

# ODDS AND ENDS

## "AN MANGAIRE SUGACH"

gaps, that youth so true  
and tried,  
For when against those Kerry  
cracks their efforts he  
defied.  
And Tommy Fox, that old full  
back, that never let you  
down,  
He has played for many a  
championship for the  
Emmets of Glin town.

With Mick Dillane as left  
full back, John Kelly on  
his right,  
And Patrick Conway as  
centre half, the athlete  
who plays so bright,  
With Barrett and Connell as  
centre halves, no ball will  
they let in,  
Those same backs will beat  
the city cracks and bring  
the medals home to Glin.

### SONG OF THE WEEK

My Old Limerick Song of the  
Week—like last week's song it  
is not all that old—came to me  
from Patrick Faley, Glenbawn,  
Ballyhahill. It tells of a foot-  
ball match that was to take  
place at Gortahalla, Glin, be-  
tween Glin and the Limerick  
Commercials. The match in  
question was, in fact, the 1927  
Limerick senior football final—  
and despite the fine praises  
heaped on them by John Mul-  
vihill of Glenagragra, who  
wrote the song, the Glin men  
lost the match.

### THE GLIN FOOTBALLERS

(1927)

Prepare once more you brave  
Glin boys the time is  
drawing near,  
For on the 4th day of March  
at Gortahalla you must  
appear,  
To battle for the champion-  
ship, as you often did  
before,  
And bring the medals to  
sweet Glin down by the  
Shannon shore.

The Commercials are your  
rivals now, those far-  
famed city men,  
But well I know they can't  
compete with our brave  
boys from Glin,  
For twice before you beat  
them, as the Emmets did  
of yore,  
So I hope you'll win this  
championship down by  
the Shannon shore.

With young Eddie in the

Barry and Costello, as mid-  
field men, to my eyes they  
are a wonder,  
They play so neat with hands  
and feet and never make  
a blunder,  
With their long kicks straight  
to the sticks their for-  
wards for to score,  
No wonder that you're proud  
of them down by the  
Shannon shore.

Normile and Hayes as half  
forwards play, and some-  
times on the wing,  
With Fr. Lyons at 40 yards,  
the pride now of his men,  
For when he leads his for-  
wards on all backs he will  
bowl o'er,  
And our cheers will ring for  
each score they'll bring  
that day by Shannon  
shore.

Séamus Duggan as full for-  
ward, to him our praise is  
due,  
For when he gets in view of  
the nets ground balls he  
will send through;  
With Patsy Mulvihill on his  
right, grand balls he will  
send in,  
Between them both the flags  
will float and the final  
you're sure to win.

Last but not least my eyes  
do feast when I think of  
Mick O'Connor,  
For when hard pressed he'll  
stand the test and to Glin  
he will do honour,  
For when hard pressed he'll  
stand the test and grand  
balls he will send through,  
And our cheers will ring as  
each score he'll bring that  
day with Glin abú!



## GAELIC FOOTBALL

### WEST LIMERICK FINAL AT FOYNES

The West Limerick football final between Glin and Killeedy, played at Foynes, on Sunday last, was altogether a disappointing game (writes our Foynes correspondent). From start to finish one saw too many fouls, too many "wides" and far too little of the good Gaelic football that might be expected. Killeedy boys lacked enterprise; Glin were the better team, though at times they, too, showed a little carelessness. P. McCarthy, Newcastle West was the referee. He had to keep his wits about him, and he was fully awake.

One exciting moment in the first half, however, was when Paddy King, Glin, carried the ball through from a good 70 yards out, despite opposition, resulting in a goal for Glin. P. Dunne, Glin, did very well for his team, scoring some points. Half-time score stood—Glin, 1 goal 3 points; Killeedy, nil.

The second-half saw an improvement in the playing, when Killeedy boys began to wake up a little, but not enough to enable them to overcome their opponents. Rock Dillon, centre-back for Killeedy, played well, as also did John Lucid (centre field). When Pat Fitzgerald scored a point for Glin, one saw lively football for a time. Killeedy decided that they would not give up all hopes, but when Stephen Stack scored another for Glin, Killeedy lads slackened a good deal, and the game fell back to its former dullness for the remaining quarter of an hour. Other Glin players worth mentioning are:—Barrett and O'Donovan. Final score—Glin, 2 goals 6 points; Killeedy, nil.

# Last Minute Glin Goal Means J.F. Final Replay

THE 1949 West Limerick junior football final, between Athea and Glin, which was played at Newcastle West on Sunday, in the presence of a large crowd, will long be remembered as a veritable mud battle.

As a result of several days' incessant rain, the pitch was in an abnormally heavy condition and, played under such trying circumstances, the game naturally did not come up to anything near the customary final standard.

However, notwithstanding the heavy going, the match provided a rare succession of thrills, which culminated in a sensational finish as Glin, having been led all the way, virtually fought their way through all opposition to score an equalising goal in the last minute to leave the final score at 2-1 each.

The Athea contingent must have been sorely disappointed with this spectacular finish to a game in which the champions were all set for a clear-cut victory from an early stage of the second half. As it was, however, they threw away a couple of good scoring chances in the second moiety and did not altogether impress in the forward line against an exceptionally sound Glin defence.

The replay will take place at the same venue on Sunday week, when the clash should prove to be one of the most attractive of the season.

#### A TRIBUTE

The Newcastle West Club stewards did their best under very difficult circumstances to make the most of a pitch that had been practically waterlogged for more than a week.

A warm tribute is also due to the players on both teams who provided a really exciting display under almost impossible circumstances.

Despite the very uninviting weather conditions, a big crowd turned out for the final and they thoroughly enjoyed the game. Athea, as already indicated, dominated throughout most of the hour, and, at an early stage of the second half, the title-holders seemed all set for a decisive victory. Glin, however, never gave up trying and, when they fought their way through for the equalising goal, with about a minute to go, the Shannonside followers went literally wild with excitement. It was a hectic finish to a hectic game, in which both teams gave a very good account of themselves.

#### HARD PEGGING

Right from the start, it was hard pegging all the way through, with no

quarter given and none asked or expected. The Shannonsiders opened the scoring with a point from Pat Fitzgerald, who gave a very good account of himself throughout. Glin continued to force the pace for a few minutes before Athea took up the running, and for nearly a quarter of an hour, Stephen Stack and the versatile Glin defenders were sorely pressed. Eventually, after being beaten off on several occasions, the title-holders succeeded in taking the lead when "Pa" Connors, receiving a clever pass from Sean Murphy, crashed an unbeatable ball into the Glin net.

Athea were now playing with confidence, and Sean Murphy caught the Glin defence off the mark for a further goal.

Before the interval, Glin were in hard luck when Kevin Barrett, from a free close in, missed the objective by inches. At half-time, the champions seemed all set for a clear-cut victory on the score of 2-0 to 0-1 for Glin.

#### THE SECOND HALF

Glin again forced the pace on the resumption, and were in hard luck to send wide, by inches early on when Paddy Dunne paved the way for one of his inimitable forward moves. Then Athea forced the pace and Stephen Stack and McElligott (goal) were seen to advantage in the Glin defence. Attacking from a delivery, Glin again moved in, when "Pa" Fitzgerald centred well from a free close in and there was jubilation in the Glin ranks when Athea conceded a goal from a scrummage in front of the net. Despite fine clearances by McElligott, in goal, Athea went a further point ahead when Owen Liston centred well from a close-in free, which Bohan finished off in style. Then, towards the closing minutes, when everybody thought the issue was well decided, Pat Fitzgerald, from a 50, led a determined last-minute Glin offensive, which Kevin Barrett finished off with a great goal, to leave the issue undecided when the final whistle sounded a minute or so later.

Mr E. Falvey (Army) refereed.

#### THE TEAMS

Athea—B. Mullane, P. Mahony, M. Leahy, S. Dalton, P. Mulvihill, M. Dalton, S. Murphy, O. Liston, D. Liston, P. O'Connor, P. Bohan, E. O'Connor, M. Fitzgerald, G. Griffin, T. Woulfe.

Glin—M. McElligott, A. McEoin, S. Stack, M. Fitzgerald, M. Conway, J. Fitzgerald, J. Dillane, J. McNamara, P. Fitzgerald, P. Dunne, K. Barrett, B. King, J. Connolly, J. O'Brien, M. Dillane.



## 30.6.56 Glin Footballers Draw with Shanagolden

Glin Juvenile Football team played a hectic match against the more robust and the better-trained Shanagolden team in Rathkeale Sportsfield on last Friday night. From the throw-in the Glin team's chances didn't look good, but after a few switches at half time, the game ended in a draw. Scorers for Glin were: Michael Adams and John Stack.

Glin football team (under 14 years) played Castlemahon at Foynes Sportsfield during the week, and emerged victorious by 5-4 to nil. Scorers for Glin were: Joe King, P. J. Fitzgerald and John Stack. Mr. M. Kennelly refereed.

## Brothers In West Limerick Football Final 3.12.56

A novel feature of the recent West Limerick football final (writes a correspondent) was that four Donovan brothers played for Glin and only one went in as a sub.

Prominent for Kilcoleman were the Downey brothers, Tim and John, who are nephews of Michael J. O'Connor, Chairman of the Glin Football Club, and whose two sons, Damon and Tim, were very prominent for Glin. Tim (17 years) is the babe of the team and was mentioned in "Caman's" notes recently as starring for Ballyfin College in Leinster Colleges championship. Another feature was the successful "come-back" by Pat Fitzgerald, ex-Co. footballer.

## GLIN CLUB 6/2/57

There was a large attendance at the annual meeting of the Glin G.A.A. Club.

The Chairman addressed the meeting and congratulated the teams that took part in the 1956 championship, and said the senior team was very unlucky not to have reached the county final. However, it is not winning that always mattered, but the honour of taking part, and he made a strong appeal to the youth of the parish to take more interest during the coming year.

The following officers were elected:—

President—Rev. Father Connors, C.C.; Chairman, Mr. M. O'Connor; Secretary, Mr. Sean Finn; Treasurer, Mr. M. O'Connor.

Committee—Messrs. P. Geoghegan, W. Cuihane, M. McElligott, M. Fitzgerald.

Team Captain—Sean Finn.  
Selection Committee—Members of Committee with Team Captain.  
Minor Committee—Messrs. M. Adams, P. Buckley, S. Connell.

The Rev. President also addressed the meeting, and hoped there would be more interest and support from the town and parish for the coming year, and he wished the teams every success for 1957.

## GLIN TEAM WINS HECTIC WESTERN FINAL

J.F. Final—Glin, 1-5; Kilcoleman-Ardagh, 0-6.

AFTER one of the best and most exciting games seen for many years Glin carried the Divisional trophy back to the Shannonside on Sunday evening after scoring a hectic two-point victory over Kilcoleman-Ardagh in the Final of the West Limerick Junior Football Championship at Rathkeale on Sunday. The result may have come as a keen disappointment to the followers of the combined team who, having held the title for two years, were evidently determined to hold on to the Cup for the third successive season. However, even the most ardent of the Shannonside followers will have to readily admit that Glin had most of the luck that was going and that even if they did deserve their two-point win they were hard pressed enough in those hectic closing stages to hold on to the all-important lead. Weather conditions, although very cold from the point of view of the spectators, were ideal for the final and there was plenty of excitement and enthusiasm for the big gathering of patrons who thronged to the Deel-side venue for the occasion.

### WHERE WORD OF THANKS IS DUE

In that connection a big word of thanks is due to the members of the Rathkeale Club for the condition of the field and the efficiency of the stewarding arrangements. Incidentally the fixture, which included the Under-14 Football Final in which Father Casey's (Abbeyfeale) defeated Castlemahon by the odd point in three, represented closing stage of the programme in the Western division for 1958. Having regard to the exceptional difficulties of the season owing to the continued bad weather conditions the Board officials and members have every reason to be satisfied with themselves.

The Glin victory should provide a welcome and much-needed stimulus to the game in the Shannonside parish where football has not been entirely as it ought to be in more recent years. Kilcoleman-Ardagh, on the other hand, have had their share of the laurels in holding the Western title during the past two years. On form they were favourites for Sunday's test with a strong and experienced combination of stalwarts who literally swept all before them in 1956 and 1957. They certainly made a bold bid to complete the treble on Sunday and had the victors fully extended in the closing minutes of a hectic hour.

### VERITABLE WHIRLWIND OF EXCITEMENT

After a first half of fluctuating fortunes and many near misses at both ends, the winners seemed pretty well set at the interval when they were leading by 1-4 to 0-4 for Kilcoleman-Ardagh. The game resumed in a veritable whirlwind of excitement as the ex-champions fought with every ounce of strength and trick of the game that was in them to close the gap. They had quite a few of those missed chances that provide the heart beats of every game, but then so had Glin, who were, if anything, glorious in defence. Time after time their backs stood shoulder to shoulder against renewed Kilcoleman-Ardagh onslaughts and it was against this stout defence that the ex-champions succeeded in adding two more points to their tally in the second moiety. Before the long whistle, however, the winners sent over another point to give them a two-point lead in a really hectic finish.

### THE SCORERS

Sean Connell (1-0), Mossy Meade (0-3), and Tim O'Connor (0-2) scored for the winners and the Kilcoleman-Ardagh scorers were J. Enright and Tim Downey (2 points each) and S. Riordan and P. Molyneaux (one point each).

Mr. J. Sheehan (St. Patrick's) was a very capable and impartial referee.

At the same venue Father Casey's (Abbeyfeale) (0-2) scored a hard-earned but well merited victory over Castlemahon (0-1) in the final of the Under-14 West Limerick Football competition.

### TROPHIES PRESENTED

There were scenes of excitement and enthusiasm after both games when the trophies were presented to the winners by Mr. Liam Fitzmaurice, N.T., Chairman of the West Limerick Board. He congratulated the winners on their respective victories and complimented all four teams on their fine displays.

### THE TEAMS.

**Kilcoleman Ardagh** — M. O'Connor, S. Kelly, D. McMahon, D. Fitzgerald, M. Hartnett, J. Enright, T. Downey, T. Kelly, P. Molyneaux, J. Nash, S. Riordan, C. Enright, B. Daly, J. Donovan, H. Madigan.

### BIG RECEPTION FOR TEAM.

The Glin team got a big reception when they arrived back with the Cup on Sunday night. Bonfires blazed through the main street and the team were carried shoulder high, led by their captain, Sean Finn.

In his address Sean Finn congratulated the team for their grand display and everybody that made their victory possible. It was a big honour for Glin, a village that has placed itself in the forefront again as in years gone by. He warmly congratulated the gallant losers, Kilcoleman. The display that day gave credit to the sportsmanship of two great teams.



# Glin Footballers Win County Title In Rousing Game

Dec. 1958

DESPITE the heavy condition of the pitch, Glin and Hospital footballers served up rousing football in the final of the County Junior competition played at the Limerick Gaelic Grounds on Sunday, Glin winning deservedly by 2-6 to 1-1.

There was a big attendance for so late in the season ("gate" over £40) and they saw a rousing struggle, with both teams given vocal assistance by a big number of supporters. The first-half was even enough and when the interval arrived Glin were leading by 1-3 to 1-0.

The closing thirty minutes saw Glin forcing the pace and their heavier fifteen proved too strong as the game advanced. Their defence was especially formidable and boasted outstanding players in full back, Frank Burke, corner backs, Michael O'Leary and Tom McKeown, and halves Martin McNamara and Jimmy Dillane.

## STRONG MIDFIELD.

The winners' midfield pair of Moss Meade and Tom Houlihan dominated the exchanges and gave their attack numerous good scoring opportunities. Their fielding of the sodden ball was especially noteworthy.

The attack had to fight hard for every score against the hard-tackling Hospital rearguard that fought gallantly against the faster opposition. Glin had grand forwards in Sean Finn (captain), Tim O'Connor, Michael Dillane and Eamon O'Connor. Some of their combined movements were quite good considering the lateness of the season and the underfoot con-

ditions.

## SPORTING DISPLAY.

Hospital fought very sportingly, and although they were beaten by a better equipped fifteen, they never gave up trying. Defenders Dominic McCormack, Pat Reilly, Martin Twomey, and Mick Coogan did trojan work and stood between the winners and a bigger victory tally.

The midfield and attack were held by the opposition and were only seen in spasmodic raids. They were outfielded by their taller opponents for high centres and were perhaps that vital shade slower.

Forwards to catch the eye were Michael and Eamon Murphy, and Pat Lavery.

Garda Pat. Silke was an efficient referee.

## CUP PRESENTED.

The Chairman of the Co. Board, Mr. Pat. O'Reilly, presented the cup to the captain of the winning side, Sean Finn, amid scenes of enthusiasm. He congratulated the winners on their grand display and referred also to the gallant showing of Hospital. He said that the display that day by both teams was a credit to the Association.

The Glin team received a great welcome on their arrival home on Sunday night and the members were feted by enthusiastic supporters.

## WON BY ONLY SCORE.

Glin ..... 1-0  
Knockaderry ..... 0-0

A last minute goal, the only score of the game, secured a late and very exciting victory for Glin over Knockaderry in the Under-14 Football Final at the same venue. In a game that was never dull despite the absence of scores both teams gave a really good exhibition with the advantage perhaps somewhat in favour of the more polished Shannonsiders. Knockaderry, who were making their advent into the game, however, fought back gamely throughout and held the winners off very effectively with a stout defence until the last minute, when T. Healy sent in a high ball which caught the Knockaderry goalie off the mark and finished in the net.

Mr. Christy O'Connor (Newcastle West) refereed

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## BONFIRES IN GLIN

At Ballingarry on Sunday, Glin under-14 football team won out the championship by defeating Knockaderry on the score of 1 goal to nil. Played under ideal conditions the football was of a very high standard. Amidst great jubilation the cup was presented to Michael Meade, captain. Best for Glin were Meade, O'Connor, Martin and Walshe. Bonfires blazed in Glin to celebrate the victory.

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## G.A.A. Club Meetings

# Annual Elections of Officers and Committees

21/2/59

The annual general meeting of the Glin Football Club was held in the Oisín Hall, Glin. Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Chairman, presided over the largest attendance ever, which included all the outgoing officials, and Rev. Father Connors, C.C., President.

The Chairman, in his address, congratulated all the teams that took part in the 1958 championship, and paid special tribute to the junior team in winning out the West and going on to win the County Championship. A special word of tribute was paid to the Hospital team, who contested the final in such a sporting spirit, and also the 1955 final.

The Club thanked all who helped financially and otherwise during the past year, especially the Social Club, the Dramatic Class, and all who subscribed at the church gate collection.

It was decided to enter a senior, junior, juvenile and under 14 football teams in the coming championships.

The following officers were elected unanimously:—

President, Rev. Father Connors, C.C.; Chairman and Treasurer, Mr. J. O'Connor; Secretary, Mr. Sean Finn.

Committee—Messrs. M. McElligott, P. Geoghegan, Wm. Culhane and M. Fitzgerald; senior Captain, Mr. Sean Finn; junior captain, Mr. Donnie McSweeney.

The club decided to hold the usual "41" drive during Lent.

## THE FOOTBALL GAME

Castlemahon had an upset in store for the sides when Vincent O'Connor in a long drive which Phelan fisted into the net, a clearance by Donovan in Glin net. Undeterred by this reverse, the Glin men fought and when the Deelsiders penalised in front of their net, Willie Hayes had a pot shot goal. Jack Quaid, in the Castlemahon net, effected a spectacular save but Jimmy Reidy came to the melee to finish off effort with the equalising for Glin. Shortly afterwards winners took the lead with a yards free by Jimmy Reidy. Willie Hayes added a point: another penalty against the Deelsiders. Houlihan added a full point before Tom Phelan allied with a similar score. Castlemahon. Another Glin from Donovan left the position half-time: Glin, 1-4; Castlemahon, 1-1.

## SECOND HALF 11-9

Shortly after the resumption Vincent O'Connor paved the way for a Castlemahon point and a similar score by Tadgh Donovan after was followed by a point by Willie Hayes. After sing three overs during a sustained attack, the Castlemahon brought the scores to a 1-1. Keeping up the pressure, the Deelsiders eventually took the lead with a point and looked holding on to their slender vantage with little more than a minute to go. Then came a shock score of the game just before the final whistle when Vincent O'Connor, from a touch line, at a seemingly impossible angle sent the ball all the way to Castlemahon net for a goal. Give Glin a spectacular victory. Mr. Tom McNamara (Rathkeale) refereed.

## THE TEAMS

Glin—D. Donovan, T. Donovan, P. McCoy, D. Donovan, J. J. Donovan, G. Dillane, M. J. Dalton, W. Hayes, E. O'Connor, J. Reidy, M. Houlihan, Jas. Ivan, S. Finn.  
Castlemahon—J. Quaid, S. O'Connor, D. Cremin, C. Magner, Quaid, J. Collins, M. Dwan, Dwan, B. Heffernan, T. P. V. O'Connor, F. Whelan, T. M. Liston (sub.), J. Lane.

## GLIN CLUB 7/2/59

The annual meeting of the Glin G.A.A. was held in the Hall. The attendance was the biggest ever.

The Chairman, in his address, congratulated all the teams that took part in the '58 championships, and he paid special tribute to the junior team in winning the County championship.

The club paid a special tribute to the Hospital team that they met in the County final.

It was decided to enter four teams for the coming year—senior, junior, juvenile and under-14.

A special tribute of thanks was paid to the Glin Social Club and the Dramatic Class for helping the club financially.

Officers elected were:—

President, Rev. Father Connors; Chairman, Mr. Michael O'Connor; Secretary, Mr. Sean Finn; Treasurer, Mr. Michael O'Connor.

Committee—Messrs. M. Fitzgerald, W. Culhane, P. Geoghegan, M. McElligott.

Captain of senior team—Sean Finn. Captain of junior team—Donnie McSweeney.

The club decided to hold a "41" drive during Lent.



# The Late Tom Culhane.

## THE PASSING OF A WELL-KNOWN FOOTBALLER.

By JAMES F. O'REILLY.

Better one crowded hour of glorious life  
Than live an age without a name.

**W**IDESPREAD was the sorrow and great the shock on hearing of the death of Tom Culhane. We had all been quite hopeful of his recovery, and the doctor's report even increased our hopes; but, alas! the Lord saw fit to call him to Himself: pneumonia developed, bringing about Tom's unexpected end.

It is indeed very sad to see such a fine young fellow, in the bloom of manhood, full of the joys of life and a noted athlete, struck down to answer the call. But Tom was indeed well prepared and in readiness to meet his Creator. The possessor of much talent, a charming singer, and a very well-known and famous footballer. But not only did Tom possess these many qualities, but he



THE LATE TOM CULHANE.

was a sincere Catholic, a faithful pioneer, and an admirable young man in every way. His cheerful disposition and attractive personality endeared him to all with whom he came in contact, and every place he went he left a good impression of himself.

On numerous occasions he gave some never to be forgotten exhibitions of football in Croke Park, playing centre-field in All-Ireland matches, and for Munster in the inter-provincial championships, in which he has figured for the past six years. He displayed some tactics on the football field on many occasions that sent the spectators into raptures of joy and brought about the admiration even of the opposing

team, and the applause of all Croke Park. He was a young man of splendid physique and a born footballer, as he was generally called. The G.A.A. by his death have lost one of the most famous and skilful footballers they have ever had, and Ireland a very true, patriotic Irishman. Consequently it was only fitting, and a very well-deserved tribute to one who had actually been selected to play with them, that a two-minutes silence was observed in Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day, and the players were clothed with mourning as a mark of respect to their dead Gael, to poor Tom who was surely there with them in spirit. It was indeed very tragic to find him missing from the Munster team, and to think that to-day he who appeared so physically fit and the picture of health lies low and will never again figure in Croke Park to be cheered and applauded by thousands.

As a proof of the esteem in which people held him, some 200 Mass Cards have been received by his bereaved family together with an

enormous number of letters and telegrams of sympathy. Furthermore, his funeral cortege was the largest ever seen in the district, and it was noticeable that as the lonely procession journeyed on to Tom's last resting place a great number were in tears, and needless to say it was heartrending to see the sorrow of his heartbroken family. Numbers of Tom's fellow-footballers and a very great number of members of the G.A.A. walked beside his remains, many of them carrying his coffin on its lonely journey to the family burial ground.

Tom's good, virtuous life resulted, as it always does, in his peaceful, happy resignation to leave this vale of tears. To quote the words of a famous philosopher, "It is right living which prepares for safe or even joyous dying."

The sympathy and sorrow of all is extended to his grief-stricken family who have lost a very devoted son and brother. May the Lord have mercy on his poor soul and grant him everlasting bliss.

## GOSSIP FOR THE GAELS

# TOM CULHANE DONS HIS TOGS AGAIN TO-DAY

## His Name Is Honoured By Men Who Are Hard To Please

BY OUR GAELIC GAMES CORRESPONDENT

The most interesting Gaelic game to-day will be at Askeaton, where Limerick and Clare meet in a Football League fixture. No, I'm not forgetting Galway and Mayo at Ballinasloe. The Askeaton affair has a double interest in that Tom Culhane, of Glin, will don togs again to play for his county, not to take charge of the game.

He refereed the first drawn game between Kerry and Galway in this year's All-Ireland Championship, and his swift rise to national recognition as a whistle-man is obvious from the fact that he is still young enough to keep on playing.

Generally the chief G.A.A. referees each year are picked from the veteran class, but Tom was so much praised for his handling of keen Kerry inter-club games that the Croke Park officials made a note of his name. He is still in his early twenties.

He has played for Munster in four inter-provincials as a half-forward, and is worth his place on any team for his place-kicking alone. He has speed, too, so he is easily No. 1 man on to-day's Limerick fifteen.

### Some of His Records

Well into the 1930's he was still on the Limerick minor selection. That will give you some idea of how "young" he is to be a G.A.A. Giant.

In one particular year his promotion was so rapid he played minor, junior, and senior.

Another record of his is that he refereed two important matches in one day! That was in North Kerry last year, where he is recognised as an "impartial outsider" in the County Championships. His name is honoured among the Gaels of Strand Road, Dingle and Boherbee—

men hard to please, so critical are they of the way games are conducted.

What Kerry is going to do without Tom Culhane to-day I don't for the life of me know, for the 1938 title will be lost and won by two Kingdom teams at about the time he is under the orders of a whistler himself in a Limerick village field.

### The Men of Glin

Glin, where The Knight comes from (not the Wexford or Ulster village of much the same name), is "full of Culhanes," as I've been told; so if you're ever in the pretty Shannon-side port of call to look at The Knight's Castle, ask for the Parish Clerk if you are anxious for a chat on Gaelic games with the youngest referee-player in the country.

The marksman-church-clerk will have, among his fourteen colleagues three other Men of Glin supporting him to-day. Ahane village is represented by the Mackay hurling brothers and a few others. There is, as a matter of fact, a very representative selection opposing Clare; Abbeyfeale seems to be in a majority, but there are also Thomond, Knockane and Fynes players.

The occupations, since I mentioned Tom's occupation, include two farmers, a shop assistant, an electrician, a teacher, and an insurance agent. "Dave" Doherty is the insurance agent. He is a product of Mungret, the one Jesuit college which is not very prominent in Irish sport. "Moss" Colbert, of Abbeyfeale, is the "man behind the counter." Carney is the electrician. He is a brother of Mayo's John Joe Carney, and he played for the North-Western county himself as a minor.

McCarthy, of the same village, has just qualified as an N.T.

Paddy Doyle is coming along rapidly in the Culhane style; he was playing as a minor the other day.



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Glin G.A.A. Club :

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Re-Elected

There was a very large and representative attendance at the general meeting of the Glin G.A.A. Club held recently.

Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Chairman, presided.

After being a number of years in the wilderness the Club had a most successful year in 1955, reminiscent of the days when that great Gael and Churchman, Rev. P. Lyons, now P.P., Ballingarry, was guiding its destinies. The West Limerick Cup for the junior football championship and also the County Cup were brought home to Glin in 1955 amidst great jubilation. The minors were also very prominent and were only beaten in the west final by their old rivals, Abbeyfeale. Many messages of congratulations were received from other clubs and supporters on having had such a successful year.

The Chairman and players spoke highly of the sportsmanship displayed by all the teams they met during the Championship and expressed thanks to all those who subscribed and helped in other ways in restoring the Club to its former glory.

Officers elected for the coming year were all elected unanimously (same as last year) — President, Rev. J. Connors, C.C.; Chairman-Treasurer, Mr. M. J. O'Connor; Hon. Secretary, Mr. T. McKeown, N.T. Committee:— Messrs. M. McElligot, M. Fitzgerald, J. McNamara, W. Culhane, J. Healy.

In order to defray the heavy expenses of running the Club, a concert will be held at Oisín Cinema on Sunday, 26th February.

It was also decided to run a dance or social at Easter on the occasion of the presentation of medals.

West Under 14 Football Final

Askeaton awarded from Glin - Ballykehill

Master M.F. Final. St. Grif. Limerick 1.7

Kerry 1.5. Martin O'Connor, Jim O'Connor,  
Glin - Ballykehill on team

## Twelve Medals In A Month!

THE Glin football team which won the West Limerick Junior Football Championship on November 20, 1956, had five brothers—Jim, John, Denis, Tom and Pat Donovan—playing with them, while at the same time a sixth brother was at Cork winning a Siger-son Cup medal with University College Dublin.

And, to add to this, a few weeks later all six brothers figured on the Glin team which won Limerick Junior Football honours.

That brings the total number of medals won by the Donovan family in



4-11-67

West J.F. final



Glin

# GLIN TOO STRONG FOR ST. SENAN'S

25-11-67

## Under-21 Football:

Glin ... .. 3-10  
St. Senan's ... .. 1-5

Glin collected their third divisional title of the season at Askeaton on Sunday when they scored a decisive and well-merited win over an under-strength St. Senan's side in the Western under-21 football final. Despite the big disparity in the scores the game was for the most part quite an entertaining one and was keenly contested. Indeed the under-21s in both codes this year aroused a new and most encouraging interest and enthusiasm that has justified the highest hopes of promoters of the competitions.

The relatively big gathering of patrons at the mid-Deelside enclosure on Sunday certainly got good value for their money with a display that never lacked punch and determination. Although the Glin superiority was in evidence from an early stage the Foynes lads never gave up trying. Without five of their regular stars, they kept fighting back with everything they had until the final whistle even though the issue was well beyond doubt ten or twelve minutes from full time.

The "Saints" were still in it with a sporting chance at the interval when they were only four points down after a convincing enough display in the opening half. On the resump-

tion, however, the winners paved the way for ultimate success with an early shock goal. St. Senan's fought back gamely, but another goal and a further succession of points gave Glin a commanding lead as they strided with confident ease into the closing quarter. But even then the game did not become dull and uninteresting as might have been reasonably expected in the circumstances.

## IN FINE FORM

Donal Geohegan, who was in rare scoring mood throughout, was one of the main contributors to Glin's winning tally. He was ably assisted in a very effective forward line by John Joe Stack, Dick Connors, Dan Fitzgerald and Jimmy Meade. John Dunne and Mick Mahon were very much on top round midfield, while Paddy Sweeney, Dan Enright and Dan Hogan provided a very sound and dependable defence. Ml. Gallagher, Larry Frost, Joe Behan, Basil Fitzsimons Paddy Dunleavy and the Lane brothers were most in the picture for the "Saints."

Glin got away to a dramatic start when John Joe Stack, from a goalmouth scramble, fisted the ball into the net in the opening minute of the game. The sharp shooting Donal Geohegan followed up with a Glin point, but the "Saints" soon recovered from these early reverses. After a spectacular solo run Larry Frost dropped a dangerous ball in the Glin square and Joe Behan finished the effort by getting the ball between the Glin posts to leave the issue wide open again. However, Don Geohegan promptly replied with a brace of Glin points, before Larry Frost (St. Senan's) and Donal Geohegan (Glin) exchanged points.

Glin led at the interval by 1-6 to 1-2.

## GOOD GOAL

Eight minutes after the resumption, Dan Fitzgerald caught the "Saints" off the mark for a Glin goal after Dick Connors sent in one of his many long drives from midfield. After Donal Geohegan had again sent over the bar, Jimmy Martin put the final seal of victory on Glin's effort with another goal after his kick had rebounded off the upright. Denny O'Rourke replied with a Foynes point before John Joe Stack, Donal Geohegan and Paddy Culhane sent over a sequence of three more points for Glin. Ml. Gallagher (St. Senan's) and Dick Connors added further points before the final whistle.

Mr. M. O'Connor (Treaty-Sarsfields) was a very capable referee.

Glin—E. Mulvihille, P. Sweeney, D. Enright, D. Hogan, D. Culhane, M. Fitzgerald, J. Dunne, P. Culhane, M. McMahon, D. Geohegan, D. O'Connor, J. Meade, D. Fitzgerald, J. J. Stack, W. Martin.

St. Senan's—P. O'Sullivan, S. Behan, D. Lane, P. Lane, J. Behan, D. O'Rourke, D. Ryan, P. Dunleavy, M. Mulvihill, M. Gallagher, B. Fitzsimons, A. Neville, S. Sullivan, L. Frost, J. Hanley.

## RUNAWAY WIN

Glin (7-4) scored a runaway victory over St. Mary's (0-1) in the final of the divisional

## G.A.A.

A large number of supporters travelled to Newcastle West on Sunday for the final of the West junior football championship between Glin and Rathkeale. Best for Glin were the brothers, Willie and Pat Fitzgerald, and the Culhane brothers. The final score was: Glin, 0-9; Rathkeale, 3-0

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## GLIN

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# Junior football

There was a large number of supporters at Askeaton on Sunday to see Glin defeat Rathkeale in the re-play of the West Limerick junior football championship. The final score was Glin 0-7; Rathkeale 0-3. Unlike the drawn game, Glin were on top throughout and Rathkeale failed to produce that great final rally. In spite of the severe weather conditions, the standard was very high and must leave Glin firm favourites to win out the county final. Prominent for the locals was O'Sullivan in goals, and P. Sweeney and Mossy Meade.

Glin won West under 14 & 17. best manager in final at Glin.



# WESTERN FOOTBALL TITLE FOR GLIN 24/8/68

Glin ..... 4-6  
Fr. Casey's ..... 2-4

Glin, with a very promising combination of teen-age players, collected the western minor football title at Newcastle West on Sunday and deservedly so. But they had to fight every inch of the way for more than threequarters of the hour before eventually overcoming the strong challenge from the Abbeyfeale lads. Indeed, the issue was wide open up to the interval when the teams were level and it was still anybody's game up to the closing ten minutes when the Fealesiders came within a point of the Shannonside rivals.

## BEST FOR YEARS

However, the new divisional champions asserted their superiority in the closing stages and they were well on top at the final whistle which left no doubt as to the merits of their victory. The game, played with vim and enthusiasm throughout, was one of the best seen in this grade for some years. The disappointingly small but enthusiastic gathering of patrons got full value for their money with a first class exhibition of teen-age football at its best and with plenty of excitement. No quarter was given or expected in a full blooded, man for man encounter that was played throughout in a fine manly sporting spirit. The only untoward incident was just before full time when referee Tim Woulfe (Athea) gave marching orders to Dan Fitzgerald (Glin) for an indiscretion that might have been understandable in the rough and tumble of the fray, but called for a penalty under the rules. The referee's authority must not be questioned.

In the opening minutes, Joe Martin (Glin), one of the main architects of the Shannonside victory, and D. Browne (Father Casey's) exchanged points before Martin added a Glin point and Dan Fitzgerald followed up with a goal. The Abbeyfeale lads hit back immediately with a goal after the hard trying Stephen Lyons paved the way for a determined drive that finished in the net. Pat Connors replied with a Glin point but D. Aherne retaliated with a similar score for Fr. Casey's. A further Glin point by the sharp shooting Joe Martin was followed by a brace of Fr. Casey's points by D. Aherne and D. Browne, leaving the issue wide open at half time on the score of 1-4 each.

Fr. Casey's frittered away a couple of good scoring chances after the resumption before Dan Fitzgerald led a determined drive and the ball ended in the net after a goalmouth scramble. Joe Martin added a Glin point from a 21-yard free but Fr. Casey's, fighting as hard as ever, were again very much back in the picture when Stephen Lyons slapped home a goal that reduced the winning margin to a single point. Entering the last quarter, Glin really got going and before the final whistle they chalked up two more goals and a brace of points.

Glin—J. McGrath, P. Regan, D. Enright, P. Fitzgerald, J. Driscoll, J. Hogan, P. O'Shaughnessy, J. A. Culhane, J. Regan, P. O'Connor, J. Martin, S. O'Driscoll, D. Fitzgerald, E. Foley, G. Sullivan.

Fr. Casey's — J. Lenihan, M. O'Connell, D. Collins, G. Collins, J. Collins, J. O'Connor, J. Bresnihan, D. Aherne, D. Browne, D. Doody, P. Cahill, J. O'Sullivan, J. Bresnihan, S. Lyons.

## LAST-MINUTE POINT

A last-minute point from a free by P. Buckley enabled Askeaton to draw with Glin in an exciting junior football semi-final. The game provided some passages of fine football and was very sportingly contested. Both sets of forwards squandered what could have been winning scores but at the end a draw was a fair result. Veteran D. Culhane had a great game for Glin at full-back and mention must also be made of goalkeeper J. Normoyle who brought off one fantastic save in the first few minutes. Others to shine for Glin were D. Culhane at centre back; J. Hogan, P. J. Martin, J. Fitzgerald, J. Enright and J. Martin.

Askeaton had another veteran on duty who also starred at full-back, Ed Walsh, and got good support from P. McMahon, J. Barron, C. Carrig, J. Madigan, P. Buckley, B. Riordan, T. Corrigan and T. Madigan.

## SCORERS

Glin—J. Enright (1-0), J. Fitzgerald (1-1), and points from Martin, Hogan, O'Connor and Stackpoole.

Askeaton—J. Madigan (1-1), T. Corrigan (1-1), P. Buckley (0-2), M. Kenneally (0-1).

## TEAMS

Glin—J. Normoyle; J. Reidy, D. Culhane, M. Adams; J. Regan, D. Culhane, J. Meade; J. Hogan, P. J. Martin; J. Fitzgerald, J. Stackpoole, D. O'Connor; J. Enright, J. Martin, P. O'Connor

Askeaton — M. Sheahan; P. McMahon, E. Walsh, J. Griffin; J. Ranahan, P. Walsh, J. Barron; J. Madigan, J. Purtill; N. Ranahan, P. Buckley, B. Riordan; M. Kenneally, T. Corrigan, T. Madigan. Subs., C. Carrig, J. Shaughnessy

## West U-21 Football

Sept 1968

# Glin are Champions Again

Glin ..... 1-6  
Newcastle West ..... 0-7

Glin retained their under-21 football title by virtue of a two point win over Newcastle West in a most exciting final played at Askeaton on Sunday last. The pace was a hectic one from the throw-in and the football was of a very high standard all through.

Glin were firm favourites but had to battle every inch of the way to overcome a very spirited Newcastle West fifteen. There was never more than a few points between the sides, and had the Newcastle forwards availed of some very good opportunities of goals in the first half there is no doubt but that the title would have changed hands. One miss in particular comes to mind. Kevin O'Donnell gained possession and cut completely inside the Glin back line but his shot went straight into the goalie's hands who had no trouble in clearing.

Glin, of course, had their quota of misses. Tom Horan, at full-forward, grabbed a short kick-out from Dan Kennedy but with only the goalie to beat he blazed the ball hopelessly wide.

## LED

Glin led at half-time on the score of 1-2 to 4 pts., having played against a slight breeze. They added another point shortly after the throw-in, but Newcastle West came fighting back and were within one point of the winners with five minutes to go. However, they missed a couple of chances of equalising and in a quick breakaway Glin

scored another point to clinch their victory.

## STARS

The real stars for Glin were Pat Sweeney, Dan Culhane, Pat Culhane, Donie Geoghegan and D. O'Connor, while others to play well were J. Regan, J. Martin, D. Enright, J. Stack and D. Fitzgerald.

Their scorers were: D. O'Connor (0-1), D. Geoghegan (0-3), P. Culhane (0-1) and D. Fitzgerald (1-1).

Newcastle West had outstanding performers in Dan Kennedy, Tom Downes, Billy Nash, Dave Sammon, Dinny Liston, and got good support from M. Howard, Bord Baine; P. Mike Sheehy, Willie Relihan, P. Dunworth and K. O'Donnell.

## SCORERS

Billy Nash, 0-4; M. McCoy 0-1; J. Nash, 0-1; F. O'Connor 0-1.

## TEAMS

Glin—E. Mulvihill, J. Regan, P. Sweeney, P. Fitzgerald, D. Enright, D. Culhane, J. Hogan, P. Culhane, P. J. Martin, J. Dunne, D. Geoghegan, J. J. Stack, D. O'Connor, T. Horan, D. Fitzgerald.

Newcastle West — J. Doody, M. Sheehy, Kennedy, W. Relihan, A. Reidy, T. Downes, D. Sammon, B. Nash, J. Nash, F. O'Connor, P. Dunworth, D. Liston, B. Nash, M. McCoy, K. O'Donnell.

It is again pleasing to report that the high standard of sportsmanship which has prevailed in all recent games was maintained in this final.

Mr. Dan Nestor was an impartial and competent referee.

## Glin

April 1969

# Footballers in Form

Glin's promising young minor team beat their near neighbours, Gerald-Griffins, the Ballyhahill-Loughill selection, by 3-9 to 0-1 in the first round of the championship. Glin had more football than their opponents, who could improve with match practice. Glin's most impressive players were P. Fitzgerald, J. Regan, J. O'Sullivan, J. A. Culhane, S. O'Driscoll, B. Culhane and P. O'Connor, until his injury. Griffin's had good players in Reidy, O'Connor, O'Shaughnessy and O'Brien. The Glin boys, who will improve with match practice, will make a bold bid to retain the championship which they won last year.



#### Glin (Old) Football Club.

I am indebted to one of my oldest and most intimate friends in the county for these particulars about the old Glin Football Club. I have spent holidays in every city in Ireland and in many towns and rural districts, but with that friendly Glin people I must say I spent some of the most enjoyable. How we used enjoy crossing the Lower Shannon, below Tarbert, cycling to dear old Glin to then spend a few days with some of the most hospitable people in our isle, and then for home. Yes, they were great days. In the year 1898, the centenary of '98, when there was a wave of national feeling through the country, the famous old Glin Football Club was started at a public meeting. The team was named the "Emmets." There was just then available a number of fine young all-round athletes, and the club speedily went to the front in West Limerick and North Kerry. After a short time there was no serious rival left, but Abbeyfeale, then enjoying the ardent support of their patriotic and devoted parish priest, Father Casey R.I.P. Glin and Abbeyfeale had some homeric tussles for the championship of the West, and on one special occasion it was only on a technicality that Abbeyfeale were awarded the distinction. Had it been otherwise Glin would have met Commercials in the county final, and the latter being then at their zenith, under Captain Con Fitzgerald, a match or matches would have ensued that would make history. But it was not to be. Glin did challenge Com-

mercials to play for sport and see which was the better team. Nothing resulted except that Glin was penalised for issuing the challenge off its own bat. The most outstanding players were the late lamented (Captain) P. J. McCoy, Maurice and P. Fitzgerald, brothers of the redoubtable Con; M. J. O'Shaughnessy, E. Dore and M. Feury (R.I.P.), one of the very best all round athletes then in Ireland.

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#### Glin Revival.—The New Club.

A younger Gael than my old friend has favoured me with this interesting information about later Glin G.A.A. doings. The present Glin Club was started by Rev. Father Lyons, who spared neither time nor trouble to make it a success. As a result of his untiring energy the Glin team captured the junior and senior championship of the West and County on their first appearance in 1926. Since then they have rarely met with reverse. The Limerick Commercials, under the leadership of Sean Rabbitt, beat them after a drawn game for the 1927 final. They met with their next defeat at the hands of Knockane for the 1931 honours. All this time they were winning through the West Limerick championship, but to the credit of such old warriors as Ballyhahill and Abbeyfeale it must be said they had to fight every inch of the way, and on one occasion, that of the 1932 final, they had to lower their "black and white" to give place to the "blue and white," Father Casey's old club. Abbeyfeale successfully fought for the county honours of 1932, but lost them to the Foynes-Shanagolden combination, who were in turn beaten by Glin in the West Limerick 1933 (the county final not played when this article was written).

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#### The Fame of Glin.

The Glin record is one of which Glin is proud, and for which they realise all thanks are due to one person above all, their worthy and respected curate, Rev. Father Lyons. Of the team fielded by the club, at their first engagement at Rathkeale against Ashford, on Whit Sunday, 1926, four still retain their places in the club team. It will be interesting to know who will be the survivors. Any reference to Glin's later years would be incomplete without mentioning the great push Glin G.A.A. Club affairs received since Seamus Duggan was appointed to the local school. Seamus, like all good Gaels, wants no publicity. He is a great worker on the playing pitches and in the club room, and has done much for the cause of the Gael.



The AGM of the Glin GAA Club was held in Conway's Hotel.

The following officers were elected: President, Pakie Culhane; chairman, D. Deedigan; vice-chairman, J. A. Culhane; secretary, D. Enright; treasurer, T. Mulvihill; senior captain, P. Sweeney; vice-captain J. Hogan.

Selectors: T. Mulvihill, J. Reidy, E. Scanlon, P. Sweeney, D. Enright.

Although seven key players are out of action through injury, Glin football team have been doing quite well. At the time of writing they are down to play Askeaton in the Foynes tournament final on this Sunday.

Glin S.F.

Their line-out for the final will be probably the same as played in the semi-final, which was:— Mick Costelloe (goals), John Hogan, Pat Sweeney, Jack Regan, Joe Martin, "Jotty" Culhane, John Barrett, Dan Enright, Mick Fitzgerald, Conor Sheehan, John O'Connor, Donie Geoghegan, Tom Healy, Dan Fitzgerald, Pat O'Connor.

C's the experienced  
"Jotty" Culhane.

West S.F. Final. St. Merians 1.5 Glin 0.5

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The following were elected at the A.G.M. of the G.A.A. Club on Saturday: president, Patrick Culhane; chairman, Donal Geoghegan; vice-chairman, John Culhane; secretary, Danny Enright; treasurer, Thomas Mulvihill.

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**A.G.M.**

Glin G.A.A. held their annual general meeting at Conway's Hotel. The following officers were elected: president, Pakie Culhane; chairman, Donal Geoghegan; secretary, Pat O'Shaughnessy; treasurer, Thomas Mulvihill; senior captain, Paddy Sweeney. Selectors: Moss Meade, Jimmy O'Driscoll, Sean Finn and Paddy Sweeney.



## GLIN FOOTBALL

CLUB: THE

*Feb.* ANNUAL 1960  
MEETING

THERE was a record attendance at the annual general meeting of Glin Football Club, held during the week (writes our Glin correspondent).

Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Chairman, presided, and having welcomed the delegates, paid tribute to the sporting spirit of the team during the past year, and congratulated the under 14 team, which won out the Championship.

The Secretary, Mr. Sean Finn, gave a lengthy report on the years activities.

### TRIBUTE TO OUTGOING CHAIRMAN

When the election of officers arose the Chairman was prevailed on to continue in office, but he declined. Glowing tributes were paid to him for his long term in office (20 years) and he was unanimously made a life-long President of the Club.

Since Mr. O'Connor took up duty as Manager of Glin Co-Op. Society, he had been with the Club. Previous to that he was prominent in Tralee G.A.A. circles and in his student days with U.C.C.

It was decided to affiliate senior, minor, juvenile and under 14 football teams.

### OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE.

The following officers and committee were elected:—

President, Rev. Fr. Murphy, C.C.; Chairman and Treasurer, Mr. T. McKeown, N.T.; Vice-Chairman, Mr. Maurice Fitzgerald; Secretary, Mr. Sean Finn. Committee: Messrs. M. Culhane, M. J. O'Connor, M. Reidy, and P. Geoghegan.

Captain of senior team, Dan Culhane, Captain of minor team, Jock Stack, Captain of juvenile team, J. O'Connor; Captain of under 14 team, T. Horan.

### MEDALS PRESENTED

The outgoing Chairman presented the medals to the under 14 team amidst great applause.

*Opening Round S.F.H. Westerns had beat Glin (1958 Junior Champs)*

## Glin G.A.A. Nov. 1960

At the annual general meeting of the Glin football club the following officers were appointed:— Chairman, Mortimer McElligott; Secretary, James Reidy; Treasurer, Dan Culhane. The outgoing officers did not seek re-election, and it was decided to have a further general meeting early in the new year to consider affiliation of teams and fund raising. Tributes



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## G.A.A. club officers

A large crowd attended the A.G.M. of Glin G.A.A. Club last week. The outgoing officers reported the club to be in a sound financial position after a very active year. The following officers were elected for the coming year: President, Pakie Culhane; chairman, John A. Culhane; vice-chairman, J. Reidy; secretary, P. O'Connor; assistant sec., D. Enright; joint treasurers, T. Mulvihill and T. Hogan.

Senior joint captains, J. Culhane (Marian Place). Senior selectors: J. Reidy, E. Smalle, Jotty Culhane.

## Tarbert tournament

Glin played a thrilling draw with Doonbeg, the Clare senior football side, in the final of the Tarbert tournament on Monday last. The full-back line of Hogan, Meade, Sweeney, with O'Regan, Culhane and forwards Geoghegan and Healy, were the stars of the Glin team. For the Clare side, Downes, Lillis, Tubrid and Hough were outstanding. Final score: Glin 2-7; Doonbeg, 1-10.

### G.A.A.

The local senior team recently won the Loughill Carnival football tournament by defeating Askeaton by 3 points, last week. P. Sweeney, J. Culhane, J. Hogan, J. O'Connor and D. Geoghegan were the stars of the side. They play Moyvane in the Glin tournament quarter-final.

July 1970

## Death of Nov. 1970 sportsman

Deepest sympathy is tendered to Tom Geoghegan and family, Turaree, Glin, on the recent tragic death of their son, Michael, at the early age of 21. Michael, one of the best-known and most popular sportsmen in the parish, passed to his eternal reward last week, less than 48 hours after helping his club win the West Limerick championship (under 21).

His youth, allied to his popularity and versatility as a sportsman, made his death a great loss not only to his family, but also to the parish. His funeral to the Church and cemetery was largely attended and his team-mates, of a few days before, formed a guard of honour as a final farewell to their dead comrade.

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West Limerick G.A.A.

## FOOTBALL TITLE FOR GLIN

GLIN, 2-9 ; FR. CASEY'S, 0-2.

**A**T Dromcollogher Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last (the game was transferred from Newcastle West owing to the waterlogged condition of the pitch), Glin collected the West Limerick under-21 football title at the expense of Fr. Casey's on the above score.

The game was played in very poor conditions, as strong winds and driving rain made things very difficult for the players, but under the circumstances they produced some very good patches of football, and the high fielding of some members of both clubs was first class. Glin were by far the physically stronger of the sides, and in the prevailing conditions this had a big bearing on the result. In the second half, when Fr. Casey's were playing with the wind, their lack of height and strength was very obvious, particularly in the full-forward line, and they never really looked like pulling down Glin's half-time lead of 2-6 to 0-1. They strove manfully right to the very end, but their only reward was a point from a free while Glin added a further 3 pts. to their tally.

### THE PLAY

Glin won the toss and elected to play with the wind and rain, but Fr. Casey's were first to score, a point from a free after 2 minutes by Stephen Lyons. Play was fairly even for the next five minutes, but in the 6th minute Pat Scannell, in the Fr. Casey's goal, allowed a harmless looking punched ball from Dan Fitzgerald, the Glin full forward, to slip through his hands into the net. A minute later Donie Geoghegan pointed a Glin free and in the 11th, 13th and 14th minutes Pat Fitzgerald, Danny Enright and Seamus Driscoll added three more from play.

In the 16th min. "Big" Dan Fitzgerald struck again when he gathered a "50" and brushed the Father Casey's defence aside before fisting the ball to the net. Seven minutes later the same player fisted a lovely point and in the 25th minute Donie Geoghegan closed the scoring with a pointed free.

Father Casey's threw everything into attack in the second half but after ten minutes it was obvious that they would not break down the very strong Glin defence, particularly as Jack Dunne completely tied down Father Casey's most dangerous forward, Stephen Lyons. They had to wait until the 16th minute for their only score, a point from a free, while Dan Enright (1) and Donie Geoghegan (2) replied for Glin.

### STARS

Captain of the Glin team, Danny Enright, playing at mid-

field, was really outstanding and the best player on view. Jack Dunne, John Hogan and John Culhane were a very competent half-back line all through and Pat Fitzgerald in particular and Jack Regan took care of anything that passed between them. Dan Fitzgerald was the star of the forward line and was well supported by Denis Geoghegan, Seamus Russell and Pat Fitzgerald.

Best of a well beaten Father Casey's fifteen were Billy Doody, Sean Collins, Billy Scannell, "Lops" Ahern, Gerard Collins and Tony Brown.

### TEAMS

Glin—M. Geoghegan; P. Fitzgerald, J. Regan, J. Driscoll, J. Dunne, J. Hogan, J. A. Culhane, J. Masten, D. Enright, P. Regan, S. Driscoll, P. Fitzgerald, D. Geoghegan, D. Fitzgerald, P. O'Connor.

Fr. Casey's—P. Scannell, B. Doody, D. Collins, S. Collins, R. Riordan, B. Scannell, J. Sullivan, L. Ahern, C. Callaghan, G. Brown, G. Collins, T. Brown, T. Sullivan, B. Quill, S. Lyons. Sub.: M. Griffin.

The referee was Mr. Niall Duggan (Rathkeale) and the players on both sides are to be complimented on their very sporting display.

### Under-21 Football Semi-Final

Glin, 7-12; Askeaton, 0-0.

In the under-21 football semi-final Glin had the easiest of victories over a very disappointing Askeaton fifteen. The writing was on the wall for Askeaton at half-time as, having played with the wind, they were led 2-to nil. Glin took over completely in the second half and scored almost at will.

For a very impressive outfit Glin had outstanding players in John Hogan, Dan Enright, Mick Fitzgerald, J. A. Culhane, Joe Martin, Seamus Driscoll and Donie Geoghegan.

D. J. Daly played his heart out for Askeaton, but got scant support from his colleagues.

### GLIN

GLIN—M. Geoghegan, J. Regan, J. Hogan, W. Culhane, J. Dunne, D. Enright, M. Fitzgerald, J. Martin, J. A. Culhane, P. Regan, S. Driscoll, P. Fitzgerald, P. O'Connor, D. Fitzgerald, D. Geoghegan.

Askeaton—T. Corbett, J. Lawlor, J. Shiels, D. Loughnane, E. Noonan, J. Loughnane, E. Noonan, N. Ranahan, D. J. Daly, D. O'Shaughnessy, M. McMahon, P. Manning, T. Hourigan, D. Naughton, P. O'Donoghue.

Referee for both games was Mr. Niall Duggan (Rathkeale).

### COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Glin have captured their first county championship since 1958 when their brilliant under-21 team defeated Galbally in the final of the 1970 championship on Sunday last.

Sars of the side were: John Hogan, Jack Regan, D. Enright, C. Sheahan, D. Geoghegan, P. O'Connor, M. Fitzgerald, D.

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# County Under-21 Football Final: GLIN AND GALBALLY FINISH LEVEL 8/5/71

by S.M.

Glin, 0-7; Galbally, 1-4

Glin and Galbally finished on level terms after a most exciting hour in the 1970 County Under-21 football championship at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last on the tally, Glin, 0-7; Galbally, 1-4.

A draw was the best result to this encounter played with great spirit and determination between two evenly matched and sporting sides.

Due to a similarity in colours, Galbally wore green and white, while Glin sported red and black. A minute's silence was observed prior to the game in memory of the late Pa Mulcahy (St. Patrick's) and Paddy O'Connell (Feohanagh).

The game itself was played at a blistering pace from the outset but it took ten minutes to yield the first score—a point for Glin by their top marksman, Donie Geoghan. Glin led 0-4 to 0-2 at the interval with Donie Geoghan raising all their flags. Galbally replied per Joe McInerney and Shamie Ryan.

Donie Geoghan again opened the scoring in the second moiety with a point in the 10th minute. Shamie Ryan (Galbally) and Geoghan again exchanged white flags to leave Glin leading 0-6 to 0-3 with eight minutes remaining. John Hedigan set the Galbally contingent wild with excitement when he shot a bullet-like drive to the net in the 26th minute for the equaliser.

In a thrilling finale, Galbally were awarded a 25 yards free which Kevin Walshe flicked to

Shamie Ryan, who shot between the uprights for what looked like the winning score, but Glin were not to be denied. From a long kick-out by Mick Costelloe, Seamus O'Driscoll grabbed the ball, before passing to Dan Enright. The latter tried to solo his way through but was fouled and from the resultant free Donie Geoghan snatched a deserved draw for Glin, with a point.

Best for Glin were Donie Geoghan, John Hogan, Jack O'Regan, Jack Dunne, P. J. Martin, Dan Enright, Patsy O'Regan and Conor Sheahan, while John Hedigan, Shamie Ryan, Kevin Walshe, Sean Bourke, Davie Bourke, James Carroll and Noel Hedigan were most in the picture for Galbally.

The teams lined-out:

Glin—Mick Costelloe, Willie Culhane, Jack O'Regan, Jack Dunne, Michael Fitzgerald, John Hogan, Maurice Fitzgerald, P. J. Martin, Dan Enright, Seamus O'Driscoll, Conor Sheahan, Patsy Regan, Donal Geoghan, Dan Fitzgerald and Pat Culhane.

Galbally—Tom Ryan, Tom Casey, Noel Hedigan, Jim Gubbins, Tom Moore, Davy Bourke, James Carroll, Pat Tobin, John Hedigan, Kevin Walshe, Joe McInerney, Shamie Ryan, Johnny Maguire, Pat Russell, Sean Bourke. Subs.: Tom Hanrahan for J. Maguire and Pat McDonnell for P. Tobin.

Sean O'Connor (Cloughaun) was an efficient and impartial referee.

Glin

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G.A.A. club

The annual general meeting of Glin G.A.A. Club was recently held at Conway's Hotel. There was a large crowd present and the club reported a very successful year. The following officers were elected—

President, M. J. O'Connor; vice-president, M. McNamara; chairman, P. Culhane; vice-chairman, P. J. Fitzgerald; secretary, D. Enright; ass.-sec., J. Mulyihill; treasurer, J. Reddy; senior captains, P. J. Fitzgerald and B. Martin.

The senior team play Newcastle West in a challenge, next Sunday.

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St. Kionn's at Askeaton

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**GLIN — WEST LIMERICK UNDER-14 CHAMPIONS AND COUNTY FINALISTS. 1980**

**BACK ROW:** Left to Right — John Wallace, Patricia McMahon, Donal McNamara, Brendan Mac Eoin, Paul O'Connor, John Daly, Joseph Hogan, John Long.

**FRONT:** Left to Right — Thomas Wallace, Michael Ryan, John McNamara (Capt.), Leo Roche, Jude O'Sullivan, Michael McLaughlin, Pat Martin.



The Glin team who lost to St. Kieran's in the West senior football final. 23-5-81

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## 20/12/80 Glin

The recent, rather unexpected, death of Thomas Mulvihill of Church Street, Glin, has saddened the entire parish. Thomas, with whom I had the privilege of working for over a decade, was a member of a well-known family — the Mulvihills of Ballygoughlin. In his youth he quickly developed a great love for Gaelic football and played with distinction for the great Glin teams of the 'thirties, as well as being a prominent member of the county teams at minor, junior and senior level.

## CLUB G.A.A.

## Glin 1/5/82

Due to the non-arrival of the Askeaton team, Glin had a bye into the final of the Glin senior football tournament (1981). In the final played last Sunday evening Ballydonoghue (Kerry) proved too good for the local team to win the cup and plaques.

The following are the fixtures for the week-end:

Fri., April 20th: Junior football semi-final, Ballyhahill v. St. Senan's, 8 o'clock.

The final of the junior football tournament takes place on Sunday, May 2nd. The trophies will be presented at a dance later in the evening at the Oisín Ballroom. The finalists will be Glin or Athea v. Ballyhahill or St. Senan's.

## 31.1.81 Glin

We extend sympathy to John Breen (Garda), Church Street, on the death of his father, John Brown, of Clahane, Ballyduff, Co. Kerry.

A short course of 6 weeks on gardening is being run at the Comprehensive School, Tarbert, commencing Thursday, February 5th.

GAA officers for 1981: Chairman, John A. Culhane; vice-do., Jimmy Reidy; sec., Willie Fitzgerald; asst. sec. and registrar, Danny Enright; treas., Tom Hogan; PRO., Tommy Wallace; senior selectors: Willie Fitzgerald (team trainer), J. Culhane, Con Fitzgerald, Jimmy Culhane, Jimmy Reidy. Team managers: U-14, John A. Culhane; U-16, J. Culhane; minor, Con Fitzgerald. Junior selectors: Brian Culhane, S. O'Driscoll, H. Costello. Minutes silence was observed as a mark of respect to members deceased during the past year.

## 4/7/81 Glin

The death occurred suddenly at his home of John (Jackie) McNamara, Cabra. He was a prominent member of Glin Football team in his hey-day. A guard of honour was formed by GAA. He is survived by his brothers, sisters, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends.

The organisers of the Conquer Cancer Campaign wish to thank all those who subscribed to their recent collection which amounted to £445.

Congratulations to Glin u.14 team on winning the West Limerick, Championship for the second year running. They defeated the highly-rated Newcastle West team in Rathkeale. The cup was presented to John Daly, captain of the team. They paraded triumphantly through the town.

## UNDER 14 FOOTBALL FINAL 11/7/81

The young footballers from Glin had a most impressive win, when they defeated Newcastle West 1-7 to no score in the under 14 football final at Rathkeale on Friday evening. Best for the winners were Daly, McLoughlin, Wallace and Martin, and Cremin and Hurley were best for N.C.W. Referee, Noel Barry (Athea).

## 19/2/83 GLIN

Important special general meeting will take place at the Courthouse on Saturday, Feb. 19, at 8.30 sharp. Members and especially all players from minors upwards and anyone who would be interested in joining the club are asked to attend.

The club recently took part in Senior Scor for the first time and had two teams in the west final. Billy Martin (solo singing) and Donie Lyons, Buddy Furey and James McGrath (instrumental music). Others who took part in Ardagh (figure dancing), Miss Marie Dillane, Jimmy Dillane, Mrs. P. Scanlon, Mrs. E. McNamara, James McNamara, Mrs. D. Ryan. (Ballad group), John Healy, Mrs. D. Daly, Pat Fitzmaurice, Mrs. P. O'Carroll, P. O'Carroll. (Question time), Haule Costello, John Healy, Billy Martin. (Set Dancing), Jimmy and Marie Dillane, Jimmy Reidy and Mrs. D. Ryan, James and Eily McNamara, Paddy McSweeney and Mrs. P. Martin.

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The death occurred of Paddy Fitzgerald (Garda), Killacolla, a young age in life. This sad occasion cast a gloom over the entire parish. He was a prominent member of the GAA club. A guard of honour was formed by the Garda Síochána at the GAA. He is survived by 1 mother and father, sister, Agn

## 19.3.83

Players and intending members are asked to pay the membership fee before next meeting, on April 6.

Please note that monthly meetings will take place on the first Wednesday, commencing on April 6, at the Courthouse, 9 p.m.

John Lyons, Henry Sheehan and Paddy McLoughlin were elected to prepare an U. 14 hurling team for the Centenary Year, 1984.

Mr. Adams had an outstanding game for the West Minor Division team which defeated the south recently scoring 2 goals and 2 points.

Mr. McLoughlin, Leo Roche, Patk McMahon and John McNamara are on the U. 17 West Division panel to play the East Div on St. Patrick's Day.

The annual Bawnmore Handicapped Collection was taken up in the club recently which yielded £432.93.

## 26th November 1983

County Junior Football Championship Final at Croom. Hospital/Herbertstown 1-7, Glin 1-6. Ref: L. Shanahan Croom. Teams:

Glin: M. McLoughlin, J. Hogan, J. Regan, P. Sweeney, T. Connolly, Capt., M. Fitzgerald, E. Conway,

M. Adams, D. Fitzgerald, N. Culhane, J. Fitzgerald, J.A. Culhane P. Wallace, Sub: J. McNamara.

## Glin 23/1/83

The under 16 team have reached the final of the West Limerick Championship with a good win over Knockaderry at Rathkeale on Friday last. This team won the under 14 championship two years ago but will have to show a lot of improvement if they are to bring the under 16 title home after many years. If they show the same spirit and determination as two years ago then it can be done.

Panel: D. Adams, M. Dillane, D. McNamara, J. Long, J. Wallace, T. Wallace, S. Culhane, M. Fennell, S. Lynch, M. Lynch, P. Reidy, F. Healy, B. McKeWn, M. Conway, P. Martin, B. Martin, M. McLoughlin, M. McNamara, G. Scanlon, M. Ryan, J. Hogan.

## 24/1/86 Glin

Santa Claus will pay his annual visit to Culhane's Drapery Shop, Main Street, Glin, on Saturday, December 1, at 3 o'clock.

Congratulations to our junior team on their magnificent win in the county final on Sunday last. Rathkeale were favourites to win but the local team played some great football and were deserving winners at the end on the score 1-10 to 1-3. This win was a great reward for all the players and officials, especially the long serving members of the team. It also bridges a gap of 13 years since the under-21 won the county final. While 1958 was the last occasion when the junior title came to Glin, great celebration took place on Sunday evening with the cup being paraded through the town. The fact that this is centenary year made the victory more important, especially with Glin's great tradition for football.

## 8/12/84 Glin

Glin team which defeated Rathkeale in the recent junior football final comprised: Michael McLoughlin, John Hogan, Jack Regan, Paddy Sweeney, Shane Fitzgerald, Maurice Fitzgerald, Kieran Fitzgerald, Noel Culhane, David Fitzgerald, John McNamara, John Fitzgerald, John Culhane, Leo Roche, Michael Adams, captain; Conor Fitzgerald. Subs., Liam Long for Michael Adams; "Jotty" Culhane for John A. Culhane.

Glin's minor football team had a very unlucky Centenary Year. In the final of the West Championship they led St. Kierans by 6 points in the second half. A lucky goal and a penalty in the last minute deprived the local team of victory. Glin met Oola, the East champions, in the county quarter final and even though they played very well, goals at crucial stages led to their defeat.

Glin junior team play old rivals Athea in the quarter final of the championship this Sunday.

The AGM of Glin Rovers soccer club takes place next Tuesday, August 20 at Conway's Hotel, starting at 9 p.m. sharp. A good attendance is expected.

18-8-84

## Glin 5/1/85

Congratulations to Glin junior footballers on winning the North Kerry West Limerick Final with a great triumph over Asdee.

This completes a great year for the team as they have already won the county junior championship.

Glin Rovers had a great win over Abbeyfeale in the vital league game on Sunday. Scorers for Glin: T. Stack, J. McNamara, J. A. Culhane.

The Glin team was Mick Costello, Shane Fitzgerald, John A. Culhane, John Fitzgerald, Pat McMahon, John McNamara, Mick Stack, Leo Roche, J. J. McElligott, Dave Fitzgerald, Liam King, Res., Pat Martin, Jack O'Sullivan, T. Scanlon, A. Langan.

## GLIN 22/6/86

### HURLING

A little bit of history was made in the newly opened Thomas Culhane Park in Glin on Sunday evening last, when a Glin hurling team won a championship final for the first time ever.

The local U-14 hurlers defeated Gerald Griffins in the final of the West 'C' championship in a one sided game.

The game was attended by a large crowd which enjoyed some fine skills and goalmouth skirmishes which occurred during the encounter. The Ballyhahill backs and fine goalie put up a brave battle but had no answer to the Glin onslaught led by a magnificent Ger Martin.

Ger is not the only one who should be mentioned, there are many more such as the rock like Billy Sweeney, John Lynch, Kieran Adams, Paul Fitz and a host of others. With such young-

sters as the 24 of day's panel showing so much interest the future of hurling in looks mighty good for years ahead.

Panel: Ger Martin (captain), Billy Sweeney, Paddy Hogan, Pat Martin, Michael McMahon, Kieran Adams, John Lynch, Paul Fitz, Paul Cannivan, Michael Normile, Niall Mulvihill, Dec Reidy, John Kelly, Paul Ryan, Stephen Healy, Patrick Healy, Shane Adams, Noel Conway, Gavin O'Connor, Colm Ryan, Michael P. Pat Sweeney, P. Mulv. D. O'Connor-Bray.

4, at 8.30 p.m. at the Courthouse. New members are welcome.

History was made this week when Billy Martin became the first ever Glin man to wear a Limerick hurling jersey on the occasion of his county debut for Limerick minors against Clare in Ennis. Billy made a great contribution to a Limerick victory in the minor league. We would like to congratulate Billy on this great achievement and we hope that his selection would be the first of many from the newly formed Glin Hurling Club. With the Askeaton Credit Union final coming up early in March Training for U 14 hurling

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# Glin's superb final show

Glin ..... 1-10  
 Sean Finns ..... 1-3

The 1984 Co. Junior football final played at Askeaton on 25-11-84 produced the most devastating display of combination skill and brilliant scores by the winners that it has been my privilege to witness at this level. Old timers will recall great Glin teams of another era when they won numerous Co. titles but I'm sure they will agree that it would be hard to beat this latest display. Much of the credit for this must go to that man with the great football brain, Tim Woulfe. Athea who put in long hours with the winners to bring them to as near perfection as possible.

The sun shone brightly as both teams paraded behind the Rathkeale Brass and Reed Band and when referee Pat Lane set the game in motion a huge crowd had gathered at this home of football venue.

The opening minutes saw the Rathkeale ladies in determined mood and we wondered if they would repeat their West final victory of a few weeks previously. But before the game was over this myth was blown sky high as the magpies shot over 2 great points by Conor Fitzgerald at an early stage. Some of the movements out of defence by the winners left the crowd spellbound and Adams, John Farmer, and Culhane shot over points to leave the Rathkeale lads looking second raters. Then the move that won the game started with that great servant John Hogan. The ball passed between six other Glin players before Davy Fitzgerald found the net with a bullet of a shot. Ray Doherty and Dillon added points for the losers to leave the half time score 1-6 to 0-2.

The second half saw the losers make great efforts to get back into the game and for a while it looked as if we might have a close finish. Ray Doherty popped over a point and then with fifteen minutes left Ray Doherty again after a good

pass by Meade gave the Glin goalkeeper no chance with a great shot inside the post. Alas this was to be their last score and Glin again took over, (even though they lost Adams with a knee injury) the first half fluency returned and they finished like a well oiled machine with scores by John Fitz, John A. Culhane and Conor Fitz (2). With time ticking away the Glin supporters gave a great ovation to the ageless Jotter Culhane who made his appearance on the field for the injured J.A. Culhane. The name Fitzgerald will always be famous in Glin. There were six of them on this team and I suppose the real Knight was Man of the Match Conor, who scored four points. Not far behind was Paddy Sweeney who had an outstanding game at corner back. Also Jack Regan who carried on despite an injured toe. Noel Culhane got through an amount of work at midfield and the young Leo Roche. But we could not pass without complimenting the winners on their rig out, gone was the tattered look of recent years and in its place a brand new set of jerseys with matching togs and socks, and if they can keep up the same commitment next year they will be a danger to any Senior team in the Co. What of the losers, well its so near and yet so far. But

I'm convinced there is a Co. title in this bunch of players, with a little more self sacrifice and discipline. On Sunday, Gallagher in goal, O'Connor, O'Dea and Seamus and Martin Doherty, O'Shea and Fitzs were best.

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The Glin team that won the county junior football final.





GAA club members at their new pitch (from left): Tommy Barrett, Jimmy Reidy, Leo Roche, Michael Culhane, John Lyons, Brian O'Connor, Padraig O Cearbhaill, John Healy, chairman, and Michael Enright.

# Wrenboys help GAA dream come true

By MARTIN BYRNES

AFTER 17 YEARS the dream of Glin's football club is to become a reality. Their fully-equipped pitch, sited picturesquely overlooking the Shannon Estuary, will be officially opened on Sunday, June 1st by Dr. Mick Loftus, the president of the GAA.

And some of the money was raised for the venture by reviving the wrenboy tradition in the area.

## Entertainment

Former county councillor, Mr. Tommy Barrett, explained that the club had to be extremely inventive in its fundraising in recent years, because of the many worthy causes which were seeking funds. One of the ideas was to revive the wrenboy tradition, and Mr. Barrett himself was happy to dress up and join in the entertainment with the others.

Another fundraising idea has been the sponsored "mayoral" election, the publication of *Iris an Gleanna* (edited by the eminent historian Padraig O Cearbhaill) and a members' club draw.

The new pitch will be dedicated to the memory of the late Thomas Culhane, Glin's most famous footballing son, who represented Limerick and Munster (Railway Cup) before becoming an eminent referee and presided at All-Ireland level before dying at an early age from pneumonia.

The brother of the late Mr. Culhane, Dr. Michael, is among the leading members of the field committee.

The formal opening will be the focal point of the three-day Feile na Gleanna, which opens on Friday, 30th

## LEADER SPECIAL

May, with a fancy-dress parade and outdoor dancing. On Saturday an exhibition of GAA material will be mounted at the community centre and this will be opened by Mr. Mainichin Seoighe, the Limerick historian. On Saturday night a wrenboys and Com-

haltas concert will be staged followed by a disco.

Following the official opening of the pitch on the Sunday afternoon, an exhibition match between Kerry and Laois will take place, and the Feile will be rounded off that evening with a ceili and old time dance.

The development of the pitch got off to a slow start after the field was transferred in 1969. In fact, grading and levelling did not take place until a decade later. By August, 1984, however, the dressing rooms were under way, and these were completed in under a year. The new entrance and parking area were installed last year. Now, the grading and seeding of the elevated terraces are being completed in preparation for the formal opening in a week's time.

The history of football in Glin enjoys an enviable tradition. When Limerick Commercial won the All-Ireland in 1887, Glin was represented by Con Fitzgerald.

The late Fr. Lyons formed the Glin club in 1926, and affiliated it to the structure of the GAA. In that year, Glin won the West and went on to take county honours.

The clubs has won the county championship seven times in all, and taken Western honours eleven times.

## Now hurling

Now the club is introducing hurling to the district for the first time with under-age teams being guided by Johnny Lyons and Harry Sheehan.

But Glin is still mainly a footballing area, and the success of the club is reflected in the fact that four of the club's players are currently on the county senior panel—David Fitzgerald, Liam Long, John Fitzgerald and Leo Roche.



The late Thomas Culhane, in whose honour Glin G.A.A. Field is to be named.

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# Glin open their magnificent pitch

**A CROWD of about 2,000 turned up to see Glin GAA club open their new pitch and dressing rooms on Sunday evening last. First we had the blessing of the grounds by Very Rev. Fr. Collins, P.P., Glin, followed by the official opening by the president of the G.A.A., Dr. Mick Loftus.**

Then it was down to the action. The teams paraded behind the superb C.B.S. Sexton Street Pipe Band and many a Glin heart was beating proudly to see the current National League holders Laois, and the men from the Kingdom parading on their own pitch.

The match started with referee Pat Lane in charge and within a minute Laois opened the scoring with Sean Booth pointing. Kerry's reply was prompt with Jack O'Shea putting the sides level when he pointed a 21 yard free. Two minutes later wing forward Joe Shannon sent over a lovely point from the right wing.

The greasy ball was causing problems for both teams and quite a few passes went astray. Kerry started to get a grip at midfield and also wing backs Stephen Stack and Ballylongford's Kieran Culhane were making frequent attacks against the Laois rearguard.

The next score came after 9 minutes when Kerry corner forward Domo Lyne pointed after receiving a good pass from Culhane.

Laois immediately hit back and corner forward Turley pointed. Indeed Turley was proving a thorn in the Kerry rear-guard with some penetrating runs. However, John Kennedy took the score to 0-5 to 0-2 after 16 minutes with two points in succession. Then we were to witness some of the old Kerry magic when Jack O'Shea collected at midfield, he spotted Kennedy about 30 metres from goal and sent a long range pass which the Kerryman broke down to the rushing Domo Lyne who made about 10 yards before letting fly with a rasper to give Laois goalie Tony McMahon no chance.

Laois closed the first half scoring when centre forward John Ramsbottom pointed from a 40 metre free and at the interval Kerry enjoyed a five point lead, 1-5 to 0-3.

Kerry had travelled with eight of their All Ireland winning side and this was greatly appreciated by the home crowd, who were deriving great pleasure from the fielding exploits of Ambrose O'Donovan, Tom Spillane and Jack O'Shea. On the other hand the Laois side contained not one of their National League final side,

which must be considered something of a slight on the organising committee and also on the attendance because when the second half got underway this was blatantly obvious as Kerry opened the floodgates but not before Laois's Leo Turley got through for a goal when he beat Charlie Neligan with a shot which bounced awkwardly and ended up in the net.

John Kennedy found his scoring touch after this and kicked 1-3 before being 'rested' in the 12th minute. Laois were running out of steam and again Kerry goaled; this time it was the turn of full forward Timmy O'Dowd to leave the score at Kerry 3-8, Laois 1-3 after 15 minutes. The game petered out after this goal with again Lyne and Kerry substitute Hanafin and Willie Maher scoring minors to leave the score at the end, Kerry 3-11, Laois 1-3.

Kerry open their Munster championship campaign against Tipperary in Clonmel on Sunday week (June 15) and were hoping for a good competitive game but unfortunately this one did not fit the bill because of the poor opposition of Laois, who win no friends in the town of Glin with the make-up of their team.

Nevertheless Kerry displayed a good degree of fitness and

some of their football was out of the top drawer. Domo Lyne received the 'Man of the Match' award and will be challenging for a place on the c'ship fifteen. Also John Kennedy displayed great accuracy and wing backs Stephen Stack and Kieran Culhane did quite well. Jack O'Shea was his usual workmanlike self and Tom Spillane was very sound in defence.

Of the Laois side only Seamus Hunt, John Irwin, Pat Scully, Sean Booth and Leo Turley impressed.

## SCORERS

**Kerry** — J. Kennedy 1-5, D. Lyne 1-2, T. O'Dowd 1-0, J. O'Shea, W. Maher, J. Shannon and D. Hanafin 0-1 each.

**Laois** — L. Turley 1-1, S. Booth, J. Ramsbottom 0-1 each.

## TEAMS

**Kerry** — Charlie Neligan, John Higgins, Tim Kennelly, Mick Spillane, Stephen Stack, Tom Spillane, Kieran Culhane, Jack O'Shea, Ambrose O'Donovan, John Kennedy, Ogie Moran, Joe Shannon, Willie Maher, Timmy O'Dowd, Domo Lyne: Subs., M. Galway, D. Hanafin, R. Hickey, D. McEvoy.

**Laois** — T. McMahon, M. Corcoran, T. Conroy, S. Hunt, W. Ramsbottom, T. McMahon, J. Irwin, P. Doran, P. Scully, T. Murphy, J. Ramsbottom, S. Booth, M. Behan, G. Lawlor, L. Turley.

## Official opening of Thomas Culhane Park

GLIN G.A.A. Weekend Festival opens this Friday, May 30, at 7.30 p.m., with a varied programme of events highlighted on Sunday with a commemorative Mass at 11.30; at 7.15 p.m. the field will be blessed by Very Rev. Fr. Collins, P.P., and President of the G.A.A., Dr. Mick Loftus, will perform the official opening, culminating in months of hard work by the dedicated field committee, who have completed work on magnificent dressing rooms and a new entrance.

The field is dedicated to the memory of Thomas Culhane, renowned Glin, Limerick and Munster footballer of the '30s, who graced many a field and thrilled thousands in Croke Park on Railway Cup day with his splendid fielding and natural footballing ability. Even though he died at the early age of twenty seven years, he had by that time achieved more in his brief lifetime than many of us only dream about. He was

youngest ever to referee an All Ireland senior football final, when, at 25 years of age he had charge of the great Kerry v. Galway game for the 1938 title.

It is perhaps fitting therefore, that Kerry should be one of the teams to honour Thomas Culhane on this auspicious day when they line-out against National League winners, Laois. This game commences at 7.30 and will be in the charge of prominent inter-county referee Pat Lane from Rathkeale. Both Kerry and Laois will be bringing full squads to Glin and a thrilling encounter is anticipated with the 'Kingdom' endeavouring to enact revenge for a recent hammering meted out by the midlanders.

So on Sunday all Gaels from West Limerick, North Kerry and further afield will flock in their thousands to honour the memory of Glin's most famous footballing son.

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# THE UPS AND DOWNS OF GLIN FOOTBALL

by Seamus M. Duggan

The story of Glin Football Club though never written in detail — something I am not going to attempt here — coincides cronologically with the story of the G.A.A. itself, for a football tradition grew and developed here ever since the inauguration of the association. We have however to depend on the recollections of the oldest of the present natives of the parish for any accounts of the feats and prowess of the earliest teams that took the field in the colours of the Glin "Emmets". We do know that the personnel who composed those teams were for the most part physically bigger and stronger than was, or is, the norm. However success in the championship somehow eluded them in those early years. Why? We are to understand that it certainly was not for the want of dedication. Perhaps it could be because of laxity in the application of rules and regulations during the time when the association suffered from growing pains. Be that as it may their greatest achievements seem to have been in challenge games with clubs in the West of the County and in North Kerry and Clare.

It was in the tussle and strain of those encounters that young Con Fitzgerald learned his skill toughened his muscles, and won the spurs which later entitled him to don the captains jersey, when the "Commercials" won for Limerick, its one and only All-Ireland Football Crown in the closing years of the last century. And in passing, it can be said that, even down to the present day, rarely did a Glin team take the field without a kinsman of Con's filling a place in it.

In the first decade of the present century and well



GLIN TEAM CHAMPIONS 1958.

Front Row: Sean Finn, Michael Dullane, Second Row: (from left) Martin McNamac, Michael Adams, Maurice Meade, Eamon O'Connor, Tim O'Connor, Paddy Healy, M. McElligott, Back Row: (from left) Bill Culhane, Michael O'Connor, John Stack, Michael O'Leary, Tom Culhane, Dan Culhane, Frank Burke, Tom McKeon, Maurice Fitzgerald, Tom Houlihan, Michael Acton, Eddie Stack, Jimmy Dillane, Bill Liston, Sean Connell, Tom Flaherty, and Paddy Dunne.

'Emmets' continued to be a force to be reckoned with even if they collected but little in the way of medals and trophies. Teams led by such stalwarts as Paddy McCoy and Jack Dunne kept the flag flying until after 1916 when club colours were furled to give place to the National Flag. The playing fields throughout the land were deserted and the tramp of solemn faced marching men took the place of the cheering, laughter, and gaiety of the lads at the games. And so it continued until in the early twenties strife like all good things and bad, came to an end, blessed peace was restored and the playing fields came into their own. Then began a new chapter in Glin's Football Story.

In 1925 in the normal and very lucky course of

parish was filled by Rev. P. Lyons (still happily with us D.G. as Very Rev. Canon Lyons P.P. Ballingarry). Reared in his native Glenroe where football was the local game and aware of the football tradition in Glin, he soon had rallied round him the nucleus of a team of lads who, released from the tension of the strife were anxious and glad to follow the "Priest" to wheresoever he threw up a ball. And so in the Spring of 1926, Glin Club was re-constituted, affiliated and entered in that year's championship. Success was not long delayed, for in the first attempt both the Junior and Senior West Limerick and County Championships were captured. Thus began a successful and halcyon period, for the club, extending over more than the next dozen or so years during which the West

Limerick Senior Championship was won in 1926 (as I have said) and in 1927, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933, 1934, 1937 and 1939. The County Senior Championship was won in 1926, 1928, 1929, 1930, 1931, 1933 and 1934. During those years strongest opposition in the West came from our rivals and friends from Abbeyfeale and for the County, the Commercials and Knockane. It is to be regretted that teams that later figured prominently in the football scene, notably Athea, Askeaton, Treaty Sarsfields and St. Patrick's, did not then exist. To satisfy the football appetite of the club numerous challenge games were played with Clare teams such as Coolmeen and Kilrush and with all the North Kerry teams especially



Newtownsandes, (now better known as Moyvane) which was then led by that undomitable gentleman of the playing field, the late Con Brosnan — Ar dheis-lamb De go raibh se. I feel that to Con much of the success achieved by the Glin team is due; he was an inspiration!

With the winning of the 1939 West Limerick Senior Championship, the fortunes of the club, though in noway the spirit, dimmed somewhat. Of course the different teams were not always at the losing end for they captured the West Junior title in 1947, 1955 (In union with Ballyhahill) 1958, 1964 and 1967. They took the West under 21 Championship in 1967, 1968 and 1970 and went on to win the County Under 21 championship in 1970 also. Different Glin Minor Teams were successful in the West in 1948, 1963 and 1968 while our Juveniles won in 1966 and 1967. To testify that the spirit never lagged it is to be recalled with credit that in 1967 the lads succeeded in four grades in the West-Junior, under 21, Juveniles, and under 14.

Locally the period from 1940 to the present day is referred to as the lean years but in my mind it was the period which shed very considerable lustre on the players. With each defeat, they were seen back again more eager than before. Their motto seemed truly to be — It is not the winning but the effort that matters. It would be nice to mention here each and everyone (mostly ex-pupils, God bless them!) who strove so hard with that motto as his aim. That of course is invidious if not indeed impossible. However let each one of them take a bow. Included with them of course are the club mentors who include the late Ml. O'Connor, Sergeant Dillane, and Thomas Mulvihill of the old guard' Thomas still devotes much time and energy to

keep the flag flying.

In the matter of representation in the County Football selections down the years Glin can be justly proud. As many as seven of the team have turned out on occasions, and when Limerick won the Munster Junior Championship players from the club took at least five of the medals awarded by the Munster Council. More recently, in 1956, Martin McNamara, Tim O'Connor, Pat O'Shaughnessy and John Dillane played with the Limerick team which won the Munster Minor Championship. Members of the team, notably the late Thomas Culhane, also found places in Munster Football Selections for the Railway Cup Competition at a time when King, then at the height of its glory, required no assistance, from any of the other five counties.

By accident of birth Limerick County lost some football blood which was hemorrhaged beyond its borders by family migration. In the present Kerry line out, for instance, we find the two Listons, Patrick and Eoin, sons of Eoin, who in his day, gave notable service to his native Athea, and now living in Ballybunion. Ogie Moran has Limerick blood in his veins and Ger Power is son of Jackie of the great Ahane era. What a bonus they would contribute to the present Limerick Football! Another of Kerry's team of today is John Mulvihill of Moyvane whose mother Kitty Hogan, was born and reared in Glin. Farther back Michael Culhane, brother of Thomas, whom I have already mentioned, gave his services to Roscommon and to the Connaught Railway Cup Team and Sean Finn, now back home in Glin, took the field as far away as Co. Donegal. I am sure there are other lost to their native county in similar fashion. I know of course that non-natives assisted

Limerick at different times, so that it was not entirely one way traffic. I can recall off hand Sgt. Rabbitt, Mick Keating, Capt. Whelan, Lieut. Kinsella, and Tom Cuniffe. I have pleasant reasons to remember these. The Glin Club too was fortunate to have, for a while, the services of that colourful character the late Stanley Hollis — Solas na bhflaitheas do. Later still by happy accident Stevie Stack of Moyvane came to live in Glin and applied his effective Kerry football skill with distinction in the full back position for the team. Later he transferred to Sixmilebridge with his Goin-born wife and family one of whom is Sean who captains the "Bridge" hurlers and who fills the centre field position for Clare the present holders of the National League Hurling Title. (A personal note — We cheered "Tull" and the Dalcassians, though they lost, in Croke Park in 1932. May the day be not now long delayed when we will return to cheer again, and hopefully not to lose!) In passing may I add that Sean Stack is first cousin of Tommy who rode 'Red Rum' to victory in the 1977. Grand National, and who has distinguished himself as English National Hunt Champion Jockey — Bualadh bos do!

(I have digressed somewhat here so back to the job on hand).

A note-worthy achievement by the Glin Club on rather recent times, was the purchasing of a playing pitch — something that was sadly lacking. It is well to remember too that this was done when success in championships eluded the boys, and left them far from the crest of a wave. Nothing daunted however they took on the task and succeeded. In this courageous venture they received much help and advice from the superior of St. Joseph's Orphanage Rev. Br. Murray.

A parish collection was generously supported and a substantial sum was realized to help to defray the cost of the field. And now I hear that more improvements to the pitch are in the blue print. This will mean expenses and so let 'those who have ears let them hear!

I was asked to write some lore concerning Glin Football Club. I have tried but the effort has gone out of control, I fear, and the position now is that a little more rambling cannot make the story much worse. At a casual get together recently of old footballers, and ones not so old, the question of the modern type of game was discussed. I gleaned that none favoured the alternate toe. To hand and hop now so much in vogue and which so often results in a tiring player meeting a wall of opponents such as happened to Mickie O'Sullivan in that All-Ireland Final. We think one hop and one toe-to-hand should be the limit. Then the ball should be kicked as was originally intended to be done with it.

Again we would rule out the hand pass especially as a means of scoring. Neither would we allow a player to lift the ball to himself from the ground with the toe. By kicking it away or to a team mate he would develop better ball control and avoid that all too common rucking and fouling. Playing soccer helps in this connection, but we think not very much otherwise. It is often evident when a soccer player turns to Gaelic he waits for the ball to come to him — and he who hesitates is lost!

I hope that these suggestions cause no serious flutter in the dove cotes of the G.A.A. They are only the result of booting the ball of discussion and reminiscence about (Even with the danger of finishing with a preposition!)

Agus sa deire agus thiar thall sin deire an sceil!