



N.C.W. Hurling Team 1917.

(Back Row) Thomas Roche, Joe Shea, Ian Greene, Slyne Ahern, Jack Dermody, Ned Sheehy, Dan Griffin, Johnny Brouder, (Field Owner) (Next Row) Bill Hough Tom McDonagh, Jack Sheehy, Phil Sullivan, Jim Fogerty, Jack Noonan, (Front Row) Ger Brouder, D.F. Callaghan, Jimmy Griffin, Jimmy Hannon, Jack Hough.



N.C.W. Senior Football Team. 1913.

*(1) Davy Quinn, Jack Fitter, Thos Roche, M. Murphy, Jim Kelly, Jerome Histon, Jimmy Griffin, Tim Hunt (Trainer).
 (2) Bill Rudy (Coach), Joe Shea, Jimmy Hannon, Johnny Nash (Captain), Johnny Brouder, Jim Phelan, P.J. Vale, Paddy Murphy (Official)
 (3) Joe (Hasson) Clifford, Jim Upton.*

J. J. Culhane, C. Greany, M. O'Connor, J. Sheehy, T. Collins, P. Roche (sub.).

KILEEDY—J. Mullane, T. O'Connor, S. Mahony, J. Dore, J. G. Dore, W. Dore, R. Hayes, C. Hayes, D. Hayes, W. Curtin, D. Curtin, J. Roche, R. Danaher, J. Manley, C. O'Mahony, M. Mullane, C. Leahy, Mr. O'Sullivan, Knockaderry, re-

THE TEAMS.

NEWCASTLE WEST—P. Walsh, J. J. Walsh, D. Keating, J. Philips, J. Philips, D. Flanagan, D. O'Brien, T. McGrath, W. Collins, P. Jones, refereed.

JH C. ACB 2.5 Killeedy 2-1 29.8.37

12, Dia hAoine—FRIDAY

Worthy Cause.

As a deserving act of appreciation of his long and valuable services to Gaelic games in the town, Newcastle West G.A.A. Club has decided to initiate a movement with the object of making a presentation to Mr. Jimmy Griffin, North Quay, in an effort to alleviate the heavy loss he sustained in the recent disastrous fire. As a result of the outbreak Mr. Griffin lost the use of his house and a big part of his property, and there is a general feeling amongst Gaels and the townspeople generally that some practical effort should be made to restore his home which was so seriously burned in the outbreak that it was rendered uninhabitable. With this object in view the Committee of the Newcastle West G.A.A. has called a representative meeting of citizens, including his old associates and friends, to discuss proposals for the restoration of the home of Mr. Griffin, one of the town's most popular and esteemed citizens. The very worthy project, needless to add, is assured of a very widespread and generous measure of patronage and support.

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an hour or so later. Certainly is a very urgent and pressing need for such an addition to the present road service.

G.A.A. Club.

Newcastlewest G.A.A. Club has decided to introduce a Parish Hurling League Competition, in which four teams will take part. The competing teams will be Churchtown, Maider Street, Boherbee and Killoughteen.

Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., President of the Club will present a set of medals to the winning team. The competition, which should prove to be a very interesting and attractive one, should help to provide a much needed revival of interest in the game in the parish. In preparation for their coming championship tie against Tournafulla, the local junior hurlers played a friendly game against Knockaderry on Sunday last. The local side came out winners by 16 points to 15 after a strenuous game. On Sunday next, April 22, Newcastlewest meet Ardagh in hurling at 2.30 p.m. (old time) and Carrickerry in football at 3.30, both friendly games. At the monthly meeting of the Club last week votes of sympathy were tendered to Mrs. Nash and the Griffin family on the death of the late Mr. Jas. Nash; to the Fitten family, Knockane; the Sheehy family, South Quay, and to Mr. Wm. Meaney, on their recent bereavements.

Court Adjourned.

Newcastle West Footballers Win

6-10-45

Newcastle West 1-6; Mountcollins 0-3.

Newcastle West scored a convincing win over Mountcollins in the divisional final of the West Limerick Junior Football Championship played at Strand on Sunday. The superiority of the winners was more or less evident from the start and at the interval they were leading by 0-5 to 0-1 for Mountcollins. Early in the second half Mountcollins made a determined but unavailing effort to retrieve their position and with the winners well in command of the situation the game finished on a rather dull note. Paddy McCarthy, of Limerick and Army hurling fame, did great work for Newcastle West, who were also well served by Donoghue, O'Donnell, Dennehy, Hurley, Condon, Shea and Knight. Lenihan, Ward and O'Connell were seen to advantage for Mountcollins. Newcastle West have now qualified to meet Glin in the West Limerick semi-final of the Championship.

Mr. J. Doody (Glantine) refereed.

G.A.A. CLUB

There was a large and representative attendance at the annual general meeting of the Newcastlewest G.A.A. Club, held at the Carnegie Hall, on Sunday evening. Mr. Dan Flanagan, the outgoing Chairman, presided, and the other officers in attendance were Messrs. Florence Fitzgerald, Secretary, and Mr. P. O'Brien, Treasurer. Having presented their reports on the activities of the Club during the past year, and both of which were considered very satisfactory, the outgoing Secretary and Treasurer intimated that for personal reasons they were not allowing their names to go forward for re-election for the coming year. After tributes had been paid to the work of these two officers during the year, the following officials and committee were elected for the ensuing year:—Mr. D. Flanagan, Chairman; Mr. Sean Connors, Secretary; Committee, Messrs. Larry Curtin, M. O'Connor, Jimmy Walsh, Ned Lenihan, Alf Duhig and John Bourke. The election of Treasurer was referred to the Committee as was also the question of the affiliations of the Club's teams in the forthcoming season's championships.

ON MUSIC

18/11/47

G.A.A. CLUB.

At the annual general meeting of the Newcastlewest G.A.A. Club, Mr. Ml Mahony, G.S., was elected Chairman, and the other officers were appointed as follows:—Hon. Sec., Mr. Moses O'Donnell; Hon. Treas., Mr R. Burke, N.T.; Committee—Messrs. T. Murphy, J. Phillips, W. Nix, D. Flanagan, J. Griffin, S. Dooley. Junior Hurling team: Captain, D. Flanagan; Vice-Captain, J. Dooley. Junior Football team: Captain, W. Nix; Vice-Captain, John Griffin. Arrangements were made for the resumption of practice as early as possible during the coming season.

LACK OF ENTHUSIASM.

Returning thanks for his re-election, the Chairman referred to the loss suffered by the Club owing to the departure of Mr. M. Geary, outgoing Chairman, and his own behalf, and on behalf of the Club, he wished Mr.

NEWCASTLE WEST G.A.A. CLUB

Raffle postponed to March 30th.

All blocks and monies to be returned to the Hon. Treasurer on or before that date.

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and Mrs Geary many years of happiness in the married state. Proceeding, the Chairman alluded to the lack of enthusiasm for the games in the parish in late years, and hoped that the public—and especially the old Gaels—would help to encourage the young men and boys to follow in the footsteps of the famous Newcastle teams of the past. The club and field were there to be availed of by all, so he hoped the games would be given a new lease of life during the coming season.

FIELD PROJECT.

Adverting to the proposal for the establishment of a new Gaelic Park in the Demesne grounds, the Chairman explained that the new field project had not been shelved, as many people seemed to believe. It was true, perhaps, that so far little progress had been made owing to the many difficulties that had to be contended with. However, the club was doing everything possible to bring the project to a head, and the position in regard to the site was still being investigated by the Land Commission. Satisfaction was expressed at the reports of the Secretary and Treasurer, which were adopted. It was decided to postpone the Club draw until March 30th.

20-10-45 Newcastle Qualify For W. Limerick J.F. Final

Newcastle West, 3-8; Glin, 0-4.
BY scoring a convincing and well deserved win over Glin at Foynes on Sunday, Newcastle West qualified to meet Feohanagh in the final of the West Limerick Junior Football Championship to be decided at Newcastle West on Sunday next.

Newcastle West more than justified the confidence of their followers at the Shannon Airport venue on Sunday and although the Glin combination put up a gallant fight, the winners were in a confident mood from the start and ultimately ran out winners by a margin that left little room for doubt as to their superiority.

Newcastle West were early on the offensive and attacking from the throw-in Mossie Dee opened the scoring with a point. Glin then settled down and a well combined offensive was rewarded with an equalising point. Playing with much determination Glin had much the better of things for the remainder of the first quarter and Dunne gave the Shannonsiders the lead with a clever point. The advantage was short-lived, however, as the winners again took up the running and Pelkington and Walsh shared the honours for a goal. Replying with a cleverly organised movement in which the Fitzgerald Brothers, Dunne and Donovan were prominent, Glin were unlucky to be disallowed a goal owing to an infringement. Keeping up the pressure the Glin men succeeded in notching two further points to bring the scores level. This was decidedly Glin's half hour and while the Newcastle West forwards made the most of the few scoring advantages that came their way, it was to the credit of their backs that they had a point lead at the interval.

Newcastle Take Control.

On the resumption Newcastle West sent over two points in as many minutes. Then Glin again took up the running but wasted many fine scoring chances in trying for goals. At this stage Donoghue and McCarthy saved a number of dangerous situations in the Newcastle West defence. Having beaten off the Glin onslaughts, Newcastle West moved in to the offensive and a determined drive was rewarded with a clever goal per O'Donnell, McCarthy, Condon, Normoyle and Walsh added points for the winners. Before the long whistle Condon shot home a surprise goal to leave Newcastle West comfortable winners over a gallant Glin combination. Donoghue, Dee, O'Donnell, Clifford and McCarthy were always in the picture for the winners while Glin were well served by the Fitzgerald brothers, Stack and Dunne.

Mr. L. J. Mulvihill (Shanagolden) refereed. Newcastle West—H. Knight (goal), W. O'Connor, M. Dennehy, D. O'Shea, T. Hurley, M. O'Donnoghue, T. Hartnett, P. McCarthy, M. Clifford, M. Dee, M. Condon, J. Walsh, O. O'Donnell, R. Pilkington, S. Normoyle. Glin—S. Jameson, S. Stack, S. O'Donnell, P. Dunne, M. McElligott, S. Fitzgerald, P. Martin, J. Fitzgerald, M. Fitzgerald, S. O'Driscoll, S. Fitzgerald, M. Fitzgerald, S. McNamara, P. Culhane, S. F. M. King, T. McNamara.

Football Win For Newcastle West Students 26/4/47

ON the Abbeyfeale sportsfield on Sunday afternoon, Newcastle West and Abbeyfeale Secondary Schools' students met in a football contest, during which a strong gale made good play almost impossible. Despite this there were some impressive phases during the opening moiety, the visitors doing some excellent work against a strong defence, but favoured with the wind and better marksmen, they found the net twice against a minor goal by the locals

NEWCASTLE WEST

NOTES 20/1/45

(From Our Correspondent)

G.A.A. CLUB.

REV. M. KELLY, C.C., was unanimously elected President of the Newcastle West G.A.A. Club at the annual general meeting on Sunday. Officers and Committee were appointed as follows: Chairman, Sergt. D. P. Kennedy; Treasurer, Mr. Seamus Normoyle; Secretary, Mr. Michael O'Keefe; Committee, Messrs. M. McCarthy, J. Ambrose, J. O'Shea, N.T.; E. Burke, W. Raleigh, J. P. O'Connor, S. Condon, Maurice Dee. There was a very large attendance of delegates and the proceedings were the most enthusiastic seen at an annual meeting of the Club for a number of years. Returning thanks for his election as President, Rev. Fr. Kelly said he was proud to be a successor in that position to the late Very Rev. Dean Connolly, P.P., one of the best and most sterling Gaels the county had ever produced. Appealing for continued and increased support for the G.A.A. in the district, the President said that the Gaelic pastimes would be more necessary than ever for the youth of the country during the difficult years after the war. Concluding, he wished the Club every success during the coming season.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

The outgoing Secretary (Mr. S. Normoyle), in the course of his annual report, said that the Club at the start of the season found too late that their championship activities were confined to junior football. They were unlucky to meet such a strong team as Mountcollins in the first round, but they made a creditable show. It was to be regretted that their hurlers did not keep in practice by assisting the adjoining Clubs and that for team building purposes more attention could not be paid to the minors. During the year the Club paid special attention to improving the financial position, and thanks to the Devon Band they were able to report a very satisfactory position, with over £25 in cash on hands. Again it was to be regretted that more co-operation and assistance from the members and Gaels in general was not given during the year. A strong influential, energetic working committee was now essential to ensure future success, and they were compelled to ask that all members bear this in mind during the coming year.

APPEAL TO OLD GAELS.

Complimenting the outgoing Secretary on his excellent report, and the members of the committee generally on the happy financial position of the Club, the Chairman made a strong plea for increased and more active co-operation during the coming year from old Gaels in the town and district who in the past had helped to build up the fine prestige of the Club. He also asked the active players to devote more attention to practice and training, without which they could not hope to achieve any success on the hurling and football fields. It was unanimously decided to affiliate four teams for the coming season—junior and minor hurling, and junior and minor football. The Chairman (Mr. D. P. Kennedy); Secretary (Mr. Michael O'Keefe); and Treasurer (Mr. S. Normoyle) were appointed as delegates to the West Limerick G.A.A. Convention at Rathkeale on Sunday.

5.7.47 Newcastle West and Ardagh Hurlers Victorious

J. H. Newcastle West, 5—1; Glantine 2—2.

J. H. Ardagh 8—2; Killeedy 2—2.

THRILLS and spills were the order of the day at Newcastlewest on Sunday, when before a record gathering Newcastle West and Ardagh, won their West Limerick Junior Hurling Championship ties.

Newcastle West had the best of the opening exchanges in the game and following up a long drive from Paddy McCarthy, Joe Campbell finished off the movement with a hard shot to the Glantine net for the opening score of the game. Furlong soon returned for Glantine and Dan Carmody sent all the way over for a nice point. Glantine continued to force the pace hereabouts and Leahy opened a determined drive that was rewarded by a goal that put Glantine on the lead. Dan Flanagan and Seanie Connors paved the way for a further Newcastle West offensive which Joe Campbell again finished off with a goal which restored the lead for the winners. Before the interval Neddy O'Connor pointed for the winner from a free at a difficult angle.

On resuming Jim Hartnett, from a close in free, put Glantine a point ahead but the winners promptly replied with a goal from Denis Nix. The winners at this stage took up the running with increased vigour and Campbell and Nix had two further goals before Glantine replied with a goal following a long drive by Furlong.

Mr. Jim Roche (Croom) refereed.

SECOND GAME

Jerry Hartnett opened with a point for Killeedy in the Loser's Group game which was an exceptionally well contested one. Things were not looking so good for Ardagh when Brown followed up with a goal. Then Ardagh forced the pace and a point per Hogan Connors put the winners ahead with a goal which Martin Fitzgerald supplemented with a further goal before Killeedy replied with a further goal by Brown. Before the interval Martin Fitzgerald netted a further goal for Ardagh and Eddy McCarthy sent over a point for Killeedy.

On resuming Ardagh forced the pace from the start and Fitzgerald, Enright, and Curley had further goals in quick succession for the winners without conceding any score at the other end.

Mr. Paddy McCarthy (Newcastle West) refereed.

Newcastle West — P. Jones, P. McCarthy, W. O'Connor, W. Nix, D. Nix; J. Dooly, E. O'Connor, S. O'Connor, L. Curtin, J. Mullane, D. Flanagan, J. Campbell, M. Sheehy, S. Normile.

Glantine — W. Hartnett, M. Dee, J. Dee, L. Curtin, J. Woulfe, M. Carmody, E. Leahy, J. Hartnett, J. Furlong, T. Mann, D. Ahern, D. Foley, L. Moloney, J. Leahy.

Ardagh — B. Curley, J. Egan, W. Barrett, T. Brouder, J. Brouder, J. O'Connor, M. Ambrose, T. Egan, J. Hennessy, P. Hogan, J. Fitzgerald, C. Enright, P. Hogan, W. Enright, M. Fitzgerald.

as the strength of the Newcastle team diverted numerous efforts by the locals to improve their position, while they held play for the most part against the Newcastle back line

Newcastle Are W. Limerick J.F. Champions

27-10-45

NEWCASTLE WEST scored a hard-earned but convincing win over Feohanagh in the final of the West Limerick Junior Football Championship, which was decided at Newcastle West on Sunday, before a very big and representative gathering.

a grand clearance by Paddy McCarthy, Connery came in to crash home a spectacular Feohanagh goal.
At the other end Newcastle missed two good scoring chances before the long whistle.
Newcastle West: H. Knight, W. Horgan, J. Dennehy, W. O'Connor, J. Hurley, D. O'Shea, M. Dee, M. Clifford, R. Pilkington, O. O'Donnell, S. Normoyle, M. Condon, P. McCarthy, J. J. Walsh.
Feohanagh: E. Walsh, M. Fitzgibbon, P. Fitzgibbon, C. Fitzgibbon, J. Brouder, M. O'Mahony, J. Young, T. Buckley, D. Cremin, P. Cregan, W. Flanagan, C. Collins, P. Connery, B. Madden, D. Flanagan.

The game, which was very keenly contested up to the last moment, lacked nothing in excitement and thrills, but on the whole play was more robust than stylish and at times there was a disagreeable tendency towards roughness in play. Nevertheless, it was a typical Western final—vigorous and hard fought, with quite a few passages of bright football and many outstanding individual performances.

Newcastle, as already stated, deserved their four-points victory as on the whole they proved superior in all departments and were well in command of the situation for at least forty-five minutes of the sixty.

At half time they were leading by a five-points margin and looked all set for an easy victory up to midway in the second half.

Then Feohanagh made a gallant effort to pull the fat out of the fire. They nearly succeeded in turning the tables as a result of frees awarded in the Newcastle danger zone, but the Feohanagh forwards did not make the most of the scoring chances at this stage.

IMPREGNABLE DEFENCE.

As it was, the homsters' defence proved almost impregnable and the one goal that did go through was one of those unbeatable balls which crashed in off a scramble in front of the net. Incidentally, Newcastle were disallowed two points owing to infringements, and taking everything into account they fully deserved their title win over worthy and gallant rivals.

Henry Knight in goal, Paddy McCarthy, Moss Dee and Dennehy and Hurley in the defence, Mick Donoghue and Mick Clifford at centrefield, and O'Donnell and Neil Condon in the forward line were always in the picture for a finely balanced Newcastle combination. Tim Buckley, Young, Cregan, Flanagan, Connery and Collins did good work for Feohanagh. Mr. J. J. Mulvihille (Shanagodeln) was a strict, but capable and impartial referee.

NEWCASTLE FORCE PACE.

Newcastle, forcing the pace from the throw-in, opened the scoring a few minutes from the start with a point per O'Donoghue, who sent over the bar from a favourably placed free. Feohanagh replied from the delivery and Buckley sent well in but Dennehy proved sound in the home defence. Returning to the offensive, Newcastle again moved in and, receiving from O'Donoghue, Clifford crashed home a grand goal for the winners. Mahony sent in for Feohanagh from the kick-out and Colley finished off a fine effort with a point. At the other end O'Donnell pointed for the winners and a further point by Clifford was disallowed owing to an infringement. At the other end Collins sent over a point for Feohanagh from a free close in. Then McCarthy and Hurley started a Newcastle drive which Normoyle carried all the way to the net for a goal. Knight saved one of several dangerous situations for the winners and O'Donoghue, who was doing trojan work for the winners, missed the Feohanagh net by a matter of inches. Buckley, Mahony and Cregan figured in a determined Feohanagh drive which was rewarded with a point before the interval. The half-time score was:

Newcastlewest, 2-2; Feohanagh, 0-3.

FEOHANAGH FIGHT BACK.

Shortly after the resumption Clifford, receiving from Horgan, pointed for Newcastle. Then the visitors took up the running and Cregan initiated a dangerous drive which was being vigorously pressed when Feohanagh were penalised in the opposing twenty-one. The penalty enabled Paddy McCarthy to send down to the other end. Keeping up the pressure the same player sent well in from a free and Condon finished off the movement with a great goal. A Newcastle point per Donoghue was disallowed and at the other end Collins added a point for the visitors. Shortly after Collins, from a further close-in free, added a further point and from still an-

Newcastle W. G.A.A. Club Elects Officials

13/7/46

NEWCASTLE West G.A.A. Club, at a special meeting, elected the following provisional officers and committee for the ensuing year:—Chairman, Mr. Dan Flanagan (Kiloughten); Hon. Secretary, Mr. Florence Fitzgerald (Boherbee), and Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Patrick O'Brien (Boherbee). Committee: Messrs. Larry Curtin, A. Dubig, Seamus Normile, Paddy McCarthy, D. P. Kennedy, Denis O'Connor and Sean Herbert.

Warm tributes were paid to the outgoing officers and committee members, who informed the delegates that they did not wish to allow their names to again go forward for re-election.

GRATITUDE

The newly appointed Chairman, having returned thanks for his election, said the club and the Gaels of the parish generally were under a deep debt of gratitude for the record of work achieved by the outgoing officers.—Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., President; Mr. D. P. Kennedy, Chairman; Mr. Seamus Normile, Treasurer, and Mr. M. O'Keefe, Secretary. On being pressed by the delegates present, Messrs. Kennedy and Normile agreed to continue as members of the Committee.

Rev. Fr. Kelly said that while having decided to relinquish the office of President, he would continue to give the Club and the Gaels of the parish every possible help and co-operation.

HEALTHY POSITION

The balance sheet and statement of accounts as submitted by the outgoing Treasurer (Mr. S. Normile) showed that the Club was in a healthy financial position. After discharging all liabilities there was a small credit balance on hands.

Mr. D. P. Kennedy, outgoing Chairman, appealed to the new officers and Committee members to do all in their power to promote the interests of the national pastimes in the parish.

MEDALS

Medals were presented to the following members of the Junior and Minor Football teams who won the 1945 West Limerick Championship titles:—

Junior Football: Messrs. T. Hartnett, M. Kennedy, W. O'Connor, P. McCarthy, M. Dee, M. Horgan, O. O'Donnell, M. Clifford, N. Condon, J. Hurley, R. Pilkington, D. Flanagan, S. Normile, D. O'Shea, M. O'Donoghue, M. Dennehy, J. Walsh and H. Knight.

Minor Football: Messrs. M. Hurley, P. Flynn, P. Darcy, J. Bourke, E. McCarthy, A. Boyton, M. O'Grady, M. O'Connor, J. Nix, G. Quinlan, J. Curtin, J. O'Grady, John Burke, D. O'Shea, P. O'Sullivan.

Spectacular Goal

Just On Full Time

25-5-46

Forced A Draw

A SPECTACULAR goal just before the long whistle sounded enabled Maiden St. (The Docks) to force a draw in the final of the Newcastle W. Hurling League which was decided at the local Gaelic Grounds on Sunday.

Although play was not quite up to the standard of most of the previous matches in the competition, the game provided a rare succession of thrills and interest and excitement were never lacking for a moment through the hour. The "Docks" were hot favourites for the final and it looked for a time as if they were going to justify the confidence of their followers. Boherbee, however, proved more than a match for the favourites, especially in the latter stage of the second half when they looked all set for victory. With only a few minutes to go they were a goal ahead and were still pressing hard. Then the veteran Tommy Murphy led his men from Maiden Street on an all-out onslaught from a close-in free by young O'Connor (Fox). Despite the best efforts of the Boherbee defence the Maiden St. forwards, augmented by a number of their midfield and back players, literally stormed the opposing defence and succeeded in crashing through a spectacular goal. Intercepting the puck-out Maiden Street were again all set for a further attack when the final whistle sounded, leaving the issue to be decided on another day.

Playing against a strong wind, Maiden Street opened with a point to which Boherbee replied with an equalising score a few minutes later. Many scoring opportunities were lost at both ends before the interval and at half time the issue was still very much open with the scores level at a point each. Shortly after the resumption Maiden Street took the lead with a goal per O'Neill and things were looking bad for Boherbee when Roche added a further goal for the Docks a few minutes later. The score, however, was disallowed. O'Connor (Fox) added a point for Maiden Street before Boherbee took up the running and succeeded in bringing the scores to a level again. Nearing the end Boherbee went ahead with a goal, to which, as already indicated, Maiden Street replied with the equalising score just before the long whistle.

Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., President of the Club, was a very capable and impartial referee.

Boherbee were well served by the Nix brothers, Brown, Herbert, and Roche, while the O'Connors, Dooley, Murphy, and Roche, were always in the picture for Maiden Street.

Dan Flanagan. This promising youth also comes from the West. As substitute for Howard at Roscrea he proved his plucky qualities as although cut in the head, face and knuckles of both hands he stuck out the game. Indeed his injured state at the close of the match was not very complimentary to his opponent—an old stager. Enough said.

Flanagan, of Rathkeale. Howard's understudy. An immense hitter, with pace; quick to lift and strike, good ranger, young, fast, and ambitious, with many hurling years in front. The same may be

Newcastle West J.H.

Medal 3-4-48

Tournament Games

KILLEEDY and Ardagh, by defeating Templeglantine and Newcastle West respectively at the local Gaelic Grounds on Easter Sunday, qualified for the final of the Newcastle West Junior Hurling Medal Tournament.

The opening game in the tourney attracted a big crowd and patrons were reasonably well rewarded by two matches that were, on the whole, well contested.

The Killeedy-Glantine game provided a really good exhibition, especially in the second half when Killeedy were a point in arrears and hectic exchanges thrilled the crowd.

After holding the lead for nearly 50 minutes, the Glantine men eventually yielded to persistent pressure from the Killeedy forwards who succeeded in snatching and holding a last minute single point lead. Glantine were certainly out of luck in the result as a draw would have been a more fitting finish.

A DISAPPOINTING GAME.

The Ardagh - Newcastle West game, on the other hand, proved a rather disappointing affair—especially for the local players and followers.

Ardagh were superior in all departments for most of the game and the Newcastle West men, even though short a number of players, failed to come up to expectations on their first outing.

The game provided little in the way of thrills, although the Newcastle men made a number of rallies that helped to brighten up what was otherwise a rather dull and uninteresting exhibition. Ardagh were deserving winners and their clash with Killeedy in the final should provide an interesting game.

GAMES DESCRIBED.

Exciting midfield duels were a feature of the opening stages of the first game, when, despite good defence work by Connors and Harnett in the Killeedy backs, Glantine opened the scoring with a point, which was followed up by a goal shortly afterwards.

Determined Glantine efforts were rewarded with a further point, and Killeedy replied with a similar score before the interval, when the position was: Glantine, 1-1; Killeedy, 0-1.

Killeedy forced the pace immediately after the resumption, and Glantine conceded an early goal.

Excitement followed as Glantine backs went all out to meet renewed Killeedy attacks, but eventually took the lead with a goal.

Glantine replied with a point that reduced the Killeedy lead to the narrow-

road expenditure.

G.A.A. CLUB.

Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., has been unanimously elected President of the re-organised Newcastle West G.A.A. Club, and the following officers and committee have been appointed for the coming season:—Chairman, Mr. D. P. Kennedy; Treasurer, Mr. Wm. O'Connor; Hon. Sec., Mr. John J. Whelan; Committee: Messrs Seamus Normile, P. O'Connor, Larry Curtin, and Sean O'Connor. At a meeting of the Club on Sunday arrangements were made for a hurling tournament on Easter Sunday, when some old rivals will be again seen in action. At a meeting of the West Limerick Board at Rathkeale on Sunday, Newcastle West were drawn against their old rivals, Tournafulla in junior hurling; and against their neighbours, Castlemahan, in the junior football competition.

Sympathy was voted to the families and relatives of the late Mr. Maurice J. Musgrave, Maiden Street; the late Miss Collette Murphy, Upper Maiden Street, and the late Mrs. C. Wall (nee Coleman), Abbeyfeale.

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LATE GARDA EGAN 48

The Chairman said that since their last meeting the Gaels of West Limerick were shocked to hear of the tragic death of Garda Joe Egan, Newcastle West, who passed away suddenly while playing with Western Gaels in the County Football Championship at Foynes. It was only a short time ago, said the Chairman, since Joe Egan came amongst them and he was called to his last reward while playing the game for their divisional team. On behalf of the Gaels of the Division he wished to offer sincere sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

Mr. Whelan said he had been asked by the mother and relatives of the deceased to convey their very sincere thanks to the Board and Gaels of West Limerick for their wonderful expression of sympathy on the day of the funeral. They had also asked him to convey a special word of thanks to St. Senan's Club and the people of Foynes for all they had done for the deceased on the day of the tragic occurrence.

Sergt. Clifford, Newcastle West said he would convey the Board's very kind expression of sympathy to the relatives. On behalf of the Gardai, he would like to express his appreciation to the Gaels of West Limerick for their many kindnesses and expressions of sympathy. He also thanked Mr. Whelan, who had done so much for the bereaved relatives on the tragic occasion.

in a hectic note on the score: Killeedy, 2-1; Templeglantine, 1-3.

THE SECOND GAME.

Ardagh took also complete command of the situation from an early stage of the second game and Crowley, Connors, Egan, and Martin Fitzgerald paved the way for a succession of scores that came with monotonous frequency. The winners, in fact, had piled up a 4-3 lead before Newcastle replied with a goal just before the interval, leaving the position: Ardagh, 4-3; Newcastle West, 1-0.

An early goal in the second half encouraged the hopes of the Newcastle men, but Ardagh promptly replied with two more major scores. Before the long whistle, Newcastle assumed the initiative and a trio of points by Herbert was followed by a goal from Seanie Connors to leave the final score:

"A FINE GAME BUT—I"

"IT'S a jolly fine game, but I certainly shouldn't like to play it". The speaker, kind reader, was a young Englishman on brief hiking holiday in Ireland. The occasion was a hurling match between two well-known West Limerick teams and the scene was the Gaelic Ground at Newcastle West. Having the visitor as a welcome guest for the day and since it was his first time in the country, I thought afterwards, to let him see his first exhibition of our popular native pastime. As a stranger in a strange land he had nothing but the highest admiration for the game and the men who played it. He was most favourably impressed by the skill with which the rival players wielded their camans and the speed and stamina with which they manipulated the flying ball. He was visibly amused and interested by the vocal and provocative enthusiasm of the rival followers as they cheered and encouraged the all-out efforts of their respective teams.

In fact all his reactions to the encounter were obviously most favourable until the one thing I was afraid of occurred—a typical interruption of the game by one of those regrettable exhibitions that are, alas, becoming all too frequent of late years. The incident was, unfortunately, seriously accentuated by a rather violent encroachment on the pitch and a free-for-all exchange of blows with hands and hurleys. More unfortunate still, before the match ended there were two other incidents of an even more violent nature.

A NEW FRIEND

HURLING is, of course essentially a man's game; and certainly those of us who have been watching it since we were mere boys would not have it otherwise. But there is a very vital difference between sporting manliness and that sort of conduct which is bringing discredit, if not disgrace, on the good name and proud tradition of our Gaelic games. As an Irishman and lifelong follower and admirer of hurling, I could not, as I watched the incidents, in company with this visitor from across the Channel, repress a sense of deep shame.

This same young son of Britain, I should explain, was a most friendly and appreciative visitor to our shores. Arriving in Rosslare during the week he mounted his bike and travelled along that delightful southern country into Cork City. Moving further west he pedalled on his way which inevitably included a tour of that home of beauty and grandeur—Killarney. Moving east again, he continued his journey through Tralee and Listowel and thence to West Limerick. Everywhere he went, he told me, he was delighted with everybody he met and everything he saw. Speaking as a man who had toured extensively in Scotland and Switzerland, he thought there was nothing to compare with this lovely land of ours. Within less than a week he had grown to love the people and the places and the easy going ways of life that are so typically ours. I have no doubt that he will go back to his native Birmingham as a new found and lasting friend of Ireland. My one regret is that I should have been so indiscreet as to bring him to that hurling match.

NEWCASTLE WEST G.A.A.

20/3/49 CLUB

Newcastle West G.A.A. Club, having abandoned the old sports ground in Church Street, has decided to seek alternative accommodation in the Demesne, in which it is proposed to seek a lease of the river or show field (writes our Newcastle West correspondent). With this end in view an application has been made to the Co. Council, as successors to the former Town Commissioners, with a view to securing the necessary facilities. If the Club's efforts in this respect are successful, it is hoped to secure a grant from the Munster Council to assist in laying out and enclosing the new pitch and providing a Gaelic Grounds worthy of the town. In this connection, it is also anticipated that the townspeople, as a whole, will co-operate and assist in the project. Pending the completion of the negotiations, there is no G.A.A. pitch in the town.

MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL

In the second game, Newcastle

29-10-49
West succeeded in bringing off the "minor double" of the season when they scored a hard earned but well merited 1-2 to 0-2 victory over St. Senan's (Foynes) in the final of the West Limerick Minor Football Championship.

Despite a strong wind and generally unfavourable weather conditions, the game was quite a good one, with fairly numerous passages of high-class play.

Playing against the wind and sun in the opening half, the winners did most of the attacking and succeeded in turning over with a three-point lead. Newcastle were also on top for most of the second moiety when they added a further point. St. Senans fought back gamely but only succeeded in adding a further point to their scoring tally.

The winners opened with a point after several attacks on a fairly effective opposing defence line. In reply, St. Senans took up the running and Farrell sent over the equalising point. Before the interval Newcastle recovered the lead when Purcell, receiving from O'Grady, crashed an unstoppable ball to the St. Senan's net.

After the resumption, play was largely confined to the St. Senan's territory and, after several wides, Devine had another point for the winners. Before the long whistle, St. Senan's pointed from a free close in, leaving the final scores:—Newcastle West, 1-2; St. Senan's 0-2.

Newcastle West—P. Sullivan (goal), J. O'Grady (capt.), E. Vaughan, J. Woulfe, D. Histon, R. Leahy, S. Purcell, T. Purcell, H. Leahy, J. Cullinane, P. Dowling, P. Devine, D. Keane, W. O'Connell, D. Curtin.

St. Senan's—J. Power, J. Downey, W. Corbett, M. Fitzsimons, J. Mangan, T. Neville, F. Walsh, W. Madigan, J. Finnucane, C. Madigan, M. Fitzgerald, J. Fitzsimons, T. Moloney, J. Frawley, T. Frawley.

Newcastle West Minors Defeat Knockaderry In One-Sided Game

30/4/49

NEWCASTLE WEST proved too good for Castlemahon in their third round of the West Limerick Minor Hurling Championship, which was decided in the new Gaelic Grounds at Knockaderry on Sunday. The widespread interest manifested in the game was evidenced by the large crowd which thronged the recently completed arena and which, incidentally, reflects much credit on the officials and members of the Knockaderry Club.

Despite the rather one-sided nature of the final score, the game was a much more interesting and exciting affair than might generally be assumed by those who did not attend. Although the winners were well on top for most of the hour, they met with plenty of opposition from the Castlemahon boys, who fought gamely to the end, when the score was: Newcastle West, 6-1; Castlemahon, 0-1.

Newcastle West, of course, fully deserved their victory which further enhances their claims to serious consideration amongst the rapidly diminishing contenders for the Western minor title. Their win on Sunday was a most convincing one, which was scarcely unexpected in view of the inclusion in their selection of two of Limerick's county minor players—Paddy Hayes and Jimmy O'Grady. The team was on the whole an exceptionally well-balanced one and was particularly impressive in the defence, where Dillane, in goal, brought off a number of fine clearances in the opening half, during which his net was frequently under pressure.

A FORMIDABLE FORWARD LINE

He was ably assisted by Hayes, Darcy, Leahy and Woulfe, while at midfield, O'Grady, Purcell and Woulfe were always very much in the picture.

Sullivan, Dowling and Devine were the backbone of a formidable forward line which might well have piled up a further winning score on a livelier pitch.

John J. Guiry, Quaid and Wallace, in goal, did great work throughout for Castlemahon, who were unlucky to lose the services of the hard-hitting O'Mahony. He retired through injury early in the second half and was replaced by McCarthy.

Congratulations are due to the Knockaderry Club for the efficiency of the field arrangements and the condition of the new grounds which, with a little more attention to the actual playing pitch, should prove one of the finest of its kind in West Limerick. Apart from one or two minor incidents, the game was played in a fine sporting spirit throughout, although hurling was of a hard and vigorous order.

THE GAME

Castlemahon forced the pace in

the opening minutes with a number of long drives from the hard-hitting Guiry, but Dillane saved the Newcastle net in style, and Hayes, Leahy and Darcy were quick to beat off further attacks.

Then Newcastle took up the running and from a free paved the way for a grand opening goal from Scanlan.

Keeping up the pressure, the winners again went on the offensive and the sharp-shooting Devine added a further goal. Before the interval, Dowling completed the trio of major scores for the winners, who were leading at half-time by 3-0 to nil for Castlemahon.

Newcastle were again attacking early in the second half and despite a fine clearance by Wallace, in goal, Dowling, receiving from Purcell, added another goal for the winners. Sullivan followed up soon after with a similar score and O'Grady supplemented the winning score with a point from a free 21 yards out. Begley replied with Castlemahon's only score of the game—a point. Then Jimmy O'Grady went away in a spectacular solo run and finished off with an unstoppable ball to the Castlemahon net to clinch the issue for the winners.

Mr. Sean Herlihy (Killedy) was a capable and impartial referee.

THE TEAMS

Newcastle West—M. Dillane (goal), J. Woulfe, M. Darcy, L. Leahy, J. Keane, P. Hayes, E. Vaughan, J. O'Grady, M. Woulfe, T. Purcell, S. Purcell, P. Devine, P. Dowling, M. Sullivan, J. Scanlan.

Castlemahon—B. Wallace (goal), P. Gilbourne, M. Mullane, S. O'Sullivan, W. O'Mahony, P. Lynch, J. Quaid, T. Phelan, J. J. Guiry, D. Begley, M. Long, M. Liston, S. Sheehy, T. Dwane, J. Quaid, — McCarthy.

MINORS' VICTORY 20-8-49

Newcastle West minor selection scored a decisive victory over Ballingarry in the final of the West Limerick 1949 Championship, played at Rathkeale on Sunday in the presence of a large gathering and under ideal weather conditions. A big crowd travelled from the town and parish to cheer the youthful hurlers to victory. Incidentally, it was the first Western title brought to the parish for some years, and the success of the minors should help to give a much needed fillip to the game in the district. Having captured Western laurels, the local minors will meet Kilfinane in the county semi-final at Ballingarry on Sunday, August 28.

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Limerick Work-
have survived. The one-
Union is now a modern
and Hospital; the former
is an Industrial School, and
old Newcastle West Workhouse
has been transformed into a County
Home for the accommodation of the
aged and chronic invalids. History
surely has a whimsical way of dealing
with the problems of its own creation.

HURLING VICTORS

Down Newcastle West way the
Gael is still celebrating the victory
of their minor hurlers in the West
Limerick Championship. Having de-
feated all-comers in the preliminary
skirmishes, the young lads from the
Arra side travelled to Rathkeale on
Sunday and scored a decisive victory
in the final of the competition over
their rivals from Ballingarry. It was
inevitable, perhaps, that such an
event should have inspired the poets to
break into song, and from the pen of
M. O'Sullivan comes the following
poetic tribute to the youthful caman-
wielders of Caislean Nuadh:

TO THE NEWCASTLE WEST MINOR HURLERS

They wear the "Magpie" colours, and
so so without shame,
And this year they did proudly steer
Newcastle West to fame.
And all who've seen this brave fifteen
in action—all agree
That nought can stop the "Magpies"
on their march to victory.

Amongst our gallant minors you'll find
our Captain fair:
'Tis Jimmy Grady, dark and stout, who
more than does his share.
He is a Limerick minor and we must
all agree
There's none as fair in this team so
rare, that's half as good as he.

And what of that stout hurler, at
centre back who plays,

He's another Limerick minor and his
name is Patrick Hayes.
On watching Patrick play the game,
old hurlers only sigh—
And think of Jimmy Griffin in golden
days gone by.

A hurler fine is Pat Devine—ah, he
can puck the ball,
In scuffles rough, he knows his stuff
midst hurlers, short or tall.
And once he gets that precious ball
into his wiry hand,
No goalie brave can ever save—or in
his goalmouth stand.

And in the centre forward line, there's
no one can compare
With Sean and Thomas Purcell, that
dashing lively pair.
And through their combination we
never fail to score
And put the Magpie minors in the
lead by one goal more.

We can't forget young Moss Dillane—
our Magpie goalie fair,
Ballingarry thought a concrete wall
was built inside the square;
For when their forwards made a raid
upon the Magpie net—
A staunch defence by Moss Dillane
was all they ever met.

Jim Woulfe so strong, in right or
wrong, will save Newcastle's name,
That's why his dauntless courage has
brought our full-back fame.
And his brother, Mike, of the fine
long strike can drop them in the
square,
Ah you're sure indeed of Newcastle's
lead with the Woulfe boys towering
there.

Young Vaughan and Keane, with
might and main, will strive to keep
at bay,
Whatever dashing forward line may
seek to break away.
With slashes strong and pucks so
strong they leave no room for
doubt
That the ball which gains the back-
line will soon come out again.

Louis Leahy and Mick Darcy with
cheers we also hail—
They were never known to flounder,
they were never known to fail.
And both are young enough, next year
again they'll minors be,
We hope they'll keep the Magpie flag
flying in victory.

And now we hail our forward line,
those lads who shoot the goals,
Who sometimes in their fierce attacks
almost knock down the poles.
Young Scanlan and Mick Sullivan, and
Paddy Dowling fair—
Three hurlers fine, a forward line, not
equalled anywhere.

But those behind the victory the
minors now have gained
Are the officials of the Club who this
fine team have trained.
Lest there be some omission, to pass
out names is best,
But they have all best wishes from the
Champions of the West.

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Life-Long Gael And Nationalist

DEATH OF MR. JOHN MULCAHY

WE regret to announce the death of Mr. John Mulcahy, Garda Headquarters, Dublin, who passed away with tragic suddenness and in the prime of manhood on Tuesday evening of last week. Deceased, who was aged about 46 years, was son of the late Mr. Timothy Mulcahy and the late Mrs. Margaret Mulcahy, Connolly Terrace, Newcastle West, and nephew of Mr. Dan Mulcahy, London, and Sister Marguarite, London. He was brother of Mr. Dan Mulcahy, journalist, Newcastle West; of Messrs. Jim, Bob and Tim Mulcahy, Chicago; Mr. Peg Stapleon and the Misses Chris, Louise and Essie Mulcahy, Chicago. Member of a well-known and esteemed West Limerick family, the late Mr. Mulcahy was a life-long Gael and Nationalist. Before joining the Garda Force about 26 years ago, he was attached to the commercial staff of the former Newcastle West "Weekly Observer," and was an officer of the local Fianna Eireann Company, as well as a leading member of the Newcastle West Hurling and Football teams. He was also associated for a number of years with the publication of the "Garda Review." Sincere sympathy will be tendered to the bereaved brothers and sisters at home and in Chicago on the loss of a loving and devoted brother.

Poignant scenes were witnessed at the removal of the remains from the Richmond Hospital, Dublin, on Wednesday evening. The coffin, draped in the Tricolour, was escorted from the hospital to the outskirts of the city by the Garda Band and a bodyguard of Metropolitan Garda and comrades of the deceased, and on parting the Dead March was played as a final tribute to the deceased. On arrival at Newcastle West the cortege was again received by a Garda guard of honour under Supt. M. McKenna and Sergt. J. Daly.

There was a very large and representative attendance at the funeral, which took place from Newcastle West Church to Grange Cemetery on Thursday. All sections of the community were represented.

INQUIRY RESULT

Sequel To G.A.A. Match

NEWCASTLE WEST MINOR TEAM DISQUALIFIED

Newcastle West minor football team has been disqualified as a result of their action in leaving the field before the game was finished in the western championship final in which they met Ballyhahill at Askaton, writes our Staff representative at Newcastle West. The disqualification was imposed by the special Inquiry Committee to which the question was referred from the last meeting of the West Limerick G.A.A. Board, following a lengthy and, at times, heated discussion.

At the time Newcastle West left the field on the occasion of the final, Ballyhahill were leading by 1-2 to 1-0. Describing the incident, in his report to the Board, the referee (Mr. E. Walsh, Foynes) said that four minutes before the full time he placed the ball for a free for Ballyhahill, when one of the Newcastle officials ran in and took the ball off the field. The Newcastle West team, the report added, then walked off the field and went away, with the result that he could not finish the game.

The matter had been discussed at some length at the last meeting of the Board. The Chairman (Rev. T. Culhane, C.C.) ruled that in view of the serious allegations made he would refer the question for full investigation by the Board's special Inquiry Committee.

A LONG MEETING

The matter accordingly came before a meeting of the Inquiry Committee which sat specially for the purpose at Newcastle West on Friday night. During the course of the proceedings, which were conducted in private, and lasted for some hours, evidence was taken from a number of witnesses.

Representatives of the Newcastle West Club were subsequently informed officially of the Committee's decision, which was to the effect that the Newcastle West minor team be disqualified, but that, in view of the extenuating circumstances, the team would not be suspended.

Newcastle West, it may be added, were last year's West Limerick minor champions.

ACTION OF CLUB

It was learned that a special general meeting of members of the Club is to be held during the weekend to discuss a proposal being mooted by some of the players to withdraw the junior hurling and football teams from the champion-

OVER FORTY FREES IN MINOR FOOTBALL SEMI-FINAL

AT Kilmallock on Sunday, Newcastle West (West Limerick champions) scored a big win over Pallasgrean (East Limerick champions) in the County Limerick Minor Football semi-final by 3-12 to 2 points for Pallasgrean.

Though the game was rather one-sided, the large attendance of spectators witnessed some good football in the course of the game, the display by the winners being particularly good and displaying fine fielding and overhead play, which make them favourites for the County title.

Newcastle West seemed to get the measure of their opponents right from the start, and they were never seriously threatened, because they piled up a formidable score in the first half. They kept the ball a good deal in the Pallas half in the first moiety, and though they got through on a number of occasions, the Pallas defence played a good game, though fighting an uphill battle most of the way.

OVER FORTY FREES.

The standard of football generally was fairly good, but frequent stoppages owing to fouls—there were over forty frees in all—tended to slow down the game.

Starting off on the right foot, Newcastle went through for a goal per O'Dwyer after five minutes. Immediately the winners had another per Keane and Scanlan (Newcastle) followed with a point from a free. Dwyer had a further Newcastle West point before Pallas replied with a point from a free per L. Beary. Newcastle West had a further innings, and O'Dwyer and Tierney had a point each before Scanlan ran through for a good goal to leave the interval score—Newcastle West, 3-4; Pallas, 0-1.

SECOND HALF.

Pallas tried very hard on the resumption to get on terms, but the efforts of their forwards were for the most part weak attempts, and a sound Newcastle defence held them at bay. After ten minutes of this period, the winners got into their stride and Scanlan had three lovely points for them in as many minutes. Keeping up the pressure, Newcastle had further points per Ambrose and Scanlan, before L. Beary pointed for Pallas. From then to the end, Newcastle West had matters very much their own way. Dwyer (2) and Scanlan (1) added points to clinch the issue and the Western team a very good

Mr. P. Ryan, Galbally, Chairman of the South Limerick Board, acted as referee very capably. Newcastle West were: Scanlan, Dwyer, Keane, Tierney, Ambrose and O'Connor, while Ryan, Shanahan, McCarthy and Dwyer tried hard for Pallas.

THE TEAMS.

The teams were: Newcastle West—P. MacBradaín, Scanlan, P. Donovan, M. O'Connor, M. O'Connor, J. Nash, T. Tierney, J. Magner, C. Magner, R. Dwyer, D. Keane, W. Tierney, T. Ambrose, D. Massey and T. Ambrose. Pallasgrean—P. Shanahan, J. Dwyer, J. Dwyer, C. Dwyer, D. Beary, W. Shanahan, L. Beary, W. O'Leary, J. McCarthy, J. Tierney, N. Stokes, A. Hayes, J. and T. Kennedy.

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LIMERICK FOOTBALL FINAL

Newcastle West In Replay

With the waning year, all championships in Co. Limerick have been completed with the exception of the Limerick junior football championship. The final of this championship ended in a draw at Kilmallock on last Sunday week, between Treaty-Sarsfields (City Division) and Newcastle West (West Division), the score being two points each, and the two teams meet on Sunday next, the 16th December, in the replay at Kilmallock.

On Sunday Treaty will be fighting for their fifth county title this year—they have already won the Co. Limerick senior hurling and football titles, and the Co. Limerick minor hurling and football titles, a truly fine achievement. Newcastle West will be trying for their first football title since 1939, and their greater weight may tell in the replay and give them the coveted title, thought they will be without one of their stalwarts—Ned Vaughan, who recently left for America. He had helped them in the championship through the year and was one of their outstanding players. The game should produce another thrilling struggle and a record crowd for a junior football final is expected. Both teams fought a hard battle to the final stages. In the County semi-final Treaty disposed of Pallasgreen, after playing extra time, while in the second semi-final, Newcastle West defeated Knockane after the teams had first played a drawn game.

WEST LIMERICK J.F. FINAL

Newcastlewest, 1-6; Rathkeale, 0-5.

Newcastlewest scored a hard won, but deserved victory over Rathkeale, the 1950 title holders, in a gruelling game at Rathkeale yesterday. The winners proved superior in most departments and while the outgoing champions made a determined bid in the second half, the new champions held on to their lead and finished comfortable winners. Devine, Hayes, O'Grady and Herbert scored for Newcastlewest, who lead by 5 pts. to 3 at the interval. Scorers for Rathkeale were Calahane, Fitzgerald, Bradshaw and O'Shea.

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-9-52 LAST MINUTE POINT GIVES TITLE TO M.H NEWCASTLEWEST

Newcastle West 6-2; Dromcollogher 6-1
Newcastle West scored a last minute point victory over Dromcollogher (holders) at Knockaderry, yesterday, by 6-2 to 6-1 before a large gathering. At half-time, Dromcollogher led by 4-1 to 1-1 and fifteen minutes from the end looked like certain winners with a lead of four goals. In the last quarter, however, Newcastle West made a remarkable recovery and following a series of hectic attacks succeeded in reducing Dromcollogher's lead to two points with only two minutes to play. Just before full-time they succeeded in getting a goal, which gave them victory by the narrowest margin.

Better Gaelic Teams If There Were No Ban

Janry. 1952

"FOR one cannot see any point in banning games that are good for the youth of the country, whether they originated in England or Czechoslovakia or anywhere else." So said Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., Newcastle West, when returning thanks for his unanimous re-election as President of the local G.A.A. Club on Sunday last. Father Kelly went on to say they would have far better teams if they could do away with the ban, as they would then have far more players to select from and they would have a better spirit of unity amongst all sections of the community.

RETURNING thanks for his unanimous re-election, Father Kelly also thanked the people of the town and parish for their continued support for the games. He warmly complimented the officials and committee on their good work and the players of the various teams on their fine sportsmanship during the past year. He also paid tribute to a number of players who had left during the year, including Ned Vaughan, who had emigrated to the U.S.A., and Richard O'Dwyer, who had joined Christ's army in the Dominican Order. The members of the Club, he said, had done their work very well and he was sure they would continue to keep the flag of Gaelic games flying in the parish during the coming year.

CAN SEE NO POINT IN "BAN."

"We have the usual difficulty in a town like this," continued Father Kelly, "where we have a number of rival clubs playing foreign games, as they are called. In modern times, since we got the measure of freedom we now enjoy under the Republic, I for one cannot see any point in banning games that are good for the youth of the country, whether they originated in England or Czechoslovakia or anywhere else. Personally I feel, of course, that when the rule is there we have to accept it, if we are to continue as members of the G.A.A. We will have to abide by the rules accepted by the majority of the Association. At the same time I consider we should be entitled in a free country to air our views. We do not believe in this ban on foreign games. We prefer the games of the Gael. They are the games we played ourselves, but we do not see anything wrong from the point of view of nationality, morals or otherwise, in youth playing other games. It is much better to see them playing games, anyway, than not playing at all."

"HYPOCRISY."

"On a former occasion," continued Father Kelly, "I was found fault with when I said this rule was only hypocrisy as part of the rules of the G.A.A. I still maintain that because, if it is from the national and patriotic point of view it is being maintained, then why don't they maintain another rule in the G.A.A. which forbids foreign dances? To my mind foreign dances have caused far more deterioration in the youth of this country than foreign games. Why should they enforce the rule against foreign games when they allow foreign dances, even though the rule against foreign dances is still in the book of the G.A.A.?"

"Play your games," Father Kelly told the club delegates, "but if you are members of the G.A.A., then remember, if you want to remain members, you will have to stick to the rules. You have no choice in that matter. So far as we here in Newcastle West are concerned, we will do our very best to continue to keep the flag of the G.A.A. flying in the parish, as we have always done in the past."

FAR BETTER TEAMS IN ABSENCE OF BAN.

"We feel that we would have far better teams if we could do away with the ban, but we cannot do that as we have not the power. If we could, we would have far more players to select from and we would have a better spirit of unity amongst all sections of the community. However, we must accept the rule as it is there. As I said before, we will continue to do our best for Gaelic games in the town and to keep the name of Newcastle West not only in the western but in the county championships as well" (applause).

LOSS OF PLAYERS THROUGH EMIGRATION

Mr. John Whelan, Hon. Secretary, who was unanimously re-elected, referred to the loss of players through emigration and said he understood that some more of their young members were contemplating leaving the country. In that connection, he thought, a special appeal should be made by the Club to employers in the town to give consideration when filling vacancies to the boys and young men who had helped to put the name of the town on the G.A.A. map. With so much emigration it was becoming very difficult to run a club and, apart from the Club at all, it was very hard to see young fellows, willing workers and good Catholic boys, leaving the country. A special appeal should be made to employers to try to remember these young lads when work became available. He could assure all concerned that, as far as their players were concerned, they could be given the highest references by the President and officials of the Club.

APPEAL TO EMPLOYERS

It was too bad, Mr. Whelan added, that so many of their youth in the town should be emigrating. They were the type of lads who could not be expected to keep walking around the streets if there was no work for them. Furthermore, they could not be expected to give of their best on the playing field if they had no employment. For that reason he made a special appeal to employers in the town to give these lads as much employ-

Big Business Now

Jan 1953

Topics at Newcastle W. Annual Meeting

At the Annual General Meeting of the Newcastle West G.A.A., the President, Rev. Fr. Kelly, spoke of the heavy drain on their ranks by continuous emigration. He also attacked foreign dances advertised by G.A.A. Clubs and said that the rule against foreign dances was as genuine a rule as any other rule.

The Hon. Secretary, Mr. John Phelan, reported that all the Club's six teams gave a very good account of themselves. Their juvenile teams showed great promise for their second year. With a little more attention he felt they were capable in 1954 of bringing a western title to the parish. Their minor teams which had won four Western Championships in six years, were disappointing, as over twelve of the previous year's team had passed the age limit. The junior hurling and football teams showed great promise in the early stages of the Championships, but did not seem to live up to it later. The junior footballers reached the semi-final of the West and with a bit of luck could have reached the final. Their junior hurlers were still in the final of the Bee Moynihan Cup and Medal Tournament in which their re-play against Bruree was expected early in the season. The Club still had to run off the final of their Senior Hurling Cup Tournament between Ahane and Rathkeale.

GREAT LOSSES

Since the present Committee took over the Club had brought five western titles to the town, and contested three County Finals, at least two of which they were unlucky to lose. Were it not for the loss through emigration of so many of their best young players, they felt they would have today one of the best senior teams in the county. The Club had suffered a great loss in the departure of Mick Dennehy to Bantry, a most loyal club member for eleven years, who had contributed a lot to the successful football revival campaign in recent years. Another great loss was the departure of John Stokes, brother of Dr. Dick Stokes.

The Secretary thanked the people of the town for their very generous support at the annual collection which increased 100 per cent. each year. He also thanked Mr. P. O'Carroll-Nash, the local Press representatives, and the officials of the West and Co. Boards, and paid a special tribute to their President, Fr. Kelly, who was there at all times to assist and advise them.

The report was unanimously adopted, as was also the statement submitted by the Treasurer (Mr. Sean Normoyle), which showed that income for the year was £682, expenditure £713, leaving debit balance of £43 14s. 9d.

TREMENDOUS AMOUNT OF EMIGRATION

Welcoming the delegation Fr

to show that the G.A.A. was now big business. Despite heavy expenditure their overdraft was not very severe and with full co-operation from the members and the townspeople during the coming year they hoped to clear off the remaining debt. They did not win any championship during the year but that was, perhaps, explained by the tremendous amount of emigration from the parish. The best of their manhood was clearing away because they could not make a living at home and unfortunately the G.A.A. had no way of overcoming this

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MORE ROBUST THAN STYLISH

J.F.—Newcastle West 0-6;
Carrickerry, 0-2.

Before a small crowd and after a game in which play was more robust than stylish, Newcastle West scored a hard-earned win over Carrickerry in the West Limerick Junior Football Championship semi-final at Rathkeale on Sunday. At half-time the winners were leading by two points to one, and the issue was still open enough at the turn-over. In the closing moiety, however, Newcastle West forced the pace, and making the most of the chances that came their way they forged ahead to win by a four-point margin.

Mr. Tom Hartnett (Foynes) refereed.

Newcastle West—P. Sammon, S. Herbert, M. Dennehy, S. Magner, S. Monaghan, P. Hayes, P. Donovan, E. O'Connor, T. Cowper, P. Dowling, J. Stokes, P. Devine, M. Condon, J. Woulfe, J. Clery.

Carrickerry—Jas. Kelly, John Kelly, T. Kelly, T. Danagher, J. Riordan, M. Hanley, M. Hurley, J. Geohagan, M. McMahon, Jas. Lynch, M. O'Connor, T. Ambrose, John Lynch, M. Ambrose, P. Flynn, P. Molyneaux.

G.A.A. IS BIG BUSINESS NOW

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problem. It was a peculiar thing that a country such as ours, which had been blessed with so many riches, could not provide a decent living for the reduced population. He commended to the young Gaels of the parish the address given by Rev. Fr. Murphy C.S.S.R., Limerick, at the last West Board meeting. They must realise that religion entered into everything they did at work or play and Fr. Murphy's address should be carefully studied. He also appealed for more attention to training and physical fitness which, with interest and enthusiasm, were necessary to produce a champion team. Hurling was still at a rather low standard in a parish which had produced some of the greatest hurlers ever, but with full co-operation they hoped to bring about a much-desired improvement.

BAN ON FOREIGN DANCES

Fr. Kelly also made a strong plea for more active support for the Irish language revival movement, and for a revival of G.A.A. ceilidhe dances. While the G.A.A. rule forbidding other things foreign was strictly enforced, there seemed to be no attempt to enforce the rule against foreign dances. Every week they saw dances advertised by G.A.A. Club with bands that certainly did not play ceilidhe music. Irish dancing was part of Irish culture and the rule against foreign dances was as genuine a rule as any other rule, but they never heard of a Club being suspended for a breach of the rule against foreign dances.

In conclusion Fr. Kelly paid a glowing tribute to the wonderful work of the outgoing Secretary, Chairman, Treasurer and committee and hoped the games would continue to prosper in 1954.

Emigration and hurleys a problem for 1953 Newcastle West

Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., President, in welcoming a large number of delegates to the annual general meeting of the Newcastle West G.A.A. Club, said he was glad to see so many interested in the affairs of the Club. It showed a great spirit despite the fact that they had very few trophies to present after the year, but by carrying on the good work they, too, would come in due course.

The playing of the games was far more important than the winning of trophies. It was regrettable that they had to lose so many of their young players every year, through emigration. They should have more industries in the town, but there was very little the club could do about that. He appealed specially to those boys playing the games to train properly and have greater interest and in that way they would be able to give a good account of themselves during the year.

Mr. S. Normoyle, Treasurer, submitted his report which showed a loss of £12 6s. on the year's working which he considered was very little

taking into their many and varied commitments into account. A heavy debt incurred in 1951 by both their Junior teams reaching £6. Final and having to play two drawn games had been reduced to £43 and he appealed for a greater effort during the coming year to clear off his debt. The report was adopted on the proposition of Mr. P. Hayes, seconded by Mr. J. McAuliffe.

Mr. Wm. O'Connor, Chairman, said that while the club was not in a bad financial position they must make an effort to clear off this debt before the commencement of the Championships. Last year they lost quite a number of fixtures from the local venue owing to bad weather and the field rents received from the Board were very small. Hurleys, now costing £7 per dozen, represented a big problem and players should make a greater effort in purchasing hurleys.

Fr. Kelly presented medals to the following members of the Junior Hurling team: J. Nix, S. O'Connor, P. Hayes, S. Normoyle, W. O'Connor, M. Dore, J. Keane, T. Kelly, S. Monaghan, P. Donovan, Ed. O'Connor, M. Dore, C. O'Gorman, J. Egan, O. McAuliffe, J. Woulfe, P. Dowling, P. Sammon.

Returning thanks for his unanimous re-election as President, Fr. Kelly said it was a great honour for him. The G.A.A. was doing great work for the youth of the parish. He paid tribute to the outgoing officers of the Club who were carrying on the good work for a number of years now and giving a lot of their time and labour—more than they could afford, perhaps. He appreciated their work and interest in the youth of the parish and said it was a great pleasure to be associated with them especially as they worked with such harmony. After a long discussion it was decided to affiliate the following teams: J.H. (A & B.); M.H.; Juv. H.; J.F., M.F. and Juv. F.

OFFICERS :

The following officers and committee were elected:—President, Rev. M. Kelly, C.C.; Chairman, Mr. W. O'Connor; Vice-Chairman, Mr. S. O'Connor; Hon. Secretary, Mr. J. Whelan; Treasurer, Mr. S. Normoyle; Committee: Messrs. J. Nix, P. Hayes, P. Dowling, P. Sammon. Captain, J.H. (A). S. O'Connor; Vice-Captain, P. Hayes; Captain J.F., J. Woulfe. Vice-Captain, P. Sammon; Captain M.H., S. Donovan; Vice-Captain, M. Whelan; Captain M.F. D. O'Connor; Vice-Captain, S. O'Connor.

27-3-54 Proposed New G.A.A. Ground For Newcastle West

Satisfactory progress is being made with the proposal to acquire a six-acre site in the Newcastle West Town Park for conversion into a new G.A.A. grounds (writes a staff reporter of the "Leader"). Representations have been already made to the Land Commission and the Co. Council is now being asked to approve of the proposed acquisition.

Rev. D. McCarthy, C.C., Chairman of the West Limerick G.A.A. Board, told our representative that the project is likely to be got under way during the present year and that there is every prospect of the new grounds being available for games next season. He expects that the Co. Council will be only too willing to give the necessary approval, and as soon as the customary legal formalities have been completed steps will be taken forthwith to bring the project to a head. In this connection, Father McCarthy expressed the hope that the townspeople as a whole and the other voluntary local organisations would co-operate in the move to provide a new playing pitch worthy of the town and parish.

The proposed new pitch, it may be mentioned, is located in an ideal position in the Town Park, directly across the river from the present Show Jumping Grounds. Many years ago, it was learned, the field was used extensively as a sports ground and important fixtures were held there. Apparently fairly extensive drainage will have to be carried out but this work, it is stated, will be greatly facilitated by the fact that the field is bounded by two rivers. The site is only five or six minutes walk from the centre of the town.

RECENT DEATHS

LATE JOHN J. KING, SHANRATH, NEWCASTLE WEST.

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There were striking scenes of public sympathy at the removal of the remains to Castlemahon Church on November 8, and again at the funeral to Castlemahon Cemetery on the following day. All sections of public, private and professional life were represented in the huge cortege. Limerick County Council was represented by the Chairman, Mr. J. J. Collins, T.D., and County Manager, Mr. P. J. Meghan, while Limerick Corporation was represented by the Mayor, Ald. G. E. Russell, and City Manager, Mr. M. Macken, Mr. D. J. Madden, T.D., and Mr. D. O'Brien, T.D. also attended, as did numerous county and city public representatives much too numerous to mention.

The officiating clergy were:—Right Rev. Monsignor Hannan, P.P., V.G.; Very Rev. M. O'Brien, P.P.; Very Rev. D. O'Callaghan, P.P.; Very Rev. M. Lyons, P.P.; Very Rev. M. Quinn, P.P.; Very Rev. M. O'Grady, P.P.; Very Rev. M. Lynch, P.P.; Rev. T. Culhane, C.C.; Rev. T. Fitzgerald, C.C.; Rev. Father O'Sullivan, S.D.B.; Rev. Father Campbell, S.D.B.; Rev. Father Liston, C.C.; Rev. D. Costelloe, C.C.

Chief mourners: Mrs. King (wife); John and Michael (sons); Bridie and Alice (daughters); Rev. Mother Imelda; Mrs. O'Keeffe, Mrs. Barrett, Mrs. McEnery (sisters); Jim, Paddy and Michael (brothers); Jack, Paddy, Eddie and Michael Barrett, John and Jim McEnery, Joe O'Keeffe (nephews); Mrs. J. Roche and Mrs. P. Roche, Chrissie Bridget and Nora Barrett, Mrs. Chawke, Mrs. McGrath, Eileen O'Keeffe (nieces); Kitty Liston (sister-in-law); Mrs. Jim King (do.), and William McEnery (brother-in-law).

Novenas of Masses were offered by: Staff, Limerick County Council; Newcastle West Coursing Club; Nursing Staff and Miss Lee, General Fever and Maternity Hospital, Croom; the Office Staff, Newcastle West.

GARDA DIED WHILE PLAYING FOOTBALL

Garda Joseph Egan (26), single, a native of Ballinahown, Westmeath, who had been stationed in Newcastle West for the past year, collapsed and died while playing with the Western Gael Club against Abbeyfeale in a Gaelic football match at Foynes on Sunday.

The attendance at the removal of the remains from Newcastle West to his native place, was a striking tribute to the popularity of the deceased. The coffin was draped in the Tricolour and West Limerick Garda under Chief Supt. Reynolds Limerick, and Supt. M. McKenna, Newcastle West, formed a guard of honour. There was a large representation of West Limerick G.A.A.

A verdict of death from natural causes in accordance with the medical evidence was recorded at an inquest held by Mr. M. Cussen, solicitor, Coroner.

LIMERICK JUVENILE HURLING FINAL

Newcastle West, 3-2; Croom, 3-1. The West Limerick Juvenile hurling final played at Rathkeale on Wednesday night resulted in a win for Newcastle West by the narrowest of margins, the final score reading: Newcastle West, 3 goals 2 points; Croom, 3 goals 1 point. At half-time Newcastle West were leading by 3-2 to 0-1. In the second half Croom forced the pace and were only a point in arrears at the final whistle after pressing hard throughout the closing stages. 23-7-55

Seamus Was a Busy Limerick Man/1954

By "DIXIE"

MANY Gaelic followers throughout the country may not be very familiar with Seamus O'Grady, the dark-haired lad who starred for New York at Croke Park last October, but with Limerick fans he is very popular, having won the county colours with much distinction from 1948 to 1952.

Jim, as he is better known in his native Newcastlewest, learned his hurling at the Courtenay Schools and first caught the eye in local street league games, when his speed, neat striking and deadly accuracy off times proved the telling factor in a keenly contested game.

He helped the county minor hurling and football teams in 1948

and '49 and the latter season he won Western minor honours in both codes with his home town. In 1950, at the age of 19, he was honoured by the county senior selectors and gave a polished display at midfield when the Shannonsiders went under to Tipperary in the Munster Championship.

Came 1951 and he was the outstanding player on the Newcastlewest team that captured West Limerick football honour. Jim holds the rare distinction of having worn the green and white jersey in all six grades, as in 1952 he played with the Senior and Junior footballers and also won a Munster Championship medal with the junior hurlers.

In August, 1952, he left for New York on the invitation of the

Limerickmen's Association, and since then has given some wonderful displays with the Limerick teams across the Atlantic. On October 9 last he showed that he had lost none of the hurling ability which made him so prominent prior to his departure when he gave a great account of himself at midfield against Tipp. in the S. Brendan Cup Final. Had he not been engaged in the hurling counter he would probably have been a first choice for the football team, but he was listed among the reserves, and when called to duty in the second moiety he proved a worry to the Dublin defence until forced to retire following an injury.

Other prominent Newcastlewest boys in New York include Mick Devine and Eddie Vaughan.

25-12-54

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NEWCASTLEWESTS FINE DISPLAY

Before a small crowd at Rathkeale last Sunday, Newcastle West minors gave an outstanding display against Rathkeale when winning the final of the Minor group by 7-2 to 1-2. The winners led by four goals—M. Sexton (2), Tom Devine and John Hynes—to nil at half-time. Scorers in the second half were: Sexton (1-0), S. Mullane (1-0) and Devine (1-0)—for N'C'West; and Kenneally (1-0), S. Culhane (0-1) and S. McEnery (0-1)—for Rathkeale.

Outstanding for the losers, who showed a lack of training, was Paddy O'Meara in defence.

Rival Applicants For Use Of Land At Newcastle West

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APPLICATIONS for the use of a playing pitch on the Demesne lands at Newcastle West were considered at last Saturday's meeting of the Limerick Co. Council, Mr. J. J. Collins, T.D., Chairman, presiding.

Three sporting bodies—the West Limerick Board, G.A.A.; Newcastle West A.F.C., and the Newcastle West Lawn Tennis Club—applied for permission to use the pitch. The Cow Owners' Association objected to the applications.

On the proposition of Mr. T. Reidy, who moved the suspension of Standing Orders, seconded by Mr. J. Mackey, the Council decided to hear deputations representing the G.A.A., A.F.C. and Cow Owners' Association.

The deputation from the G.A.A. were the first deputation to be heard and consisted of Rev. Father McCarthy, Chairman of the West Limerick Board, and Mr. P. O'Connell, Treasurer, and Mr. John Whelan, Secretary.

Father McCarthy said that their application was official. The Park, known as the Town Park, was once owned by Captain Curling and subsequently acquired by the Land Commission, who, in turn, transferred it to the Newcastle West Town Commissioners. About 14 or 15 years ago the Newcastle West Town Commissioners sanctioned the granting of the pitch for Gaelic games. That was passed, signed and it was agreed to use the pitch for the benefit of the town. The late Dean Connolly was the driving force behind the movement to acquire the pitch for Gaelic games. After that agreement the Park was fenced in, but it was found that it would require draining and would cost a colossal amount of money to drain it. Therefore, they were applying for the use of a portion of the Town Park instead. A G.A.A. park would be a great benefit to the town.

ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS.

Mr. John Whelan said the G.A.A. had a field at the moment but only on a day to day basis. They could never hope to make it their own and they could be put out of it to-morrow. Newcastle West was the only place in the county without a Gaelic pitch. It had a population of over 3,000 people and the Council could well imagine out of that number how many children were deprived of a playing pitch. By granting the pitch to the G.A.A. the Council would be doing a justice to the parents and children. At present the pitch was used for grazing.

Mr. D. J. Noonan, Cow Owners, said the owners were claiming a prescriptive right to graze on the lands as tenants of the Devon Estate. If the lands are given over as a playing pitch it would be a breach of trust on the part of the Council, who were the trustees of the land. The Cow Owners would lose their livelihood and the town would lose its supply of milk. There

were 15 cows grazing there and the loss of the field would be a very serious one for his clients. They would take action against the Council if the grazing was taken from them.

LOCAL SOCCER CLUB.

Mr. J. Walsh, Secretary of the Soccer Club, said the Club was founded in 1948. It was well organised and boasted a membership of 43. Soccer was a winter game and would not interfere with the cows in any way. They had been unable to obtain a pitch under any conditions or for any money. Consequently, they had to play all their matches away at a cost of £10 per match. The land in question was acquired by the Land Commission for the purpose of a Town Park. The G.A.A. and his Club were on the friendliest of terms and when the ban was removed they would all be united again.

Mr. T. Reidy—Not until the foreigner goes and we get back what we lost.

Chairman—Could not the Soccer Club and the G.A.A. use the same pitch?

Mr. Whelan (G.A.A.)—Our Association rules do not permit foreign games to be played on G.A.A. pitches. If we allowed soccer to be played there we would lose grants for improvements to the grounds.

Mr. Walsh (Soccer)—We would occupy only a small square of ground. The people of Newcastle West are entitled to a bit of sport.

Mr. T. O'Connell proposed that the matter be left in the hands of the Manager.

Mr. P. Maguire—You can't duck your responsibilities. Let the representatives of Newcastle West tackle the matter.

THE LEGAL ASPECT.

The Co. Manager (Mr. P. J. Meghan, B.E.) said that in view of the statement of the Cow Owners it would be necessary to examine the legal aspect of the question. When that was defined a small committee of Councillors could be set up to walk over the pitch and make their decision. It was a matter purely for the Council and not a function of the Co. Manager. He had considerable sympathy for people looking for playing pitches and he was of the opinion that a playing pitch would benefit Newcastle West.

Mr. P. Donegan said that no man's livelihood should be taken away.

The Chairman pointed out that the committee's decision would not be binding and they would have to report back to the Council, who would then decide what to do.

After further discussion it was proposed by Senator S. Hartney and seconded by Mr. J. Mackey that the legal position be first cleared up and the committee, consisting of the six Newcastle West representatives on the Council, be then set up to inspect the pitch.

This was agreed to unanimously.

DIED WHILE PLAYING FOR HIS TEAM

WHILE playing with his team—Western Gaels—against Abbeyfeale at Foynes on Sunday in the senior football championship, Garda Joseph Egan collapsed and died in a short time. The game was abandoned.

The deceased, who was a native of Ballinahowen, Athlone, was aged 26 years. He joined the Garda Force and, a year ago, having completed training at the Depot, Dublin, he was appointed to Newcastle West. Garda Egan was unmarried, was exremely popular and his death, so tragically sudden, has caused a profound shock.

The game was only about five minutes in progress when he collapsed. Spiritual and medical aid were rendered at once, but despite all that could be done he passed away in a short time.

The remains were removed from Foynes on Sunday night to Newcastle West Parish Church and the funeral took place on Monday to Ballinahowen. The cortege was large and representative.

The remains of the late Garda Egan passed through Limerick City on Monday afternoon on its way to Athlone. The coffin was draped in the Tricolour.

INQUEST.

Sitting with a jury at Foynes on Monday, Mr. Michael E. Cussen, B.A., solicitor, Coroner for West Clare, was told the tragic story of how the late Guard Egan passed away during the progress of the game.

Dr. Agnes Nolan, who had carried out a post mortem, said that in her opinion death was due to cerebral haemorrhage.

After hearing further evidence, the Jury, returning a verdict in accordance with the medical evidence, found that deceased died from natural causes. They added a rider to the effect that in their opinion death did not result from any injury or hurt received during the game.

The Coroner, Supt. M. McKenna, Newcastle West, who conducted the inquest, Dr. Nolan and the foreman, on behalf of the jury, joined in expressing sincere sympathy with the relatives on their very tragic bereavement.

Mr. John Whelan, Joint Sec. of West Limerick G.A.A. Board, said he would like very much to associate himself with the expression on behalf of the West Limerick Board and the Newcastle West G.A.A. Club.

AS MARK OF RESPECT.

The people of Foynes and district (writes our Foynes correspondent) convey their sincere sympathy to the relatives and colleagues of the deceased. The play which was to be held by the Dromcollogher Dramatic Society in St. Senan's Hall, Foynes, on Sunday evening, was called off as a mark of respect.

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LIMERICK LEADER, SA

23 High Scoring 4 In Hurling 55 Ties

At Rathkeale on Sunday last, Ballyallinan defeated Croagh-Kilfinny in juvenile hurling. Newcastle West defeated Knockaderry in a minor hurling championship contest, and Kilmeedy-Feenagh (St. Ita's) beat a Granagh-Ballingarry side also in minor hurling.

Kileedy play Knockaderry at Knockaderry on Sunday next in the final match of round one in the Knockaderry tournament.

Winners to date are Kilmeedy-Feenagh and Newcastle West.

Newcastle West, 5-4;

Knockaderry, 0-3.

Newcastle West scored a convincing win over Knockaderry and led by 4-1 to 0-2 at half-time. The Knockaderry boys made a somewhat improved stand in the second half but were unable to hold off the winners, who added further to their tally before full time. Cahill, Healy, Donovan, and Hynes scored for the winners, while Begley, who was outstanding for Knockaderry throughout, did most of the scoring for his side.

Mr. P. Doherty (Rathkeale) refereed.

NEWCASTLE WEST G.A.A. CONCERT 56

One of the best and brightest ever was the unanimous verdict of the record crowd that thronged the Desmond Cinema, Newcastle West, for the annual concert under the auspices of the local G.A.A. Club. The function more than maintained the high prestige established over the years and patrons were generously rewarded with a splendid programme of music, song, and dance. Amongst the visiting artists was Miss Aine Tuohy, All-Ireland dance champion, whose traditional songs as well as step-dancing provided the highlight of the night's entertainment. Other visiting contributors included Rev. Father O'Dea, C.C., Lime- rick; Mr. Ed. O'Neill, do.; Miss Stockhall, Master H. Darcy, Miss C. O'Connell and Mr. M. Murphy. The local artistes included Miss Margaret O'Shea, Miss Betty O'Connor, Misses Jessie Murphy and J. Owens, Miss Lauretta O'Connell (Feile Luimnighe prize-winner), Sean Magner, Miss A. Sammon, Misses M. and L. O'Connell, Mr. Stephen Donovan, Miss M. Magner, Mr. Mick Murphy, Miss M. T. Cremin, M.L.C.M., assisted by Mr. M. McCabe, provided the music and Mr. Joseph O'Shea, N.T., was, as usual, a very efficient master of ceremonies.

At the conclusion of the programme Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., President, G.A.A. Club, sincerely thanked the visiting and local artistes, as well as the patrons and all who had helped to make the concert such an outstanding success.

LEADER, WEDNESDAY

JUNIOR 3/8/55 HURLING AT RATHKEALE: OLD RIVALS MEET

Newcastle West, 9-2; Castle- town, 3-1.

NEWCASTLE West scored a somewhat belated but very decisive win over Castletown in the second round of the West Lime- rick junior hurling (A) champion- ship, before a big crowd, at Rath- keale, on Sunday. Castletown still displayed some of the old dash and vigour that won them three titles in a row a few years back and for nearly threequarters of the game they had their old rivals worried enough. On entering the last quarter, however, the winners took complete control of the game and romped home easy winners after a tame and unexciting finish.

THE PLAY.

Within a minute of the throw-in, Neddy (Fox) O'Connor opened the scoring with a great goal for the winners and Sean Herbert followed up with a point. Castletown replied with vigour, but were re- pulsed by the good defence work of Sean Normoyle, the O'Connor pair and Paddy Donovan. Then the winners again forced the pace and Guiney finished off a good effort with another goal. Before the in- terval, Castletown replied with a goal by Austin Cullinane and a point from the veteran Jim Mor- rissey. The position was still open enough at half-time, when the scoring was—Newcastle West, 2-1; Castletown, 1-1.

SECOND HALF.

On the resumption matters con- tinued even enough during the opening quarter, with Castletown still fighting every inch of the way. A Newcastle West goal by Sean Herbert was followed by two Castletown goals from Austin Cul- linane. Entering the last quarter, the winners set the pace and John Devine had two goals in quick succession. Jack Egan followed up with a similar score for the win- ners, to which Guiney added a further goal soon after. In the closing stages, Joe Murphy put the issue beyond all doubt with two further goals for the winners.

Mr. Tom McNamara (Rathkeale) refereed.

THE TEAMS.

Newcastle West—S. Normoyle, J. Nix, S. O'Connor, W. O'Connor, P. Donovan, P. Hayes, D. O'Connor, Ed (Fox) O'Connor, O. McAuliffe, S. Herbert, T. Hough, J. Devine, P. Dowling, J. Guiney, J. Murphy, J. Egan.

Castletown—W. Cagney, R. Wal- lace, E. O'Connor, A. Mac Uaith, J. Carroll, P. Mathain, J. O'Regan, S. O'Regan, C. O'Regan, M. Ken- nedy, T. O'Connor, A. Cullinane, J. Morrissey, J. O'Gorman, T. Cagney.

March 1956 16-Year-Old Secretary

By "DIXIE"

SIXTEEN-YEAR-OLD Dermot S O'Donnell was elected Secretary at the annual meeting of New- castlewest H. and F. club recently.

This is a case of "like father, like son" as his dad was one of the most energetic members of the Newcastle West committee for many years.

Now his three sons are playing great stuff in the Black and White jersey's. These lads learned their hurling back in Killoughteen, a townland that has given great hurlers to the Newcastle West club.

Judging by the fine displays they have given in recent outings, the O'Donnell brothers seem destined for a bright future in G.A.A.

WEST LIMERICK MINOR TITLE FOR NEWCASTLE-WEST 1956 Killmallock Retain South Championship

Newcastle West 3-1;

Granagh-Ballingarry 2-1.

Newcastle West scored a well de- served but hard won victory over Granagh-Ballingarry in the final of the West Lime ick Minor Hurling Cham- pionship played before a big crowd at Rathkeale.

At half time the winners were lead- ing by 2-1 to 0-1 and it looked at the turn over as if they were well set for a comfortable win. They continued to force the pace in the opening quarter of the second half but missed several good scoring chances by faulty marks- manship. The game was interrupted at this stage by a torrential downpour which drove players and spectators fleeing from the pitch which was in a very slippery and difficult condition when play was again resumed after several minutes. Granagh-Ballingarry forced a brace of goals but the winners held on to their lead with a similar score.

Hynes opened the scoring with a goal for Newcastle West and Cahill followed up with a similar score, to which Granagh-Ballingarry replied with a point from a free by Hogan. Cahill pointed for the winners before the in- terval. On the resumption a Granagh- Ballingarry goal by Catherell was fol- lowed by a goal for the winners from Hynes and just before full time Granagh-Ballingarry had another goal by Hogan.

Newcastle West — P. O'Brien; D. O'Connor, S. O'Connor, M. Whelan; D. O'Donnell, Dermot O'Donnell, P. Cremin; D. Cahill, J. O'Grady; J. Dore, J. Sexton, J. Cotter; D. Conway, J. Hynes; D. O'Donnell.

Granagh-Ballingarry—T. O'Gorman; T. Hourigan, T. Riordan, J. Catherell; John Catherell, J. Gorman, T. Sexton; E. Hogan, S. Collins; M. Lee, S. Sulli- van, M. O'Shea; P. Hogan, D. O'Brien, T. Cusack.

Newcastle West Has Proud Record In The G.A.A.

The 'Magpies' Are Building Again

By Dan Mulcahy

NEWCASTLE WEST, as the Capital of West Limerick and main distributing and marketing centre of a populous and fertile area, is justly proud of its unique record in the annals of the G.A.A. in the division.

Ever since the dawn of the Association the Arra-side parish has contributed more than generously to the development and expansion of what has now become universally recognised as the greatest amateur sporting organisation in the world.

In more recent years the black-and-white colours of its teams—or the "Magpies", as they have come to be more popularly known—have brought much lustre and not a few laurels to the parish; and if the name of Newcastle West does not figure more frequently in the list of county and divisional Champions, the omissions, it has been conceded, were due more to lack of good fortune than to the absence of skill and talent on the field of play.

FOOTBALL FIRST

Curiously enough, way back in the 'eighties, when the young men of Ireland were striving to re-establish their national heritage on the field of sport, it was in the football arena that the men of Newcastle West asserted themselves.

Around that time, indeed, there were two parish football selections that could stand up to the best in the county and outside it.

With football firmly established the game of hurling followed in due course and the appeal of its speed and skill with the caman soon found fertile soil in the Newcastle West parish.

Within a quarter of a century the parish teams began to figure prominently in the hurling field and for more than a decade the men of the parish virtually dominated the cham-

pionships in the western division and were invariably serious contenders for the county title.

NEW STATUS

Local Gaels, it is also of interest to recall, figured prominently in the small band of pioneers who founded the West Limerick G.A.A. Board and thus gave a new status and strength to Gaelic games in the division.

Amongst them was Mr. Joe O'Shea, N.T., still hale and hearty, who was the Board's first Secretary. Joe, a fine, fiery hurler in his day, often recalls with pride that he and his colleagues of the time initiated the Board with the aid of "a penny copy book."

With Mr. O'Shea in the venture was Mr. Paddy Flaherty, veteran Rathkeale Gael, who in his day brought much honour to the Limerick hurling colours on many a hard fought field.

With the successful establishment of the West Limerick Board hurling made spectacular progress in the division. The football tradition was, of course, also maintained but as time passed the big ball game was largely confined to the parishes that skirt the Shannon, Foynes, Glin, Ballyhahill, and in Abbeyfeale area where the young Gaels were no doubt infected with much of the football enthusiasm from the nearby Kingdom.

PEAK YEARS

With the coming of the 'twenties hurling reached its highest pitch in other parts of the division and great and powerful teams were fielded by Rathkeale, Croom, Kilfinny and Ballingarry. But through this period Newcastle West stood out in bold relief against them all.

Reference to the records of the divisional and county championship of this great era shows that the Black-and-Whites captured more divisional titles than perhaps any other individual combination in the division, up to the thirties.

Amongst those who turned out with Newcastle West were such outstanding hurlers as Liam Hough, N.T., Monegae, now Treasurer of the Munster Council; Ned Cregan, now a staff officer in the County Council Offices in Limerick; Jack Twomey, Dan Flanagan and Mickie McCarthy from the Killoughteen side of the parish; Jimmy Griffin, of North Quay, one of the most scientific exponents of the game ever to don a jersey; Jack Dermody, now a lino operator in Dublin, who brought his craft from his native Kilkenny; Jim Fogarty, who hailed from Tipperary; Mick Murphy, who came from Rebel Cork; Jack O'Mahony, of Bishop Street, long since deceased; Neddy Bourke and the brothers, John and Bob Mulcahy (John has been called to his reward, R.I.P., and Bob is still going strong in far off Chicago); and a host of others much too numerous to mention, including Jack Sheehy, Knockane; Maurice Dee, South Quay; Jim (Scoop) Sheehy, also of South Quay.

UNIQUE RECORD

The grand tradition established by these men is still being maintained even though hurling in the division as a whole, sad to relate, is just now at a low ebb.

To-day the Newcastle West hurling team, now in the junior grade, prides itself on a unique record of successes with many titles and a long succession of near misses.

Unfortunately the parish has suffered much more than most others from the tragic drain of emigration.

Despite this apparently never ending draw on its manpower resources the Newcastle West Club has carried on gallantly under the supervision

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The "Magpies" Are Building Again

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of a most efficient and energetic band of officers.

Its worthy President is Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., in his day a great exponent of the game, sets a fine example to the youth of the parish.

As Chairman of the Club, Billy O'Connor is merely maintaining a link with the older days when his father, John O'Connor, wielded a hurley with a skill equal to the best.

Much of the credit for the present flourishing state of the Association in the parish is due to the hard working and zealous Secretary, Mr. John Whelan, who devotes practically every minute of his spare time to the affairs of the club.

LACK OF PITCH

Unfortunately the town is still without a modern, fully equipped playing pitch capable of accommodating the record crowds that are now patronising the more important G.A.A. fixtures in the division.

However, it is hoped in the not too distant future to remedy this rather serious defect. For some time past the officials of the club have been negotiating with the County Council authorities with a view to acquiring in the local Town Park a site suitable for full development as a Gaelic Grounds worthy of the parish.

JUNIOR FOOTBALL

Newcastle West, 1-4;
Mountcollins, 0-4.

At Killeedy on Sunday, Newcastle West repeated their performance of last year when they scored a well merited but hard earned victory over Mountcollins in the opening round of the West Limerick junior football championship. At half-time the winners were leading by 1-2 to 0-3 and despite a late rally by Mountcollins, Newcastle West held the initiative and were still leading at the final whistle. Jack Egan was the principal scorer for Newcastle West, who were also well served throughout by O'Grady, O'Connor, Ford and Wall. *Line 56*
Mr. Sean Herlihy (Killeedy) refereed.

WEST LIMERICK MINOR HURLING GROUP FINAL

Newcastle West 5-2
Granagh-Ballingarry 3-2

HURLING at its best and brightest was the order of the day at Rathkeale Gaelic Grounds on Sunday, when Newcastle West scored a two-goal victory over Granagh-Ballingarry in the group final of the West Limerick minor hurling championship. The winners were also successful when they met the same rivals in the divisional final last season and on that account the clash was regarded as one of the most interesting of the series this year. On this anticipation, there was certainly no cause for disappointment for the rather small but enthusiastic gathering of patrons, who were treated to a first class exhibition by two great teams.

THE PLAY

Playing in the first half with the decided advantage of a veritable gale, the winners forced the pace in the opening moiety, but their position in the circumstances seemed far from secure, with a lead of three goals and two points, as Granagh-Ballingarry had succeeded in notching two goals against the teeth of the gale and the run of the play. Their forwards, however, failed to make the most of the advantage in the closing half, while the Newcastle West defence stood well up to the test and succeeded in holding on to their lead up to the final whistle. They might well, in fact, have added a few more scores to their winning tally, but, on the other hand, Granagh-Ballingarry also threw away quite a few good scoring chances, which included a couple of 21-yard frees. On the whole, the winners deserved their victory and on this form they should make a bold bid to retain the divisional title, although there is still very tough opposition to encounter.

FIRST HALF

Newcastle West, playing towards the road end and making the most of the very decisive wind advantage, forced the pace from the start and, after keeping up the pressure, Flynn opened the scoring with a goal. Granagh-Ballingarry strove vainly to fight back against the wind, but the winners soon resumed the offensive and Tobin added a goal. Hope ran high in the Granagh-Ballingarry camp when Shea notched a goal for the combined parish boys and hope gave way to wild enthusiasm when the losers shortly afterwards caught the winners' defence off the mark for a goal, which brought the scores to a level. Quite undis-

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mayed by the unexpected reverse, the winners attacked from the delivery and David O'Donnell recovered the lead with a goal. Flynn was again to the fore with another Newcastle West goal, to which Dermot O'Donnell added a point from a midfield free. In the closing stages of the first half, Devine had another goal for the winners, who added a point before the interval, when the scores were:—

Newcastle West, 5-2; Granagh-Ballingarry, 2-0.

SECOND MOIETY

On the resumption, Granagh-Ballingarry lost no time in forcing the pace, with the gale behind them, but the winners' defence stood well up to the test in those early attacks and O'Connor proved very sound in goal, although only a juvenile. Newcastle West, on the other hand, made quite a few dangerous raids on the opposing net in those early stages, but failed to register any further scores although there were a few very close shaves as Kelly distinguished himself in the Granagh-Ballingarry net. A 21-yard free gave Granagh-Ballingarry their first real chance and Shea sent over the bar for a point. Another equally well placed penalty went for nought, but when Collins, Bowen and Catherell led a determined Granagh-Ballingarry drive a few minutes later the winners conceded a goal from still another 21 yard free. After sending over several wides and following some further fine saves by O'Connor and the winners' defence, Granagh-Ballingarry could only succeed in adding a point before the long whistle.

Mr. Tom McNamara (Rathkeale) refereed.

THE TEAMS.

Newcastle West—P. O'Connor, P. O'Donnell, P. Carmody, B. Mulvihill, M. Phelan, D. O'Donnell, J. Sayers, D. O'Donnell, J. Sexton, J. Dowling, M. Tobin, J. Tobin, P. Devine, C. Giltenane, D. Flynn.

Granagh-Ballingarry—K. Kelly, J. Carmody, S. O'Grady, L. Shea, J. Harnett, S. Sullivan, P. McAuliffe, P. Hogan, P. Bowen, J. Collins, N. Murphy, J. Stapleton, D. Butler, J.

Newcastle West G.A.A. Grounds Development

Grants totalling £500 have been made available for the development of the new Gaelic Grounds in Newcastle West, it was announced at the annual convention of the West Limerick G.A.A. Board at Newcastle West on Sunday. Last year, it will be recalled, a Fields Committee appointed under the auspices of the local G.A.A. Club was handed over possession of a five-acre site in the Town Park, quit convenient to the centre of the town. The committee got down to work immediately and a firm of

land reclamation contractors was employed to level and lay-out the site. Approximately £2,000 was expended on this work, which was completed in record time despite very unfavourable weather conditions. Unfortunately the persistence of the bad weather somewhat delayed the plans for the re-seeding of the pitch but this part of the work will be resumed as soon as conditions permit.

Meanwhile the West Limerick G.A.A. Board has made a very generous grant of £300 towards the

cost of the project, while a grant of £200 has been made available by the Munster Council. These welcome contributions will enable the Fields Committee to go ahead with its ambitious plans for providing in the town what promises to be one of the finest playing pitches of its kind in the county. Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., President of the local G.A.A. Club, is chairman of the Fields Committee, and Mr. John Whelan, Secretary of the West Limerick G.A.A. Board, is secretary.

Hurling Club Loses Six Players Through Emigration

Since its last championship engagement a few months ago, Newcastle West Junior Hurling Club has lost six of its players through emigration. Latest departures from the ranks of the team are Patrick Dowling, Dually, and John Hynes, Knockane, two of its most outstanding and promising stalwarts.

"Paddy" Dowling, as he was better known to his team mates and numerous friends in the Association, left for New York during the week. He was considered one of the most loyal members of the Club and Committee and played many outstanding games in both hurling and football. He was also a member of the Western Gaels Senior Hurling team. While still in his early twenties he had won five West Limerick hurling and football honours with the local Club.

Also departed for New York last week was John Hynes, Knockane, one of the Club's most promising young hurlers. John won minor and juvenile divisional honours with the local teams and would have been qualified to play minor again in 1958 had he remained at home. A few years back John was also an outstanding member of the Newcastle West Juvenile Boxing Club and he captured honours in the ring both in Limerick and outside it. Before their departure both players were made suitable presentations by the Committee of the Newcastle West G.A.A. Club.

Travelling with John Hynes to New York was his sister, Miss Joan Hynes, who was a fine exponent of Irish dancing and a leading member of the local Dramatic Class.

He Fought In Boer War

Newcastle West has lost one of its oldest and best known citizens by the death of Mr. Patrick Massey, Maiden Street, who passed away during the week-end after a comparatively short illness. Deceased, who was over 90 years, was believed to be the last local survivor of the men who saw active service with the British Army in the Boer War. He was only a youth when he enlisted and later served in the First World War, from which he retired on pension. Some years back he celebrated the diamond jubilee of his wedding. In his younger days deceased was one of the leading members of the famous local football selection—the Wolfe Tones. Esteemed and respected by all, the late Mr. Massey was a gentleman of many fine qualities and a never-failing sense of humour endeared him to all who knew him. Despite his advanced years he was in remarkably good health up to a few years ago. He was father of Mr. Patrick Massey, of Messrs. Suttons; Mr. Harry Massey, Connolly Terrace; Mr. Dan Massey, Maiden Street; Mrs. J. Lenihan, St. Ita's Terrace; Mrs. Ambrose, Churchtown, to all of whom, as well as to the bereaved widow and numerous grandchildren, sincere sympathy will be tendered. There was a very large and representative attendance at the funeral, which took place from Newcastle West Church to Churchtown Cemetery.

Officiating clergy were: Right Rev. Monsignor Hannan, P.P., V.G.; Rev. M. Kelly, C.C.; Rev. D. McCarthy, C.C.; Rev. Father Justin, O.F.M. (Cap.).

Chief mourners included: Mrs. Massey (widow); Patrick, Harry and Dan Massey (sons); Mrs. J. Lenihan, Mrs. Kitty Ambrose, Mrs. Madgie Robertston (daughters), etc.

Death Of Old Gael Who Played For Famous Team

Mr. Edmond Mullane, North Quay, Newcastle West, whose death occurred during the week-end after a fairly long illness, was one of the town's most esteemed and respected residents. He had been associated with the commercial life of the town for nearly half a century and carried on a successful drapery business for many years. The late Mr. Mullane was one of the last if not the only surviving member of the famous Commercial football team which won an All-Ireland championship in the nineties. He is survived by his wife, his only son, Mr. Jack Mullane; two sisters, Mrs. Gaffney, Miss Mullane, and a brother, Mr. Willie Mullane, all of Ballyelan, Ballingarry. Sincere sympathy will be tendered to the bereaved wife, son and relatives. There was a large and representative attendance at the funeral on Tuesday from Newcastle West Church to Churchtown Cemetery.

Right Rev. Monsignor Hannan, P.P., V.G., assisted by Rev. D. Houlihan, C.C., and Rev. Kilian O'Dwyer, officiated at the graveside.

Chief mourners included:—Mrs. Mullane (wife), Jack Mullane (son), Mrs. Gaffney, Miss Mullane (sisters), Willie Mullane (brother), Mrs. J. Mullane (daughter-in-law), etc.

NEWCASTLE WEST G.A.A. ¹⁹⁵⁹ CARNIVAL A GREAT SUCCESS

NEWCASTLE WEST G.A.A. Carnival, which concluded on last week, proved one of the most successful of its kind ever held in the west of the county. Crowds thronged into the town on most evenings and weather conditions were ideal throughout most of the ten days. The carnival dances in the Desmond Hall also proved most successful and attracted record gatherings of patrons on most nights. The carnival hurling tournament for a valuable set of watches proved most successful and provided a series of first-class games, with the issue still to be decided.

FOR THE NEW G.A.A. PARK

As a result of the carnival, a substantial sum is being made available to the fund for the provision of the new G.A.A. Park in the Demesne. Meanwhile, operations on the completion of the new grounds are proceeding apace and it is anticipated that by the end of the week work will have been completed on the erection of the cement wall enclosing the grounds, as well as on the erection of an artistic entrance gate. The field, when completed, promises to be one of the finest G.A.A. pitches in any rural centre in the south, with ample seating and accommodation for record crowds. With the first-class facilities proposed to be made available, it is expected that the grounds will provide an attractive venue for inter-county, as well as county and divisional championship games.

DONKEY DERBY

One of the main attractions of a very entertaining carnival programme was the donkey derby, which attracted a record number of entries from all parts of West Limerick. Several hundred people lined the streets for the final on Friday evening when the local nomination, owned by Mr. J. Nash, Gortboy, proved an easy winner, with T. J. Doherty up. The results were announced as follows: 1st, T. J. Doherty, Newcastle West; 2nd, M. Hourigan, Rathkeale; 3rd, John Enright, Ardagh.

The judges were Rev. D. Houlihan, C.C., Vice-President of the G.A.A. Club; Mr. Jack Flynn and Mr. Duggan, Amusements Caterer.

TUG-O-WAR

Hardly less attractive and well supported was the Tug-o-War on Saturday evening, when teams competed from Castlemahon, Ballyallinan, Holycross and Carrickerry. After an exciting series of contests Holycross were declared winners, with Ballyallinan runners-up.

The adjudicator was Mr. Liam Hough, ex-N.T., Treasurer, Munster G.A.A. Council.

The Holycross team was from Bruff.

Newcastle West ^{Sept 1959} Gaelic Park Carnival Week

The big project of the Newcastle West Gaelic Grounds is taking definite shape now (writes "Caman"), and there is a wall being built all around it at a cost of £2,500, which will include the most up-to-date entrance and exit doors. Comfortable seating is also being installed at the moment and it is planned to have accommodation for three thousand people when this part of the work is completed. Some £5,000 has already been spent on the purchase and development of the grounds, and it is reckoned that a further £1,000 will be expended before present plans are completed. In an effort to raise funds for this very necessary Gaelic Park, which must be a credit to the capital of West Limerick, a great carnival week commences this (Friday) evening and continues until Sunday, August 2nd. The big programme for this outstanding week in the history of Gaeldom in the West has already appeared in the advertising columns of the "Limerick Leader," and it will be agreed that the nightly attractions are such as should cater for every taste, and provide much interesting amusement for the crowds likely to flock there nightly.

The Hurling Tournament is particularly attractive and to-night's game, between Coolcappa and Rathkeale, should be a real thriller. On Sunday night the meeting of Dromcollogher and Granagh-Ballingarry must be a "must" for every hurling lover—the tit-bit of the competition. The semi-finals are fixed for Tuesday and Thursday of next week, and then the great decider as a fitting ending to the carnival week on Sunday, August 2nd. Newcastle West certainly offers great fare in this gala Gaelic Week.

GREAT SUPPORTER OF NATIONAL GAMES.

Mr. J. Whelan (Secretary) said they had learned with very much regret that Supt. M. McKenna, G.S. Newcastle West, had now retired from the force but he was glad to learn that Mr. McKenna intended to remain amongst them in the town. Supt. McKenna was always a great supporter of their national games and was most co-operative with the local club whenever members of the force were required to play with them. On behalf of the Gaels of the parish he wished Mr. and Mrs. McKenna many future years of health and happiness.

The Chairman said he would like to be associated with Mr. Whelan's remarks and on behalf of the West Limerick Board he offered the good wishes of the Gaels of the division to Mr. McKenna.

Newly Ordained ^{July 59} Priest Celebrates His First Mass

Amongst the nineteen students ordained at Thurles Cathedral on Sunday was Rev. Patrick O'Donovan, son of Mr. Stephen and Mrs. Margaret O'Donovan, Churchtown, Newcastle West. The parents, uncles, aunts and several relatives travelled to Thurles for the ceremony and again attended at Newcastle West Church of the Immaculate Conception on Monday morning, when Father O'Donovan celebrated his first Mass after the ordination. There was a very large congregation of parishioners and after the Mass Father O'Donovan imparted his blessing to all present. A reception was held subsequently in the Central Hotel and was attended by the parents, brothers and sisters, relatives and a large gathering of friends. The newly ordained priest was assisted in the ceremonies by Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., Newcastle West. On Tuesday morning Father O'Donovan again celebrated Mass at the Parish Church in Ardagh, in which parish he was born, and there was again a very large congregation, including the children of the local National Schools, on all of whom Father O'Donovan bestowed his blessing. He was welcomed to Ardagh by Very Rev. Father O'Brien, P.P., and Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., was also in attendance.

Two aunts of Father O'Donovan, Mrs. O'Driscoll and Miss Kitty O'Donovan, travelled by air from the United States over the week-end to be present at the ordination ceremony and brought with them a set of vestments for their newly ordained nephew. Later they will present him with a beautiful gold chalice.

WAS AN OUTSTANDING GAELE.

Father O'Donovan was born at Ardagh some twenty-five years ago and later the family moved to their present home in Churchtown, Newcastle West. Coming from a family of great Gaels on both sides, he was one of the most outstanding young athletes in the parish and, playing with Newcastle West, he won divisional honours in minor hurling and football and junior football, while he acquitted himself with distinction in the Western Gaels senior hurling team. He was also for a period captain of the hurling team at St. Patrick's College, Thurles, where he completed his clerical studies. He received his early education at the Courtney National School, Newcastle West, and St. Munchin's College. He was a nephew of Mr. John Whelan, Secretary of the West Limerick G.A.A. Board, and of Mr. Jerry Whelan, Manager, Sutton's Stores, Newcastle West; Mr. Tim Whelan, C.I.E. Staff, Newcastle West; Mr. Michael Whelan, Station Master, Kilrush; Mr. Patrick Whelan, Mullingar. Also present at ordination and other ceremonies that followed was his 82 year old grandmother, Mrs. Whelan, Chapel Street, Newcastle West.

FOR ENGLISH MISSION.

Father O'Donovan, who was the recipient of numerous messages of congratulation and best wishes for the future, will commence his clerical work in the English mission at Clifton.

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Newcastle West G.A.A. Carnival: Many Attractions

Despite rather unsettled weather conditions Newcastle West G.A.A. Carnival attracted big crowds during the week and patrons were amply rewarded with plenty of amusement and entertainment at its best. Crowds from the town and surrounding districts flocked into the Desmond Cinema grounds each night and the carnival dances held on a number of nights also proved successful. The carnival is being held in aid of the fund for the enclosing and equipment of the new Gaelic Grounds which have been provided in the demesne and which, when completed, promise to be one of the finest in the south. Work was completed last year on the lay-out of the pitch, which was re-sodded and drained. At the moment work is proceeding apace on the erection of an enclosure wall around the grounds as well as the provision of an attractive entrance gate. Seating accommodation for a big number of patrons is also to be provided in the new grounds, which are expected to be ready for games before the end of the present season. When the present operations are completed it is anticipated that over £5,000 will have been spent on the project, which is one of the most ambitious ever undertaken in the town.

Results from carnival events up to mid-week were:—

Slow Cycle Race — Winner, Michael O'Connor (Ardagh); runner-up, Ben O'Sullivan (Kilkeedy).

Donkey Derby—As a result of the preliminary heats run on Monday night the following qualified for the final of the Donkey Derby, which will be decided this (Friday) evening—Michael Quilligan, Denis O'Connell, T. J. Doherty, Jim Enright, M. Hourigan, Pat Sexton.

The tug-o-war on Saturday night promises to be one of the biggest attractions of the Carnival. The amusements will continue until Monday night, 3rd August.

THE HURLING.

The hurling tournament being run in conjunction with the carnival is proving a big success and providing some first class games for a large gathering of patrons. A valuable set of silver watches is being offered for the winners. The tournament opened in a hectic note on Sunday evening when the old rivals, Granagh-Ballingarry, 1958 divisional title holders, and Dromcollogher, failed to reach a decision after an hour of thrills. The re-play this (Friday) evening should provide one of the biggest hits of the tourney before the final. Meanwhile on Tuesday evening Newcastle West provided something in the nature of a surprise by scoring a last minute two-point win over a much fancied Knockaderry selection. Knockaderry were leading up to the closing minutes when John Sexton, the well known Limerick minor, rose to the occasion with a goal that put the home side on top just before the final whistle.

Main West Limerick G.A.A. attraction on Sunday next will be the minor hurling final at Knockaderry where Newcastle West and Dromcollogher will fight it out for the first title of the season. Everything points to a real thriller between two teams that distinguished themselves in their victories in the preliminary rounds of the competition.

Newcastle West Had An Easy Win

Newcastle West 2-5.
Castlemahon 0-5.

Newcastle West scored a rather convincing win over Castlemahon in the semi-final of the West Limerick Junior Football Championship at Ballingarry after a game that provided little in the way of excitement or good class football. With a strong cross wind that made ball manipulation difficult there was not very much scope for the finer points of the game, but having regard to the conditions both teams gave a good account of themselves. At half time the issue was open enough with the winners leading by four points, but in the second moiety Newcastle West proved their superiority in most departments and went on to register a convincing victory.

Newcastle West opened with a point from Kelly who, with Tobin and J. Kelly, added a couple of more points before Castlemahon replied with a point by O'Sullivan. Dan Sheehan followed up with a similar Castlemahon score and then Castlemahon drew level with an equalising point. Egan replied with a Newcastle West goal and Woulfe followed up with a point before half-time, when the position was: Newcastle West, 1-4; Castlemahon, 0-3.

On the resumption, following a long period of missed opportunities at both ends, Newcastle West resumed the scoring with a goal and a point from J. Kelly and Tobin. Castlemahon replied with points from Mick Dwane and Browne.

Mr. Tom McNamara (Rathkeale) refereed.

Newcastle West — J. Kelly, Jim Kelly, J. Nix, M. O'Connor, P. O'Donnell, T. Danaher, B. O'Donnell, M. (Yank) O'Connor, M. Hurley, D. Cahill, Jack Kelly, J. Egan, M. Tobin, T. Kelly, J. Woulfe.

Castlemahon—J. Quaid, D. Cremin, S. Lane, O. Raleigh, S. Sheehan, J. Quaid, D. Qaid, T. Dwane, P. J. Browne, D. Sheehan, S. Raleigh, S. Sullivan, M. Dwane, L. Quaid, S. Lane.

MERICK LEADER, SATURDAY

Newcastle West

Gaels' A.G.M.

Mr. William O'Connor was re-elected president of the Newcastlewest G.A.A. Club, at its annual general meeting. Other officers elected were: Chairman, Mr. Steve Nash; vice-chairman, Mr. Owen McAuliffe; hon. secretary, Mr. Mort O'Connor; hon. treasurer, Mr. Pat Condon. Committee: Messrs Des. O'Donoghue, Mike Nash, Dan Murphy, Kevin O'Donnell, Sean Normoyle, Jim Begley, and Mick Bourke. Senior Hurling: captain, Denis O'Grady, Jim Begley, Pat Condon, Wm. O'Connor and Mort O'Connor. Senior Football: captain, Pat Aherne; vice-captain, Dan Kennedy; selection committee, Messrs Pat Aherne, Dan Kennedy, Tom Danaher, Steve Nash and Billie O'Connor.

The hon. secretary, Mr. Mort O'Connor, in his report, congratulated the senior football team on their great win in the County Championship. He, also, paid tribute to the chairman and treasurer who, he said, had done a tremendous amount of work in the past year.

The meeting paid glowing tributes to Garda Pat Flanagan for the great work he had done for the club during his stay in Newcastlewest. All members wished him luck in his new headquarters.

It was decided to start on the building of dressing rooms, at the sportsfield, at the earliest possible date.

IN NEWCASTLE WEST

Well-Known Businessman Found Dead

One of the leading and most successful businessmen in Newcastle West, Mr. William Raleigh, P.C., draper, The Square, was found dead in Newcastle West Town Park on Thursday evening.

A life-long prominent Nationalist and Gael, he was aged about 60 years. He had gone for his customary half-holiday afternoon walk in the local park, and when he failed to return, members of his family and friends went to search for him. They discovered his dead body in the park. Apparently, he had a seizure.

The remains were removed to the local St. Ita's Hospital. He is survived by his wife and nine children.

He was brother-in-law of Captain Ned Cregan, Limerick County Civil Defence Officer, and Mr Patrick Cregan, Assistant Circulation Manager of the Irish Press Ltd.

The deceased was a former member of the Newcastle West senior hurling team and a founder mem-

THE "WEST" WON, BUT ONLY JUST

(By LIMERICK LEADER Staff Reporter)

J.F.—Newcastle West, 0-3; Ballysteen, 0-2.

Newcastle West, 1959 divisional champions, succeeded in retaining the title at Ballingarry on Sunday, but they may consider themselves lucky to have emerged victors by the odd point in five when they met Ballysteen in the West Limerick Junior Championship final.

In the closing stages of a dour struggle the champions had to fight every inch of the way to hold on to their slender lead. Indeed it looked at one stage of the hectic finish as if the game was going to end in a draw, when a Ballysteen free in front of the winners' net seemed a certainty for the equalising score, but the ball went straight for the net and was easily enough cleared by the Newcastle West defenders.

On the whole, however, the winners had a slight edge on their opponents. They were disallowed a point in the second half owing to an infringement and in the second half threw away what might be described as the gift of a point on a close-in free.

Despite the prolonged spell of bad weather, the Ballingarry pitch was in quite good order and well merited compliment is due to Dan Hourigan and the local Gaels for the efficiency of the field arrangements and stewarding. Having regard to the lateness of the season and the very uninviting nature of the weather conditions the attendance was well up to expectations and patrons were amply rewarded with a game that provided compensation in excitement for the lack of better-class football. Indeed there were thrills galore in the closing stages when the resurgent young Ballysteen men strove with every inch of energy that was in them to wipe out the single point deficiency. They need have no undue regrets about their failure to do so as they are a young team with big possibilities in the future.

Mr Frank Neenan (St. Mary's) was a very capable and impartial referee.

THE GAME.

Newcastle West had the best of the opening exchanges and despite some early clearances by Mike Mann, Liam Shaughnessy and Dony Nestor, the winning forwards forced the pace and Jack Egan was just wide of the mark when he fisted the ball wide. Eventually the Ballysteen forwards broke away from a long drive by Tom Carrig, but the effort went for naught.

Returning to the attack from the delivery, Ballysteen's Walsh, Allen and the Neville brothers moved in a well combined offensive, but once again the ball was kicked wide. In the course of a further determined Ballysteen attack, Newcastle West were penalised, but Brendan Neville just failed from a 20 yards free.

the challenge and Moss Hurley sent well down to David Cahill, who, after a spectacular solo run, was just wide of the mark in his kick for a point. In the fourteenth minute, Jimmy Kelly opened the scoring with a point for the winners. Keeping up the pressure for some minutes, Newcastle West had another point a few minutes later, but the score was disallowed owing to an infringement on the square.

Erratic shooting led to a succession of wides at both ends and the winners lost another good scoring chance shortly afterwards when a 20 yard free in front of the opposing net was sent wide. Just a minute or two before the interval, Mick Tobin added the second point for the winners from a well-placed near-in free. At half-time, the issue was still wide open on the score—Newcastle West, 0-2; Ballysteen, 0-0.

SECOND HALF.

Two minutes after the resumption Brian Neville infused a new life into the Ballysteen combination when he sent over the first score for his side and for several minutes the Newcastle West defence was under pressure as the Shannonsiders fought desperately for the equaliser. The winners, however, successfully stood up to the challenge and Paddy Sammon and Dominic Flynn paved the way for a further attack, which was brought to a successful issue, when Mick Tobin pointed from a well-placed free. Quite undeterred by this reverse, the Ballysteen men threw everything that was in them into another all-out onslaught, but Sean Neville just failed with a shot at the net. Eventually after ten minutes play the repeated Ballysteen efforts were rewarded when Mick Allen sent over the bar for a point from a free. There was now only a single point in it and the situation looked dangerous for the winners when they were penalised in front of the net. Mick Allen failed to lift the ball from the 30 yards free, and led by the Kelly brothers, the Newcastle West defence cleared. At the other end, Paddy Sammon cut through in a promising movement, but again the ball went wide. Another effort by Mick Tobin, from a free near in, also went wide and with every prospect of a draw there was tense excitement when Ballysteen were awarded another free in front of the opposing net, with little more than five minutes to go. Yet again, the opportunity was wasted and

Newcastle West beat Moneleen

NEWCASTLE WEST, the winners by 2-2 to 0-2 and Moneleen defied the weather to decide their Limerick County Junior Football Championship tie at Askeaton on Sunday, but even the oldest of spectators present agreed they never saw a game decided under worse conditions.

As it turned out it proved a great game packed with some really exciting passages of football so desperately fought in close quarters that it compensated those who braved the elements.

There was a lively mid-field interlude too, when, in the early stages a number of players were involved in a scuffle during which several blows were exchanged. Order was quickly restored, however, and the rest of the game, although tough, was fought in commendable sporting spirit.

Moneleen attacked from the throw-in, but the real thrill of the first half was a penalty by Mick O'Connor, that Joe Sheehy blocked on the goal-line and made a great clearance.

Narrow escape

Disaster almost overtook Moneleen at the start of the second half. Their goalkeeper and backs were not in position when the ball was thrown-in, and four Newcastle West players raced away with the ball at their feet, with the Moneleen defenders in hot pursuit.

At close range, however, one of the Western lads kicked to the open net, but his stiff drive went harmlessly wide of the objective.

Newcastle West returned to the assault and after a minute's siege of their opponents goal, a low strong drive by Tom Kelly found the net to put them on the road to victory.

The West maintained their pressure, but a great Moneleen defence repelled assault after assault until finally Dave Cahill clinched the issue entering the last quarter, when he had Newcastle's second goal.

LOAD OF STRAW

Referee Stephen Cronin (Cloughaun) handled the game with understanding while members of the Askeaton voluntary Grounds Committee did everything possible to facilitate the teams in their anxiety to play the game. Without their co-operation and hard work—and a

heavy load of straw—the game could not have taken place.

Newcastle West, by their victory, have completed a memorable double, as to ten of their players go the unique honour of having won Limerick Senior and Junior County Championship medals in the same season.

This was made possible by the fact that Western Gaels—a team drawn from the Junior clubs of the Western division, on which Newcastle West had many of the places—won the County Senior Football title.

For the Western Division it has been a great year, for in addition to the winning of the Senior Football county title by Western Gaels, and the Junior Football one now by Newcastle West, other titles to come to the area were the Minor Football, won by Askeaton, and Juvenile Hurling, which Broadford won.

South Limerick had notable successes also this year—Kilmallock winning out in Senior hurling for the first time, and Garryspillane capturing their first county crown by winning in Junior hurling.

East Limerick won the Minor hurling laurels, South Liberties taking this title, whilst the city division, who usually capture many crowns, had to be satisfied with a lone success—St. Patrick's, in Juvenile football.

SUSPENDED

Sunday next is a blank day on Limerick Gaelic fields, as owing to the prevailing weather conditions the County Board, and all divisional Boards, have decided to suspend activities until the New Year.

Biggest area affected is the city, where a heavy programme awaits completion. This includes finals in Senior and Junior hurling, in aid of the City Grounds Development Fund; the City Senior Football Cup semi-final and final, and six Leagues.

The County Board have two Senior cup finals to complete—Emmets and Treaty Sarsfields in hurling; Treaty Sarsfields and Western Gaels in football.

In the West, the two Under 15 finals, hurling and football, remain to be played, whilst in the South, the semi-final and final of the Special Junior football competition awaits completion.

East Limerick is the only area that succeeded in completing its programme within the year.

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forced the pace at the other end.

TEAMS.

Newcastle West—Billy Kelly, Jim Kelly, M. O'Connor, Jim Woulfe, Dom Flynn, Bob O'Donnell, Paddy O'Donnell, M. O'Connor, Moss Hurley, Mick Tobin, Jack Kelly, David Cahill, Tom Kelly, Paddy Sammon, Jack Egan.

Ballysteen — Tony Fitzgerald, Liam Shaughnessy, Mike Mann, Dony Nestor, Mick Hennessy, D. McMahon, Ned Walsh, Tom Carrig, Frank Kenny, Mick Rahanan, P. Neville, Mick Walsh, Mick Allen,

New G.A.A. Park Formally Opened And Blessed At Newcastle West

MR. SEAN BARRETT, Chairman of the Munster Council, formally opened a new G.A.A. Park, built at a cost of £6,000, at Newcastle West, yesterday. There was a crowd of over 5,000 present for the occasion.

Apart from visitors from all parts of Limerick County, many came from the adjoining counties. Very Rev. Mgr M. Hannan, P.P., V.G., Newcastle West, blessed the park before the opening.

Other clergy present were Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., Chairman of the Park Committee; Very Rev. E. Canon Punch, P.P. V.F., Mungret, Hon. President of Limerick Co. Board; Rev. P. Green, C.C., Vice-Chairman, West Limerick Board; Rev. B. Houlihan, Vice-Chairman, County Committee; Rev. E. McCarthy, C.C., Croom, Hon. President of the West Limerick Board; and Messrs. T. O'Reilly, Chairman, County Board; D. F. Fitzmaurice, N.T., Vice-Chairman; J. O'Connell, Secretary, do.; L. Hough, Treasurer, Munster Council; J. Whelan, Secretary, West Limerick Board.

Rev. Father Kelly, opening the park, spoke in Irish and English in the course of his speech. "This is a proud and wonderful day for Newcastle West," he said "and on my own behalf and on behalf of the committee. I warmly thank anyone who supported the project. He thanked and welcomed Mr. Barrett for making the long journey to open the park on behalf of the G.A.A. He invoked God's blessing and said that they as clergy, realised that games fostered Christian manhood and counteracted many of the influences coming against us to-day.

GREAT OMEN.

The Chairman, in the course of his address, said it was an auspicious occasion not only for Newcastle West, but also for West Limerick. He congratulated all concerned for the opening of the park which, he said, was a great omen for the future of the G.A.A. The G.A.A. had played a very important part in the national fight, and he felt that the Association, more than any other, had been consistent with the national principle. Newcastle West were county champions when Limerick won the All-Ireland hurling championship in 1918-24, and he hoped that the park would bring about a revival in the fortunes of the county.

MATCH DRAWN.

Following the opening ceremony, Limerick played a drawn game with a Cork selection in the opening round of a senior hurling tournament for a set of gold medals. At half-time Cork led by 3-5 to 2-4, but, in the closing quarter, Limerick made a determined rally and forced a draw. It was a hectic finish and left the score: Cork, 5-11; Limerick, 6-8.

The referee was T. Small, Clare.

Games And Athletics In The West

MAIN topic of conversation in the Western division over the week-end was the spectacular defeat of Dromcollogher by Newcastle West in the final of the local Gold Watches Tournament. Less than a week previously Dromcollogher had given a trouncing to a fairly strong Coolcappa-Ardagh combination in the semi-final and it was generally taken for granted that the valuable trophies would go to the North Cork border town. Account was also taken of the fact that last year Dromcollogher swept all before them in the western divisional junior hurling championship and went on to win the county final, as a result of which they have now graduated into senior ranks. Incidentally, their first clash in the major competition will be against their neighbours and old rivals, Feohanagh, and the game should be a particularly interesting one.

Newcastle West, on the other hand, might be described as one of the most unpredictable teams in the division. Last season they fared badly in the championship but this year they certainly have got away to a flying start with three tournament trophies already to their credit and much promise of bigger and better things to come. In their crushing defeat of a fancied Dromcollogher on Sunday they completely upset the form card. Right from the start they were on the ball and once they got into their stride there was no looking back. The Kelly brothers, Hurley and Danaher were very much in the picture, while Paddy Sammon, now back from New York, played one of the best games of his career. Indeed, there wasn't a weak link in the team chain and mention must also be made of Owen McAuliffe, Peter Cremin, Mickie O'Connor, Jack Egan and Mick Tobin, who went on a veritable scoring spree towards the end of the hour.

ONLY A SHADOW.

Dromcollogher, on the other hand, never really got going, and for the most part were only like the ghost of the combination we saw less than a week earlier or in the championship arena last year. It was certainly very difficult to account for their almost complete collapse. After the game one of their best known followers tried to

Football Victory Dec 60

Bonfires blazed and there was much merry-making in the town on Sun. night to celebrate the victory of the junior football team against Monaleen in the long delayed final of the County Championship. The players with their escort of two special 'buses and a fleet of motor cars were greeted on their arrival by a big crowd and the scenes of enthusiasm continued for some hours. The celebrations were continued on an even bigger and more enthusiastic scale at the Old Mill on Tuesday night when a big crowd assembled to pay special tribute to the players from that end of the parish. With two divisional titles and a county championship to its credit after the year, the Newcastle West G.A.A. Club has had one of the most successful seasons in its history. As sponsors of the Western Gaels' team, the Club also holds the Co. Senior Football Cup.

Owing to the death of Mr. William Raleigh, P.C., the victory parade arranged for next Sunday has been postponed to a later date.

Christmas Fair

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explain it away by lack of training and practice, but one cannot help wondering if there wasn't a little more to it than that. They could scarcely have lost within less than a week the fitness that enabled them to completely overawe the Coolcappa-Ardagh challenge. And it was openly whispered before the match that as a team the Newcastle West men hadn't come together since their previous tournament encounter. It might well have been that Dromcollogher just hit one of those off days when nothing goes right. Certainly everything or almost everything seemed to go wrong with them on Sunday evening and, apart from the frees, in which he is a rare specialist, even the sharp shooting Pa Wall was unable somehow to register the usual collection of scores.

Diamond Cup Goes West *June 1960*

In the Double Diamond Cup, Junior Hurling Tournament final played at Askeaton on Sunday, Newcastle West defeated Knockaderry by 8-8 to 2-2. The game was not up to expectations but there were some bouts of good hurling. There was a large crowd of spectators and weather conditions were

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before the meeting concluded, and arrangements were made for a canvass of the remaining branch members within the next few days.

ideal. The local committee are to be complimented on excellent stewarding arrangements and a pitch second to none. The teams were led on to the pitch by St. Mary's Band, Rathkeale.

Mr. T. O'Sullivan, Limerick, was referee.

Newcastle West—L. O'Kelly, T. Davis, P. O'Donnell, C. O'Connor, M. O'Connor, M. O'Connor, M. Hurley, E. Salmon, S. O'Kelly, D. Cahill, P. Crimmin, T. O'Kelly, T. Danaher, P. Brandon, S. O'Kelly.

Knockaderry—S. Butler, S. Begley, P. Lyons, S. O'Connor, M. Hennessy, D. Wall, S. Hennessy, P. O'Brien, G. Frawley, S. Magner, C. Hennessy, S. Danaher, S. O'Connor, D. Meehan, D. Dowling.

Newcastle West: Billy Kelly; Ger Kelly, Paddy Kelly, Dan Kennedy, Noel O'Connor, Tom Downes, Peter Cremin, Moss Hurley, Paddy McCarthy, Tom Kelly, Billy Nash, Peter Curtin, Murt O'Connor, Jack Kelly, Denny O'Grady. *BF 1965*

GAELIC PARK

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Operations were commenced during the past week on a comprehensive scheme of drainage in the new Gaelic Park in the Demesne. Plans have been also completed for a number of other improvements including the provision of dressing rooms and additional seating accommodation. Also under consideration on a long term basis is the erection of a covered-in stand. The enclosure, which is now one of the finest of its kind in the county, was built some four or five years ago and expenditure to date has been in the region of £8,000. Complaints have been made from time to time of wanton damage to the property by irresponsible individuals. The committee in charge has issued a final warning that drastic steps will be taken to deal with offenders in future.

FOOTBALL VICTORY

Members of the Newcastle West junior football team were given an enthusiastic reception when they arrived home from Askeaton on Sunday night with the County Cup. At the victory celebrations held subsequently in Colbert Square, bonfires blazed as tributes were paid to the victorious players. *1966*

INJURED IN GAME

Garda Patrick McDonnell, one of the Newcastle West players, who gave an outstanding performance in the final up to the time of his retirement with an injury in the second half, was later removed to Limerick Regional Hospital with a suspected leg fracture. His condition on Monday was said to be quite satisfactory and his colleagues on the team wish him a full and speedy recovery from his injury.

Newcastle trounce Ardagh *28/6/65*

Newcastle West 4-4
Ardagh 0-2

NEWCASTLE WEST romped home to a rather easy but unimpressive victory in the West Limerick Minor Hurling Championship final before a fairly large gathering at Rathkeale Gaelic Grounds on Sunday. Although play at times tended to be over vigorous with a couple of unseemly interruptions the game seldom reached the standard usually associated with the divisional decider in the minor grade.

With only a goal between the teams at the interval the issue was still open on the turn over but the winners soon took over in the second moiety and were in complete control in a rather dull and disappointing finish. There were jubilant scenes after the final when the divisional trophy was presented to Paul Dunworth, captain of the winning team, who was carried shoulder high from the enclosure.

Newcastle West forced the pace from the throw-in and five minutes after the start Kevin O'Donnell opened the scoring with a goal. Ardagh fought back gamely and sent over two points to reduce the lead to the narrowest margin. Before the interval, however, Joe Nash and Paul Dunworth added two further points for the winners, leaving the position at half-time: Newcastle West, 1-2; Ardagh, 0-2.

Ten minutes after the resumption following a number of near misses Newcastle West went a goal ahead from a scramble in front of the net. The winners continued to maintain the pressure and despite a stiff Ardagh defence Joe Nash notched a goal and point before Ardagh again took up the running but missed a couple of good scoring chances. In the closing ten minutes Joe Nash clinched the issue with a goal from a long solo run. Patsy Horgan rounded off the day's scoring with a Newcastle West point.

Mr. Tom McNamara (St. Mary's) refereed.

EXILED GAEL'S DEATH

His numerous old friends in the G.A.A. learned with very deep regret of the untimely passing of Mr. Jim O'Grady, whose death occurred in New York at the early age of 32 years.

Son of the late James O'Grady and brother of Mr. Mick O'Grady, former Newcastle West hurler and referee, deceased was one of the leading members of the Newcastle West hurling and football teams and played with Limerick in both codes on a number of occasions.

Following his emigration, he became one of the most prominent players on the New York team, with which he travelled to this country in 1962.

He also travelled to Ireland a year or so ago to attend the funeral of his mother, the late Mrs. Julia O'Grady, Assumpta Park. He is survived by his wife and three children.

A glowing tribute to the memory of deceased was paid by the Chairman (Mr. Liam Fitzmaurice, N.T.) and Secretary (Mr. John Whelan) at the last meeting of the West Limerick G.A.A. Board, at which sympathy was tendered to the bereaved widow, family and relatives.

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FOOTBALL FINAL

Newcastle West are again western junior football champions after a lapse of six years. They certainly left nothing to chance in the final at Rathkeale on Sunday when they coasted home to a runaway seventeen points win over a Kilcoleman selection that seemed only a small shadow of the team that convincingly beat St. Mary's in the semi-final. The losers, however, were short nearly half a dozen of their main hopes and, indeed, looked for a time on Sunday as if the "Magpies" were going to be made a present of the title with a bloodless victory. In fact, the final was held up for nearly half an hour while John Fitz. and the Kilcoleman officials seemed uncertain of being able to muster a full fifteen. They eventually succeeded in doing so, but it was pretty obvious from the start that they were not nearly match for the winners. *SHOT IN ARM 3-12-66*

The victory, although not entirely unexpected, helped to provide a welcome shot in the arm for the Newcastle West Club as it represents their first and only championship success for the current season. Paradoxically enough for a traditionally strong hurling parish, success in more recent years has been achieved mainly in the football arena. The "Magpies" last won the divisional title in 1960, when they went on to collect county honours, and they were also divisional football champions in the previous year.

FOOTBALL WIN

Members of the Newcastle West junior football team were given a rousing reception when they arrived home on Sunday with the divisional championship cup. A cavalcade of cars escorted the victorious team and supporters through the principal streets of the town and there were jubilant scenes at the impromptu victory celebrations held subsequently in Colbert Square. Earlier, at Rathkeale Gaelic Grounds, following their 3-11 to 0-3 win over Kilcoleman, Noel O'Connor, Captain of the winning team, was presented with the divisional trophy by Mr. Liam Fitzmaurice, N.T., Chairman of the West Board, who congratulated the winners and complimented both teams on a sporting final.

Newcastle West last won the western junior football championship in 1960, when they went on to win the county title. Their next outing will be at Dromcollogher on Sunday week when they meet Herbertstown in the county semi-final.

LOSS TO GAELDOM

West Limerick has lost one of its oldest and truest Gaels by the recent death of Mr. John O'Connor, Market Place, Newcastle West. One of the last surviving pioneers of hurling in the west, John had reached the fine old age of 89 years and was as keenly interested in the game up to a week or so before his rather unexpected demise. He was a leading member of the first hurling team which introduced the game to the parish and laid the foundation for the subsequent hurling fame shared by Newcastle West for many years. Up to the very end he continued to take a keen and enthusiastic interest and was one of the best-known personalities at most of the games in the western division. Of a quiet and unassuming disposition, John was a carpenter by trade and in his day a widely recognised skilled and gifted craftsman. In that capacity he also made another contribution to the game as a maker of top-standard hurleys, camans that were widely acclaimed as works of art. The family, as might be expected, carried on the tradition and his son, Bill, was Chairman of the Newcastle West G.A.A. Club for many years.

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Jack is now Principal in Limerick Art School.
G.A.A. A.G.M. Feb. 67
The annual meeting of the local G.A.A. Club was held on Thursday night, 19th inst. At the outset, tribute was paid to a former member of the Club, Patrick "Budgie" O'Grady, who was tragically killed last year, and all present observed a two-minutes silence in remembrance.
The following committee and selectors were elected for the coming year:—
President, Very Rev. T. Canon Costelloe, P.P.; Vice-Pres., Rev. Fr. Wall, C.C.; Chairman, John Kennedy; Vice-Chairman, Peter Fitzgerald; Secretary, T. Mac-Namara; Treasurer, P. Brennan; Team Secretary, M. Neville; Hurling Selectors: P. Fitzgerald, J. Langan, M. Neville.
Hurling Selectors: P. Fitzgerald, J. Langan, M. Neville. Football, do.: P. Fitzgerald, S. Conroy, Wm. Foster.
Above selectors to be helped by Captains: Hurling Capt., Jas. Walsh; Vice-Capt., S. McDonnell; Football Capt., C. Guiney; Vice-Capt., J. Jones.
All officials will act as delegates to the Western Board when required.
FIANNA FAIL MEETING.
At a Fianna Fail meeting in the Library on last Friday night

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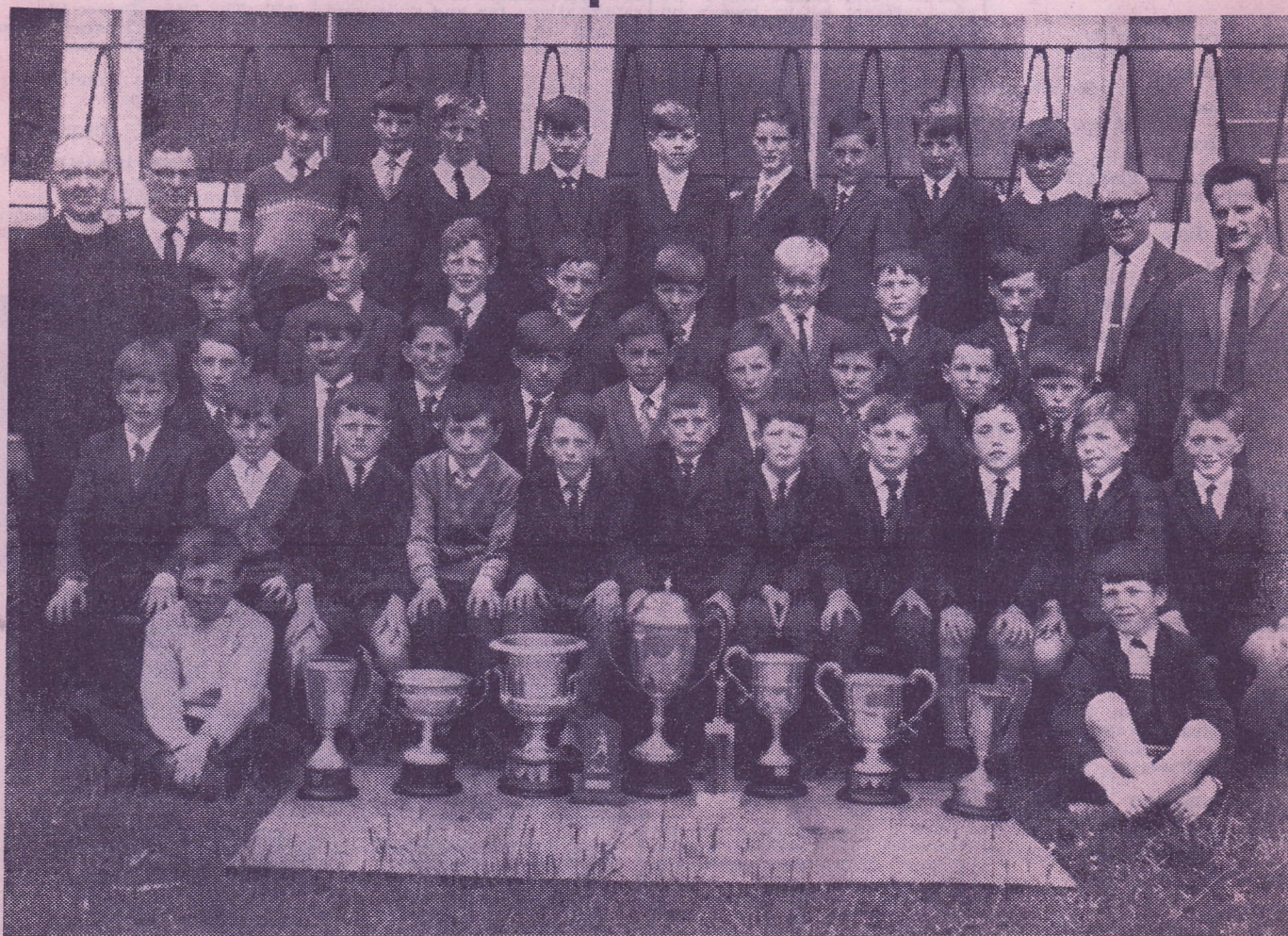
GREAT GAEL

His numerous old friends in the western capital learned with sincere regret of the death in Dublin last week of a great Gael and outstanding hurler in his day—Jack Dermody. Member of an old Kilkenny hurling family, Jack came to Newcastle West in the early 'twenties as linotype operator on the former "Weekly Observer," and as full-back in the far-famed New-

castle West senior hurling team contributed much to the many successes of that great combination. On the closure of the paper he went first to the "Limerick Leader" and later joined the staff of the "Irish Press," in which he worked for twenty-five years. Gaels in Newcastle West and, indeed, in all parts of the division will join in tendering sympathy to Mrs. Dermody, formerly Miss Ita Leslie; to his son, Matt, and the other members of the bereaved family. Jack, incidentally, was an uncle of Sergt Liam Dermody, Athea, who is maintaining the family tradition as a leading player on the local hurling and football teams.

TUESDAY, JULY 16, 1968

A UNIQUE RECORD



The combined hurling and football teams from St. Brendan's School, Limerick, who have set up a unique record. In the school year, '67-'68, they won every trophy in Limerick City Schools' hurling and football in

NEWCASTLE WEST

G.A.A. CLUB

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Over 100 guests were entertained to a most enjoyable social at the second annual dinner of the Newcastle West G.A.A. Club at the local Golf Clubhouse on Tuesday night.

Rev. D. Houlihan, C.C., President of the Club, presided and extended a welcome to all present, including officials of the Munster Council, as well as the County and Divisional Boards.

Mr. John Whelan, Secretary, West Limerick Board, acted as M.C. and said they were delighted to welcome Mr. Liam Hough, Treasurer, Munster Council, who has been always a great friend and helper of the club; also Mr. Tom Boland, Secretary of the County Board, and Mrs. Boland; Liam Fitzmaurice, N.T., Chairman, West Board, and the other visitors. He apologised for the unavoidable absence of the club Chairman, Mr. Larry Curtin, and paid a special tribute to club Secretary, Mr. Murt O'Connor, who was the man mainly responsible for the successful organising of the function.

HONoured

Mr. L. Fitzmaurice said he felt honoured to be present at the function as it was a real tribute to see Gaels enjoying themselves at these socials, which seemed to be the thing of the future. On behalf of the West Board he wished the Newcastle West Club success in the future.

Mr. Liam Hough said he was glad to see so many of the camogie players present and hoped during the coming year they would show good example to the boys who, he felt, could have done with a little more training last year.

FIELD

Mr. Tom Boland congratulated the Newcastle West Club on the fine displays of their senior football team and the wonderful enthusiasm they had always shown over the years. They were never involved in any unseemly incident and were an example to other clubs in that respect. They were also to be complimented on their splendid playing field and in that connection he said they could hope for assistance from the Central Council towards the field in the near future.

The Secretary said originally it was intended to be confined to the club members, their wives and girl friends but they were

very happy to welcome representatives of outside clubs.

Fr. Houlihan, on behalf of the club, thanked Mr. Myles Breen, Limerick, for the excellent catering; the Golf Club for providing the accommodation and Devine's Band for supplying the music for the social that followed.

The attendance also included—Messrs. Dave Hannon and Tim Woulfe, N.T., Vice-Chairmen, West Board; Messrs. Paddy O'Connell and Sean Normoyle, Treasurers, do., and Mrs. Normoyle; Mr. Paddy Browne, Asst. Secretary, and Mrs. Browne; Mrs. K. Whelan, Murt and Mrs. O'Connor, Mr. Pat Aherne, etc.

G.A.A. OFFICERS

President, Fr. Houlihan; vice-president, Wm. O'Connor; chairman, Owen McAuliffe; vice-chairman, Larry Curtin; secretary, Murt O'Connor; assistant secretary, Pat Condon; treasurer, Sean Normoyle. Committee—P. Sammon, J. Hennessy, Dan Kennedy, K. O'Donnell, J. McAuliffe, J. Whelan, Steve Nash. Senior football captain, Billy Nash; vice-captain, Noel O'Connor. Junior hurling captain, Dan Kennedy; vice-captain, Kevin O'Donnell. Under-21 hurling captain, Dicky Liston; vice-captain, A. Reidy. Under-21 football captain, Dave Sammon; vice-captain, John Doody.

HURLING WIN

Newcastle West team had a disappointingly easy passage into the final of the West Limerick under-21 hurling championship at the home grounds on Sunday when they scored a 5-9 to nil win over Templeglantine in the semi-final. Their old rivals, St. Mary's, also scored a very decisive win over Feenagh-Kilmeedy in the second semi-final at the same venue so the decider will be in the nature of a repeat of last year's final at Ballingarry. On that occasion, after being led most of the way, the Rathkeale lads finished on top as the result of a last minute goal. Ballingarry is expected to be again the venue for this year's final, which has not yet been fixed, but is likely to be run off in a week or two. Against a background of such keen rivalry over the year the game should prove one of the most attractive of the season.

A GREAT GAE

Yet another link with the far famed Newcastle West senior hurling team has been broken by the lamented death during the week-end of Mr. Denny ("Fox") O'Connor, who passed away on Sunday night after a comparatively short illness. Denny, "Fox," as he will be best remembered by his former colleagues and numerous old friends, was one of the outstanding players of a selection that brought much honour and many championship trophies to the parish in those now seemingly far off days when the "Magpies" blazed a glorious trail through the western and county hurling arenas. Sincere sympathy will be extended to the bereaved family, including his son, Neddy, and his brothers, Tommy and Mikie, who in their days, also contributed much to the former hurling fame of the parish.

Minor Football title for St. Mary's ^{Aug} '70

ST. MARY'S, 1-9;

ATHEA, 2-4

ST. MARY'S collected their first title of the season when they defeated Athea in the final of the West Limerick Minor Football Championship at Newcastle West, after a rousing struggle. The game was one of the best seen in the division for a long time and both teams deserve the highest praise for their highly skilled and very sporting display.

Athea got off to a great start and had a goal and a point within five minutes per Day Brouder and Tom Murphy. St. Mary's gradually gained control at midfield and whittled away at the lead. They had points from Joe Fitzgerald (2), P. J. Barrett (2), Aidan Supple, Pat and Connie Naughton. In this period of supremacy they missed as many more chances and should have led by more than 0-7 to 1-1 at half time.

Athea were first to score again in the second half — a beautiful point by Denis Quaid. St. Mary's replied with two points per Supple and Fitzgerald, and when John Enright crashed home a great goal for the winners they looked to be home and dried. But Athea came fighting back and Eamonn White had a point and five minutes from full time Tom Murphy shot to the St. Mary's net to leave just two points between the sides. The excitement was intense at this stage as Athea forced a couple of 50s and some close in frees. They failed, however, despite some very near misses, to get the vital goal and St. Mary's were very relieved indeed to hear the final whistle.

Athea perhaps for their great fight back deserved a draw, but nevertheless St. Mary's were slightly the better of the two teams over the hour and were deserving winners.

STARS

Niall Hogan was a very courageous goalie for the winners and saved some very dangerous situations. Tom Larkin, Denis O'Dea and Jim Lodge were brilliant defenders. County minor Andrew Supple played a real captain's part at centrefield and was very prominent in the closing stages helping out in defence Joe Fitzgerald, P. J. Barrett and the Naughton brothers were very clever forwards.

Jim Dee could not be faulted in the Athea goal, and was well covered by Jerry Sweeney, Pius Collins, Jim Murphy and Dan Brouder also played well.

TEAMS

St. Mary's — N. Hogan, J. Cunningham, M. Cunningham, J. Lodge, T. Clyde, D. O'Dea, T. Larkin, A. Supple, B. Neville, C. Naughton, J. Fitzgerald, P. Naughton, J. Lynch, J. Enright, P. J. Barrett.

Athea — T. Dee, J. Leahy, S. Moran, P. Collins, T. White, A. Brown, T. Brown, M. Quaid, J. Sweeney, D. Broderick, E. White, D. Quaid, M. Shehan, T. Murphy, J. Liston.

Referee, Mr. Paddy Molyneux.

PRESENTATION

Mr. Timmy Woulfe, chairman of the West Board presented the Cup to Aidan Supple, cap-

co-operated for West Sunday's games. *March 1971*

Newcastle West G.A.A. A.G.M.

At the recent general meeting of the above club, the following officers, etc., were elected:

President, William O'Connor; chairman, Owen McAuliffe; vice-chairman, Steve Nash; secretary, Mort O'Connor; assistant secretary, Pat Condon; treasurer, Sean Normoyle.

Committee — Paddy Sammon, Steve Donovan, Larry Curtin, John Whelan, Kevin O'Donnell, Dan Kennedy, Pat Ahern, Paddy Kelly, Pat Flanagan, Mick O'Connor, John Guerin, Paddy Roche, John P. McAuliffe, Joe Hennessy, Des O'Donoghue.

Captain senior football, Pat Ahern; vice-captain, Liam O'Connor.

Captain junior hurling, Peter Cremin; vice-captain, Pat Flanagan.

RECENT DEATH

The death occurred at the Regional Hospital, Limerick, on Sunday last, of Mr. P. J. (Joe) O'Shea, ex-N.T. The deceased, who was in his late seventies, had been in perfect health up to a short while ago, and his death came as a shock to his family and friends. A great sportsman, he was, in latter years, an enthusiastic and successful angler. In his youth he played with the local senior hurling and football teams. Always a great supporter of the G.A.A., he was one of a small group that reorganised the West Limerick G.A.A. Board, acting as secretary of the first meeting. During the 'thirties he organised and trained a number of hurling and football teams to represent the Courtenay (boys) National School, where he taught for most of his career.

Apart from sport he had a wide range of interests, principally amongst them being drama. He was also formerly a member of the Gaelic League, and as secretary of the West Limerick Old I.R.A., he was associated with the erection of the War Memorial in 1956.

To his family, sincere sympathy is extended. Beannacht De le na h-anam.

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Newcastle West Win Senior Football Title

Senior Football Final—Newcastle West, 0-10; Glin, 0-7.

Junior Football Semi-Final—Carrickerry, 1-7; St. Mary's 0-3.

AT ASKEATON on Sunday last Newcastle West defeated Glin in the final of the Senior Football Championship by 10 pts. to 7. This was easily the outstanding game of the competition with both sides playing a fine brand of open, fast, attractive football.

The combined play of the Newcastle West attack threatened at times to overwhelm the Glin defence and only some brilliant saves by the Glin goalie kept the scores to reasonable proportions. The Newcastle team on the day were a far more even one than their opponents and appeared not to have a weak link. Glin on the other hand were a disjointed outfit and some of their best-known players could never really get to grips with their opponents. Their attack was their real weakness, only one of the forwards scoring—Donie Geoghegan, who had 5 points (4 from frees), while Donie Enright at half-back scored the other two, one from a "50" and the other from a 14 yards free.

Glin had the advantage of a fairly strong wind in the first half but when they were down a point at half time, the score being Newcastle West 0-5, Glin 0-4, their prospects of victory did not look too bright. Newcastle West took over complete control for the first quarter of the second half and added three further points without reply. They seemed to relax a little at this stage and Glin came more into the game and had a couple of points from frees but they never looked as if they would pull the game out of the fire.

STARS

Willie Kelly had a few very smart saves to his credit in the winners' goals, while the full-back line of Jim Begley, Jim Kelly and John Cowhey, after a shaky start, settled down to play a number of opponents out of the game. Liam O'Connor at centre-back was probably the outstanding player on the field, with his catching, covering and clearing absolutely first-class. On the wings Dan Kennedy and Donie Enright never put a foot wrong. Pat Ahern played a real captain's part in the centre of the field and his immaculate free taking was a feature of the game. Billy Nash, his partner, also turned in a great hour.

The forwards were led with great dash by Paddy McCarthy and he gave the Glin pivot, Jack Regan, a real roasting. On the wings, John McGrath had his best game ever, while Noel O'Connor also played very well and brought the save of the day from the Glin goalie midway through the second half. In the full forward line Mike Nash, Matt McCoy and John Guerin had the Glin backs in

trouble all through with their bustling tactics and all three were in hard luck at various stages for goals—in particular Matt McCoy, who sent one glorious overhead flick just wide.

Glin were a very big disappointment to their supporters and apart from goalie Michael Costelloe, few of them can look back on this game with any satisfaction. Pat Sweeney, John Hogan, John McMahon, Danny Enright and Donie Geoghegan tried very hard all through without ever striking their best form.

Scorers:— Newcastle West: P. Ahern, 0-5; J. McGrath, 0-2; and points from M. Nash, M. Coy N. O'Connor. Glin: D. Geoghegan, 0-5; D. Enright, 0-2.

TEAMS

Newcastle West—W. Kelly, J. Begley, J. Kelly, J. Cowhey, D. Kennedy, L. O'Connor, D. Enright, P. Ahern, W. Nash, J. McGrath, P. McCarthy, N. O'Connor, M. Nash, M. McCoy, J. Guerin.

Glin: M. Costelloe, P. J. Fitzgerald, M. Meade, P. McSweeney, D. Enright, J. Regan, J. Hogan, J. Martin, J. McMahon, D. O'Connor, D. Geoghegan, S. Driscoll, T. Healy, T. Horan, C. Sheahan.

night for the next G.A.A. *1971*

The following officers and committee were elected for 1971, at the annual general meeting of the Newcastle West G.A.A. club: President, Mr. William O'Connor; chairman, Mr. Owen McAuliffe; vice-chairman, Mr. Steve Nash; secretary, Mr. Mort O'Connor; assistant secretary, Mr. Pat Condon; treasurer, Mr. Sean Normoyle; committee, Messrs. Paddy Sammon, Kevin O'Donnell, Joe Hennessy, Dan Kennedy, John P. McAuliffe, John Whelan, Larry Curtin, Des O'Donoghue, Mick O'Connor, Steve Donovan, Paddy Roche, Pat Ahern, Pat Flanagan, Paddy Kelly and John Guerin.

Senior football captain, Mr. Pat Ahern; vice-captain, Liam O'Connor. Junior hurling captain, Peter Cronin; vice-captain, Pat Flanagan.

The selection committee will consist of the captain and vice-captain of each team, with Messrs. Owen McAuliffe, Pat Condon and Mort O'Connor. A special meeting will be held to select captains and vice-captains for all the under-age teams.

RED FEATHER BALL

West Limerick G.A.A. 15/4/72

Newcastle West win in hurling debut

EAGAN CUP (Senior Hurling)

Newcastle West 5-5
Adare 5-2

At Rathkeale, on Sunday, Newcastle West made their debut in senior hurling competition a successful one when they defeated Adare in a very entertaining game. The game was tame enough in the opening half, and it was obvious that a good many of the players had not handled a hurley for quite a while. They all warmed to their task, however, in the second half and provided a most exciting finish.

Newcastle played with the strong breeze in the first half and made little impression on the Adare defence in the opening quarter. Then, however, they began to find the range, and at the break they led by 3-5 to 1-1. This lead looked adequate enough, and when Newcastle West added an early goal in the second half in answer to an Adare point, it appeared likely that they would win easily. The sides swapped goals midway through the half, and, with about ten minutes remaining, Newcastle had a comfortable 5-5 to 2-2 lead. Then Adare struck back, and in a very exciting finish, shot home three goals. They fought very hard for the equaliser but could not break through for it and Newcastle West were narrow, but nevertheless, worthy winners.

STARS

Dan Kennedy, at centre-field, for the winners, was the outstanding player on the field, and was well supported by Mick Bourke, Paddy Kelly, Liam and Noel O'Connor, Pat Flanagan, Paul Dunworth and John Cawley.

Sean Sparling played very well in the Adare goals, and others to impress were Ger McNamara, Billy Carmody, Dick Kennedy, Tony Dunworth, Mick Brennan, Tommy Howard, Jim Carmody and Tom Healy.

SCORERS

Newcastle West: P. Dunworth, 2-1; P. Flanagan, 2-0; J. Cawley, 1-0; J. Whelan, 0-1; N. O'Connor, 0-1; J. Begley, 0-1; D. Kennedy, 0-1.

Adare: J. Carmody, 2-0; M. Brennan, 1-1; T. Howard, 2-1.

TEAMS

Newcastle West—W. Kelly, P. Kelly, M. Bourke, J. Shiels, N. O'Connor, L. O'Connor, J. Creagh, J. O'Connor, D. Kennedy, M. Wright, P. Dunworth, J. Whelan, P. Flanagan, J. Cawley, M. Nash. Subs.: J. Begley, T. Kelly.

Adare—S. Sparling, M. Carmody, J. McNamara, B. Carmody, D. Kennedy, J. Matthews, J. McNally, T. Dunworth, M. Brennan, T. Howard, T. Healy, T. Norris, J. Carmody, T. Carmody, J. O'Brien.

West Limerick G.A.A. July 1972

Big win for Newcastle over Ballingarry

Newcastle West 8-10
Ballingarry 2-3

This game, which was rearranged for 3 p.m. on Sunday last, was a very disappointing affair, particularly for the Ballingarry supporters. Ballingarry, having won the toss, elected to play with the breeze in the first half, but at half time were being led by 3-4 to 2-2. Things did not look very bright for them at this stage, and when Newcastle added a few quick scores early in the second half the remainder of the game was a mere formality, with Newcastle West scoring almost at will. It is hard to understand how Ballingarry were so weak, but an obvious goal-keeping weakness did not help their cause.

Newcastle West have now completed their programme following the withdrawal of Feohanagh, and have six points. Ballingarry, with four points, will have to win their remaining game against Tournafulla to retain interest in the competition.

SCORERS

Newcastle West—Kevin O'Donnell (3-1), Brian Nash (2-0), Dave Sammon (1-2), Paul Dunworth (1-1), Jim Begley (1-0), Noel O'Connor (0-3), Moss Devine (0-2), Mike Kelly (0-1).

Ballingarry—Seamus Costello (1-0), Peadar Daly (1-0), Joe Fitzgerald (0-2), Mike Healy (0-1).

TEAMS

Newcastle West: W. Kelly, P. Kelly, M. Bourke, J. Creagh, L. O'Connor, J. Cawley, P. Cremin, M. Kelly, D. Kennedy, N. O'Connor, M. Devine, P. Dunworth, K. O'Donnell, P. McCarthy, B. Nash.

Subs.: D. Sammon, J. Begley. Ballingarry—J. Carmody; F. Snow, M. Daly, J. Condon; D. Clifford, S. Sullivan, M. Chawke, P. Costelloe, J. Fitzgerald; P. Daly, M. McAuliffe, M. Healy, M. Sullivan, L. Daly, D. O'Grady.

Referee: Mr. Jack Quaid (Feenagh).

Newcastle West A.G.M. 26/2/72

The following were elected at the last A.G.M. of the above club: President, William O'Connor; Chairman, Stephen Nash; Vice-Chairman, Owen McAuliffe; Secretary, Mort O'Connor; Treasurer, Sean Normoyle.

Committee: Kevin O'Donnell, Dan Murphy, Sean Normoyle, Jim Begley, Pat Flanagan, Mick Bourke, Des O'Donoghue.

Capt., senior hurling, Pat Flanagan; vice-capt., Don Kennedy.

Capt., senior football, Pat Ahern; vice-capt., Liam O'Connor.

Scorers: ADAR SF (1972)

Newcastle West—P. Ahern (0-5); K. O'Donnell (1-0); N. O'Connor (0-2); A. McCarthy, T. Kelly and J. McGrath (0-1 each).

Casey's—M. Scannell (0-3); T. Ahern, P. Collins (0-1 each).

Teams:

Newcastle West—N. Kelly; P. Kelly, J. Kelly, P. Curtin, L. O'Connor, D. Kennedy, F. Sullivan, P. Ahern, P. McCarthy, N. O'Connor, T. Noone, J. McGrath, T. Kelly, F. Thornton, K. O'Donnell.

Fr. Casey's—T. Quirke, M. Riordan, S. Collins, M. Ahern, P. Collins, P. Harnett, B. Scannell, T. Ahern, M. Scannell, J. Collins, J. Griffin, T. Browne, D. Doody, D. O'Neill and B. Doody.

Referee:

The referee was Pat Hayes of Ballyhabill, and he gave a very

Newcastle West

Gaels' A.G.

Mr. Owen McAuliffe, outgoing chairman, in his address to the annual general meeting of the Newcastle West G.A.A. Club, complimented the footballers on their achievements over the past year, and expressed the hope that the hurlers, now that they are entering the senior grade, would achieve similar distinction in the coming year.

Mr. Mort O'Connor, hon. secretary, in his report, expressed thanks for the support given to the two church gate collections held in the past year.

He congratulated the senior football team on winning the Championship and also the Ballyhabill Tournament. He also congratulated the under 14s on winning the championship, in their grade, for the second successive year. The juvenile football team, he reported, had put up a great show and were unlucky to be beaten in the final.

Both Mr. Owen McAuliffe, outgoing Chairman, and Mr. Sean Normoyle, who has been treasurer for the past 21 years, intimated that they would not be seeking re-election.

The election of officers and committee for the coming year resulted as follows: President, Mr. Billie O'Connor; chairman, Mr. Steve Nash; vice-chairman, Mr. Owen McAuliffe; hon. secretary, Mr. Mort O'Connor (for the 15th successive year); hon. treasurer, Mr. Pat Condon.

Committee—Messrs. Dan Murphy, Kevin O'Donnell, Sean Normoyle, Jim Begley, Pat Flanagan, Mick Burke and Dessie O'Donoghue.

Captain of senior hurling team, Pat Flanagan; vice-capt., do, Dan Kennedy, Captain, senior football team, Pat Ahern; vice-capt., do, Liam O'Connor.

Selection committee: Hurling, Messrs. Pat Flanagan, Mort O'Connor, Steve Nash, Paddy Sammon and Owen McAuliffe. Football, Messrs. Pat Ahern, Mort O'Connor, Steve Nash, Paddy Sammon and Dessie O'Donoghue.

The following were appointed on a special committee to investigate the cost of the construction of dressingrooms: Messrs. Peter Cremin, Denis O'Grady, Mike Nash, Pat Condon and Kevin O'Donnell.

G.A.A. DINNER

There were 120 guests at Newcastle West's G.A.A. Club's annual dinner dance, held at the Golf Pavilion on Saturday night last. Mr. Steve Nash, newly elected Chairman, in a brief speech, welcomed those present and introduced the guests of honour: Messrs. Rory Kiely, chairman of the County Board; Tim Woulfe, chairman of the West Limerick Board; John Whelan, secretary of the West Board; and Martin Flynn, a founder member of the fields committee.



Newcastle West (top), who beat ~~Ahane~~ (below) in the semi-final of the County Senior football championship



Newcastle West senior footballers who defeated Askeaton in the championship at Rathkeale, 0-9 to 1-2.



NEWCASTLE WEST SENIOR FOOTBALL TEAM—West Limerick Champions 1972

Newcastle footballers beat Athea

Newcastle West 1-7
Athea 1-3

At Askeaton on Sunday last, in a thoroughly disappointing encounter, Newcastle West defeated Athea to ensure for themselves a place in this year's semi-finals. The winners were on top for most of the game but atrocious shooting left the Athea men with a chance of snatching a win up to the end. A heavy ball and a tricky cross wind did contribute towards the scoring inaccuracies but could not be blamed for some of the shots that were missed. As has been the pattern down the years between the clubs, the game was contested in a fine sporting manner.

PLAY

Newcastle West had the advantage of the breeze in the first half and were quickly on the attack but it soon became obvious that the shooting boots were left at home. John McGrath opened the scoring after six minutes with a good point and in the next ten minutes Pat Ahern added two more—one from a free, in fact the only score the winners got from a placed ball. Tom White had a good point for the losers after a quick breakaway, but Newcastle came back to add two more to their total, per Donie Enright and Noel O'Connor, to leave the half time score 5 pts. to 1 pt.

Noel O'Connor opened the scoring in the second half, scoring a brilliant point from the wing but the next 10 minutes Athea had their best period of the hour, scoring 1-1, per Mick McCarthy and John Liston reducing the lead to a single point. But then the Athea corner backs made a tragic error, allowing the ball to hop over their heads to the unmarked Kevin O'Donnell, who made no mistake with a fine shot to the corner of the net. The sides exchanged points in the next few minutes per Mike Nash for Newcastle, and Pius Collins, but the fire had gone out of the Athea men and the Magpies ran out deserving, if unimpressive, winners.

STARS

John Cawley was outstanding in the winners defence, with Liam O'Connor and Donie Enright (second half) lending best support. Matt McCoy had a good hour at midfield, while best of a wasteful attack were Noel O'Connor, Pat Ahern and John McGrath.

Noel Barry had a very sound game in the goals for Athea, with Tim Woulfe at full-back, and Denis Quaid, centrefield, outstanding. Others to play well were Pat Moran, Joe Brouder, Pius Collins and 'Haulie' Moran. Referee was Mr. Pakie Hayes (Ballynahill).

TEAMS

Newcastle West: W. Kelly, D. Kennedy, J. Kelly, J. Cawley, R. Nash, L. O'Connor, P. Sullivan, J. McGrath, M. McCoy, D. Sammon, P. Ahern, D. Enright, M. Nash, N. O'Connor, K. O'Donnell. Sub.: T. Kelly.

Athea: T. Barry, P. Dalton, T. Woulfe, M. McCoy, F. McGrath, T. White, P. Moran, J. Brouder, D. Quaid, P. Collins, J. Barrett, J. Liston, C. Carroll,

EXCITING GAME

Newcastle West 1-7
Fr. Casey's 2-3

Despite the wet conditions this game was superbly exciting with suspense all the way as Newcastle West fought to hold on to their one point victory.

Squandered chances by the winners in the early stages gave Fr. Casey's men the advantage which they used well to lead by 2-3 to 1-4 at the break.

However, a strong wind gave Newcastle West the advantage in the second half and they began to dominate the play. The Abbeyfeale defence, with Billy Scannell in goal, repulsed severe attack, but finally succumbed to concede the three points which brought victory to their opponents. Donie Enright scored the winner.

Teams:

Newcastle West—W. Kelly, P. Curtin, D. Kennedy, T. Culhane, D. Mullane, L. O'Connor, D. Enright, P. Ahern, B. Murphy, G. Sweeney, S. Sullivan, P. Kelly, B. Scanlan, M. Nash, P. O'Connor. Subs: T. Downes.

Fr. Casey's—D. Collins, J. Brew, B. Scannell, M. Flynn, C. Callaghan, B. Doody, P. Scannell, S. Lyons, G. Healy, G. Callaghan, P. Hartnett, C. Collins, J. Carroll, L. Quirke, G. Brown.

Referee, Tim Woulfe.

UNDER 21 FOOTBALL

At Limerick Gaelic Grounds Newcastle West defeated Croom in the semi-final of the under 21 football championship by 0-9 to 1-5. This was a fine performance by Newcastle West against a good Croom side and they will now be hoping to win the Co. title when they play Na Piar-saigh in the final. Seamus Sullivan played a real captain's part in this win, scoring 7 pts. of his side's total, while others to play well were Pat O'Connor, John Mulvihill, Liam Doherty, Pa. Kelly, Brian Scanlon, Mike Riordan.

The line-out was as follows: P. O'Connor, J. Mulvihill, S. Kelly, M. Conway, G. Normoyle, S. Normoyle, L. Doherty, G. McCoy, T. Doody, D. Maguire, G. Scanlan, P. Kelly, M. Riordan, S. Sullivan, B. Scanlan.

Newcastle West 2-11
Fr. Casey's 3-5

In the S.F.C. replay at the same venue Newcastle West had a narrow victory over Fr. Casey's in a game that was ruined by the wind but which produced some good passages of football from both sides. The winners had wind advantage in the opening half but it was the Abbeyfeale boys who took up the running and they had 1-2 on the scoreboard before Newcastle opened their account with a point in the 20th minute, having shot an inordinate number of wides from good scoring positions. The losers quickly replied with another point but then the youthful Pa. Kelly at right half forward crashed home a great goal for the winners to which they added another point before the half time whistle, leaving the score Fr. Casey's 1-3, Newcastle West 1-2.

Newcastle West, naturally, did not look in a good position having played with the wind in the first half, and when the losers scored a goal following a bad misunderstanding in the winners' defence straight after the throw-in, their position looked quite hopeless. But, strangely enough, they gradually got a grip on the game, and dominated in practically every department up to the last few minutes, and at that stage actually led by 2 pts. But, Fr. Casey's were far from beaten, and in a breakaway attack, their full-forward drove the ball into the net to give his side a point lead with only a couple of minutes left for play. Newcastle West, however, attacked from the kick-off, and Pa. Kelly, gaining possession about 40 yards from the Abbeyfeale goals, soloed through for another great goal, to restore the 2 point lead. The winners added a point from a free a minute later to clinch a very exciting victory.

STARS

Pa. Kelly was, of course, the hero of the winning side, while Pat Ahern, Liam and Noel O'Connor, Paddy Kelly, Doney Enright, Seamus Sullivan and Dan Kennedy were others to give very impressive performances.

Best for Fr. Casey's were Dan Deady, Dan Collins, Billy Scannell, Gerard Callaghan, Tom Ahern, Billy Doody, George Brown and Liam Quirke.

SCORERS

Newcastle West—P. Kelly, 2-1; P. Ahern, 0-6; N. O'Connor, 0-2; D. Enright, 0-1; M. McCoy, 0-1. Father Casey's—T. Ahern, 1-1; L. Quirke, 1-1; M. Scannell, 1-0; G. Brown, 0-3.

TEAMS

Newcastle West—W. Kelly, M. Nash, J. Cawley, P. Kelly, V. White, L. O'Connor, D. Enright, S. Sullivan, N. O'Connor, G. Sweeney, D. Kennedy, P. Kelly, M. McCoy, P. Ahern, B. Murphy. Sub.: K. O'Donnell.

Father Casey's—D. Doody, J. Brown, D. Collins, M. Flynn, B. Scannell, B. Doody, P. Scannell, S. Lyons, J. Healy, G. Callaghan, P. Hartnett, P. Callaghan, T.

Newcastle West G.A.A. presentation

At the local golf pavilion on the West Limerick title for the Saturday night last the under fourteen football team, who won second successive year, and the under-16 footballers who were only narrowly defeated in the final but who qualified for runners-up medals, were presented with their trophies.

At the outset the Chairman of the Youth Club, Mr. Kevin O'Donnell, welcomed all present and congratulated all the players on their great achievement during 1971. Other speakers included Mr. Jas. Collins, Chairman, Bord na nOg; Mr. John Whelan, Sec., West Limerick Board; Mr. John Guerin, Youth Club; Mr. Pat Condon, do., and Mr. Donie Flynn, Limerick county hurler, also a member of the youth club.

The trophies were presented to the players by the special guest, Mr. Phil Bennis of Patrickswell, an outstanding member of the present Limerick team.

At the conclusion of the presentations, Mr. O'Donnell thanked the golf club for the use of their premises and he had a special word of praise for the ladies' committee for the beautiful meal they provided.

A most enjoyable social followed with concert items from Jimmy Sullivan, Mrs. Theresa Curtin, John P. McAuliffe, Paddy Sammon, Des O'Donoghue, John Whelan, and a group comprised of Sean Donovan, Tommy Kelliher, Mike Upton and Brian Spillane.

SCOR '72, 1st SEMI-FINAL

The first of the Scor '72 semi-finals was held at the Motel on Monday night last, and the following are the results:—

Recitation—Miss Kathy Kelly, Newcastle West.

Figure Dancing—Misses Mary Kilmartin, Mary Flynn, Ann McCarthy (Newcastle West).

Polka Set—Templeglantine.

Question Time—Newcastle West Team—Pat O'Connor, Stephen Nash, John Cawley.

Solo Singing—Kathleen Sheehan (Monagay).

Ballad Group—Templeglantine—Rene Harnett, Margaret O'Riordan, Nora Healy.

Motion Speaking—Miss Margaret O'Riordan, Templeglantine.

Individual Musician—Miss Nora Mulvihill, Newcastle West.

The following are the arrangements for the concluding stages of the competition:—

Thursday, January 13th—Semi-Final at Athea. Clubs—Athea, Glin, Ballynahill, Tour-nafula, Abbeyfeale.

Friday, January 14th, at Dromcollogher. Clubs—Dromcollogher, Kileedy, Feenagh, Feohanagh.

Sunday, January 16th, at Rathkeale. Clubs—Rathkeale, Adare, Knockaderry, Ballingarry.

Final—River Room Motel, Newcastle West, on Tuesday, January 18th.

1/6/74 JUNIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP

Newcastle West 0-9
Knockaderry 1-6

In a scrappy J.F.C. encounter at the same venue, Newcastle West and Knockaderry played a drawn game. Good opportunities were missed by both sides, but the standard of football all round left much to be desired.

Scorers for Newcastle West: D. Mullane, 0-4; B. Nash, 0-2; P. O'Connor, 0-2; T. Kelly, 0-1.

Scorers for Knockaderry: J. Gorman, 1-0; J. Wall, 0-2, and a point each by M. Wall, T. Butler and D. Hayes.

TEAMS

Newcastle West: W. O'Connor, P. Mulcahy, J. Kelly, T. Downes, J. Nash, P. Curtin, B. Nash, D. Mullane, M. Kelly, S. Normoyle, J. Kelly, P. McCarthy, G. Scanlan, T. Kelly, P. O'Connor. Sub.: D. Liston.

Knockaderry: T. Gorman, P. Walsh, J. Sheehy, G. Walsh, J. Sheehy, M. Wall, J. Danaher, J. Wall, M. Cregan, T. Butler, L. Sullivan, D. Hayes, M. Clancy, F. Moore, J. Gorman. Sub.: J. Corkery.

Referee: Mr. Tim Horgan (Tournafulla).

UNDER-21 FOOTBALLERS

The "Magpies" are really getting places in football. On Sunday they won the West u-21 title by beating Athea 1-9 to 0-8. The West title for the first time. The following team brought in tel years - P. O'Connor, J. Mulvihill, S. Kelly, M. Conway, D. Maguire, T. Culhane, L. Doherty, T. Doody, Ger McCoy, S. Normoyle, G. Scanlan, Ger Normoyle, M. Riordan, S. O'Sullivan, B. Scanlan. First sub., P. Kelly. 1975 KCW.

Newcastle West 15-6-74 2-11
Fr. Casey's 3-5

In the S.F.C. replay at the same venue Newcastle West had a narrow victory over Fr. Casey's in a game that was ruined by the wind but which produced some good passages of football from both sides. The winners had wind advantage in the opening half but it was the Abbeyfeale boys who took up the running and they had 1-2 on the scoreboard before Newcastle opened their account with a point in the 20th minute, having shot an inordinate number of wides from good scoring positions. The losers quickly replied with another point but then the youthful Pa Kelly at right half forward crashed home a great goal for the winners to which they added another point before the half time whistle, leaving the score Fr. Casey's 1-3, Newcastle West 1-2.

Newcastle West, naturally, did not look in a good position having played with the wind in the first half, and when the losers scored a goal following a bad misunderstanding in the winners' defence straight after the throw-in, their position looked quite hopeless. But, strangely enough, they gradually got a grip on the game, and dominated in practically every department up to the last few minutes, and at that stage actually led by 2 pts. But, Fr. Casey's were far from beaten, and in a breakaway attack, their full-forward drove the ball into the net to give his side a point lead with only a couple of minutes left for play. Newcastle West, however, attacked from the kick-off, and Pa Kelly, gaining possession about 40 yards from the Abbeyfeale goals, soloed through for another great goal, to restore the 2 point lead. The winners added a point from a free a minute later to clinch a very exciting victory.

STARS

Pa Kelly was, of course, the hero of the winning side, while Pat Ahern, Liam and Noel O'Connor, Paddy Kelly, Doney Enright, Seamus Sullivan and Dan Kennedy were others to give very impressive performances.

Best for Fr. Casey's were Dan Deady, Dan Collins, Billy Scannell, Gerard Callaghan, Tom Ahern, Billy Doody, George Brown and Liam Quirke.

SCORERS

Newcastle West—P. Kelly, 2-1; P. Ahern, 0-6; N. O'Connor, 0-2; D. Enright, 0-1; M. McCoy, 0-1.

Father Casey's—T. Ahern, 1-1; L. Quirke, 1-1; M. Scannell, 1-0; G. Brown, 0-3.

TEAMS

Newcastle West—W. Kelly, M. Nash, J. Cawley, P. Kelly, V. White, L. O'Connor, D. Enright, S. Sullivan, N. O'Connor, G. Sweeney, D. Kennedy, P. Kelly, M. McCoy, P. Ahern, B. Murphy. Sub.: K. O'Donnell.

Father Casey's—D. Doody, J. Brown, D. Collins, M. Flynn, B. Scannell, B. Doody, P. Scannell, S. Lyons, J. Healy, G. Callaghan, P. Hartnett, P. Callaghan, T. Ahern, M. Scannell, G. Brown. Sub.: L. Quirke.

Mr. Niall Duggan (Rathkeale) refereed both games.

Newcastle West 1-8
Knockaderry 1-5

In the replay of the J.F.C. tie between Newcastle West and Knockaderry at Dromcollogher Gaelic Grounds, the two sides produced some fine football in a very exciting game. The winners dominated the exchanges in the first half and led at the break by 1-4 to 0-1 but the lead could have been far greater had they availed of their chances in this period. Knockaderry came much more into the picture in the second half and gradually whittled down the lead, and when they scored a great goal with only about eight minutes remaining reduced the lead to a single point it was anybody's game. The winners, however, sustained a few vigorous attacks from the brave Knockaderry men and scored two fine points themselves to ensure a deserved, if narrow, win.

STARS

Peter Curtin was outstanding in the winners defence which others to impress were Billy O'Connor (goals), Tom Downes, Brian Nash, Liam Doherty, Dan Mullane, Mike Kelly, Gerry Scanlon, Pat O'Connor, Martin McCoy. The Wall brothers, John and Mike played their hearts out for Knockaderry, with Liam Sullivan, Tom Butler, Gerry Danaher, Frank Ahern and Dan Hayes, also doing well.

Scorers: Newcastle West—G. Scanlon, 1-1; P. O'Connor, 0-3; M. McCoy, 0-2; D. Mullane and M. Riordan, 0-1 each.

Knockaderry: T. Butler, 1-1; J. Wall, 0-4.

Teams. Newcastle West: B. O'Connor, P. Curtin, J. Kelly, T. Downes, S. Normoyle, B. Nash, L. Doherty, D. Mullane, M. Kelly, P. McCarthy, T. Kelly, J. Nash, P. O'Connor, M. McCoy, G. Scanlon. Subs: J. Kelly, M. Riordan, S. Kelly.

Knockaderry: J. Mackessy, G. Walsh, T. Sheehy, T. Gorman, J. Sheehy, M. Clancy, D. Hayes, M. Wall, J. Wall, G. Danaher, L. Sullivan, F. Moore, J. Gorman, T. Butler, W. Curtin.

Ref. Mr. Jim Dwane.

West Limerick G.A.A.:

Feb 75 Board meeting

SENIOR FOOTBALL LEAGUE

Newcastle West 1-4
Camogie Rovers 1-2

At Newcastle West, on Sunday last, the local side got away to a winning start against a game Camogie Rovers side, in the new Senior Football League. The game was a very entertaining one all through, with the standard of football quite good despite the obvious lack of fitness on the parts of some of the participants. The losers led at half time by 1-1 to 0-2, but an early goal in the second half put Newcastle in command, and they fully deserved their win.

Scorers: Newcastle West — Noel O'Connor, 0-3; Seamus Kelly 1-0; Pat O'Connor 0-1.

Camogie Rovers—Mick Hurley, 1-0; Pat Kinnane, 0-1; Tony Gubbins, 0-1.

TEAMS

Newcastle West — W. Kelly; T. Downes, J. Cauley, D. Kennedy; S. Kelly, J. O'Connor, G. Sweeney; M. Kelly, D. Mullane; P. O'Connor, N. O'Connor, P. Kelly; V. White, J. Kelly, D. Sammon. Sub.: T. Kelly.

Camogie Rovers—N. Quirke; S. Ryan, D. Collins, E. Riordan; P. Riordan, P. Kinnane, T. O'Sullivan; T. Gubbins, P. Corbett; M. Hurley, D. Kiely, P. O'Connor, L. Hogan, S. Mulqueen, T. Riordan. Subs.: M. Hehir, T. Carroll, B. Kinnane.

UNDER 21 FOOTBALL FINAL: Nov. 75

Newcastle West champs after thriller

Newcastle West 1-6;

Na Piarsaigh 1-5

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Newcastle West scorers: B. Scanlon, 1-0; S. O'Sullivan, 0-2; T. Doody, T. Culhane, P. Kelly and M. O'Riordan, 0-1 each.

Na Piarsaigh scorers: D. O'Grady, 1-0; M. McDonnell, T. Tobin, J. Galvin, G. Garrihy

Newcastle West—P. O'Connor, J. Mulvihill, J. Kelly, M. Conway, S. Normoyle, T. Culhane, L. O'Doherty, G. McCoy, T. Doody, B. Scanlon, D. Maguire, P. Kelly, S. O'Sullivan (capt.), G. Scanlon, M. O'Riordan. Subs.: G. Normoyle for Scanlon, B. Carr for Conway.

Na Piarsaigh scorers: D. Grant, P. Tiernan, H. Heeny, J. Walsh, G. Garrighey, S. McCartney, T. Tobin, J. Whelan, J. Fox, P. Dowling, D. Walsh, J. Galvin, M. McDonnell, D. O'Grady. Sub.: O. Coady for Galvin.

Referee: D. Moore (Kilmal-

which the happy couple left on a tour of England. 1975 KCW.

HURLING FINAL

In the final of the U/12 inter-street 7-a-side hurling competition, sponsored by the local G.A.A. club, Knockane, in a great second half come-back, defeated Cullinagh by the narrow margin of two points in a thrilling encounter.

Knockane's scores were got by John O'Connor (2-2), and Richard Mulcahy (2-1). The Cullinagh mardmen were Danny Sammon (2-0), David Sammon (2-0), Manus Sammon (1-1), and Noel O'Grady (1-0).

The teams were: Knockane (with subs.) — Dan O'Connor (capt.), John O'Connor, Donal Cremin, Joseph McMahon, Richard Mulcahy, Denis Kelly, Paul Cregan, Tim Mulcahy, Liam Cremin, John Upton and Derry McMahon. Cullinagh — Kevin O'Grady (capt.), Noel O'Grady, Michael Cagney, David Sammon, Danny Sammon, Manus Sammon, Danny and Don Flynn.

The referee was Pat Condon.

THANKS 24.8.74
The Parish Hall Committee

WEST LIMERICK G.A.A.:

17-5-75

Thrilling one point win for Newcastle West

Newcastle West 3-6
Tournafulla 2-8

In a thrilling encounter at Rathkeale Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last Newcastle West shocked a fancied Tournafulla side in the S.H.C. quarter-final, winning by a single point. Played in ideal conditions on a pitch that was a credit to the Rathkeale club, the game was fast and exciting all through and the big crowd enjoyed every moment of it.

The issue was in doubt up to the final seconds as Tournafulla threw everything into the attack—and it was a tribute to the fitness of both sides that they could last such a hectic pace all through, and here it must be also mentioned that it was one of the cleanest and most sporting championship ties played for a long time.

Tournafulla, facing a very slight breeze were first to score after five minutes with a fine point from Pat Sullivan, but the winners went ahead a couple of minutes later when Tom Doody finished a fine cross from Gerry Sweeney to the net. The losers, however, quickly regained the lead when Tom Harnett shot to the net after Willie Kelly had parried a great drive from Pat Horgan. At this stage the winners full-back line were very unsettled and were it not for the brilliance of Willie Kelly, the losers would have scored several goals.

Dave Sammon and Pat Sullivan exchanged points midway through the half, and then Dan O'Connor crashed home a goal from a 21 yards free, to leave the score, 2-2 to 1-1. Before half time, the same player added 2 points from frees, while Gerry Sweeney and Dan Mullane had a great point each for the winners to leave the half time score, Tournafulla 2-4, Newcastle West 1-3.

WHIRLWIND

The Second half started in whirlwind fashion, and the losers missed a fairly easy chance from a free. The play flowed evenly enough through the first quarter of this half, with both sides scoring 3 points—Dan O'Connor for Tournafulla and Ger Sweeney (1), and Dan Mullane, who was having a great game. Then, with about ten minutes remaining, a dramatic change came about, when Dave Sammon, who had changed from corner to wing forward, shot a rasper past Seamus Horgan to leave only a point between the sides. Three minutes later, a high centre from substitute, Vin White, was shot home by Mike Kelly, and suddenly the favourites were down two points. Dan O'Connor narrowed the gap to the minimum a few minutes later, and the last few minutes were played in a frenzy of excitement,

with Tour. throwing everything into attack. They forced two seventies, one going wide and the other being broken out by a defence that covered itself with glory all through the second half. The Newcastle West players and supporters were naturally, jubilant at the final whistle, but the losers were, perhaps, a little unlucky not to have forced a draw.

STARS

Willie Kelly, was, without question the man of the match, and he foiled the Tour. forwards on numerous occasions with brilliant saves. Dan Kennedy, Dan Mullane, Liam O'Connor, Ger Sweeney, Tom Doody, Paddy Kelly, Dave Sammon and Pa Kelly were all outstanding in this fine victory.

Tournafulla were naturally very disappointed and too many of their players failed to rise to expectations. Mick Brosnahan, Fk. Carroll and Tim Horgan did best in defence. Mick Collins had a good game at midfield, while in an attack that was generally well contained Pat Horgan, Dan O'Connor and Pat Sullivan did best.

TEAMS

Newcastle West—W. Kelly, J. Mulvihill, P. Kelly, J. Sheils L. O'Connor, D. Kennedy, P. Kelly, M. Kelly, N. O'Connor T. Doody, D. Mullane, G. Sweeney, D. Sammon, J. Cawley, P. Hennezy. Sub.: T. White.

Tournafulla—S. Horgan, C. Gorman, M. Brosnahan, P. Sheehan, F. Carroll, T. Horgan, M. Breen, S. Harnett, M. Collins, W. Harnett C. Brouder, D. O'Connor, T. Harnett, P. Sullivan, P. Horgan. Sub.: I. Harnett.

Referee: Mr. Niall Duggan.

NEWCASTLE WEST G.A.A.

The following officers and committee were elected at the A.G.M. of the Newcastle West Club recently: President, Mr. William O'Connor; chairman, S. Nash; vice-do., M. O'Connor; sec., M. Nash; treasurer, P. Conlon; asst. sec., M. Kelly. Committee: O. McAuliffe, D. Murphy, V. White, M. Donovan, P. Curtin, P. Kelly, K. O'Donnell, J. Shiels, T. Downes, P. Whelan, S. Raleigh. *Nov. 1975*

Captain, senior hurling—M. Kelly; vice-captain, do., N. O'Connor.

Captain, senior football—P. Ahern; vice captain, D. Enright.

Senior football selectors—P. Ahern, S. Nash, D. Enright, T. Danaher, J. Kelly.

Senior hurling selectors—M. Kelly, P. Curtin, M. Nash, D. Murphy and M. O'Connor.

It was decided at the meeting that the provision of dressing rooms was an urgent priority, and would be commenced with as soon as possible.

At Askeaton, Newcastle West had only one point to spare over Adare in the second replay of the under 21 football quarter-final, the score being 8 pts. to 7 pts. As was the case in the two drawn games there was very little between the sides, even though the winners missed a penalty in the first half. Adare of course were short their star play, Owen Madden, who was tied down by examinations and it is only fair to say that they would probably have fared better had he been playing. Newcastle West showed some improvement since their earlier games but will have to improve much more if they hope to overcome Mountcollins in the semi-finals. Newcastle West scorers on Saturday were S. Sullivan, D. Maguire, T. Doody, 0-2 each; G. Scanlan and J. Mulvihill, 0-1 each; P. Marron, 0-3; B. Flynn, 0-2 and C. Hickey, 0-2, had Adare's scores.

Mr. N. Duggan (St. Mary's) was referee. *13-9-75*

Nov. 1975

by defeating city champions Na Piarasigh, by a single point in a dramatic game. Played in adverse conditions, both sides nevertheless produced an hour's sparkling football with the issue in doubt up to the last second of the wame.

Newcastle W. played with the wind in the first half, but a combination of good luck and poor shooting kept them with a very meagre 5 pts. to 3 pts. lead at the break. The losers levelled the scoring after 10 minutes of the second half and went ahead with a fine goal from corner - forward Dom O'Grady with 15 minutes left for play and things looked very bad for the champions. The great fighting qualities that were a feature of this Newcastle West side throughout the campaign began to show and Gerard McCoy reduced the lead to two points. A couple of minutes later Mike Reardon had the ball in Na Piarasigh net, but the score was disallowed for a square infringement. This seemed to put more fire into the winners, and Liam Doherty, after a brilliant run down the left wing, centred a beautiful ball which was well held by Mike Reardon, who was subsequently well held by a defender. The referee had no hesitation in awarding a penalty, which was taken by an ice-cool Brian Scanlan whose shot gave Na Piarasigh goalie no chance. In the final few minutes the winners survived some frantic attacks by the losers, but were worthy winners at the end.

Scorers for Newcastle West were: B. Scanlan (1-0), S. Sullivan (0-2), T. Doody (0-1), G. McCoy (0-1), T. Culhane (0-1), P. Kelly (0-1).

Newcastle West lined out as follows: Pat O'Connell (goal), John Mulvihill, Seamus Kelly, Mick Conway, Sean Normoyle, Tom Culhane, Liam Doherty, Tom Doody, Gerard McCoy, Pa Kelly, Declan Maguire, Gerry Scanlan, Brian Scanlan, Seamus Sullivan (capt.), Mike Reardon. Subs.: Gerard Normoyle, Brian Carr.

MINOR FOOTBALL

Askeaton had a fine win in the county minor football championship and must stand a great chance of annexing the title. We wish them the best of luck.

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Nov. 75

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Na Piarasigh 1-5

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Na Piarasigh scorers: D. O'Grady, 1-0; M. McDonnell, T. Tobin, J. Galvin, G. Garric

UNDER 21 FOOTBALL

Newcastle West made history in Bruff on Sunday last when they won the county under 21 football title for the first time



The Newcastle West team that lost to Abbeyfeale in the re-play of their senior football championship game.

NEWCASTLE WEST G.A.A. officers: Chairman, Stephen Nash; Vice-chairman, Mortimer O'Connor; Treasurer, Pat Condon; Secretary, Michael O'Donoghue, Registrar, Jim Begley.

1976

LIMERICK'S Year Book, came in for much praise in last week's "Clare Champion".

NEWCASTLE WEST G.A.A. A.G.M.

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Committee: Owen McAuliffe, Vin White, Declan Maguire, John Mulvihill, Denis O'Grady, Mort O'Connor, Mick Nash, Steve Nash, John Duffy, Pat Smith, Pat Whelan, Sean O'Connor.

Senior hurling captain, John Mulvihill; selectors, John Shiels, Jim Begley.

Senior football captain, Donie Enright; selectors, Dan Murphy, Vin White.

play in Newcastle West on Saturday evening next. 7.8.76

UNDER-14 FOOTBALL FINAL

St. Mary's 2-3
Kileedy 0-1

As was generally expected, St. Mary's (Rathkeale) won the West Limerick under-14 football championship when they had a rather easy 2-3 to 0-1 win over Kileedy in Newcastle West on last Monday evening. The Rathkeale youths were on top in all sectors throughout and had they taken all their scoring chances would have won by a much bigger margin. Kileedy tried hard all through but had not the skill or the teamwork to match St. Mary's.

There were tremendous scenes of excitement as Johnny Kennedy, chairman, Bord na nOg, presented the cup to the winners' captain, Michael Meade.

TEAMS

St. Mary's — Martin Doherty, Cathal Hogan, Pat Lenihan, Gerry McGuire, Ray Doherty, Liam Casey, Barry Dillon, Paddy McCarthy, Michael Meade, Tom Meehan, Brian Dillon, John Fitzgibbon, Brian Mooney, John Fayne, Tony Flaherty. Sub., Mick Neville.

Kileedy: John Mullane, Dan Harnett, Justin Kelly, Donal Brown, Mike Brown, Ben Curtin, Jim Lacey, Gerry Magnier, Liam Shine, John Cunningham, Gerry Long, Tim Murphy, Mike Ford, Donal Callaghan, Jim O'Connor.

Ref. Mr. Noel O'Connor, (Nc. West).

21-9-74



Newcastle West under 21 side that defeated Ballingarry in the under 21 championship at Askeaton.

West Limerick GAA:

Narrow hurling win for Newcastle West

15.5.76

SENIOR HURLING C'SHIP
At Askeaton—Newcastle West
2-8, St. Mary's 2-7.

At Rathkeale — Adare 2-13,
Feohanagh 3-2.
At Dromcollogher — Kileedy
1-14, Tournafulla 1-6.

Newcastle West 2-8
St. Mary's 2-7

This was a good entertaining hour's hurling with very little between the sides in the first half and losers leading by 5 pts. to 3 pts. at the break. Saint Mary's got well on top in the first quarter of the second half and thanks to goals by Joe Williams and Johnny Jones—from a penalty, led by 7 points with about 12 minutes remaining. Newcastle really came back in this round and a goal by Vinnie White, followed by another by Tom Doody from a free, left just a point between the sides. Vinnie White levelled the sides with a great point from the wing but St. Mary's fought back to force a 70 which was shot just barely wide of the posts by Johnny Jones. David Sammon scored the winning point for Newcastle West just before full time.

STARS

Dan Mullane at centre-back for the winners was outstanding, while others to play well were Dan Kennedy, Pa Kelly, John Shiels, Gerry Sweeney, Vinnie White, Mike Kelly and Pat Sweeney. Denis O'Dea was the losers' man of the match with best support from Johnny Jones, Pat Markham, Frank Dalton, Joe Williams, Sean Harnett and Mike Sullivan.

Scorers—Newcastle West: T. Doody (1-4), V. White (1-2), P. Sweeney (0-1), D. Sammon (0-1); St. Mary's: J. Jones (1-3), J. Williams (1-1), N. Fitzgerald (0-1), S. Doherty (0-1), D. Doherty (0-1).

TEAMS

Newcastle West: S. Normoyle, P. McCarthy, D. Kennedy, P. Kelly, P. Hennessey, D. Mullane, J. Shiels, G. Sweeney, M. Kelly, T. Doody, D. Noonan, N. O'Connor, V. White, J. Cawley, D. Sammon. Subs.: P. Sweeney, P. Kelly, T. Curtin.

St. Mary's: N. Harnett, M. Williams, P. Markham, P. Lynch, S. Harnett, D. O'Dea, B. McEniry, F. Dalton, W. Mulcair, M. Sullivan, J. Jones, S. Doherty, J. Williams, D. Doherty, N. Fitzgerald.

Referee: Mr. Jack Quaid.

Kilfinny v. Knockaderry; 21
Hurling: Newcastle West v.
Kilcornan.

UNDER 21 FOOTBALL FINAL: 10/12/76

Newcastle West champs after thriller

Newcastle West 1-6;

Na Piarsaigh 1-5

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Newcastle West played with the assistance of the elements in the first half and shot three wides before Seamus O'Sullivan opened their account with a point from a free in the fifth minute. Na Piarsaigh levelled it five minutes later when the Dundalk and League of Ireland soccer player kicked over a free. The Na Piarsaigh defence came under severe pressure during the next fifteen minutes, but although Newcastle West played jigs and reels with the opposition, they could only score four further points, (one from play) before the interval.

Tom Tobin and Jim Galvin had valuable points for Na Piarsaigh approaching the interval, and at the break it was 0-5 to 0-3 in favour of Newcastle West.

Na Piarsaigh dominated the early stages of the second half. Ger Garrighey had a fine point from play to reduce the arrears to a single point and in the ninth minute, a similar effort from Pat Dowling levelled the scoring.

A minute later, right corner-forward, Dom O'Grady, moved to the left wing to collect a falling ball and flashed it to the back of the Newcastle West net for a beautiful goal. Na Piarsaigh were in front for the first time and moving in top gear. It looked at this stage as if Newcastle West would have to wait another year, but to their credit they never lost heart and their courage and perseverance were rewarded.

Mike O'Riordan reduced the deficit with a point at the end of the third quarter. It was now obvious that Na Piarsaigh had not the grip on the proceedings, which they had enjoyed in the third quarter, and it was Newcastle West who were the more

ferocity.

With seven minutes remaining, Liam O'Doherty, one of the stars of the Newcastle West side set up the move that eventually sealed the fate of the city champions. From his own half back he booted the ball upfield, past half a dozen opponents and from thirty yards out he placed O'Riordan on the edge of the square and the latter was pulled down as he shot for goal. Brian Scanlon effortlessly shot home the penalty kick and this was the final score of the game.

Na Piarsaigh had two opportunities to equalise in those dramatic closing minutes. Ger Grant and Mick McDonnell missed from scorable positions from placed balls and on the call of time they were setting up another dangerous attack.

Liam O'Doherty was the man of the match for Newcastle West and he was well supported by goalkeeper, Pat O'Connor; mid-fielders Ger McCoy and Tom Doody, and attackers Seamus O'Sullivan, Brian Scanlon and Declan Maguire.

Pat Tiernan was in great form at full-back for Na Piarsaigh. Their mid-fielders, Tom Tobin and Jim Whelan did nothing wrong, while up front, Dom O'Grady and Pat Dowling were very effective. Mick McDonnell looked dangerous when in possession, but seemed unhappy in the number 14 spot.

Newcastle West scorers: B. Scanlon, 1-0; S. O'Sullivan, 0-2; T. Doody, T. Culhane, P. Kelly and M. O'Riordan, 0-1 each.

Na Piarsaigh scorers: D. O'Grady, 1-0; M. McDonnell, T. Tobin, J. Galvin, G. Garrighey and P. Dowling, 0-1 each.

Newcastle West—P. O'Connor, J. Mulvihill, J. Kelly, M. Conway, S. Normoyle, T. Culhane, L. O'Doherty, G. McCoy, T. Doody, B. Scanlon, D. Maguire, P. Kelly, S. O'Sullivan (capt.), G. Scanlon, M. O'Riordan. Subs.: G. Normoyle for Scanlon B. Carr for Conway.

Na Piarsaigh scorers: D. Grant, P. Tiernan, H. Heeny, J. Walsh, G. Garrighey, S. McCartney, T. Tobin, J. Whelan, J. Fox, P. Dowling, D. Walsh, J. Galvin, M. McDonnell, D. O'Grady. Sub.: O. Coady for Galvin.

West Limerick GAA:

Senior Hurling League

Jan '76

It was a great day for the Western clubs in the Senior Hurling League with all five clubs involved having good wins. The only club who lost out were Monagay who, for a variety of reasons, could not get a side together.

Newcastle West 5-2
Dromin Athlaccra 2-6

This was a very exciting, closely contested game which produced a fairly good standard of play despite the sticky underfoot conditions. There was very little between the sides all through, and Newcastle won because they turned most of their chances to good account. Dromin-Athlaccra were unlucky to lose their centre-half back, M. O'Leary, through injury before the end of the first half.

SCORERS

Newcastle West: J. Cowhey (2-0), D. Sammon (1-0), D. Neenan (1-0), T. Doody (1-0), L. O'Connor (0-1), G. Sweeney (0-1).

Dromin-Athlaccra: B. Neenan (1-5), J. O'Callaghan (1-0), G. Carroll (0-1).

TEAMS

Newcastle West—W. Kelly, J. Mulvihill, P. Sweeney, J. Shiels, V. White, D. Kennedy, L. O'Connor, P. Hennessey, D. Mullane, T. Doody, G. Sweeney, P. McCarthy, D. Sammon, J. Cowhey, D. Neenan. Sub.: M. Kelly.

Dromin-Athlaccra—P. McAuliffe, K. Murphy, J. Kelliher, J. Carmody, M. O'Callaghan, M. O'Leary, G. Moynihan, W. Neenan, J. Reidy, J. Breen, S. Kelliher, B. Neenan, J. O'Callaghan, G. Carroll, M. Neenan. Sub.: G. Mulcahy.

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GAA NEWS

St. Mary's under 21 footballers defeated Monagay at Knockaderry on last Sunday by 4-15 to 0-2. The team was: D. Hartnett; T. Shiels, J. O'Grady, T. Whyte; T. Willmott, N. Hartnett, S. Kennedy; S. HaHrtnett, J. Dolan; M. Daly, M. Sullivan, E. Goodwin; T. Kett, J. O'Connor, J. Coleman.

Subs.: H. Frawley, S. T. Crowley, M. O'Brien, T. Keating, W. Keating, D. Dalton, P. McCarthy, R. Doherty, S. Doherty, B. Coleman, M. Meade, L. Kennedy.

The under 14 hurling team defeated Kilcornan at Kilcornan on Monday by 7-2 to 0-0.

The team was: R. Doherty; B. Dillon, M. Ryan, C. Hogan; G. Mulcair, M. Doherty, B. Mooney; L. Casey, Brian Dillon; T. Meehan, M. Meade, P. Jones, M. Neville, P. McCarthy, J. Feane.

Subs.: J. Morrissey, J. Lyons, A. Flaherty, J. Fitzgibbon, J. Meehan.

CONGRATULATIONS 8/5/76

Congratulations are extended to Sean and Noel Hartnett of Abeylands. Sean was selected to play with Limerick on Friday, April 30, in an under 21 football match against Waterford, which Limerick won by one point, scored by Sean himself.

oNel has been appointed Limerick Youth Representative on the Central Council Policy Making Committee of the GAA.

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Newcastle West topple M.F. champs

MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL

Newcastle West2-8
Askeaton3-3

JUNIOR HURLING SEMI-FINAL

Feohanagh/Kilmeedy.....2-15
St. Mary's1-6

At Askeaton on Sunday last, Newcastle West collected the West Limerick minor football title at the expense of the holders, Askeaton, in a very entertaining game. The game was played at a very fast pace throughout and the lead changed hands on several occasions. The winners picked off some fine points from play, while the losers scored some opportunist goals. Newcastle were up five points with less than 10 minutes remaining and looked to be heading for a comfortable win, but a high lobbing ball deceived the Newcastle goalie and finished in the back of the net and they added a point a couple of minutes later to leave just a point between them. Askeaton threw everything into attack at this stage and had a couple of very good opportunities of the equaliser, but it was the Newcastle boys who broke upfield towards the end and clinched victory with another point.

Brendan Toomey, Denis King, Tom Herbert, Mike Upton, Maurice Corr, William Doherty, Tony Larkin and Pat Kenny were most prominent for the winners, who now meet Monaleen in the county final.

John Neville, Joe Hannafin, John Horgan, Malachy McDaid, Fintan Ryan, Richard Kelly, Tom Fitzgerald and Charlie McCarthy did best for the losers.

Scorers:

Newcastle West — P. Kenny, 1-3; M. Upton, 1-1; W. O'Doherty, 0-3; T. Larkin, 0-1.

Askeaton — F. Ryan, 1-3; R. Kelly, 1-0; M. McDaid, 1-0.

TEAMS

Newcastle West — M. Lane, B.

Toomey, B. Kilmartin, M. Quilligan, D. King, S. Breen, T. Herbert, M. Corr (capt.), L. Murphy, T. Kelliher, M. Upton, L. Sexton, W. O'Doherty, P. Kenny, T. Larkin. Sub., H. O'Grady.

Askeaton — D. Foley, J. Hannafin, J. Neville, K. Barry, J. Horgan, G. Danaher, M. McDaid, F. Ryan, S. Kelly, T. Fitzgerald, C. McCarthy, J. Nestor, M. Dillon, L. Kelly.

Referee, Mr. M. O'Sullivan (St. Kieran's).

MINOR FOOTBALL

Newcastle West qualified for the final of the county minor football championship by virtue of the 1-7 to 1-4 win over Old Christians at Adare on Sunday last. They lined out as follows: Mike Lane, Brendan Toomey, Billy Kilmartin, Mike Quilligan, Denis King, Seamus Breen, Tom Herbert, Maurice Carr, Liam Murphy, Liam Sexton, Mike Upton, Tom Kelliher, Hugh O'Grady, Pat Kenny, William O'Doherty. Sub.: Tony Larkin.

Newcastle West under 14 hurlers qualified for the county final when they defeated Cappamore by 1-3 to 0-3 in Kildimo.

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The Newcastle West Under-16 football side which will represent the Vocation School in the All-Ireland final in Croke Park tomorrow. Their opponents are St. Pius X Secondary School.

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Newcastle West Gaelic Grounds Project

Operations were commenced during the week-end on the development of the site for the proposed new Gaelic grounds in the Demesne at Newcastle West.

The work, which is estimated to cost approximately £2,000, is being carried out by Sheehy Brothers, land reclamation contractors, Kilmacnab, who started operations on Monday with heavy machinery and equipment, including a bulldozer. When work has been completed on the levelling and lay-out of the site, in about six weeks, tenders will be invited for the enclosing of the grounds, the ultimate objective being to provide a pitch with comfortable accommodation for up to 20,000 people. A public meeting has been called to consider ways and means of raising the funds necessary for the ambitious project.

The G.A.A. Club also held their annual general meeting recently and the officers elected were: President, Billy O'Connor; chairman, Dan Murphy; vice-chairman, Peter Curtin; treasurer, Pat Condon; secretary, Mike O'Donoghue; assistant secretary, Pat O'Connor.

Captains for the coming year are: John Mulvihill (senior and under-21 hurling), Donie Enright (senior football) and Brian Carr (under-21 football).

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Newcastlewest, winners of the West under 14 Hurling championship, who failed narrowly to Claughaun in a thrilling County Final 1998



Newcastle West, who were defeated by Claughaun in the county u-14 hurling final.

MINOR FOOTBALL REPLAY: NEWCASTLE WEST3-5 KNOCKADERRY0-0

At Askeaton on Sunday, Newcastle West returned to something like their true form when they proved far too fit and skilful for Knockaderry in the replay of the Western Final. The winners led at half time by 3-1 and the losers, although improving somewhat in the second half, never really looked like making a game of it. Micky Lane, Brendan Toomey, Mce. Brann, Liam Shine, William O'Doherty, Ger Murphy and Paudie Power were outstanding in what was essentially a team success for Newcastle West, while best for Knockaderry were goalie Pat Murphy, Tom Curtin, John Magner, Get Quaid and Gerry Butler.

Scorers: Newcastle West: W. O'Doherty 1-3, G. Murphy 1-1, P. Power 1-0, K. O'Grady 0-1.

Teams: 20-10-79

Newcastle West: M. Cagney, T. Herbert, B. Toomey, J. Nix, M. Brann, M. Lowe, D. King, L. Shine, M. Quilligan, B. Sexton, W. O'Doherty, T. Larkin, K. O'Grady, G. Murphy, P. Power.

Knockaderry: P. Murphy, M. Walsh, J. Lenihan, A. Colum, M. Callagahn, T. Curtin, J. Magner, G. Quaid, R. Hayes, P. Dowling, G. Butler, P. McMahon, B. McMahon, J. Keane, J. Colum.

Ref.: Mr. Pat Lane, Foynes.

Mr. Eddie Corbett, chairman of the West Board, presented the cup to the winner's captain, Billy Sexton, after the game and congratulated the two teams on the sporting game they had played.



The Newcastle West team beaten by Monaleen in the county minor football final.

Committees clash over control of club grounds

BY JIMMY WOULFE

A MAJOR controversy, festering within the G.A.A. in Newcastle West for some time, is likely to come to a head within the next few months.

The crux is the control of the club grounds at the Demesne.

A field committee, which was established in the late 1950s, claims jurisdiction over the playing field and controls all rents received from West Board and County Board championship games.

Separately

This committee acts separately from the club committee, though a number of people serve on both.

Now the club committee, which is voted into office each year at the A.G.M., is seeking to have all the G.A.A.'s property within its control.

The club committee recently completed a £40,000 development providing two squash courts, dressing rooms, showers and a meeting room adjacent to the playing field.

When money was being borrowed for the squash court complex, the club was required by the bank to establish title to the grounds.

However, the County Council, which administers the entire Demesne, acting as town commissioners, has not yet ruled who the tenant of the field is — i.e., the G.A.A. club or the field committee.

Because of the crux, the club committee has been unable to finalise its loan arrangement with the bank and at present the club is on bridging finance.

'Approaches'

One source within the club told the Limerick Leader: "The club committee, as the democratically elected body to oversee the management and affairs of the association within the parish, are anxious to see this matter cleared up as soon as possible and have made several unsuccessful approaches to the field committee in this regard."

Several members of the club committee feel that they field committee should be embraced within the club executive, but

the field committee on the other hand, which is made up of long standing members of the club, see themselves as a sort of trusteeship, according to another source.

The whole affair has had a very divisive affect within the club.

A ludicrous situation arose earlier this year when both the field committee and the club committee declared separately, their intentions of pressing ahead with handball alleys. Notices of both proposed projects appeared in the same issue of the local parish bulletin, the Desmond News.

Bank accounts

An active club member commented: "The whole situation should be sorted out as only the club can suffer by the continuation of the present situation."

The field committee and the club committee have separate bank accounts and members of the club have described this as intolerable.

West Limerick G.A.A.

Fine win for NCW Minors

Newcastle West 3-9, Galbally 0-10.

TWO GOALS early in the second half, one from the penalty spot, paved the way for Newcastle West's good victory over Galbally at Meanus on Saturday night last in a very entertaining game.

The winners, playing with slight wind advantage in the opening half, picked some good points in this period and led at the break by 1-6 to 0-3. The losers fought gallantly in the second half following their concession of the two goals and scored some brilliant points but could not break through for the major score which they so badly needed.

Mickey Lowe, Tom Herbert, Denis King, Mike Quilligan, Liam Murphy, Liam Shine, William O'Doherty and Kevin O'Grady were best for Newcastle West, while Tom Quinlan, Donal O'Brien, Tim Cummins, John Cummins, John Morrissey were best for Galbally.

Scorers: Newcastle West: N. O'Doherty 2-5, K. O'Grady 1-1, W. Sexton 0-2, G. Murphy 0-1. Galbally: J. Cummins 0-5, T. Cummins 0-3, F. Ryan 0-1, J. Morrissey 0-1.

Teams:

Newcastle West: M. Lowe, T. Herbert, B. Toomey, J. Nix, M. Brown, M. Quilligan, D. King, L. Shine, L. Murphy, P. Power, W. O'Doherty, T. Larkin, K. O'Grady, G. Murphy, B. Sexton. Subs.: G. Goulding, R. King.

Galbally: T. Quinlan, D. Quinlan, E. Davern, G. Carew, D. O'Brien, G. Martin, T. Cummins, D. O'Donovan, F. Ryan, D. Casey, J. Cummins, P. O'Donovan, J. Morrissey, M. Sullivan, T. McCarthy. Subs.: N. Walsh, W. Donovan.

The final of the club league at the Squash Club will be held on Sunday and the opposing teams will be led by Seamus O'Sullivan and Tony Keane.

At the recent A.G.M. of the G.A.A. club, the following officers were elected: chairman, Dan Murphy; vice-chairman, Peter Curtin; hon. secretary, Michael Nash; asst. secretary, Michael O'Donoghue; treasurers, Pat Condon and Peter Curtin; registrar, Tim Begley; P.R.O., Mort O'Connor. Committee: Denis O'Grady, John Shiels, Pat O'Connor, Mike Upton, Sean O'Connor, M. O'Donovan, Mike Lyons, Larry Curtin, Owen McAuliffe, Pat Hennessy, Steve Nash and Pat Smith.



Newcastle West under 12 football finalists at Rathkeale on Sunday, when they defeated Ardagh in the West Final.

CRICK LEADER, SATURD

Rathkeale

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The following were successful in the opening round of Scor '76 for adults in the Central Cinema, Rathkeale, on Sunday, February 1.

Solo singing: Pa Wilmoth. Instrumental: P. J. Madigan. Figure dancing (fairy reel): Paddy Kennedy, Mrs. Hughes, Mrs. O'Shea, Richard Mooney, Marie Madigan, Bernie Sullivan. Question time: Jack O'Dwyer, Ml. Hanley, Niall Duggan. Recitation: Mrs. W. Fitzgerald. Ballad group: W. Fitzgerald, J. O'Dwyer, P. Wilmoth. Set dancing: John Hughes, Marie Madigan, Moss Duggan, Mrs. O'Shea, Richard Mooney, Bernie Sullivan, Paddy Kennedy, Mrs. Hughes.

MUINTER NA TIRE

UNDER 14 FOOTBALL

Newcastle West came from behind to draw with St. Mary's in the county semi-final of the under 14 football at Askeaton last Saturday in a very exciting game. They lined out as follows: John Danaher, Kevin Reidy, Manus Gannon, Gerard Murphy, Gerard Goulding, William O'Doherty, Mike Mulcahy, Tony Larkin, Joe McMahon (capt.), Kevin O'Grady, Tommy Kelly, Sean Gleeson, Noel O'Grady, Mike Tagney, Denis Kelly.

21-9-79

UNDER 21 HURLING

Newcastle West *14-9-79* 2-6
Ballingarry

Newcastle West, although short four regulars, advanced to the semi-final stages of the u-21 hurling championship after a hard game against Ballingarry in Askeaton on Sunday last. Newcastle West conceded two early goals but gradually settled down and thanks to great defensive work by John Mulvihill, and accurate free-taking by Tom Doody, they led at half-time by four points. Ballingarry, with Con Keefe outstanding, came back determinedly in the second half and were only two points behind with 10 minutes remaining. The real winning point of the game came at this stage when the losers were awarded a 21-yard free. Sean Donwoth blazed for a goal, but his shot was blocked and cleared and Newcastle never looked back from there and finished with five points from Brian Carr, Gerard Scanlan, Brian Scanlan, Tom Doody and Johnny "Striker" Dwyer.

Referee, Mr. Jack Quaid.

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LONGFORD 0-6

shed their very poor form heavily defeating Longford in at Enniscorthy yesterday

St. Pius boys

bring title North

St. Pius Magherafelt 2-12
Newcastle West 0-6

THE ALL-IRELAND Schools junior football title crossed the border once again as a result of Magherafelt's truly impressive victory over Newcastle West in a rousing final at Croke Park yesterday.

It was the first occasion for St. Pius to take the title and they did it first pop for they had not been in a decider before.

Their more carefully executed football and confident style, enhanced by Derry minors OLIVER McKee, Damien Barton and Brian McErlain enabled them to generally hold the edge on a tenacious Limerick side who were often plagued with bad luck around goal. Just before half-time William Doherty was wide of the St. Pius posts with a penalty.

The Newcastle boys did well to contain the opposition and prevent them from building a greater lead than 2-5 to 0-5 at the interval.

FLYING START

In as early as the second minute St. Pius displayed their ability to score goals when roving full-forward, John Ferris picked up a centre by Damien Barton to hand padd to the net.

Newcastle West fought back with courage and Liam Shine together with Liam Murphy, Billy Sexton, Mick Quilligan and William Doherty set up some good moves to put the winners under pressure.

But the Ulster boys knew how to deal with most situations and Paul McLarnon, Martin O'Brien and Seamus Keenan came out with credit marks.

Scorers, St. Pius B. McErlain (1-5), T. McGuckin (0-4), J. Ferris (1-1), D. Barton and B. Mullins (0-1 each). Newcastle West, W. Doherty (0-3), L. Shine, K. O'Grady and M. Quilligan (0-1 each).

St. Pius — C. Quinn; P. McLarnon, M. O'Brien, S. Keenan; E. McGuckin, O. McKee, K. Keenan; R. McCusker, D. Barton; B. Mullins, B. McErlain, M. Gavigan; M. Gallagher, J. Ferris, T. McGuckin. Subs — P. Forbes for M. Gallagher.

Newcastle West — C. Roche; J. Foley, M. Flynn, O. Flanagan; M. Copse, M. Lane, D. Roche; L. Shine, L. Murphy, B. Sexton; M. Quilligan, W. Doherty, J. Nix, G. Cullen, K. O'Grady.

Great Treble for Newcastlewest 1980

In spite of some very good runs in the Championship, County titles have been at a premium down Newcastle West way for a number of years now. The Under 21 Footballers made the breakthrough in 1975 but titles have eluded the balck and whites since then. However, 1980 saw a welcome change.

The minor footballers who reached their third successive County Fina, having failed to Monaleen in 1978, and St. Mary's in 1979, made it third time lucky, when they



NEWCASTLEWEST UNDER-16 FOOTBALL TEAM

BACK ROW: Left to Right — Liam Roche, Tommy Kelly, Denis Kelly, John Danaher, Liam Keane, John Hurley, Donal Cremin, Anthony Hayne, Seamus Connolly.

FRONT ROW: Left to Right — Joe McMahon (Capt.), Moss O'Shea, Sean Gleeson, Mike Sammon, John O'Connor, Mike Mulcahy, Noel O'Grady, Manus Sammon.

overcame a talented Na Piarsaigh combination at Patrickswell in a replay, after drawing in adverse conditions at the Gaelic Grounds.

This experienced and talented side, contained ten players who were fighting for their County award at the third attempt, Mickey Lane, Paudie Power, Liam Murphy, Liam Shine, Mike Quilligan, Kevin O'Grady, William Doherty, Ger Golding, Mike Tangney and Tony Larkin. With the exception of Danny Sammon, the remainder of the team won County Juvenile honours this year. So, all in all, the future must be bright for football in Newcastle.

Great determination and courage and an abundance of football ability were the contributory factors in Newcastlewest's win over Galbally in the Under-21 Football Final.

Galbally got an early goal but Newcastlewest inspired by Mike Quilligan, Liam Shine and Liam O'Doherty, fought back bravely and finished worthy champions.

The Juvenile Footballers were the trail blazers in 1980, when, having defeated St. Marys (Rathkeale), in the West Final, they went on to record an historic County success over old rivals, St. Marys (City), in the final.

The success of this team was particularly gratifying as it was the culmination of years of dedication by the players and coach, Denis O'Grady, who must take great pride in this succss and that of his former proteges at Minor and Under 21 levels.

Built around nine of the Minor panel, including John Danaher, Joe McMahon, Donal Cremin, Liam Roche, Liam Keane, Sean Gleeson and Mike Mulcahy, who played in the Minor Final they showed a high degree of teamwork and skill in their unbeaten run. The success of the under age teams, unfortunately, was not repeated at higher level, but team building is in progress, and, with the experience and dedication of Senior Captain, Declan



THE MINOR FOOTBALL TEAM FROM NEWCASTLEWEST — 1980 COUNTY CHAMPIONS

FRONT ROW: Left to Right — Liam Roche, Liam Shine, Ger Golding, Liam Murphy (Capt.), Kevin O'Grady, John Danaher, Sean Gleeson, Mike Mulcahy.

BACK ROW: Left to Right — Liam Keane, Danny Sammon, Tony Larkin, Mike Quilligan, Vincent McCoy, Donal Cronin, Mike Tangney, Wm. O'Doherty, Mickey Lane, Seamus Hynes, Paudie Power, Joe McMahon, Tommy Kelly.

Maquire, and a few others to build on, success cannot be far off.

Hurling success is harder to come by, but, again, the juveniles have much strength and talent in depth and we are poised for a breakthrough. Success, when it comes, will have been the result of building from the bottom up where the Under 14's won the West Championship for the second time in three years, and, again, for the second time in three years lost to a very good Cloughaun team in the County Final.

This team of "no hoppers" showed tremendous character in overcoming Kileedy in the West Final, and Ahane, after a replay, in the County Semi-Final. We will surely hear more of Sean Kelly, Dan O'Connor, Liam Cremin, Gerard Murphy, Donal Normoyle, Eoin Cremin, John Upton and many more of their colleagues in the not too distant future.

Off the field, the Newcastle Club has been very active also. Since 1976, we have spent in the region of £50,000 in developing our Club facilities. Already, we have four team dressing rooms, two squash Courts, with modern changing facilities and a meeting room. Plans are on hand to provide handball facilities and already work is in progress on drainage of the field with a view to making it a top class inter county venue.

Club affairs were in the hands of the following in 1980:

President: Wm. O'Connor, Chairman: Dan Murphy, Vice-Chairman: Denis O'Grady, Secretary: Mike Nash, Asst. Sec.: Pat O'Connor, Treasurers: Pat Condon and Peter Curtin, Registrar: Jim Begley, P.R.O.: Mort O'Connor. Committee: Mike O'Donoghue, Ml. O'Donovan, John Shiels, Steve Nash, Pat Smith, and Denis Scanlan.

Newcastle West0-9
 Granagh.....0-9

In a pedestrian paced senior hurling game at Drom. on Sunday, Newcastle West drew with Granagh in a very uninspiring affair. Both sides squandered what appeared gilt edged opportunities with free abandon, and in this respect Granagh appeared the more aimless. Midfield honours appeared to be equally divided between the midfield pairings of O'Connor and Doody for Newcastle West and Hanley and Treacy for Granagh, but poor finishing was a feature of both sides, and whenever Granagh did get it right, they found goalie Willie Kelly in fine form.

In stunning contrast, both sides presented a good defence, which may in part account for a somewhat inept attack. Donie O'Connor and Dennie Ahern were particularly effective for Granagh and in particular I liked the first time striking of wing back J. Whelan for N.C. West. Others to impress for N.C. West were J. Mulvihill, L. O'Connor, T. Noonan and Dan Mullane, while Granagh were best served by T. Treacy, R. Chawke, D. Hanley and J. Chawke.

A draw was a very fair result for two evenly matched teams, but both sides will have to improve, if they are to make any serious impact in the closing stages of the

Keep Ref. J. J. O'Connor

Dan Murphy hits out

BY JIMMY WOULFE

Feb. 1980

A blistering attack was levelled at members of the West Gaa Board at the annual general meeting of Newcastle West G.A.A. club by outgoing chairman, Mr. Dan Murphy.

Mr. Murphy who was re-elected for his third year in the chair, described the officials of the board, with 1 exception, as having the dubious honour of being the most discredited body in the GAA as far as its relations with Newcastle West club were concerned.

Mr. Michael Nash, outgoing secretary who was also re-elected in a very close contest said an objection lodged by Newcastle West senior football team against Glin was never heard by the West board. He said the West board tried to coerce Newcastle West to replay the match, but Newcastle West wanted their objection heard, but to no avail. He said officials of the club were physically abused and threatened by an official of the West Board during a meeting.

During the very heated meeting, which lasted more than three hours and which attracted a capacity attendance at the Parish Hall, Newcastle West, the position of the Fields Committee which controls the local grounds and gate receipts there, was also raised.

Mr. Gary McMahon suggested from the floor that an arbitrator be brought in to try and bring the Fields Committee and the Club Committee together so that this "festering sore" would be finally healed.

Mr. Lawrence Curtin, chairman of the fields committee said he would support this suggestion when his committee meet. It was agreed that some arrangement should be reached by March 17, and failing that an extraordinary general meeting will be called to deal with the matter.

In the election for chairman, Mr. Murphy was opposed by Mr. Pat Whelan and vote favoured Mr. Murphy 44 to 33. Mr. Denis O'Grady was elected Vice-Chairman. There was a very tightly contested vote for Honorary Secretary with Michael Nash getting 39 votes and Gerard Normile receiving 37. Mr. Pat O'Connor was elected assistant secretary.

Newcastle West GAA 6/2/80

Our minor footballers, contesting their third consecutive county final, scored an historic win on Sunday last at Patrickswell. This eagerly awaited replay with Na Piarasigh lived up to all expectations. In the first half Na Piarasigh, powered by a brilliant Joe Hanrahan, at midfield, ran up a well merited 1-6 to 0-4 lead which made them look comfortable entering the second half. However, displaying the spirit and determination which we have come to expect from this team, the N.C.W. lads gave a power packed display of fast and skilful football to take the lead with seven minutes remaining, a lead they never lost. Even when Na Piarasigh came back with a goal two minutes from the end substitute Liam Keane hammered home another for N.C.W. in masterly fashion. Captain, Liam Murphy, had a brilliant hour at centre-back and utility man Liam Shine, who received the man of the match award, presented by Tom Danaher, gave a powerful display at midfield, well aided by Mike Quilligan, who had the unenviable task of marking Joe Hanrahan. Of the forwards, Kevin O'Grady's display of skill, particularly in the second half, was a joy to watch. Tommy Kelly had a dream debut at full forward and his fellow juvenile partners Mike Mulcahy and substitute Liam (Wally) Keane, had games to remember as indeed had all the team. Scorers for N.C.W. - L. Keane 2-0, Wm. O'Doherty 1-2, K. O'Grady 1-1, L. Shine 0-1, G. Golding 0-1 and T. Kelly 0-1.

Newcastle West team - Mike Tangney, Paudie Power, Mickey Lane, John Danaher, Donal Cremin, Liam Murphy (capt.), Liam Roche, Mike Quilligan, Joe McMahon, Gerard Golding, Wm. Doherty, Liam Shine, Kevin O'Grady, Tommy Kelly, Mike Mulcahy. Subs., Tony Larkin, Liam (Wally) Keane.

On Sunday next we look forward to great support for the under 21's in their county final battle with Galbally, at 2.30 p.m.

The referee of the minor game, Liam Hogan of Bruff, did an excellent job with the whistle.

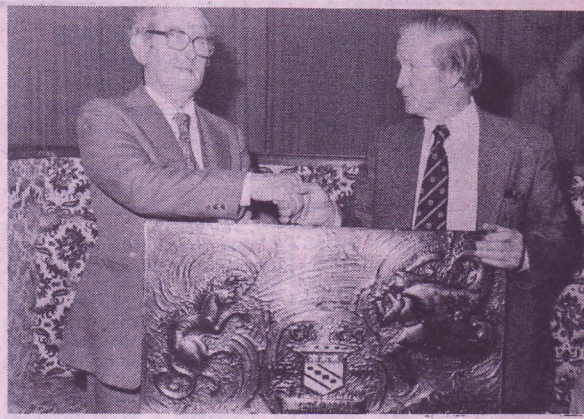


NEWCASTLEWEST UNDER-14 HURLING TEAM 1980

FRONT ROW: Left to Right— John Upton, Jim Dowling, Brendan Kelly, Mike Browne, Stephen Murphy, Eoin Cremin, Willie Hurley, Tommy Danaher, Dan O'Connor, Seamus Ambrose, Derry McMahon.



Mr. John Whelan, his wife, Kitty, and family, at a function in Newcastle West organised by the West Board in his honour.



Mr. John Whelan (left) is presented with a wall plaque by Mr. Ed. Corbett on behalf of the West Board, at a function in Newcastle West to mark the occasion of his retirement from the West Board.

West Board G.A.A.:

Tribute to John Whelan

Surrounded by his family and friends, John Whelan was guest of honour at a function hosted by the West Board at the River Room, Newcastle West on Wednesday night, April 30th, to mark the occasion of his retirement after 25 years as secretary of the West Board.

Chairman, Mr. E. Corbett, presented John with a copper wall plaque depicting the Cuchulainn theme, by Listowel artiste, Tony O'Callaghan, as a token of esteem and appreciation of his dedication and work for the G.A.A. down through the years.

Too often, we are called upon, Mr. Corbett said, to pay tribute to people who are dead and gone, but tonight, I am delighted to say that the man we are paying tribute to is very much alive.

He gave a dedicated service to the West Board without regard for self interest, and his tenure of office was distinguished by his good knowledge of G.A.A. affairs and his practical approach to the various matters under discussion.

Any tribute I pay John Whelan tonight would not prove adequate to even touch on the qualities that won him the respect and esteem for his integrity, dedication and sheer hard work for the G.A.A. from all those who associated with him both at Board and public level.

His decision to retire is a great loss to us and in making this presentation to him, it is our wish that it will serve as a token of appreciation from the West Board.



Mr. John Whelan with officers of the County and West Boards GAA at a function in Newcastle West. The occasion was John's retirement as secretary of the West Board.

Chairman of the County Board, Mr. Rory Kiely, said that he knew John a long time and always found him most co-operative, hard working and dedicated. He also referred to the great work he did for the local pitch and also regretted his

decision to retire from the West Board.

Mr. Paddy Ryan, Central Council, said that he was privileged to be here tonight to honour one of the greatest Gaels in West Limerick, a man of vision and integrity, whom

he has known for over 25 years.

Further tributes were paid by Tom Boland, Co. Board Secretary; John Kennedy, vice-chairman, West Board; P. Browne, secretary, West Board; Timmy Woulfe, Declan Moylan, Co. Board and Fr.

O'Donovan.

John Whelan said that he was deeply appreciative of the tributes paid to him tonight and of the regret and sincerity expressed on his retirement from the West Board, but stressed that he would be always available to the G.A.A.

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G.A.A. A.G.M.

The following officers and committee were elected at the A.G.M. of the Club. Held at the Parish Hall recently.

Jan 1980
President, Mr. William O'Connor, (Life) Chairman, D. Murphy; vice chairman, Denis O'Grady; secretary, Mike Nash; assistant secretary, Pat O'Connor; joint treasurers, Pat Condon, Peter Curtin; registrar, Jim Begley; p.r.o. Mort O'Connor;

Committee:- Owen McAuliffe, Pat Smith, Mike O'Donoghue, Denis Scanlon, Mike Breen, Donie Enright, Michael O'Donovan, Liam Shine, Steve Nash, John Shiels, Liam Murphy.



Newcastle West, who were defeated by Cloughaun in the county under-14 championship at Bruff.

27.9.80

West Board G.A.A.:

Tribute to John Whelan

Surrounded by his family and friends, John Whelan was guest of honour at a function hosted by the West Board at the River Room, Newcastle West on Wednesday night, April 30th, to mark the occasion of his retirement after 25 years as secretary of the West Board.

Chairman, Mr. E. Corbett, presented John with a copper wall plaque depicting the Cuchulainn theme, by Listowel artiste, Tony O'Callaghan, as a token of esteem and appreciation of his dedication and work for the G.A.A. down through the years.

Too often, we are called upon, Mr. Corbett said, to pay tribute to people who are dead and gone, but tonight, I am delighted to say that the man we are paying tribute to is very much alive.

He gave a dedicated service to the West Board without regard for self interest, and his tenure of office was distinguished by his practical approach to the various matters under discussion.

Any tribute I pay John Whelan tonight would not prove adequate to even touch on the qualities that won him the respect and esteem for his integrity, dedication and sheer hard work for the G.A.A. from all those who associated with him both at Board and public level.

His decision to retire is a great loss to us and in making this presentation to him, it is our wish that it will serve as a token of appreciation from the West Board.

Chairman of the County Board, Mr. Rory Kiely, said that he knew John a long time and always found him most co-operative, hard working and dedicated. He also referred to the great work he did for the local pitch and also regretted his decision to retire from the West Board.

Mr. Paddy Ryan, Central Council, said that he was privileged to be here tonight to honour one of the greatest Gaels in West Limerick, a man of vision and integrity, whom he has known for over 25 years.

Further tributes were paid by Tom Boland, Co. Board Secretary; John Kennedy, vice-chairman, West Board; P. Browne, secretary, West Board; Timmy Woulfe, Declan Moylan, Co. Board and Fr. O'Donovan.

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CO. HANDBALL TITLE

Ballingarry senior goalie, Jack Kelly, won the Novice All Ireland County title at Cappagh on Saturday evening when he defeated Martin Cosgrave of the Shamrock Club, Limerick 21-15 and 21-11, and will now represent Limerick in the Munster Championships.

WEST BOARD

2-2-80 new

Mr. John Whelan, Newcastlewest, has relinquished his post as secretary of the West Limerick G.A.A. Board. He has filled the position with distinction during the past 27 years. He was given a standing ovation at the recent Board convention and many officials and delegates paid glowing tributes to him.

A proposition that he be elected 'life president' of the Board was unanimously passed.

Paddy Browne, Ballingarry, is the new secretary of the Board. He defeated Liam Lenihan and Tom Healy for the position.



The Newcastle West team beaten by St. Kieran's in the West senior football championship.

final replay.



West Board reply to N.C.W.

MR. EDWARD Corbett, chairman of the West Limerick GAA Board, has sent us the following letter:

I would like to make reference to a report of the annual general meeting of the Newcastle West GAA club, published in the Limerick Leader of January 12th. At face value it would seem, as the reporter said, "a blistering attack levelled at members of the Western board". On a closer reading it emerges as a collection of words and phrases currently in vogue, emotive in themselves, but in the main an incoherent jumble that says very little.

The speakers in question may have intended it to be so, by creating the illusion that they were launching a "blistering attack on members of the West board" and at the same time covering their tracks by only seeming to say certain things.

On the other hand if they failed in their use of words and really intended the fullest implications of expressions like "dubious honour", "most discredited body in the GAA", "coerce", etc., it might as well be put to put the record straight.

As far as its relations with N.C.W. GAA club are concerned the West board discharged its duty and complied with the direction it got from higher authority, had they not, the N.C.W. club would have been quick to notify the c.o. board.

Had N.C.W. club discharged its duty to its members they would not now be trying to whitewash themselves of all responsibility for being eliminated from the S.F. championship of 1979 and attempting to blame their incompetence on the West Board.

OPPORTUNITY

With reference to the N.C.W. secretary's remarks, he was given ample opportunity as a representative of his club to have these matters investigated at Co. Board level. Having failed there, he and his colleagues neglected the option of pursuing the matter at Munster Council level.

You could add "does it not follow from the Co. Board's decision that they (the Co. Board) too should be regarded as discredited by the N.C.W. club. Or that the clubs of West Limerick of whom the West Board officers are staunch members, and the rest of the clubs, who re-elected such people here today should be similarly discredited. All out of step with the chairman and secretary of N.C.W. club."

In view of the publicity surrounding the issue, and its significance to continued relationship, if any, between the officials concerned and this board, I would appreciate if the N.C.W. club communicate in writing, with our secretary as soon as possible and before affiliations are received with the following information: (1) Were its chairman and secretary merely engaging in some mud slinging at the board, for the sake of effect? Or (2) did they really intend discrediting the officials of the board. In either case I now invite them to consider withdrawing the statement, as well as issuing a public apology to the board. Failing that the board will take such action as it deems necessary to protect its integrity and that of the association it represents.

—Edward Corbett

Dan Murphy hits out

BY JIMMY WOULFE

A blistering attack was levelled at members of the West Gaa Board at the annual general meeting of Newcastle West G.A.A. club by outgoing chairman, Mr. Dan Murphy.

Mr. Murphy who was re-elected for his third year in the chair, described the officials of the board, with 1 exception, as having the dubious honour of being the most discredited body in the GAA as far as its relations with Newcastle West club were concerned.

Mr. Michael Nash, outgoing secretary who was also re-elected in a very close contest said an objection lodged by Newcastle West senior football team against Glin was never heard by the West board. He said the West board tried to coerce Newcastle West to replay the match, but Newcastle West wanted their objection heard, but to no avail. He said officials of the club were physically abused and threatened by an official of the West Board during a meeting.

During the very heated meeting, which lasted more than three hours and which attracted a capacity attendance at the Parish Hall, Newcastle West, the position of the Fields Committee which controls the local grounds and gate receipts there, was also raised.

Mr. Gary McMahon suggested from the floor that an arbitrator be brought in to try and bring the Fields Committee and the Club Committee together so that this "festering sore" would be finally healed.

Mr. Lawrence Curtin, chairman of the fields committee said he would support this suggestion when his committee meet. It was agreed that some arrangement should be reached by March 17, and failing that an extraordinary general meeting will be called to deal with the matter.

In the election for chairman, Mr. Murphy was opposed by Mr. Pat Whelan and vote favoured Mr. Murphy 44 to 33. Mr. Denis O'Grady was elected Vice-Chairman. There was a very tightly contested vote for Honorary Secretary with Michael Nash getting 39 votes and Gerard Normile receiving 37. Mr. Pat O'Connor was elected assistant secretary.

AT KILLEEDY

J.H. — Newcastle West, 10-5; Tournafulla, 0-2.

At Killeedy on Sunday Newcastle West scored an overwhelming victory over Tournafulla in the first round of the West Limerick Junior Hurling Championship. There was only a fair attendance and, as the final scores indicate, there was little to enthuse over in the game, which finished in a dull note with the winners still piling on their formidable lead. At half-time Newcastle West were leading by 3-5 to 0-1 for Tournafulla.

C. Enright opened the scoring for Newcastle West with a point, to which he quickly added a goal. Sean Herbert (0-2) and Denis Aherne (1-0) had further scores for the winners before O'Shaughnessy replied with a point for Tour. Before the interval Newcastle West advanced their lead with scores from Sean Herbert (0-1), C. Enright (1-0) and Pat Hayes (0-1).

SECOND HALF

Denis Aherne had two quick goals for the winners on resuming and C. Enright and Neddy O'Connor added further goals before O'Sullivan had Tournafulla's second and last point of the game. Further Newcastle scores came from Denis Aherne and Jim O'Grady and Dave Hayes finished off the scoring spree with another goal for the winners. Jimmy O'Grady and Pat Hayes were the highlights of a finely balanced Newcastle West combination, while Tournafulla were well served by Harnett, Larkin, J. Guiney, Barrett, Curtin and Sullivan.

THE TEAMS

Newcastle West—S. Normoyle, J. Woulfe, W. Barrett, J. Nix, E. Vaughan, S. O'Grady, P. Hayes, S. Casey, E. O'Connor, P. Dowling, S. Herbert, P. Devine, C. Enright, D. Hayes, D. Aherne.

Tournafulla—P. Harnett, J. Kiely, M. McEnery, T. Larkin, P. Guiney, M. O'Shaughnessy, J. Curtin, J. Guiney, J. O'Sullivan, T. Barrett, M. Morrissey, L. Harnett, J. Collins, F. Wright, P. Brosnan.

MINOR HURLING

Newcastle West 4-11
Knockaderry 0-5

A minor final that fell far short of its pre match rating was the general opinion at Askeaton on Tuesday evening when Newcastle West fashioned a runaway win over Knockaderry in a game that gave early promise of a close decider. There was little sense of euphoria in the winners dressing room as this very disappointing Knockaderry side offered a weak challenge for the West title.

The opening fifteen minutes were exciting as Knockaderry raced into an early lead and worried their more exalted opponents in many quarters, and though trailing 0-3 to 0-6 at the break it gave little hint of the thirty minutes of misery that was to follow.

This highly efficient Newcastle West side that always seemed to have a little in hand, crashed home their first goal within three minutes of resumption and with it they really got "in the mood" as they notched up the scores at regular intervals and perhaps their overall superiority can be gauged from the fact that both Knockaderry's points came from frees.

If Newcastle West are looking for reasons for their victory, they can point out a superb half back line that was seldom if ever beaten, an attacking unit that graduated from the good to the very good as the hour progressed.

Knockaderry must, however, earn top marks for their continuous if largely unproductive efforts right through to the end, despite the fact that their cause was a lost one long before the final whistle and in their post match analysis, will no doubt derive some measure of consolation from the fact that by in large Newcastle West were a much stronger side.

SCORERS

Newcastle West — G. Murphy 2-1, T. Kelly 0-2, L. Keane 0-3, K. O'Grady 1-1, J. Hoyne 1-0, G. Golden 0-1, M. Sammon 0-2, J. Malone 0-1.

Good Win 23-5-81

Newcastle West S.F. 2-7
Ballysteen 0-9

Newcastle West delighted their supporters with a fine display of football at Askeaton on Sunday as they sent Ballysteen crashing to defeat and into the losers group.

Favoured by a slight breeze, Newcastle West raced into an early lead and were 2-3 up without reply in the first 15 minutes. Anthony Moran opened his side's account with a massive kick from the 40 yard mark, followed shortly by another from 10 yards further out and in all this splendid ball player accounted for the entire score of 9 points — 4 from play and 5 from frees.

Trailing by 0-4 to 2-5 going into the second half the losers made a few positional changes and the biggest surprise here was the changing of Anthony Moran to full forward. Turning on the steam, Ballysteen came within 3 points of Newcastle West in a game that came near to classic proportions, but so efficient were the winners in all departments that they weathered the storm and emerged with a 4 point credit.

Knockaderry — P. McMahon 0-5. TEAMS

Newcastle West — S. Gleason, J. Hurley, J. Danaher, J. Connolly, D. Cremin, M. Mulcahy, G. Golden, J. McMahon, G. Murphy, K. O'Grady, J. Hoyne, L. Keane, T. Kelly, D. Kelly, M. Sammon.

Knockaderry — A. Danaher, D. Hayes, D. Dowling, J. Curtin, P. Barry, D. O'Gorman, C. Curtin, P. McMahon, A. Barry, T. Danaher, J. Magner, J. O'Gorman, N. Buckley, P. Murphy, S. Corbett.

Referee — N. Duggan (St. Mary's).

Newcastlewest Hurlers

IN 1980 Newcastle West won the County U.21, Minor and U.16 football championships thus ending a lean spell going back to the early sixties during which only one County came their way — the 1975 U.21 football title. That was a great year for the club but one could sense that there was still something missing. Limerick is primarily a hurling county and the lack of a hurling title in the West capital since 1937 was the missing link. Success at any level would be considered a great achievement but to win a Minor County must be the big ambition for any club which has to start at the bottom and has ambitions for future honours at higher grades. Winning the 1982 County Minor title meant more than a handful of medals in Newcastle West.

It brought about a reawakening of the hurling spirit and recalled days of hurling glory which were achieved by another generation.

True, some great hurlers from the town achieved glory with the Western Gaels teams of the sixties but we had to wait until 1982 to see the honours achieved by lads in black and white jerseys.

The foundation for success in 1982 was laid at National School level back in the seventies when local building contractor Denis O'Grady gave a hand to teachers Michael O'Donoghue and Joe Ryan and moulded a team which has been the nucleus of successive U.14, juvenile and now a successful minor team. The name of Denis O'Grady cannot be left out of any story recording the success of Newcastle West under age teams during the late seventies and early eighties as it was his ability to communicate with players and gain their confidence and respect which more than anything led to any success achieved. Following defeat by Claughaun in the County semi-final in 1981 there was bitter disappointment among team members as it was felt that the title was there for the taking. However, with thirteen of the side available again in 1982 there was a determination in the team that it had to be this year. Following easy successes in early rounds over Adare and Knockaderry the team was beginn-

ing to take shape and after a shaky start in the semi-final of the West against Ardagh, Newcastle finished strongly to win by a margin of fifteen points. At this stage the backs had established themselves as a powerful unit with County panelists Sean Gleeson, John Danaher and Mike Mulcahy forming the centre line which would have done justice to a team in a higher grade. Corner men James Connolly and John Hurley were proving to be two of the tightest defenders to play with the club for years and on the wings Liam (Wally) Keane and Donal Cremin were turning in a vintage display of hurling skill as well as finding time to add their names to the scoring lists. It was on to the West final against old rivals Feoghanagh with the memory of the 1980 juvenile defeat still leaving an old score to be settled. County minor Joe McMahon was lording it at mid-field but it was felt that more scoring power was needed up front. Gerard Murphy was taken from midfield and placed at left half forward and Liam (Wally) Cremin was introduced at right half forward. Denis Kelly teamed up at midfield with Joe McMahon to add height and strength to that area.

These moves seemed to do the trick as the plentiful supply of the ball



Presentation of Awards to surviving members of 1937 Newcastle West Minor Hurling County Champions

Front Row (L. to R.): Billy O'Connor, (President Newcastle West GAA), Derry Vereker (Allied Irish Banks), Oliver O'Donnell (Captain 1937 team), Michael Sheehy, Mike Mulcahy (captain 1982 N.C.W. Minor Hurling Team), Patrick Hunt, Denis O'Grady (Chairman N.C.W. G.A.A.).

Back Row: Patrick O'Connor, Seamus Normoyle, Tom Harnett, Dan O'Sullivan, Sean O'Connell, Maurice C. Dore, Neil Condon, Jerome Enright, Patrick Hogan.

The awards were sponsored by Allied Irish Banks Ltd. at a victory dance held to celebrate the County Minor Hurling win in 1982 by Newcastle West.



NEWCASTLE WEST MINOR HURLING TEAM — 1982 CO. CHAMPIONS

Front Row (L. to R.): Sean Gleeson, Gerard Murphy, Noel O'Grady, Mike Mulcahy (Captain), Liam Keane, Donal Cremin, Joe McMahon.

Back Row: James Connolly, Mike Sammon, Joe Hoyne, John Hurley, Denis Kelly, Liam Cremin, Tommy Kelly, John Danaher.

was coming forward and was well used by the front men Mike Sammon and Noel O'Grady in the corners. Between them they netted a bagful of goals in the West final and County quarter-final. Tommy Kelly at full forward operated a Purcell/Delaney role with centre-forward Joe Hoyne and created the power to set up scores with a regular frequency. Gerard Murphy proved his worth as a forward with some delightful points as well as setting up scores for the others. Wally Cremin though only fifteen settled in quickly and his contribution for the remainder of the championship was outstanding. The West final ended on the score Newcastle 3-11 Feoghanagh 2-4 after a great hours hurling. Little did we dream at that stage that here we had, not alone the best team in the County, but the two best teams. The luck of the draw enabled Feoghanagh to go on and beat Bruff and Cloughaun to reach the final while Newcastle ac-

counted for Castletown-Ballyagran and Old Christians to get to the decider. There was some regret in Newcastle that there would be no opportunity to avenge the 1981 defeat at the hands of Cloughaun but there was no complacency either at the prospect of meeting Feoghanagh again. The build up to the final was like that surrounding an All Ireland with Newcastle trying to play down the role of favourites in a year when favourites were not doing well. Kilkenny's win over Cork the Sunday before the final must have been a boost to Feoghanagh who could see the advantage of the underdog tag. The opening twenty minutes of the game seemed to support that view as they shot into a four point lead. Newcastle, once steadied by a great Tommy Kelly goal took control at that stage and even though two points behind at the interval never looked like losing, finishing very strongly to win by five points

with the last two points coming from half backs Wally Keane and Donal Cremin.

This was the same team that won the West final as well as the County quarter-final and semi-final. This was quite an achievement considering the strength of the substitutes panel, any of whom could lay claim to a permanent place on the team. The long gap of 45 years is ended with Murt O'Connor who himself won County honours with Western Gaels in the sixties must be a proud man to have managed the team who achieved the breakthrough. His own contribution was an example to the team as he put in an amount of hard work in preparing them for success.

Denis O'Grady's training techniques kept the team at peak form right through the championship but the task was an easy one as this was a team that generated its own enthusiasm. Our heartiest congratulations to them all.

NEWCASTLE TOPS

Newcastle West 5-3
Kileedy 1-10

An under 21 tie that was about to be condemned as mediocre, suddenly took fire in the second half and ended with an explosive finish at Dromcollogher on Sunday. Unfortunately, tempers didn't remain cool and the otherwise splendid second half was marred by an apparently free for all which referee Mr. O'Sullivan had quickly under control and the game continued without further incidents.

Going into the break at 1-6 to 2-0 in their favour Kileedy appeared the sharper side, with a decided midfield pull and appeared in little danger of losing their lead. In the second thirty minutes N.C. West presented a more composed side, and tended to open the game, which prior to this was very close with a good deal of bunching. The midfield edge that Kileedy had enjoyed appeared to have slipped and their defence was at full stretch heading off the N.C. West attack in which Kevin O'Grady was a particular menace.

Ger Magner was in splendid form for Kileedy and kept the attack in ample supply, but so close were the sides, that they were level on several occasions and remained deadlocked for lengthy periods. With the issue very much in doubt and with the excitement at its highest, Kevin O'Grady neatly slotted to the net, and when this same player added another a few minutes later, it sounded the death knell for Kileedy.

Referee - Michael O'Sullivan (St. Kieran's).

TEAMS

N.C. West - S. Gleeson, T. Herbert, H. O'Grady, D. Cremin, D. Kennedy, J. McMahon, M. Quilligan, T. Kelleher, D. Sammon, L. Murphy, K. O'Grady, D. Kelly, G. Murphy, M. Mulcahy, J. Danaher.

Kileedy - T. Murphy, M. Browne, C. Breen, J. J. Hennessy, N. Browne, L. Shine, B. Curtin, G. Long, G. Magner, M. Mulcahy, J. Cunningham, J. Leacy, J. Magner, J. O'Connor, T. O'Connor.

Newcastle-12 West G.A.A. 81

Newcastle West completed the 1980 programme at Askeaton, on Sunday, January 4th, with a convincing and well merited win over Askeaton, in the delayed West Limerick final. This win brings to seven the total number of Championships won by Newcastle West for 1980. This included County titles at Under 16, Minor and Under 21 football levels and West titles for the same teams plus the Under 14 hurling. The final score in the Under 21 final was, N.C.W. 3-7, Askeaton 1-6.

The A.G.M. of Newcastle West G.A.A. club was held recently and the following were elected for 1981. President, William O'Connor; Vice-President, Rev. Fr. K. R. Dwyer O.P.; Chairman, D. O'Grady; Vice-Chairman, M. Nash; Secretary, D. Murphy; Assistant Secretary, P. Curtin; Treasurers, M. Nash, and P. Smith; Registrar, M. O'Donoghue; P.R.O. M. O'Connor. Committee, M. Quilligan, H. O'Grady, J. Shields, Peg O'Donoghue, B. Mulcahy, J. Begley, S. Nash, P. Cremins, S. O'Connor, T. Danaher, V. White.

Newcastle West 9/5/81

The season has got off to a very busy start with all teams from u. 14 to senior having had championship outings with the exception of the senior hurlers who play Tournafulla in the first round on Sunday next at Coolyroe.

The senior footballers, containing a sprinkling of last year's successful u. 21 side, drew with Ballysteen on Sunday last in atrocious conditions at Rathkeale.

The junior u. 21 minor, u. 16 and u. 14 footballers also continue to advance in the championship.

In hurling the juniors were defeated by Monagea in a good first round game on Saturday last but still have a chance in the losers' group. The u. 21s face a replay with Kileedy and a win here would earn them a place in the semi-finals. The minors had good first and second round victories over Rathkeale and Dromcollogher, respectively. The u. 16s and u. 14s are also still in contention with the latter through to the quarter-finals. We are also involved in the finals of the West under 15 (1980) hurling and football leagues so there are busy times ahead.

Newcastle West GAA

At a meeting of players held last week it was decided to affiliate the following teams in 1981. Hurling: Senior, junior, under 21, minor.

Football: Senior, junior, under 21, minor.

Every effort is to be made in 1981 to raise the standard of hurling in the club to the same level as football. Captains and vice-captains (in brackets) elected for the year are as follows: Senior hurling, John Mulvihill (John Whelan); under 21 hurling, Liam Murphy (Mike Quilligan); minor hurling, John Danaher (Kevin O'Grady); senior football, Declan Maguire (Pat O'Connor); under 21 football, Mickey Lane (Seamus Breen); minor football, Kevin O'Grady (Mike Tangney).

Selectors for 1981 are as follows: Senior hurling, Mort O'Connor and Peter Curtin; minor hurling, Denis O'Grady, Mort O'Connor and Mike Wright; senior football, Vin White, Dan Murphy and Tom Danaher; under 21 football, Tom Danaher, Pat Smith and Steve Nash; minor football, Denis O'Grady, Pat Condon and Vin White.

The annual dinner dance held in conjunction with the squash club will be held at the Old Turnpike on Friday, 27th February. This should be a gala occasion as All Star hurler Eamonn Cregan, who will be guest of honour, will have his hands full presenting medals to the three football teams that won county and west honours in 1980. For the first time Hurler and Footballer of the Year awards will be presented. The winners names will be a closely kept secret until announced at the function. Tickets (£5.50) may be had from any committee member or from Mary Lee (The Square).



Newcastle West, who defeated Knockaderry 4-11 to 0-5 in the under 21 hurling final at Askeaton



The Newcastle West minor hurling team, winners of the county championship. 13/9/82



Mr. Paddy Herbert (right), presenting Mike Mulcahy, captain, 1982 N.C.W. minor hurling team with the hurley used by the late Paddy McCarthy, when captaining Limerick to All Ireland victory in 1940. Also in picture (left to right): Mr. Billy O'Connor, President, N.C.W. G.A.A.; Mr. Maurice C. Dore, Mr. Jerome Enright, Mr. Michael Sheehy and Mr. Dan Murphy, Hon. Sec., N.C.W. G.A.A.

23-10-82

GAELIC FOOTBALL:

N.C.W. west Under-21s ^{17/4/82} busy

Newcastle West won the special under-21 seven-a-side competition from semi-finalists Askeaton, Athea and Monaleen, held on Easter Monday at the Salesian College, Pailaskerry.

The standard of football was excellent and the selectors learned a bit more about some of the talent available. It was a pity that more teams did not take part.

Among those to impress were Liam Shine, Liam Murphy and William O'Doherty of Newcastle West; Sean Kelly, Dave Foley and Eamon McDaid of Askeaton; Ml. Woulfe, Tom Flavin and Seamus McNamara of Athea; Tommy Lehihan, Pat Loftus and Joe Redington of Monaleen.

Newcastle West take home with them a new Adidas football presented by Ned Stokes of Limerick Sports Store. These balls are made in Dingle and it will be a nice touch if we can beat Kerry with one in the championship at Askeaton on July 9.



Members of 1937 Newcastle West minor hurling team who were presented with commemorative plaques, sponsored by Allied Irish Banks Ltd. Front row, left to right: Mr. Billy O'Connor, President, N.C.W. G.A.A.; Mr. Derry Vereker, Allied Irish Banks; Mr. Oliver O'Donnell, Mr. Michael Sheehy, Mike Mulcahy, Captain, N.C.W. 1982 minor hurling team; Mr. Patrick Hunt, Mr. Denis O'Grady, chairman, N.C.W. G.A.A.. Back row, left to right: Mr. Patrick O'Connor, Mr. Seamus Normoyle, Mr. Tom Harnett, Mr. Dan O'Sullivan, Mr. Sean O'Connell, Mr. Billy Greaney, Mr. Christy Dore, Mr. Neil Condon, Mr. Jerome Enright, Mr. Pat Hogan.

G.A.A.

Past, present sides join forces to celebrate win

A very enjoyable social evening at the River Room Motel was Newcastle West's way of celebrating their county minor hurling championship victory. The evening began with a disco to cater for the younger generation and later those that felt they were gone past the disco stage danced until 2 o'clock to the music of the Triplets. However, the night belonged not to the 1982 county champions, but to the champions of yesteryear. The Newcastle West minor hurling team, county champions of 1937, were guests of the club and the Allied Irish Banks, represented by Derry Vereker and his wife, Nuala, sponsored commemorative plaques displaying on bronze a photograph of the 1937 side. The plaques were presented by Mr. Vereker and club president, Billy O'Connor, after the team had been guests at a dinner hosted by club

chairman, Denis O'Grady.

The evening was one of the most enjoyable in the recent history of the club and there was an added touch of nostalgia when Mr. Paddy Herbert of Assumpta Park, Newcastle West, presented Mike Mulcahy, captain of this year's county minor champions, with the hurley used by the late, great Paddy McCarthy when he captained Limerick to All-Ireland minor victory in 1940. Paddy had been a member of the 1937 N.C.W. side. All surviving members of the side were present at the function and they were Oliver O'Donnell (who captained the side), Sean O'Connell, Patrick Hunt, Neil Condon, Seamus Normoyle, Patrick O'Connor, Jerome Enright, Billy Greaney, Mickey Sheehy (home on holidays from New York), Christy Dore, Tom Harnett, Dan O'Sullivan and Pat Hogan.

Newcastle West

At long last the club achieved its long awaited ambition when at the Gaelic Grounds on Sunday we won our first county hurling final since 1937. Forty five years is far too long for Newcastle West to be without a hurling title. The scenes of joy that greeted Mike Mulcahy when he held the Clifford cup aloft were something we will never forget. Our minor hurlers proved to all and sundry that they are worthy champions when overcoming Feohanagh on the score of 2-9 to 1-7. We expected Feohanagh to improve on their West final performance when we defeated them by 10 points and our fears were realised as they provided gallant opposition up to the final whistle.

Both clubs were a credit to West Limerick hurling and we hope that Feohanagh will gain some compensation and go on to win the minor football title. Having elected to play against the strong wind, Newcastle took a gamble in hoping the backs would absorb everything Feohanagh put up to them. The gamble paid off as Sean Gleeson brought off some marvellous saves and corner backs John Hanley and Seamus Connolly refused to be beaten. Between them John Danagher was majestic. The half-back line laid the foundation for success and if one were to pick anyone out for special mention the sheer brilliance of Liam Keane had to be seen to be believed.

Donal Cremen on the other wing was in total command against Feohanagh's brilliant forward Eamonn Walsh. At centre-back captain Mike Mulcahy was an inspiration to the team. Midfielders Joe McMahon and Denis Kelly and later Gerard Murphy put in an amount of hard work and their carrying of the ball deep into the Feohanagh half kept the opposition under pressure from start to finish. Young Liam Cremen had a dream game on the right wing and displayed a coolness seldom seen in a fifteen year old. Joe Hayes had a great tussle with Pat O'Grady in the centre and proved his value with a point at a vital stage in the second half. Corner men Mike Sammon and Noel O'Grady proved real thorns in the sides of the Feohanagh defence as they fought every ball like demons. Noel's goal in the second half set us on the road to victory just as a first half goal by full forward Tommy Kelly gave the team the settling effect it needed.

On Sunday as in previous games it was Tommy who inspired the side and his skill and strength allied to a fierce determination typifies the character of this team. It was a great team victory and one which will be replayed over and over again where Newcastle men meet.

18.9.82



Mr. Billy O'Connor (centre), President, N.C.W. G.A.A., presenting Mr. Neil Condon with his commemorative plaque at the victory function in Newcastle West. Also in picture, left to right: Mr. Patrick Hunt, Mr. Derry Vereker, A.I.B.; Mr. Patrick O'Connor, Mr. Sean Connell, Mr. Seamus Normoyle, Mr. Dan O'Sullivan, Mr. Tom Harnett, Mr. Maurice C. Dore, Mr. Jerome Enright, Mike Mulcahy and Mr. Michael Sheehy.



Mike Mulcahy, captain of the winning Newcastle West team receives the trophy from John Whelan, vice chairman of Limerick county board. 18/9/82

Club GAA

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The AGM of Newcastle West GAA was held in the parish hall and was well attended. The chairman, Denis O'Grady, and secretary Dan Murphy, were returned unopposed. The vice-chairman, M. Nash, and assistant secretary, M. O'Donoghue, resigned and J. O'Connor and T. Doody were elected to these positions respectively. P. Condon and A. Nash were elected as joint treasurers. M. O'Donoghue was returned unopposed as registrar M. O'Connor resigned as P.R.O. and M. Nash was elected. During a discussion of the treasurer's report, the meeting was told that (1) hurleys cost the club £1,200 last year; (2) that the debit balance of the old fields committee had been taken over by the club. There was a long discussion on players, their allegiances, and the availability of matches to keep their interest sustained during the non-championship period. Board officials were to blame for this it was said. It was decided that a sub-committee be set up to draw up a list of rules governing the conduct of members of the club. Also passed unanimously was the new club constitution as laid down by Croke Park. The chairman in conclusion thanked all who contributed to the interest free loan scheme and said that this would be closed within the next few weeks. All contributors would then receive an official receipt. The following were elected to the committee: D. Sammon, M. O'Grady, K. O'Grady, M. Tagney, J. Doherty, M. Donovan, M. O'Connor, M. Mulcahy, R. Mulcahy, G. Kelly, P. Cremin, S. Sullivan, T. Danaher, V. White, D. Lane, M. Lane.

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Minor hurling final

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The annual general meeting of the club attracted a good attendance to the boys school last Friday. Tributes were paid to the successful minor hurling team, winners of the county championship, and to their manager, Mort O'Connor. Outgoing chairman, Denis O'Grady, and secretary, Dan Murphy, did not seek re-election.

The treasurer's (Pat Condon) report showed an improved situation from the previous year. The club have spent approximately £47,000 since 1976 on development work and have further plans for the year ahead. The following are the officers and committee for 1983: President, Mr. Wm. O'Connor; vice-president, Rev. Killian R. Dwyer, O.P.; chairman, Mr. Paddy Geary; vice-chairmen, Mr. Paddy Sammon; secretary, Mr. M. O'Donoghue; asst. secretary, Mr. Tom Doody; treasurers, Mr. Pat Condon and Mr. Dan Murphy; P.R.O., Mr. Pat O'Connor and Mr. Mort O'Connor (historical).

Committee: Mrs. Peg Danaher, Mrs. Mary Lee, Mrs. Una Cremin, Messrs. Denis O'Grady, Jim Doherty, Mike Breen, Moss Brouder, Mike Tangney, Hugh O'Grady, M. O'Donovan, Jack Kelly, Mike Mulcahy, Bob Mulcahy, Mce. Hurley, Danny Sammon, Peter Curtin, Liam O'Connor, Mike Nash.

The senior footballers held old rivals, St. Kieran's to a draw in the semi-final of the county league on Saturday last on the score, St. Kieran's 1-10, NCW 2-7. The replay is fixed for 2.30 p.m. this Saturday at Knockaderry.



Newcastle West defeated by Adare on Saturday. 13-6-81



Mr. Paddy Herbert (right), presenting Mike Mulcahy, captain, 1982 N.C.W. minor hurling team with the hurley used by the late Paddy McCarthy, when captaining Limerick to All Ireland victory in 1940. Also in picture (left to right): Mr. Billy O'Connor, President, N.C.W. G.A.A.; Mr. Maurice C. Dore, Mr. Jerome Enright, Mr. Michael Sheehy and Mr. Dan Murphy, Hon. Sec., N.C.W. G.A.A. 23-10-82



Mike Mulcahy, Newcastle West, received the Mícheál Cúigé Cup

N'West in the All-Ireland

14-8-82
Newcastle West U. 15 football team will represent Limerick at the All-Ireland finals of the G.A.A. New Ireland Assurance Company Og Sport Gael which begins Gormastown College, Co. Meath on Sunday next.

Over 300 boys from thirty-one counties will take part in the finals which continue for five days. They will be resident in Gormastown College for this period.

The centre piece of this event is the All-Ireland Club Sevens competition. The first round of the tournament will be played on Sunday evening at 8 p.m. and the final on Thursday, August 19, at 1 noon.

In addition to the football tournament the programme for the five days includes coaching sessions in football skills, an inter-county tug-o-war competition, films, quizzes and visit by senior county footballers.

The purpose of Og Sport Gael is to help develop the skills of Gaelic football among boys between 13 and 15 years of age.

The New Ireland Assurance Company sponsorship of this event has substantially reduced the cost of this residential football camp for the participating teams. Last year only eighteen counties were represented at the finals. This year thirty-one will be represented.

Newcastle West 4/12/82

The under-16 footballers take on Old Christians at Patrickswell on Sunday in the county final.

This competition has dragged on for a long time — the West final having been played in early August. The lads have been keeping fit with school games and will depend on the form of Dan O'Connor, Donal Normoyle, Sean Kelly, Joe Lee, Gerard Murphy, Liam Cremin and John Kenny to keep them in with a chance.

We wish them the best of luck in adding this title to the minor hurling crown won in September.

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The annual general meeting of the club will be held on this Friday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. at the Courtenay Boys National School. Members and intending members are invited to attend.

Newcastle West 18/12/82

West u-15 Football semi-final:

Dromcollogher	1-2
Newcastle West	0-7

Newcastle West qualified for the under-15 Western Football Final when they defeated Drom in a very close game last weekend. The game was played in atrocious conditions but both teams played some fine football.

In the opening half, Drom held a slight advantage over their opponents and led by 2 pts. at half-time on the scoreline, 1-1 to 0-2. Drom missed a great chance before half time when they were awarded a penalty but they shot over the bar.

In the second half both sides were evenly matched until the closing minutes when Newcastle pulled ahead by a point and they got the insurance point in the last minute.

Willie Hurley had a great game for Newcastle and he got good support from Declan Normoyle, Kevin Kelly, Patrick O'Brien, Tom Ambrose and Mike Browne.

Co. League semi-final:

St. Kieran's	2-8
Newcastle West	0-6

Newcastle West, after dominating the first half of this game put up no battle in the second half and continued their dismal record with St. Kieran's. Donie Enright, Declan Maguire and Mike Kelly were best for Newcastle. Pat Leahy, Tom Larkin and Tom Hartnett were best for St. Kieran's.

MODERN FACILITIES FOR NCW GAA

by TIMMY WOULFE

For a number of years up to 1957 the focal point of all G.A.A. activity in Newcastlewest was in a plot of ground known as Brouders field situated at the Churchtown end of the town in an area now taken up by attractive private residences, a new Garda Station and a garage. The vacating of this plot by the G.A.A. not alone broke a link with the past but saddled the local club with

the headache of providing their own playing members and indeed the supporters of West Limerick G.A.A. affairs with a decent place in which to pursue their favourite pastime. A temporary respite was provided by Mick McCoy at Killeline who made a field available for a couple of years. However, the longterm outlook looked bleak until a team of local enthusiasts in 1958 under

the leadership of Rev. Fr. Michael Kelly and receiving staunch backing from John Whelan and Rev. Fr. Denis McCarthy Chairman West Board approached the Co. Council and sought a section of the Demesne Grounds for development as a Gaelic pitch. The permission was readily given and thereafter the good offices of Mr. Heligan the Co. Manager were always helpful in assisting the

project to its successful conclusion. The work ahead was arduous but Newcastlewest had men equal to the task. A committee of Trustees comprising Liam Fitzmaurice N.T. Killeedy, Pat O'Connell, Feohanagh, Willie Cahill, Wm. Raleigh, Ned Egan and John Whelan guided and assisted a very active Fields Committee made up of themselves plus Mont O'Connor, Owen McAuliffe, Larry Curtin, Paddy Sammon, Peter Cremin, Sean O'Connor, Christy O'Connor, Wm. O'Connor (Barber), John Nix, Paddy Roche, Sean Normoyle, Martin Flynn, Paddy O'Connell, Tom Davis, Jack Ambrose B.E. Fr. D. Houlihan, Fr. Ml. Kelly and Bill Haugh. Treasurer Munster Council who left no stone unturned in ensuring that his old club got all the necessary assistance from top level of the Association. Finance for the project was raised locally by subscriptions, a Free Interest Loan Scheme and by the running of a number of Carnivals and an Inter-County Hurling Tournament which marked the official opening of the field. An interesting sidenote here is that the tournament was played for a set of solid gold medals presented in 1932 by Richard Nash & Co. but a wait of 28 years was necessary before the town could boast a pitch worthy of such a tournament. On the way to competition 340 cubic yards of rock were blasted and 6½ acres of soil were excavated and moved and nearly a half mile of land drains installed before the pitch was finally surrounded by a fine 9 ft. high wall. This was 1960 and through the 60's the Gaelic Field Newcastlewest was again the focal point for major events in the West. It housed many great finals and saw many great teams in action.

The late 1960's saw a



THE ORIGINAL NEWCASTLE WEST GROUNDS COMMITTEE.

(Back Row) Sean O'Connor, Larry Curtin, Christy O'Connor, Willie O'Connor, John Nix, Paddy Roche, Peter Cremin, (Middle Row) Murt O'Connor, Sean Normoyle, Martin Flynn, William Cahill, Ned Egan, Paddy O'Connell, Tom Davis, (Front Row) Willie Raleigh, Jack Ambrose, Father David Houlihan, Richard Nach, Willie Hough, Willie Fitzmaurice, John Whelan.

Ireland Senior Hurling Final, and a first Round Munster Championship game, also refereed the County Intermediate Football Final.

We also have some up and coming referees namely: Ray Moloney (Kilmallock), John McCarthy (Claughaun).

A very welcome policy now adopted by the County Board is that the referees for all County Finals are from within the county.

On behalf of all referees in the County, I would like to thank the umpires and linesmen for their work during the year, and also the wives of referees who during the year have to sit at home, when they could be enjoying themselves elsewhere.

We would also like to see some younger referees taking up the whistle. If any Board or club need our assistance during the coming year we will be only too glad to help out.



Pictured with referee Mr. Noel O'Connor before the under-16 Final at Newcastlewest are captains (left) Tony Noonan (Drom), Tommy Quaid (Feohanagh).

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NCW Complete the double

ON A cold December day in Patrickswell, Newcastle West Under 16 Footballers completed what was another very successful year for the Club when they defeated Old Christians in the County final. This was a team that never accepted defeat and allied its own brand of skill to tremendous competitive spirit. Places on the team were fought for and won and lost regularly but the will to win prevailed at all times.

The team that defeated Old Christians in a tough and uncompromising final lined out as follows: Joe Lee, Mike Lane, Sean Kelly, Dan O'Connor (Captain), Jim Corbett, Liam Cremin, John Upton, Gerard Murphy, Eoin Cremin, Tom Ambrose, Donal Normoyle, Jim Ambrose, Derry McMahon, John Kenny, Willie Hurley. Subs.: Declan Noymoye, Tommy Danaher, Jerh. Danaher, Mike Browne. This game will be talked about in Newcastle West for a long time. In a great start Newcastle followed up some direct first time football

from the half backs and mid-field to chalk up a 3 point lead in fifteen minutes. Derry McMahon had the opening score, a brilliant point kicked on the turn under pressure. The second point came when a long pass from Gerard Murphy at mid-field found Derry again in the corner. He laid off the ball quickly to the inrushing Tom Ambrose who made no mistake in planting the ball over the bar. Five minutes later there followed a great score. In a great individual effort Tom Ambrose, again, receiving the ball from Eoin Cremin took on the defence

to cut through for a great point. Amazingly, this was to be Newcastle's last score as a very sharp looking forward line were starved of good possession. From here on it was the backs who were the heroes of the day. With midfielders Gerard Murphy and Eoin Cremin and centre forward Donal Noymoye lending a hand they fought off literally everything that was thrown at them. One point from a free was Old Christians only reward. The full back line of Mike Lane, Sean Kelly and Dan O'Connor was so brilliant that goalkeeper Joe Lee did not handle one ball in play during the entire game. However, his lengthy kickouts were a great relief. Team captain Dan O'Connor played what was surely his best ever game for the club, allowing Sean Kelly room to display his undoubted skills at full back. The half backs Jim Corbett, Liam Cremin and John Upton never yielded an inch in holding out

for a great victory. All of the subs played their part at one time or another during the year as all played regularly during the run up to the County. For Gerard Murphy it was a case of an early morning dash from Gormanstown in County Meath to win a County medal to add to the Minor hurling one won in September and another Under 16 football medal in 1980. Sean Kelly likewise holds the same three County medals and Liam Cremin played in the Minor hurling final win also. Dan O'Connor, John Upton, Donal Normoyle and Jim Corbett are others who earlier picked up minor hurling medals as subs. All in all it was a very satisfactory end to a long year and the winter cold went unnoticed in our happy hunting ground at Patrickswell. The Under 16 team was very capably managed by Pat Condon and his co-selectors Paddy Geary and Noel O'Connor who were responsible for training.



The Newcastlewest Under 15 team who represented Limerick in the All-Ireland 7-a-side Og Sport football competition at Gormanstown.

Front Row (L. to R.): Declan Normoyle, Mike Lane, Jeremiah Danaher, Liam Moore, Derry McMahon, Tommy Ambrose.

Back Row (L. to R.): Noel O'Connor, (Team Manager), Brendan Kelly, Liam Cremin, Willie Hurley, Stephen Murphy, Sean Gleeson (Asst. Team Manager).

Noel O'Connor received the award for the best manager from the G.A.A. President Mr. Paddy Buggy.

Football Double For Newcastle West 1983

Newcastle West can look back on 1983 with some satisfaction for they won the County Minor and U. 21 Football titles and were deprived of the coveted treble when losing to Na Piarsaigh in the thrilling U. 16 decider at Rathkeale. In the West it was a case all under age football cups going to Newcastle and the minor hurling trophy thrown in for good measure. For the minor hurlers it was the completion of a hat trick of successes in the West from 1981 to 1983 to follow on the minor foot-

ball successful run from 1978 to 1980. There was some disappointment at not holding on to the County Minor hurling title won in 1982 but a good run in the U. 21 hurling grade from 1984 on would be ample compensation.

The U.21 hurlers gave a good account of themselves this year in running eventual County Champions, Adare, close in the West final and also in losing narrowly to County Runners up Old Christians in the County Quarter

Final. The U.21 Footballers won their third County title since 1975 following a hard campaign when they overcame very strong sides from Claughaun and Hospital/Herbertstown in the County Quarter and Semi-finals respectively. Both of these games were particularly tough and brought out the best in Newcastle West who had a blend of experience and youth with seasoned campaigners, Liam Shine, Mike Quilligan and county senior Mickey Lane blending in with three of last years county Juvenile Champions, Joe Lee, Sean Kelly and Gerard Murphy.

In between the footballing capabilities of Kevin O'Grady, Wm. Doherty, Sean Gleeson, John Danaher, John Hurley, Donal Cremin, Liam Keane, Mike Mulcahy, Denis Kelly, Joe McMahon, Mike Tangney Tommy Kelly and Tony Larkin shone out and in the final against West neighbours Sean Finns of Rathkeale the power of Quilligan, Shine, Lane, Mulcahy, and Gleeson laid the foundation for a devastating display of controlled football in terrible wind conditions.



Newcastle West - Minor H. Champs.

Front (L-R) - D. McMahon, J. Upton, T. Ambrose, D. O'Connor, M. Lane, L. Keane, D. Cremin, M. Sammon, B. Lee. **Back (L-R)** - S. Danaher, J. Hoyne, S. Kelly, M. O'Shea, W. Hurley, J. O'Connor, J. Lee, D. Normoyle, D. Kelly, L. Cremin, J. Ambrose, G. Murphy.



Mr. Noel O'Connor (centre), team manager of the Newcastle West under 15 team, who represented Limerick in the national finals of the GAA/New Ireland Assurance Company Og Sport Gael, was selected as the best manager at the event. He is seen here being congratulated by Paddy Buggy, president, GAA (left) and Michael Girling, general manager-marketing, New Ireland Assurance Company. 26.8.82

DEATH OF VERY REV. MICHAEL KENNEDY

By LEADER REPORTER

THE DEATH has occurred suddenly, at the age of 65, of the Parish Priest of Donoghmore, Very Rev. Michael Kennedy.

He took ill and died on Sunday night, while attending a parish function with which he had been closely associated for several years - the Knocka/Donoghmore senior citizens' party, at the Big Tree, Caherconlish.

The late Fr. Kennedy was a native of Bishop Street, Newcastle West. He was ordained in Maynooth in 1944, and served as a curate in Crecora, Croomin, St. Patrick's and Monaleen, before being appointed Parish Priest of Bulgaden. He came to Donoghmore as Parish Priest seven years ago.

GAA supporter

A staunch GAA supporter, he was president of South Liberties GAA Club, and had also served as chairman of Monaleen GAA Club and Stakers Club. He was a junior hurling selector for Limerick in the early sixties.

He was particularly interested in the welfare of young people, and was diocesan chaplain to the Boy

Scout movement.

Fr. Kennedy was the man who spearheaded the building of the new school at Roxboro. He has gone on several deputations to the Department of Education in connection with the school.

His interest in the old, the poor and the young people of his various parishes was well known and appreciated.

The Bishop of Limerick, Most Rev. Dr. Jeremiah Newman, was the principal celebrant at the funeral Mass at Donoghmore Church on Wednesday morning. Burial took place in the church grounds.

Fr. Kennedy is survived by brothers, sisters, nieces, nephews and many friends.



Presentation of Awards to surviving members of 1937 Newcastle West Minor Hurling County Champions

Front Row (L. to R.): Billy O'Connor, (President Newcastle West GAA), Derry Vereker (Allied Irish Banks), Oliver O'Donnell (Captain 1937 team), Michael Sheehy, Mike Mulcahy (captain 1982 N.C.W. Minor Hurling Team), Patrick Hunt, Denis O'Grady (Chairman N.C.W. G.A.A.).

Back Row: Patrick O'Connor, Seamus Normoyle, Tom Harnett, Dan O'Sullivan, Sean O'Connell, Maurice C. Dore, Neil Condon, Jerome Enright, Patrick Hogan.

The awards were sponsored by Allied Irish Banks Ltd. at a victory dance held to celebrate the County Minor Hurling win in 1982 by Newcastle West.

Newcastle West

19.3.83

Newcastle West play Croom in the 3rd round of the county football league next Sunday at Croom.

Newcastle, who had an excellent win over Ahane in their last outing will be confident of repeating their success over Croom that they had last year in the same competition.

This year Newcastle have introduced some of their underage players on to the senior team such as Joe McMahon, Maurice Browne, Denis Kelly, Mike Mulcahy and Donal Cremin and those players have performed very well in the opening games of this year's league.

Newcastle senior hurling team take on Ardpatrick on Sunday week and have been training every Sunday for the past few months.

Newcastle have a very young team this year with many of last year's county minor winning team emerging on to the team.

Newcastle West

19/2/83

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Newcastle West

15-1-83

A players meeting held last Friday night, with the purpose of electing selectors and captains for the coming year and also to have an open discussion on the teams for this year.

Barry Murphy, the outgoing manager of the football (senior) team, was returned unopposed as was Moss Brouder, manager of the senior hurling team.

John Danaher became one of the youngest ever senior captains, when he was appointed captain of the senior hurling team and Denis King was appointed captain of the senior football team.

The meeting was very successful despite the absence of many senior players.

Newcastle West

1-5-83

Newcastle West 2-13
Dromcollogher 2-0

The under 21 hurlers had a n easier than expected win over Drom last weekend. Newcastle were in command throughout and had a lead of 2-7 to 1-0 at half time, with the first half goals coming from Joe McMahon and Joe Hoynes. The second half was more competitive with Newcastle content to pick off some long range scores. Donal Cremin was Newcastle's outstanding hurler, Liam Keane and Dan O'Connor were excellent in the Newcastle half back line and others to shine were John Danaher, Liam Cremin and Mike Mulcahy.

The lineup was — J. Upton, J. Connolly, J. Danaher, J. Hurley, D. O'Connor, L. Keane, G. Goulding, D. Cremin (0-2), M. Mulcahy (0-1), L. Cremin (0-4), Joe McMahon, J. Falahee (0-2), D. Kelly, J. Hoynes (1-2), M. Sammon, Reserves, D. Sammon and D. Normoyle.

Newcastle West senior hurling team play in the West championship next Sunday against Granagh and are hoping for a win. Newcastle have a dismal record in the championship in the past few years. The last time these teams met in 1981 the game ended in a draw but this time the more experienced Granagh team will be favourites. The game is in 2 p.m. and will be refereed Duggan.

Newcastle West

5.3.83

Newcastle West 3-2
Ballysteen 2-5

Newcastle West opened their county football league programme last week-end against Ballysteen. Ballysteen played with the strong wind in the first half and built up a half time lead of 1-5 to 0-1, all Ballysteen's scores coming from a penalty.

In the second half Newcastle were on top form early on and hit back with two converted penalties in quick succession. Newcastle were level in the 18th min. of the second half through a Pat O'Connor point and they looked likely to over-run Ballysteen, but some very poor finishing by the Newcastle forwards allowed Ballysteen to remain in contention. In the closing minutes of the game Ballysteen showed great determination when they turned defence into attack and it finished with a cracking goal from their full forward.

Newcastle were level within minutes when Joe McMahon scored the equalising goal from the best move of the match.

Newcastle's best players were Mike Kelly, Joe McMahon, Gerard O'Connor and Denis Kelly.

The Newcastle line out was M. Browne, M. Conway, T. Doody, G. O'Connor, D. King (capt.), P. O'Connor (2-1), M. Kelly, D. Maguire, D. Kelly, D. Cremin, M. Lane, J. McMahon (1-1), D. Kenny, J. Mulvihill, b. Murphy.

Newcastle play Ahane this Sunday at 3.30 in Ahane.

CLUB GAA:

Newcastle West

Senior Hurling:

Newcastle West 2-3
Granagh 3-7

Minor Football:

Newcastle West 3-6
Glin 1-6

Feile na nGael u-14 Hurling:

Newcastle West 2-1
T'Glantine 0-0

Newcastle West minor footballers defeated Glen in a great match at Askeaton on Saturday night. It wasn't until the last five minutes that Newcastle made certain of victory with a clinching goal from Liam Keane. Newcastle led by 2-3 to 1-3 at half time. The second half saw some fine football from both teams with Newcastle's better experience telling in the end.

Donal Cremin and Liam Keane were outstanding for Newcastle and they got good support from John Upton, Kevin McMahon, D. Normoyle and Gerard Murphy. The Newcastle lineup was J. Lee, J. Upton, J. Hoynes, D. O'Connor, B. Lee, S. Kelly, K. McMahon, G. Murphy, D. Cremin, D. Normoyle, D. Kelly, 0-2; M. Sammon, J. Kenny (1-0); L. Keane, 2-2; J. O'Connor, 0-2. Sub. Liam Cremin.

The under-14 hurlers had a very good win over T'Glantine in the Feile na nGael and the team was D. Murphy, K. Kelly, N. Begley, C. Kelly, P. Moloney, M. Rowsome, P. Rowsome, M. Casey, D. Cahill, T. Keane, P. O'Brien, J. Power, N. O'Brien, G. Doody, P. Meehan, Subs., D. Kinsella and A. Prenderville.

Newcastle had five representatives on the West Limerick panel that was narrowly defeated by East Cork in the Munster semi-final at the weekend. The players were Liam Cremin, Willie Hurley, Mike Lane, Tom Ambrose, Derry McMahon. The senior footballers play Askeaton next Sunday, May 8, in the championship.

Newcastle West

The annual dinner dance was held at the River Room Motel last Saturday night and proved a great success. Mr. Mort O'Connor received the clubman of the year award which he richly deserved. He has been an outstanding clubman both on and off the field down through the years. John Dnaher received the hurler of the year award. John, who played with the county minor team last year, has the distinction of leading the Newcastle senior hurling team this year. Sean Kelly received the footballer of the year award. Sean was a member of the county u/16 football championship winning team.

The successful minor hurling and under 16 football teams were presented with their county medal and West trophies at the function. The new season kicks off next Sunday with the 1st round of the county football league. Newcastle play Ballysteen in Newcastle West. The senior and under-age hurler

26-11-83

Two point win for N'West

N.C. West 0-5
St. Kieran's 1-0

N.C. West are West minor football champions on the strength of a two point margin when they defeated St. Kieran's in a marvellously fast and exciting game at Askeaton on Sunday, and at the end no one in the good sized attendance could not but admire the winners in their latest success.

But of the game, it may be said that football was the real winner, and the sides were so evenly matched that indeed the scoreboard keeper must have had visions of imminent redundancy, as only 2 scores—a goal from St. Kierans and point from N.C. West were the sum total of the first half.

And afterwards when John Carrig presented the trophy to the winning team, he praised both sides for presenting such a memorable final.

And indeed it was a splendid final, with fine ball control a prominent feature on both sides, and with not more than 2 points separating the sides at any time.

Generally a very sporting affair, but due to the closeness of the game and the tension laden atmosphere, a few bits of temper did erupt, and on a few occasions, winning a piece of the action became a painful business, but overall, Mr. Madigan had only to hand out a few rebukes for over-enthusiastic tackles.

N.C. West won the game through a combination of good fortune and the ability to sustain pressure in the last quarter when St. Kierans was visibly tiring.

They took a vital lead in the 16th minute of the 2nd half, but failed to add to it until the 28th minute.

In between there were some wild misses, coupled with some of the heart-stopping variety, with the most spectacular coming from a John Enright effort which hit the N.C. West cross-bar with such a resounding crack, that it must have sounded like Gabriel's trumpet over keeper Joe Lee's head. Had this occurred it could well have closed the door on N.C. West, but as it was it thundered back into play and was gobbled up by the defence. The N.C. defence gave a tremendous display all through the game, with Sean Kelly towering head and shoulders at full-back. While at the other end the St. Kierans defence was equally

adept in holding the N.C. West attack.

Favourite

N.C. West would probably merit a slight favourite tag for this game, but would be under few delusions as to the extent of the challenge that could be mounted by St. Kierans. This was their third meeting and it follows that both sides knew each other's play very well.

The opening minutes was a period of uncertainty for both sides as they set about their business with a good deal of feverishness and uncontrolled play. There were some contributory factors such as a slight shower which made the pitch greasy and ball control difficult, but as the rain faded away, football at its most marketable began to emerge and continued right through the hour.

N.C. West fell behind in the 12th minute when John O'Brien, the St. Kierans No. 15, had keeper Joe Lee picking up the ball from the back of the net. The N.C. West reply came in the 21st minute, when Wally Keane pointed from a placed ball and this wrapped up the entire scoring of the first half, and as it transpired, the St. Kierans total tally.

N.C. West drew level in the 16th minute of the second half, and showed their true championship stock, when they hit the front in the 18th minute and now in full view was the fluency and poetry of movement that is the hallmark of N.C.W. football. St. Kierans were now showing the strain, but their defence remained rock solid and they regularly rocked NC.W. right back on their heels with well contrived attacks.

It was during one of these attacks that they suffered their cruelest blow—a gem of a movement got under way and suddenly the N.C.W. defence were caught flatfooted. John Enright saw an opening and blasted goalwards from close in, but the crossbar came in the way to a collective groan of dismay from all the St. Kierans supporters.

With ten minutes left on the clock, the game remained wide open with only a single point separating the sides. N.C. West got an opportunity to edge forward but their free taker was un-characteristically wide from a very takeable position.

However, they maintained

their narrow margin despite the tremendous pressure exerted by St. Kierans, and in the closing minutes Anthony Hoyne got sufficient room to whip over a further point.

Looking back on the game the most abiding and the most recurring memory is the quality of the football on view, the commitment and sheer skill of both sides, and one could probably rate St. Kierans as having a slight edge in the opening half and were probably unlucky not to have gained a second goal.

The winners best football came in the second half, and going into the last quarter their sheer artistry must have brought a comforting feeling to their coach and with all this, the game still remained a cliff-hanger right until the final whistle.

The winning combination didn't appear to have any weak link with every player working his passage and the same remarks apply equally to St. Kierans.

Scorers: N.C. West—L. Keane 0-2, A. Hoyne, J. Kenny, D. Normoyle 0-1 each. St. Kierans—J. O'Brien 1-0.

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St. Kierans: D. Enright, M. Buckley, P. Moloney, S. Fitzgerald, D. Wilmot, L. O'Brien, D. Linehan, D. Larkin, J. R. Madigan, B. Riordan, R. Woulfe, L. Kelly, S. Enright, M. Barrett, J. O'Brien.

Referee, Terence Madigan.

SCOR NA nOG

Winners from N.C.W.: Figure dancing, Gerald Griffins; recitation, Mary Ahern, Athea; solo singing, Bernadette Woulfe, Athea; novelty act, G. Griffins; question time, Drom; instrumental music, Drom; ballad group, Drom; set dancing, Ardagh.

Adjudicators: Sean Brouder, Dan Keane, Moyvane; Christy and Nuala Kelly, Kilmee; Frank Whelan, Cappagh, quiz master; Helen Kelly, Ballyhahill.

Final at Ardagh, 3rd Dec., 7.30. Bord na nOg Convention at Rathkeale on Wed., 28th Dec.

The Board meeting on Monday, 28th November at Rathkeale is the last date for receiving nominations and motions for the Convention on the 15th January, 1984.

Newcastle

West

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Newcastle West

Newcastle West 0-6
Ardpatrick-K'finane 2-7

Newcastle West opened their county hurling league campaign last Sunday against last years county Junior champions. The game was played in atrocious conditions, but despite this both teams competed very well.

Newcastle wasted several scoring chances in the opening half when they had the half of the wind and trailed by 3-1 at half time.

The second half was very evenly contested, but once again Newcastle fell behind on the scoreboard.

This was a very encouraging performance by Newcastle West, who fielded eight of last years minor team. John Danaher (captain); Mike Kelly, Liam Keane, Denis King and Tommy Kelly were most impressive for Newcastle.

The team was: J. Upton, P. Kelly, J. Mulvihill, H. O'Grady, M. Kelly, J. Danaher, L. Keane, D. King, J. McMahon, G. Murphy, P. O'Connor, T. Doody, A. Moyne, T. Kelly, M. Mulcahy. Subs: L. O'Connor, D. Noonan and G. Goulding.

The match was refereed very capably by Noel O'Connor, Newcastle West.

Newcastle West 26/11/83

Our minor footballers added another chapter to the most successful run ever by the club at one level when they defeated old rivals, St. Kieran's, to add the West title to the county one already won over the same opposition.

In the six years since 1978, we have won West minor titles every year, starting with football in 1978-79-80, and adding the hurling in 1981-82-83, and adding the 1983 football title to that six was the culmination of a great run.

In the same period, county titles were won in football in 1980 and '83, and in hurling in 1982. Last Sunday's game lived up to the standard set in the county final drawn game and replay and the pattern of play was again similar with Newcastle coming from behind to draw level and then add the points which gave them a 0-5 to 1-0 victory.

Star of the team was the captain, Liam Keane, who dominated midfield with his partner, Anthony Ioyne. Billy Lee at corner back as only a shade ahead of the other backs, all of whom played brilliantly, as proved by the fact that St. Kieran's only got one score, a brilliantly worked goal which came from a move started by their goalkeeper, David Enright, following a great save.

Up front, all the forwards played their part, particularly in the second half, when Mike Sammon and John Upton were outstanding.



Pictured in their Og Sport kit is the Newcastle West team who represented Limerick in the GAA/New Ireland Assurance Company Og Sport Gael National finals in Gormanstown College, Co. Meath, last week. Back row (from left): Noel O'Connor, Declan Normoyle, Patrick O'Brien, Stephen Murphy, Gerard Doody, Sean Gleeson. Front row (from left): Pascal Delee, Dan Cahill, Mossie Rowsome, J. Dowling, Kevin Kelly, Martin Casey.

Newcastle West GAA 28/10/84

The annual players meeting attracted a huge attendance and contained a number of worthwhile discussions on the club's plans for 1984 when it hopes to emulate the successes of 1983 and add titles at junior and senior level to the host of under-age competitions won over the past few years. Captains of senior and junior teams will be chosen at the end of February after the early training sessions. Barry Murphy and Moss Brouder were again chosen to manage the senior football and hurling teams and the other managers who retained their positions that is u-21 hurling, Denis O'Grady; u-21 football, Dan Murphy; minor hurling, Mort O'Connor and minor football, Dan Murphy. The following were elected captains and vice-captains: u-21 hurling, John Danaher; vice-captain, Mike Mulcahy. U-21 football, captain, Wm. Doherty; vice-captain, Denis Kelly; minor hurling, captain, Dan O'Connor, vice-captain, Liam Cremin; minor football, captain, Sean Kelly; vice-captain, John Lee.



MINOR HURLING FINAL:

11.9.82

Minor crown must go west!

THE county minor hurling final next Sunday provides a unique pairing, with two western clubs — Newcastle West and Feoghanagh — in opposition to decide the destination of the coveted title.

The game starts at 2 o'clock as a curtain-raiser to the county senior final at Pairc na nGael and will be refereed by Ray Moloney.

Feoghanagh will be attempting to win the crown for the first time, while Newcastle West achieved their lone success in this grade in the 1937 final when they beat Claughaun, 7-5 to 0-1.

This final was not played until 1939, which possibly explains why the late Paddy McCarthy was captain of Limerick when they won the All-Ireland minor title in 1940.

Both sides have been most impressive on their path to the decider. Newcastle West really sparkled when ending Old Christians aspirations with clinical efficiency in the semi-final at Askeaton, while Feoghanagh showed that they are imbued with great grit and determination when ousting a fancied Claughaun combinations in the other semi-final at Bruff.

When the teams clashed in the Western final, a huge crowd paid a record "gate" of £240 and saw the "Magpies" romp home impressive winners by some 10 points.

The scene has changed completely since that game and while Feoghanagh are still regarded as the underdogs going into Sunday's final, both camps are adamant that very little separates the sides just now.

Dan Murphy, one of the Newcastle West mentors, readily admits that his charges appear to have all the trump cards, but agrees that Feoghanagh have improved a ton and will be a tough nut to crack. "It will be much closer this time," said the Deel Vale manager.

Tom Sweeney, who son, Mike, will captain the Feoghanagh combination, opines too that Feoghanagh have improved immensely since the West final. "We don't mind being classed as outsiders," said former Sweeney. "Look what Kilkenny did last Sunday!"

So the stage is set for a classic final, with Newcastle West slightly favoured to lift the crown. They will rely on the craft and experience of inter-county panelists John

Danaher and Joe McMahon, plus the skills of Mike Mulcahy, Mike Sammon, Gerard Murphy, Noel O'Grady and John O'Connor to guide them to victory.

Inter-county goalie John Quaide will lineout at fullback for Feoghanagh, and backed by Mike

Sweeney, Tom Flanagan, Pat O'Grady, Brendan Butler, Richard Browne and Christy Purcell will spearhead a strong and determined Feoghanagh challenge.

UNDER 21 FOOTBALL:

22.12.84

N'West have good win

Newcastle West 1-5
South Liberties 0-2

Newcastle West a trifle lucky to snatch a draw two weeks ago, were in a more determined mood for the replay and scored a fully deserved 1-5 to 0-2 win over South Liberties in the under 21 football final replay at Askeaton on Sunday last.

The first half was closely contested with defences on top. At half time it was 0-2 each. South Liberties had a great chance of a goal in this moiety, but lady luck was not on their side.

The only goal of the game, came ten minutes into the second half. Good work by Joe Hoyne and Mike Sammon, at mid-field set up the all important attack, and Dan Kelly was on hand to finish the movement.

Inspired by this goal, plus the brilliant football of Joe Hoyne at mid-field, Newcastle West took over and should have won by a

greater margin.

Hoyne, John Danagher, Billy Lee, Donal Cronin, Michael Sammon, Sean Gleeson, Frank Ruschitzko, Kevin O'Grady and William Doherty were the stars of a winning side who were forced to play without two of their leading attackers.

Cronin, Garry, Brian Finn, Mark Fitzgerald, Liam Dooley, Pat Donnelly and Noel Ryan were best for the losers.

Newcastle West scorers: D. Kelly 1-0, J. Hoyne, S. Gleeson, F. Ruschitzko, K. O'Grady, and William O'Doherty 0-1 each.

South Liberties scorers: N. Ryan, L. Dooley 0-1 each.

Newcastle West 4/12/82

The under-16 footballers take on Old Christians at Patrickswell on Sunday in the county final.

This competition has dragged on for a long time — the West final having been played in early August. The lads have been keeping fit with school games and will depend on the form of Dan O'Connor, Donal Normoyle, Sean Kelly, Joe Lee, Gerard Murphy, Liam Cremin and John Kenny to keep them in with a chance.

We wish them the best of luck in adding this title to the minor hurling crown won in September.

The senior footballers play St. Kieran's in this semi-final of the county league at Knockaderry on Saturday at 2.30 p.m.

The annual general meeting of the club will be held on this Friday, Dec. 3, at 8 p.m. at the Courtenay Boys National School. Members and intending members are invited to attend.

MINOR HURLING:

Two from West in final

The county minor hurling final on September 12th, in conjunction with the senior decider, will be unique in that two West clubs — Newcastle West and Feoghanagh — will be in opposition.

Feoghanagh will be attempting to win the title for the first time, while Newcastle West achieved their lone success in the grade in 1937 when they defeated Claughaun 7-5 to 0-1.

Feoghanagh, with inter-county panelists Mike Sweeney and John Quaide showing great form, defeated Claughaun by 2-7 to 1-6 in the semi-final at Bruff, while fancied Newcastle West, parading inter-county panelists John Danaher, Joe McMahon and Mike Mulcahy, proved much too good for Old Christians at Askeaton, winning by 4-6 to 1-5.



Newcastlewest, winners of the County under 16 football final.

28.11.82

Newcastle West 18/12/82

West u-15 Football semi-final:

Dromcollogher 1-2
Newcastle West 0-7

Newcastle West qualified for the under-15 Western Football Final when they defeated Drom in a very close game last weekend. The game was played in atrocious conditions but both teams played some fine football.

In the opening half, Drom held a slight advantage over their opponents and led by 2 pts. at half-time on the scoreline, 1-1 to 0-2. Drom missed a great chance before half time when they were awarded a penalty but they shot over the bar.

In the second half both sides were evenly matched until the closing minutes when Newcastle pulled ahead by a point and they got the insurance point in the last minute.

Willie Hurley had a great game for Newcastle and he got good support from Declan Normoyle, Kevin Kelly, Patrick O'Brien, Tom Ambrose and Mike Browne.

Co. League semi-final:

St. Kieran's 2-8
Newcastle West 0-6

Newcastle West, after dominating the first half of this game put up no battle in the second half and continued their dismal record with St. Kieran's. Donie Enright, Declan Maguire and Mike Kelly were best for Newcastle, Pat Leahy, Tom Larkin and Tom Hartnett were best for St. Kieran's.

Newcastle West 22/12/84

In the replay of the county U-21 football final at Askeaton on Sunday last the Newcastle lads had a great win over South Liberties by 1-5 to 0-2. A major reshuffle of the side which drew on the previous Sunday to counter the absence of Liam Keane and Tommy Kelly saw seven positional changes between midfield and the forwards.

The introduction of Joe Hoyne to midfield was the master stroke which the selectors pulled. Hoyne played the game of his life and with partner Mike Sammon also in fine form they reversed the trend of the drawn game in this sector.

The display of the forwards was unrecognisable from the previous Sunday and strong forceful running from Joe McMahon, Kevin O'Grady and Frank Ruschitzko, allied to the cuteness of Seanie Gleeson and Wm. O'Doherty, and the strength of Denis Kelly, paved the way for the vital scores. The defence, which did not concede a goal in the entire championship, was rock-like in front of ice-cool Joe Lee in goals. Fullbacks Sean Kelly, John Danaher and Manus Sammon never gave an inch and the half-line of Billy Lee, Donal Cremin and Mike Mulcahy was brilliant. Scorers for Newcastle were Denis Kelly, 0-1; Frank Ruschitzko, 0-1; Joe Hoyne, 0-1; Kevin O'Grady 0-1; Wm. O'Doherty, 0-1 and Sean Gleeson, 0-1.

The A.G.M. of the club will be held on Sunday, December 30, at 2.30 p.m.

Newcastle West GAA

The annual general meeting of the club was attended by over forty members. The outgoing chairman, Paddy Geary, paid tribute to the players who brought two county and six West titles to the club in 1983.

The outgoing secretary, Michael O'Donoghue, reviewed the year's work in his usual efficient manner. The financial report showed that the cost of running the club and repaying the bank loan was a huge £14,000 for the year. A major attack on this debt and success at senior level were outlined as priorities for centenary year, 1984.

Along with provision of handball facilities for which over £7,000 has been raised by the newly formed handball club under the chairmanship of Paddy Sammon.

Officers and committee elected for the coming year were:

Life president, Mr. William O'Connor; vice-president, Very Rev. K. O'Dwyer, O.P.; chairman, Mr. Denis O'Grady; vice-chairman, Mr. Paddy Sammon; secretary, Mr. Dan Murphy; assistant secretary, Mr. Tom Doody; joint treasurers, Messrs. Pat Condon and Paddy Geary; registrar, Mr. Michael O'Donoghue; P.R.O., Mr. Dan Murphy; club history P.R.O., Mr. Mort O'Connor; committee, Mrs. Peg Danagher, Mr. Macy Lee, Messrs. Jack Kelly, Maurice Hickley, Maurice Brouder, Peter Curtin, Denis Noonan, Michael O'Donovan, Hugh O'Grady, John Upton, Steve Nash, Joe Hoyne.

Club playing successes in 1983 were recorded as follows:

Hurling, West Limerick minor champions.

Football, County under 21 champions, County minor champions, County under 16 runners-up, County under 14 runners-up, West under 21 champions, West minor champions, West under 16 champions, West under 14 champions, West under 12 champions. Represented Limerick at All-Ireland Og Sport under 15 football finals.

Newcastle West 27/10/84

The senior hurlers ended their 1984 season with a defeat at the hands of Feoghanagh at Rathkeale on Sunday last on the score 0-10 to 1-5. This was a game Newcastle could have won as the team as a whole played very well, but squandered a few easy scoring opportunities. On the other hand, Feoghanagh had a couple of bad misses also. John Upton was reliable as ever in goals and the full-back line of John Mulvihill, Pa Kelly and John Whelan never put a foot wrong. Mickey Kelly played very solidly at wing-back, as did the rest of the team, particularly Tommy Kelly, Kevin O'Grady, Pat O'Connor and Denis King, when he moved to corner-back to replace the injured John Mulvihill. All in all it was a satisfactory score for the minor hurlers who fielded nine under 21s on Sunday.

The u. 21 hurlers play Doon at Bruff on Sunday in the county quarter-final.

Tom and Marie Meaney presented the under 21s with a new set of playing gear.

HANDBALL CLUB FORMED

The recently formed handball club held a public meeting at the Parish Hall on Tuesday night. The provision of a handball alley is a major undertaking for a new and as yet small club.

Best of luck is wished to the officials and members of the club. The officers are—chairman, Denis Cronin; vice chairman, Francis Hayden; secretary, Michael O'Connor; joint treasurer, Michael McElligott and John Hurley.

New members should contact any of the above. *NCW*

Mike Sweeney is a name to note

THE YOUNG HURLER who could lead Limerick to victory in a senior All-Ireland at Croke Park some day will be on the sideline in Limerick today as the Shannonsiders take on Cork in the Munster Senior Hurling semi-final.

Michael Sweeney from Newcastlewest — Mike to his team-mates — captains the Limerick minor hurling team which is not engaged in the curtain-raiser today.

Michael made his own niche in Limerick hurling history recently by becoming

the first player to captain a Shannonside team to a Championship victory in any grade over Cork at Pairc Uí Chaoimh.

At 16, he was playing senior grade for his club and was on the De La Salle College, Waterford, Dr. Harty Cup team for three successive seasons.

His proud father Tom Sweeney is a great GAA enthusiast and keen worker for the games in the Newcastlewest area. His sister has reached international level in athletics in her own grade.

Newcastle West

The annual general meeting of the juvenile club was held on Saturday, February 11. There was a big turnout of players and club members. Tributes were paid to the teams that won West honours in football at under 12, 14 and 16 levels in 1983 and to the team management, especially Sean Gleeson. Mossy Rowsome was presented with the newly initiated award for juvenile Footballer of the Year.

This perpetual trophy was presented jointly by Mrs. Mary Lee, Mrs. Peg Danaher and Mrs. Chrissie Normoyle. Club officers for 1984 were elected as follows: Chairman, Paddy Geary; vice chairperson, Mrs. Mary Lee; secretary, Sean Gleeson; treasurer, Ml. O'Donoghue; P.R.O., Dan Murphy. Captains and vice captains (in brackets) were elected as follows: hurling, under 16, D. Normoyle (S. Murphy); under 15, G. Doody (I. Fenton); under 14, D. Fenton (P. Meehan); under 12, D. Gleeson (J. Meehan). Football, under 16, M. Rowsome (P. O'Brien); under 15, P. Delee (D. Cahill); under 14, G. Delee (P. Rowsome); under 12, N. Hennessey (S. Geary). Training for senior players commences this Sunday.

Club G.A.A.

Newcastle West

Our senior teams are meeting with much better fortune this year than they have done for some time. The footballers are in the West semi-final against Askeaton and a win on Saturday, 23rd, would put us through to the West final and county quarter-final. Barry Murphy is putting the team through its paces and it is gradually taking shape. The hurlers are unbeaten to date in the West Championship with impressive wins over Granagh and Ballygarry. The best performance for years by a Kilmallock senior hurling team was

The best performance for years by a Newcastle senior hurling team was against Kilmallock on Saturday last when they played a thrilling draw at Dromcollogher.

UNDER-21 FOOTBALL:

Newcastle in final

Newcastle West 1-11
Bruff 0-1
IN A ONE-sided game at Kilmallock on Sunday last, Newcastle

qualified for the county under-21 football final with a 1-11 to 0-1 win over Bruff.

The losers, fielding without the services of Michael Reale, Jim Leahy, Pat Barrett and Anthony O'Riordan, missed good scoring opportunities in the first half.

At half-time it was 1-4 to 0-1. The winners continued to dominate after the turn-over and won handsomely.

John Danaher, Donal Cremin, Denis Kelly, Liam Keane and Willie Doherty were best for the winners.

Liam Barron, Ger Browne, Larry Farrell, John Noonan, John Ryan, Diarmuid Ring and Brendan Horan tried hard for the losers.

Newcastle West scorers: D. Kelly, 1-1; T. Kelly, 0-3; K. O'Grady, 0-2; W. Doherty, 0-2; M. Samson, S. Gleeson, L. Keane, 0-1 each.

Ger Browne replied for Bruff. Newcastle West: J. Lee, M. Sammer, J. Danaher, S. Kelly, B. Lee, D. Cremin, M. Mulcahy, O. Kelly, M. Sumner, L. Keane, F. Ruschisko, K. O'Grady, T. Kelly, W. Doherty, S. Gleeson.

Bruff: D. Hynes, D. Keating, L. Barron, J. Ryan, J. Riordan, J. Noonan, A. Madden, J. Riordan, D. Ring, R. Lyons, B. Horan, G. Browne, L. Farrell, V. Donovan, P. Reale.

Referee: S. O'Connor, Cloughaun.

Newcastle West take on South Liberties in the county final on Sunday next.

This will be South Liberties first appearance in a county under-21 football final. They are a strong and skilful outfit and a repeat of the form which toppled Cloughaun in the semi-final could see them make a breakthrough in this grade.

Newcastle West showed some nice touches on Sunday last and with a nicely balanced team will be difficult to beat.

The final is fixed for Askeaton with a starting time of 2.30 p.m.



Defending Under 21 Football champions, Newcastle West, who played a draw with South Liberties in the final last Sunday. The replay takes place on Sunday.

9.12.84

A late point forces rep

N.C.W. 1-5
Sth. Liberties 0-8
FOR the second year running the County Under 21 Football Final ended in a draw. In '83 it was N.C.W. and Sean Finn's who played a thriller in Askeaton and on Sunday last at the same venue N.C.W. and South Liberties ended all square after a truly absorbing battle and in the end it was the reigning champions who had to come from behind to snatch a draw in the dying seconds when William Butch Doherty landed the point that gave the champions a second chance.

Liam Dooley opened the scoring after four minutes for Liberties with a point. O'Doherty equalised for the West champions in the sixth minute. Play at this stage was at an unbelievable speed with two very fit teams contesting every ball in a contest to warm the cockles on this brisk but dry day. Mike Rowsome kicked a good point for the East champions after great work by Mike Ryan and Ger Fitzgerald. Mike Mulcahy was playing the game of his life for NCW at this time and he saved numerous raids down the Liberties right wing and he set up the goal scored by Denis Kelly after O'Grady played a fast ball into the goalmouth. Dooley hit back with two points for Liberties — one a great effort from fifty five metres.

The N.C.W. half back line was now taking a grip on the game with Lee and Cremins getting in some great clearances. Doherty added two points for NCW to leave the half time score 1-3 to 0-4. The second half started at the same tempo as the first with no sign of tiredness from anybody. John Lee made a great save in the N.C.W. goal in the fifth minute, but the ball wasn't cleared properly and Mulcahy had to concede a free, which Dooley sent over. Kevin O'Grady was now playing like we know he can and after he cut through the Liberties defence he was fouled and promptly sent over the free. Dooley made it 1-4 to 0-6 when he sent over a free and shortly after Pat Donnelly scored the equaliser with a mighty point. Excitement now was at fever pitch with both sides probing for the opening that would tilt the scales in their favour. N.C.W. it seems had lost their chance when they were reduced to

fourteen men by referee Ray Moloney, who sent off one of their attackers after a minor loss of cool.

Dooley pointed the Liberties into the lead after great work by Finn and the Fitzgerald twins, but as so often happens the team with a man less finished in a flurry and with thirty seconds left Doherty scored the point that gave N.C.W. a second chance at the same venue on Sunday next.

Referee: Ray Moloney, Kilmallock.

TEAMS

Newcastle West—Joe Lee; Sean Kelly, John Danagher, Manus Sammon; Billy Lee, Donal Cremin, Mike Mulcahy; Frank Ruchitzko, Mike Sammon; Denis Kelly, Wally Keane, Kevin O'Grady; William O'Doherty, Tom Kelly, Sean Gleeson.

Subs.: Joe McMahon for Sean Gleeson; Joe Hynes for Ruchitzko.

South Liberties—Frank Deery; Dermot Kelly, Cronan Garry, Laurence Hickey; Mike Ryan, Brian Finn, Declan Nash; Ger Fitzgerald, Mark Fitzgerald; Mike

Rowsome, Noel Ryan, Pat Donnelly; Michael Nash, Albert McSweeney, Liam Dooley.

Subs.: Dermot Hickey for Rowsome.

Pat Hayes, Star of the Future

Last October when Limerick engaged Clare in the National League tie at the Gaelic Grounds, centre half back Jim Keogh, Ballybricken had to cry off owing to a knee injury and into the breach stepped Pat Hayes.

The Newcastle West boy had a great game, his long striking and great anticipation being a feature of a dull game. Against Galway in the second round tie he was not available owing to a club engagement but he lined out against Tipp. at the Gaelic Grounds a few Sundays afterwards and once more gave a great account of himself. Time and again he broke up dangerous enemy onslaughts and his long clearances oftentimes brought a sigh of relief to Shannonside followers.

The well-built sixfooter is no newcomer to the Limerick jersey as he starred with the county minor hurling team in 1948 and '49 and he also had a few outings with the junior hurling side. He won West Limerick M.H. and M.F. honours with N.C. West in 1949, junior football honours in 1951 and he was the star of this year's junior hurling team that went down to Feenagh-Kilmeedy in the divisional final.

Pat's rise to fame was well merited and the Shannonside mentors are confident that he will make a success of the centre half-back berth vacated by Seamus Ryan.

Newcastle West

28.7.84

Newcastle created its own piece of history on Sunday last by defeating Adare to win their fourth successive West title in minor hurling. Playing first time hurling they never allowed the fancied Adare side to get on top even though Adare led at half time 1-2 to 0-5.

The second half was a real ding dong affair with Gerard Murphy and Willie Hurley gradually gaining the upper hand at midfield. The turning point came with a superlative save from John Upton in the Newcastle goals. Dan O'Connor at centre back had one of his best ever games and dominated from start to finish. John Upton in goals and Gerard Murphy also showed their class while the full-back line of Mike Lane, Sean Kelly and Mike Browne never put a foot wrong. Man of the match, however, was Joe Lee at left half back, who played inspired hurling throughout. Tommy Ambrose on the other wing had a great second half. Willie Hurley had another great game at mid-field and must surely be one of the most consistent players in the club right now. Up front Donal Normoyle and Liam Cremin were outstanding in a hard working forward line. For Gerard Murphy there is the unique distinction of being part of all of the record breaking four-in-a-row having been centre-field in the 1981 victorious side. The under 16 footballers had an impressive win over Dromcollogher in the West semi-final. Outstanding were: Ronan Purcell in goals, David Murphy, Kevin Kelly, Timmie Cunningham, Mossy Rowsome, Gerry Doody, Declan Normoyle and Stephen Murphy.

N'C'West represent Limerick

Newcastle West are representing Limerick in the New Ireland Assurance/GAA Og Sport finals, which will be played from the 12-16 August, 1984, in Gormanstown College, Co. Meath. For the first time since Og Sport's inception, all 32 counties will be represented in the All-Ireland finals.

The Og Sport opening ceremony will be held in Croke Park on Sunday, 12th August, at half-time during the All-Ireland senior football semi-final between Galway and Kerry. It will be performed by the president of the GAA, Mr. Paddy Buggy, with 40 boys from Dublin, Galway, Kerry and Tyrone carrying the banners of their provinces.

The ceremony will mark the start of the four-day Gaelic football festival, in which over 300 boys from all 32 counties are participating. The climax to the festival is the All-Ireland sevens final on Thursday, 16th August.

These national finals are the result of months of activity at club level, during which sevens matches were organised with the purpose of selecting each county's representative for the All-Ireland finals.

At Gormanstown, the boys enjoy a residential Gaelic games holiday camp. There they receive expert coaching from fully qualified GAA coaches, physical education teachers and senior county footballers on all aspects of the game. A great number of competitions are also held, including penalty taking, long kick, etc.

Og Sport Gael, now in its sixth year, is designed to develop the skills of Gaelic football among boys between 13 and 15 years of age. This year for the third year in succession, Og Sport Gael is being sponsored by the New Ireland Assurance Company. Since New Ireland's involvement, the number of counties participating has increased from 18 to 32.

11-8-84

LIMERICK LEADER, SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 1984.



The Newcastle West Óg Sport side that competed at Gormanstown.
Front (L-R) - J. Dowling (Capt.), D. Normyle, S. Murphy, P. O'Brien. **Back -** K. Feighery (N.I. Assurance), M. Casey, K. Kelly, M. Rowsome, D. Cahill, Noel O'Connor (Trainer), John Naughton (Lmk. Organiser).

1983



This very impressive array of trophies were on view at Newcastle West GAA annual social at The Turnpike on Friday night and include the u. 21 and minor West and County football, West minor hurling, together with the trophies of all under-age West football competitions won by the club during 1983. Pictured (left to right): Rev. Fr. K. R. O'Dwyer, O.P.; Andy O'Dea (Richard Nash & Co.), Senator Rory Kiely, John Carrig, West Board; Dennis O'Grady, chairman, N.C.W.; Paddy Browne, West Board; Kevin O'Grady, capt. u. 21; Liam Keane, capt. minor F.; Paddy Geary, Clubman of the Year; Rev. Fr. John Lane, C.C.

Ogsport Final:

Newcastle West retain title

Newcastle West 3-8
Kilmallock 4-3

Newcastle West retained the county Ogsport under 16 seven a side football competition at Croom on Saturday last with a 3-8 to 4-3 win over Kilmallock in an exciting final.

Lack of experience cost the losers at least two goals in the second half. The winners trailed in the early stages but at half time they had drawn level and went in front after the resumption.

Newcastle West scorers, Paschal Delee 1-5, Gerard Doody 2-1, Nigel Begley 0-1, Dan Cahill 0-1.

Kilmallock scorers: Tom Hennessy 2-0, Michael Houlihan 1-0, James Connery 1-0, Pat Barrett 0-2, Tom Nelligan 0-1.

Newcastle West—R. Purcell, K. Kelly, M. Rowsome, N. Begley, T. Cunningham, G. Doody, D. Cahill, P. Delee, D. Murphy, B. O'Donoghue.

Kilmallock—K. O'Connor, P. Heffernan, T. Hennessy, M. Houlihan, J. Connery, T. Nelligan, P. Barrett, T. Kennedy, T. Allen, J. Moloney.

Referee: T. O'Brien (Monaleen).



Newcastle, who beat Kilmallock in the County Ogsport final at Croom.

21-7-84

Four in a row for Newcastle

Superb win for Newcastle

Newcastle West 2-9
Bruff 1-11

THE FEW hundred fans who turned up for the county under 21 hurling final between Bruff and Newcastle West at the Gaelic Grounds agreed on the way home that it was one of the finest and most exciting exhibitions of the code seen in modern times.

With around one minute remaining the west Limerick side were three points down and in what appeared to be a hopeless situation.

But in a moment of inspiration Tommy Kelly hit a rasper to the net from 25 yards to bring the sides level and in time added on Newcastle were awarded a free on the sixty-five metre line.

Sean Gleeson was entrusted with responsibility for the free and duly sent it over the bar, much to the delight of the Newcastle fans who had seen their heroes virtually come back from the dead.

It was tough luck on gallant Bruff who gave of their almighty best and for long stages looked like realising their objective.

And were it not for a fine double save by the Newcastle keeper John Upton mid-way through the second half the title would surely have gone to South Limerick.

Bruff were masters in the first half and led 1-9 to 0-5 at the interval, thanks to scores

from Ger Browne, Pat Barrett, Pat Reale and Michael Browne.

Newcastle reversed the tables on the resumption and slowly clawed their way back into the proceedings. Mike Reale, Anthony O'Riordan and Richard Lyons had to produce their best in defence to keep the eager Newcastle forwards at bay, and the turning point came when Mike Sammon found the net with a great shot. Even then Newcastle were three points in arrears but they put in that extra spurt in the closing minutes to finally overhaul a Bruff side that was deserving of a second bite at the cherry.

County chairman Jim Hickley, in presenting the trophy, described the final as one of the best hurling games seen this year.

NCW team — John Upton, Mike Lane, John Danaher, Dan O'Connor, Joe Hoyne, Mike Mulcahy (capt.), Liam Keane, Donal Cremin, Sean Kelly, Mike Sammon, Tommy Kelly, Liam Cremin, Sean Gleeson, Joe McMahon, Noel O'Grady. Subs., Manus Sammon, Denis Kelly.

Bruff — T. Coleman, P. Dennehy, A. O'Riordan, M. Kenny, John O'Riordan, M. Reale, R. Lyons, J. Noonan, A. Madden, P. Barrett, G. Browne, James O'Riordan, M. Browne, P. Reale, S. Hourigan. Subs., M. Deeney, L. Farrell, D. Regan.

NCW 1-7
Adare 1-5

THE UNDER-AGE specialists of the West kept up their great record in finals when they had a two point winning margin over a gallant Adare fifteen in the divisional minor hurling final at Rathkeale on Sunday night last.

This was a game out of the top drawer as these young lads fought tooth and nail from start to finish and kept the big crowd in suspense right up to the final whistle.

The winners started off on a gear above their opponents and after twenty four minutes they led by 0-5 to 0-2. This was due to some great defensive play by Kelly, O'Connor and Lee, with Murphy hitting the high spots at midfield.

Adare seemed to realise that this was a West final and started to take the game to the magpies.

They fired over a point and then with half time approaching Dunne found the net after a bout of hard but fair pulling around the square. The second half was even faster than the first and Adare had several chances to increase their lead but poor finishing and a tendency to pick when a fast ground delivery would have paid more dividends, cost them dearly.

The winners on the other hand, sent over some great points, and with O'Connor and Lee hurling like men inspired they completely blotted out the Adare danger man Marron, but with time running out and NCW holding onto a two point lead John Upton dived across goal to stop a piledriver. This was the turning point of the game for try as they might the Adare lads could not get the all important scores. But no blame to Reidy, McKeown, Morrissey, Setright and B. Hefferman, who played a great game at midfield for the black and red brigade. For the winners Upton, Kelly, Hurley, O'Connor, Lee and Cremin were outstanding.

Referee, N. Duggan.

players were never able to master the conditions and both sides will have to show vast improvement if they have any ideas about winning the centenary championship.

For fifty minutes it looked as if Killeedy would win easily but once Tour sent Timmy Horgan into the attack they finished much better and ran out worthy winners, 2-4 to 1-4.

Referee, N. O'Connor.

The quarter finals of the junior hurling also took place last week at Rathkeale and NCW respectively. Knockaderry had a six point win over St. Mary's at NCW, the main difference here seemed to be the goalkeepers as J. Wall was brilliant for the winners while the St. Marys no. one had a complete offday. The winners now play Drom in the semi-final.

Referee, J. Long.

At Rathkeale, Croagh-Kilfinny looked every bit as good as their opponents Drom for forty minutes. But then everything seemed to go wrong for them and they had no answer to the black and amber lads in the last quarter.

Referee, Jack Quaid.

In novice hurling Feohanagh/Killeedy kept their interest alive when they beat Granagh at Quaid Park. They now await the result of Ardagh and Knockaderry A to see if they will be involved in a play-off.

The biggest surprise of the day came when Adare knocked Ballyhahill out of the junior football championship at Askeaton. This was a big setback to the losers as they were being tipped to do well this term. Referee, T. Woulfe.

The only disappointment of the day was Ballysteen's failure to muster fifteen players for their novice game against Broadford.

SENIOR FOOTBALL FINAL

The West final will take place in Rathkeale tonight (Thursday) at 7.45 between St. Kieran's and Askeaton. This is the third attempt to get this game played and the board wish to apologise to any followers for inconvenience caused as it was Friday morning last week that the game was called off under (co. board bye law). However, all looks set for a great game which was previewed in these notes last week.

MINOR FOOTBALL FINAL

The curtain comes down on the minor grade next Tuesday night, 31st, when Glin take on St. Kieran's in the West minor football final at Askeaton. Glin look the most likely to come out on top here after their defeat of the co. champions NCW in the last round but Kieran's have a lot of last years co. final panel available and will not hear of defeat.

FIXTURES

(All 7.45 p.m.)

26/7/84:

Senior football final — St. Kierans v. Askeaton, at Rathkeale, J. Quaid.

Under 21 football — Gerald Griffins v. Athea, at Glin, P. Lane.

27/7/84:

At Rathkeale, J.F.C. — Sean Finns v. NCW, M. Sullivan.

28/7/84:

Under 21 hurling championship: Feohanagh v. Granagh, at Drom, D. Carroll.

Knockaderry v. Drom, Quaid Park, Jack Quaid.

Feenagh/Killeedy v. Adare, at Croagh, S. Burns.

Ballingarry v. Croagh/Kilfinny, at Knockaderry, M. Sullivan.

St. Marys v. Tour, at Rathkeale, T. Corrigan.

NCW v. Ardagh, at Askeaton, N. Duggan.

Killeedy v. Kilcormnan, at NCW, 8 p.m., N. O'Connor.

Novice football — Kilcormnan v. Glantine, at NCW, 6.30, N. O'Connor.

29/7/84:

La na gClub (no fixtures).

31/7/84:

Minor football final at Askaton — Glin v. St. Kierans, referee to be appointed.

Under 21 football — Adare v. Glantine, at Rathkeale, S. Burns.

Novice football — Tour v. Sean Finns, at Tour, G. O'Sullivan.

Under 21 hurling, at Drom — Croagh/Kilfinny or Ballingarry v. Feohanagh or Granagh, ref., D. Carroll.

1/8/84:

West board meeting, Rathkeale, 9 p.m.

2/8/84:

Under 21 football — Glantine or Adare v. Ballingarry, at Rathkeale, S. Burns.

Novice football — Sean Finns v. Feenagh/Killeedy, at Feenagh, Tom Quaid.

7/8/84:

Under 21 hurling — Knockaderry or Drom v. Killeedy or Kilcormnan, at NCW, N. O'Connor.

Feenagh/Killeedy or Adare v. NCW or Ardagh, at Rathkeale, N. Duggan.

8/8/84:

Under 21 football — Glantine, Adare or Ballingarry v. Athea or Gerald Griffins, no venue yet.

St. Kierans v. Sean Finns, at Askeaton, T. Madigan.

Askeaton v. Glin, at NCW, N. O'Connor.

NCW v. Fr. Caseys, at Drom, D. Carroll.

West Board meeting in Rathkeale on Wednesday night next, 1/8/84, at 9 p.m., with a fixtures meeting at 8 p.m. Any clubs interested in new hurling and football leagues please attend this meeting.

The senior hurling championship game between Tour and Killeedy at NCW on Sunday last was a very disappointing affair. Played in Indian like weather the

Newcastle West 2-14
Tournafulla 0-11

9.11.85

NEWCASTLE West, fresh from their county under 21 hurling championship victory, came a step nearer to winning a senior title when they convincingly defeated Tournafulla in the divisional semi-final at Quaid Park on Sunday last.

It is fifty three years since Newcastle West last won a senior hurling title. That victory came in Eucharistic Congress year 1932.

The "Magpies", with eleven of their all conquering under 21 side, lined out against a much more experienced Tournafulla fifteen. Incidentally this will be the first time since 1978 that Tournafulla will not be contesting the senior final. In last Sunday's game the Tournafulla side led by two points. However, Tour were playing with the aid of a fairly stiff breeze and Newcastle West did well to contain them. Connie Brouder had the opening score of the game when he had a point in the 7th minute. Sean Gleeson, the sharp shooting Newcastle West corner forward, had a brace of points. Connie Brouder had the sides on level terms after twelve minutes.

Both Seamus Horgan, the Tournafulla net minder and his opposite number in the Newcastle West goals, John Upton, brought off some great saves in this opening quarter. Connoe O'Sullivan's point for Tournafulla in the 22nd minute was cancelled out by Joe McMahon. Sean Gleeson had his third point of the first half when he pointed from a placed ball in the 26th minute.

Connie O'Sullivan, who started at corner forward for Tournafulla, switched with his brother Seamus to the half line.

In the closing 3 minutes of the first half Connie had a trio of points, two of them from placed balls. The sides went into the dressing rooms at the interval with Tournafulla leading 0-6 to 0-4.

Second half

The second half opened fast and furious. In the space of ten minutes we witnessed a staggering ten scores. Sean Gleeson had a point in the 2nd minute. Seamus O'Sullivan replied for Tour. Sean Kelly,

the Newcastle West midfielder, had a long range point. Thirty seconds later Kevin O'Grady, with some fancy footwork, opened up the Tournafulla defence and gave Seamus Horgan no chance to score a fine goal.

Gleeson had his final score of the game in the 7th minute. This was probably the finest of his personal tally of six points. Mike Larkin had a further point and then Joe McMahon, who was doing trojan work in the full forward line, had a good point. Mike Sammon pointed later. Mike Mulcahy added on another point for the Magpies.

Firmly

Newcastle West were now firmly in the driving seat, but Tournafulla did not relinquish easily. Connie Sullivan had a point at the end of the third quarter. At this stage both scoring machines seemed to be out of order and we had to wait until the 22nd minute before Tournafulla's Ger Moroney had a point. But unfortunately for them this was to be their last score of the game. The Newcastle West forwards now put their stamp of authority on the game with Joe McMahon scoring a goal and two points. Sean Kelly added a further point. It now seems that we are to witness a new era in West Limerick senior championships.

Neilly Duggan of Rathkeale, who refereed this game, did an excellent job, but in fairness to both sides they were intent on playing a good sporting game and hurling was the winner for it.

SCORERS

Newcastle West — Joe McMahon 1-4, Sean Gleeson 0-6, Kevin O'Grady 1-0, Sean Kelly 0-2, Mike Sammon 0-1, Mike Mulcahy 0-1.

Tournafulla — Connie O'Sullivan 0-6, Connie Brouder 0-2, Seamus O'Sullivan 0-1, Mike Larkin 0-1, Ger Moroney 0-1.

TEAMS

Newcastle West — J. Upton, D. King, J. Danaher, D. Sammon, J. Hoyne, M. Mulcahy, L. Keane, S. Kelly, D. Cremin, P. O'Connor, T. Kelly, K. O'Grady, M. Sammon, J. McMahon, S. Gleeson.

Tournafulla — S. Horgan, T. Horgan, A. Reidy, W. Sheehan, J. O'Reilly, G. Moroney, D. Curtin, S. Hartnett, M. Curtin, M. Larkin, C. Brouder, S. O'Sullivan, P. Horgan, M. Bresnihan, C. O'Sullivan.

Referee — Neilly Duggan (Rathkeale).

Man of the match — Joe McMahon (NCW).

EASY WIN FOR NEWCASTLE

20.7.85

Newcastle West 1-7
St. Kieran's 1-1

Newcastle West easily defeated St. Kieran's in an entertaining game at Askeaton on Monday night. Newcastle dominated from early on and had a four point lead after 15 minutes with points from Kevin O'Grady (2) and Pat O'Connor (2).

In the 20th minute St. Kieran's got back into the game with a goal after a goalmouth scramble and had a fine point from play by David Nolan. Newcastle replied with a brilliant goal finished by Tom Doody after a good movement involving Pat O'Connor and

Kevin O'Grady. There were no further scores in the first half and at half-time it was 1-4 to 1-1 for Newcastle.

The second half started with Newcastle continuing their dominance and had further points from Liam Keane (2) and Mike Sammon with no reply from St. Kieran's to run out easy winners.

The game was played with a strong commitment from both sides and the players to stand out were for St. Kieran's David Nolan, Pat Leahy, Jim O'Donnell and Mike Woulfe. Newcastle were best served by J. Danaher, D. Enright, B. Lee, T. Kelly, S. Kelly, P. O'Connor, L. Keane and Kevin

O'Grady.

The teams lined out as follows:

Newcastle West — J. Lee, M. Sammon, J. Danaher, D. Enright, B. Lee, D. Cremin, T. Kelly, S. Kelly, J. Upton, L. Keane, P. O'Connor, K. O'Grady, F. Ruchitzko, T. Doody, M. Sammon.

St. Kieran's — P. Molyneaux, S. Murphy, J. O'Donnell, T. Hartnett, L. Barrett, T. Larkin, M. Molyneaux, S. Crowley, P. O'Connor, P. Leahy, M. Woulfe, D. Nolan, J. Duggan, E. O'Connor and L. Enright.

Ref., J. Carrig.

LIMERICK LEADER, SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 1985



The Newcastle West team who drew with Cloughaun in the minor football final at the Gaelic Grounds.

Newcastle^{8/11/86} West GAA

The long awaited and sometimes controversial game between Ardagh and Newcastle West was finally resolved in Ballygarry on Sunday, when we had a well merited 3 points win over our old rivals.

The game produced fine passages of hurling all through and was played in a good, sporting fashion.

We played against the wind in the opening half and, despite having a good amount of the play, we trailed at the interval by 5 points, the score being 2-3 to 0-4.

We opened smartly in the second half and scored four good points to reduce the lead to a single point and then Liam Cremin caught the Ardagh defence off balance to score a clever goal from a 25 yards free.

A couple of minutes later Manus Sammon found the net from close in and then we were 5 points clear. Ardagh fought back to score their third goal, but playing with great heart and skill we held out for an exciting victory.

While this was essentially a great team performance, there were fantastic individual performances from John Danaher, Joe Hoyne, Mike Mulcahy, Sean and Tom Kelly, Pat O'Connor, Liam Cremin, Joe McMahon and Manus Sammon.

Scorers: Liam Cremin 1-4, Manus Sammon 1-0, T. Doody 0-2, J. McMahon 0-2, Liam Keane 0-1, John Danaher 0-2.

Team: John Upton, Mike Lane, John Mulvihill, Mike Mulcahy, Joe Hoyne, John Danaher, Denis King, Sean Kelly, Pat O'Connor, Liam Keane, Tom Kelly, Joe McMahon, Liam Cremin, Tom Doody, Manus Sammon. Sub., Mike Sammon.

21 hurling semi-final

On Sunday next we play Cloughaun in the re-play of the 21 hurling championship in Bruff and we hope that our two players, Donal Cremin and Dan O'Connor, who missed Sunday's game through injury, will be back to full fitness for this re-play.

Minor football: Newcastle West 2-13, Rathkeale nil.

We had an easy win over a poor Rathkeale side in the M.F. league recently.

Scorers: J. Doody 1-2, P. Delee 1-4, D. Cahill 0-2, T. Power 0-2, D. Fenton 0-2, P. Meehan 0-1.

Team: Ronan Purcell, Robert Hurley, Kevin Kelly, Peadar Hurley, Denis O'Sullivan, Mossy Rowsome, Pat Moloney, Tim Cunningham, Paschal Delee, Dan Cahill, Gerry Doody, Tony Power, Pa Meehan, Dermot Fenton, Mike Walsh.

Newcastle West^{19/4/86}

Newcastle West 1-5
Feohanagh 2-3

Feohanagh had a one point victory over us in the Tommy Quaid shield at Quaid Park on Wednesday evening last. This was a fast, entertaining and sporting game of hurling with the winner's point being their only score of the second half. The half-time score was Feohanagh 2-2, Newcastle West 1-2.

Scorers — P. O'Connor 1-0, and a point each from J. Cronin, L. Keane, M. Sammon, D. King, J. Danaher.

Team — John Upton, Mike Lane, John Mulvihill, Dan O'Connor, Joe Hoyne, John Danaher, Donal Cremin, Liam Keane, Denis King (capt.), Liam Cremin, Pat O'Connor, Mike Sammon, Mike Mulcahy, Joe McMahon, Denis Noonan.

Best for Newcastle West, John Danaher, Donal Cremin, Liam Keane, Denis King and Mike Mulcahy.

FIXTURES

We play near neighbours Ardagh in the 1st round of the

Newcastle West^{4/1/86}

The AGM was held recently at the Parish Hall and was very well attended.

Outgoing chairman, Denis O'Grady, and secretary, Dan Murphy did not seek re-election. In a wide ranging address Mr. O'Grady had harsh words to say about the poor treatment accorded the club by the West Board regarding the club's request for a postponement of the Senior Football semi final.

In a very detailed report the secretary listed the achievements of the club in 1985 with success in six West Limerick titles, i.e., under 14 football, under 16 football, under 18 football, under 21 football, under 18 hurling, under 21 hurling and a county title in the under 21 hurling final. The club also contested both under 12 divisional finals as well as under 16 hurling (lost in a replay) and junior football final.

The following were elected to conduct the affairs of the club for 1986:

Life Presidents: William O'Connor, Rev. K. O'Dwyer; chairman, Paddy Sammon; vice chairman, Tom Danagher; secretary, Denis Noonan; assistant secretary, Mary Lee; treasurers, Pat Condon and Paddy Geary. P.R.O., Murt O'Connor; registrar, Mike O'Donoghue.

Committee: Denis O'Grady, Moss Brouder, Pat Brennan, Peter Curtin, Hugh O'Grady, John Whelan, Jack Kelly, John Whelan, Steve Walsh, Peg Danaher.

NEWCASTLE WEST G.A.A. ²²⁻⁶⁻⁸⁶

SENIOR FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP
NEWCASTLE WEST 3-8
BALLYBROWN 0-5

We had a convincing victory over Ballybrown in the S.F.C. replay in Askeaton on Saturday evening last. The first half was played in a fierce lightning storm and torrential rain but we adapted very quickly to the conditions and were 2-1 to the good after 10 minutes and led at the break by 2-4 to 0-2.

Ballybrown came more into the picture in the second half but a very determined defence confined them to an odd point and we ran out deserving winners.

Scorers: S. Gleeson 1-3, S. Kelly 1-1, J. Upton 1-1, L. Keane 0-1, V. Doherty 0-1 and P. O'Connor 0-1.

Team: Joe Lee, Manus Sammon, John Danaher, Donie Enright, Liam Cremin, Donal Cremin, Mike Mulcahy, Billy Lee, Liam Keane, Sean Gleeson, Sean Kelly, Pat O'Connor, Joe McMahon, Vincent Doherty, John Upton. Sub Joe Hoyne.

We were heavily defeated by Croagh/Kilfinny in the J.H.C in Ballygarry on

Sunday last. We lined out as follows: Willie Kelly, John Whelan, Pa Kelly, Hugh O'Grady, Mike Kelly, Dan O'Connor, Billy Lee, Mike Brown, Willie Hurley, Donal Normoyle, Gerard O'Connor, Joe Lee, Tim Nix, Brendan Kelly, Neilus Murphy. Subs Tom Kell-eher, Pat O'Brien and Jim Dowling.

The West S.H.C. resumes for us on Sunday next when we play Tournafulla in Dromcollogher. Our injury problems continue to mount and we will have to play up to our full potential if we are to have a win over our great rivals who are going great guns this year.

LIMERICK LEADER, SATURDAY, AUGUST 24, 1985



The Newcastle West team who won the under 21 football championship at Askeaton.

FOUR^{16/11/86} SENT OFF

Newcastle West had no fewer than four of their players sent off in their County U-21 Hurling Championship semi-final against Cloughaun at Bruff.

All four were sidelined in separate incidents in the final ten minutes.

Cloughaun, who led 1-8 to 0-5 at half time, went on to win

NEWCASTLE WEST THROUGH TO SEMI-FINAL

Newcastle West.....1-9
Askeaton.....1-5
NEWCASTLE West are through to the semi final of the County Senior Football Championship where they will meet the winners of the Galbally versus St. Kieran's encounter which will be played at Croom on this Saturday evening.

At Thomas Culhane Memorial Park, Glin on Sunday last, Newcastle West, who had a five points interval lead and had it extended to eight points with only six minutes remaining on the stop watch, had to withstand a final rally by Askeaton which resulted in the Lower Deelsiders registering a goal and a point.

Heavy mid-day rain in Glin made ground conditions very slippery for this county championship game. Both sides were slow to adapt to the conditions and we had to wait eight minutes for the opening score, which came from Newcastle West's Liam Keane. The Magpies who were assisted with the aid of a fairly stiff breeze were now playing a stylish brand of football and a move set up by Joe Hoyne and Liam Keane was finished up with a point from the boot of Pat O'Connor in the 10th minute.

A player new to senior ranks, Vince O'Doherty, Newcastle West, operating on the edge of the parallelogram was to have his side's next score, a point in the 19th minute. Sean Gleeson put Newcastle West four points ahead when he tapped over a free in the 21st minute.

Young Albert Bourke had Askeaton's only first half score when he had a well worked point in the 22nd minute. Two minutes later Liam Keane replied for the 'Magpies' whilst in the 27th minute the same player extended his side's advantage when he had another white flag.

Second half

After a rather short interval, both sides were anxious to get back into action and Munster Final referee, Ray Moloney complied with their wish. Newcastle West had a point in the 35th minute with Garvan McDaid pulling one back for Askeaton in the 40th minute. Sean Gleeson and John Horgan then exchanged points before substitute Mike Carrig punched the ball over the bar after Fintan Ryan had sent in a speculative sideline kick in the 48th minute. Vince O'Doherty had a great goal for Newcastle West in the 49th minute.

Final Minutes

In the closing stages Askeaton threw caution to the wind and moved their full back, Paddy Ives, into attack. Gleeson had a point for Newcastle West in the 53rd minute to leave the scoreline Newcastle West 1-9, Askeaton 0-4. At this stage Askeaton put on the pressure but their forwards unfortunately were not playing as a team and their attitude cost them scores.

Paddy Ives had a goal in the 59th minute which was followed by a point from Tom O'Connell just before the referee sounded the

final whistle.

Good display

Newcastle West goalkeeper Joe Lee played well and did a good job in marshalling his defence which saw Donie Enright and John Danagher both giving good displays. On the half line Billy Lee was most impressive on the wing and he really played a captain's part.

Joe Hoyne was outstanding at midfield. Liam Keane continues to improve and he got great support from Sean Gleeson, Pat O'Connor

and Vince O'Doherty in attack.

Askeaton, who are the reigning divisional champions, were best served by Ger Kelly and Ray Neville in the rear-guard; Tom O'Connell played well at midfield and at centre back when he exchanged places with Declan Barron. Even though their forwards were found wanting Enda McDaid, Albert Bourke and Mike John O'Donoghue who had to leave the field with a broken nose tried hard for scores. Another Askeaton player to give a one hundred per cent display was left half back, John Horgan.

Teams and Scorers

Newcastle West—J. Lee; M. Sammon, J. Danagher, D. En-

right; D. King, D. Cremin, B. Lee; S. Kelly, J. Hoyne; J. Upton, L. Keane (0-3); S. Gleeson (0-4), M. Mulcahy, V. O'Doherty (1-1), P. O'Connor (0-1). Subs.: L. Cremin for S. Kelly; J. McMahon for D. Cremin.

Askeaton—C. Ryan; R. Neville, P. Ives (1-0), G. Kelly; E. McDaid, D. Barron, J. Horgan (0-1); T. O'Connell (0-1), G. McDaid (0-1), E. McDaid, F. Ryan, D. Ryan, M. J. O'Donoghue, M. Fitzgibbon, A. Bourke (0-1).

Subs.: M. Carr (0-1) for M. J. O'Donoghue (injured); D. Neville for E. McDaid; D. O'Gorman for G. McDaid.

Referee: Ray Moloney.
Man of the Match: Liam Keane (Newcastle West).



Newcastle West who defeated Askeaton in the County Senior Football Championship.

Newcastle West

Newcastle West 0-15
Tournafulla 1-7

At Dromcollogher Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last we had a good victory over old rivals Tournafulla in a very entertaining game. The game was played at a hectic pace throughout and the issue was in doubt up to the final few minutes.

We led at the break by six points to four points but Tour struck early in the Second half for a good goal to go ahead by a point but we quickly equalised and from there to the end it was a ding-dong struggle. In the final few minutes our superior youth and fitness won the day.

The game was very sportingly contested but a player from each side was sent off following an isolated incident mid-way through the second half.

Scorers: S. Gleeson 0-5, L. Keane 0-2, J. McMahon 0-2, J. Dahaner 0-2, T. Doody 0-1, P. O'Connor 0-1, D. Cremin 0-1, L. Cremin 0-1.

Team—John Upton, Mike Lane, John Mulvihill, Dan O'Connor, John Dahaner, Donal Cremin, Manus Samman, Tom Doody, Joe McMahon, Joe Hoyne, Mike Mulcahy, Liam Cremin, Liam Keane, Sean Gleeson, Pat O'Connor.

Newcastle West

The senior football league game arranged for Coolroe on Sunday last did not take place as we learned late on Saturday night that Knockaine were not travelling. This is not a very satisfactory way of gaining points but it does mean that we are in a very strong position now in our group and depending on other results, we may, in fact, have the group won. This will be clarified at the week-end.

Senior Hurling League: We will be visitors to Mungret on Sunday next when we take on the Liam O'Donoghue led locals in a vital league game. As they demonstrated in their last outing against Feohanagh, Mungret have a very strong side and will not be easily beaten. We played reasonably well in our last outing against Bruce and a fully committed display on Sunday could see us qualify for the semi-finals of this competition. All players to be in the Square at 1.30 p.m.

Newcastle West

Under-21 Hurling: 13/9/86
Newcastle West 2-5
St. Kieran's 2-10

At Askeaton on Saturday evening last we gave one of our worst performance ever in this grade when going under to St. Kieran's. The winners played with far more conviction all through and fully deserved their win.

Scorers: L. Cremin, 1-1; B. Kelly, 1-0; M. Sammon, 0-3; D. McMahon, 0-1.

Team: John Upton, Mike Brown, Mike Lane, Dan O'Connor, Pat O'Brien, Joe Hoyne, Joe Lee, Donal Cremin, Liam Keane, Willie Hurley, Gerard Murphy, Derry McMahon, Liam Cremin, Brendan Kelly, Mike Sammon. Subs., Billy Lee, Kevin Kelly.

Senior Hurling:

On Saturday evening next we play Feohanagh in the S.H.C. This game will be played in Newcastle West at 6.15 and a win or a draw will give us a place in the semi-finals.

Minor hurling:

Newcastle West 5-8
Feenagh-Killeedy 1-0

We had an easy win over Feenagh-Killeedy in Quaid Park in the West Limerick MHC on Thursday evening last.

We lined out as follows: Pa Meehan, Pat Moloney, Kevin Kelly, Dave Murphy, Peadar Hurley, Pat O'Brien, Denis O'Sullivan, Dermot Fenton, Gerry Doody, John Whelan, Stephen Murphy, Brian McCarthy, John Power, Aidan Prenderville, Kieran Shanahan.

Newcastlewest

Senior Hurling Championship:
Newcastle West..... 1-3
Ardagh..... 1-8

We gave one of our poorest displays for some time in hurling when going down to our near neighbours Ardagh in Askeaton on Sunday last. We played reasonably well in the first half and scores were level at the break at 1-3 to 0-6. Our performance in the second half was to say the least pathetic and the fact that we failed to raise a flag tells its own story.

Scorers: M. Sammon 0-3, J. McMahon 1-0.

Team—John Upton; Mike Lowe, John Mulvihill, Denis King (captain); Joe Hynes, John Danaher, Donal Cremin; Seamus Kelly, Liam Keane; Mike Mulcahy, Tommy Kelly, Mike Sammon, Liam Cremin, Joe McMahon and Pat O'Connor. Sub.: Sean Gleeson.

Fixtures:

Junior Football League at Killeedy v. Killeedy, Thursday, April 24, at 7.15 p.m.

Junior Hurling League, at Feenagh v. Feenagh, Sunday, April 27 at 2.00 p.m.

NEWCASTLE WEST G.A.A. UNDER 21 HURLING QUARTER FINAL

Newcastle West 3-8
Claughaun 2-11

A last minute goal, scored by substitute Mossy Rowsome, gave us a well deserved draw against Claughaun in Kilmallock on Sunday last. This was our best performance in this competition this year and we can look forward to the replay with some confidence.

We played with the fairly fresh breeze in the first half and led at the break by a single point. On the resumption, we took command and after 15 minutes play, we led by six points which included a brilliant goal by Liam Keane. At this stage, we lost our concentration and allowed Claughaun back into the game and with time running out they led by 3 points and in a very exciting finish, we had Rowsome's late equaliser.

Donal Cremin was outstanding at centre-back while others to do well were Mike Lane, Joe Hoyne, Dan O'Connor, Liam Keane, Sean Kelly, Brendan Kelly and Mike Sammon.

Scorers: D. Normoyle 1-0, L. Keane 1-0, M. Rowsome 1-0, D. Cremin 0-2, M. Sammon 0-2, L. Cremin 0-2, B. Kelly 0-1, B. Lee 0-1.

Team: John Upton, Mike Brown, Mike Lane, Dan O'-

Connor, Joe Hoyne, Donal Cremin, Billy Lee, Derry McMahon, Liam Keane, Willie Hurley, Sean Kelly, Liam Cremin, Mike Sammon, Brendan Kelly, Donal Normoyle. Sub: Gerard Murphy and Mossy Rowsome.

SENIOR FOOTBALL

On Sunday next in Ballingarry we are fixed to play Askeaton in the semi-final of the West S.F.C. We already have a victory over this opposition this year when we beat them in the quarter final of the County/Championship in Glin. We are hoping for a repeat performance on Sunday.

600 CLUB

The first draw in the 600 Club which is now closed, will take place on Thursday next at 9p.m. at the Central Hotel.

15-10-86

NEWCASTLE WEST G.A.A.

S.F.C. 3-9-86
NEWCASTLE WEST 0-13
ST. MARYS 0-5

We had a relatively easy win over Rathkeale in the S.F.C. in Askeaton on Saturday evening last. The result, to us, was immaterial as we have already qualified for the Semi-final in which we meet Askeaton.

Scorers L. Keane 0-4, J. Hoyne 0-3, K. O'Grady 0-3, D. Cremin 0-1, T. Kelly 0-1, T. Doody 0-1.

Team: Joe Lee, Dan O'Connor, John Danaher, Donie Enright, Denis King, Donal Cremin, Mike Mulcahy, Joe Hoyne, John Upton, Liam Cremin, Liam Keane, Joe McMahon, Tom Doody, Tom Kelly, Kevin O'Grady. Sub Mike Quilligan.

FIXTURES

Minor Hurling - Thursday September 4th at Coolyroo V Feenagh/Kilmeedy at 6.30 p.m.

Under 21 Hurling - Final on Saturday 6th September at Ballingarry V St. Kierans at 4 p.m.

SENIOR HURLING

There was a fine crowd in the local pitch on Sunday last for the two Senior Hurling games between Feohanagh and Killeedy and Tournafulla and Ardagh. The field was in fine condition and it was a tribute to the supporters of

all the clubs concerned that there was no pitch encroachment, despite the fact that there is no wire cage to prevent same. It is club policy at the moment not to wire off the field as the enjoyment and comfort of the paying spectators is considerably reduced trying to see a match through this annoying mesh.

CLUB MEETING

At a recent meeting of the Executive Committee it was decided to have another super draw, commencing in October. The draw known as the 600 Club and prizes amounting to approximately £18,000 will be distributed, with a monster £6,000 being given out in March. The draw will be formally launched on Friday 12th September.

Votes of sympathy were passed to the following families who suffered bereavements - Cregan and Meaney, Knockane Road, Roche, Connolly Tce and Brennan, Rathkeale.

Newcastle West

U-21 football: Newcastle West, 1-9; Claughaun, 0-5.

At Kilmallock on Sunday last, we qualified for the semi-final of this year's U-21 football championship with a good victory over Claughaun in a fine sporting game.

We dominated the game for the most part and built up a 7 points to 1 point interval lead, playing with a fairly strong wind. Claughaun launched an all-out attack early in the second half, but our defence held firm and when we scored our goal midway through the half, the Claughaun challenge gradually faded and we were comfortable winners at the end.

While this was essentially a very good team performance, Liam Keane (capt.) must be singled out, as he gave a great exhibition of the code and scored 5 fine points.

Scorers: L. Keane, 0-5; M. Sammon, 1-1; M. Rowsome, 0-1; D. Kelly, 0-1; J. Upton, 0-1.

Team: Joe Lee, Brendan Kelly, Sean Kelly, Dan O'Connor, Mossy Rowsome, Donal Cremin, Willie Hurley, Joe Hoyne, Billy Lee, Neilus Murphy, Liam Keane, Mike Sammon, Mike Rowsome, Denis Kelly, John Upton. Subs., Derry McMahon, Gerard Murphy.

We meet old rivals, St. Kieran's, in the county semi-final on Sunday next. The game is fixed for Askeaton at 2.30 p.m.

Newcastle West

10/5/86
Newcastle West 4-10
Castlemahon 1-1

In the first round of the Minor Football League Championship we had a very easy victory over Castlemahon in Coolyroo.

Scorers: D. Normoyle 1-3, S. Murphy 1-1, T. Keane 1-1, G. Doody 1-0, P. Sheehan 0-2, D. Cahill 0-1, P. Delee 0-1, M. Lowsome 0-1.

The senior football match, which was to be have taken place against Abbeyfeale over the weekend was not played because of adverse weather conditions.

On Saturday next we play Askeaton in Ballynahill in the Under 21 Football Championship at 7.30 p.m.

Newcastle West

The players meeting has been arranged for Friday, February 7 in the Parish Hall, at 7.30 p.m. sharp. All players from minor grade up are expected to attend.

Playing activities resume on Sunday next, February 2nd with the continuation of the 1985 county hurling league. We travel to play Tournafulla on that day and all players are requested to be in the Square at 2.00 p.m.

On the following Sunday, February 9 we play Monaleen at home in the county senior football league.

Arrangements have now been finalised for the annual dinner dance at the River Room Motel on Saturday next, February 1. Mr. Leonard Enright, the Patrickswell and Limerick All Star full back who is now employed by Nash's Mineral Waters of Newcastle West will be a special guest at the function and will present the trophies to the members of the victorious teams, i.e., under 21 hurling, West and County and Divisional winners in under 21 and minor football and minor hurling.

Newcastle West

18/1/86
At a recent club meeting managers of the various teams were appointed as follows: senior and under 21 hurling, Moss Brouder; junior hurling, Seamus Kelly; minor hurling, Murt O'Connor; senior football, Dan Murphy; junior football, Denis O'Grady; under 21 football, Pat O'Connor.

At the time of writing it is expected that the players meeting will be held on Friday, February 7, probably at the Parish Hall.

County Senior Football C'ship

All too easy for Newcastle

Newcastle West3-8
Ballybrown.....0-5

DESPITE the thunderstorm and heavy rain at Askeaton on Saturday evening, Newcastle West had little difficulty in eliminating Ballybrown from this year's County Senior Football Championship. When these sides met two weeks ago it was felt that Ballybrown were a shade unlucky not to have won, but on Saturday last they were never in the hunt.

Newcastle West, who were minus Liam Keane in the drawn game, had their inter-county man back in action, and his inclusion at midfield made a marked improvement for the Magpies. Keane was dominant at midfield and won great possession, giving a plentiful supply to the forwards. Newcastle West, who led at the interval by 2-4 to 0-2, had their opening score in the fifth minute when Keane had a point. A minute later in a great hand passing movement involving Pat O'Connor, Joe McMahon and Sean Gleeson, which resulted in the latter having a goal from the edge of the parallelogram, there never seemed to be any doubts about Newcastle West's superiority. Sean Kelly made it 2-1 for the Magpies when in the 11th minute he finished a Sean Gleeson free to the back of the net. Gleeson had points from frees in the 14th and 30th minutes whilst Vince Doherty had a point from play in the 26th minute. The only scores to come Ballybrown's way were points in the 13th minute from a free by corner forward Tony Hall and a point from play in the 28th minute by Ollie O'Connor.

Second half

In the second period the Magpies continued to punish the Clarina side. Pat O'Connor pointed in the 31st minute and a minute later Johnnie Upton added his name to the scoresheet when he had a white flag. Terence Kenny pointed a free for Ballybrown in the 38th minute. A minute later the city side were awarded a penalty but they

good save by Joe Lee from the boot of Tony Hall. Ollie O'Connor had a point from a free in the 45th minute whilst Tony Hall had his sides remaining score, a point from play in the 48th minute. In the last few minutes of this one-sided game, Johnnie Upton added a goal whilst Sean Gleeson from a free and Sean Kelly from play, added a brace of points.

Teams and scores

Newcastle West: J. Lee, M. Sammon, J. Danagher, D. Enright, L. Cremin, D. Cremin, M. Mulcahy, L. Leane (0-1), B. Lee, S. Gleeson (1-3), S. Kelly (1-1), P. O'Connor (0-1), J. Upton (1-1), V. O'Doherty (0-1), J. McMahon. Sub.: J. Hoyme.
Ballybrown: O. Lynch, J. Kiely, K. Conway, P. Davoren, D. O'Connor, J. Kenny, J. Quinn, T. Kenny (0-1), L. Griffin, O. O'Connor (0-2), P. Mulqueen, E. Cliffe, J. O'Connor, R. Kiely, T. Hall (0-2). Sub.: C. Keyes.
Referee: Pat Lane (Foynes).

Man of the match: Manus Sammon (Newcastle West).

St. Kieran's2-14
Askeaton.....0-5

St. Kieran's proved beyond all doubt why they are county senior football champions with a clinical second half display to win their second consecutive Southern Chemicals Cup Final against Askeaton at Newcastle West on Sunday afternoon.

In the first half, which was evenly contested, the champions led by five points to Askeaton's three. Two points from Pa Leahy and one each from Richard Woulfe, Jimmy Duggan, and former Askeaton player Jim O'Donnell, gave them the interval lead with the Askeaton trio. Enda McDaid, Albert Bourke and Fintan Ryan registering one point each.

In the second half the "Saints" opened the flood gates with six of their players registering 2 goals and 9 pts. The only scores to come Askeaton's way were points from Enda McDaid and a free

Teams and scorers

St. Kieran's: P. Molyneaux, S. Murphy, T. Hartnett, T. Larkin, M. Molyneaux, L. Barrett, D. Larkin, P. O'Connor (0-1), J. O'Donnell (1-1), R. Woulfe (0-2), P. O'Connor (0-3), P. Leahy (0-6), D. Greaney (1-0), J. Duggan (0-1), J. Enright. Subs.: J. Woulfe, T. Larkin.

Askeaton: M. J. O'Donoghue, R. Neville, P. Ivess, D. Neville, E. McDaid, G. McDaid, J. Horgan, E. McDaid (0-2), T. O'Connell (0-1), D. Ryan, A. Bourke (0-1), J. R. Madigan, S. Kelly, F. Ryan (0-1), M. Carrig. Sub.: G. Kelly.

Referee: Tim Woulfe (Athea).

Man of the match: Jim O'Donnell (St. Kieran's).

Mountcollins.....2-6
St. Kieran's2-5

Mountcollins will face St. Senan's in the semi-final of the Junior Football Championship as a result of their well earned win over St. Kieran's in the quarter final played at Newcastle West on Sunday last.

At the interval they led by three points but had to withstand a great bid by Kieran's and eventually held out by the narrowest of margins. An important factor in their victory was a goal scored by "The King," Connie Brouder. Ger Cahill, Eddie Sheehan, played very well in the full back line. Moss McCarthy and John Lane were solid on the half line. Tournafulla's Seamus O'Sullivan dictated matters at midfield whilst in addition to Brouder in attack, Simon Lenihan and substitute Mike Larkin were impressive.

St. Kieran's had solid performances from Donie Nolan, Stephen Kenneally, Pat Mullins, Dave Nolan, Tom Greaney and John Sheehy.

Teams and Scorers

Mountcollins: J. Lyons, G. Cahill, J. O'Reilly, E. Sheehan, S. Murphy, M. McCarthy, J. Lane, S. O'Sullivan (0-3), M. O'Donoghue, G. Moroney, S. Lenihan

Newcastle West

NEWCASTLE WEST 1-10
FR. CASEY'S 1-8

We advanced a further stage in the West S.F.C. when we overcame Fr. Casey's (Abbeyfeale).

Scorers: L. Cremin 1-1, S. Gleeson 0-3, P. O'Connor 0-2, J. Hoyme 0-2, B. Lee 0-1, Upton 0-1.

Team: Joe Lee, Dan O'Connor, John Danagher, Donie Enright, Liam Cremin, Donal Cremin, Mike Mulcahy, Billy Lee, Liam Keane, Sean Gleeson, Joe Hoyme, Pat O'Connor, Manus Sammon, Tom Doody, John Upton.

Newcastle West

On Sunday next at Kilmallock at 2 p.m. we play Cloughaun in the quarter final of the Limerick County under 21 championship. We will certainly have to show a vast improvement on our display in the West final if we are to entertain any hopes of advancing a stage further in this competition.

Fixtures:

Sunday, October 12, at Kilmallock under 21 hurling versus Cloughaun at 2 p.m.

Sunday, October 19, West Senior Football semi final versus Askeaton.

Sunday, October 26, at Askeaton, under 21 football quarter final versus Cloughaun.

Sunday, November 2, West Senior Hurling semi final versus Adare.

8-2-86 Broadford

A well attended A.G.M. was held in the Community Centre recently. Election of officers: President, Fr. T. Crawford. Chairman, Tom Reidy. Vice-chairman, Tadhg Brosnan. Sec., Seamus O'Sullivan. Asst. Sec., Joe O'Connor. Treasurer, Tom O'Brien. PRO, David Sweeney.

It was decided to enter novice hurling and football teams. Hurling captain and vice-captain, Bosco Cremin, Denis McCarthy. Football captain, vice-captain, Liam Foley, Mike Ahern.

Selectors to be nominated later. Both president and chairman expressed satisfaction with the season just ended and hoped that players and officials would work in unison to achieve greater things in the coming year.

(0-1), D. Flanagan (0-1), C. Brouder (1-0). Sub.: M. Larkin.

St. Kieran's: T. Neary, D. Nolan, S. Kenneally, J. Ahern, P. Mullins, M. Magner, P. O'Sullivan, D. Nolan (0-1), J. Mulcahy, M. Liston, T. Greaney (0-1), D. Lenihan (1-1), J. Keane (0-1), J. Sheehy (1-0), M. Barrett (0-1).

Referee: J. Quaid (Feohagh).

Man of the match: Simon

Newcastle West

Junior football league — Newcastle West 0-10, Castlemahon 1-1.

We had a good win over Castlemahon in the JFL in Quaid Park on Tuesday evening last. Although played in very bad conditions, we turned in quite a good performance and picked off some fine points. Scorers — J. Mulvihill 0-4, P. Kelly 0-3, V. Doherty 0-1, H. O'Grady 0-1, N. Brown 0-1.

Team — Ray Keane, John Whelan, Tom Doody, Mike Lawe, Mike Brown, Brian Fallon, Tom Herbert, Mike Kelly, Neilus Murphy, Hugh O'Grady, Pat Kenny, Vincent Doherty, Seamus Kelly, John Mulvihill, Pa Kelly.

Senior hurling—Newcastle West 5-14, Ballingarry 1-6. At Askeaton on Sunday last we had a good win over Ballingarry in the SHC. We played against the wind in the first half and at the break we were only a point behind, 1-5 to 1-4, and looked in a fairly good position. We dominated the exchanges from the start of the second half and with Mike Sammon in devastating form scoring points from all angles both from frees and play we soon took the lead. The Ballingarry defence wilted badly in the final ten minutes and one unfortunate defender helped the ball into his own net on two occasions.

Mulcahy, King and Danagher were outstanding in a very compact defence while others to impress were Keane and Sammon.

Scorers: M. Sammon 0-10, S. Kelly 1-1, J. Cremin 1-0, J. Hoyme 1-0, T. Kelly 1-0, Manus Sammon, J. McMahon, D. King and S. Gleeson 0-1 each.

Team — John Upton, Mike Lane, John Mulvihill, Mike Mulcahy, Joe Hoyme, John Danagher, Denis King (capt.), Sean Kelly, Liam Keane, Donal Cremin, Joe McMahon, Mike Sammon, Liam Cremin, Tommy Kelly, Manus Sammon. Subs., Tom Doody, Sean Gleeson and Pat O'Connor.

Senior football championship — Saturday, May 31st v. Abbeyfeale in Tournafulla.

25-10-86 Newcastle West

J.F. League: Newcastle West 1-4, St. Senan's 1-6.

S.F.C.: Newcastle West 2-4, Askeaton 0-6.

Our junior footballers gave a great performance against the West champions, St. Senan's, in Ballingarry on Sunday last and could be considered very unlucky not to have won the game. Player-manager Seamus Kelly scored a goal late in the game but it was disallowed after the referee consulted with his umpires.

Scorers: B. Fallon 1-0, J. Mulvihill, D. Normoyle, O. Cremin, T. Keane (0-1 each).

Team — Mick Conway, John Whelan, Mike Lane, Gerard O'Connor, Mike Kelly, Brian Fallon, Moss Rowsome, Derry McMahon, Mike Rowsome, Donal Normoyle, John Mulvihill, Tony Keane, Owen Cremin, Seamus Kelly, Tom Ambrose. Sub. Denis Kelly.

We qualified for the West Limerick S.F.C. final when we defeated the holders, Askeaton, in Ballingarry, by a 4-point margin on Sunday last. This was a pretty poor performance, as Askeaton led for most of the game and led at half time by 0-5 to 0-1. After 15 minutes of the second half they had increased their lead, 0-6 to 0-1 and our forwards, during this period, squandered many scoring opportunities. In the final ten minutes, however, we showed great improvement and having converted a penalty, our superior fitness won the day.

Scorers: P. O'Connor, 1-2; M. Mulcahy, 1-0; S. Kelly, T. Kelly (0-1 each).

Team—Joe Lee, Dan O'Connor, John Danaher, Doney Enright, Billy Lee, Donal Cremin, Mike Mulcahy, Joe Hoyne, John Upton, Denis King, Sean Kelly, Pat O'Connor, Liam Cremin, Tom Kelly, Tom Doody. Sub. Liam Keane.

WEST SENIOR HURLING C'SHIP

On Sunday next we play Adare in the semi-final of the S.H.C. in Askeaton at 3 p.m. We face a very difficult task in this game, as Adare were considered to be very unlucky in the recent county final against Cloughaun. We did, however, give a good game against them in an earlier round of this competition when they beat us by 3 points. We are hoping for a good performance on Sunday.

MINOR FOOTBALL

At the time of writing, we are also down to play Rathkeale in the minor football league, also in Askeaton, at 1.30 p.m.

Newcastle

We had a good win over visitors Hospital-Herbertstown on Sunday last. Despite heavy underfoot conditions, the game provided some fine passages of hurling from both sides. We led at the break by 0-8 to 1-1 and, although Hospital put on lots of pressure in the second half, we held on for a deserved victory.

Scorers — Sean Gleeson 0-4, Tom Doody 0-3, Derry McMahon 0-2, Liam Keane 0-1, Willie Hurley 0-1, Manus Sammon 0-1.

Team — John Upton, Mike Lane, John Danaher, Dan O'Connor, Liam Cremin, Donal Cremin, Willie Hurley, Mike Rowsome, Pat O'Connor, Liam Keane, Manus Sammon, Sean Gleeson, Derry McMahon, Tom Doody, Joe McMahon. Sub., Brendan Kelly.

On next Sunday in this competition we are fixed to play Kilfinane in Kilfinane. All players to be in the square at 1.30 p.m.

Newcastle West

Newcastle West 2-14
St. Kierans 0-4

AT Askeaton on Sunday last we qualified for the county final of the under 21 football championship when we had a comprehensive victory over St. Kierans. We played with the wind in the opening half and led by 1-10 to 0-2 at the interval. We kept up the pressure in the second half and scored some great points and, when Derry McMahon soloed through the Kierans defence for a spectacular goal after 17 minutes, the game was over as a contest.

Liam Keane was again the outstanding player in the game and he got great support from Joe Hoyne, Mike and Mossy Rowsome, Donal Cremin, Mike Sammon, Derry McMahon and Neilus Murphy.

Scorers — D. McMahon 1-2, D. Cremin 1-1, L. Keane 0-4, M. Sammon 0-2, J. Upton 0-2, M. Rowsome 0-1, T. Ambrose 0-1, N. Murphy 0-1.

COUNTY FINAL

On Sunday next we play South Liberties in the county final. At the time of writing, the venue had not been arranged.

SCORNA NOG

In the West Limerick finals of the Scorn competitions held recently in Askeaton, Una Purcell came 1st in recitation and the ballad group of Fiona O'Connor, Paula Murphy, Collette Nix, Martina Lane, Naomh Harnett also secured first place. We congratulate them on their achievement and wish them luck at the county final at Cappamore on Friday, December 12th.

29-6-86 WEST SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP

Newcastle West 0-15
Tournafulla 1-7

At Dromcollogher Gaelic Grounds on Sunday last we had a good victory over old rivals Tournafulla in a very entertaining game. The game was played at a hectic pace throughout and the issue was in doubt up to the final few minutes.

We led at the break by 6 points to 4 points but Tour struck early in the second half for a good goal to go ahead by a point but we quickly equalised and from there to the end it was a ding-dong struggle. In the final few minutes our superior youth and fitness won the day. The game was very sportingly contested but a player from each side was sent off following an isolated incident mid-way through the second half.

Scorers: S. Gleeson 0-5, L. Keane 0-2, J. McMahon 0-2, J. Danaher 0-2, T. Doody 0-1, P. O'Connor 0-1, D. Cremin 0-1, L. Cremin 0-1.

Team: John Upton, Mike Lane, John Mulvihill, Dan O'Connor, John Danaher, Donal Cremin, Manus Sammon, Tom Doody, Joe McMahon, Joe Hoyne,

28-6-86 Newcastle West

Newcastle West 3-8
Ballybrown 0-5

We had a convincing victory over Ballybrown in the SFC replay in Askeaton on Saturday evening last. The first half was played in a fierce lightning storm and torrential rain, but we adapted very quickly to the conditions and were 2-1 to the good after ten minutes and led at the break by 2-4 to 0-2. Ballybrown came more into the picture in the second half, but a very determined defence confined them to an odd point, and we ran out deserving winners.

Scorers: S. Gleeson 1-3, S. Kelly 1-1, J. Upton 1-1, L. Keane 0-1, V. Doherty 0-1, P. O'Connor 0-1.

Team: Joe Lee, Manus Sammon, John Danaher, Donal Enright, Liam Cremin, Donal Cremin, Mike Mulcahy, Billy Lee, Liam Keane, Sean Gleeson, Sean Kelly, Pat O'Connor, Joe McMahon, Vincent Doherty, John Upton. Sub: Joe Hoyne.

We were heavily defeated by Croagh Kilfinny in the JHC in Ballingarry on Sunday last. We lined out as follows: Willie Kelly, John Whelan, Pa Kelly, Hugh O'Grady, Mike Kelly, Dan O'Connor, Billy Lee, Mike Brown, Willie Hurley, Donal Normoyle, Gerard O'Connor, Joe Lee, Tim Nix, Brendan Kelly, Neilus Murphy. Subs: Tom Kelleher, Pat O'Brien, Jim Dowling.

The West SHC resumes for us on Sunday next when we play Tournafulla in Dromcollogher. Our injury problems continue to mount, and we will have to play up to our full potential if we are to have a win over our great rivals who are going great guns this year.

Newcastle West

On Sunday next, March 2, we play Old Christians in the County Senior Hurling League.

This is a home game for us but as our field is still closed the game will be played in Cooleyroe and we take this opportunity of thanking the Feohanagh-Castlemahon Club for their kind co-operation in this regard.

All players to report at the Square at 2 p.m.

Joe Hoyne and Mike Sammon were members of the Limerick under 21 team who played the Limerick juniors on Sunday last.

Mossy Rowsome was a member of the Limerick Minor football team who drew with Clare.

14-6-86 Newcastle West

Senior football championship: Newcastle West, 1-10; Ballybrown, 2-7.

At Askeaton on Saturday evening last we lost a second half lead of six points and were lucky to survive to fight another day. Ballybrown had the last kick of the game, in fact, a 50, which just went wide of the right-hand post. Ballybrown led at the interval by 1-2 to 0-4, but early in the second half we took control and led by 1-8 to 1-2 after 15 minutes. At this stage, our defence, which never played with confidence, conceded the second goal, again of the soft variety and Ballybrown were back in the game. We will certainly have to improve an awful lot on this performance if we hope to advance in the competition.

Scorers: J. McMahon, 1-2; S. Gleeson, 0-3; V. Doherty, 0-2; D. Cremin, 0-1; S. Kelly, 0-1; J. Hoyne, 0-1.

Team: Joe Lee, Manus Sammon, John Danaher, Donal Enright, Denis King, Donal Cremin, Mike Mulcahy, Billy Lee, Johnny Upton, Joe Hoyne, Tom Kelly, Pat O'Connor, Joe McMahon, Sean Kelly, Sean Gleeson. Sub., Vincent Doherty.

Junior football championship: Newcastle West, 0-6; St. Senan's, 0-9.

With less than five minutes remaining in this game, played in Ballynahill on Sunday last, we missed an open goal that would have given us a one point lead and probably the game, but it was not to be and the Foynes team added a late point to clinch victory. This was a well contested, sporting game and we wish Foynes the best of luck in the championship.

Scorers: L. Doherty, 0-3; J. Mulvihill, 0-1; P. Kelly, 0-1; T. Ambrose, 0-1.

Team: Ray Keane, John Whelan, Tom Doody, Dan O'Connor, Mike Kelly, Brian Fallon, Mike Lane, Liam Cremin, Neilus Murphy, Liam Doherty, Donal Normoyle, Hugh O'Grady, Denis Kelly, John Mulvihill, Pa Kelly. Subs.: Tom Ambrose, Tom Kelleher, Mick Lane.

Senior hurling tournament: Newcastle West, 1-6; Bruff, 1-9.

We travelled to Charleville on Sunday evening to play Bruff in the local tournament and gave a very poor performance. Our attack, in particular, failed to function and if we do not improve dramatically in this department, we will make an early exit from the county championship. We play Cappamore in Kilmallock on Sunday next at 3.30 p.m.

We lined out as follows against Bruff: John Upton, Mike Lane, John Mulvihill, Dan O'Connor, Joe Hoyne, John Danaher, Denis King, Donal Cremin, Sean Kelly, Joe McMahon, Pat O'Connor, Gerard Murphy, Liam Cremin, Tom Doody, Manus Sammon. Subs.: Mike Brown, Neilus Murphy.

Fixtures

Sunday, June 15, S.H.C. v. Cappamore in Kilmallock.

Tuesday, June 17, J.F.L. v. Rathkeale in Rathkeale.

Saturday, June 21, S.F.C. v. Fr. Casey's in Tournafulla.

Sunday, June 22, J.H.C. v. Croagh in Ballingarry.

Sunday, June 29, S.H.C. v. Tournafulla in Quaid Park.

Collection

The club wishes to thank very sincerely all those who contributed to the annual church gate collection, which realised a figure of £1,103 — the highest ever for the club.

8/2/86 Newcastle West

There was a wonderful turnout of approximately 250 guests at the club's annual dinner dance at the River Room Motel on Saturday night. Guest speakers included Jim Hickey, county board chairman; Paddy Brown, secretary, West Limerick Board; and Leonard Enright, Limerick senior hurling full-back, who presented the trophies.

A popular club secretary, Denis Noonan, was voted clubman of the year and John Danaher and Billy Lee received the trophies for hurler, footballer of the year, respectively.

A very much under-strength Newcastle West team were no match for Tournafulla in the county senior hurling league at Tournafulla on Sunday last, going down on a score of 4-8 to 2-4. Scorers for Newcastle West were L. Cronin 1-0, M. Mulcahy 1-0, S. Gleeson 0-2, P. O'Connor 0-1, M. Sammon 0-1.

They lined out as follows: J. Upton, M. Long, J. Danaher, D. Sammon, M. Sammon, J. Hoynes, D. O'Connor, S. Gleeson, M. Sammon, D. McMahon, M. Mulcahy, P. O'Connor, L. Cronin, J. McMahon, D. King, sub. K. McMahon.

Senior football league: The county senior football league commences on Sunday next with a game against Monaleen. The venue for this game has not yet been finalised.

Club meeting: At a recent meeting of the executive committee chairman Paddy Sammon, said he wished to convey his sincere thanks to Mr. Paudie McCoy for the beautiful trophy he presented the club for an under age competition. The trophy will be presented to the captain of the winning team of a club under 16 football competition. Also discussed at the meeting was the very vexed question of insurance and it was pointed out that all players had to have their membership paid to be covered by the new G.A.A. insurance scheme. Michael O'Donoghue was appointed insurance officer and at the players meeting at the Parish Hall on Friday next he will give full details of the scheme to all concerned.

The club passed a vote of sympathy to the Power family, Assumpta Park, and the Ambrose family, formerly of the Square.

CLUB GAA:

15-2-86 Newcastle West

Newcastle West 2-10
Monaleen 3-3

THE Newcastle West senior footballers had quite a good win over Monaleen in Coolyroe on Sunday last. They played against the wind in the first half and led at the break by two points.

In the second half they really got to grips with the opposition and could, with more accurate shooting have had an even more comfortable victory. Brendan Kelly was top scorer with 2-1 while Liam Keane (0-3), Sean Gleeson (0-2), Denis Kelly (0-2), Joe McMahon (0-2), John Upton (0-1) and Sean Kelly (0-1) added the remainder.

Joe Hoynes, Billy Lee and Donie Enright were outstanding defenders while Sean Kelly, Liam Keane, Joe McMahon and Brendan Kelly were our best forwards. They lined out as follows: Joe Lee, Manus Sammon, Brian Fallon, Donie Enright, Billy Lee (capt.), Joe Hoynes, Dan O'Connor, Sean Kelly, Derry McMahon, Sean Gleeson, Liam Keane, Joe McMahon, John Upton, Brendan Kelly, Denis Kelly.

12-4-86 Newcastle West

Newcastle West 5-5
Feohanagh 1-3

At Dromcollogher on Sunday last we had a relatively easy but unconvincing win over Feohanagh in the first round of the under-21 hurling championship. We led at half-time by 3-4 to 0-3 but had to wait until just five minutes before the final whistle to increase that lead. We now play Adare in the next round and a big improvement will be needed if we are to progress further.

Scorers: L. Cremin, 3-1; D. McMahon, 1-0; M. Rowsome, 1-0; and a point each by G. Murphy, M. Sammon, D. Kelly and F. Keane.

Team: John Upton, Mike Brown, Mike Lowe, Dan O'Connor, Joe Hoynes, capt.; Donal Cremin, Bill Lee, Sean Kelly, Liam Keane, Donal Normoyle, Gerard Murphy, Derry McMahon, Liam Cremin, Denis Kelly, Mike Sammon. Subs., Willie Hurley, Mike Rowsome, Neilus Murphy.

Senior Football, Southern Chemicals Cup:

We failed to field a team against Fr. Casey's in the above competition on Saturday night. With about ten of the under-21 team involved on Sunday in the hurling championship it was felt that too much risk was involved on these players. The West Board refused our request to postpone the game but it is hard to understand why the fixtures could not have been reversed as we could have had no objection to playing the hurling on Saturday evening and the football on Sunday.

Our first game in the minor football league is in David Park on Wednesday, April 16 where we play Castlemahon.

Newcastle West

2-2-86

County Senior Hurling League:

Newcastle West 4-8
Bruree 0-7

A youthful Newcastle West senior hurling team, including five of last year's minors, proved much too good for Bruree at the latter's venue on Sunday last.

A cold cross wind made conditions very difficult but both sides overcame this and served up some very entertaining hurling. The winners led at the break by 3-2 to 0-4 and dominated the proceedings throughout the second half—the highlight of which was a smashing goal from M. Sammon that killed off any hopes Bruree might have had of making a game of it.

Scorers: S. Gleeson 1-3, L. Cremin 1-1, M. Sammon 1-0, J. McMahon 1-1, L. Keane 0-1, A. Mulcahy 0-1, J. Hoynes 0-1.

Team—John Upton; Mike Lane, John Mulvihill, Mike Brown; Joe Hoynes, John Danaher, Willie Hurley; Mike Sammon, Liam Keane; Sean Gleeson, Mick Mulcahy, Derry McMahon; Manus Sammon, Joe McMahon and Liam Cremin.

Ref. Mark Reidy.

We have no game on Sunday next as we have the bye in the senior football league and on Sunday week we have a home game against Old Christians in the Hurling League.

2-3-86, S.H.L., v. Old Christians, at NCW.

9-3-86, S.F.L., v. Knockainey, at NCW.

16-3-86, SHL v. Mungret at Mungret.

Newcastle West

Newcastle West 1-9
Askeaton 1-5

In Glin on Sunday last, we clinched a semi-final spot in the Limerick county football championship with a well deserved victory over Askeaton. This was a well contested, sporting game in which we led all the way, with our forwards converting most of the chances that came their way.

We played with a fairly strong wind in the opening half and led at the break by 0-6 to 0-1. We attacked strongly in early stages of the second half and added two further points without reply. Askeaton fought back and had three good points to leave the score 0-8 to 0-4. We further increased the lead with an opportunist goal 10 minutes from time and it was an uphill battle for the losers from there on. Askeaton threw everything into attack in the final minutes, and had a great goal from Paddy Ives, but Newcastle were comfortable winners at the end.

Joe Lee, Manus Sammon, Donal Cremin, Billy Lee, Joe Hoynes, Sean Gleeson, Liam Keane and Vincent Doherty were our best players, and our scorers were: V. Doherty 1-1, S. Gleeson 0-4, L. Keane 0-3, P. O'Connor 0-1.

Team: Joe Lee, Manus Sammon, John Danaher, Donie Enright, Denis King, Donal Cremin, Billy Lee, Joe Hoynes, Sean Kelly, Sean Gleeson, Liam Keane, Pat O'Connor, Mike Mulcahy, Vincent Doherty, John Upton. Subs: Liam Cremin, Joe McMahon.

SENIOR HURLING

On Saturday next, we play Adare in the West SHC in Askeaton. Adare are flying at the moment after their great victories over Patrickswell and Kilmallock, but we are hopeful that we can give

Newcastle West

Newcastle West 2-6
Cappamore 1-11

ON Sunday last at Kilmallock we suffered a two-point defeat by Cappamore in the SHC. This was a big improvement on some of our recent performances and with a bit of luck we could have caused a surprise.

Cappamore, playing with a strong wind, led at the interval by 1-9 to 0-3 and after fifteen minutes of the second half, they still led by 1-10 to 0-5. At this stage we began to put our game together and gradually began to get on top. We had two great goals from Donal Cremin and Manus Sammon and with some 5 minutes remaining reduced the lead to 2 points. We made some frenzied attacks in the remaining minutes, but Cappamore just held out and were a very relieved side at the final whistle.

John Upton, Mike Mulcahy, Joe Hoynes and John Danaher were outstanding in a defence that conceded only 2 points in the second half. Sean Kelly and Donal Cremin tried hard in midfield while Sean Gleeson and Manus Sammon were the best of a rather disjointed attack.

Scorers: D. Cremin 1-1, Manus Sammon 1-0, Mike Sammon 0-2, S. Gleeson 0-3.

Team: John Upton, Mike Lane, John Mulvihill, Mike Mulcahy, Joe Hoynes, John Danaher, Liam Cremin, Donal Cremin, Sean Kelly, Mike Sammon, Joe McMahon, Pat O'Connor, Sean Gleeson, Tom Kelly, Manus Sammon. Subs.: Tom Doody and Derry McMahon.

We were a bit unlucky in that Denis King and Liam Keane were unable to play and we lost Mike and Tom Kelly through injury in the game.

We play Ballybrown in the SFC replay in Askeaton on Saturday evening next and if our defence can tighten up we should advance to the second round.

We play Croagh-Kilfinny in the JHC in Ballingarry on Sunday next at 3.30 p.m. The players have been training hard under team manager Seamus Kelly and should give a good account of themselves.

Newcastle West

Senior hurling championship:
Newcastle West 2-7, Feohanagh 2-11.

Our current poor hurling form continued on Saturday evening last at home when we lost to Feohanagh by a four-point margin. We started off in great fashion and took a 2-3 to nil lead after 10 minutes play, but then, gradually, we lost our concentration and accuracy, but still held a 4-point lead at the break. We attacked continuously in the second half but our inability to drive the ball over the bar, plus two costly lapses in defence, eventually led to our downfall. We now play old rivals, Ardagh, to decide who goes through to the semi-final.

Scorers: J. Danaher (1-2), Manus Sammon (1-1), M. McMahon (0-2), T. Doody and P. O'Connor (0-1 each).

Team: John Upton, Mike Lane, John Mulvihill, Dan O'Connor, Denis King, Joe Hoynes, Mike Mulcahy, Donal Cremin, Liam Keane, Joe McMahon, John Danaher, Pat O'Connor, Manus Sammon, Tom Doody, Tom Kelly. Subs.: Liam Cremin, Mike Sammon, John Whelan.