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BEHIND THE SPOTLIGHT

With PENSMAN

ON WINNING WAY
Last Sunday was a great day for Waterford hurling when our senior caman wielders joined our senior footballers in this year's Munster Finals. The over-hot conditions at Cork's Athletic Grounds were forgotten in the closing minutes as Waterford forged ahead and outlasted the Limerick men showing fitness and reserves of stamina that amazed even the team's most ardent supporters. The game is fully described elsewhere in this issue but I would like to make one or two comments. There are a couple of groups to be arsed so our chests first. Why did the selectors not change the back-line sooner? The right full-back showed his experience from the beginning and must be faulted for the first two "soft" goals. Then in the second half following a severe head injury we saw Phil Grimes go off to be replaced by Frank Walsh. Frank is undoubtedly a "darling" hurler. He was one of the original selectors but had to cry off on account of a knee injury. When he did come on as a sub it was at once evident that this injury was serious as he could run only with a noticeable drag. I think that it is most unfair to players to ask them to allow themselves to be replaced by a player who is within a few minutes when he is forced to retire to be replaced by the man he had just replaced—Grimes. The Mount Slon man's head was heavily bandaged and blood flowed down the nape of his neck making anything but a pretty sight. That the wound was affecting the player was shown by the fact that he was heavily fatigued in the closing minutes. Why the selectors have to allow these things to happen is beyond me. Surely we are not that badly off for substitutes.

A YEAR TOO SOON?
Well now that's that so let's get back to the nice side of things. Everyone was thrilled with the way our hurlers went about their task last Sunday. It is a long time since I saw a Dese side show so much earnestness and display such a will to win. Luke many another I thought when we were six points down after eight minutes that it was going to be the case of having to suffer another hiding but my doubts were soon dispersed. Johnny O'Connor at midfield was not acting up as I had expected and the detection of Frank Walsh as a big loss. Then O'Connor got a crack on the head—it was a hard blow as it put him down. But he was not out by a long chalk. As a matter of fact it seemed to un-dermine him because he went until the final whistle he went at it hammer and tongs. He was the old Johnny O'Connor who revelled in hurling when it became harder. He led his team around and through the opposition and hit some sweet balls. It might be just a coincidence but when last we were in a Munster Final O'Connor was also a bright star. That was in 1948—the year I mention this not to show that I have a head for maths but Waterford's major victories seem to come in cycles of ten years. In 1938, 1948, 1958 we have been so often in late years when we've tumbled here and there—Ah wait until 1968. Let us hope that this forecast is wrong and that 1957 will prove another red letter year for Dese hurling.

DOUBLE HONOUR OR THREE
For three players Waterford's unique position means that they are in line to win Senior Hurling and Football Championships medals in the same year. They are Tom Cunningham, Dungarvan; Mickey O'Connor, Cappoquin; and Seamus Power, Mount Slon.

CIE SUMMER BEGINS
It would seem that the calendar used by CIE is different from that used by most other people particularly the plain people of Ireland. By ordinary standards May Day means the first day of summer and then on people begin to follow the ordinary pursuits associated with the summer season. They begin to wear lighter clothes to do without fires to spend more time in the open and as May gives way to June, to travel to the seaside. Now this brings me up to this question of the way CIE appear to look at things. The weather has been scorching for the past few weeks. Seaside resorts are taxed to capacity by those who are privileged to own their own cars or who can manage other means of transport. But what about those who have no cars and depend on what they cannot cycle and who have to rely on the public transport ser-

Chorus of Wexford who fought with heart and hand To burst in wain the galling chain and free our native land! I want no gold my maiden fair to fly from home with thee Your shining eyes will be my prize—more dear than gold to me I want no gold to nerve my arm to do a true man's part To free my land I gladly give the red drops from my heart.

And when we left our cabins boys we left with right good will To see our friends and neighbours that were at Vinegar Hill! A young man from our ranks a canon he let go He slapt it into Lord Mountjoy—a tyrant he laid low! We bravely fought and conquered at Ross and Wexford town And if we failed to keep them 'twas drink that brought us down We had no drink beside us on 'Tubber neering's days Depending on the long bright pike and well it worked its way! They came into the country our blood to waste and spill, But let them weep for Wexford who are being made to CIE by the local Urban Authorities and I add my voice to theirs impressing on CIE the need to commence this service without further delay. And while I am making suggestions what about resuming the sea-breeze excursions from Malloy to Dungarvan but please Messrs CIE if you do agree to run them on alternate Sunday afternoons when the tide is in and not as usually happened in the past on evenings when there was nothing to greet the visitor but miles of gloom. A little common sense planning should make things pleasant for all concerned.

PRIORITY FOR CHILDREN IN DENTAL TREATMENT

Minister's Letter To Board
A letter from the Minister for Health read at last Monday's meeting of Waterford Board of Assistance suggested that the Board should order the proposal made at the last meeting that a temporary whole-time dentist should be appointed to deal with applicants for dentures. A report from the Secretary read at the May meeting disclosed that there were 561 applicants for dentures on the waiting list. The letter stated that in view of the need for the utmost economy in public spending it was essential that whatever funds were available for dental services should be used in the most effective manner possible. Existing resources are not adequate to provide comprehensive dental service," the letter went on and added "in accordance with all the advice available to the Minister. Authorities have been urged to give priority in the utilisation of their limited resources in money personnel and equipment to the provision of dental services for those who will benefit most i.e. the children. No General Service Yet. Although the Minister has every sympathy with persons who are in need of dentures he feels that the time for the development of a general denture service has not yet arrived. While present limitations on funds and staff continue dental service for adults may be confined to services of an emergency nature." Mr D Fitzpatrick said that in view of the information in the Minister's letter there was a point in continuing their scheme for extracting teeth when they could not replace them. The Acting Secretary, Mr J J Walsh, the local Councillor that the number on the waiting list was 561. Mr N Walsh said that he would not favour stopping extractions as bad teeth were the cause of a lot of ill health. The presiding Chairman Aid W Kennedy TD said that all they could do was to defer the matter as suggested and this was agreed to.

CUCKOO SILENT
Has anyone heard the cuckoo sing this year. This question is being asked in more areas than one by those who have been on the look-out to hear this harbinger of summer in the last couple of months. I have met no one who has so far heard the cuckoo shout as the poet calls it of the cuckoo. Without the call of the wandering voice the spring and early summer certainly lacked something there was always an early tenant in a grove near where I live but this year he never turned up. I waited evening after evening to hear the plaintive monotonous coming across the valley but my wait was unavailing. Amateur naturalists explain the absence of the bird by saying that it arrived too early in the year but a more ingenious explanation put forward is that the foot of the diesel trains has frightened off the bird. It would be interesting to know if any readers have noticed this silence of the cuckoo this year and whether they will as a result have to change the old rhyme which says "the cuckoo comes in April he sings his song in May in June he changes his tune and in July he flies away."

THE BOYS OF WEXFORD
R Dwyer Joyce, MD
In comes the Captain's daughter the captain of the Yoes. Saying "Brave United Irishman we'll ne'er again be foes. A thousand pounds I'll give you and from henceforth the And dress myself in man's attire, and fight for liberty!"

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G.A.A. HURLING Waterford Write New Page In G.A.A. History

Now In Both Senior Finals HURLERS WIN THRILLER FROM LIMERICK

S.H.—Waterford 4—12; Limerick 5—5
M.H.—Limerick 6—11, Waterford 3—2

Waterford senior hurlers made history at Cork Athletic Grounds on Sunday last, when in sweltering heat they outstayed and outplayed a younger and more fancied side in beating Limerick by a final margin of four points. By their great victory a new page has been written into the G.A.A. annals of the Dese because for the first time ever we figure in both senior hurling and football finals in the same year.

Last Sunday's game provided hurling of rare splendour and the feature that appealed more than anything else to the elated Waterford followers was the tousing finish put in by the home XV in reaching their first final since the glorious year of 1948. The minoris after a most lackadaisical first-half put on some semblance of earnestness in the second moiety, but they were never able to get on terms with a faster and more alert Limerick side.

An attendance of 14,589 paid £2,070 16s 4d to see the games.

Playing with the wind in the first half the home side were in early difficulties and Limerick had two of the softest possible goals to their credit in the first eight minutes. Fumbling by the backs and the inexperience of Harney in the right-full berth contributed to these "give away" goals and it was only the sheerest of good luck that kept the green flag from going up against us for the third time a few minutes later.

However the side which did get going more than made amends for the shaky start and every man laid into the task with every ounce of vigour at his disposal. The overall result was that we were treated to a spectacle that was typical of Munster hurling at its best and although the sun blistered us while we watched it was forgotten in the intensity of the titanic struggle that was waged up and down the field. Hurlers had "devil".

The Dungarvan quartet Johnny O'Connor, John Kiely, Tom Cunningham and Austin Flynn (until he was injured after twenty minutes) contributed in no small way to the great victory. O'Connor especially at centre-field outpaced and outlasted his Limerick counterparts and he hurried in the second half with an abandon that was magnificent to watch. His solo runs right through the Shannonsiders defence drew cheers which echoed over the tense arena. Then there was John Kiely, who was masterly in his touch and who after an unpromising start began to pepper the Limerick goal with bullet drives and his two delightful goals at most crucial stages of the game gave the team the necessary "shots in the arm" to keep up their great offensive.

Within eight minutes Limerick held a lead of 2-0 to 0-1 but even with the score-board showing this deficit against us it was evident that our lads were in there hurling with a "devil" all too rarely seen. The struggle swayed up and down as first one side and then the other tried to take command. Time sped on and Waterford had not another score until the 18th minute but then they got going and led at the short whistle by 1-5 to 2-1.

Confidence Not Shaken
On resuming the vital first score came to Waterford and although Limerick came back with a goal and a point to regain the lead Waterford's fortitude and confidence was not to be shaken and they retaliated with like scores to again take the advantage. It followed nip and tuck then but instead of fading the Waterford men went from strength to strength and finished in a blaze of glory that completely confounded the critics who could not see the Dese men matching pace and

terford hit back for the last point of the match by Flannely Waterford—D Roche, J Harney, A Flynn, J Barron, J O'Connor, M O'Grady, P O'Grady, M Lacey, M Flannely, S Power, T Cheasty, L Guinan, T Cunningham, J Kiely Subs—M Ducey (for Flynn), F Walshe (for Grimes), Grimes (for Walshe).
Limerick—P Cunnane, D Broderick, J Keogh, W Keane, S Quaid, S Ryan (capt), Jack Quaid, T Casey, Jim Quaid, R Prendergast, D Kelly, V Cobbe, T McGarry, M Tynan, L Moloney Subs—B Fitzgerald (for Kene), T Ryan (for Broderick).
Referee—Mossy Walsh (Cork)

LIMERICK MINORS WON IN FINE STYLE

Limerick, 6-11, Waterford 3-2
Waterford minors fell far short of making it a double for they found the Shannonsiders far too lively and sturdy and could not hold them in a crackling hour's hurling. Limerick started off against the breeze and made it one-way traffic up to the interval when they led by 4-5 to a single point. Waterford then suggested the losers into the picture somewhat but their opponents backs held out in magnificent style against continuous onslaughts while the forwards tacked more and more on to the Limerick tally.

Sparkling Hurling
While the first half was uneventful from the point of scoring there was sparkling hurling throughout and even though Waterford were far behind at the break, they had never fallen asunder and had every appearance of wearing down the liver-hungry side. This opening half saw Limerick decidedly on top and the forwards especially had plenty of scope to show their more stylish side of their contribution. It was lads like Jerry Dunworth, Donal Kennedy, Jimmy and Hogan who showed the senior forwards of a few years older. Were it not for the wonderful goalkeeping of Waterford's Pat Flynn the interval score would have been considerably more.

Turning over with the breeze to their backs but facing a grunting Sun Waterford settled down to work and it was the Limerick defence that kept them busy at the greatest share of the credit was Willie Lee at centre-back. Here was a player with exceptional staying power. He went completely into the fray right from the start and such an intent that he could hardly be expected to be there still in the last quarter. But he was there right up to the end and distinguished himself as the back of the day.

Miracle Saves
Frank Grimes played a captain's part up to the time that he sustained a severe head injury which bled profusely but in the latter minutes of the game when he came on again after having retired for a period he was hardly able to stand.

Mickey O'Connor newcomer Larry Guinan and Mick Lacey were others who contributed vigorously to such an intent. Liam Dooney also pulled his weight when he came on as a sub in the second half. Goalie Dickie Roche had a most unassuming start and the first two goals especially caught him napping but he recovered admirably in the second half and brought off some miracle saves.

THE SCORING
Mick Tynan gave Limerick a flying start with a goal in the first minute. Waterford replied with a point by Seamus Power and then in the 8th minute Limerick supporters were cheering lustily when Moloney goalied. For ten minutes Limerick had a slight edge in the exchanges when Waterford had the next score a beauty of a point by Johnny O'Connor in the 18th minute. Five minutes later Phil Grimes followed with a point and Kiely and Power had like scores in quick time. Then in the 28th minute a Flannely-Guinan-Power move ended with a goal by Power to put the winners in front for the first time.

Half Time Waterford, 1-5, Limerick, 2-1
Immediately after the restart Waterford went further ahead with a point by Guinan. Then in the 10th minute Dermot Kelly set Limerick folk alight with a goal and Tom Casey quickly followed with a point. Waterford hit back for a point by Cheasty and a brilliantly manoeuvred goal by Kiely. Limerick quickly answered with a Moloney goal and then Flannely and Prendergast exchanged points. Guinan was again on the mark for Waterford with a goal, and Kiely narrowed the gap to a point when he sent a placed ball over the bar. Waterford came back in style and Flannely pointed. McGarry had a like score for Limerick within a minute but then Kiely again outdied the Limerick defence to score a great goal. Guinan and Cheasty followed with points and when Cobbe goalied for Limerick Wa-

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REPAIRS TO CHARITY HOMES

Three Year Plan Suggested

A letter from the Department of Health read at last Monday's monthly meeting of the Waterford Board of Assistance in Dungarvan referred to a previous proposal by the Board to make grants totalling £7,987 towards repairs available to certain charitable institutions in Waterford. The Acting Secretary in view of the need for economy that these repairs should be financed out of revenue over a period of three years. The letter added that the expenditure would rank for recoupment under the Health Services Grant. When Mr J J Glanville Acting Secretary pointed out that no money for the work had been provided in this year's estimates the County Manager Mr J Moynihan said that as the matter was urgent and important it could be dealt with by way of a supplementary estimate.

The Acting Secretary stated that the homes concerned were all for old people in Waterford City. They were St Patrick's Home, the Institute for Men, and the Institute for Women and the Matthew Shea Charity Home.

Dispensary Depot Not Justified
A letter from the Department referring to a suggestion from the Board that a dispensary depot be located at Grange stated that as it would service a population of only 72, its erection could not be justified in the interests of economy.

Mr N Walsh said that there was a big area from Kiely's Cross to Grange which would benefit by it. The Acting Secretary said that the population of the townland would be furnished by the Guards and the number of dispensary cases would be derived by counting the number of medical cards.

Mr Curran said that the areas should be revised pointing out that although Ballycurran was next to Clashmore it was in the Grange dispensary area. There's a crying need for a dispensary depot at Grange, he said as there are a lot of poor people there who can't pay for transport.

The Acting Secretary said that an application had been made for the use of the old schoolhouse but the Parish Priest would not give it. Mr Curran—That has been turned into a Parish Hall. The Manager said that the school would be most suitable if it could be got and as it would be required for only a couple of hours one day each week he thought that an approach might again be made to those in charge. Mr Curran said that he would see the Parish Priest about it.

Sympathy
On the proposal of Mr Curran seconded by Mr Lannon a vote of sympathy was passed with the relatives of the late Mr William Broderick Youghal. Mr Curran described the late Mr Broderick as an outstanding national figure who had given the long service to the country and to his constituents.

CLASHMORE DISPENSARY RESIDENCE

At last Monday's meeting of Waterford Board of Assistance in Dungarvan the Acting Secretary Mr J J Glanville, read a letter from Mr C Curran, MCC referring to the problem of a dispensary residence for Clashmore.

The matter has been discussed by the Board on a number of occasions and at the last meeting it was decided to defer the matter indefinitely when it was stated that there was no money available to either purchase or erect a residence.

Mr Curran's letter to the Board on Monday stated that Dr Murray the dispensary doctor would be prepared to accept the bungalow offered by Mr W C Connell, Clashmore (at the last meeting a letter from Mr O'Connell's Solicitors stated that the lowest price they would accept was £3,000) provided that a new dispensary was built beside it. The letter added that this seemed to Mr Curran to be the solution to the whole problem and it suggested that Mr O'Connell's Solicitor and Dr Murray be contacted by the Board in order to finalise the matter.

No Firm Conclusion
Mr Glanville said that the Secretary Mr Hynes had discussed this proposal with Dr Murray but that he had arrived at no firm conclusion. Mr T Lannon pointed out that the Board had deferred this matter at the last meeting because there was no money available. He asked why it was coming before them again now. The Acting Secretary agreed that this was so but pointed out that the matter now arose as a result of Mr Curran's letter. Mr N Walsh said that there was no point in discussing the matter when there was no money available to implement any decision they arrived at.

Costly Mistake
Mr Lannon said that the question of the existing dispensary residence on which £4,000 had been spent since the Board took it over appeared to have been completely overlooked. That is a point that should not be let he said as someone was responsible for the mistake which cost the Board £4,000 and we should be told who it was. It was decided to discuss the matter fully at the next meeting.

Mr Curran who had been absent during the course of the discussion arrived at this stage and stated that the doctor would not stay another winter in the existing residence and as the people did not want to lose him a solution to the problem would have to be found soon.

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