 singles. The lads will play in the All Ireland finals in Croke Park on the last Sunday in June. It has been suggested that a bus be organised for this event.

19.7.80

## Glenroe best

Glenroe ..... 2-10  
Kilfinane ..... 0-4

This Kilmallock Festival Junior Hurling Tournament final was expected to be a very closely and keenly contested between neighbours, Glenroe and Kilfinane, but while it was keenly contested, Glenroe went too far ahead early on and had a comfortable lead of 2-9 to 0-1 at the interval.

Kilfinane did show up in better light in the second half, but they found a strong Glenroe defence too good, and although they held Glenroe to only one point in this half they could not capitalise on the many advantages that came their way. Mr. R. Moloney refereed.

The trophies were presented to Brian Maguire, captain of the winning team, by Mr. M. Leahy, chairman of Festival Committee.

## JUNIOR HURLING CUP

Glenroe ..... 1-12  
Kilfinane-Ardpatrick ..... 2-5

In this South Limerick Junior Hurling Cup first round game at Knocklong yesterday, Kilfinane-Ardpatrick were ahead by 1-4 to 0-5 at half time. The second half was only a few minutes old when Glenroe had taken the lead. Kilfinane-Ardpatrick fought back and at the three quarter stage the teams were level. With 10 minutes to go Glenroe took the lead again and finished strongly.

Scorers: Glenroe-M. Murphy (0-9), M. Coffey (1-0), T. O'Dwyer, M. J. Coffey and M. McSweeney (0-1 each).

Kilfinane-Ardpatrick-T. Tobin (1-1), J. McCarthy (1-0), D. Creed and E. McGrath (0-2 each).

Referee:- Mr. R. Moloney, Kilmallock.

31.5.80

## Hospital

Eamon O'Neill and Niall O'Brien of Hospital Handball Club, made history when they became the first Limerick players ever to win an All-Ireland title in the 40 x 20 court, defeating Kilkenney in a thrilling final in Croke Park last Sunday. This club now has many All-Ireland titles to its credit. Congratulations to its hard working committee, trainers and players.

Congratulations, too, to the badminton team on winning the novice league in a closely contested match with Concord in Bruff. The team was: John Hickey, Seamus Ryan, Frank O'Sullivan, Francis O'Toole, Mamie Ryan, Ann Cotter, Vera Mortell and Marian Reale.

Ciaran Bourke and Mrs. Aileen Mulcahy were the winners of the tennis club opening tournament on Sunday in the local club.

12/4/80



May 80  
Presentation De La Salle, Hospital, who failed to Maryfield College in the camogie colleges junior final at Croke Park on Saturday.

## LIMERICK LEADER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 2, 1980



May 80  
The Camogie Players defeated by Camogie Players in the South Under 14 F.C. final



**NA FIANNA SOUTH UNDER-16 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONS. 1980**

**FRONT ROW:** Left to Right— M. O'Dwyer, M. Durkin, E. O'Neill, A. Neaney, T. Meaney, J. Harrington, D. Hanly, D. Frazier, O. Finn.

**BACK ROW:** Left to Right— M. Ryan, J. O'Neill, L. O'Doherty, M. O'Halloran, S. Gallaher, P. O'Connell, G. Wright, S. Ryan, T. Quaid, P. Russell.

## Minor football news

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The coaching course got off to a great start at Pallaskey on Saturday last. County Chairman, Jim Hickey was present to see the lads put through there paces. We were blessed to have three outstanding coaches in Sean Walsh, and Paudie Mulvihill, from Kerry, and Niall Moyna from Thomond College. The attendance was very good and we expect a bigger turnout this Saturday. We play Clare on Saturday 21st, February (away). Those who attended were:—

John Cummins, John Morrissey, Willie Donovan-Galbally; John Fitzgerald, Glin; John Riordan, B. Horan (Bruff); M. Dalton, Ballyhabill; M. Woulfe, Athea; Ger Quirke, B. Roche, Fr. Caseys; P. Murphy, Killeely; A. Meaney, Hospital; L. Cooke, D. Cleary, Knockainey; T. Mulcahy, J. J. Riordan, L. Tobin, Kilmallock; D. Cremin, M. Mulcahy, V. McCoy, M. Tagney, L. Roche, Newcastle West; J. O'Brien, J. Cusack, L. Malone, Mungret; B. Barrett, Kildimo; G. Mulane, Croom; G. Randles, Bruree; D. Hanley, G. Haugh, G. O'Reilly, Monaleen; D. Barrascale, P. Coyle, F. Ruschitzks Na Piersaigh; Barry Dillon, Brian Dillon, G. O'Connor, O. Hartnett, Rathkeale.

## 13-6-81 Hospital handball

Eamonn O'Neill has reached the All-Ireland of the Willwood Tailteann Games, having defeated S. O'Donoghue of Mayo in the semi-final in Tuamgraney on June 7.

Eamonn, who plays under 14 singles, has only conceded 16 aces in the games up to the present time. He will meet Sean Clarke of Tyrone in the final on July 8 in Croke Park.

## 11/81 Hospital

History was made in Croke Park last Sunday when Eamon O'Neill from Hospital Handball Club won his fourth All-Ireland title in the u. 1r grade. Beating Allan Clarke (Tyrone) 15-2, 15-4. While his brother, David, received his u. 13 Munster championship medal.

We would also like to congratulate Tom and John Quish on beating Pat McGarry and Joe Roche in what was believed to have been one of the most thrilling games seen for a long while.

At a very pleasant function at the Technical School in Hospital recently John Moran was the recipient of a beautiful silver tray and tea service, suitably inscribed from the management, staff, suppliers and friends of Hospital creamery where John was manager for 23 years. John is a member of a well known and respected Dromin family who are steeped in sporting and G.A.A. LORE. John gave sterling service to the Dromin/Athlaccas club as a player of hurling and football. He is the South Board rep. on the Co. Appeals Committee for many years. In his young days he was a highly respected racing cyclist winning many, many trophies on the track. The Gaels of his native parish and I'm sure of South Limerick wish him well in his new post as liaison officer in Mitchelstown.

23-5-81



Herbertstown-Lough Gur, defeated by Athlaccas in Division 3, South Primary Schools final.

7-11-81

# RURAL ROUNDABOUT

BY MARTIN RYAN

## De La Salle sweeps the boards in sport

WHEN the annals of the G.A.A. are written, the past year will go down as a memorable one for the sport at the Presentation De La Salle Secondary school at Hospital.

Within the past twelve months, the students from the school at Hospital have literally swept the boards on the playing fields in County Limerick and in Munster.

In what must be a record run for any school in the county, the extraordinary year for the boys and girls of the Hospital schools was marked with the winning of four football titles, two hurling titles, a handball title and two camogie titles.

In hurling and football, they were involved in a total of thirty-three games, of which they were victorious in twenty-nine.

1980-81 will go down in the G.A.A. annals as the year when Presentation de la Salle Secondary School, Hospital, swept the boards in the playing fields of Limerick and Munster.

In an extraordinary year, four football titles, two hurling titles, a handball title and two camogie titles were won. In hurling and football, the school played a total of thirty-three games and lost only four of them.

The Munster Crowns were captured in football. The under-15 team defeated Dungarvan to take the Corn Mhic Chraith. The under 16½ boys ran out very easy winners against Kilorglin to retain the Corn na Carraige which the school had won the previous year.

Highlight of the Munster competition was the defeat of Kilrush in the Corn an Runai. Hospital were down six points at half time and still won by five points.

In the Limerick Colleges the school had an historic win in the under-16 hurling, defeating Sexton Street II in the Sean Jones Cup and later accounting for Ardscoil Ris in the under 16 football to retain the O'Neill Cup. The under 18



Games in progress at Hospital.

### Trainer

Three cheers for Br. Raymond who must surely have been the trainer of the year. By his dedication, sporting spirit, and interest he has given the boys far more than trophies to remember.

Our under-15 handballers E. O'Neill and N. O'Brien, annexed the Colleges All-Ireland crown by beating St. McCartans (Monaghan) in the final.

Mr. McMahon and Mr. McCarthy saw to it that the girls in the school were not to be outdone. They also finished the year on a winning note taking the senior Munster League and a first year Limerick competition in camogie.

The presentation of medals was performed by two distinguished past pupils of the school Jim Carroll and Brian Carroll.

Well done to all the Presentation De La Salle teachers

19/4/81

### Hospital

GAA: Our minor hurlers have qualified for the play-off stages of the South M.H.L. by defeating Knockainey 4-2 to 3-2 in a fine sporting game. The team lined out as follows: T. Meaney, L. O'Doherty, M. Murphy, J. P. Ryan, d. Murphy, G. Wright (capt.), P. O'Connell, A. O'Brien, A. Meaney, G. O'Rourke, P. O'Donovan, S. Ryan, M. O'Dwyer, S. Reale, S. Gallagher. Subs., J. Capper Reale, T. Hennessy, J. Baggott, D. Hanley.

At a recent meeting of the club, congratulations were extended to Br. Raymond, trainer and manager of the Presentation De La Salle hurling and football teams on their success at Munster and County level.

At a meeting in the Community Hall on 1st April, Mrs. Hayes, president of the Limerick Federation of G.A.A. Clubs, presented the

## Hospital/ Herbertstown

18-12-82  
Permission has been granted for the erection of dressing rooms, etc., at the Sportsfield in Hospital.

The estimated cost of the project is £5,000, with the erection being completed by voluntary labour.

To defray the costs, which are at a minimum, the organising committee are looking forward to a good response to their appeal. Committee members will call to each home in Hospital and Herbertstown early in January.

## H/town/ Hospital

19-6-82  
Congratulations and best wishes to the Hospital/Herbertstown u/12 hurling team and trainers on their winning of the South final on last Saturday. These boys now go forward to represent the South in the County finals and we wish them every success.

There was a good turn out for the finals of the H...

## Double for Robert

24/7/82  
Robert Walsh, recently returned to Herbertstown from England, was a member of the Hospital-Herbertstown team which won the South under 12 hurling and football championship. He is son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Walsh, who hails from Caherline and Ballyneety respectively.

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## Junior 31-7-82

Hospital-Herbertstown ..... 0-11  
Banogue ..... 1-1

Hospital-Herbertstown advanced to the next round of the South Limerick junior hurling championship at Bruff yesterday when they defeated Banogue by seven points. Hospital-Herbertstown led at half time by 0-5 to 0-0, and although Banogue showed up in better light in the second half, Hospital-Herbertstown kept their grip on the game.

Scorers: Hospital-Herbertstown - J. Carroll and J. Moran 0-3 each, G. Barrett 0-2, J. Higgins 0-2, A. Higgins 0-1.

Banogue - P. J. O'Donoghue 1-0, and B. Ryan 0-1.

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tions with their big cash prizes.

## Hospital

The annual Retreat for the men of Hospital-Herbertstown, in the Redemptorists Retreat House, Limerick, will take place this Saturday and Sunday. Anyone over 18 who wishes to attend should contact a local promoter.

The Mil Run in Hospital on Sunday 21st was a great success. Over £1,000 was collected in sponsorship. The areas that took part included Knockainey, Emly, Elton, Herbertstown, Kitleely and Hospital.

The Vocational School have completed another unique double. Having won both county U. 18 hurling and football titles, they completed the U. 16 double by beating Dromcollogher comprehensively in the county final last week. The girls also won the ladies soccer beating Newcastle West 3-0 in the final.

Congratulations to Mary Ryan (Hospital) and ...

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Hospital-Herbertstown ..... 0-11  
Banogue ..... 1-1

Hospital-Herbertstown advanced to the next round of the South Limerick junior hurling championship at Bruff yesterday when they defeated Banogue by seven points. Hospital-Herbertstown led at half time by 0-5 to 0-0, and although Banogue showed up in better light in the second half, Hospital-Herbertstown kept their grip on the game.

Scorers: Hospital-Herbertstown - J. Carroll and J. Moran 0-3 each, G. Barrett 0-2, J. Higgins 0-2, A. Higgins 0-1.

Banogue - P. J. O'Donoghue 1-0, and B. Ryan 0-1.

## Hospital

The annual senior citizens outing will take place on Wednesday, July 28. A coach will leave the Community Hall at 9 a.m. approx. for Spanish Point and return that evening via Killaloe. Those wishing to travel on this outing should submit their names to Mrs. Jennie Doherty.

The Hospital-Herbertstown GAA Club achieved a notable double by winning the under-12 football and hurling (South Div.). The teams were picked from the following panel:

M. Durkin, hurling cap.; F. Heyworth, football capt.; D. McAuliffe, K. Lyons, B. Ryan, J. Prenderville, P. Galvin, W. Gleeson, P. Lynch, L. Ryan, L. Meaney, P. Fenton, C. Reale, P. Finn, B. Walsh, J. Gleeson, T. Costelloe, M. O'Connor, M. Frazier, T. O'Shea, L. Hayes, J. Fitzpatrick, D. Hanley, J. Mahan.

# TEAM FOCUS 1982



HOSPITAL/HERBERTSTOWN UNDER 12 FOOTBALL TEAM

BACK ROW (L. to R.): P. Galvin, W. Gleeson, Br. Raymond, P. Lynch, B. Ryan, Ted Meaney, Secretary, L. Ryan, M. Frazier, Baddy Higgins, Vice-chairman, L. Meaney, K. Lyons, Mrs. Carmody, N.T., G. Fitzpatrick, Seamus Costello, Treasurer, T.

# GREAT DOUBLE <sup>1982</sup> FOR UNDER 12's

**WHILE the surprisingly good run of the junior hurlers in the South Limerick championship, was one of the big talking points in the division during 1982, the successes of the under 12 teams were of greater significance to the officers and mentors of the Hospital/Herbertstown club.**

Since the inception of the under 12 championships, this was the first time the club recorded its name on the honours list. The winning of the divisional hurling crown was a most welcome achievement and to add the football title, was simply to put icing on the cake.

In the opening rounds, there was not really anything impressive about the sides, but as the championships progressed, it was obvious they were developing into teams of real merit.

Rev. Bro. Raymond of the Presentation/De La Salle school, was in charge. His leadership and inspiration, helped in a major way to develop team work and a will to win. By the time the divisional finals were reached, an eagerly awaited breakthrough in the under 12 series seemed possible.

Kilmallock provided the opposition in both deciders at Knocklong. Stirring struggles ensued before Hospital/Herbertstown, completed a notable double.

The future looks bright for hurling and football in both parishes. These youngsters will be the under age teams for the remainder of the present decade and further successes are certain.

Encouragement to the under 12 teams in the years ahead, will guarantee the future of Gaelic games in Hospital and Herbertstown.



**HOSPITAL/HERBERTSTOWN, SOUTH U/12H. CHAMPIONS**

**Back Row (L. to R.): Forde Hayworth, Bobby Ryan, Robert Walsh, William Gleeson, Pat Prenderville, Martin Durkin, Liam Ryan, Paul Galvin, Pat Lynch, Thomas Costello, Kevin Lyons, Tom O'Shea.**

**Front Row (L. to R.): Liam Meaney, John Gleeson, Liam Hayes, Paul Finn, Pat Fenton, Mervin Frazier, Charlie Reall, John Monahan, Michael Hanly, Des McAuliffe, Michael O'Connor.**

## <sup>27-2-82</sup> Hospital

The Community Games has started again. On Monday, Feb. 15, both U. 10 and U. 13 draughts teams won in Murroe. The U. 10 winning side included Brian O'Loughlin, Ken Burke, Noel Davern, Willie Ryan, Richard Cleary, Gerard Ryan, Kieran Davern, while the U. 13 winning team was Edwina Cleary, John Cleary, Niall Frazier, Mark Creighton, Helen Bourke, Mervyn Frazier, Hazel Long, and Robert Ryan.

And another success story - the U. 18 County Vocational Schools hurling and football titles were won recently by Hospital. The unique double has not been achieved previously by any other school.

Congratulations to Noreen and Thomas Keogh on the birth of a

from England to make his First Communion with his cousins.

## <sup>12.6.82</sup> Hospital

It is with great sadness that the Parish of Hospital witnesses the retirement of Bro. Leopold and the departure from the Community of Bro. Raymond. Bro Leopold has been in Hospital for the last 6 years and since then his contribution to both primary schools and the community has been enormous. Bro. Raymond first came to Hospital in Sept. 1971 and since then has had a legion of admirers within the schools, in the GAA and in all the surrounding parishes in the school catchment area. As far as sport is concerned he has put Presentation De La Salle on the map by coaching the teams to many Munster and county hurling and football titles over the years. To both Bro. Raymond and Bro. Leopold the people of Hospital say a sincere thank you and every success in the future.

Hospital Tennis Club will hold a junior tennis tournament for club members every Saturday afternoon for the summer months. The first of these tournaments was held on Saturday and the winners were David O'Shea and Annette Cagney. Also membership fees are due and must be paid within the next week.

# Bro. Raymond is moving on

4/9/82

THIS week, Rev. Bro. Raymond, Presentation De La Salle, Hospital, said farewell to his friends in South Limerick before moving to new pastures in Ballyfermot, Dublin.

Back in 1971 Bro. Raymond came to Hospital and at once took an interest in Gaelic affairs in the school. Up and until his departure he served as trainer, manager and selector of eleven teams, from under 14 to under 18.

Since 1973 Presentation De La Salle have figured in the honours list at either county or provincial level and on occasions at both.

The most successful year was 1981 when they won the Munster under 16, 17 and 18 football titles.

At hurling, 1975 proved to be their best year. They won the provincial under 18 championship and the winning line-out included players such as Jimmy Carroll and the Garryspillane brothers, Mossy and Brian.

Bro. Raymond held regular training sessions for the seniors after school and for the younger players it was Saturday and Sunday mornings.

He wrote an account of every match on the school notice board. These accounts became the focal point of interest in the games for non-participants, with the description varying from the humorous to the sad, to the serious to the colourful—depending on the mood and inspiration of the writer.

Bro. Raymond did not confine his talent to the school scene. He served as secretary of Limerick Colleges and Coiste Iarbhunscoil-leana, a body formed two years ago to co-ordinate the activities of the Secondary and Vocational School Boards.

He was a member of the Hospital-Herbertstown GAA Club and trained the under 12 teams to win the 1982 South Limerick championships.

At a specially convened meeting in Hospital, the above club presented Bro. Raymond with a suitably inscribed writing set in appreciation and recognition of his services and dedication to Gaelic games in Hospital.

Bro. Raymond has said his last goodbye to the green fields of Hospital and district. His love of hurling and football and his commitment to the games in the Presentation De La Salle school will never be forgotten by those fortunate enough to know him.

His many friends in South Limerick and West Tipperary wish him many years of health and happiness and even bigger and better successes with the boys in Ballyfermot.

## Scene set

The scene is now set for the finals of the junior championships. At Kilmallock on Sunday last the last of the semi-finals produced a rousing affair.

In particular the hurling semi-final between Ardpark and Glenroe. This game produced hurling better than anything seen in South Limerick this year and while a draw would have satisfied

mostly everybody, it was Ardpark who qualified to meet Effin with a point two minutes from time.

Knockainey led all the way to defeat Bruff by a four-point margin in the football semi-final. They sparkled in the early stages, but had to fight all the way in the second half to contain the resurgent Bruff men.

In the county championships, South teams had mixed luck over the week-end.

Pride of place goes to Bruree who defeated Mungret in the county senior hurling semi-final. The best wishes of Southern Gaeldom will be with them on Sunday week when they tackle Patrickswell in the final.

Croom defeated Askeaton in the county senior football title race

and now meet Na Piarsaigh in the semi-final.

Camogie Rovers went down to Mungret in the county under 14 football semi-final.

In minor football Bruff failed to Castlemaheon and Croom fell to Fr. Casey's.

Bruff played a draw with Old Christians in under 14 hurling and the replay goes ahead at Caherconlish on Tuesday next at 7.00.

At Caherconlish on Monday last, Bruff and Patrickswell fought a thrilling under 16 hurling semi-final. Bruff won 4-3 to 2-2 and now meet Killeedy in the final at the Gaelic Grounds on Saturday, 11th.

The South under 21 hurling final replay between Kilmallock and Bruff arranged for Knocklong on Sunday next has been deferred until the 19th.

## Hospital

Hospital-Herbertstown can look back with satisfaction on the year 1982. Pride of place goes to the under 12 league teams who won South hurling and football crowns. The enthusiasm and dedication of these youngsters augurs well for the future and we can look forward to a good innings at Bord na nOg level in the next few years.

Our junior hurlers proved to be the surprise outfit in the divisional championship.

With wins over Castletown-Ballyagran and Banogue they faced Effin in the semi-final and were unlucky to lose. The team is determined to go one better next season.

The under 14, 16, 18 and 21 teams showed distinct promise before being eliminated from the championships.

Our club gained representation on the county senior and minor teams as well as the South Limerick sides.

Paddy Higgins and Mrs. Ann Meaney were selected to represent the division on the county Seor committee.

In last summer Br. Raymond, Presentation De La Salle, was transferred to Dublin. His work for Gaelic games in Hospital knew no limits and we wish him well in his new environment.

It is planned to erect dressing rooms at the local sportsfield and it is hoped to make progress in this area during the winter months.

Ted Meaney, Seamus Costello, Paddy Higgins, Joe Conway, Murty Hayes, Garreth Barry, Joe Wright, Aidan Higgins, Jimmy Carroll, Mrs. Anne Meaney, Mrs. Niamh Ryan, Bro. Raymond and their colleagues are to be complimented on their dedication during 1982.

17-10-82



Hospital/herbertstown, who defeated Kilmallock in the South U-12, H.C. final at Knocklong.

19-6-82

5.11.83

# Novice title for Glenroe

Glenroe.....3-8  
Castletown-Ballyagran .....3-4

Glenroe became the first holders of the South Limerick Junior Hurling Novice Championship title, when they defeated Castletown-Ballyagran in the final by a four points margin.

In the early stages of the game, Castletown-Ballyagran, whose member, John Boyce, presented the trophy for this competition, had the edge, but Glenroe pegged them back and eight minutes from half time the teams were level. Then Glenroe went ahead with a goal and led at half time by 2-4 to 1-4. Five minutes into the second half, the teams were again level. Near the end of the third quarter, Glenroe went ahead with a point and then added two more. With ten minutes to go, they added another point and then five minutes from time they had their third goal to look like winners. Castletown-Ballyagran, however, fought back for a goal, but Glenroe, playing with more fluency, held on to their four point lead and finished deserving winners.

Scorers: Glenroe-T. O'Dwyer (2-4), P. O'Brien (1-0), P. Meade (0-2), D. Kelly and D. O'Dwyer (0-1 each).

Castletown-Ballyagran-H. Dore, M. Connors, D. J. Hourigan 1-0 each), J. Cullinane (0-2), L. Murphy and M. O'Sullivan (0-1 each).

Referee: Mr. L. Ciohan, Camogue Rovers.

After the game, Mr. P. Murnane, chairman of the board, presented the Boyce Cup to J. Rea, captain of the Glenroe team.

## TEAMS

**Glenroe**-T. Tobin, P. Coffey, T. Coffey, S. O'Sullivan, J. Rea, J. Kelly, R. O'Sullivan, D. O'Dwyer, D. Kelly, P. O'Brien, P. Meade, M. O'Brien, T. Hyland, T. O'Dwyer, O. Coffey.

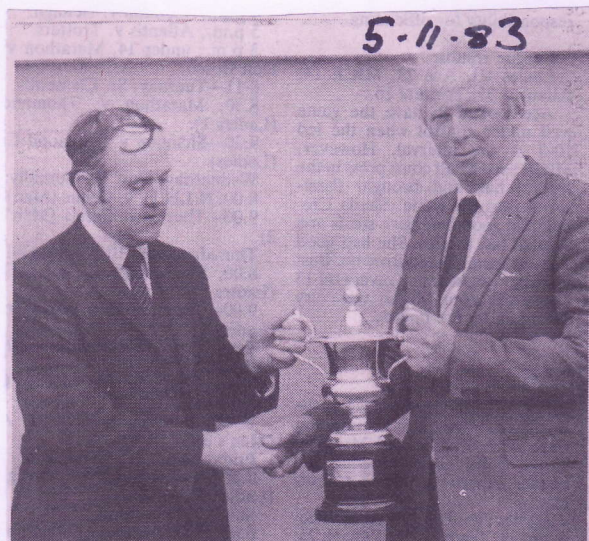
**Castletown-Ballyagran**-J. Sheehan, M. Donegan, D. O'Donnell, G. Greaney, G. Barry, J. Bresnihan, W. Dolan, J. Cullinane, L. Murphy, N. Madigan, D. J. Hourigan, M. O'Keeffe, M. O'Sullivan, H. Dore, M. Connors. Sub.: B. Cagney for Dolan.

## Her'town 5.11.83

Hundreds of supporters gave a royal welcome to Hospital/Herbertstown on Sunday evening last after their tremendous success in the county junior hurling final.

A meeting, with the view of publishing a parish magazine, will be held in Herbertstown on Monday next at 8.30 p.m. All clubs and interested individuals are invited to attend.

Paul Finn captained the Herbertstown team who won the South primary schools' Div. III hurling league at Knocklong on Thursday last.



Glenroe won the first ever South novice hurling title and the Boyce Cup at Bruff on Sunday last. John Boyce of Castletown/Ballyagran presented the cup to the South Board for the championship at a recent meeting. Picture shows John presenting the cup to the board chairman, Pat Murnane.



**Hospital/Herbertstown - County Junior Hurling Champions 1983**

Front Row; L. to R. - John Breen, Liam Jones, Martin O'Shea, Davy Cotter, Billy Higgins, Jimmy Carroll, John Reale, Jimmy Higgins, Paul Condon, Seamus Ryan, Denis O'Leary, Andrew Meaney, Pat Curtin. Back Row: L. to R. Christy Higgins, Declan Murphy, Michael Hennessy, Andrew Garvey, David Garvey, Liam Garvey, Garrett Barry, Mick Barrow, Gerard Wright, Tom Kiely, Tom O'Loughlin, Paddy Sullivan, Pat Kiely, Joe Moran, Pat Ryan, John Higgins.

16-10-83

# Exciting win for Hospital

Hospital-Herbertstown..... 2-14  
Effin ..... 2-8

**HOSPITAL-Herbertstown overcame the challenge of Effin in the replay of the county junior hurling championship semi-final at Croom on Sunday last in a hard fought and always exciting game.**

The Croom field was in unbelievably good condition. The torrential rain of the previous twenty four hours took no effect and if the gale force winds had abated, the conditions would have been ideal.

Objections or qualms about the Croom field which prevailed all week and right up to the game itself did not stand the test on this occasion. Indeed the local club deserve congratulations for the manner in which they handled the arrangements and for their efforts in having the field in top condition.

Back to the game, it was Hospital-Herbertstown who raised a few eyebrows when they took the field with Jimmy Carroll moved from centre back and Andrew Garvey from centre field to attack with Billy Higgins reversing back to the No. 6 berth. These positional changes paid handsome dividends but the play to line them out with the numbers they were in the drawn game did not upset the plans of Effin who were on top in the early stages after electing to play against the gale.

Liam McCarthy sent over three frees before the game was eight minutes old. Effin were hurling well at this stage, but by the 12th minute they were in arrears, a position they were to hold for the remainder of the hour.

Jimmy Higgins scored a nice goal in the 11th minute to level and a deflection saw Hospital-Herbertstown jump a goal ahead a minute later.

Tackling at the end of the first quarter was beginning to cause concern, but referee Sean O'Connor was in no mood to tolerate rough play. In the 18th minute he booked a player from each side and as he offered advice to both, he was quick to spot on off the ball incident some forty metres upfield and duly sent an Effin and Hospital-Herbertstown midfielder to the sideline.

This development hit Effin the hardest and for the remainder of the first half they played second fiddle.

Andrew Garvey expertly pointed six frees in the last ten minutes to leave Hospital-Herbertstown 2-6 to 0-3 ahead at the break.

Points by Liam McCarthy and Matt Rea early in the second half revived memories of the drawn game, when Effin pulled back a four goal lead.

However, Hospital-Herbertstown learned their lesson and were in no mood to tolerate an Effin fight back. They refused to defend their interval advantage, but carried the game into the opposing defence and into the

teeth of the gale.

Jimmy Carroll (0-2), Jimmy Higgins (0-1) and Andrew Garvey (0-2) had them ahead 2-11 to 0-5 in the 11th minute and one Hospital-Herbertstown supporter was heard to remark "Ardagh will never stand up to that hurling in the county final."

Jimmy Carroll played his best hurling in the closing 20 minutes and his linking with Michael Hennessy at midfield caused problems to Effin.

Fighting a losing battle did not deter Effin from giving everything they had. A goal and a point from Liam McCarthy, now operating at centre forward, and a Matt Rea point before Andrew Garvey replied with a white flag left it 2-12 to 1-7 with 10 minutes remaining.

Matt Rea went through for another goal a minute later, but Andrew Garvey sent over points to keep his side well in control.

Liam McCarthy had the last score of the game, a point in the closing seconds.

Hospital-Herbertstown deserved to win this one. Their controlled ball play and will to survive won them the day. Add the superlative displays of Jimmy Carroll, the Garvey brothers, Billy Higgins and Tom O'Loughlin, and you find the reason why the trojan efforts of Liam McCarthy, Mike Carroll, Davy Barrett, Jimmy Burke, Matt Rea, Michael Rea

and Tony Dillon, were not sufficient to book a place for Effin in the decider.

## TEAMS

**Hospital-Herbertstown:** L. Jones, T. Kiely, T. O'Loughlin, P. Kiely, G. Wright, B. Higgins, L. Garvey, M. Hennessy, D. Cotter, D. Garvey, J. Carroll, A. Garvey, J. Reale, G. Barry, J. Higgins. Sub.: D. O'Leary.

**Effin:** D. McCarthy, P. Sheehy, M. Carroll, J. Hides, T. Dillon, L. McCarthy, D. Barrett, J. Burke, M. Ryan, P. McMahon, M. Rea, M. Dillon, M. Rea, L. Ryan, D. Donovan. Subs.: J. Rea, J. Ryan. Referee: S. O'Connor (Cloughaun).

Hospital/Herbertstown ..... 0-9  
Bruff ..... 10-12-83 ..... 1-4

Two points inside the last four minutes enabled Hospital/Herbertstown to score an exciting win over Bruff in the under 21 football final at Knocklong.

Bruff led 1-3 to 0-0 at half time but the winners played much better after the resumption.

Michael Hennessy, Niall O'Brien, Martin O'Shea, Andrew Garvey, Pat Fogarty, Andrew Meaney, John Breen and Declan Murphy were best for Hospital/Herbertstown.

Ger Browne starred for Bruff and was well supported by Michael Reale, Raymond O'Leary, Vincent Donovan, Jim Leahy, Billy Irwin, Liam Barron and Gerry Butler.

Churchtown (Cork) scored a fully deserved 4-4 to 1-1 win over Herbertstown in the final of South Primary Schools division 3 league.

The winners, who had outstanding performers in Robert Dorney, Catherine Lynch, Michael Lynch, Jim Barry and Michael Sheehan, were much too strong for the opposition.

**Herbertstown—**L. Hayes, D. Ryan, T. Mulcahy, P. Finn, D. Breen, W. Moriarty, J. Gleeson, P. J. Kiely, M. Bermingham, T. Barry.

5-3-83  
Glenroe

The AGM of CLCG Glenn Rua was held recently in the Hall, Glenroe, 40 members present.

It was decided to increase club membership fee from £1 to £2; it was also decided to increase the number of junior and novice selectors from 3 to 5.

## OFFICERS

President, Jim Lee; chairman, Tom Coffey; vice-chairmen, Brian Maguire and George Howard; secretary, Oliver Coffey; ass. secretary, Tom Tobin; treasurer, Johnny Hennessy; asst. treasurer, M. J. Coffey; registrar, Tom Tobin; PRO, Daithi McCarthy.

**Committee:** The nine officials named above plus Michael Sweeney, Tom Hyland, Matt Callaghan, Gerry Rea, John Fenton, Ger Coffey.

**Teams affiliated:** Junior, novice, under-21, minor.

**Team trainers:** Junior and novice, Oliver Coffey; under-21 and minor, M. J. Coffey.

**Team captain:** Junior, M. J. Coffey; novice, Gerry Rea; under-21, James O'Dwyer; minor, John Kelly.

**Team selectors:** Under-21 and minor, M. J. Coffey, Daithi McCarthy, Tom Coffey, Paddy Kelly, George Howard.

**Junior and novice,** Jim Lee, Tom Coffey, Ger Coffey, Ollie Coffey and Tom Tobin.

## BORD NA nOG

**Chairman,** Rev. Fr. O'Neill; vice-chairman, George Howard; secretary, James Hickey; ass. secretary, M. J. Coffey.

**Selector for Bord na nOg,** Rev. Fr. O'Neill, James Hickey, Ger Coffey. **Teams affiliated,** under-12, under-14, under-16 and Feile na nGael.

## Hospital

The year ended on a very happy note for one of Hospital's finest sports personalities, Eamon O'Neill. Winning the Irish u-15 handball trials was a dream come true, for it meant representing his county and country in the United States Championships. But the fairytale story did not end there. He went on to beat all his American opponents convincingly to reach the final against fellow countryman F. Kavanagh of Westmeath. In this game he displayed his true skill as Ireland's best u-15 player in recent years, by beating the Westmeath man 21-18, 21-3 in a thrilling final. Eamon will return home next week to a hero's welcome.



Michael McCormack, Herbertstown, captain South Schools hurling team, defeated in the Mackey Cup final pictured with referee Neilly Duggan.

1983

## Junior Hurling:

## Hospital in full control

Hospital-Herbertstown ..... 2-13  
South Liberties ..... 2-2

Fancied Hospital-Herbertstown advanced to the semi final of the county junior hurling championship at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last with a fully deserved win over South Liberties.

South Liberties second string entered the game as complete outsiders and although well beaten at the end of the hour, they gave the opposition plenty to worry about, particularly in the second half.

Liam Garvey and Joe Moran gave Hospital-Herbertstown the edge in the opening moiety. After the resumption, John Cooney and D. Neville raised green flags for Liberties and points from Michael Nash had them on the heels of the leaders.

The Garvey brothers, Jimmy Carroll, Billy Higgins, Liam Jones and Garret Barry did enough in the last quarter to keep Hospital-Herbertstown nicely in front.

This was not a convincing win by Hospital-Herbertstown, but they seemed always capable of staying ahead of the opposition despite the

## Hospital - Herbertstown Too Good

18/83

Hospital - Herbertstown who were lucky enough to snatch a draw in their initial meeting proved much too good for South Liberties in their County Under 21 football county championship quarter final replay at Pairc na nGael on Sunday, winning by 2-8 to 0-4.

They had outstanding players in Davy Cotter, Martin O'Shea, Michael Hennessy, John Brien, Andy Garvey and Pat Fogarty, while for a Liberties that never really got going Cronin, Larry, Alan Shanahan, Brian Finn, Ger Fitzgerald and Mark Fitzgerald were best.

draising appeal.

Congratulations to local hurling club Glenroe on winning the South Limerick novice hurling title on Sunday 1st, October 30. Members of the victorious team visited the primary schools in the parishes of Glenroe and Ballylanders during the week with the Boyce cup. Those who visited Ballylanders School were Mr. Matt O'Callaghan, Mr. James Lee, Mr. Jack Rea, Mr. M. J. Coffey and Mr. Thomas Tobin. The visit to this school was really significant, as the principal teacher, Mr. Michael Russell, was the former coach of most of this present Glenroe team when he taught at Glenroe and subsequently at Ballylanders. The visiting party treated the school children to minerals. It would appear that the Glenroe club has got its priorities right where the youth are concerned.

19-11-83

## 30-7-83 UNDER 21 FOOTBALL

Hospital/Herbertstown came from behind to hold South Liberties to a draw, in the county under 21 football championship at Caherconlish.

South Liberties held a four point advantage early in the second half and looked good for a semi final spot.

John Breen kicked great points from placed balls to restore parity for Hospital/Herbertstown, whose second half performance was deserving of a draw.

Mike Hennessy, John Breen, Andrew Garvey, Pat Fogarty and P. J. Slattery were best for Hospital/Herbertstown. Alan Shanahan, Mark Fitzgerald, Cronin Garry, Brian Finn and Dan O'Brien tried hard for Liberties.

## Herbertstown

15-1-83

On Sunday morning last we took full points from Murroe at Herbertstown by virtue of an excellent 5-2 victory.

Murroe, even though a man short, were very determined and the score was 2-2 at the interval, both goals coming from centre-forward, Monty Tierney.

For most of the second half the score remained the same with neither side giving an inch.

Eventually 20 minutes from time John Breen scored a fine goal from 30 yards to put us ahead. Minutes later Tierney again stormed through the packed Murroe defence to get his hat-trick.

Five minutes from the end Andy Garvey's cross from the wing was nicely put away by Mike Walshe.

## South Limerick GAA

20.8.83

# No thrills in junior final

**THE EXPECTED thrills in the junior hurling cup final at Knocklong on Sunday evening last, failed to materialise, as Hospital-Herbertstown convincingly defeated Knockainey on the scoreline of 2-12 to 3-1.**

For the big attendance it was a most disappointing game. The winners dominated all facets of this eagerly awaited clash and not only scored a gratifying win, but also handed out a hurling lesson to their near neighbours.

Hospital/Herbertstown set about their task from the throw-in. At the interval they led 1-6 to 0-1, with the losers sole first half score coming from a free after twenty seven minutes play.

Knockainey scored three goals during the final six minutes, but significantly these scores came after Jimmy Carroll had retired injured. Carroll played soundly at centre half back and expertly played the ball out of defence on numerous occasions.

Andrew Meaney outclassed Tim Hartigan at midfield and with Olly Hartigan failing badly to Mike Hennessy, the Hospital/Herbertstown pairing were on top in this sector. When Andrew Garvey moved to midfield for the second half, the winners dominance in this vital sector was total.

Garvey gave one of the best displays at junior level in the south division for many a day. He scorned the best efforts of the opposition, with his first time striking of the ball paying rich dividends.

Meaney, Garvey, Carroll, Billy Higgins, Pat Kiely and Tom O'Loughlin were the shining lights in a rampant Hospital/Herbertstown fifteen. In a spiritless Knockainey team, only goalkeeper Finian Leahy and centre back John Byrnes enhanced their reputations.

The game was firmly handled by Ray Moloney, who had occasion to give marching orders to a Knockainey player late in the game.

## Scorers

**Hospital/Herbertstown** — A. Garvey 0-6, B. Higgins 1-3, D. O'Leary 1-0, D. Garvey 0-2, A. Meaney 0-1.

**Knockainey** — D. O'Meara, G. Barron, T. Hartigan 1-0 each, G. Whelan 0-1.

**Hospital/Herbertstown** — L. Jones, T. Kiely, T. O'Loughlin, P. Kiely, L. Garvey, J. Carroll, G. Wright, A. Meaney, M. Hennessy, B. Higgins, A. Garvey, D. Garvey, D. Cotter, G. Barry, P. O'Sullivan. Subs., J. Higgins for O'Sullivan, D. O'Leary for J. Higgins, B. Kiely for Carroll.

**Knockainey** — F. Leahy, M. O'Connell, M. Hayes, D. O'Mahony, M. Walsh, J. Byrnes, J. O'Grady, O. Hartigan, T. Harti-

gan, D. O'Mahony, J. Quinlan, G. Barron, D. Cleary, G. Whelan, C. Cooke. Subs., D. O'Meara for Cooke; C. Hayes for O'Mahony.

Bruff stormed to an easy 3-15 to 0-1 win over Ballylanders in the minor football final at Knocklong. The opposition was provided by Ballylanders, who promised much in the early minutes, but had no answer to the Bruff boys, once Pat Reale had scored two good goals by the end of the first quarter.

James Riordan and Michael Reale held the whip hand at midfield for the winners, despite the high workrate of the Ballylanders pairing of Michael O'Brien and Pat O'Brien.

Liam Barron, Pat Dennehy, Anthony Riordan and Ger Browne were others to star for Bruff. Pat O'Mahony, John Kelly, Joe Daly, Michael Davern, Pat Coffey, along with the O'Briens, tried hard to turn the tide in favour of Ballylanders.

**Bruff** — S. Blake, P. Dennehy, L. Barron, J. Noonan, A. Madden, J. Ryan, M. Browne, J. Riordan, M. Reale, P. Barrett, G. Browne, J. Riordan, T. Coleman, P. Reale, A. Riordan.

**Ballylanders** — J. Daly, G. Davern, P. Coffey, J. Buckley, L. Howard, J. Kelly, L. O'Dwyer, M. O'Brien, P. O'Brien, J. Downey, P. O'Mahony, F. O'Gorman, D. J. Noonan, M. Davern, T. Buckley.

Referee — S. Bourke (Garryspillane). Bruree and Kilmallock played a draw in the junior football championship at Meanus on Saturday last. It was a closely contested encounter, with the result a fair one.

Ballylanders gave their supporters plenty to cheer about, when scoring an exciting win over Bruff in the junior football cup at Knocklong.

A polished display by Castle-town/Ballygran gave them a place in the under 16 hurling final at the expense of Hospital.

## Scoreboard

J.H. 'Cup final — Hospital/Herbertstown 2-12, Knockainey 3-1.

M.F.C. final — Bruff 3-15, Ballylanders 0-1.

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## Hospital - Herbertstown Too Good

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They had outstanding players in Davy Cotter, Martin O'Shea, Michael Hennessy, John Brien, Andy Garvey and Pat Fogarty, while for a Liberties that never really got going Cronin, Larry, Alan Shanahan, Brian Finn, Ger Fitzgerald and Mark Fitzgerald were best.

draising appeal.

Congratulations to local hurling club Glenroe on winning the South Limerick novice hurling title on Sunday 1st, October 30. Members of the victorious team visited the primary schools in the parishes of Glenroe and Ballylanders during the week with the Boyce cup. Those who visited Ballylanders School were Mr. Matt O'Callaghan, Mr. James Lee, Mr. Jack Rea, Mr. M. J. Coffey and Mr. Thomas Tobin. The visit to this school was really significant, as the principal teacher, Mr. Michael Russell, was the former coach of most of this present Glenroe team when he taught at Glenroe and subsequently at Ballylanders. The visiting party treated the school children to minerals. It would appear that the Glenroe club has got its priorities right where the youth are concerned.

19-11-83

## 30-7-83 UNDER 21 FOOTBALL

Hospital/Herbertstown came from behind to hold South Liberties to a draw, in the county under 21 football championship at Caherconlish.

South Liberties held a four point advantage early in the second half and looked good for a semi final spot.

John Breen kicked great points from placed balls to restore parity for Hospital/Herbertstown, whose second half performance was deserving of a draw.

Mike Hennessy, John Breen, Andrew Garvey, Pat Fogarty and P. J. Slattery were best for Hospital/Herbertstown. Alan Shanahan, Mark Fitzgerald, Cronin Garry, Brian Finn and Dan O'Brien tried hard for Liberties.

## Herbertstown

15-1-83

On Sunday morning last we took full points from Murroe at Herbertstown by virtue of an excellent 5-2 victory.

Murroe, even though a man short, were very determined and the score was 2-2 at the interval, both goals coming from centre-forward, Monty Tierney.

For most of the second half the score remained the same with neither side giving an inch.

Eventually 20 minutes from time John Breen scored a fine goal from 30 yards to put us ahead. Minutes later Tierney again stormed through the packed Murroe defence to get his hat-trick.

Five minutes from the end Andy Garvey's cross from the wing was nicely put away by Mike Walshe.

## South Limerick GAA

20.8.83

# No thrills in junior final

**THE EXPECTED thrills in the junior hurling cup final at Knocklong on Sunday evening last, failed to materialise, as Hospital-Herbertstown convincingly defeated Knockainey on the scoreline of 2-12 to 3-1.**

For the big attendance it was a most disappointing game. The winners dominated all facets of this eagerly awaited clash and not only scored a gratifying win, but also handed out a hurling lesson to their near neighbours.

Hospital/Herbertstown set about their task from the throw-in. At the interval they led 1-6 to 0-1, with the losers sole first half score coming from a free after twenty seven minutes play.

Knockainey scored three goals during the final six minutes, but significantly these scores came after Jimmy Carroll had retired injured. Carroll played soundly at centre half back and expertly played the ball out of defence on numerous occasions.

Andrew Meaney outclassed Tim Hartigan at midfield and with Olly Hartigan failing badly to Mike Hennessy, the Hospital/Herbertstown pairing were on top in this sector. When Andrew Garvey moved to midfield for the second half, the winners dominance in this vital sector was total.

Garvey gave one of the best displays at junior level in the south division for many a day. He scorned the best efforts of the opposition, with his first time striking of the ball paying rich dividends.

Meaney, Garvey, Carroll, Billy Higgins, Pat Kiely and Tom O'Loughlin were the shining lights in a rampant Hospital/Herbertstown fifteen. In a spiritless Knockainey team, only goalkeeper Finntan Leahy and centre back John Byrnes enhanced their reputations.

The game was firmly handled by Ray Moloney, who had occasion to give marching orders to a Knockainey player late in the game.

## Scorers

**Hospital/Herbertstown** — A. Garvey 0-6, B. Higgins 1-3, D. O'Leary 1-0, D. Garvey 0-2, A. Meaney 0-1.

**Knockainey** — D. O'Meara, G. Barron, T. Hartigan 1-0 each, G. Whelan 0-1.

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Bruff stormed to an easy 3-15 to 0-1 win over Ballylanders in the minor football final at Knocklong. The opposition was provided by Ballylanders, who promised much in the early minutes, but had no answer to the Bruff boys, once Pat Reale had scored two good goals by the end of the first quarter.

James Riordan and Michael Reale held the whip hand at midfield for the winners, despite the high workrate of the Ballylanders pairing of Michael O'Brien and Pat O'Brien.

Liam Barron, Pat Dennehy, Anthony Riordan and Ger Browne were others to star for Bruff. Pat O'Mahony, John Kelly, Joe Daly, Michael Davern, Pat Coffey, along with the O'Briens, tried hard to turn the tide in favour of Ballylanders.

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Referee — S. Bourke (Garryspillane). Bruree and Kilmallock played a draw in the junior football championship at Meanus on Saturday last. It was a closely contested encounter, with the result a fair one.

Ballylanders gave their supporters plenty to cheer about, when scoring an exciting win over Bruff in the junior football cup at Knocklong.

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## Parteen

The annual general meeting of the club reconvenes at the pre-fab on this Thursday night, 8.30 p.m. to finalise a few remaining items on the agenda. The items for discussion are personal insurance, membership, regrading and under 18 selectors.

In an effort to maintain a degree of fitness built up during the year, many of the players have taken to road running, which they hope to expand on gradually.

A novice handball tournament for members has not had the desired support at least for the present time.

Bhih Lubán Dige ro laidir duinn i gcluiche camogaidheachta cairdiuil in Oiléan na Ron an Domhnach seo caite. Tri cul a fuair na cuairteoirí gan aon scor le fail ag na cailíteoirí. Thainig dream mor o Luban Dige chun a fhoireann d'fheiscint. Ta na cailini toilleanach leanuint leis na cluichi i rith an geimhridh ma leanann an aimsir mar ata si. D'imir Treasa Martin, Brid Dillon, Toni O'Sullivan agus Mary Loneragan go maith. An foireann: Ann Marie Ryan; Jacinta Finnucane, Mary Loneragan; Catriona Byrnes, Toni O'Sullivan, Mary Martin, Breed Dillon, Jene Hickey, Treasa Martin, Miriam Hayes, Jennifer Martin agus Jacqueline Gorey.

Redgate A.C. are to hold a special meeting in Parteen next Tuesday at 8 p.m. in connection with the annual Christmas Handicap to be held on St. Stephen's Day. The club also hope to start a jogger's league early in the New Year. Anyone interested in taking part in these events are expected to attend this meeting.

At the Munster Intermediate Cross Country Championship at Killarney last Sunday our senior runners were narrowly pipped by U.C.C. for the bronze medals by a mere five points. The Redgate team was, Tony Ryan, Tom Madden, Mick Cussen, Pat Walsh, Frank Nash and Jerry O'Connell.

## Adare GAA

The parish u. 12 hurling league, which has proved to be immensely popular has now reached its concluding stage with the final due to be held this Saturday at the CBS (3.00 p.m.) between Con Murphy's team and Andrew Normoyle's. If you have any spare time on your hands you could do worse than to come along for 30 minutes and give these young lads some encouragement, and in the process be treated to an exciting final.

The two teams which were defeated in last Saturday's semi-finals are as follows: J. Barrett (capt.), T. Healy, M. O'Donnell, K. Fitzgerald, A. O'Gorman, D. Davis, M. Guilteneane, P. O'Keefe, S. Balfe, D. Lavin, J. Duggan, C. Guiney, E. Fitzgerald, P. Morrissey, J. O'Brien, J. Phillips (defeated by Andrew Normoyle). J. Dillon (capt.), C. Moore, D. McCarthy, D. Murray, G. O'Brien, J. Griffin, B. Hogan, P. Heffernan, P. Murray, J. Foley, M. O'Shaughnessy, N. Keating, M. Sheehy, E. Scanlon, J. Nash, M. Sheahan.

In the play-off for 5th and 6th place, Ger Healy defeated Kieran Ryan by 7-0 to 4-0.

Teams: Ger Healy (capt.), C. O'Neill, D. Rea, K. Dundon, A. Dowling, D. Butler, B. Collins, C. Moloney, J. Flynn, T. Relihan, C. Quaide, D. Heffernan, M. Brennan, D. Benson, M. Keating, M. Dunworth.

Team B: K. Ryan (capt.), D. Griffin, C. O'Donnell, F. O'Mahony, K. O'Brien, K. Buston, A. McNamara, O. O'Mahony, M. Doran, T. McNamara, B. O'Connell, P. O'Shaughnessy, M. Cahill, N. Enright, P. Meighan, T. Buston, G. O'Mahony, M. O'Connell.

A total of over 100 players participated in the league which was organised by Bord na nOg. In addition to the final, J. Dillon and J. Barrett will meet to decide the 3rd and 4th places.

## Mungret

Mungret GAA finished up the 1983 playing year on a triumphant note, when winning the Duggan Cup final defeating Cloughaun on

## Askeaton

Our junior Scor team competed in five events in Rathkeale and our ballad group of Michelle and Oonagh McMahon, Pauline Sheehy and Maeve and Jennifer Fitzgerald won through to the West final. Our solo singer, Maeve Fitzgerald and our quiz team of Justin Foley, Joe Hayes and Enda Ryan were placed second, and went to the semi-final on Saturday night last. Though they secured runner-up spot in both events our quiz team being beaten by just two marks, they do not go forward to the final.

Last Sunday was another big match day in our field when a fine crowd saw a very competitive West MF final between Newcastle West and Kierans, and saw Limerick give Tipperary a football lesson. Our two representatives on the co. side, Paddy Ivess and Finty Ryan acquitted themselves well, but the big thrill was when Paddy Barrett, out of action since last August, came on in the second half to show that he will soon be back to his best. Other good news is that the co. board were so impressed with the local set-up that they have re-sited their match v. Sligo on Sunday week from Pairc na nGael to Askeaton. That is a treat in store for Western fans.

Congrats to Eamon Kelly who won £2,000 and to Michael Walsh, who won £500 in the Mackey Stand draw. Places in the draw are still available at £40 for 4 more draws, three cars and an RHO house or £25,000. Apply to John Carrig, Chris Walsh or Jim Enright.

The final of the Credit Union hurling competition between Askeaton and Coolcappa takes place this weekend, time and day as yet undecided.

## Ballybricken

Our Scor na nOg competitions were held in the Big Tree recently with the following results: Figure Dance, Marie Kerins, Catherine Whyte, Lorraine O'Dwyer, Susanne Kerins, Michelle O'Brien, No-ran Hickey, Marie Wade, Joan

## Fedamore

Our Under 15 hurlers put up a fine performance when losing to Caherline in the East Under 15 league final.

This was an excellent match, played at a brisk pace with ground hurling the feature of the afternoon.

Fedamore started in fine style and a great point by Patrick O'Donnell from the corner flag left them in front after the first quarter.

Caherline equalised shortly afterwards, and then the best score of the game, a goal for Fedamore scored by Patsy Lawlor after a great solo run by Tomas O'Mahoney.

The score at the interval was Fedamore 1-1, Caherline 0-1.

Caherline put on the pressure after the break and scored a goal and a point, after defensive errors by Fedamore. The exchanges were now very keen, but try as they may, Fedamore could not break down the Caherline defence for the equaliser.

Man of the match, Liam Haigney got a chance with a 65m free but his fine effort shaved the wrong side of the upright. The final score was Caherline 1-2, Fedamore 1-1.

Fedamore lined out as follows: Joseph Hurley (goal), Richard Crehan, Sean Roche, John McCarthy, Mike Ahern, Liam Haigney, John Kiely, Ian Murphy, Willie Enright, Conor Ryan, Pat O'Donnell, Tomas O'Mahony, Lawlor, John Ahern, Stephen Enright.

The following groups qualified for the East Scor na nOg final which was held last Saturday night.

Solo singing, ballad group, figure dancing and set dancing. All groups put up fine performances and we had one winner—Una Greensmith, solo singing. We wish her well in the final rounds. Thanks also to Margaret Shanahan and the ladies committee for their work in organising the groups.

## Pallas

Our club had great success in Scor na nOg on last Saturday evening in Cappamore Community Hall. Jim McCormack captured the title in recitation, while in an exciting and tense question time, Tony Greene, Philip Loneragan and Michael Kennedy lifted our colours even higher with some great answering. We now represent our division in these two competitions in the county final of Scor on December 16th and we hope that the lads will make the club and the division proud of them.

We play the final of the minor football league in Caherconlish on Sunday afternoon next. This team have had many fine wins in the competition and with a bit of luck, determination and support on Sunday next, we can add this trophy to the sideboard.

### GAA DRAW

Our club were well represented at the first monthly draw in the raffle, organised in aid of the Mick Mackey Stand in the Gaelic Grounds, Limerick. Imagine our delight and surprise when the first name out of the hat was a Pallasgreen ticket holder—Richard Loneragan of Rahard, who won a brand new car. This must give some hope to the 100 other subscribers with our club.

### UNDER 14's UNDER 12's

We will try to run a football league for our under 12's and Under 14's over the next few Saturdays if the weather holds. Please be in the field at 11 a.m. on next Saturday morning.

## H'stown

Herbertstown ICA are holding their annual outing on June 30, to Foto Wildlife Park, The Wilton Shopping Centre and Youghal. The fare is £6.00 and this includes the admission to Foto Park. Seats can be booked from any of the committee.

Congratulations to the under 13 footballers on winning the Community Games county final. They now go forward to represent Limerick in Munster. The team lined out as follows: Des McAuliffe, Paul Herr, Mervin Frazier (capt.), John Gleeson, Wayne Allen, Patrick Fenton, P. J. Kiely, Liam Meaney, Wm. Madden, Dermot Breen, Kevin Daly, Ken Burke, Christy Reale, John Monahan, Ml. Bermingham, Des Hanly, Liam Hayes, Sean Twomey, Brian O'Connor. Team manager Ted Meaney. Team trainer, Harry Greensmith.

## H'stown

Paddy Higgins, Ballinard, who has given more than fifty years service to the GAA, was the recipient of an appreciation award on Saturday last. His services to youth in the locality is well known and the local boys said a "thank you" to Paddy at half time in the primary schools final at Knocklong on Saturday between Hospital and Herbertstown. The presentation was made by Jason Allen of Hospital.

## H'stown

The local I.C.A. Guild will hold a meeting in the Parochial Hall on Wednesday next, at 8 p.m.

The under 14 hurlers defeated Kiltelly on Saturday last and won the O'Donnell Cup for the first time. Michael McCormack will captain the team this year, with Paul Galvin leading the footballers.

# HOSPITAL/HERBERTSTOWN

IN 1887 the GAA had its inception in Hospital and around the turn of the century a club was formed in Herbertstown.

Thomas Reale, M. J. O'Sullivan, Patrick Moore, James Canty, Dr. Curran, John Ryan, William Hayes, George Downes and John Curtin were some of the organisers in Hospital in the early years.

At different periods during the past century, Hospital and Herbertstown have fielded separate teams and affiliated separate clubs.

Hospital, Herbertstown, St. John's, De La Salle, Hospital/Herbertstown, Na Fianna and Mount Victory are some of the club titles used at different periods.

The first county title was captured in 1929 when Hospital defeated Pallas 4-2 to 2-4 in the intermediate hurling final.

Four years later the minor hurlers had a big win over Ahane in the county decider, winning 6-3 to 3-2.

There has always been a strong football tradition in the parish, but it was in 1975 they won the first county crown. Under the banner of Na Fianna they won the junior title.

Success continued in football in 1976 with two under 21 and one intermediate football.

Hospital/Herbertstown enjoyed tremendous success in 1983, becoming the first club to win the county junior hurling and football titles in the same year.

Some of its best-known inter-county players - J. J. Bresnan, Jimmy Carroll, Andy Garvey, Martin Butler, Tommy O'Brien.

Tommy Woods, Hospital, was the first secretary of the South Board. Other prominent officials with Hospital/Herbertstown connections - Ned Whelan, a former chairman and secretary of County Bord na nOg; Paddy Higgins, vice-chairman of South Bord na nOg, and Sean Murphy, present P.R.O., County GAA Board.

## H'b's'town

The local under-16 team won the South Limerick B hurling title last weekend. The team was managed by Michael Crimmins and captained by Damien Baggott. The south under-12 and 14 football titles are already resting in the parish.

## H'b'town

At the recent A.G.M. of the Hospital/Herbertstown GAA Club, Garrett Barry and Seamus Costello, did not seek re-election to the officerships of chairman and treasurer, respectively, which they held during the past three years. Both contributed in a big way to the rise of the club from relative obscurity to one of the best in the county. The unselfish work of Garrett and Seamus reaped rich dividends which should benefit the club for many a day.

The unexpected death of Michael Quane, Herbertstown, on Friday last, shocked the entire community. A former and brilliant exponent of football with Ballylanders and Herbertstown, he also played with the Army in the company of the great Joe Keohane.

Tim Doody, Joe Conway, Denis Kennedy, Garrett Barry, Billy Slattery and Paddy Hinchey have been elected as members of the parish finance committee.

A G.A.A. meeting will be held in Hospital on this Saturday at 8.30 p.m.

Club G.A.A.:

28.12.85  
Hospital/Herbertstown

A well below average attendance came to Herbertstown on Sunday last for the A.G.M. of the Hospital/Herbertstown G.A.A. Club.

Michael Power, the outgoing chairman, who was returned unopposed for another term of office, spoke of the poor performance of the senior teams after their great starts in the hurling and football championships. He looked forward to greater commitment from players in the year ahead.

Ted Meaney, the outgoing secretary, who was also returned unopposed, gave a detailed review of the activities of the last year. The under 12 and 14 footballers and the under 16 "B" hurlers and footballers, who won divisional titles, placed the club among the best. He stressed the importance of player insurance and reminded delegates of the added costs of public liability, affiliations, water rates, etc. These were expenses outside the every day running of the club. A club secretary without peer, Ted, went on to give a very comprehensive report of other club happenings.

Paddy Higgins, who has given many years of service as an officer, did not seek re-election as joint treasurer. His partner Michael Crimmins, also decided not to go forward.

## Presentation

Harry Greensmyth, who compiled a club history during the year, was presented with an inscribed Mullingar Pewter Cup by

the club chairman in recognition of his work.

Trainers for the senior teams were not selected. The chairman and secretary were detailed to interview candidates from within and without the club and report back to a meeting, where the final choice would be made.

## Officers

Election of officers:

Presidents, Rev. Fr. Canon Bacon, P.P.; Joe Conway, Mick O'Neill; chairman, Ml. Power; vice-chairman, Tom Bourke, Garrett Barry; secretary, Ted Meaney; asst. secretary, Mrs. Anne Meaney; treasurer, Pat Curtin; registrars, James O'Carroll, Ml. Crimmins; committee, Joe Wright, Andrew Meaney, John Higgins, Andrew Garvey, Jimmy Carroll, Liam Jones, Donie Carroll, Michael O'Dwyer.

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Senior selectors - Tom Bourke, John Higgins, Michael Crimmins, Pat Kiely, Michael Barron.

J.f. and n.h. selectors - Pat Kiely, Dan McInerney, James O'Carroll.

Under 21 and minor selectors - Ml. Power, Pat Curtin, Ted Meaney, Ml. Crimmins, H. Greensmyth.

## Hospital/Herbertstown

THE AGM of the Hospital/Herbertstown GAA club will be held in Herbertstown on Thursday, 19th.

The under 12, 14 and 16 teams who captured South titles in 1985, will be presented with their medals in Hospital on this Friday evening.

A 140 page history of the club is now on sale and is available at local newsagents and from Michael O'Connor and Tom Bourke, Hospital, Pat Curtin, Ballinamona and Paddy Higgins, Herbertstown.

The death of Eamon O'Brien of Mitchelstown and Glenroe occurred at the Regional Hospital, Cork. The deceased, who was in his late forties, had not been in good health for some time, but the end came rather unexpectedly. A member of a highly respected farming community family in the Glenroe area, Eamon was a creamery manager attached to Mitchelstown Creameries. In his early years he was an outstanding hurler and donned the green and white of Limerick. He was an uncle of Michael O'Brien, who was a member of the successful All-Ireland winning side in minor ranks for Limerick in Centenary year. The deceased was also a member of the South Limerick Board G.P.C., and his opinions were always highly respected by his colleagues.



The Hospital-Herbertstown team who won the 1983 Limerick county junior football championship. The club

## Hospital-<sup>5/11/85</sup> H'stown

Hospital-Herbertstown held their A.G.M. in Hospital on Sunday last and elected the following officers: Chairman, Michael Power; vice-chairman, Rev. Fr. Ryan, C.C., and Darby Finn; secretary, Ted Meaney; assistant secretary, Jimmy Carroll; registrars, James Carroll, Pat Curtin; treasurers, Paddy Higgins, Michael Cremin; committee, Joe Wright, Garrett Barry, Tom Bourke, Willie Galvin, Paddy O'Shea, Murty Hayes, Tadgh Meaney, Niall O'Brien.

Selectors: S.H.-John Higgins, Michael Barron, James Carroll, S.F.-Tom Bourke, Pat Kiely, Aidan Higgins, N.H.-J. Higgins, M. Barron, J. Carroll, J.F.-T. Bourke, P. Kiely, A. Higgins. Under 21 H. and F.-Tom Bourke, Michael Cremins, Ted Meaney, Paddy Higgins, Garrett Barry, Murty Hayes, Harry Greensmyth.

Captains-S.H., Jimmy Carroll, S.F., Liam Garvey. Under 21 H., T. Meaney. Under 21 F., N. O'Brien, M.H., Donie Carroll; M.F., Michael O'Dwyer.

Jimmy Carroll was appointed trainer of the adult hurling teams.

It was also decided to produce a club history. Harry Greensmyth to be in charge of same.

## Hospital<sup>9-12-85</sup>

Bridge results, Thursday, November 22: 1, Jo Quinlan and Teresa O'Dea; 2, Nuala Hoare and Mary Reardon; 3, Katherine Manahan and Mary A. Mitchell; 4, Michael Slattery and Nora Burke.

The G.A.A. club wishes to acknowledge generous contribution from Frank Prendergast, T.D.

Omitted from the camogie section of club history: Josie Conway, Hospital, won Munster Junior League with Limerick in 1974; Nora Higgins, Herbertstown, played minor '75 and junior '76 with county; Anne Meaney, Hospital, while secretary of county board, played fullback on county junior team in '77, which brought the first and only All-Ireland title to Limerick. Other achievements include: 1962, Cork county championship with Donoughmore; '63, Munster senior championship with Cork; '74, Munster junior league with Limerick, and Junior Player of the Year; '75, Munster junior championship, Gael Linn (inter-provincial) and Camogie Personality of the Year; '76, Munster club with Ahane; '77, Munster and All-Ireland championship.

Her daughter, Anne Marie, Tipp, U-16 county championship with Emly, Munster minor championship with Tipp. She played centre-field on the Phoenix team (Dublin), which won the All-Ireland Pan-Celtic competition in Killarney last May.



Donncha O Dulaing, right, being presented with the first copy of the Hospital-Herbertstown club history by Mr. Harry Greensmyth during Mr. O Dulaing's walk in aid of the Charleville Mentally Handicapped.

## South Limerick GAA

# Compensation<sup>9-11-85</sup> for Glenroe

GLENROE gained some compensation for their defeat in the championship final, when they took the junior hurling cup at Kilmallock on Sunday last. At the end of a non-exciting hour, they had four points to spare over Castletown-Ballyagran on the scoreline of 1-9 to 1-5.

This was a repeat of the championship final, but the thrills and skills of that encounter failed to surface on this occasion. Instead, the very small attendance was treated to typical end of season fare — plenty of endeavour with the finer points of the game missing.

Glenroe played against a lively breeze in the first half and did just enough to enjoy an 0-4 to 0-3 interval lead. This half produced a high quota of wides, with both parties responsible for poor shooting.

The game was wide open until

the 24th minute of the second half, with only two points between the teams. The issue was decided at this juncture, when Mike Sweeney raced through for a Glenroe goal and in the same minute added on a point.

Castletown/Ballyagran came back for a goal, but it came too late to cause any worry to the leaders.

Glenroe scorers — M. Sweeney 1-1, M. J. Coffey 0-4, P. Kelly 0-2, M. Murphy, J. Kelly 0-1 each.

Castletown-Ballyagran scorers — J. Toomey 1-4, N. Farrell 0-1.

## South Limerick G.A.A.

# Glenroe's title<sup>16-11-85</sup> for first time

THE 1985 season closed on a perfect note for Glenroe on Sunday last at Effin, when their minor hurling team defeated Ardpatrick 4-6 to 4-4 in the replay of the divisional hurling final to inscribe their name on the roll of honour for the first time.

This was another thrilling affair between two evenly matched sides. From the outset, the hurling was out of the top drawer. It was full blooded stuff all the way, with an abundance of honest endeavour, allied to skillful fare from two teams who gave everything to take the honours.

For the big contingent of supporters, it was a most satisfying and rewarding hour. All were full in their praise for the two gallant teams.

Ardpatrick were leading by four points in the second half, when one of their defenders was sidelined. This development did not help

their cause and gradually the eager Glenroe fifteen clawed back the lead and eventually nosed in front.

Glenroe scorers: Ml. O'Brien 1-4, Anthony Meade 1-1; Ml. Meade, Pat O'Sullivan 1-0 each; Eamonn McCarthy 0-1.

Ardpatrick scorers: Pat Heffernan 3-3, Jimmy Quilty 1-0, Ml. McCarthy 0-1.

Referee: S. Bourke (Garryspillane).

## CONVENTION

The South Bord na nOg Convention will be held at the Community Centre, Bruff, on Monday next, at 8 p.m.

Nominations: Chairman: S. Lloyd (outgoing), Seamus Lordan.

Vice-chairmen: Pat Heffernan, Mark Reidy, Paddy Higgins (all outgoing).

Secretary: Ted Meaney (outgoing), Mick Browne.

Registrar: Seamus Sexton (outgoing).

Treasurer: Colm Regan (outgoing), Mark Reidy, Tom Bulfin. PRO, Harry Greensmyth (outgoing).

## MOTIONS

1. That the under 12 championships be played on a league basis. Groupings to be made by Board officers (Kilmallock).

2. That Bord na nOg run the championships as they did in 1985. (Galtee Gaels).

3. Clubs who do not comply with Rule 21 of the official guide, be barred from competing in the championships (Bruree).

4. That a special committee be

## Hospital<sup>15-6-85</sup>

U-12 singles, Paul Henn. Following on his earlier successes, Paul has won another All Ireland final last Sunday, bringing his total to three this year. Paul made handball history being the only player to have ever done so in this grade. Congratulations to both Paul and the local handball club.

## Hbs'town<sup>27-4-85</sup>

The deaths occurred recently of Mrs. Ellena Teresa Fogarty, Ballina, and William Barry, Rathjordan. The latter won a county minor hurling medal with Hospital in 1933.

## Minor 3/2/86 95 footballers in action

Limerick minor football team to play Clare on Saturday, March 2nd, at Gaelic Grounds, 12.30, in the Munster League—M. McLoughlin, Glin; D. Neville, Askeaton; O. Stapleton, Garryspillane; J. Riordan, Bruff; W. Hurley, Newcastle West; L. Cremen, Newcastle West; D. Ryan, Oola; L. Morrissey, Galbally; E. Geaney, Rathkeale; L. O'Connor, Cloughaun; D. Ring, Bruff; J. Prenderville, Fedamore; J. Donovan, Oola; M. O'Connor, Ballingarry; E. O'Neill, Kiltelly.

Subs.—A. Burke, Askeaton; D. Duffy, Murroe; M. Galligan, Cloughaun; P. O'Dwyer, Cloughaun; M. Flannery, Ahane; M. O'Brien, Ballylanders; N. Quane, Galtee Gaels; M. Power, Rathkeale; S. Nolan, Oola; M. Buckley, St. Ciaran's.

The squad has had only two trials so far and the team is at the experimental stage. There are many players unavailable at the moment for various reasons. The team will be playing Kerry on Saturday fortnight in Askeaton in round two.

## Glenroe

22/2/86  
Good news for Glenroe hurling followers is the return of Michael Russell as trainer for our juniors.

With the required dedication from all players Mick is capable of carrying out his task expertly as he proved when training and coaching the 'Green and Blacks' to contest four county finals in the seventies.

It is now ninety years since Glenroe were defeated in the County Senior Football Final by Commercial's on the score, Commercial's 4 points, Glenroe 1 point. The winners went on to represent Limerick and capture the All Ireland the following year.

The Glenroe team on that historic occasion was: Denis, Dan and David Hyland; Bill, Jim and Jack O'Sullivan; Dan, Bill and Larry Fraher; Pat Leo, Tim Lee, Jack Casey, Mick Corbett, Jim Sheehy, Paddy Fitzgerald, Jim Keane and Tom O'Connell.

## Glenroe

3-86  
Our junior hurlers travel to Kilmallock on Sunday with more hope than confidence where they take on Ardagh in the final of the county junior cup. All players are requested to be in the dressing-room not later than 2.40 p.m. as the game is timed to commence at 3 p.m.

At time of writing just a few seats remain to be occupied on our coach to London for Easter Weekend. During our short exile in the English capital it is proposed to have a hurling challenge v. Bro. Pearse's and a football game v. "The Kingdom." A Glenroe-Ballylanders reunion dance is also planned.

We wish a speedy recovery to Patrick O'Brien who has been released from the Regional Hospital where he received treatment for a nasty facial injury which he sustained during a training session on Sunday.

## Hospital

The Tailteann Games started well for the handball club with the juveniles taking most of the county titles in the 40 x 20. U. 10 singles, M. O'Toole; under 10 doubles, Cory Gleason and Fergal Reale; under 11 doubles, Shane Davern and Jason Allen; under 12 doubles, Glenn Herr and Paul Hedderman; under 13 doubles, Brian O'Connor and Kieran Davern; under 15 doubles, Michael O'Connor and Robert Davern; under 16 doubles, Paul Galvin and Kieran Lyons.

Bridge results, March 6: 1, Jenny Doherty, Nuala Hoare; 2, Mary Mitchell, Josephine McNamara; 3, Mary O'Sullivan, Celia Manahan; 4, Jo Quinlan, Alice O'Neill. 23-3-86

## H'town

8-11-86  
The Herbertstown team won the South Limerick Primary Schools Division Two football final on Saturday last. The team was managed by Mrs. Mary Coffey, N.T. The panel of players to represent the school was: John O'Shea (capt.), John Ryan, Adrian Keogh, Gary Sullivan, Caroline Ryan, Clara O'Shea, Garrett Barry, Alan Bourke, Eddie Heffernan, Kevin Higgins, Pat Barry, Denis Moriarty, Brian McNamara, Willie Finn, Brian Higgins, Raymond Breen, Shane Keogh, Michael Ryan, Sean Kiely, Mark Durcan, Pat Barry, Anthony Lavery, Anthony Baggott, Patrick Collins.

Mrs. Bridie Daly, Raleighstown, and N.T. at Cloverfield N.S., managed and trained the Cloverfield team, who defeated Caherelly in the East Limerick primary schools division three final.

Our success on the playing field was completed at Knocklong on Saturday when Hospital retained the Primary Schools Division One football title. Two thirds of the team came from the Hospital parish and Gerard Power, N.T., was the trainer.

## Glenroe

15-2-86  
Our junior hurlers commence their playing season on Sunday, February 16, when they oppose Ardagh, the highly respected champions of '85, this time in the much delayed final of the junior league.

Plans are now at an advanced stage for our first overseas tour which will travel to London for Easter weekend. Details from Seamus Murphy, tel. (062) 56672, or Matthew O'Callaghan, tel. Kilfinane 185.

We are now in the unenviable position in South Limerick in that we are the only club within the division not to own a playing field. Setting about correcting this situation a 400 club members draw is being organised with a view to purchasing a field. As this coincides with the ongoing reconstruction of parish churches, it is proposed to set aside £2,500 from profits for parish funds. £10,000 is being offered in prizes to members who subscribe £50 or £5 per month, commencing in March.

Goalposts have now been acquired for erection in the playground of Glenroe School during the Easter holidays.

Glenroe G.A.A. supporters celebrated the winning of the south minor hurling championship for the first time, with a function at the Glenn Hotel, Aherlow. The speakers included Very Rev. Fr. O'Neill, P.P., and club chairman, Matt O'Callaghan, who is also secretary of the South Board. Among the guests was 92 years old Michael O'Brien, a grandfather of Mike O'Brien who captained the 1985 minor team and who also won Munster and All Ireland medals with Limerick in 1984.

Stakers G.A.A. will hold their A.G.M. at Bulgaden, on this Saturday evening. 11/1/86

## Hospital

22-2-86  
The Handball Club held their AGM on January 22. The following officers were elected: President, Danny O'Sullivan; chairman, B. Lenihan; vice chairman, Maurice Henn. Secretary, Pat O'Connell; assistant secretary, Tom Quish; treasurer, Maureen Davern; PRO, Betty Henn. 1985 was voted to be a great year for the club, winning 63 titles and making it the No. 1 club in Limerick, and probably the top club in Ireland.

## SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP:

# Oola fail in replay

Hospital-Herbertstown 3-12  
Oola ..... 0-4

28/6/86  
WITH A display of controlled and disciplined football, Hospital-Herbertstown eased their way into the last eight of the county senior championship at Pallasgreen on Sunday evening last and also issued a stern warning to all would-be title pretenders, by decisively beating Oola in a replay on the scoreline of 3-12 to 0-4.

The winners dominated all through. Their speed and flair was too much for an Oola team who failed to get off the ground.

From the throw-in they set about their task in earnest and right from the beginning it was obvious they were going to advance. With Jimmy Carroll and Andrew Garvey the masters at midfield, the winners forwards had a constant supply of the ball and they made good use of every opportunity which came their way.

The cause of the Southern representatives was helped in a big way by two defensive blunders which yielded first half goals. The first came after Willie Byrnes, one of the best of the Oola defenders, kicked a ball across his own

goalmouth and John Breen was on hand to lash home a goal. Richard Bowles was the next player to give the winners a gift of a goal. His attempted clearance was blocked down by Donie Carroll and rolled over the line for a simple score.

It was 2-8 to 0-1 at half time. Oola gave a better performance after the turnover, but their search for goals yielded nothing and at the end of the hour it was a clear cut win for the better side.

Michael Durcan, Anthony O'Brien, Jimmy Carroll, Andrew Garvey, Andrew Meaney and Billy Higgins were the stars for a Hospital-Herbertstown fifteen, who gave one of their best football performances ever. Willie Byrnes, Paul Gilbarry, Patsy Ryan, James Donovan and Sean Hueston were best for Oola.

### SCORERS

Hospital-Herbertstown—J. Breen 1-1, A. Meaney 0-4, D. Carroll 1-0, A. Garvey 0-3, D. Garvey 1-0, J. Carroll 0-2, K. McKenna 0-1, P. Fogarty 0-1.

Oola—S. Fitzgibbon 0-1, P. Ryan 0-1, J. Donovan, 0-2.

Hospital-Herbertstown—B. Kieley, M. O'Shea, M. Durcan, G. Wright, A. O'Brien, L. Garvey, N. O'Brien, J. Carroll, A. Garvey, J. Breen, A. Meaney, K. McKenna, B. Higgins, P. Fogarty, D. Carroll. Sub.: A. Garvey.

Oola—R. Bowles, W. Byrnes, D. Quinlan, N. Landers, J. Stokes, P. Gilbarry, P. Moloney, J. Ryan, S. Hueston, J. Donovan, P. Ryan, T. Hueston, T. O'Mahony, P. Ryan, S. Fitzgibbon.

Referee: J. McCarthy, Cloughaun.

## 28-6-86 Glenroe

Glenroe supporters will flock to Kilmallock on Sunday, where we will contest our first South final for 1986. This, of course, is the novice cup competition, and the opposition is provided by Camogue Rovers, who captured last year's championship in this grade (at our expense in the final), and opted to defend their title rather than upgrade for 1986.

With the proper approach and a repetition of the fluent scoring which our second fifteen produced when disposing of Kilfinane in the semi-final we should be celebrating at the foot of the Ballyhouras on Sunday evening. For several of our younger players this game has more than a cup and trophies at stake as the selectors will be shortlisting promising players to fill vacancies in their premier grade panel before championship time late in July.

Sunday's game is timed for 12.30.

## CLUB GAA:

## 31/5/86 Glenroe

Glenroe junior hurlers have their most important game of the season so far on this Munster championship weekend when they take part in the annual Jim Lee Memorial Tournament at Glenroe on Whit Monday evening at 7.45 o'clock.

This tournament final carries with it the magnificent Lee Cup and a beautiful set of specially engraved medals, which will be presented to the victorious team at a victory celebration in the Greenwood Inn, Ardpatrick, later on Monday night. Music for the function will be provided by the ever popular "Handypak".

Glenroe, who were the inaugural winners last year, are now being challenged by Ballyhooley (Cork), who are unbeaten in championship hurling since Centenary Year.

Popular referee Sean Bourke of Knocklong will be in charge of the game.

This annual tournament revives many happy memories of that great Gael and gentleman, who served our club for almost half a century.

## Senior football:

# 21/6/86 Timid game ends in draw

Hospital-H'bertstown .... 0-6  
Oola ..... 0-6  
Galbally w.o., Treaty Sarsfields scr.

**A DRAW was a fair result to a timid senior football championship tie at Pallasgreen on Sunday last, between Hospital-Herbertstown and Oola.**

A small crowd basked in the glorious sunshine but had little to cheer about and, indeed, one of the few occasions in which they had an opportunity to express their feelings was after the game, when it was learned that Treaty Sarsfields could not field a team against Galbally.

Naturally, Galbally were very displeased with the walk-over. Some of their players had travelled from Dublin and Galway and others had left silage operations around the Galtee foothills. Add on an admission fee of £2.00 and there was just reason for the angry reaction of many of the supporters.

Back to the only game that was played. Hospital-Herbertstown took an early lead per John Breen, but Oola came back to dictate affairs and after twenty minutes they had built up an 0-5 to 0-1 lead. This advantage was pulled back before the interval to 0-5 to 0-3.

A point separated the sides after

eight minutes of the second half, but a quick reply restored the two point lead. This was the last Oola score as the opposition came back to play a livelier brand of football. Andrew Meaney pointed after twenty minutes from a free and parity was restored with six minutes remaining when Andrew Garvey kicked over from play.

Both sides had chances of picking off winning scores in the final minutes, but bad finishing guaranteed that the teams will have to meet again.

Oola scorers — J. Donovan 0-2, S. Hueston, T. Hueston, W. Godfrey, J. Ryan (B) 0-1 each.

Hospital-Herbertstown scorers — J. Breen 0-2, L. Garvey, A. Garvey, B. Higgins, A. Meaney 0-1 each.

Hospital-Herbertstown — B. Kiely, N. O'Brien, M. O'Shea, S. Wright, D. Murphy, J. Carroll, A. O'Brien, L. Garvey, A. Garvey, J. Breen, P. Fogarty, M. Walsh. Subs., D. Carroll for Walsh, D. Garvey for Murphy, T. Kiely for Finn.

Oola — R. Bowles, W. Byrnes, D. Quinlan, N. Landers, J. Stokes, P. Gilvarry, P. Molony, J. Ryan, S. Hueston, J. Donovan, P. Ryan, T. Hueston, W. Godfrey, J. Ryan (B), S. Fitzgibbon. Subs., Dec. Ryan for J. Ryan (B), T. O'Mahony for Godfrey.

## Glenroe

8-2-86

Glenroe Juvenile Hurling Club held its AGM on Saturday, January 25 with a good attendance, though it would be nice to see more parent involvement at this level. Sometimes it is left to two or three cars to transport the complete team with subs and gear and this is just not good enough where two parishes are involved.

Off the field much work has been left undone in recent years such as organising a juvenile social and preparing our youth for Scor competitions.

Any volunteers, ladies?

Up to now Club na nOg has been financed directly by our junior club and for 1985 it cost in the region of £1,000. All present expressed their utter disappointment with the South Limerick grading system which saw fit to have us entered in Grade A last year.

Officers elected for 1986 are: chairman, Ned Keane; secretary, Jas. Hickey; assistant secretary, Frances O'Donnell; selectors, Jas. Hickey, Sean O'Brien, Maurice Lee, Tom O'Connor and Larry English.

## 6-9-86 Hospital

Congratulations to the under 14 rounders team who, having won the Munster final in Thurles last Saturday, are now through to the All Ireland semi-final at Mosney in Sept.

A hat-trick for world champions Tom and John Quish, when at Ballyporeen on Sunday, 20th, they beat Kildare in the senior All Ireland hardball doubles, 21-1, 21-19. A victory celebration was held later in Hickey's Bar.

## Glenroe

1-2-86

Glenroe Hurling Club held their annual general meeting in the Hall, Glenroe on Sunday, January 19. Approximately sixty Gaels were present and it was most encouraging to see so many new faces in attendance.

The chairman, in his well spoken address, congratulated all teams on their excellent performances and behaviour during 1985. It was an outstanding achievement to qualify for south finals in five competitions, i.e., minor, under 21, junior and novice championships and also the junior league cup. Our minor team won for the club its first ever championship in that grade after some outstanding performances with a very limited panel of players. The juniors were also victorious for the first time in the league.

The secretary's report showed that we played forty six adult games, winning trophies in the following tournaments: 'Festival of the Galtees,' Effin, Galtee Gaels and of course the magnificent 'Jim Lee Memorial Cup' which was first played for on Easter Sunday (v. Solohead, Tipperary).

The treasurer reported the club to be in a sound financial position. He stressed that it was becoming more difficult to meet the rapidly increasing costs each year. The day to day running of our club now costs up to £7,000 per year. Hurleys and sliothars account for over £2,000.

After the presentation of trophies to the various teams the following officers were elected to handle club affairs for 1986:

Presidents, Tom Howard and George Howard; chairman, Matthew O'Callaghan, M.C.C.; vice chairman, Gerard Coffey and Seamus Murphy; secretary, John Fenton (Ballydonoghue, Kilfinane); assistant secretary, Tom Tobin; Joint Treasurers, David McCarthy and Eamonn McCarthy; registrar, James Hickey. Recently elected 'Clubman of the Year', John Hennessy, was entrusted with the position of club PRO.

Junior and Novice Hurling Selectors: Jim Moloney, Matthew O'Brien and Ml. J. Hennessy.

The latter to act as team manager.

Minor and under 21 selectors: Ml. J. Coffey, Daithi McCarthy and Gerard Coffey.

Ml. J. Coffey to act as trainer and team manager for same.

Tom Coffey to act as sub selector in all grades. Selectors to elect team captains.

Club committee to consist of all club officers plus the following:

Tom Coffey, Ned Keane, Daithi McCarthy, Ml. McSweeney, Colm Maguire, Ml. J. Hennessy, Ed. O'Donnell, Tom Hyland, Daithi Rea, Jim O'Connell.

Club membership fee was fixed at £3, juveniles £1.

Newly elected chairman, Matthew O'Callaghan, M.C.C., revealed that he will be relinquishing his post as South Board Secretary at the end of the year and appealed for full co-operation from the incoming committee to further develop our own club.

Our congratulations to Ollie Coffey on his appointment as a County minor hurling selector.



The Herbertstown team who won the South Limerick primary schools' Div. II football final.

LIMERICK LEADER, SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 1986.



The Hospital-Herbertstown team who won the county 14 football title for the first time.

## Hospital

8/11/86  
 Congratulations to the Hospital/Herbertstown u-14 football team who won the county final on Sept. 20. They beat Na Piarsaigh by 2 points. Team members: capt., Kevin Daly, Liam Meaney, Willie Madden, Dessie McAuliffe, Tom Costello, Mervin Frazer, Paul Herr, Wayne Allen, T. Barry, Dermot Breen, P. J. Kiely, Michael Bermingham, Brian O'Connor, Christy Reale, Ken Bourke. Good luck to them for county final hurling, Sept. 27, against Na Piarsaigh.

Congratulations to Tom and John Quish who have won the doubles senior All-Ireland 60 x 30 Coco Cola title.

The scheme to provide a hot

Hospital ..... 3-8  
 Bruff ..... 2-8-86 3-4

A fancied Bruff under 14 team were beaten by Hospital in the South hurling final at Knocklong on Monday night. In poor weather conditions, Bruff were under severe pressure in the first half and trailed by 3-6 to 0-0 at half time. Bruff came into the game in the second half and chalked up 3-4. However, Bruff's efforts were not sufficient and Hospital added two more points in the second half to win, 3-8 to 3-4.

## Herb'town

Dec 1986  
 Officers elected at the A.G.M. of the Hospital/Herbertstown G.A.A. Club: chairman, Michael Power; vice-chairmen, Joe Wright, Tom Bourke, Garrett Barry; secretary, Ted Meaney; asst. secretary, Anne Meaney; treasurers, Pat Curtin, Paddy Higgins, Garrett Barry, Michael Cremins, Declan Murphy; registrar, Anne Meaney; P.R.O., Dan McNerney; S.H. captain, Liam Garvey; S.F. captain, Andrew Meaney. Senior selectors: John Higgins, Pat Kiely, Tom Bourke, Michael Barron and David Garvey (Snr.).

## Under 14 Football Final:

# Sparkling display earns a first title

Hospital-Herbertstown ..... 1-4  
Na Piarasaigh ..... 0-5

HOSPITAL-Herbertstown, who were contesting their first ever county under 14 football final, scored a thrilling two-point win over Na Piarasaigh in a magnificent contest at Kilmallock on Saturday last. The game produced quality football between two sporting sides who played themselves to a standstill in their efforts to achieve victory.

Na Piarasaigh settled down to business from the throw-in and on a few occasions had the opposing defence split open. Colm Tobin and Liam Dillon were edging things at midfield and with Seoirse Laffan very effective at centre-back, the city boys looked the better of the sides in the opening half. At this stage they led 0-3 to 0-1.

The South champions were a transformed outfit after the break. They opened up the game by better use of the wings, thus giving their smaller players more room to manoeuvre and make better use of the open spaces. In the first minute of the second half, Ken Bourke laid on a perfect pass to Liam Meaney to leave only a point between the teams.

Hospital-Herbertstown rose to new heights all through the third quarter. They took a deserved lead when P. J. Kiely punched to the net after Meaney had directed a good ball from midfield. Meaney with his third point of the game made it 1-3 to 0-3 with ten minutes of play remaining. But Na Piarasaigh rallied their forces to put in a gallant bid to pull back the deficit. Points from placed balls left only a point separating two great teams, but it was Hospital-Herbertstown who displayed greater character and spirit in those final minutes.

## RELIEF

Thomas Costello kicked over a great point for the winners with two minutes remaining. This, the final score, left it 1-4 to 0-5 and came as a relief to the Hospital-Herbertstown mentors. Na Piarasaigh fought like tigers in the closing moments, but time was not on their side. Referee Tom Buston of Adare blew the full-time whistle as the seconds ticked beyond the end of the hour and Hospital-Herbertstown were champions for the first time.

Team captain, Kevin Daly, at centre-back; Liam Meaney at midfield; Mervin Frazer at full-back were the main architects in Hospital-Herbertstown's victory, but credit is also due to Dessie McAuliffe, Brian O'Connor, Thomas Costello, Wayne Allen, Paul Herr, Dermot Breen and indeed the remainder of the team for their outstanding performances. Without question it was team-work which carried the day for the winners.

Na Piarasaigh's contribution of Na Piarasaigh one of the best deciders in the county deserves special mention and a particular the polished displays of Colm Tobin, Anthony Power, Barry Wall, Liam P.

Seoirse Laffan, Niall Howlett and Dermot Walsh.

**Hospital-Herbertstown:** Des McAuliffe, Thomas Barry, Mervyn Frazer, Paul Herr, Dermot Breen, Kevin Daly, Wayne Allen, Liam Meaney, Willie Madden, Brian O'Connor, P. J. Kiely, Michael Bermingham, Christy Reale, Thomas Costello, Ken Bourke.

**Na Piarasaigh:** Anthony Power, Tom Millea, Barry Wall, Michael McInerney, Eamonn Finn, Colm Tobin, Seoirse Laffan, David Irish, Liam Dillon, Dermot Walsh, Niall Howlett, John Fitzgerald, Barry Wharton, Andrew Ryan, Liam Kiely.

## 13-6-87 Hospital/ Herbertstown

Our junior "B" team made their exit from the cup when they were beaten by Glenroe, 4-4 to 1-0, in atrocious weather conditions at Knocklong.

Team: L. Jones, M. Harrington, T. O'Loughlin, J. J. Ryan, P. Kiely, T. Hickey, D. Murphy, D. O'Connell, Martin Durcan, R. Finn, J. Moran, M. Durcan, J. Higgins, D. McInerney, P. Higgins.

## H'town

The local G.A.A. club held its annual dinner and social at Caherconlish on Friday last. Mr. Sean Bourke, Knocklong, represented the South Limerick G.A.A. Board and praised the club for its contribution to the association. Among the guests were Jack O'Sullivan and William Frazer, the only surviving members of the Hospital team who won the 1929 county intermediate hurling championship. Medals were presented to members of the Hospital-Herbertstown teams who won the South Senior double in 1986.

There will be another medal presentation on this Saturday at Hospital. All members of the county under-14 winning team and the players who won the South under-13, 14, 15 football and under-14 and 15 hurling will receive their medals. They are requested to attend at 12 noon. The proposed trip to Dublin will be discussed.

## Hospital/ Herbertstown

At a recent meeting of the Club the following positions were filled: Under 21 selectors, Andrew Meaney and Liam Jones; minor selectors, Andrew Garvey and John Higgins; minor hurling captain, Tom Hickey (D. Baggett); minor football, Ken McKenna (P. Galvin); under 21 hurling, Anthony O'Brien (B. Kiely); under 21 football, Michael Durean (N. O'Brien); novice football captain, Dermot O'Connell; novice hurling captain, Garret Barry.

Following a discussion on ways to raise funds for the club, it was decided to give priority to the collection of membership fees, and those interested in becoming members are requested to do so before the end of January. Next meeting of the club is on Thursday, January 22, at 8.30, in Hospital.

## Herbertstown

The local rounders team won the bronze medals by defeating Monaleen in the community games. The team was John O'Shea, Willie Finn, Thomas Barry, William Mulcahy, Phil Herr, Brian O'Connor, Ken Burke, Seamus Houlihan and Michael Carmody. The coach was Andrew Meaney.

Pat Barry, Kyle, captained the under-12 hurlers who won the south championship last Saturday.

Set dancing classes will resume in the hall on this Thursday, under Ivan Ryan.

## Hospital 7/5/87 Herbertstown

Our senior hurlers began their defence of their south title, and had an easier than expected victory over Kilfinane at Bruff. With the pitch in beautiful condition, Kilfinane had the advantage of the breeze in the first half and had their first point inside two minutes.

The continued to have the better of exchanges and held a 1-3 lead before L. Garvey had our first point from a free after 20 minutes. Two further points from J. Reale and A. Garvey and a well taken goal by D. Garvey levelled the match. L. Garvey added a point before halftime to leave it 1-4 to 1-3 in our favour at the break. Aided by the breeze in the second half we took control of the game. A second goal from D. Garvey after 5 minutes a goal from a penalty by A. Garvey plus two points from the same player. P. O'Connell 0-2, D. Carroll 0-1, D. Garvey 0-1 and L. Garvey 0-1. Left then with a commendable 12 point lead with 10 minutes remaining. At this stage of the game we seemed to relax on our lead and two goals inside 4 minutes for Kilfinane brought new life to this game. However, the Kilfinane revival was shortlived when L. Garvey added another goal. A. Garvey pointed a long range free before Kilfinane scored a last minute goal. Final score 4-12 to 4-3. This was a very satisfying performance with some fine individual performances by T. Kiely, who snuffed out the threat of Pat McCarthy, B. Higgins, A. O'Brien, M. O'Shea, J. Breen, O. Carroll and the Garvey brothers but their is still some room for improvement.

Team: B. Kiely, M. O'Shea, T. Kiely, G. Wright, A. O'Brien, B. Higgins, A. Garvey, M. Hennessey, A. Meaney, J. Breen, P. O'Connell, D. Carroll, J. Reale, L. Garvey, D. Garvey. Subs: D. Cotter, D. Murphy.

The club wishes to thank all those who supported our Church Gate collection.

## H'town

Jimmy Carroll, a member of the staff at the Herbertstown Co-operative Stores for the past 36 years, retired on Friday last. Jimmy, who played hurling with Knocklong in the forties, and is father of Moss and Brian, the inter-county hurlers, attended a function to mark his departure, which was attended by his friends from Herbertstown and adjoining areas in the local hall on the same evening. He was presented with a silver tray and tea set by John Walsh, on behalf of the staff and Golden Vale and a suitably inscribed clock by KGarrett Barry, on behalf of the customers and suppliers.

Secretary since then, except for time spent in St. Michael's, Limerick, and doing further studies in Rome. He is author of the History of Ardpark.

The Ardpark/Kilfinane U-14's won the South Limerick Football Championship beating Dromin-Athlaca 0-8 to 1-2. Also on Saturday the U-12's beat Bruree very convincingly 4-7 to 0-0 in the South Limerick Hurling final in Kilmallock.

John O'Neill won an All-Ireland U-21 Hurling medal with Limerick last Sunday.

Us-Two will provide the musical

## H'town

The local school team won the south primary schools division 2 hurling title at Knocklong on Ascension Thursday. The school principal, Mrs. Coffey was the team manager and Willie Finn was the team captain. The same panel of players won the football title last season.

## CLUB GAA:

## Hospital- Herbertstown

In the second round of the senior league our footballers suffered a heavy defeat at the hands of Monaleen in Hospital recently. With little or no interest shown by the majority of the regular members of the panel it was left to novice and under 21 players to muster up a team and try as they might they were no match for their better organised opponents, who ran up a total of 3-9 to 1-4 and only for superb displays by T. Kiely and P. Higgins the score would be much greater.

Team: P. Higgins, S. O'Brien, T. Kiely, M. Harrington, J. Reale, M. Hennessey, P. J. Garvey, D. Murphy, P. O'Connell, J. Breen, B. Higgins, O. Finn, R. Finn, T. O'Loughlin, P. Ryan.

Meenus was the venue for our under 21 hurlers first outing in the championship and after a tremendous effort were narrowly defeated 1-8 to 2-3 by Dromin-Athlaca. With a number of

## Hospital - Herbertstown

Our novice footballers qualified for the semi-final of the J.H. cup proper, when they had a very comfortable win over Stakers in the sectional final at Kilfinane.

Fielding a full strength side exchanges were evenly contested for the opening ten minutes when the sides were level at 3 points each, but from there to the final whistle Stakers had no answer to their superior combination and fitness.

Team: P. Higgins, M. Harrington, D. Fitzgerald, P. Kiely, D. O'Connell, J. Reale, L. Doherty, P. J. Garvey (0-3), P. O'Connell (0-3), M. Walsh (0-2), D. Baggott (1-2), O. Finn (0-1), L. Meaney (2-2), M. Ryan (0-1), R. Finn. Subs: P. Galvin, C. Conway, T. Hickey.

Our under 14 footballers qualified for the South final when they defeated Kilmallock by 3-1 to 0-2 at Kilfinane.

The big game of the weekend was the meeting of our senior footballers and Galbally in the South final at Knocklong, and after a closely fought contest they finished off square on a scoreline of Hospital/Herbertstown 2-6, Galbally 0-12. By all accounts this was not one of our best displays with too many of our top players having an off day, but many observers felt a draw was a fair result.

Team: J. Moran, M. O'Shea, M. Durcan, T. Kiely, A. O'Brien, M. Hennessey, G. Wright, J. Carroll, D. Meaney, A. Garvey (0-1), L. Garvey (1-0), J. Breen (1-3), D. Carroll (0-2), B. Higgins. Subs: B. Bonner, N. O'Brien.

### FIXTURES

JBH cup S.F., Friday, June 5 v. Glenroe. South S.H.C., Sunday, June 7 v. Dromin-Athlaccra, at Kilmallock, 3.15 p.m.

The recent victory of our under 12 footballers in the South final was added to lately when our u-16 footballers accounted for Bruff in the divisional decider at Knocklong by the comfortable margin of 3-8 to 0-3.

Team: D. McAuliffe, P. Cooke, M. Frazier, D. Breen, M. O'Connor, K. Daly, P. Fenton, W.

Madden, L. Meaney, B. Walsh, P. Lynch, P. J. Kiely, P. J. Garvey, T. Costello, P. Finn.

Our under 14 footballers advanced to the next round of the championship when they had a hard earned win over Bruff at Knocklong. A lone goal from J. Allen proved to be the winner. Hospital/Herbertstown 1-0, Bruff 0-2.

Team: D. Cleary, W. Mulcahy, P. Barry, J. Ryan, J. O'Shea, P. Hehir, P. Houlihan, W. Allen, D. O'Connor, J. McAuliffe, D. Breen, W. Finn, M. Birmingham, K. Bourke, J. Allen. The under 14 hurlers had a very comfortable win over Kilmallock recently on a scoreline of 10-3 to 1-3.

Galbally proved to be stiff opponents in the J. "B" football cup at the weekend, and after a closely contested game we emerged winners on a scoreline of 2-6 to 1-5.

Team: P. Higgins, M. Harrington, D. Fitzgerald, P. Keily, D. O'Connell, C. Reale, L. Doherty, D. Baggott, P. O'Connell (0-1), M. Walsh (0-1), G. Barry (0-1), O. Finn, J. Higgins, M. Ryan (0-1), R. Finn (0-2). Subs: P. Galvin (2-0), T. Hickey.

## Ballyorgan/

## Glenroe

The AGM of Glenroe GAA Club was held on Saturday, January 17 at the local hall. The committee elected are as follows: President, George Howard; chairman, Matt O'Callaghan; vice-chairmen, Seamus Murphy, Dave McCarthy; sec., Tom Tobin; asst. sec., John Fenton; treasurers, Eamonn McCarthy and John Hennessey; PRO, M. J. Hennessey; hurley officer, Jimmy O'Connell.

## Hospital

The primary school quiz team are to meet Emly at Cloverfield next Sunday for the finals of the primary school quiz. Team members are: captain Cona Reale, Gleann Herr, Paudie Crowe, T. J. Ryan. Sub., Desi Reale.

The bridge club will be starting lessons for improvers and beginners. Anyone interested contact any member of the bridge club.

The senior footballers and hurlers were presented with medals at a supper dance organised by the GAA at the Big Tree, Caherconlish, last Friday. There was a standing ovation for specially invited guests, Willie Frazer and Jacky O'Sullivan as they were presented with engraved pewter tankards. Both are the only survivors of the 1929 Hospital intermediate hurling team which won the county championship.

## Hospital- Herbertstown

The senior footballers had their first outing of the season against Galbally in the league recently and after a very entertaining game were unlucky to lose by 4 points 3-9 to 3-5. Although short eight regulars the newer players acquitted themselves very well especially Richard Finn who capped a fine performance with two cracking goals.

Team: P. Higgins, P. Kiely, T. Kiely, D. Murphy, A. O'Brien, M. Hennessey, D. Carroll, K. McKenna, P. Fogerty, J. Reale, G. Fogerty, R. Finn, O. Finn, D. Frazier, A. Meaney. Subs., G. Wright, M. Durcan.

As expected the under 21 footballers advanced to the next round of the championship when they accounted for Kilfinane at Galbally last Sunday. Playing against the breeze in the first half a goal from the penalty spot by M. Walsh left them trailing by one point at the break. They took control of proceedings in the second half.

## Glenroe

The A.G.M. of Glenroe H.C. took place on Saturday last.

It was presided over by chairman Matt O'Callaghan who welcomed the delegates and said he was disappointed in our results on the field of play during 1986. He thanked all connected with the club. Negotiations regarding the purchase of a parish field were ongoing, he stated, and he hoped these would come to successful conclusion during 1987.

The secretary's report gave a very detailed account of all club activities during the year and was adopted without question.

Officers elected as follows:

President, Geo. Howard; chairman, Matt O'Callaghan; vice-chairmen, Seamus Murphy and David McCarthy. Secretary, Thomas Tobin and asst., John Fenton.

Joint Treasurers: Eamon McCarthy and John Hennessey. Registrar, James Hickey. PRO, M. H. Hennessey. Hurley manager, James O'Connell.

Field Committee: James Moloney, Ed O'Donnell, M. J. Hennessey, D. Rea, Tom Lyons.

It was agreed that the officers would select the general committee.

Selectors: J. H. and N. H.: M. Russell, who will also train the team plus Con Coffey and Seamus Murphy, with Jimmie O'Connell as a sub selector.

Under 21 and minor: M. J. Coffey (trainer), Jer Coffey and Daithi McCarthy.

Junior team captain: M. J. Coffey. Vice-capt., Haulie O'Brien.

Other captains to be announced later.

## Hospital- H'town

Following a players' meeting recently it was decided that the closing date for membership would be Wednesday, 25th February, as registrations have to be completed by March 1st.

Every player should ensure that they are paid up, as failure to do so will result in them not being insured for injuries incurred during games.

Harry Greensmith was appointed as trainer of both senior hurling and football teams.

Senior football coach, Sean McAuliffe; senior hurling coaches, Garrett Barry, Liam Jones, David Garvey (snr.). All players should note that training commences on Wednesday, February 25th, at the Vocational Gym. It was also decided to take part in the county leagues in which the club's first outing will be on March 1st. The tremendous success of our underage players over the past year has not been overlooked, and it was widely agreed to accept an invitation from Scoil Ui Conaill, Dublin, for them to play a series of games on April 4th, the cost to be covered by the club.

The meeting also agreed to go ahead with drainage work on the club grounds in Hospital.

Draw for South Senior Championship Senior Hurling, v. Kilfinane. We got a bye in senior football.

### FIXTURES

M.F.L., Sunday, 22nd February, v. Kilmallock in Hospital, at 11.30 p.m.

Sunday, March 1st, M.H.L., v. Garryspillane, in Hospital.

## H'town

The local under 14 and 16 football teams played Salthill at the Strand Grounds, Salthill, on Saturday last. The under-14 boys were well beaten, but the under 16 side played a draw in an exciting struggle. The players and officials would like to thank John Higgins, the driver of the bus, for his co-operation.

## Coveted County Junior Double

1983

# The Rags to Riches Story of Hospital - Herbertstown

The rags to riches story of Hospital Herbertstown dominated the sporting pages of the local press, during the second half of 1983. In an amazing campaign which yielded two county junior championships, the South Limerick team received rave notices when annexing a historic double.

Since the inception of the junior championships the coveted double was never achieved, but the historians had the pleasure of writing a new chapter in the annals of Limerick G.A.A. when the county junior hurling and football titles were captured by Hospital/Herbertstown.

The historic and impressive history making trail commenced in Summer with a big win over Knockainey in the South junior hurling cup final. This overdue win was deliberately played down by officials and mentors as the championship was about to commence.

It was accepted that the winning of the South Junior hurling championship would be a far tougher proposition than the Cup. After a relatively easy win over Stakers it was Knockainey who provided the opposition in the Semi-Final. The latter went so near

in causing an upset and the lessons learned in that tension packed encounter were to prove invaluable to Hospital/Herbertstown in their remaining games.

Effin fell in the divisional and there was no doubt as to who were the best junior hurling team in the South.

With a target of a county championship set by their captain/coach/trainer, Jimmy Carroll, the campaign was now entering a more serious stage. A far from spectacular win over South Liberties in the county quarter final, put them into the semi-final against Southern rivals, Effin.

Croom was the venue for the fixture, an arrangement which did not please everybody concerned with Hospital/Herbertstown. The game was played with a near gale blowing into the faces of Effin defence in the first half.

Effin trailed by four goals at the interval, but turned in a super second half performance to force a replay.

The wind continued to blow at Croom for the second game and again it was Hospital/Herbertstown ahead at the break. This time they held a three goal advantage and

with a resolute second half display, they booked their places in the decider.

Hospital/Herbertstown were in a county junior hurling final for the first time and hopes were high that victory would be their lot when they took on Ardagh.

The wind again blew in Croom, although, with not the same ferocity as previous Sundays. Again it was Hospital/Herbertstown who played with the elements in the first half and led at the interval.

Ardagh came back in a thrilling second half and were on level terms with two minutes of play remaining. The South Limerick champions with the experienced gained in those matches with Knockainey and Effin were not a spent force as it so obviously seemed from the sideline.

They went in search of winning scores in the dying moments and the veteran John Reale (Riley) obliged with smacking home a glorious goal and now the years of frustration and disappointment evaporated as Jimmy Carroll and his men penned their names on the pages of history.

For Garrett Barry, Joe Moran and John Reale, the senior members of the team it was a dream come true. Of course it was also a perfect end for Jimmy Carroll, Andrew Garvey, Tom Loughlin and company and hopefully the start of a new hurling era in Hospital/Herbertstown.

The county final team:- Liam Jones, Tom Kiely, Tom O'Loughlin, Pat Kiely, Liam Garvey, Billy Higgins, Gerard Wright, Andrew Garvey, Ml. Hennessy, David Garvey, Jimmy Carroll, Davy Cotter, John Reale, Garrett Barry, Jimmy Higgins. Subs: Andrew Meaney, Joe Moran, Martin O'Shea.

## MUNSTER CHAMPIONS 1983

Junior Singles: Richard O'Connell (Cappagh)  
Junior Doubles: Vicki Moane/Kevin Kiely (St. Munchins)  
Minor Singles: Eamonn O'Neill (Hospital)  
Junior Singles (40 x 20) Tom Quish (Hospital)  
Junior Doubles (40 x 20) Tom and John Quish (Hospital)  
Novice Doubles: John Reale/Pat Quish (Hospital)  
Under 21 Doubles: Paul Russell/Pat Donovan (Hospital)  
Under 16 Singles: Eamonn O'Neill (Hospital)  
Under 16 Singles (40 x 20) Eamonn O'Neill (Hospital)  
Under 13 Doubles: Paul Galvin/Kieran Lyons (Hospital)

### JUVENILE COUNTY CHAMPIONS (40 x 20)

Under 14 Singles: Jerry O'Sullivan (Bohermore)  
Under 14 Doubles: Michael McNamara and Fergus Williams (Caherline)  
Under 16 Singles: Eamonn O'Neill (Hospital)  
Under 16 Doubles: Martin Kiely and Robert McNamara (Caherline)

### JUVENILE COUNTY CHAMPIONS (60 x 30)

Under 12 Singles: Seamus O'Keefe (Coolyroe)  
Under 12 Doubles: Pat Quaid/Des Flannagan (Coolyroe)  
Under 13 Singles: Gerry O'Sullivan (Bohermore)  
Under 13 Doubles: Paul Galvin/Kieran Lyons (Hospital)  
Under 14 Singles: Pat Buckley (Caherconlish)  
Under 14 Doubles: David O'Shea/ Pat Prenderville (Hospital).  
Under 15 Singles: Pat Donovan (Bohermore)  
Under 15 Doubles: Eamonn McCarthy/Liam Keane (Bohermore)  
Under 16 Singles: Eamonn O'Neill (Hospital)  
Under 16 Doubles: Martin Kiely/Robert McNamara (Caherline)

### COUNTY CHAMPIONS (60 x 30)

Senior Singles: Tom Quish (Hospital)  
Senior Doubles: Tom and John Quish (Hospital)  
Intermediate Singles: Noel O'Toole (Cappagh)  
Intermediate Doubles: Kevin Kiely and Vicki Moane (St. Munchins)  
Novice Singles: Pat Quish (Hospital)  
Novice Doubles: John Reale and Pat Quish (Hospital)  
Under 21 Singles: Paul Russell (Hospital)  
Under 21 Doubles: Pat Donovan and Paul Russell (Hospital)  
Minor Singles: Eamonn O'Neill (Hospital)  
Minor Doubles: Eamonn O'Neill and John Ryan (Hospital)  
Junior Singles: Jim Fanning (Caherline)  
Junior Doubles: Jerry Cunningham and J. O'Connor (Cappagh)  
Novice "A" Singles: Charlie Davern (Hospital)  
Novice "A" Doubles: Charlie Davern and John O'Neill (Hospital)  
Novice Singles: Tom Davern (Hospital)  
Novice Doubles: Tim Davern and Aidan O'Sullivan (Hospital)  
Over 37 Singles: Donie Flaherty (Cappagh)  
Over 37 Doubles: Charlie Davern and Philip Carroll (Hospital)  
Masters Singles: Con Duggan (Shanagolden)  
Masters Doubles: Con Duggan and Sonny Walsh (Shanagolden)  
Beginners Singles: Pdraigh Peale (Hospital)  
Beginners Doubles: Kevin Hanley and Mike O'Brien (Bohermore)

## Senior Scor Finals 1983

**Figure Dancing:** (City) Na Piarasigh, (East) South Liberties, (South) Bruff, (West) Athea, (County) Na Piarasigh.

**Solo Singing:** (City) Na Piarasigh, (East) Pallasgreen, (South) Camogue Rovers, (West) Ballingarry, (County) Pallasgreen.

**Instrumental Music:** (City) Na Piarasigh, (East) Boher, (South) Garryspillane, (West) St. Kieran's, (County) St. Kieran's.

**Novelty Act:** (City) Old Christian's, (East) Kiltely Dromkeen, (South) Camogue Rovers, (West) Cappagh, (County) Camogue Rovers.

**Question Time:** (City) Kildimo, (East) Doon, (South) Castletown Ballyagran, (West) Athea, (County) Kildimo.

**Ballad Group:** (City) Old Christian's, (East) Doon, (South) Knockainey, (West) St. Senan's, (County) Old Christian's.

**Set Dancing:** (City) Patrickswell, (East) Kiltely Dromkeen, (South) Bruff, (West) Athea, (County) Athea.

"Is Limerick a healthy place?" asked the hotel visitor of the proprietor, a former St. Patricks footballer. "It sure is" replied the latter. "When I arrived here, I could not utter a word, I had scarcely a hair on my head, I had not the strength to walk, and had to be lifted from my bed." "That's wonderful!" exclaimed the visitor. "How long have you been here?" "I was born here" was the surprise answer.

Others to play during the year were:- Bob Kiely, Denis O'Leary, John Breen, Pat Ryan, Declan Murphy, Garrett Rourke, Paul Condon, Seamus Ryan, Paddy Sullivan. The South championship team was captained by Bob Kiely.

Michael Barron, Mike Ryan and John Higgins were the selectors. All three are former hurlers and their knowledge and expertise played an important part in the success.

Garrett Barry who played at full forward is the club chairman. Ted Meaney, a Corkman is Secretary, and Seamus Costello the treasurer is a Kerryman.

After some unimpressive outings in the South Junior Football Championship the club won a place in the county quarter final against Pallasgreen. This match at Caher-

conlish was arranged for the Sunday preceding the county junior hurling final.

Because of an overcrowded fixture list it was not possible to defer this game until after the Ardagh match. Some club members has misgivings about a football tie a week before a hurling final and a walk over was talked about but, not pursued.

Harry Greensmith was the football coach/trainer and a commitment was sought and given at the final training session before the Pallasgreen match.

The Pallasgreen challenge was overcome and with the hurling title under their belts they met and defeated Rathkeale in a hard fought county semi-final at Croom.

Glin made the journey to Croom for the final and in a pulsating game

of swaying fortunes, failed by a single point to Hospital/Herbertstown. According to football critics this was one of the great county football finals. It had everything which constitutes a good game. Sportsmanship, fast open football and a dramatic 66th minute point from play by wing back, Anthony O'Brien to give Hospital/Herbertstown the elusive double.

The closeness of the scoring and the fiery but sporting exchanges plus the fact that either side looked capable of winning, made the game more exciting than the hurling decider.

A hurling title always remained within sight, but, a football success was never talked about once the hurlers came through their own division.

A number of young players, not-

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ably Padge Hayes, Niall O'Brien, Anthony O'Brien, John Breen, Andrew Meaney, Davy Cotter, Michael Hennessy, Andrew Garvey, Martin O'Shea and Pat Fogarty rekindled new life in the football squad and along with the more established players they combined to be quite a formidable proposition.

Ted Meaney, Mike Ryan, John Higgins and Mick Barron were the football selectors.

The football team was: Padge Hayes, Liam Garvey, Martin O'Shea, Davy Cotter, David Garvey, Jimmy Carroll (Capt), Anthony O'Brien, Billy Higgins, Michael Hennessy, Andrew Garvey, Niall O'Brien, Andrew Meaney, John Breen, Joe Moran, Mike Ryan. Sub: Pat Fogarty.

Francis Quaide, Garrett Barry, Tom Kiely, Tom O'Loughlin, Jimmy Higgins, Declan Murphy, Seamus Ryan, Pat Ryan, Liam O'Doherty, Denis O'Leary, Gerard Wright, and Paul Condon, completed the panel. As well as winning the South Junior Football championship, the Under 21 crown, was captured at the expense of Bruff.

Bruff led by six points at half time, but a fighting second performance gave Hospital/Herbertstown a two point win. The team who did duty against Bruff was:- Padge Hayes, Sean O'Brien, Martin O'Shea, Liam O'Doherty, Niall O'Brien, Michael Hennessy (capt), Davy Cotter, Anthony O'Brien, Andrew Garvey, John Breen, Andrew Meaney, Francis Quaide, Paddy Donovan, Pat Fogarty, Seamus Ryan, Sub: Declan Murphy.

The club was represented on the county teams at all levels and grades except senior football. Representation was also gained on the South Under 16 teams and the Primary Schools sides which completed in the Mackey and Sarsfield Cups.

Herbertstown schools scored a notable win in Division 3 of the South Primary Schools hurling league. They defeated Galbally by a goal in an exciting final, Paul Finn was the captain. A word of thanks and praise to Mrs Sullivan, Mrs Healy and Mrs Carmody the local school teachers for the help in organising the school team.

The erection of dressing rooms at Hospital Sportsfield is almost complete. The club has played an active role in this venture. □

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