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Solás mór an tsaoil é.
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Guí orainn na Gaela,
Dia linn 'ló 'gus oíche,
'S Pádraig Aspal Eireann.*

THE All-Ireland football final should not be viewed as a single event but rather as the culmination of a competition which embraced all of Ireland equally and, as such, is symbolic of Irish unity and individuality.

Lá mór na peile agus Eire iomlán dírithe ar Pháirc an Chrócaigh agus dúchas ár gcine.



Amhrán na Laoch

Sinn-ne Laochra Fáil
Atá fé gheall ag Eirinn,
Buíon dár slua
Thar tuinn do ráinig chugainn,
Fé mhóid bheith saor.
Sean-Tír ár sinnsear feasta
Ní fágfar fé'n tíorán ná fé'n tráil
Anocht a théim sa bhearna baoil
Le gearn ar Ghaedhil chun báis nó saoil
Le guna scréach fé lámhach na bpiléar
Seo libh canaidh Amhrán na Laoch.



1964—John Donnellan.



1965—Enda Colleran.



Cyril Dunne's vital goal against Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final.

THE BIRTH OF RIVALRY

GALWAY-MEATH rivalry was born 26 years ago and became very much a reality on the afternoon of August 18, 1940, when the counties took the field at Croke Park to contest the All-Ireland semi-final.

Providing a dramatic background to the game was the fact that Galway had been champions in 1938, while Meath had been narrowly beaten by Kerry in the 1939 final. Only four months previously—April 28, 1940—the counties had met in the National League final with Galway winning a thrill-packed game by 2-5 to 1-5—the decisive score coming from a penalty which Jack Flavin slammed to the net. It was the type of defeat which could be reversed next time, and Meath gave every indication of being capable of doing just that when they subsequently stormed out of Leinster beating, in turn, Longford, Dublin and Laois.

The stage was therefore set for the first-ever championship meeting between Galway and Meath—and what a programme was offered that day. There was first a minor semi-final between Louth and Monaghan, to be followed by both the senior semi-finals—Kerry and Cavan being the other pairing. The attendance of 33,261 constituted a new record for a fixture other than an All-Ireland final.

Meath had been slight favourites in many quarters—but the news that they would be without midfielder Joe Loughrane and corner back Paddy Donnelly seemed to considerably lessen their chances.

From the throw-in, Meath swept into the attack, but Dinny O'Sullivan cleared. Jack

Flavin gained possession—in to John Burke who passed to Jarlath Canavan and the white flag marked the opening score.

Midfield play saw John Dunne, the Galway captain, and the youthful Peter McDermott to the fore. Jackie Maye, roving far from his right corner position, collected—crossed to Meath captain Matty Gilsenan—and they were level.

The sod was slippery but it was still magnificent football. Galway forced a “50”. John Dunne dropped it with pin-point accuracy in the centre of the square. Many hands reached but Jarlath Canavan's was first to connect, and with a well-timed flick of the wrist he back-handed it to the net.

It was a severe blow to Meath but only a minor mishap by comparison with what was to come, for minutes later the great Tony Donnelly, Meath's centre-forward and long-serving Railway Cup star, was being helped to the line. He was replaced by Billy Brien.

The loss of Donnelly greatly upset the Royal County machine and for the next fifteen minutes it floundered. Galway availed of the disarray to score points from Mick Higgins, Canavan again and John Burke. And so it was at half-time that the Connacht champions led by 1-4 to Meath's 0-1.

Meath made changes. Bill Halpenny moved out from full forward to partner Peter McDermott at midfield and the Royal County opened the scoring in the second half with a point. But Galway hit back with points from Jack Flavin and Ned Mulholland.

Still Meath appeared to be getting going again.

Their confidence was slowly returning and they began to lay siege. The Galway defence was particularly sound and turned back the Meathmen time and time again. Still they came. Matty Gilsenan gained possession—in to Kevin Devin—and to the net.

The score now was Galway 1-6 to Meath's 1-2. Meath attacked again. Bobby Beggs cleared—a long one—away up into Meath territory. The ball dropped. Ned Mulholland held, got loose, and crashed it to the net.

Most teams would, at this point, have literally fallen apart—but not Meath. That Galway goal brought out the very best in them and they fought back with tremendous zest. Gilsenan scored a point and added another. Kevin Devin narrowed the gap further before Brendan Nestor brought relief to the Galway supporters with a point.

The score-board now read : Galway 2-7; Meath 1-5. Meath again launched into a series of attacks only to have their entire efforts frustrated by a somewhat freak Galway goal—the ball hitting the upright and bouncing into the hands of an unmarked John Burke who sent it to the net.

The game could now only end in Galway's favour but Meath never ceased to try. As a reward there was a great Peter McDermott goal—but all too late.

And so it ended—Galway 3-8; Meath 2-5. The final score declared the Westerners clear and

deserving winners—but it failed to tell the story of the injuries and mishaps which bedevilled a particularly gallant Meath team.

The teams on that occasion of 26 years ago were :—

Galway—Jimmy McGauran, Mick Raftery, Charlie Connolly, Dinny O'Sullivan, Frank Cunniffe, Bobby Beggs, Johnny Casey, John Dunne, Joe Duggan, Jack Flavin, Ned Mulholland, Jarlath Canavan, Mick Higgins, John Burke, Brendan Nestor.

Meath—Paddy McEnroe, Paddy Beggan, Matt O'Toole, Hughie McEnroe, Kevin Johnson, Christy O'Reilly, Jim Kearney, Peter McDermott, Jack Cummins, Mattie Gilsenan, Tony Donnelly, Jim Clarke, Jackie Maye, Bill Halpenny, Kevin Devin. Sub.—Billy Brien for Tony Donnelly.

It is interesting to note that John Dunne and Peter McDermott who opposed one another at midfield in that game are still opposing one another to-day as trainers of the respective teams. Furthermore, both of Galway's midfield men in 1940 have sons starring on the current Galway team.

Of that Meath team only three were still playing nine years later when the county finally succeeded in its quest for the All-Ireland title—Jim Kearney, Bill Halpenny and Peter McDermott—while the latter was still there in 1954 to captain Meath in their second All-Ireland victory.



Oliver Shanley sending to the net against Kildare in the Leinster final.



En route to the 1954 title. The Meath defence seen under pressure against Cavan in the All-Ireland semi-final. Meath won by 1-5 to 0-7.

A TWELVE-YEAR WAIT

*While songs are sung by old and young
To heroes of renown,
We'll toast our team, our grand fifteen,
Who won the football crown.
We're proud and glad for our county lads,
Their fearless dash and speed,
That raised the score in 'Fifty-four
And brought the Cup to Meath.*

So opened one of the many ballads composed a dozen years ago when Meath last brought home the Sam Maguire Cup. For any supporter of the Royal County it is a pleasant thought to recall that the Cork hurlers too had not won the title since 1954. Then there is the fact that to-day's game is the third championship encounter with Galway—a test of the proverbial luck, for Meath lost on both the other occasions.

Oddly enough, third-time luck has held for Meath in All-Ireland finals. They lost in their first two final appearances—and won in 1949 with a deserving 1-10 to 1-6 over Cavan. Then came two more final defeats—and it was third time lucky again against Kerry in 1954.

En route to to-day's final Meath have had four outings which resulted:—

May 15—Meath 4-15; Wexford 0-3.
June 26—Meath 2-14; Westmeath 1-8.
July 24—Meath 1-9; Kildare 1-8.
August 21—Meath 2-16; Down 1-9.

All of the Royal County's games have been played at Croke Park—a somewhat unusual occurrence. Meath's leading scorers have been: Tony Brennan—4-4; Murty O'Sullivan—0-14; Tom Browne—2-7; Gerry Quinn—2-6; Oliver Shanley—1-5; Noel Curran—0-6 and Davy Carty—0-5.

Meath's All-Ireland final record reads:
1895—Tipperary 0-4; Meath 0-3.
1939—Kerry 2-5; Meath 2-3.
1949—Meath 1-10; Cavan 1-6.
1951—Mayo 2-8; Meath 0-9.
1952—Cavan 0-9; Meath 0-5 (replay).
1954—Meath 1-13; Kerry 1-7.

The county's previous championship meetings with Galway—both All-Ireland semi-finals—resulted:

1940—Galway 3-8; Meath 2-5.
1964—Galway 1-8; Meath 0-9.

THREE ?

NOT since Kerry in 1939-'41 has any county won three senior football titles in a row. Quite a number of great sides during the past quarter of a century went quite close to doing so—but always there was the elusive third.

The great Roscommon team of 1943 and '44; the powerful Cavan side of 1947 and '48; the colourful Mayo team of 1950 and '51, and the skilful Down fifteen of 1960 and '61—all won two in a row but failed to capture the third.

The task facing Galway this afternoon is, therefore, a tremendous one and should they succeed they will have proven themselves to have been one of the truly great teams of our time. It is a challenge worthy of the men from the West.

En route to to-day's final, Galway have had three games resulting:—

June 26—Galway 1-11; Roscommon 0-5.

July 17—Galway 0-12; Mayo 1-8.

August 7—Galway 1-11; Cork 1-9.

The Connacht champions' leading marksmen to-date have been: Cyril Dunne—1-15, John Keenan—1-6; Mattie McDonagh—0-3; Sean Cleary, Pat Donnellan and Mick Reynolds, 0-2 each.

Having won six senior football titles, Galway are now in third position on the championship roll of honour—only Kerry and Dublin having won more titles. The county's record in All-Ireland finals reads:—

1919—Kildare 2-5; Galway 0-1.

1922—Dublin 0-6; Galway 0-4.

1925—Declared champions following a 1-5 to 0-7 victory over Mayo.

1933—Cavan 2-5; Galway 1-4.

1934—Galway 3-5; Dublin 1-9.

1938—Galway 2-4; Kerry 0-7 (replay).

1940—Kerry 0-7; Galway 1-3.

1941—Kerry 1-8; Galway 0-7.

1942—Dublin 1-10; Galway 1-8.

1956—Galway 2-13; Cork 3-7.

1959—Kerry 3-7; Galway 1-4.

1963—Dublin 1-9; Galway 0-10.

1964—Galway 0-15; Kerry 0-10.

1965—Galway 0-12; Kerry 0-9.



In mid-air—Johnny Geraghty, Noel Tierney and Mick O'Dwyer.

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Action in the Galway-Meath 1964 semi-final.

RECENT MEETINGS

GALWAY and Meath have met in three important games during the past 25 months and never was there more than three points between them.

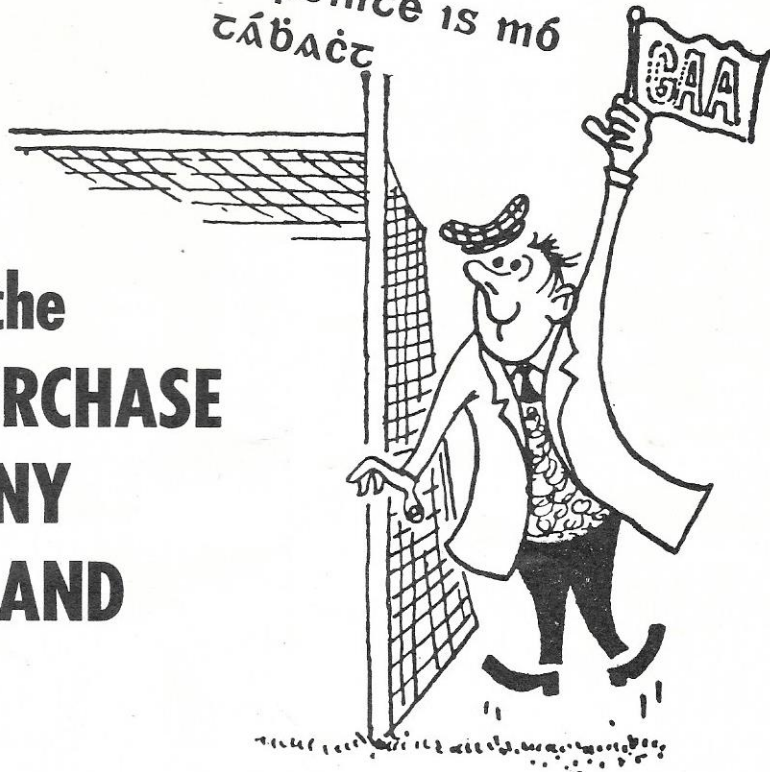
August 9, 1964—All-Ireland semi-final: Galway 1-8; Meath 0-9. With two minutes to go the teams were level. Then Mick Reynolds scored a great point from a "50". On the stroke of time, Sean Cleary punched another.

April 25, 1965—National League semi-final:

Galway 0-8; Meath 1-2. The feature of the game was an outstanding performance by Mick Garrett who came on as a substitute in the second half.

June 5, 1965—The Wembley Tournament final at Wembley: Meath 1-15; Galway 1-12. It was a spectacular game. At half-time Galway led by 1-7 to Meath's 0-8. Just before the break, Johnny Geraghty saved a penalty from Pat Collier.

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MONEY SPENT IN IRELAND — STAYS IN IRELAND

NA MIONÚIR

ONCE before Mayo and Down met in minor football. That was in the 1962 semi-final when a lightning Mayo goal within forty-five seconds, and a missed Down penalty on the stroke of time, saw the Westerners advance by 2-12 to 1-9.

Mayo have previously appeared in ten minor finals and won only two of them — against Tipperary in 1939 and against Clare in 1953. Down, on the other hand, are appearing in their first minor decider.

Both counties impressed in qualifying for to-day's game. Despite a good win over Roscommon in the Connacht final, Mayo were not generally fancied in the All-Ireland semi-final where they met a Cork team with a prolific scoring record. However, it was Mayo who did the big scoring—5-6 to Cork's 2-6. Three of those goals came from Des Griffith of Claremorris—a cousin of John and Pat Donnellan of Galway—who was brought on as a substitute.

Down have had a considerably more difficult passage. Having beaten last year's champions, Derry, in the Ulster final, they were held to a draw by a gallant Laois side in the All-Ireland semi-final on Sunday, August 21. However, a week later at An Uaimh, the Mourne boys produced brilliant form and, powered by midfielders John Murphy and Dalsey Mooney, went on to win by 3-8 to 2-4.

It promises to be a thrilling game. Both teams play delightful football—high-fielding allied to clever forward play. Irrespective of the outcome it is certain that, as was the case of young men like Larry Powell, Brian Johnston, Michael Connaughton, Ray Morgan, etc., who played in the 1962 semi-final, many of to-day's players will graduate to senior prominence in the years ahead.

The minor football roll of honour to-date reads :—

- 1929—Clare 5-3; Longford 3-5.
- 1930—Dublin 1-3; Mayo 0-5.
- 1931—Kerry 3-4; Louth 0-4.
- 1932—Kerry 3-8; Laois 1-3.
- 1933—Kerry 4-1; Mayo 0-9.
- 1934—Tipperary 4-9; Mayo 2-5.
- 1935—Mayo 1-6; Tipperary 1-1.
- 1936—Louth 5-1; Kerry 1-8.
- 1937—Cavan 1-11; Wexford 1-5.
- 1938—Cavan 3-3; Kerry 0-8.
- 1939—Roscommon 1-9; Monaghan 1-7.



A score-getter, Mayo's Jim Smyth of Claremorris.

- 1940—Louth 5-5; Mayo 2-7.
- 1941—Roscommon 3-6; Louth 0-7.
- 1942-4—Suspended.
- 1945—Dublin 4-7; Leitrim 0-4.
- 1946—Kerry 3-7; Dublin 2-3.
- 1947—Tyrone 4-4; Mayo 4-3.
- 1948—Tyrone 0-11; Dublin 1-5.
- 1949—Armagh 1-7; Kerry 1-5.
- 1950—Kerry 3-6; Wexford 1-4.
- 1951—Roscommon 2-7; Armagh 1-5.
- 1952—Galway 2-7; Cavan 1-6.
- 1953—Mayo 2-11; Clare 1-6.
- 1954—Dublin 3-3; Kerry 1-8.
- 1955—Dublin 5-4; Tipperary 2-7.
- 1956—Dublin 5-14; Leitrim 2-2.
- 1957—Meath 3-9; Armagh 0-4.
- 1958—Dublin 2-10; Mayo 0-8.
- 1959—Dublin 0-11; Cavan 1-4.
- 1960—Galway 4-9; Cork 1-5.
- 1961—Cork 3-7; Mayo 0-5.
- 1962—Kerry 6-5; Mayo 0-7.
- 1963—Kerry 1-10; Westmeath 0-2.
- 1964—Offaly 0-15; Cork 1-11.
- 1965—Derry 2-8; Kerry 2-4.



The Down minor team—in search of a first All-Ireland title.

AN DÚN

Dathanna : Dearg is Dubh
(Red and Black)

Réiteoir : E. O MAOIL
(Cill Mhantain)

(1)

S. O hAirt
(J. Harte)

(3)

L. O Sluagháin
(L. Sloan)

(6)

C. Mac Giolla Earna
(C. McAlarney)

(11)

N. Muilleóir
(N. Miller)

(14)

P. O Ruanaidh
(P. Rooney)

(4)

A Mac Gabhann
(H. Smith)

(7)

D. O Cuirín
(D. Curran)

(9)

D. O Maonaigh
(D. Mooney)

(12)

M. Mac Comhail
(M. Cole)

(15)

S. O Muireagáin
(J. Morgan)

(2)

S. O Braonáin
(S. Brennan)

(5)

B. O Sluagháin
(B. Sloan)

(8)

S. O Murchú
(J. Murphy)

(10)

S. O Purdaigh
(S. Purdy)

(13)

M. O Labhradha
(M. Lavery)

Fir Ionaid : (16) I. Mac Craith (H. McGrath); (17) O Mac Eoin (O. McGeown); (18) P. Mac Tréinfhir (F. Treanor); (19) B. Mac Niadh (B. Neeson); (20) S. Annett (S. Annett).

AN DÚN	Goals	Points	Wides	50's	Free Kicks
1st Half					
2nd Half					
Total					



The Mayo minor team which defeated Cork in the All-Ireland semi-final

MÁIGH EO

Dathanna : Glas is Dearg
(Green and Red)

Mionúir : 1.45

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|--|--|--|
| | (1)
E. O Rúnaí
(E. Rooney) | |
| (2)
S. O hAodha
(S. Hughes) | (3)
T. O Snaoidh
(T. Snee) | (4)
B. O Maoineacháin
(B. Meenehan) |
| (5)
G. O Naoimhthín
(G. Nevin) | (6)
T. Mac Caffarcaigh
(T. McCafferkey) | (7)
U. Mac Eil
(B. McHale) |
| (8)
S. O Dubhda
(S. O'Dowd) | | (9)
A. Seoighe
(A. Joyce) |
| (10)
S. O Tiománaigh
(J. Timoney) | 11
T. Mac Gearailt
(T. Fitégerald) | (12)
D. O Gríofa
(D. Griffith) |
| (13)
P. Mac Glábhaigh
(P. Glavey) | (14)
S. Mac Gabhann
(J. Smyth) | (15)
A. O Ceallaigh
(A. Kelly) |

Fir Ionaid : (16) S. O Fuada (J. Foody); (17) S. O Cléirigh (J. Clarke); (18) S. Mac Giolla Bríde (S. Kilbride); (19) B. O Loingsigh (B. Lynch); (20) T. O Croibín (T. Cribben).

MÁIGH EO	Goals	Points	Wides	50's	Free Kicks
1st Half					
2nd Half					
Total					

AN MHÍ

Dathanna : Glas is Buí
(Green & Gold)



(1)
S. Mac Cormaic
(S. McCormack)



(2)
D. O Donnghaile
(D. Donnelly)



(3)
S. O Cuinn
(J. Quinn)



(4)
P. Mac Diarmada
(P. Darby)



(5)
P. O Coilléir
(P. Collier)



(6)
B. O Cuinneagáin
(B. Cunningham)



(7)
P. Mac Raghnaill
(P. Reynolds)



(8)
P. O Mórdha
(P. Moore)



(9)
T. de Brún
(T. Browne)



(10)
A. O Braonáin
(A. Brennan)



(11)
M. O Suilleabháin
(M. O'Sullivan)



(12)
D. O Cátaigh
(D. Carty)



(13)
G. O Cuinn
(G. Quinn)



(14)
N. O Cuirín
(N. Curran)



(15)
O. O Seanlaoich
(O. Shanley)



Réiteoir :

S. Mac Giolla Catháin
(Cill Mhantáin)

Maoir-Cúl :

M. O Mathúna
(Fear Manach)

P. O Doibhilein
(Tír Eoghain)

M. O Teimhneáin
(Luimneach)

P. O Braonáin
(Tiobrad Arann)

Fir Ionaid : (16) P. O Cromail (P. Cromwell); (17) M. de Faoite (M. White); (18) S. O Fágáin (J. Fagan); (19) S. O Cearbhalláin (J. Carolan); (20) P. O Maolanaigh (P. Mulvaney).

AN MHÍ		Goals	Points	Wides	50's	Free Kicks
1st Half					
2nd Half					
Total					

FIR IONAD	
1st Half	(1)
2nd Half	(1)
Total	(1)

is Buí
Gold)

GAILLIMH

Dathanna; Crón-dhearg is Bán
(Maroon & White)



(1)

S. Mag Oireachtaigh
(J. Geraghty)



(2)

E. O Callaráin
(E. Colleran)



(3)

N. O Tiarnaigh
(N. Tierney)



(4)

S. B. Mac Diarmuda
(J. B. McDermott)



(5)

C. Mac Donnchadha
(C. McDonagh)



(6)

S. Midheac
(S. Meade)



(7)

M. O Tnúthail
(M. Newell)

Réiteoir:



(8)

S. O Dubhagáin
(J. Duggan)



(9)

P. O Domhnalláin
(P. Donnellan)

S. Mac Giolla Catháin
(Cill Mhantáin)

Maoir Cúl:



(10)

C. O Duinn
(C. Dunne)



(11)

M. Mac Donnchadha
(M. McDonagh)



(12)

S. O Liodáin
(S. Leyden)

M. O Mathúna
(Fear Manach)



(13)

L. O Bradáin
(L. Sammon)



(14)

S. O Cléirigh
(S. Cleary)



(15)

S. O Cianáin
(S. Keenan)

P. O Doibhilein
(Tír Eoghain)

M. O Teimhneáin
(Luimneach)

P. O Braonáin
(Tiobrad Arann)

Fir Ionaid: (16) P. Mac Lochlainn (F. McLoughlin); (17) S. O Domhnalláin (J. Donnellan);
(18) T. Sands (T. Sands); (19) M. Mac Raghnaill (M. Reynolds); (20) C. Tirial (C. Tyrrell).

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GAILLIMH		Goals	Points	Wides	50's	Free Kicks
1st Half					
2nd Half					
Total					



LAOCHRA NA MÍ

Sean McCormack (Nobber)—A county minor in 1960, he won an All-Ireland junior medal in 1962. A mechanic, he is 23, 5'-9" and weighs 11-7.

Dinny Donnelly (Skryne) — A long-serving Meath hurler and footballer, he captained the team beaten by Galway in the 1964 semi-final. A farmer, he is 29, 6'-0" and weighs 14-0.

Jack Quinn (Kilbride)—The youngest of three brothers all of whom have given magnificent service to Meath. He won a junior medal in 1962 and has played in a variety of positions. A sales representative, he is 23, 6'-2" and weighs 13-7.

Peter Darby (Trim)—On the senior football team since 1956, he has represented Meath in all grades of football and hurling. A commercial traveller, he is 28, 5'-11" and weighs 12-12.

Pat Collier (Stamullen) — A tremendously wholehearted player, he has been on the senior team since 1961. A technician, he is 24, 5'-6" and weighs 12-6.

Bertie Cunningham (Ballivor) — He won an All-Ireland minor medal in 1957 and is now one of the most experienced players on the senior team. A farmer, he is 27, 6'-0" and weighs 13-8.

Pat Reynolds (Walterstown) — The son of a former Louth player, he has been on the senior team since 1964. He celebrated his 21st birthday earlier this month. A farmer, he is 5'-9" and weighs 11-7.

Tom Browne (Enfield)—On the Meath junior team in 1958, he later played with Laois for a period. A member of the Garda Síochána, he is 28, 5'-9" and weighs 12-10.

Peter Moore (Ballinabrackey)—He was a substitute on the 1957 minor team and joined the senior team in 1960. A clerical officer, he is 26, 6'-1" and weighs 12-8.

Tony Brennan (Enfield)—A Meath minor in

1961-'62, he joined the senior team in 1964. A technician, he is 22, 5'-9" and weighs 11-8.

Murty O'Sullivan (Kilbride)—A county minor 1953-'55, he joined the senior team last year. A farmer, he is 29, 6'-0" and weighs 13-7.

Davy Carty (Skryne)—Captain of the team, he was a county minor in 1959 and has been on the senior team since 1961. A farmer, he is 25, 5'-8" and weighs 11-0.

Gerry Quinn (Kilbride)—A county minor in 1958, he scored two spectacular goals against Down in the All-Ireland semi-final. A farmer, he is 26, 5'-10" and weighs 12-7.

Noel Curran (Dunshaughlin)—He scored five points in the second half against Down. A county minor in 1960, he is a barman, aged 23, 5'-10" and weighs 13-0.

Oliver Shanley (Duleek)—He has represented the county in all grades of football and has been on the senior team since 1963. A member of the Garda Síochána, he is 23, 5'-10" and weighs 12-0.

Paddy Cromwell (Skryne) — Prior to joining the senior team in 1963, he had not represented the county in any other grade. Aged 24, he is 5'-9" and weighs 13-4.

Mick White (Rathkenny)—A minor in 1959, he won an All-Ireland junior medal in 1962 and joined the senior team earlier this year. A sales representative, he is 25, 5'-9" and weighs 11-4.

Jack Fagan (Killallon)—He graduated to the senior team this year following an outstanding performance with the county's Under-21 side. A technician, he is 21, 6'-1" and weighs 12-9.

John Carolan (Kilmainhamwood)—A member of the county panel for some years, he is a clerical officer, aged 24, 5'-8" and weighs 11-8.

Paddy Mulvaney (Skryne)—A minor in 1958, he won an All-Ireland junior medal in 1962. A farmer and haulier, he is 26, 5'-8" and weighs 11-7.

LAOCHRA NA GAILLIMHE

Johnny Geraghty (Mountbellew)—He won an All-Ireland colleges' medal in 1960 and has since added two senior medals. A vocational teacher, he is 24, 5'-9" and weighs 11-0.

Enda Colleran (Mountbellew) — He won All-Ireland minor and colleges' medals in 1960 and is playing in his fourth consecutive senior final—having also captained last year's team. A teacher, he is 24, 5'-11" and weighs 12-3.

Noel Tierney (Milltown)—He too was on the 1960 All-Ireland winning Galway minor team and he joined the senior team later that year. A sales executive, he is 24, 6'-0" and weighs 14-11.

John Bosco McDermott (Williamstown)—The veteran of the Galway panel, he played in the 1963, '64 and '65 finals. A secondary teacher, he is 30, 5'-9" and weighs 12-10.

Cóilín McDonagh (Fr. Griffins)—A member of last year's victorious junior team, he is a nephew of Pat McDonagh who played with Galway in the 1941 and '42 finals. He is a university student, aged 21, is 5'-8", weighs 12-0.

Sean Meade (Ballinasloe) — Like clubmate, Cyril Dunne, he has also represented Galway in senior hurling. A member of the 1963, '64, and '65 teams, he is a fitter, 28, 5'-11", weighs 13-13.

Martin Newell (Fr. Griffins) — Another of Galway's original 1963 team, he has shared in all victories since. A lecturer at London University, he is 27, 5'-11" and weighs 12-2.

Jimmy Duggan (Claremorris)—He won an All-Ireland colleges' medal this year and is the son of Joe Duggan who played in the same position in the early forties. A student, he is 18, 6'-0" and weighs 12-9.

Pat Donnellan (Dunmore)—A younger brother of John Donnellan's. In 1934, their father, the late Mick Donnellan captained the first Connacht team to win a Railway Cup title. A teacher, he is 25, 5'-8" and weighs 12-0.

Cyril Dunne (Ballinasloe)—He has scored 27 goals and 341 points since joining the senior team in 1960. The son of 1938 captain, John Dunne, he is a clerical officer, aged 25, is 5-9, weighs 12-4.

Mattie McDonagh (Ballygar) — The only remaining member of the victorious 1956 team, he is playing in his sixth senior final. A teacher, he is 29, 6'-0½" and weighs 14-6.

Seamus Leyden (Dunmore) — He won All-Ireland medals with the Galway minors and with



Enda Colleran—he also captained last year's team.

St. Jarlaths in 1960 and has been on the senior team since 1961. A former colleges' sprint champion, he is a clerical officer, aged 23, is 5'-9" and weighs 11-7.

Liam Sammon (Fr. Griffins)—A member of last year's victorious junior team, he is a university student, aged 21, is 5'-11" and weighs 11-10.

Sean Cleary (Ballygar)—He captained the All-Ireland winning 1960 minor team and has shared in all of the county's recent senior triumphs. A secondary teacher, he is 24, 5'-10", weighs 12-7.

John Keenan (Dunmore)—On the senior team since 1961, he has since scored 29 goals and 150 points. A farmer, he is 25, 5'-10" and weighs 13-0.

Frank McLoughlin — A former St. Jarlath's star, he was also substitute goalkeeper in the 1964 final. A law student, he is 19, 5'-10½", weighs 12-1.

John Donnellan (Dunmore)—He won an All-Ireland junior medal in 1958 and captained the victorious 1964 senior team. A farmer and T.D., he is 29, 5'-8" and weighs 12-7.

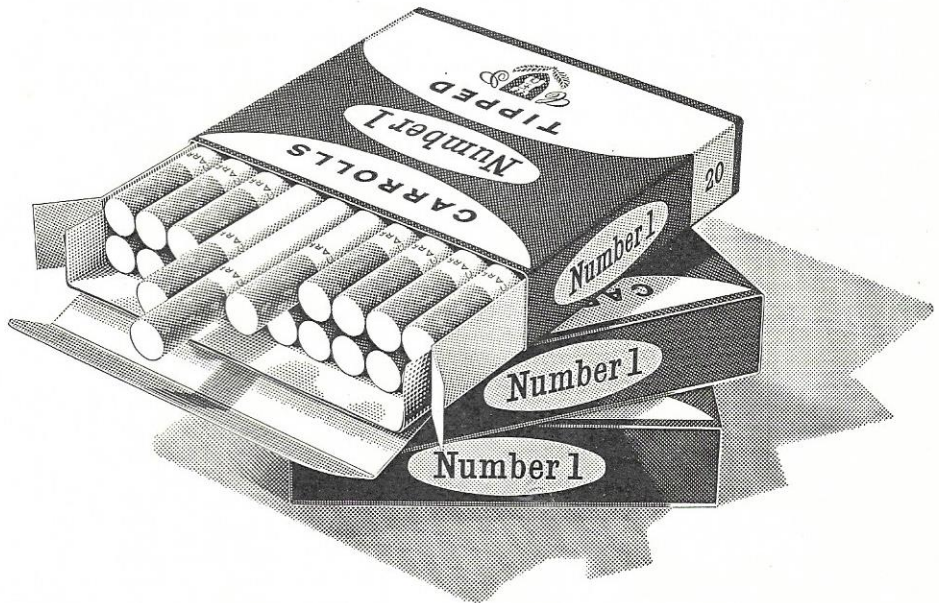
Tom Sands (Ballygar) — Prominent on last year's junior team, he was also a substitute for the senior final. A member of the Garda Síochána, he is 22, 6'-0" and weighs 13-4.

Mick Reynolds (Tuam Stars)—Born in Manchester, he played in the 1963, '64 and '65 finals. A sales executive, he is 28, 6'-0" and weighs 12-12.

Christy Tyrrell (St. Pauls)—Another graduate from the 1960 minor team, he played in the 1964 and '65 finals. A university student, he is 23, 5'-8" and weighs 11-10.

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SOME of the movements which were now (the years prior to 1916) emerging into importance had their beginnings in the Parnellite period itself. One of these, and not the least notable, was the G.A.A., some of whose members, armed with their hurley sticks, formed Parnell's body-guard in the last tumultuous meetings. In the 1890's and early 1900's the G.A.A. built on the ground cleared by the Land League: that is to say that it organised with faith and enthusiasm the replacement, among the young in many parts of the country, of what had been a servile spirit by a spirit of manliness and freedom. It was a new monument and one not erected by a grateful tenantry.

More than the Gaelic League, more than Arthur Griffith's Sinn Fein, more even than the Transport and General Workers' Union and, of course, far more than the movement which created the Abbey Theatre; more than any of these the Gaelic Athletic movement aroused the interest of large numbers of ordinary people throughout Ireland. One of the most successful and original mass-movements of its day, its importance has, perhaps, not even yet been fully recognised.

—*Dr. Conor Cruise O'Brien in THE SHAPING OF MODERN IRELAND.*

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IT (the G.A.A.) remained faithful to its purpose, it revived hurling and football, it reorganised athletics, and it gave patriotism to the clubs and athletes who accepted its rules. It was not, and it is not, a political organisation, save that it was for Ireland in the broad context of Ireland v. England . . .

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SAM MAGUIRE held the rank of Major General and was Chief Intelligence Officer in Britain. He was a born underground and enemy-resistance leader. He broke through all barriers of the highest British Intelligence Departments to get vital information, of the utmost value to the I.R.A. at home, which often saved them from falling into dangerous situations. He was not known to Scotland Yard although he

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Waiting throughout the years for Eire's call.

—*By Peadar Kearney.*

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LIKE many other nationally minded Irishmen of his time, he (Michael Cusack) was appalled at the moral and physical apathy which had descended on so much of the country since the twin disaster of the great famine and the great emigration. He wished the young men of Ireland to indulge in sport, not solely for its own sake, but so that through sport they might form a new national consciousness . . .

Michael Collins said once that history would come to recognise the birth of the Gaelic League as the most important event in the nineteenth century in Ireland. It is true that the Gaelic League had enormous influence with a small number of intellectuals, many of whom became national leaders, but, as Professor O'Rahilly once pointed out, 'the weakness of the League from the beginning was that it was essentially a townsmen's organisation . . .' How different was the situation with the G.A.A. It spread like wildfire into every parish in the south and west; it was the first modern example of a great democratic movement, with the attendant apparatus of committees and boards, under completely Irish auspices.

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THE thousands of Meath supporters at the 1954 final received quite a shock during the interval in the minor game when, over the public address system, they heard an urgent request for Paddy Dixon, one of the heroes of the '49 team, to go to the Meath dressing-room. Rumour spread like a forest fire—Paddy O'Brien could not play and was being replaced by Dixon.

However, half an hour later there came the announcement that both teams would play as selected. There were audible sighs of relief.

There was a simple explanation for it all—Patsy McGearthy, the Meath goalkeeper, had left his kit in Paddy Dixon's car.

Never before or since has a kit caused such apprehension to so many.

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It is interesting to note that the current Galway team has yet to score a goal in an All-Ireland final and that no goal at all was scored in the 1964 and '65 finals.

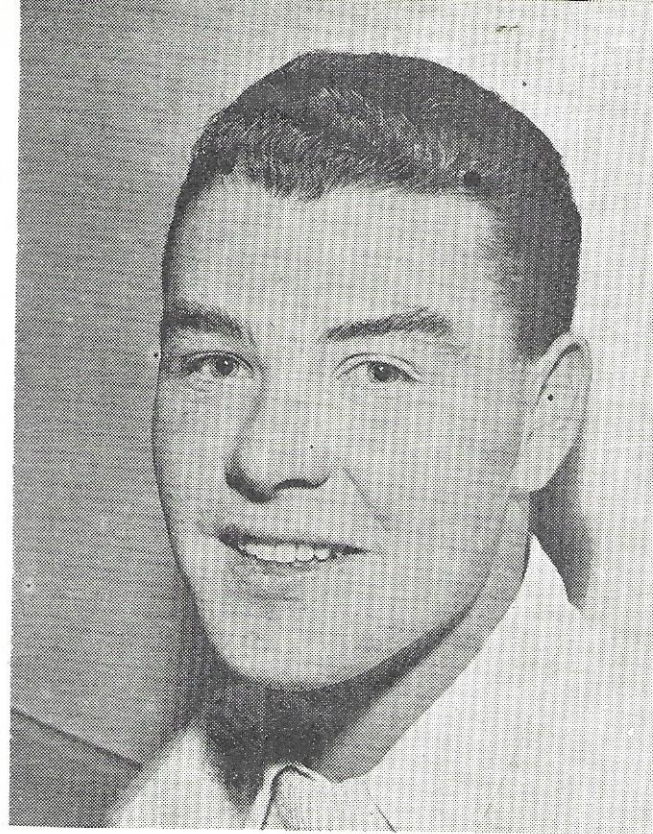
In 1963 Galway lost to Dublin by 1-9 to 0-10; in 1964 they beat Kerry by 0-15 to 0-10, and last year repeated their victory over the Kingdom by 0-12 to 0-9.

Oddly enough, Meath too have experienced a number of goalless All-Ireland final appearances. In the 1895 and 1951 finals and in the 1952 final replay, the Royal County failed to raise a green flag.

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Meath would probably have won the 1952 title were it not for a freak gust of wind. The game was in its closing minutes and the Royal County was leading Cavan by 1-7 to 2-3. Seamus Hetherington drove a high centre across the Meath goal and, watching it about to go wide, the Meath defence relaxed momentarily.

However, the dropping ball curved and an unmarked Edwin Carolan grabbed it and, from an awkward angle, hit the far upright. Again, for a split second, the ball hovered hesitatingly . . . and then dropped over the bar for the equaliser.



An Dr. Máirtín O Tnúthail, who in recent years flew thousands of miles to serve his county.

There was no doubt about the replay. Cavan won by 0-9 to 0-5.

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No non-native son is remembered with more affection in County Galway than Bobby Beggs—the colourful Skerries-born player of the 'thirties and 'forties—and this despite the fact that he twice played against Galway in All-Ireland finals and was to a large extent responsible for their defeat by Dublin in the 1942 final. But then Beggs's career was one of the most unusual on record.

Having starred with Dublin against Galway in the 1934 final, he took up residence in Galway a year later and was the county's star centre half-back from then until the close of 1941—playing with Galway in the 1938, '40 and '41 finals.

In 1942 he was back with Dublin and, in the closing stages of that year's final, he made a vital clearance which may have been responsible for saving the day. Dublin won by 1-10 to Galway's 1-8.

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Mick Garrett, one of Galway's stars in recent years, began his intercounty career with Meath, while, of course, that much travelled Mayoman, John Nallen, also played with both counties—as well as playing with Mayo and Cavan.

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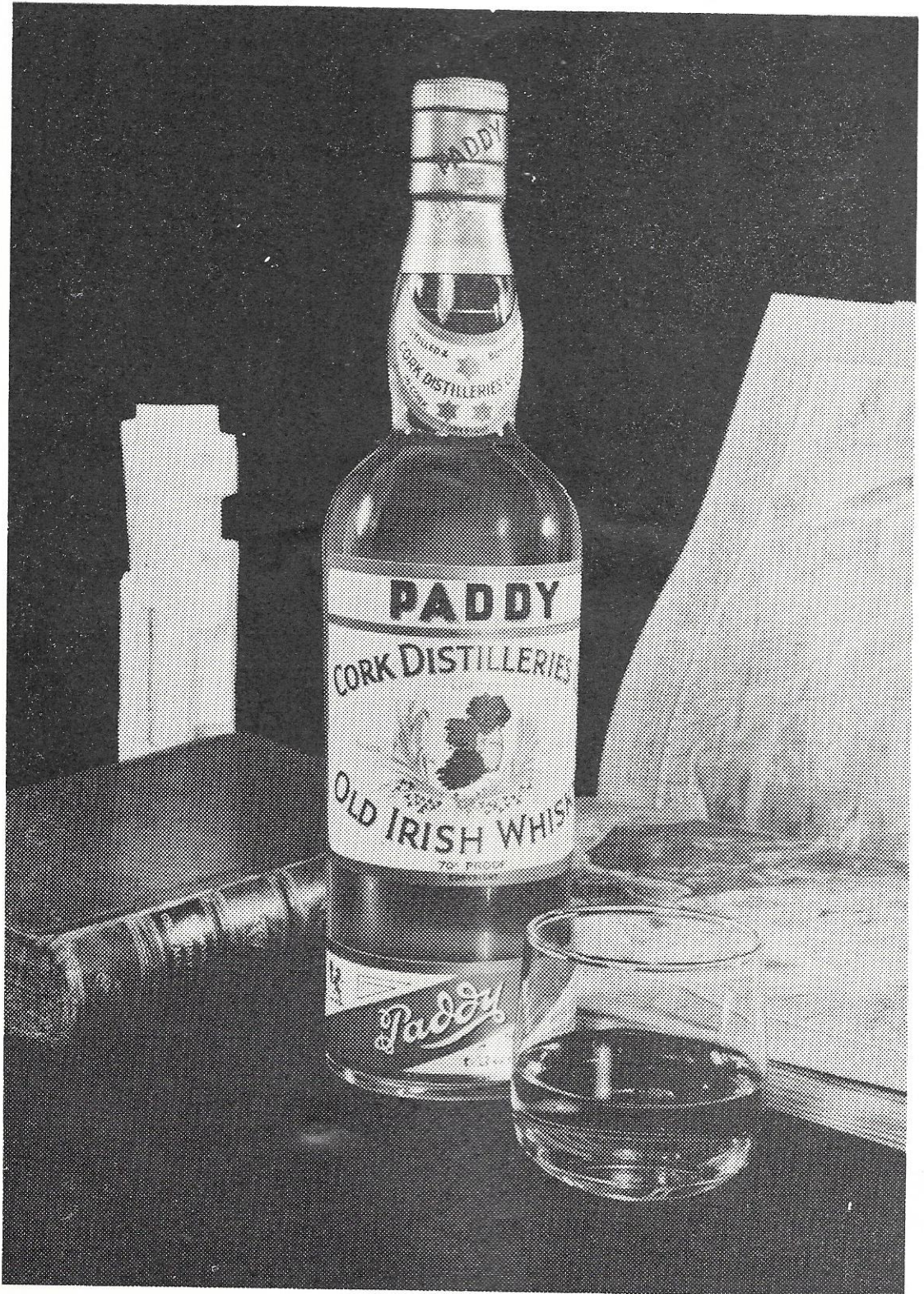
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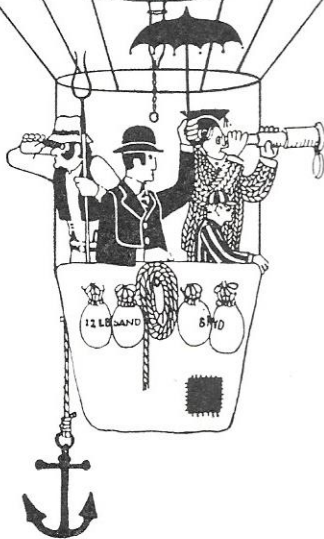
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