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GAELS AND THEIR GAMES

Special Notes And Comments

(By "THOMOND")

County Board—Most Important Meeting.

Following our convention on the last Saturday of January, the meeting of the new Board, when the draws take place, is one of the most important of the year. This will be held on next Saturday at the usual time and place. In our club tests for county honours this year would it be possible to arrange competitions with clubs touching each other in location so that the venues could be home matches? The difficulties of travelling will be insurmountable and players must fall back on the old "bikes." The prospect of petrol shortage should control the action of everyone of our delegates if possible in the draws, and especially in the venues. Let them meet in that real brotherly, Gaelic spirit and look to the general good of our movement to keep down expenses. I have seen some of the most enjoyable games as friendlies between next-door neighbours. What brought up Ahane in the early days? Meetings with Newport, Caherconlish, Claughaun, etc., in Sallymount and Laught (Ahane).

I always cherish the memory of Micky Cross, encouraging and playing with the youngsters, "Tyler" Mackey trying to take the ball off his two sons, etc. These are episodes which make hurlers. We had great days finishing up with tea in the cottage and reflect on the good done by such social meetings which brought out some of the best hurlers for our county in this generation. That is why I am always strong for our inter-club games like the tournaments of old. Such engagements always forward the cause of the Gael and help to bring and keep Limerick to the front in the hurling world.

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Affiliations.

It is cheering to note that the affiliations are a little on the increase, still I miss that old famous Claughaun Club as not on the Press list. We never like to see one of our leading clubs who have from time to time supplied good men, such as Micky Cross, Tom McGrath, "Twyager" O'Grady, Mick Rochford, Dan Troy, John Joe Guinane, etc., to uphold the honour of Limerick to discontinue its services for the cause of the Gael. Of course, if they have become "Saints" it puts another phase on the situation. I always held that should all the Gaels in the Pennywell area move together they would hold their own with any opposition in the city or county and provide good material to help in the Munster Championships and perhaps All-Irelands like the days that are past.

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The Fixtures Committee.

Mr. J. Glynn's proposal that a member of each of the teams interested or concerned in a match should sit on the Committee was adopted. This was a wise suggestion and should give satisfaction all round.

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The Munster Convention.

Touching on the question of venues Clare is bringing forward the following sensible motion at the Munster Convention at Ennis on next Sunday, viz.: "That for the 1941 Championships (all grades), the counties be paired in the first rounds as follows—Cork v. Kerry; Waterford v. Tipperary; Clare v. Limerick." This proposed arrangement will nullify to some extent the difficulties of transport. Could not our County Board act in a similar manner on next Saturday. I have suggested this in my opening paragraph before Sean McCarthy (secretary) kindly posted me his clár for Sunday's Convention.

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The Late Paddy Mackey.

From the G.A.A. point of view associated with his relatives' thanks, our duty is to convey through these columns to the military authorities the highest appreciation for their sympathetic attention in the Mallow Hospital, the hour of leaving it, until the three volleys were fired over the grave and the Last Post sounded to our brother Gael, the late Paddy Mackey. The impressive escort of his seven brother soldiers from the Collins Barracks, Cork, on the military lorry, with the coffin draped in the national colours drew much attention. Discipline tells all the time. The driver kept the pace of his lorry to suit the tread of the processionists from Punch's Cross to Pennywell and from Howley's Cross to the village church. Both displays of sympathisers through the city and in the home parish area will be long remembered. Rev. J. Fogarty, P.P., received the remains at the church door and in the subsequent services was assisted by Rev. T. Daffy, C.C., and Rev. E. Punch, P.P., Mungret. Such a packed church from the altar rails to the church entrance with many outside was scarcely ever witnessed on such sad occasions.

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The Gaels' Sympathy.

When people are in dire trouble they can value the sympathy of friends. Such was the case at the Mallow Hospital. The Mackey family, with some village friends, were consoled on the visit of the officials of the County Board—the Rev. E. Punch, D. Lanigan, J. Humphreys, M. Fitzgibbon and Mick Fitzgerald. Scarcely a few miles were travelled when the Ahane contingent joined in—T. Ryan, P. O'Reilly, D. Conway, Tom and Tony Herbert, Jackie Power and M. Clancy (Park). Croom was the next addition—Jim Roche, Peter Cregan, etc., while in between on the road home were Paddy Delaney (Charleville), J. O'Doherty, P. Sadlier (city), Dr. Fitzmaurice, Captain Joe Graham, John McMahon, John McGrath, Mick Madigan (Rathkeale), Paddy Mescall and friends, etc. It is impossible to give a list of the Gaels from the different centres representing two generations of hurlers. Mick Feely, Stevy Gleeson, John Joe Noonan, Jack Clifford, of the old crowd, down to the minors, Mick Fenton, etc., of the present day. Alas, all bent on the sad mission to their late comrade, dear Paddy—one of the best.—R.I.P.

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Our Supporters.

In gatherings for sad or joyful purposes it is impossible to note the attendance from different areas, and it is also difficult to get space, especially at the present time, for a list of all our friends. In the late very sad event I am sure those overlooked will understand the situation. When you consider such areas as Rathkeale (Bill Sheehan and Mick Madigan), Bruff (Arthur O'Shaughnessy, etc.), Croom (Jeffrey Lane, etc.), Fedamore (Willie Gleeson, etc.), Murroe (Pat Ryan, auctioneer), Newport (Mick Ryan), O'Briensbridge (Joe Ryan), City (Jack Kelly, ex-N.T., Joe Duggan, Jack Lanigan, etc.), Caherconlish (Paul Fitzgerald, etc.), and numberless others from those and other districts. I just give the names of a few Gaels to show how representative the cortege was.

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Congratulations.

To that famous hurling school, the C.B.S., we offer our sincere congratulations for their decisive victory over Thurles C.B.S. at Tipperary. We have always a deep interest in the Brothers' School in our city, as many of our great hurlers, after leaving their local Primary Schools, were finished at the Sexton Street grounds. It is a pleasure to note that the present students are keeping up the old record. Up the Brothers!

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Patrick's Eve.

The Central Council has fixed the Eve of Patrick's Day for the finals of the Railway Cup competitions at Croke Park. Later on, lists of teams, etc.

CITY GAELIC GOSSIP

(BY SARSFIELD).

City Board Meeting.

A large and representative gathering from the city clubs attended last Monday night's meeting of the City Board. Rev. M. Purtill, B.D., L.C.L., presided and other officials were in attendance. The first business gone into was transfers, and as there were many objections raised to these, it took up quite a long time. Re-gradings were also discussed and all these were granted subject to sanction by the County Board.

Transfers.

The following transfers were recommended to the County Board—

From Treaty to Eire Og—Michael Carroll and Thomas Conroy.

From Treaty to Sarsfields—P. Carroll, M. Walsh, M. Murphy, P. Murphy, J. Carmody, C. Carmody, M. McInerney, L. McInerney, J. McInerney, M. Duhig, P. McMahon, P. J. O'Shea, S. O'Carroll, T. Murphy, P. Flanagan, P. Carmody, S. Cregan and M. Flanagan.

From Treaty to Corbally—M. Lyons.

From C.B.S. to Treaty—P. O'Connell, S. Cunningham, D. O'Connor, S. Walsh.

From Lansdowne Rovers to Sarsfield's—E. Hayes, S. O'Leary.

From C.B.S. to Claughaun—John Coffey, Richard O'Connell and Thomas Storan.

From C.B.S. to Sarsfields—J. O'Shea, S. O'Connell, S. P. O'Connell, D. Hogan, P. Hogan, J. Murphy, M. Muldowney.

From Eire Og to Sarsfields—M. Roche, J. Creedon.

From Claughaun to St. John's—J. Byrnes, P. O'Shea.

From Claughaun to Sarsfields (H)—M. Dunne, C. Fogarty.

From St. Finbarrs to Sarsfields (F)—C. Fogarty.

From Claughaun to St. Finbarrs (F)—M. Waters.

From Claughaun to Corbally—E. O'Halloran, J. Hardiman.

From Claughaun to St. Patrick's—J. Sexton.

From St. Patrick's to Claughaun—M. Meehan, M. McMahon.

From St. Patrick's to St. Finbarrs—W. Keane.

From St. Patrick's to St. John's—P. O'Shea, W. Storan (granted). C. McMahon (refused), T. McMahon and T. Forristal (deferred).

From St. Patrick's to Eire Og—T. O'Brien (refused).

From St. Patrick's to Corbally—D. D. Healy, M. Healy, T. Geary, K. Quilligan, T. Allen.

From Lansdowne Rovers to St. John's—R. McMahon.

From Commercials to St. Patrick's (F)—P. Kearins.

From Mungret to St. John's—A. Taylor, P. Taylor, J. Taylor, P. McCarthy, M. McNamara. These were passed on to the County Board as the City Board had no power to discuss them.

A Further Meeting.

A meeting of the City Board will be held on Monday next at 9.15 p.m. Important business will be transacted.

as he was unavoidably absent from the Convention he now wished to avail of the opportunity of returning thanks for his unanimous election as vice-chairman of the Board. He assured the Gaels of West Limerick that he fully appreciated the honour.

SENIOR HURLING

THE LEAGUE SYSTEM

(To the Editor of "Limerick Leader.")

A Chara—Please permit me the space in your paper for the following.

"Thomond" in his articles in recent issues of the "Leader" criticises the League System for Senior Hurling in Limerick. In his arguments there are a number of inaccuracies. I do not intend to argue the merits or demerits of the case—that has already been done to the satisfaction of Limerick Gaels at the recent County Convention—but I would like to give him some facts for his enlightenment.

In his first article he stressed the financial side, and the loss the League System would mean to the County Board. As was pointed out at the Convention when the same argument was used, the nett profit on the 1939 East Limerick Senior Hurling Championship (League System) amounted to £27 1s. 8d. In 1940, on the knock-out system, the profit was £37 9s. 6d. Again the "gate" at Bruff for the Ahane v. Eire Og match was £41 16s. This to my mind, considering the weather on that day, compares very favourably with the £54 taken at the National League match, Limerick v. Kilkenny last year, and was greater than any gate taken in the championship in the past season.

His statement that Limerick is the only county in which the League System is in vogue is also incorrect. In the following counties the championships are run on that system:—Mayo (hurling and football), Clare (hurling), and Kerry (football), while a number of divisional boards, including three in County Limerick, adopt it also. In most other counties there are competitions, subsidiary to the championships to keep the clubs going for the year.

Limerick Gaels want the League System. Thanking you, Mr. Editor—Is mise le meas,

D. Ua CROIMIN, Limerick.

DEEL RANGERS F.C.

ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual meeting of the Deel Rangers Football Club at Castlemahon on Wednesday night it was decided to affiliate the same teams as last year—junior and minor football—for this year's competitions. It was also decided to hold the annual collection some time next month. Officials elected were:—Chairman, M. Dowling; secretary and treasurer, J. J. Geary; captain of juniors, E. Raleigh; vice-captain, W. Flanagan; minor captain, D. Flanagan; vice-captain, J. Moore.

Disappointment.

The much awaited Interprovincial schools' hurling final which was fixed for Limerick on the 23rd of March will not be played at this venue. Owing to travelling facilities it has been brought forward a week and will now take place at Croke Park on St. Patrick's Day. With regard to the Munster selections in both codes, it may be mentioned that trial games take place in Mallow to-morrow (Saturday), after which teams to represent the province will be selected.

OBITUARY

CORPORAL PADDY MACKEY.

Seldom, if ever, in history, has the passing of a youth occasioned such deep and widespread sympathy as that of the unexpected death of Corporal Paddy Mackey, "Coolbawn," Castleconnell, which took place at Mallow Military Hospital last week. A bare youth of 21 years, his manliness, good nature and discipline had earned for him the respect of thousands of his fellow-countrymen, and when news of his death was announced people who had never known this out of the ordinary youth shed many a tear at his passing. When our country needed men to fill the gap, to preserve our neutrality, Paddy Mackey was one of the first to volunteer to step into the breach, and acted as a true and loyal soldier in the interests of the Motherland. On the eve of becoming like his brothers, Mick and John, a star in the G.A.A. arena, he entered army life, and was making the same rapid promotion as he did with the caman.

Falling sick at his headquarters, Tralee, he was brought to hospital on 14th February, and on the 19th he was called by his Maker to join the happy and saintly throng in the next world. Though possessed of a serious illness, he maintained his good humour to the last, with a spirit which was unbreakable, but left to mourn his loss, a heartbroken family. Learning the art of hurling from his father, "Tyler" Mackey, he was on Mount St. Joseph's, Roscrea, team and Limerick C.B.S. team before being promoted to the Limerick All-Ireland senior hurling team. He rose to this from minor ranks. He played many good games for his county, and was a substitute on the All-Ireland team of last year.

The remains were conveyed by military tender from the hospital to Castleconnell Church on Thursday, 20th inst., the journey taking over four hours. Remarkable demonstrations of sympathy were witnessed on the way, especially in the city, where the entire population seemed to march in the cortege from Punch's Cross to Pennywell. Hundreds from the Castleconnell district walked from Howley's Cross to the church. Arriving at the church, the coffin being draped in the Tricolour, the throng was dense. A military escort accompanied the remains, and armed L.D.F. men, under Mr. E. Delany, provided a guard of honour. Many people were unable to gain admittance to the church, where the Rosary was recited by Rev. J. Fogarty, P.P., and Rev. T. Daffy, C.C. The scenes at the church were distressing, the members of the family being overcome with grief, as were also the sympathisers.

The interment took place the following day in the local cemetery. Over a thousand people walked in the procession, which included mourners from all parts. The coffin was borne by members of the Army and L.D.F., and a guard of honour of military stood with heads bowed at the cemetery gates. A firing party, under Lieut. J. Phelan, fired three volleys over the grave, a bugler sounded the Last Post, and then poignant scenes were witnessed as the remains of Paddy Mackey were lowered to their last resting place. About that hour Paddy Mackey should have been receiving his commission. Go ndeanaidh Dia Trocaire ar a anam.

The chief mourners were: John ("Tyler") Mackey and Mrs. Mackey (parents), Michael, John and Todie (brothers), Esther, Sadie, Maureen and Breda (sisters), Michael Mackey (grandfather), Michael, Anthony and Patrick Mackey and James Carroll (uncles), Mrs. Connors and Mrs. White (aunts), McMahon family, Lacka; Malone family, Limerick; O'Doherty family, do.; Connors family, Castleconnell; Mackey families, Castletroy and Gouig; Barry family, Bridgetown; O'Dwyer family, Pallas. Group Leader W. Cummins, N.T., was in charge of the L.D.F. at the funeral.

Rev. J. Fogarty, P.P., Castleconnell, officiated at the graveside, assisted by Rev. E. Punch, P.P., Mungret, and Rev. T. Daffey, C.C.

Amongst those in the large attendance were:—Comdt. Barry, 9th Batt. (representing Col. Costelloe, O/C., Southern Command); Capt. Lane (representing Col. Henry, O/C., Limerick), Capt. T. Loughnane, A.M.S.; Lieut. E. Cregan, Lieut. P. Griffin, Lieut. Magner (representing Comdt. Hough, O/C., Tralee), Capt. Cassidy, Capt. Graham, Lieutenants Davoren and Kennedy, Sergeant J. S. Jennings, Corporal C. Tobin, S. S. Long, Ald. J. Reidy, T.D.; M. J. Keyes, T.D.; Professors Coady, Browne and Walshe, Mount St. Joseph's, Roscrea; J. McCormack, Chairman, Limerick Co. Council; T. F. Ryan, Co. Surveyor; M. J. King, Secretary, B.O.H.; Surgeon O'Connor, Senator D. J. Madden, D. O'Donovan, M. C. Burke and M. Noonan, solicitors; M. Hickey, Co.C.; Rev. E. Punch, P.P., Chairman, Limerick County G.A.A. Board; P. O'Reilly, vice-chairman, do.; J. O'Connell, secretary, do.; W. Scanlan, assistant secretary, do.; M. Fitzgibbon, treasurer, do.; T. Humphries, D. Lanigan, P. Sadlier, M. and P. Ryan, representing Limerick Co. Board, G.A.A.; Ahane Hurling Club and Limerick Hurling Team were represented by Messrs. T. Ryan, J. Power, M. Kennedy, T. Herbert, P. and D. Clohessy, D. Conway, J. Roche, and P. Cregan; F. Lyddy, City Board, G.A.A.; W. F. Lee, ex-N.T., J. J. Berkery, City Manager; Sergeant Kennedy, Garda Cunniffe, L. J. Larkin, Limerick; P. O'Shaughnessy, St. Finbarrs; J. J. Aherne, Group Leader, L.D.F., O'Brien's Bridge; Sean Clifford, Superintendent H.A.O.; Joe Duggan, A. D. Watters, Bridgetown; J. Kelly, ex-N.T.; J. Lanigan, P. McMahon, P. Delaney, Charleville; M. Feely, J. Lane, M. Fenton, W. Sheehan, Rathkeale; Messrs. Madden and Casey, Mungret; A. O'Shaughnessy, Bruff; J. Hayes, Mungret; J. O'Riordan, Patrickswell; W. Wall, J. J. Nisonan, P. Bonner, Mrs. Kingston, S. O'Carroll, C.Q.M.S. Horan, etc.; Dave Kiely, C. Cleary, B.O.H., Newcastle West; William Darcy, Killaloe; J. Shiels, manager, Savoy; P. J. Sheahan, Engineer, B.O.H., Limerick; John Keays, Chairman, Murroe Hurling Club; D. O'Donnell, Croom; M. Moloney and Sean McCormack, representing Clonlara hurling team. Various parishes in Clare, Limerick and Tipperary were also represented, and it would be an impossibility to give a full list.

Wreaths were received from:—Babe Hartigan, Officers and Men of the 15th Batt., Tralee; N.C.Os., Tralee, and Castleconnell L.D.F.

Mass cards were received from—Mam and Dad; all the lads; Aunt Kate; a comrade, Private Richard Ryan; the O'Connor family, Castleconnell; McMahon family, Lacka; W. F. and Mrs. Lee; his pals, Seamus Ryan and P. O'Connor; James and Mrs. Carroll; Nancy and Breda O'Connor; E. Punch, P.P.; O'Carroll family, Whitehill; James Close; McCabe family; Castleconnell Schoolboys; Mrs. O'Dwyer and family; Tom Byrnes, Sligo; K. Quin, Co. Infirmary; L. McKeogh; Kenny family, Limerick; Q.M. and Mrs. Haran, Limerick; Julia and Jackie Ryan family; Sergeant and Mrs. Kennelly; Donal Keogh, Fort Camden; C.B.S. Hurling and Football Clubs, Limerick; Hurling Club of Mount St. Joseph's College, Roscrea; Gaelic League, Castleconnell; Brigid Power; Mrs. and Pat Flannery, Limerick; Carter family; Close family; Castleconnell camogie team; Mr. and Mrs. Healy, N.Ts.; Petay and Baby; Castleconnell Group L.D.S.; Michael O'Meicill; Ryan family; Mrs. Keane and Mary; Limerick County Board, G.A.A.; Sarah Healy; Herbert family; Frank Kearney, A.C.E., Fort Camden; J. Gleeson; Nora Nash, Tralee; staff and students of Roscrea College; W. Sheahan, Rathkeale; Mary Gleeson; M. J. Smyth, the Gaeltacht, Limerick; Joyce and Hassett families; Bourke family; Mai and Joe Hayes; O'Doherty family; Nurses Madigan, Anderson, Tobin and Moloney; Nurses Costelloe, O'Rourke, O'Donoghue, O'Connor and McGrath; R.Q.M. and Mrs. Lawlor, Fermoy; Nurses Quinlivan, Dee, Hogan and Haskett; Brennan family, Annacotty; O'Shea family; McKeogh family, Bunkey; Michael and Lizzie Mackey; Jack Curtin; Kitty Walsh; Nancy; Mrs. Minogue, Maureen and Sean Mackey; Geo. Ryan, Belfast; Jim Griffin; Nora Hanly, May and Philomena Evans; Joan O'Neill; Kathleen Russell; M. Madigan, Rathkeale G.A.A.; Cumann Peil Athain; Cumann Iomanaidhe, Athain; McManus family, Cavan.

Telegrams of sympathy were received from: T. Murphy, Bantry; Sheehy family, Croom; Guerin family, Knockaney; R. O'Sullivan, solr.; Lieut. Dobal Carroll, Fermoy; J. Connors and D. Dunne, Newcastle West; Garda M. Murphy, Clonlara; Miss N. Quinlivan, Limerick; Cody family, Dublin; Ryans, Galteemore; E. Chawke, Dublin; J. Scanlan, Ballinasloe; Dr. McPolin, Co. M.O.H.; Dr. McSullivan, Rathkeale; B. Dee and K. Costelloe, Limerick; Rev. Father Byrne, Augustinian Church; Padraig de Barra, Askeaton; Lyddy family, Birr; Michael Mackey, Dolla; B.O.H. Staff, S. Lally, Galway; Riordan and Hogg, Askeaton; Green Flag, Irish Press; Anderson, Limerick; Breda O'Dwyer, Kilmallock; T. Ryan, University College, Galway; Michael Hehir and family, Dublin, Noonan Bros., Cork; Ald. D. Bourke, T.D., Mayor of Limerick; S. O'Donnell, Glin; Frank McGrath, Nenagh; Frank Rose, Foynes; Matt Cooney, Dublin; Nurse Moloney, Croom; Abbeyfeale Football Club; Carey family, Tipperary; T. Shaughnessy, Galway; Nurse Nevin, Croom; Garda G. Howard, Carrick-on-Suir; M. Phillips, Miltownmalbay; H. Daly, Limerick; M. Bourke, do.; C. O'Brien, Knocktopher; J. Ryan, Galway; O'Brien family, Standard Stores, Limerick; Kilmallock G.A.A. Club; J. J. King, Secretary, B.O.H.; Fitzgerald, secretary, Kilmallock G.A.A.; Paddy Scanlan, Galway; J. O'Doherty and family, Limerick; P. Colivet, Galway; Nurses, Co. Infirmary; J. Hickey, Blackrock; J. and N. Kelly, Askeaton; P. Ryan, Hotel, Cappamore; J. Reidy, Limerick; Gerry Beckett, Cork; D. McAuliffe, Newcastle West; Mr. Walsh, Patrickswell; M. Hurley, Co.C., Newcastle West; Bill and Dora, Limerick; George Ryan, Belfast; Nursing Staff, Barrington's Hospital; Sean McCarthy, secretary, Munster Council, G.A.A.; Careys, Tipperary; Nancy Connors, Adare.

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AN APPRECIATION

(BY W. F. H.).

Not for many years was there such a shock experienced by relatives and countless friends as was occasioned by the most unexpected demise of the late Paddy Mackey, as he was familiarly called. Scarcely ever have there been such representative gatherings as attended the conveyance of his remains from the Mallow Military Hospital to the village church on the 20th inst., and the following day to his last resting place in the family burial place at Castleconnell. His father's work in the Council of our county, his brothers' records on our G.A.A. playing fields and his sister's popularity as nurse in Barrington's and the County Infirmary would naturally draw a big following of sympathisers, but it was dear Paddy's personality—his own genial and affable manner—that particularly brought so many admirers of him to the village by the Shannon to pay their last mark of respect to the memory of one of the most popular youths who ever drew breath there.

In the class rooms of the local and Christian Brothers' Schools, Sexton Street, and in the study halls of the famous Mount St. Joseph's College, Roscrea, there are stories recounted of Paddy's popularity—his geniality, his sociability, his unpretentiousness, and his comradeship with his fellow students, interspersed with his brilliant achievements on their playing pitches. In my long experience of colleges and schools I never met such continual kind inquiries from reverend professors and old students as to the deceased's welfare in the outside world. As in his student days, so also in his military career he enjoyed similar popularity with his army friends. In the short period since he took up his rifle in defence of Mother Ireland he was promoted Corporal and, very sad to relate, he was to receive his commission at Collins Barracks, Cork, on the day of his passing away. There was a fine future before him but God's Will be done. I write these few lines as an appreciation of this fine Irish youth whose short career in our midst was splendidly appreciated last week and which was undoubtedly richly deserved by dear Paddy. R.I.P. Long will his memory be cherished.

LIMERICK CITY HANDBALL CHAMPIONSHIPS

A joint committee has been formed representative of Limerick City Divisional G.A.A. Board and Limerick City Handball Club with the object of reorganising handball in Limerick City. Entries for the following competitions will be received and draws will be made at a meeting to be held at Cosse's Hotel on Friday, March 7th, 1941, at 9.30 p.m.:—

Novice doubles softball championship (open to all players who have never taken part in junior handball championship).

Minor singles and doubles championship (under 18 years on 1st January, 1941).

Juvenile singles and doubles championship (under 15 years on 1st January, 1941).

Entrance Fee, 5/- per Club. (—)

A motion, sponsored by Antrim, that the ban on foreign dancing be reversed, was withdrawn at the annual Congress of the Camogie Association in Dublin. During a discussion on the motion the view was expressed that the Association should confine its activities to the game alone.

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