

Kilmallock

Jottings. 8/11/41

THE LATE MR. THOMAS CAMPION.

Profound regret is generally felt at the death of Mr. Campion, who was for many years back a prominent figure in the business life of Kilmallock. He was widely and deservedly respected, and his straightforwardness was a quality which should and did win the esteem and confidence of all with whom he had even a passing acquaintance. He held strong political convictions, and those who may have differed with him would be glad to admit that his sincerity was unquestionable. It must be up to forty years ago when his name was spoken of with praise and admiration for his prowess on the football field, for he it was who infused new life into the Gaelic code and in company with Larry Roche and other first-class exponents of football brought the old Balbec into the limelight in county, provincial and even as far as All-Ireland championship. His famous "drop-kick" went farther afield than that of any other player on the pitch, and, like all good centre-field men, he sent the ball forward with deadly accuracy, and it was quite an impossibility to "spoil" his play once he got near his work. Some of his comrades have gone before him and some remain with us yet to mourn his death, but they will often recall with pride his feats when they combined to win many victories in the game he loved.—R.I.P.

WINTER WHEAT.

Many farmers in the district are availing of the fine weather to put in winter wheat, and it can easily be seen that the beginning of a great forward drive in tillage is in hands. We might be excused for saying that the enthusiasm shown by those farmers who have conformed to the tillage order might be profitably emulated by those who did not pull their full weight last season, and those were quite a few.

RED CROSS DANCE.

The Red Cross dance at the People's Hall on the 29th ult. was a great success from all points of view. The music was perfect, the floor was in perfect order, and the hall was filled to capacity with a fun-loving, care-free throng of tip-top dancers.

Kilmallock G.A.A. Teams' Activities Reviewed

"FOR their first season in senior ranks our senior team have reason to be proud of themselves, even though victory did not come their way very often, and I think we should continue in senior ranks this year, for few successes are achieved at the first attempt," said the Hon. Secretary (Mr. D. Hennessy) in his report at the annual general meeting of the Kilmallock G.A.A. Club, held at the People's Hall on Sunday.

In the course of his report, the Secretary said they had finished the year in a sound financial position, and that although all honours had eluded them their teams had given a good account of themselves.

The report of the Hon. Treas., Mr. T. O'Donnell, which showed the club had a balance on hands of £23, was adopted.

Mr. J. Fitzgerald, Sec., South Limerick Board, initiated a discussion upon the position of the Sportsfield.

After an exchange of views upon the matter, Mr. J. Scanlan proposed that something should be done about establishing a field's improvements committee. Mr. O'Donnell seconded the proposition, which was carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

On the proposition of Mr. J. Ryan, seconded by Mr. Mulqueen, Mr. D. O'Grady, M.C.C., was re-elected Hon. President of the Club. Mr. D. Kennedy was re-elected Chairman on the proposition of Mr. J. Scanlan, seconded by Mr. A. O'Sullivan. Proposed by Mr. O'Donnell and seconded by Mr. W. Hannan, Mr. M. Moroney was re-elected Vice-Chairman. Mr. J. Scanlan proposed, and Mr. T. O'Donnell seconded Mr. D. Hennessy (outgoing) as Secretary, both remarking that he was the best man for the job and complimenting him on his work during the past year. Mr. D. O'Grady proposed, and Mr. J. Ryan seconded, Mr. T. Kenny as Secretary for the coming year. Mr. Kenny declined to stand and Mr. O'Grady proposed Mr. J. Body, who also refused to accept nomination. Mr. Hennessy was, therefore elected. On the proposition of Mr. M. Moroney, seconded by Mr. J. Ryan, Mr. T. O'Donnell was re-elected Treasurer.

At this stage, Mr. D. O'Grady expressed his intention to sever his connection with the Club and left the meeting.

On the matter of the election of the Committee for the coming year, Mr. Scanlan proposed and Mr. Sheedy seconded the election of the Committee by the officials.

Mr. J. Body proposed a direct negative, stating that the election should be by ballot, as it was undemocratic to have the Committee elected by the officials. He was seconded by Mr. Kenny.

On a vote Mr. Scanlan's proposition was carried by 16 votes to 9.

ACTIVITIES FOR YEAR.

The meeting decided to put a senior hurling team, a junior hurling team, a minor hurling team and a junior football team on the field for the coming year.

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THE FOOTBALL

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The story of the football game is easily told. It was not a first-class exhibition and was at times scrappy with players causing many stoppages by fouling. It was fast enough in the opening moiety, but slowed up somewhat in the second. Kilmallock were quite content with their interval lead to be concerned too much about scoring in the second half. The Kilmallock team has some very fine players and these gave a good exhibition of the code, but the Bruff team consisted of very few experienced players, with the result that they were completely outclassed. Apart from this they failed to settle down in the first half and their defence was not sound, with the result that Kilmallock ran up a fairly big score in this half. The second half brought keener play and the game was more evenly contested. Kilmallock scoring three points, while Bruff had a goal in their only score of the game—disallowed in this moiety.

Corish opened Kilmallock's account with a point. Next Riordan was seen to effect for Kilmallock and his pass found Walsh who registered the first major. Kenny then sent across to Reidy (Kilmallock) who put his team further ahead with another goal and then came points from Walsh and Sullivan for Kilmallock without reply from Bruff. Scanlan and Fielding (Kilmallock defence) stemmed a determined Bruff raid, and when the ball reached the other end T. Riordan made no mistake in driving home for a great goal for Kilmallock. Reidy added a point from a free just before the interval when the score was Kilmallock 3-4, Bruff Nil.

The football was somewhat better in the second half and more even. Bruff rallied and made some fine attempts to score, but they were held by a good Kilmallock defence. Corish was again marksman for Kilmallock when he opened their second-half account with a point and he was again in the picture when he drove over the bar a few minutes later. Bruff launched a strong attack next and a bout of combination led to Farrell driving to the net, but after the whistle had gone and the referee awarded a free to Kilmallock. This brought Kilmallock down the field and Sullivan drove across to Walsh who registered Kilmallock's seventh point and ended the scoring, which read: 9-7 to Nil for Bruff.

Prominent for Kilmallock were: Reidy, Houthan, Lynch, Sullivan and Corish. Flaherty, Farrell, Stapleton, Kiely tried hardest for Bruff.

Mr. M. Sexton refereed.

KILMALLOCK—J. O'Sullivan, M. Lynch, M. Ryan, A. Sullivan, E. Doherty, T. Kenny, M. Corish, T. O'Riordan, J. Walsh, T. Carroll, P. Reidy, J. Hoolahan, L. O'Connor, S. Fielding, S. Scanlan.
BRUFF—P. Daly, T. Cronin, J. Kiely, J. Crean, C. Cummel, M. Feely, P. Grady, J. Farrell, A. Stapleton, O. Flaherty, T. Farrell, F. Cranger, E. Daly, J. Barron, M. O'Donnell.

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L. Leader.

Mr. Timothy Beary of Gormankeogh
(near Kilmallock)
member of an old & honoured stock
died

In his early manhood he figured
prom. as a wielder of the Caman
& until quite recently his interest
in the Gaelic code remained as active
as when he struck the ball towards
the opposing posts.

Kilmallock, Bruff

Clubs Review

Past Season

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KILMALLOCK and Bruff G.A.A. Clubs held their annual general meetings during the week-end and reviewed successful years in 1945.

The meeting of the Kilmallock Club, held at the Hall, Kilmallock, was one of the most enthusiastic held by the Club. Mr. D. Kennedy, Chairman, presided.

The Acting Secretary, Mr. W. Hannan, in his report, gave an account of the working for the year and the balance sheet was presented and explained by the Treasurer, Mr. T. O'Donnell, and showed a profit of £11 odd after a heavy year.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman, Mr. D. Kennedy, to whom high tribute was paid for the manner in which he managed the club during the year; Honorary President, Mr. D. O'Grady, M.C.C.; Vice-Chairman, Mr. M. Moroney; Treasurer, Mr. T. O'Connell; Secretary, Mr. Wm. Hannan; Committee: Messrs. James Ryan, William Ryan, Patrick Reidy, M. Corish, John Walsh and Patrick O'Brien.

BENEFIT FOR FORMER GOALKEEPER

A discussion took place with regard to raising a benevolent fund for their former goalkeeper, Patrick Healy, who was in hospital.

Death of Eminent Gael

The death which occurred at his residence of Mr. Edmond Jackson, senior, Sheare's St., Kilmallock, has removed one of the oldest and most ardent Gaels in the town. He was associated with the G.A.A. and the Gaelic League from his very earliest years and followed the fortunes of both with interest until the last.

Aged 84 years, he was for some years Treasurer of the Limerick County Board, G.A.A., and was Treasurer of the Kilmallock G.A.A. Club for a number of years. He was one of those who laid the foundation for and formed the South Limerick Board, G.A.A.

He was a foundation member of the Kilmallock Gaelic League and was a keen Irish speaker and had an ardent love of the language. Prominently associated with everything for the good of the town, he was treasurer of the Workingmen's Club, when the Kilmallock People's Hall was built.

He was a hurler and footballer of some renown, and as an athlete was successful on the athletic field. On one occasion, he walked a distance of 30 miles to take part in a sports meeting and after arriving at the meeting won one of the events. He cycled regularly from Kilmallock to Limerick to the County Board G.A.A. meetings.

Kilmallock G.A.A.

Club Annual Meeting

REV. J. CULHANE, C.C., Chairman, presided at the annual general meeting of the Kilmallock G.A.A. Club, held at the People's Hall, Kilmallock, on last Thursday night, and there was a large attendance of members.

Before the business of the meeting commenced, the Rev. Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy to the relatives of the late Patk. Healy. He paid tribute to Mr. Healy, particularly as a goalkeeper, in which capacity he helped to bring to Limerick the Munster and All-Ireland Minor hurling honours in 1940. Since the first played in 1936 with Kilmallock, when they won the South Limerick minor hurling championship, he had been one of Kilmallock's most prominent hurlers in all grades. He was a great loss to the G.A.A. and to his family.

All members present joined, at the request of the Chairman, in saying a prayer for him.

YEAR'S ACTIVITIES.
In reviewing the year's work, the Rev. Chairman paid tribute to the junior football team who had won the South Limerick Championship and to the junior hurlers who were beaten in the semi-final by Bruff.

The balance sheet, which was read and adopted, showed a credit balance.

OFFICERS ELECTED.
The following officers were elected for the coming season: Chairman, Rev. J. Culhane, C.C.; Vice-Chairman, M. Moroney; Treasurer, W. Hannan; Secretary, D. Kennedy; committee, A. O'Sullivan, P. O'Brien, E. O'Riordan, P. Moloney, E. Doherty, T. Noonan. Capt. J.H. team—A. O'Sullivan; vice-captain do., J. Doherty; Capt. of J.F. team—E. Doherty; vice-captain do., John Riordan; Capt. of M.H. team, James Millea.

It was decided to affiliate junior hurling, junior football and minor hurling teams for this year's South Limerick Championships.

PRESENTATION OF MEDALS.
Before the meeting concluded, the Rev. Chairman presented to the members of the junior football team the medals which they had won for the South Limerick Championship of 1947. The following, all of whom were congratulated by the Rev. Chairman, received medals: A. O'Sullivan (captain), James Doherty, E. Doherty, M. Earls, J. Walsh, J. O'Sullivan, J. Riordan, E. Riordan, P. Butler, Thomas Kenny, M. Sexton, Thomas Carroll, John O'Shea, O. O'Brien, J. Houlihan, M. Ryan, N. Twomey, T. Murnane, D. O'Grady, Dominic O'Grady, Patrick Barry, M. Reidy, J. Fielding, Thomas Reidy.

KILMALLOCK

11/9/48 Jottings

THE death occurred at his residence, Tankardstown, Kilmallock, of Mr. Michael Moloney. The late Mr. Moloney, who spent some time in America in his early days, was for a long number of years an esteemed employee of the Limerick Co. Council. He took a keen interest in Gaelic affairs and in his younger days was a well-known hurler.

The remains were removed to SS. Peter and Paul's Church, Kilmallock, and the funeral took place to Tankardstown cemetery, where the remains were interred in the presence of a large and representative attendance.

Officiating clergy were: Right, Rev. C. Dean Mulcahy, P.P., V.F., Kilmallock; Rev. M. Doody, C.C., do.; Rev. P. Bermingham, of English Mission.

Chief mourners were: Mrs. Ellen Moloney (widow); Messrs Patrick, Michael, John, James, Daniel, Owen and Joseph Moloney (sons); Mr. Jas. Moloney (brother); Mrs. M. Moloney, Mrs. P. Moloney, Mrs. C. Moloney and Mrs. J. Moloney (daughters-in-law); Ellen, Elizabeth and Anne Moloney (grand-children); Messrs Thos. Hayes and Michael Kenny (nephews); Miss A. Hayes (niece).

BRUFF SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The long delayed sewerage scheme for Bruff is now under way. The work is being carried out by Mr McNerney, contractor, under contract with the Limerick County Council.

PIGEON FOUND.

Mr. William Moloney, of Ardykeohane, Bruff, found a dead pigeon near his home at Ardykeohane. The pigeon bore a ring on its leg, which had the following markings: IUSPC/46/273.

GAELIC ACTIVITIES.

A large attendance witnessed a rather tame exhibition of hurling at Elton on Sunday last when Knocklong defeated Glenroe on the score of 1-3 to 1-1 for Glenroe in the South Limerick junior hurling championship. At the same venue a rather disappointing minor hurling final resulted in a win for Kilfinane over Knockaney on the score of 8-6 to 1-2 for Knockaney.

Tribute Paid To Kilmallock Gaelic Players

1-2-47

WHEN the Kilmallock G.A.A. Club held its adjourned annual general meeting at the People's Hall, Kilmallock, on Wednesday week, Chairman D. Kennedy paid tribute to the manner in which both hurlers and footballers conducted themselves on the field of play during the past year.

They were all delighted at that, he said, because any man who went out to play having in his mind the intention of maiming another player should not be in the Association.

He also said that the people of the town should get together in an effort to improve their G.A.A. field.

A GOOD CENTRE.

"We are in a good centre, adjacent to the borders of Tipperary and Cork, and we could secure many good inter-county hurling and football championship matches as well as local championship games if the field were in proper order," said the chairman.

It was a big loss to the town not to have a good field and he hoped something would be done about it, he added.

Continuing, Mr. Kennedy said that as he was retiring from the position of chairman he wished to thank the officials and members of the club and players for their co-operation during his term of office. He hoped they would give the new chairman the same co-operation and that unity would always exist. He also thanked the Press.

SENIOR TEAM.

The Chairman said that at the previous meeting they had considered the balance sheet, which had shown a credit balance. The next business was the election of officers for the coming year, unless anybody had any questions to ask.

Mr. A. O'Sullivan asked who was responsible for not entering a senior hurling team from Kilmallock in 1946, and whether a committee meeting was called concerning the matter.

The Chairman said that a committee meeting was called and it was decided not to enter a senior team as the cost of financing such a team would be too great. They had not sufficient players in Kilmallock to make up a senior team and they would have to pick some players from junior clubs in South Limerick, and they knew from previous experience what the expense of this would be. They had found, too, in the past that the keeping on of a senior hurling team was the cause of neglecting the young junior players in the town.

OFFICERS ELECTED.

The following officers were elected for the coming year: Chairman, Rev. J. Culhane, C.C.; Vice Chairman, Mr. M. Moroney; Secretary, Mr. D. Kennedy by 18 votes to 16 for Mr. T. Riordan; Treasurer, Mr. T. Kenny. Working Committee—Messrs. L. Hannan, J. Body, N.T.; E. Riordan and B. Mullane, all unanimously.

It was decided to nominate four teams, namely, junior hurling, junior football and minor hurling and football, in this year's South Limerick Championship.

KILMALLOCK'S WIN. 13-7-47

By their fine win over Ballyhea in the second match, Kilmallock showed that they are a force in hurling arenas and their defeat of Ballyhea, who have qualified for the North Cork J.H. final, augurs well for their future in the South Limerick Championship.

Clifford opened for Ballyhea with a point in the first minute. Two minutes later Morrissey put Ballyhea further ahead with a good goal. Kilmallock rallied and Riordan's transfer reached J. O'Sullivan, who made no mistake in driving to the net and Kilmallock were in the lead, which they never lost thereafter, when A. O'Sullivan nipped across to Dennehy at the corner, who crashed into the net. T. O'Riordan was again prominent for Kilmallock and shot to D. O'Grady, who placed Earls for a clever goal. Murnane was seen to effect for Kilmallock and D. O'Grady pointed his transfer. Almost at the interval Madden reduced the lead with a point for Ballyhea. The interval score was: Kilmallock, 3-1; Ballyhea, 1-2.

Kilmallock were three goals ahead when Murnane pointed on the resumption. Earls followed with another point and Murnane was again the marksman for Kilmallock's third point in this half. Earls was again prominent for Kilmallock, and after a fine solo run drove over the bar. Walsh and Pender in defence for Kilmallock were sound in the next minutes and the former with a long drive placed Dennehy at the other end for Kilmallock's fourth goal. At this stage Ballyhea rallied and

Clifford drove to the net, to be followed by a further goal by O'Brien, who drove out of Whelan's reach. Clifford reduced Kilmallock's lead with a point, but then Kilmallock took the upper hand again and Earls had the best goal of the match, driving a real "stinger" from 40 yards out to the net, beating all the defence and the goalkeeper.

Mr. W. Hannan, Kilmallock, was an impartial and capable referee.

All the Kilmallock team played very well, with O'Sullivan, O'Riordan brothers, Earls, Murnane, Walsh, Pender outstanding, and Ballyhea were best served by Purcell, O'Connor, O'Brien, Mortell, Walsh and O'Keefe.

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G.A.A. ACTIVITIES. 5-4-47

G.A.A. activities in Kilmallock opened on Sunday when, at the sportsfield, a large attendance witnessed a very exciting and interesting juvenile hurling game between Emmett Street and Millmount. A keen tussle, in which the youngsters, cheered by their supporters, gave of their best, ended in a draw, the score being 5-2 each. Mr. T. O'Riordan refereed.

Kilmallock Junior hurling selection have now gone into training for their opening game in the South Limerick championships, which takes place at Bruff on April 13, when they meet their old rivals, The Stakers. On Sunday there was a large attendance of players at practice in the sportsfield, and all players are taking training seriously in view of the old sporting rivalry between themselves and The Stakers.

Kilmallock Club's Tribute to Old Gael

25/1/47

KILMALLOCK G.A.A. Club was listening to an address by the Chairman at the annual general meeting, when news of the death of an old Gael was reported to the meeting.

The Chairman, proposing the adjournment of the meeting said a very sad accident had just taken place at Limerick Junction, in which Tom Mellea, an old follower of Gaelic games lost his life, and on behalf of the members he tendered to the widow and family and relatives of the deceased, his deep sympathy.

"I think as a mark of respect we should adjourn the annual meeting to a later date, concluded the Chairman.

It was agreed to adjourn the meeting to a later date, all members standing in respectful silence to the memory of the deceased man.

WELCOME

Prior to adjournment the Chairman, Mr. D. Kennedy, extended a welcome to Rev. Fr. Culhane, C.C., Kilmallock.

Fr. Culhane, said the Chairman, was well known to them as Chairman of the West Limerick Board, Gaelic Athletic Association. He was a very enthusiastic worker in the interests of the Association.

BALANCE SHEET

The balance sheet, which showed a credit balance, was adopted.

The Chairman regretted that no honours came to Kilmallock. Last year, they had reverted to Junior ranks. They had a Senior hurling team the year before and many of the players took part in the Senior Competition, and though he tried hard to get the County Board to re-grade them to Junior ranks, the County Board would not agree, so they took the field in the Junior Competition with a young team in hurling and they gave a remarkably good display, defeating Bulgaden in the first round and being only beaten by a very narrow margin in the second round by Bruff, who were the previous year's South Champions. The Junior football team defeated Bruff and Ballylanders and then the Championship dragged on for one reason or another and by the time the South Final was reached, they had to take the field without two of their leading players. Even at that they were only beaten in the final by the narrow margin of one point by Galbally.

The players, the Chairman continued, conducted themselves very well during the year and were a credit to the Association. They were all glad to see that.