



# Dungarvan Observer

MUNSTER INDUSTRIAL ADVOCATE

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## G.A.A. CONVENTION 22 MOTIONS LISTED

1. That the draw for the Senior All-Ireland Hurling Championship be an open one.

2. That the National Football League be run in two divisions with trophies for each division.

3. That candidates standing for election to Selection Committees, in all grades, be nominated by the clubs on official nomination papers and that the nominated papers be lodged with An Rural, Coastal and Inshore Fisheries Selection Committee at least one week before the election takes place.

4. That the Co. Junior Football Selection Committee be composed of two from the winners of the Senior and Intermediate Hurling Championships and two elected by the Co. Council.

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6. That the election of Selection Committees, in all grades, take place at the County Convention.

7. That the Waterford County Board run a Juvenile Football League on the same lines as the Senior Cup but to include the following: St. Mary's School, Dungarvan, Lismore and Waterford City.

8. That Waterford County Board reduce the admission price to the Gaelic Field, Dungarvan for Phelan Cup, Sergeant Cup and Championship games from 2/- to 1/-; that 2/- be charged for admission only to youth football, senior games and county senior finals.

9. That a Committee consisting of the Chairman and Secretary of each Board, meet at regular intervals to examine the progress of the championships with a view to having them finished at an early date.

10. That Motion No. 4, Co. Convention, Jan. 27th, 1957, relating to commencing the Sergeant Cup and Phelan Cup be rescinded.

11. That the portion of Rule 55 relating to the ex-President's membership of the Central Council be amended to read: "Ex-President, who shall continue an officer member of the Council for the period in office of his successor."

12. That this Convention request the Co. Board to provide 18 gold medals for S.H. and S.F. Championship winners and 18 medals of improved quality for the junior and senior grades.

13. That this Convention declare the election of the Vice-Chairman of the West Waterford Divisional Board, G.A.A. for 1958 be null and void, as the person elected, Michael O'Donoghue (Michael O'Donoghue or Doherty) is not a person to hold any position on any Committee of the G.A.A. as he has withdrawn Rule 27, Page 37, G.G. It was a member of the G.A.A. at the time or previous to the time of breaking this rule, he did not apply for reinstatement. If he was not a member at the time he attended or encouraged foreign games, he did not subsequently make personal application to the County Committee to be admitted to the Association.

14. That this Convention set up a committee to investigate the election of Vice-Chairman of the West Waterford Divisional Board G.A.A. at its Annual Convention in Cappoquin on January 9th, 1958, or that this Convention instruct the incoming County Board to investigate the election, in the opinion of the members of the club, the person elected is not eligible to take office in any capacity in the G.A.A.

15. That all matches be started at the appointed time.

16. That Motion No. 21 passed at the 1954 Convention preventing the Waterford City Clubs from holding members resident on the opposite side of River Suir be rescinded.

17. That a fund be established for the purpose of helping old players who happen to meet with misfortune in later years.

18. That in view of the widespread resignation this Convention as well as the Gaelic of Ireland to support Irish manufactured goods and make every effort to buy Irish goods.

19. That in view of the large number of hurling balls lost and liberally disposed of annually that the reprehensible retention of same by spectators at official matches of games, especially at county and club level, be discontinued.

20. That the Minister Senior Championship matches start not later than two o'clock or alternately not before 5.30.

## Bright Prospects for Ring Gaeltacht

### Salmon Net Season

Fishermen have now almost completed the work of boat repairs and net mending in readiness for the opening of the season on February 1st. It would appear that the usual number of boats will be in operation in this district. As will be seen from the advertisement elsewhere in this issue, net licences will be issued on Thursday next Jan. 29th by the Clerk to the Board of Conservators at his office in South Main Street, Youghal. May we wish the fishermen of Youghal and the surrounding district a prosperous season.

## BRIGHT prospects were offered the Gaeltacht of Ring in County Waterford by the Minister for the Gaeltacht, Mr. Michael O'Morain when he visited Ring and Helvick last Thursday and met representatives of various local bodies.

### MINISTER VISITS WEST WATERFORD

The Minister, accompanied by the County Manager of Waterford, Mr. S. J. Moylan, and the Co. Engineer, Mr. J. Ormond, B.E., together with Mr. Michael Morrissey, Chairman of Waterford County Council, Ald. Wm. Kennedy, T.D., Waterford, Mr. E. G. Peck, Cork, Consulting Engineer on the Helvick water supply scheme and Mr. O'Maolaid, his assistant, made a tour of the Gaeltacht and visited the newly constructed reservoir, the pier at Helvick and Ballingall and Ring College where they were received by An Fear Mor.

Later the Minister met officials of the County Council and Co. Committee of Agriculture when he discussed the position in relation to the future of the Gaeltacht of Ring.

Later in the course of an interview the Minister told me: "The purpose of my visit to Co. Waterford was first of all to inspect the Helvick Water Supply Scheme in respect of which the County Council of Waterford have requested my assistance. Having seen the scheme which is virtually completed I would like to say that I am very pleased with it. I now propose to extend the water supply to Helvick Pier for the benefit of the fishermen and to try to help the local authority in the provision of water close to the pier. I have now, in consultation with the County Manager and officials agreed to contribute the sum of £5,250 towards the cost of this scheme — which I consider will be of tremendous assistance to the people of the Ring Gaeltacht."

Continuing, the Minister stated: "I have also introduced a scheme whereby we can, in conjunction with the local authority, provide small water supplies and sewerage schemes for the small communities in the Gaeltacht. Under this scheme I will give a grant of 50 per cent of the cost of wells and pumps and 60 per cent of the cost of water supplies. These are of particular value in providing water for isolated villages in the Gaeltacht and I am glad to say that I have had a consultation with your County Manager and officials. They will be offering these benefits to the people of Ring and Helvick. The Minister went on to state: "I have had a conference with Mr. P. Conroy, C.A.O. of Waterford Co. Committee of Agriculture and his officials together with officials of the Dept. of Agriculture, working in the area of the Gaeltacht of Ring and Helvick. The economy of the different Gaeltacht areas changes from county to county and these officials have been very helpful to me in providing first hand information as to the type of farming economy practised in the Ring Gaeltacht. In the not too distant future, I hope to work out some agricultural scheme for the Gaeltacht of Ring that should prove of particular interest and benefit to the people of the area."

Referring to his visit to Ring College, the Minister stated: "It had the privilege of visiting Ring College and meeting the many children there as well as An Fear Mor. I was really amazed to find two little ones from the far end of Achill and from my own native County Mayo. I found one little lad who comes from my own street in my home town of Castlebar, little Seamus Farslow. I discovered that the children of Ring College are representative of every county in the state. I had the refreshing experience of meeting a little Dutch girl here only 3 months ago. I had the privilege of visiting the Irish language fluently. I was privileged to see the examination results in all subjects for many years past. I understand that these are not published. I think it is a great pity indeed for they furnish the complete answer to those critics of recent times who allege that the teaching of the Irish language has a retarding effect on national education."

At a meeting on 11th December last the Minister and Company representatives, the Company offered to pay 10/- per week wage increase provided that the resulting increase in production costs was offset in part by a small increase in productivity.

Though our offer is in the spirit of the agreement quoted above we have been told it is not acceptable.

We have already said that we are willing to have the matter placed before the Labour Court, and will accept any recommendation made.

Yours faithfully,  
W. J. LUMLEY, A.C.A.  
Secretary.

Dear Sir—  
I have read and re-read your report of the speech made by Bro. T. Kne at the Bi-Annual meeting of A.T. & G.W.U. in Dungarvan.

It has struck me as being a most dangerous and inflammatory pronouncement aimed at instilling into the less intelligent workers a spirit of unrest and an inclination to go on strike at the slightest excuse. How any presumably responsible public representative can stand over such a speech is difficult to understand. What is the issue at stake which gives rise to the threat of draw swords and shibols and sabres?

I understand that the men at Dickens Leather Co. are the highest paid in Dungarvan and have continuous employment. I understand too, that with the exception of a few sore-heads and disgruntled individuals they are all quite happy at their jobs. Further than this I have also heard that the Factory Managers have often spoken very highly of the majority of the men employed.

I have made enquiries about the present dispute and have learned that the D.L.Co. has offered to pay the 10/- wage increase and was the first Dungarvan firm to do so. The men, on the instructions of their Union, refuse to accept it because they are asked to give a little extra work in return. From what appeared in the papers about the agreement between Unions and employers, the Unions asked to do more work — "greater productivity" it was called. It seems to me that the D.L.Co. is entitled to ask for more work. Almost every day our newspapers carry reports of speeches by Labour leaders and others that the greatest need of Ireland at present is greater production and lower costs in order that we can export more industrial products. Won't it be a bad day for Dungarvan if the Dickens Leather Co. cannot compete on the export market?

Surely it ought to be possible for the present dispute to be resolved and why has it not been put before the Labour Court, which is there to deal with questions like this?

A WELL-WISHER OF  
FACTORY AND WORKERS

## County Committee of Agriculture PROTEST AT WHEAT PRICE CUT

### Hopes grow brighter for Clashmore Dispensary Residence

The old problem of the Clashmore dispensary was again under discussion at the monthly meeting of the Waterford Board of Assistance in Dungarvan.

On this occasion, as the Chairman Mr. Denis Fitzpatrick, Mayor of Waterford commented there were signs that at long last the matter is coming to an end.

A letter from Dr. J. J. Murray, Dispensary Doctor in Clashmore stated that he would be satisfied with the bungalow on offer without any further additions to it.

Mr. N. Walsh — He should have said that a year ago and the case would be finished and done with now.

Ald. Tom Kne T.D. said there was no doubt the hold-up was due to the doctor who refused to take the bungalow without certain extensions.

The Secretary Mr. J.K. Hynea said he had received a letter from the Dept. of Health to the effect that money was available for present matters but if the extension question was considered, it would be prepared to submit it to the Local Loans Board. The Secretary also stated that they had written to the Dept. asking them to send down an officer to inspect the bungalow Mr. Walsh said he did not believe they would send down a man for this. He felt the Dept. would wish them to put the car before the horse by buying the place before they would inspect it.

Finally, it was agreed to send the Dept. a copy of the doctor's letter together with a further request to send down an inspector. Until the inspection was carried out and the report considered by the Dept. there was nothing further they could do. The matter was then adjourned.

The following statement was read by the C.A.O. (Mr. P. Conroy) from the Department at Saturday's meeting of the Committee:—

"In view of the extension of total wheat production in recent years, the Government have the position under review and investigations into the extent to which native wheat can be used in the production of bread of reasonable quality, the total annual requirements for home produced wheat are estimated at 300,000 tons of dried wheat. The quantity of dried native wheat available from the 1957 harvest was approximately 370,000 tons. The surplus wheat from the 1957 crop which is surplus to home-milling requirements will be sold for animal food or for export. The full guaranteed price was paid for all millable wheat produced but the prices which can be secured for wheat sold for animal food are considerably less than the cost of the wheat. The difference between the cost of the wheat in the purchaser's stores and the price realised for the surplus wheat will be met this year by the Exchequer and may be in the neighbourhood of £1,000,000. Wheat produced in 1958 which is surplus to home-milling requirements will be disposed of for animal food and the Government has decided that this will necessitate an alteration of the guaranteed price scheme which will spread fairly over all wheat growers. It is proposed to fix the same price as in 1957 for millable wheat for 1958 and these prices will apply in full if the quantity of dried wheat is not more than the 300,000 tons required to meet home needs. An area of 330,000 acres would produce this quantity and provide for seed as well.

"The price for millable wheat of the 1957 crop sold before 1st Dec. 1957, was based on 73/6 a barrel for wheat of not exceeding 25% moisture and with a bushel weight of 64 lbs. or over. The price for millable wheat with a bushel weight of 55 lbs. was 63/6 a barrel in addition, a bonus of 5/6 a barrel only was paid for wheat where the moisture content was 22% or less and a bonus of 2/6 for wheat above 22% but not exceeding 25%. The arrangement whereby an additional 2/6 is payable for wheat sold in December and 5/- for wheat sold after 1st January will be continued."

Mr. Walsh said the announcement had come as a disappointment to wheat growers, in effect it means a standstill order on production.

Mr. Quirk—The whole trouble are the combine ranchers. They are going all over the country taking anything from 100 to 200 acres of land, that is what's wrong. He held there should be some system, as applied at the time of compulsory tillage that a certain proportion only should be grown on each farm.

Mr. Walsh — If the same amount as last year is grown you have a reduction of 6/-. He suggested that the reduction should be 2/6 when the 370,000 tons is reached, the price to be the same as last year, 73/6 per barrel for wheat bushelling 60 and no 64. If the 370,000 tons is exceeded to apply the reduction for the excess.

Mr. Quirk—The man who produces good wheat is entitled to more than the man who produces bad.

Mr. O'Dowd—I will have the effect of cutting wheat production to a very low level if there is a reduction of 6/- a barrel on every barrel over 300,000 tons.

Mr. Barron suggested a resolution protesting against the arrangements as set out and ask the Minister to examine the feasibility of an all Irish loaf or increase the home-grown content in the present flour.

Mr. Curran asked who were the Minister's advisers in this. Is it his own officials or the millers. He said he could not see any good in protesting as it was the millers ring had the influence.

The C.A.O. was directed to send a protest embodying Mr. Barron's suggestions to the Minister.

CHAMPIONSHIP DRAWS AND FIXTURES

The draws and fixtures for the forthcoming Munster championships, which were made at a meeting of the Provincial Council in Limerick, on Saturday are as follows:—

May 4th—J.F. and J.F.—Tipperary v. Clare at Nenagh; Cork v. Kerry at Macroom; Waterford v. Limerick, at Waterford.

May 11th—S.H. and M.H.—Cork v. Clare, at Limerick.

May 18th—S.F.—Waterford v. Clare, at Dungarvan; M.F., Clare v. Kerry at Ennis.

May 25th—M.H.—Waterford v. Kerry at Kiltarney; M.F., Cork v. Limerick, at Mallow.

June 1st—S.H. and M. Hurling, Tipperary v. Limerick at Cork.

June 5th—M.F.—Tipperary v. Waterford, at Clonmel.

June 15th—S.H.—Waterford v. Kerry at Limerick.

June 22nd—S.H. Semi-final—Clare or Cork v. Tipperary or Limerick; M.H. semi-final.

June 29th—S.F. and M.F. semi-finals.

July 6th—Senior and Minor hurling finals.

July 13th—Senior and Minor football finals.

July 20th—J.H. and J.F. finals.

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Dental treatment in County Waterford is gradually growing worse, according to statements made by members of the County Board of Public Assistance at the monthly meeting in Dungarvan.

Colr. Tom Gallagher asked if there was any improvement in the situation and was told that the position was actually worse and there seemed little hope of any improvement.

Colr. Gallagher—That is awful. We are taking out their teeth but they have little or no chance of getting them back again.

It was stated that the waiting list for new dentures was gradually growing bigger despite the fact that the dentists were doing their best to deal with the situation.

Colr. Gallagher stated that he had been approached by a man in Waterford who was waiting for dentures for the past 3 years. He understood that there were many similar cases. And by the look of things, he added, "It seems they will be dead and gone before their names are called for new dentures."

## AN APOLOGY!

Owing to pressure on space the Editor of your indispensable weekly publication—the Observer—a paper that is still increasing in popularity after almost half a century, is reluctantly compelled to hold over a number of news items to next issue.

## GAELTACHT MINISTER'S VISIT.

The C.A.O. reported on the visit of Mr. O'Morain, Minister for the Gaeltacht, to Ring that week and a conference which the Committee's had with the Minister.

He stated the Minister had said the possibilities of growing soft fruit, bulbs and onions should be explored. Since then M. O'Shea, Horticultural Instructor, and himself had visited the area and had arranged to hold a meeting and give lectures on these matters in the Ring area.

Mr. Curran said that the people of Ardmore, Grange and Mountstuart, where Irish is spoken extensively feel that it is an injustice to the area that it should be not recognised as a Gaeltacht.

Mr. Hartly, Chairman, pointed out that the Fionn-Gaeltacht areas are set out in the Gaeltacht Act, passed two years ago and there is nothing they can do about it now.

Mr. Foran—Have you any idea of the amount of grants given under the Gaeltacht scheme?

Mr. Curran—We are getting the worst grant in the whole country.

Chairman—We are getting £5,000 while other areas are getting up to £50,000.

Mr. Curran—This matter will have to be looked into as it affects the whole question of grants.

Mr. Walsh—I think that the best feature of the Minister's visit is the extension of the Helvick water scheme.

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**Cultivation of the Root Crop**

The importance of the root crop is due to the fact that it yields a large weight of excellent winter food for cattle and sheep, and, at the same time, allows of the land being thoroughly cleaned. The climate of this country favours the growth of weeds to such an extent as to render them one of the great drawbacks to tillage, but the root crop admits of a proper system of cleaning the land, and tillage is indeed next to impossible without it. Accordingly, roots become the hub of rotation. The root crop is not in itself a cleaning crop; on the contrary, its habit of growth encourages, rather than discourages, weeds which, if allowed to grow, result in a reduced yield of roots. It is therefore, the growing of a root crop to serve its full purpose in the rotation, advantage must be taken of the facilities it offers for a thorough cleaning of the land.

**PREPARATION OF THE LAND**

Of the conditions largely under the control of the farm, the most essential to the success of the rootcrop is that the soil be free from weeds, sufficiently deep, fine and not too dry at sowing time, and that this condition be secured with the minimum of spring cultivation. Much of the necessity for spring cultivation will be obviated by attention to the previous cereal crop and by having in autumn a clean melon stubble which should be ploughed as soon as the crop is removed. This, if successfully accomplished, does much to ensure a satisfactory root crop in the following year. A stubble such as has been described is rarely obtained where the land or grass land was badly ploughed, or where the cereal crop is light. Good ploughing does not, however, always ensure a heavy corn crop. If the land is in poor condition, an application of artificial lea oats or wheat is advisable. Exhaustive experiments, conducted throughout Ireland, have shown that a dressing consisting of 1 cwt. sulphate of ammonia, 3 cwt. superphosphate and 2 cwt. kainit or an equivalent quantity of Potash Salt per statute acre, may be relied on for this purpose.

**EFFECT OF APPLICATION OF ARTIFICIALS TO LEA OATS AND WHEAT**

The use of this dressing for lea oats and wheat has become a regular practice. Its cost is usually more than defrayed by the increased yield of grain and straw, or, over, a heavy cereal crop suppresses weeds and grass and indirectly assists in loosening and pulverising the soil. The value of a large grain crop in acting as a potent instrument of tillage is often overlooked. Not merely does the dense crop render weeds and grass almost impossible, but in the soil itself there is a dense mass of root fibres which, while the crop is growing, makes use of the soil nutrients and, after harvest, increases the porosity and fertility of the soil, thus helping the succeeding root crop. Unlike the roots of a cereal crop, which die and leave the soil loose, the "roots" of the grass live and bind the soil into a mat difficult to plough, almost impossible to clean, and requiring increased cultivation and the use of implements and horses in spring, at a time when every favourable opportunity is required for the sowing of the crop rather than for the preparation of the seed bed.

**IMPORTANCE OF EARLY PLOUGHING**

Having secured a clean stubble, the next most important consideration is to have it ploughed early in autumn before the wet season sets in. Ploughing should be begun immediately the corn is removed. The sense of security which an early ploughed stubble gives, amply justifies what might appear as excessive anxiety to have the ploughing done early. A deep soil is necessary to the root crop, and deep ploughing is both easy and safe in autumn. It is easy because the land is dry at that season, and safe because subsoil turned up then is rendered harmless by exposure to the winter weather.

Where the stubble is grassy, autumn cultivation is often practised, that is to say, the land is ploughed lightly or cultivated, well harrowed and the weeds collected. Excellent as is this practice it is better left undone if not done when the land is thoroughly dry.

**SPRING CULTIVATION**

Assuming that the land is clean, spring cultivation presents little difficulty. A good harrowing across the furrows with a heavy harrow, or with an ordinary harrow weighted, followed by the use of a cultivator or broad-tined grubber, and this followed in turn by a further and liberal use of the harrow, ought to leave the land ready for drilling. If the land is grassy after the grain crop, it will be necessary to cultivate and harrow and collect and remove such and other weeds. The dirtiest spots may have to undergo a third grubbing and harrowing.

**Provincial Towns Asked to Aid Polio Fund**

From the Polio Fellowship of Ireland, whose chief function is the rehabilitation of victims of polio, comes a special appeal to the provinces this weekend to make advance arrangements for the Fellowship's fund-raising campaign which will be fully under way on 'Polio Sunday' (20th April).

The Fellowship has decided on this special Sunday as the peak of the fund-raising campaign, and hopes there will be widespread provincial support in organising special functions around this time.

Tentative plans have been discussed at a special meeting in Dublin under the chairmanship of Mr. Eamonn J. Connelley. A very special feature of the provincial programme, a spokesman told the Irish Features Agency, will be a series of fashion shows. On Polio Sunday it is hoped to hold many sporting and cultural events in Dublin and the major provincial towns.

"To this end a special appeal is being sent to secretaries and organisers of sporting and cultural events throughout the country requesting them to organise some fund-raising attraction for Polio Sunday.

"In Dublin, a bumper programme of attractions is planned. Drama and musical shows, a mid-night matinee and two flag days are already arranged for the week preceding Polio Sunday.

"In fact, every form of entertainment will have a place in this great voluntary fund-raising campaign."

It is hoped that football games in all codes will contribute to the fund. If the initial enthusiasm shown by the various groups is any indication, the spokesman of the scheduled attractions could easily rival those of the Tostal.

While our main idea is to collect money, we are sincere in our efforts to give the donating public full value.

Our committee wishes to send a special appeal to provincial groups who would like to organise any form of entertainment to contact the Secretary, Polio Fellowship of Ireland, at 7 Lower Hatch Street, Dublin.

**F.C.A. NOTES**

**FIELD DAYS**

A very successful Field Day was held at Shandon Quarry, Dungarvan, on Sunday last the 19th inst. Members reported from Millstreet, Aghish, Piltown, Ardmore, Ring and Dungarvan.

There was a good representation from all centres with the exception of Dungarvan which was surprising as it was felt that a large number of F.C.A. members would avail of the opportunity of this Field Day.

All who reported completed their Tests of Elementary Training and fired 22 Range Practices. It is hoped to have another Field Day early in the month of February when it is hoped that as many as possible will report to be tested in Ts. O. E. T. and fired 22 Range Practices.

**LOCAL PARADES.**

During the past few weeks local parades have been very good. It has been noted that the country Centres, but attendance at Dungarvan is rather poor and not up to the usual standard for this time of the year. A special parade will be held at Dungarvan on Tuesday night the 28th January, 1958 at 8 p.m. sharp. All available members of the Dungarvan centre are expected to be on parade on the 28th inst. This parade is very important as training is being re-organised and furthermore a comprehensive programme of recreational training is also being laid down.

to establish our rights. The Youghal U.D.C. have held up the building of the new bridge for the past ten years and they have now made the position worse by stopping the ferry service. We do not intend to submit to this latest injustice and feel we have the support of Youghal in our stand."

**ROAD WORKS**

The people of Dromore have welcomed the announcement that is intended to include the roads in the area in the 5 years plan. Dromore is one of the largest and most thickly populated areas in the country without a single road with a tarred surface.

It is understood that local members of the County Council intend to draw the attention of the Co. Council engineers to the fact that a number of roads in the Ballycurrane-Lickeybeg area are in urgent need of attention.

**CLASHMORRE I.C.A.**

The annual general meeting of the Clashmore I.C.A. will be held on to-night (Friday). Miss A. Roche, Organiser, will attend.

**TALLOW NEWS**

**ANNUAL MASKED BALL**

Tallow Anglers' Association held their annual masked ball and fancy dress parade on Sunday. Prior to the ball, a Fancy Dress parade was held through the town. A feature of this year's parade was the large number of children taking part in the street parade and each received a present from Santa Claus. The parade was led by the Brideside Serenaders Band. Judging for the fancy dress took place in the Arch Ballroom at 11 o'clock.

The winners were: Individual—1st, "Restless Night," Mr. M. Gairy, Castleface, Co. Tipperary; 2nd, "An Apeman," Mr. Steve Foley, Aghish, Cappoquin; 3rd, "The Mannequin who got the Sack," Mr. M. McCarthy, Clonagrouagh, Tallow. Group prize winner, 1st, "ESB Break-down, Christmas 1957," Mr. B. O'Hara, Tallow; 2nd, "Dublin's Horse Show," Messrs. M. Lombard and J. Fleming, Clashmore.

The prizes were presented by Mr. P. P. Walsh, Chairman, Tallow Anglers' Association. Mr. J. Frazer thanked all who helped to make the event such a success. The Brideside Serenaders Orchestra supplied the music and the newly-formed Tallow Skiffle group played some very lively hit tunes. Judges were Mr. Ferguson, Youghal, Mr. J. Frazer, Cappoquin; Miss Scanlan, Dungarvan, Mr. O'Riordan, Castlelyons and Miss Hillard, Youghal.

**TALLOW MACRA NA FIERME ANNUAL MEETING**

Tallow Branch Macra na Fierme held their annual general meeting in the Temperance Hall on January 15th. There was a good attendance including some new members. The outgoing Sec. Mr. L. O'Brien in his report of the year's activities, commented on the wonderful success of the Debating Championships for 1957, as the outstanding feature of the Club's year. He reviewed the stock-judging competition, the annual outing to Killybeg, the sending of delegates to the summer gathering, but from an

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At the annual general meeting of the above the following officers were elected for 1958:—Chairman, Mr. J. Quirke; Vice-do Sgt. Coughlan; Hon. Sec., M. Feeney; Hon. Treas., J. Quirke, jr. and L. Byrne; hurling capt., D. Barry; vice-do., J. Daly; football capt., J. Daly; vice-do., D. O'Connor. Hurling Selectors, P. O'Neill, M. Feeney, M. O'Connor, M. Pierce. Football—J. Corcoran, M. Pierce, J. Quirke J. Daly.

**TALLOW FOOT BEAGLES**

Tallow Foot Beagles met on Sunday at Tallow. A hare was found in O'Connor's who did a very unusual thing by swimming the river Bride. Another, found nearby gave hoards and followers a good run. There was a very big field out.

**LATE MR. R. O'BRIEN**

The late Mr. Robert O'Brien, Youghal, who died last week, was well-known in Tallow where he worked in his capacity as mason on the erection of Tallow's new National School. He was brother of Mr. Ed. O'Brien, Kneeknare, to whom sympathy is extended.

**Home on Leave from the London Hospital to the nursing staff of which she is attached is charmingly mannered Miss Máise Walsh, S.R.N., daughter of Mr. Johanna Walsh, and the late Mr. Walter Walsh, Ballyogyarty, Kilmacthomas, and the very popular young lady is looking in the proverbial pink and is enjoying every moment of her break.**

**During the recent trio of spring-like days primroses in full bloom were picked from the sides of fences hard by his home by likeable Mr. Edmond Power, of Kilmotjan.**

**Of a Verily the Gaels of these parts will be in full force at the Kilmotjan Social Club's Victory Dinner and Social in the C.R.M. Ballroom, Clones, on Thursday, 6th proximo and the occasion is bound to be a red-letter one in the annals of the green and gold standard-bearers, Kilmotjan abt.**

**Mr. Sean Ormrod, Minister for Posts and Telegraphs will be the guest of honour at a dinner which is being given by the Mid-Waterford Comhairle Ceannair Fianna Fail in Kilmacthomas, on Saturday night of next week.**

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**Passing of a Familiar and Well-Beloved Figure—**The people of this district deeply mourn the lamented death of Mr. Maurice Connors, Grawn, Kilmacthomas, which sad event occurred suddenly and tragically on last Friday evening.

Sprung from an old-established, well-connected and highly respected Daise farming family stock, the deceased, who was only in his 41st year, was a valued member of the outdoor staff of the flourishing Dungarvan Co-Operative Creamery, for which concern, his fidelity, his inherent unselfishness, his faithful devotion to duty won him the warmest encomiums and golden opinions of all with whom his workday assignments brought him into contact. By them, by his fellow-employees by countless friends, his premature passing is greatly and deeply deplored, for they appreciate that they will not meet his like again.

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CAPPOQUIN NEWS

DEATH OF MR. W. FOLEY

The passing of Mr. William Folely, Old Chapel Street, whose death occurred on Saturday 18th inst. at Ardkeen Hospital, Waterford, was learned with deep regret in the town and district. He was a member of one of the town's oldest families and a very popular figure. Until a few years ago when his health began to fail, he was a valued employee of the Bacon Factory Company and was held in much regard by his employers and fellow-workers. Many mourners accompanied the remains from the hospital on Sunday evening and a very large crowd awaited the cortege at the outskirts of the town. Following Requiem Masses the burial took place on Monday in the family plot in old Afrane. Very Rev. Fr. J. Kennally, P.P., and Rev. Fr. O'Meara, C.C., officiated at the grave side.

The chief mourners included, John and Daniel (brothers), Miss K. Folely, Cappoquin, and Mrs. Troy, Clonmel (sisters).

LATE MISS M. SHEEHAN

The members of an old Modeligo family have been bereaved through the death of Miss Mary Sheehan, Scart, which took place on Friday 16th inst. Public sympathy on her passing was shown by the large numbers who attended at the removal of the remains to the Parish Church and at the burial in the adjoining cemetery. Very Rev. J. Halloran, P.P., officiated on both occasions. The chief mourners were: Mrs. K. Sheehan (mother), Patrick, Bridget and Kitty (brother and sisters).

UNDERTAKING

Undertaking was by Aidan Walsh and Sons, Cappoquin.

MACHINA FEIRME

Mr. Rory Murphy, Buncloogy, Co. Wexford, a member of the National Executive of Macra na Feirme, will deliver a lecture at the Vocational School on 29th January at 4 p.m. The lecture will be open to the general public. On February 4th the branch will hold its annual general meeting at which a full attendance of members is expected. Intending members are cordially invited to attend.

BOWLING

Guard T. O'Donovan, bowling from the scratch mark, won his way into the final of the Ryan Cup tournament on Sunday last when he withstood strong challenges from J. Jeffers (3 and F. Fraher (plus 4). The following will meet in the final—M. Murray, Tourist; Big Jim Fitzgerald, Frank O'Donoghue and T. O'Donovan.

SUCCESSFUL MEETING

The cattle held on Sunday night was an outstanding success and reflected much credit on the promoters. The large attendance showed its appreciation of the time music discoursed by Eugene Flanagan by calling again and again for "repeats". In addition to the many young people present, there were many veterans of the fight for independence. Congratulations are extended to the organising committee on the manner in which the function was conducted.

BOWLING CLUB

Details of dance to be run by Bowling Club on Feb. 2nd, will be given in next issue.

BOWLING CLUB'S DANCE

The Bowling Club will hold its first dance at the Boat House on Feb. 9th. Frankie King's Band has been engaged for the occasion. Details will be given in future issues.

WOMAN CHARGED

An itinerant named Stella Callaghan, was before a Peace Commissioner, charged with stealing money and goods from a business house in the town. She was remanded to the next District Court at Cappoquin.

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Rev. J. Callanan, C.C., presided at the annual general meeting of the Affane G.A.A. Club. The following officers were elected: President, Very Rev. J. Halloran, P.P.; Vice-do, Mr. J. O'Connell; Chairman, Rev. J. Callanan, C.C.; Vice-do, Mr. T. Kirby; Hon. Treas., S. Buckley; Sec., D. McElrath; Ass. Sec., T. Fitzpatrick; Committee, J. J. Fitzgerald, M. Morrissey, J. Nugent, J. Costin.

ADDITIONAL MASS CARD

Additional Mass Cards requested: David and Francis Fenlon; Eddie, Sally and Edmond Nugent; Lismore; Hallinan family; Croughloony; Peggy and Missy Sweeney; London; Sweeney family; Crowley; Larry, Dilly and Mollie Kelleher; Paddy and Missy Milles; Books; Ned Christy; Salterbridge; Jim and

N.F.A. NOTES

WHEAT PRICE SCHEME

The principle embodied in the married price arrangements for the wheat crop as announced by the Minister last week, goes far of the way to meeting the proposals of the National Farmers' Association.

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Basically, the idea behind the married price is that there should be Government backing for the total requirements of the country and that the Government liability should not exceed these requirements. The N.F.A. scheme for married price differs from that as announced by the Minister, in so far as the N.F.A. proposed that full prices be paid for total requirements of milling wheat. This proposal was made in the light of the research that has shown that 100 per cent Irish leaf is a practical proposition. Furthermore, a surplus would provide the millers with an opportunity of using only wheat of the best baking quality in their flour.

THE MINISTER, HOWEVER REFUSED

to consider this and stated that he only required Irish wheat growers to supply 75-80 per cent of the flour consumed in this country. The other 20 per cent is to be made up of imported wheat.

NOVEL BRANCH ARRANGEMENT

Two Co. Cork Branches have joined forces to introduce a general veterinary service for members in their combined areas. All Veterinary Surgeons have had experience of attending to a call 15 miles out the country and on returning to their base, discover that they had another call possibly within a mile or two of the point from which they had returned. Needless to remark this adds to costs.

QUOTED BY MR. HEALY, ARE REVEALING

On a percentage distribution basis the gross domestic fixed capital, 9.5 is allocated to agriculture; 18.5 to dwellings; 16.2 to transport; 13.5 to manufacturing and construction; and 1.4 to mining.

HE REGARDS THE LACK OF SOCIAL AMENITIES

as a decisive factor in the flight from the land. He links this closely with our almost total lack of agricultural education, research, and investigation.

THIS REFLECTS IN THE FACT THAT WE ARE

decades behind other European countries in progeny testing, farm planning, management and market research, to mention a few.

HE SEES, HOWEVER, IN THE ADVENT OF FARM ORGANISATIONS, SUCH AS

Macra na Feirme, a new era in the medium which will create an awareness of the immediate necessity of getting on with the job of education and research.

HE HEAVILY REGARDS THE CO-OPERATIVE MOVEMENT AS BEING VERY IMPORTANT

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A Survey of Agriculture

In Ireland not only is Agriculture the oldest profession but from time immemorial it has been the mainstay of our National Economy," said Mr. Sean Healy, General Secretary of the National Farmers Association when lecturing on Irish Agriculture under the auspices of the Printing Industry Co-operative Society Ltd. in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin, on Thursday, January 16th.

This quotation is the basis of the survey and it is worth pointing out that over 40 per cent of the entire population is engaged in agriculture as compared with 21.7 per cent in industry and 37.7 per cent engaged in non-productive work, also that agriculture is responsible for 85 per cent of our total visible exports as against 10 per cent for industry.

In the light of these revealing facts he reviews the present pattern of Irish farming, the extent of lander taxation, the available capital and credit, scientific research and education and future trends and developments in relation to our demographic structure.

Livestock and cattle exports constitute the largest proportion of total exports. This, said Mr. Healy, "Naturally indicates an economy based on livestock production. And he attributes this to the demand for beef and the British market towards the end of the last century.

However, he points to the importance of the dairy industry and expressed the opinion that the beef industry is a great extent dependent on dairying, insofar as dairy farms supply cattle to the extent of approximately 10 per cent.

He also points to the fact that beef and live cattle exports have outstripped dairy exports. He also says that a more prosperous dairying industry would assist other sections of agriculture, such as pig and poultry production.

Glancing briefly at the average size of farms in this country, the tendency is towards a decline in the number of very small and very large holdings.

Dealing with farm income and farm taxation, Mr. Healy points out that although the farming community represents over 40 per cent of the population, they receive only 30 per cent of the national income and more striking still are responsible for the payment of 50 per cent of the total national rate.

With regard to investment in agriculture by way of credit facilities, the following figures, as quoted by Mr. Healy, are revealing:

On a percentage distribution basis the gross domestic fixed capital, 9.5 is allocated to agriculture; 18.5 to dwellings; 16.2 to transport; 13.5 to manufacturing and construction; and 1.4 to mining.

Heavily regards the co-operative movement as being very important and remarks that Ireland is its home.

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Organised marketing he believes to be the key to many of our economic problems, and if properly operated could result in providing a greater return to farmers than the present meagre gross £15 per acre.

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Death of Mr. Maurice Connors

The sudden death of Mr. Maurice Connors, R.I.P., a very popular employee of the Dungarvan Co-Operative Creameries over a long number of years, came as most painful shock to his legion of friends throughout the county. Maurice was well and popularly known by a wide clientele of friends due to his cheerful manner and obliging disposition and this was demonstrated in no uncertain manner in the huge attendance at the removal of the remains from the District Hospital, Dungarvan, on Saturday evening to Garrabane Church and at the interment which took place on Sunday morning in the family vault in the adjoining cemetery.

To his immediate relatives, his sister, St. M. Agatha, Bon Secour Hospital, Cork, and his brother, Mr. David Connors, England, deep sympathy is extended. Very Rev. Fr. Roche, P.P., Abbeyside, officiated at the interment.

(Funeral arrangements by Messrs. J. Kiely and Sons, Shandon.)

A verdict that death was due to Coronary Thrombosis was reached at the inquest on Maurice Connors, the Burgery, Dungarvan, which was held on Monday evening in the Court Clerk's Room at the Courthouse, by Dr. Healy, Lismore, Coroner for West Waterford.

Superintendent Flanagan, Sgt. J. Browne and Sgt. M. Deary, Cippagh, represented the State.

Employed was given by Mr. Twobig, Lismore, who said he is employed by Mr. D. Twomey, Clonkeron. On Friday 17th January a lorry load of pig meat arrived at Twomey's house from Dungarvan Co-op Creamery. The lorry was driven by Jas. Barron and two helpers accompanied him, Patrick Flynn and Maurice Connors. The load consisted of 100 stone sacks which were lying flat on the lorry.

Maurice Connors got on the lorry to stand the bags which were then taken by himself, Barron and Flynn to the storehouse. Witness had taken 3 sacks and was returning for the fourth when he saw M.C. Connors lying face downwards on the lorry, his head and his shoulders were over the side of the lorry as if he were looking down at the wheel. Witness heard a groan and lifting his head, saw froth on his lips and sweat on his forehead. He lifted him down from the lorry and

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HUNTING FIXTURES

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Sat. 25th—Burrerstown Church, Tuend. 25th—Kill. 11.30 a.m.

Patrick Flynn, King Street, Abbeyside, said he accompanied James Barron and Maurice Connors on Friday evening to Clonkeron with a load of pig meat for Mr. Twomey. He and Maurice Connors were helpers. Witness said he had known M.C. Connors for the past six years and frequently worked with him. He never heard him complain and he always seemed in good health. He was cheerful when we arrived at Twomey's and had pointed down three bags to witness and when he returned to take the fourth bag he saw him lying on the lorry. He agreed with the evidence given by Mr. Twobig.

Dr. M. McCarthy, Kereen, said he was called about 5 p.m. on Friday to attend deceased at Twomey's farm Clonkeron. When he arrived at 5.30 p.m. life was extinct. I had the body removed to Dungarvan District Hospital, where, on the instructions of the Coroner, I performed a postmortem, assisted by Dr. B. McCarthy. They found marked sclerosis of both coronary arteries, with previous signs of cardiac infarction. Death in his opinion was due to cardiac arrest caused by coronary thrombosis. There was no sign of external injury.

Dr. B. McCarthy corroborated. The verdict given at the inquest was returned by the Coroner, who expressed his deep sympathy with the relatives of the deceased. This was joined in by the Superintendent on behalf of the Gardai and Mr. A. V. Maher, Solicitor, on behalf of the Management and staffs of the Dungarvan Co-Operative Creameries, of which, he said, the deceased was an esteemed and valued member for a number of years.

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10.30—High Mass.

11.45 (approx.)—Signpost.

12.30—A Box at the Opera

1.00—"Take the Flor."

1.45—Ceolla Tire.

2.00—"Living with Lynch."

2.30—Naoi noiche agus Oiche gan Aireamh.

3.00—"An Danmhair Inniu."

3.15—"The Marriage of Figaro"

5.00—Cool do Phaisit.

5.30—Down the Country

5.57—Interlude.

6.00—The Angelus.

6.01—Nuacht Anall, Nuacht

6.25—Appal.

6.30—News.

6.45—Soccer Survey.

6.55—Provincial News Round-up.

7.15—"The Magic Brush."

8.00—"Mr. Bolphy."

9.30—Thomas Davis Lectures.

10.00—Gaelic Sports News.

10.15—News.

10.30—Concert of Irish Music.

11.00—Hospitals' Trust Prog.

11.30—Late Sports Results.

TUESDAY, 28th JANUARY

8.15—"Gala" Programme

8.30—Castle Moseley Co. Prog.

8.45—Chivers' Prog.

9.00—News.

9.15—Signpost.

1.00—Fry-Cadbury Programme.

1.15—Donnelly's Prog.

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- Hurling and Football feats hailed
- Sequel to "Abandonment" of N.H.L. tie
- Revenue reaches an all-time record

# EVER EXPERIENCED

The impeccably prepared statement of accounts paints a most encouraging picture. Total income for the year amounted to £6,582 3s. 4d., an increase of £1,861 3s. 4d. on the previous season. All told, the Board, which commenced the year with a surplus of £692 2s. 1d., now has a credit balance of £1564 15s. 8d.

### Nominations

- Cathairleach** — Padraig O Fainin, Cnoe Sion (outgoing); Seamus O Maoldomhnaigh, O.S. Uisce Ceathro Mile; Padraig S O Sultbheain, O.S. Cluain Fhla; Michael O Dochartaigh, Garbhan Naomha.
- Cheoir** — Padraig O Clonhain, Bala Truchail (outgoing); Michael O Dubhghail, Cnoe Sion; Padraig O Ceallaigh-Luinghsig, Lias Mor.
- Bunaidhe** — Deulgan Guid (outgoing), unopposed.
- 6.—Comhairle na Mumhan** — Tomas O Leannain, Dungarvan (outgoing); Tomas Pinard, Port Mór (outgoing); Michael O Feinneadh, O.S. Balle UI Dubh.
- 7.—Ard Comhairle** — Cathal Mac an Mhuir, Roaga Eirann, (outgoing); Padraig O Fainin (Cnoe Sion); Michael O Feinneadh, O.S. Balle UI Dubh; Michael O Donohaidh, Lias Mor; Michael O Conchubar, Ceapach Cluain.
- 8.—Election of Delegates to Munster Convention.**
- 9.—Election of Delegates to Annual Congress.**
- 10.—Nominations —** Munster and Central Council Officers.

## Gathering of the Gaels· Co. Sec. Declan Goode reports on

"Looking back over the past year I can safely say that it was the most successful, financially and otherwise, that the Gaels of the Decies have ever experienced. The prestige of the Association was well maintained and the intensive measure of public support for native games and pastimes was as pronounced as ever." Thus reads the report which County Secretary, Declan Goode, will present to the members of the County Board when they meet in annual convention at the Town Hall, Dungarvan, on Sunday next.

# MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR

The report of Mr. Goode, who is returned unopposed to a post he has occupied since 1953, goes on to say: The general standard of competition was well above the average; the conduct of the players left little to be desired and if an untoward incident occurred here and there, these were few and far between. Any disciplinary action which may have been necessary in some of these instances will, no doubt, have the desired effect.

Our programme during the year was a very comprehensive one but due to the spirited cooperation of the clubs concerned, it is gratifying to record that the full programme which involved the playing of as many games as was disposed of within the year was not only carried out but was a commendable one. While this situation was commendable indeed, the programme might have been run off still more expeditiously were it not for the very many commitments of our senior hurling team, particularly at the close of the year under review.

It is customary at this time of year to indulge in stocktaking with a view to focusing special

attention on the affairs of the Association in the area under our control. For us, the year 1957 will go down in living memory; it stands out as another highly successful year. I fear no contradiction when I say it was the most successful year that we of the Decies County have ever experienced. Our senior hurlers, and well may I add, our senior footballers, blazed a trail of glory throughout the land which won acclaim and admiration of the Gaelic world. Nowhere were the feats of our senior hurlers more enthusiastically received than in the ranks of the county juveniles, hurling and football. From our senior hurlers, our youth learned the most valuable assets of sportsmanship and inspiration and above all to accept defeat in the real spirit of the true Gael. In 1957 we won yet another Munster hurling crown and contested the senior football final against a grand Cork if otherwise untidy team. The display of our senior hurlers in the All-Ireland Final was hailed as one of the greatest games in which we have ever participated. Our players, by their sportsmanship, won a new niche in the annals of the G.A.A. and their services were requested in almost every county in the land, even in historic Armagh. Financially we are in a strong and healthy position and our senior hurlers and the increased gates in the National Hurling League. Is it any wonder then, that the County Juveniles represent another successful year. In the City area, we had 80 strong playing juveniles representing 40 hurling teams and 32 football teams, playing the many pastimes of the Gael to the utter joy of all lovers of a virile Gaelic Decie county. The acquisition of another new Gaelic grounds in the Ballycroske area helped the official in-charge of the City juveniles to play another all-time record of 150 games in 1957. Over 80% of the League competitions were played on the Airmount enclosure. Here, surely, is a sufficient manifestation of co-operation between all associated with the welfare of our youth.

In presenting my report for the year 1957, I wish to avail of this opportunity to direct your attention to the fact that this Annual Convention gives you the most favourable opportunity, where all delegates are at liberty to voice their criticism of the administration of affairs relating to the Association. It is expected, therefore, that delegates will take full advantage to focus attention on anything which in their opinion demands attention so that we can be taken to effect such improvement as will be deemed essential for the better working of the Association in the County. It is no doubt, a necessary precaution to ensure that we are moving in the right direction and that all our actions are in accordance with the spirit and ideals of the Gaelic Athletic Association. It is a very important occasion as the decisions arrived at have a very important I may add, a vital bearing on progress during the years ahead.

Today, the games of the Gael are firmly established in every area in the Decie County. There is, however, room for improvement in many directions. The future of the G.A.A. depends on the youth of the County. The Juvenile Committees throughout the area under our control are tackling the problem manfully that their efforts should meet with success in my earnest wish for the boys of to-day are the men of to-morrow. It should well become us to march north the banner of the G.A.A. and to prove from our early training that we too, are able the banner proudly to bear.

Our Senior Hurling team met at home at Limerick and we were beaten by a handsome margin in a disappointment to our followers and the County as no effort was spared by way of preparation to ensure that we would field a team capable of taking another All-Ireland crown.

Our Senior Football team amazed the Gaelic world by defeating the famed Kerry men at Waterford. Truly a magnificent achievement in 1957.

Our Junior Footballers were away to Limerick at Kilmallock and here again we suffered defeat. The display of the team is worthy of mention as we met Limerick's first fifteen and were narrowly defeated in the closing stages.

Our minor football team were at home to Limerick at Dungarvan and on their display on this occasion they were far superior to their opponents—a team which showed rare promise.

Our S.F. team went under a difficult course of training for the Munster Final in which we met Cork at Thurles—the team did not play up to expectations and gave a poor display to the disappointment of our legion of supporters.

Our Minor Footballers were at home to Cork in the Munster semi-final at Dungarvan and here again we came second best. The team did not reproduce their early form and once more we were at the losing end.

### THE MUNSTER TEAMS

W'ford Represented on Both Selections

The many fine performances of the county teams—hurling and football—were appropriately recognized by the Provincial selectors when they named the fifteen to wear Munster's blue in the forthcoming Railway Cup semi-finals. Cork occupied Waterford is the only county to have earned representation on both fifteens.

The hurling team, which faces Connacht at Galway on March 2nd, is:

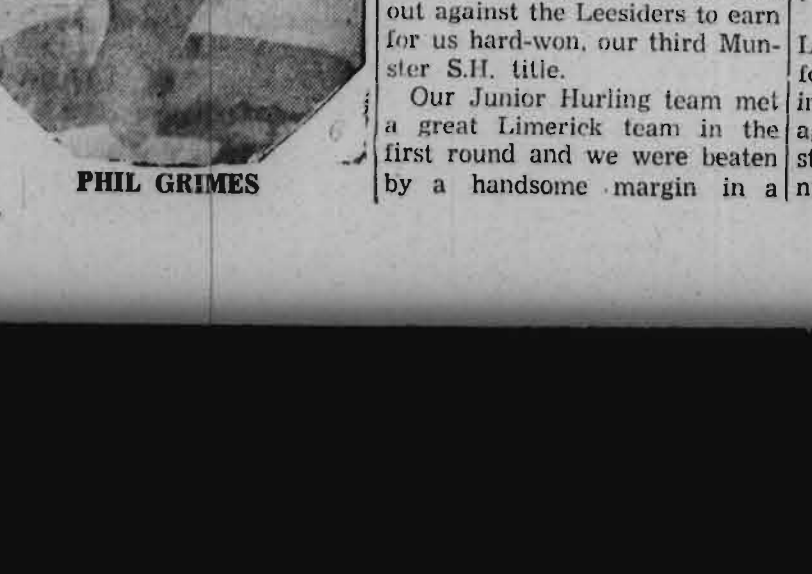
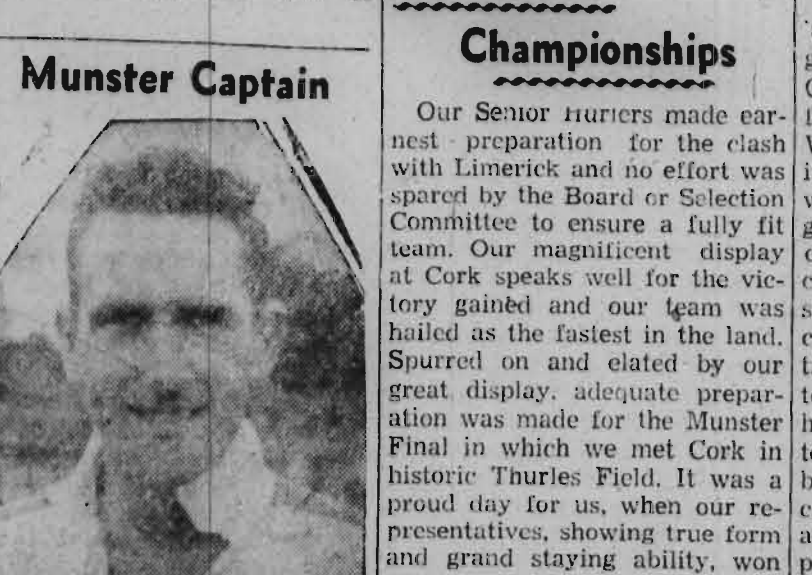
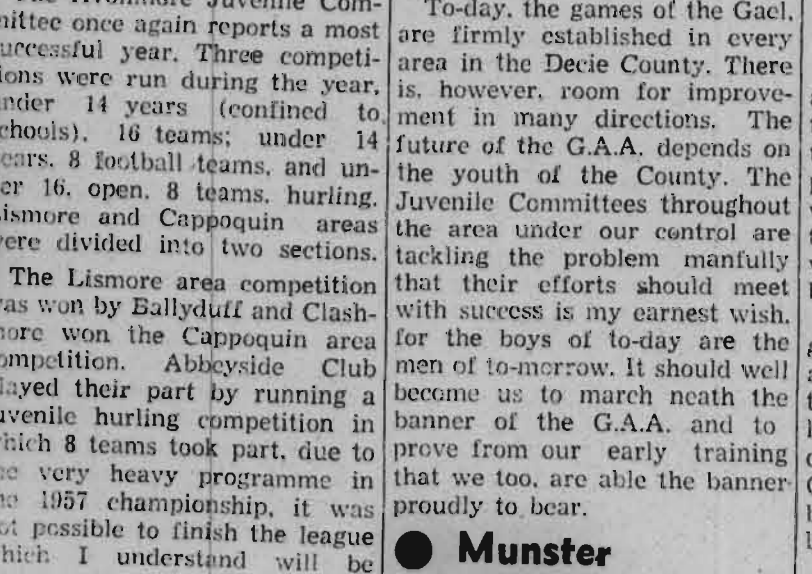
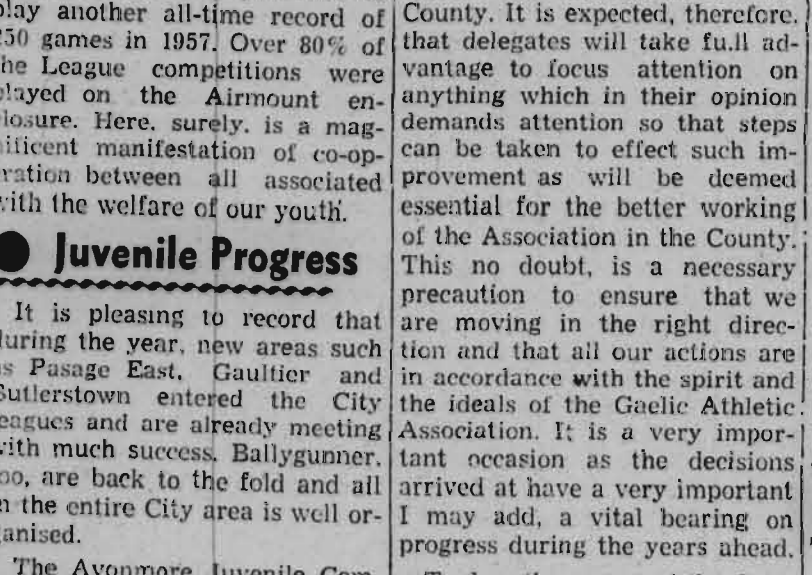
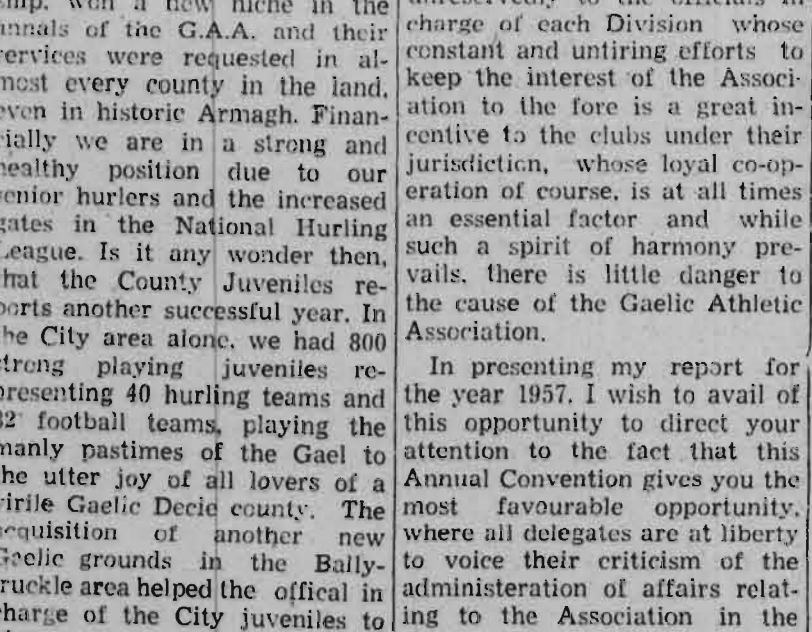
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Subs.—D. Whelan (Waterford), M. Maher (Tipperary), T. Wall (Tipperary), M. Hennessy (Kerry), M. Rezan (Cork).

The football team, away to Ulster at Cavan on February 23, is:

L. Power (Cork), J. O'Shea (Kerry), T. Lyons (Kerry), P. O'Driscoll (Cork), S. Murphy (Kerry), T. Cunningham (Waterford), D. Murray (Cork), M. O'Connell (Kerry), S. Moore (Cork), N. Fitzgerald (Cork), J. Dowling (Kerry), E. Ryan (Cork), P. Sheehy (Kerry), M. Murphy (Kerry), D. Keleher (Cork).

Subs.—D. Bernard (Cork), M. Quaal (Clare), P. Harrington (Cork), J. Sullivan (Cork), J. McGrath (Tipperary).



**All-Ireland Semi-Final**

The All-Ireland semi-final against Galway, played at Headquarters, once more saw our team put up a very creditable performance—the game did not come up to expectations due to the poor showing of the opposition. Nevertheless, we showed that we were worthy Munster Champions and won by a substantial margin.

The All-Ireland Final will go down in living memory as one of the greatest ever played—what a treat it was to the thousands to see our boys fight every inch of the way against a superb Kilkenny team which showed a great fighting finish classical in the finer points of the game. We failed by the narrow margin of one point. We lost the All-Ireland Final on the field of play but we gained the admiration of the Gaelic world for a superb display in which our team were classical in the finer points of the game. To lose at the last hurdle was our lot—perhaps, bitter lot, would be more appropriate, but we shed lustre untold on our national game of hurling.

**National H. & F. Leagues**

Once more we had neighbours and rivals Kilkenny playing in the concluding round of the National Hurling League. The game played at Waterford on a very wet day, saw our team unable to adapt themselves to the prevailing conditions and we were beaten by a big score.

Our remaining football engagements were away to Tipperary at Clonmel. The game, due to the inclemency of the weather had to be abandoned in the second half. The re-fixture, also at Clonmel, was played under much better conditions but we were beaten in a close game.

In the opening round of the '57-'58 Hurling League our team gave a great display away to Cork and we won in a storming finish. At home to Dublin at Waterford in the second round it came as a big surprise to us when we failed to Dublin in a game which the referee described as a "bustle" in his criticism of the referee came as a surprise to us as the referee in charge of the game gave no indication to anyone that he had to abandon the game—I on behalf of the Board wish to protest against this harsh decision by the referee to get little or no cause to finish this game one and a half minutes short of the playing time.

In the third round of the League we were away to Wexford in November. The prevailing conditions were very much against us in which at this stage of the season were beginning to show signs of strain of

**Munster Championships**

Our Senior hurlers made earnest preparation for the clash with Limerick and no effort was spared by the Board or Selection Committee to ensure a fully fit team. Our magnificent display at Cork speaks well for the victory gained and our team was hailed as the fastest in the land. Spurred on and elated by our great display, adequate preparation was made for the Munster Final in which we met Cork in historic Thurles Field. It was a proud day for us, when our representatives, showing true form and grand staying ability, won out against the Leicesters to earn for us hard-won, our third Munster S.H. title.

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The final between Kilrossanty and Mount Sion played at Waterford resulted in a draw after a close hard struggle. The replay between the two, also at Waterford, was the best game of the championship to date. Some fine passages of football were exchanged in a thrilling finish, Kilrossanty who led all through the game went ahead to take another county title.

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**MASS NOTICE**

At the request of the Waterford County Board (G.A.A.) the 11.30 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's Parish Church and the 11.30 a.m. Mass at St. Augustine's, Dungarvan, on Sunday, January 26th, 1958, will be deferred for the repose of the souls of Waterford Gaels who died during the year—R.I.P.

**Sargent & Phelan Cups**

The Sargent Cup Final played at Cappoquin was one of the best games of the year in the senior grade. The homeists applauded even their most ardent supporters and won a thrilling final to take the Cup for the first time.

Kilrossanty and De La Salle contested the Phelan Cup Final at Waterford and the Comragh men left no doubt as to their superiority when they took the first leg of the double in no uncertain manner.

I wish to congratulate the County Championship and County Cup winners on their victories in the various competitions.

**Backbone of Association**

During the year we sent 12 boys to Ballyingry Irish College under the Gaeltacht Scholarship Scheme. The decision to allow boys registered only with G.A.A. clubs to compete for the scholarships in the past year created general dissatisfaction in juvenile circles and it is recommended by the City and Area Juvenile Committee that the scheme in future be open to all affiliated members of juvenile teams.

I desire to once again point out that the club, the most important unit of the Association, it is in fact the very backbone of the G.A.A. Clubs therefore, have a big responsibility. They are bound to strictly adhere to the rules and to take precautions to ensure that no member does anything that would in any way reflect on the good name of the Association.

Apart from the games already listed, we sent our senior hurling team to play Limerick for the Limerick Gaelic League Benefit; to Bruff, for the Sportsfield Committee; at home we played for the Old I.R.A. Benefit and the Kinane Cup and as a matter of record we succeeded in winning the Kinane Cup in the past year.

We also took part in the Wembley Tournament match and failed narrowly to Clare. In the Oireachtas Semi-Final we had a great win over Wexford but failed to Kilkenny in the Final.

**In Memoriam**

During the year some well-known Gaels passed to their eternal reward and it is my sad duty to offer sincere sympathy to those who mourn their loss.

Starting the New Year we were grieved to learn of the passing of the late Willie Fraher, caretaker of the Dungarvan field. A familiar figure to every player in the county, he was for years our genial caretaker at Shandon Grounds—Ar this De go raibh a nam.

Finally, in concluding, I wish to thank personally the clubs who nominated me for 1958 and have returned me unopposed for the season about to begin.

**Abbeyside to enter Senior Football team**

Unexpected Move at Annual Meeting

The decision to field senior and junior football teams in the forthcoming championships was the only unexpected feature of the annual get-together of the Village Gaels, which was held in the Scouts' Den, Abbeyside, on Sunday last.

The members—and they were present in abundant numbers—were almost unanimous in the belief that the interest of the club would be much better served by competing for all six championships.

It was pointed out that Abbeyside had produced an exceptional crop of minor footballers over the years and had won three successive championships in the early fifties but the subsequent tendency was for players to lose interest in the code. With Village based teams operating in all grades and codes it was held that the big ball game would command proper attention.

It is understood that the junior clubs which have functioned in the parish hitherto will now amalgamate under the saffron and blue thereby presenting a united front as in hurling.

At the outset, the members were welcomed by the Club Chairman, Mr. D. Whelan, who spoke in Irish and English.

The President, Rev. Fr. Walsh, C.C. in his address, complimented the various teams and players on their performances over the year and on the sporting manner in which they had played the game both in victory and defeat. He stressed the ne-

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**BOHERNATRA ESTIMATE SOON**

Progress in the reconstruction of the Bohernatra Estate Scheme will be made within the next few weeks when the County Manager, Mr. S.J. O'Donnell, will have an estimate of the cost of the scheme prepared and an application lodged to the Board to cover the cost.

This was stated by the County Clerk at the meeting of the Bohernatra Estate Committee held on Monday last. The Chairman, Mr. S.J. O'Donnell, said that the estimate would be ready in a few days and that the Board would be asked to consider the scheme at its next meeting.

**HOP TO HELP SLIM (SWIM)**

Dungarvan Swimming Club will hold a short dance in the Town Hall, Dungarvan, on Sunday next, February 2nd. Come and help the Club to teach more children to swim in the coming season.

**Increase For UC Workers**

Dungarvan Urban Council approved an increase of 6/- per week in wages for their workers at a meeting in the Town Hall on Friday. The proposal was moved by Mr. John McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman, Mr. Tom Kyrne T.D. and was passed unanimously.

The increase is subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government.

Only 3 members of the council were present at Friday's meeting. Mr. P. Quigley being the third. Apologies for their inability to attend were received from Colm. M. Kelly, R. Keane, and T. Lee.

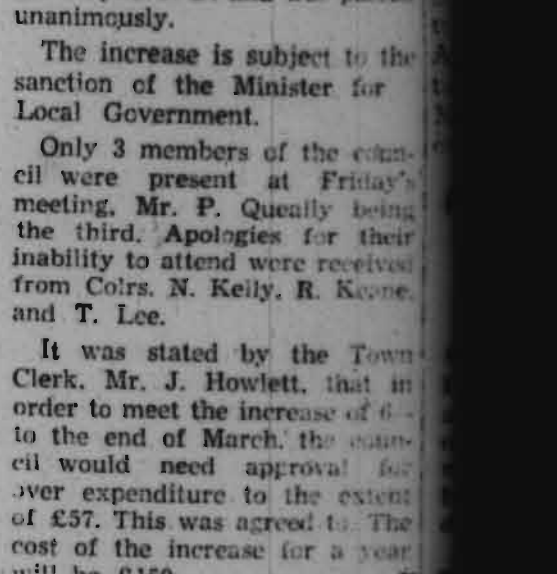
It was stated by the Town Clerk, Mr. J. Howlett, that in order to meet the increase of 6/- to the end of March, the council would need approval for an expenditure to the extent of £57. This was agreed to. The cost of the increase for a year will be £150.

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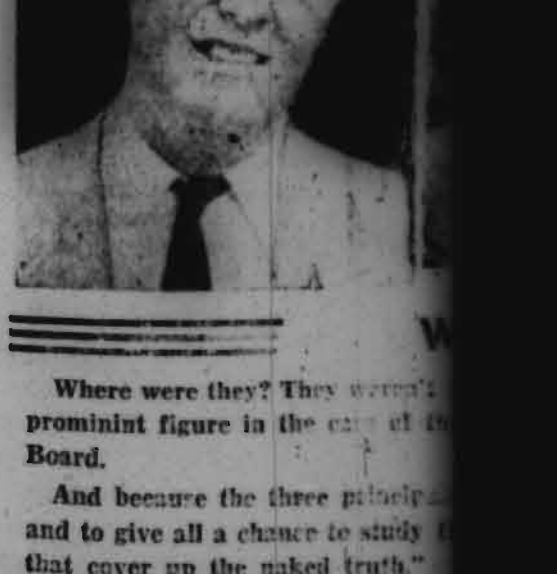


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