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Replay can atone for last match

APART from those who have been for the last month on desert islands, or in some Trappist monastery still bound by the rules of strict isolation, there is hardly anyone who needs reminding that Kerry and Offaly played a draw on the fourth Sunday of September.

Of course, it is the reason why we are here again today. And it is fair to say that there have been few draws in big games which caused less disappointment than this one.

Normally, there is something of anti-climax about a drawn final. Everyone has been whipped up to a great fever of expectation; then every kind of expectation—of gyrating joy or signal sorrow—is snatched away from before our feet, whisked into a deep freeze and the door slammed. We shuffle off like boys who had gone to rob an orchard only to meet the owner walking along the road outside: neither the coveted taste of stolen fruit nor the exquisite guilt of being caught in the act.

This time it was different because everyone was quite dissatisfied with the draw. Again this must have been partly due to the high reputations of the two contestants and the extreme hopes which had been built around them; and partly to the actual mediocrity of the game.

Now we should reasonably expect that the tensions that caused the trouble on the first occasion will have been eased, replaced only by the leaden tummy and fidgety nerves of pure excitement.

Offaly might have won last time; Kerry might have won too. That, at least, was one authentic element of a drawn game which was present. That alone caused followers of both sides to mop their brows, breathe out consciously for the first time in many minutes and say, with relief: "Phew, we live to fight another day."

Second thoughts—a little later—brought to



● Flashback to the drawn game . . . the rival captains, Tony McTague (Offaly), on left, and Tom Prendergast (Kerry). Kerry's Micheál Ó Sé is seen in the background.

mind opportunities of winning that were missed. Then third thoughts followed in a rush, telling Offaly people that it was just as well that it was a draw, for their men could not but be better next time, and spectacular victory will be more satisfying than scrambled success.

Kerry folk, on the other hand, will have thought how strange that so many of their men could not get their rhythm going, and felt it was right there should have been a replay, with one eye on justi-

(Ar lean leath. 10)



● *The Kerry goalkeeper, Eamonn Fitzgerald, holds a hard shot, with Donie O'Sullivan in the background.*

(6 leath. 9)

fying themselves in a first-class game, and with another on the unique Kerry replay record.

Obviously, it was something to do with experience, the record of great men behind them, but it emerged in the ability of Kerry to hang on when things looked bad. In the drawn game it manifested itself again and again, even in the face of form that was a mile below normal. In the fight back to equality after Offaly's flying start and even though Offaly were all the while more fluent. And pre-eminently in that psychological blow of Brendan Lynch's great goal immediately following Offaly's less convincing one.

A delayed reaction from Kerry then would have been fatal; they would never have got five points

back if the counter-blow had not been struck then. Offaly would have overcome the abandon of their moment of joy and the pleasure of its achievement, to settle into the hard grind of defending five points of which they were very well capable.

Delving back after the drawn final, it was interesting to find the following comment made in another year and almost a footballing age ago, but surely as relevant today in view of some of the more disappointing features of the Kerry-Offaly struggle.

It was concerning another Kerry drawn final—their single defeat in a replay, too, though that is irrelevant to this particular point. The writer was P.F., the late, great football judge whose contributions to "THE KERRYMAN" were read far outside the Kingdom itself: He wrote of the Kerry-Galway final:

"A thrilling game resulted, the football in sharp contrast to the short-tipping game to which the crowd had become accustomed in recent years. For the teams favoured high fielding and strong punting, the ball 'getting the air' as the Americans would say."

It might have been written after an imaginary playing of today's replay. At least, let it be hoped that some semblance of first time play emerges. The tactical situation which caused the drawn game to tend to stalemate was the over-use of the ball in the solo run by many players, and the over-use of the pass which was either negative or indifferent, by many others.

It was distressing to see a game in which so many passes were made to players in no better position than the passer. One can remember the strong voice of our old schoolmaster repeating again and again: "Never pass, boy, unless the man is better placed than you are." It seemed like an eleventh commandment. Like the ten, it seemed a trifle eroded.

Kerry and Offaly are very much alike in talents and skills: persevering attackers running against strong, dreadnaught defences who cover in depth. Conniving midfielders behind the attackers. Such teams must always find it hard to play a beautiful open, moving game, as the hurling final was.

It is also the case that the stature of the attackers is not equal to that of the opposing defenders, so it tempts them to play so much close-possession football.

But, remember that there is a certain beauty in close, hard, striving effort, too. And it will surely be that in this replay. A game great enough, we hope to make the victory all the sweeter for the delay.

Ocháid Speisialta

IS féidir a rá gur lá thar an gcoitine do na mílte daoine lá cluiche Ceannais Peile na hÉireann. Taobh amuigh den teaspeantas peile a churtar ar fáil agus fiú an pléisiur a bhaineann an slua mór as an gcluiche is mó go mór thar iad siúd go léir an ócáid ina iomlán. Cuireann an lá seo críoch leis an chomórtas bríomhar, dian, diacheallach eadar Chontae a thosnaigh suas le sé mhí roimhe do fóirne áirithe agus níos lú ná sin do fóirne eile. Cé gur mhór an bua Craobh Cúige a bhreith leo is mó go mór an tabhacht atá ag dul le páirt a ghlacadh i gcluiche Ceannais Craobh na hÉireann gan tagairt, a dhéanamh don Chraobh a bhuachaint.

Chómh fada is a bhíonn an ullmhúcháin dhá dhéanamh ag na foirne bíonn daoine ina n-aonar agus ina ngrúpaí ag diriú a n-aghaidh i dtreo is go mbeidh siad i ndon a bheith i láthair ag “séide na feadóige” agus “caitheamh isteach na liathróide” ag tosnú an chluiche.

Ag an bpointe seo déantar dearmad ar go leór rudaí mar shampla: An brise croí ar chailliúnt cluiche le cúilín amháin níos luaithe sa chomórtas, na deacrachtaí go léir a theacht ar cháirde chun ullmhúcháin a chintíú agus is dóigh an deacracht is mó ná ticéad a fháil don chluiche.

At this juncture all these difficulties are forgotten amid the joy and heartbreak as the tide of a hectic battle flows to and fro. Every All-Ireland Final has a special attraction but almost every replay has a strong drawing power, it can therefore be stated that today's All-Ireland Football Final replay is an extra special occasion. Twenty years ago in the year 1952 was the last such occasion.

Tá sé go héasca a rá go bhfuil déanamh cluiche

thar an gcoitine ins an chluiche inniu. Cinnte tá na moltaí go léir shuas luaithe ag cuidiú comh maith leis na fathanna seo leanas, Ciarraí—buathóirí an craobh 1970. Uíbh Fhailí—buathóirí an craobh 1971. Ciarraí— buathóirí an sraith chomórtas 1970-71 in ainneoin an bua mór a bhí ag Uíbh Fhailí roimh na Nollaig 1970. Má chuireann duine an Cluiche Ceannais an 24adh lá Meán Fomhair san áireamh, tá tarraingt so fheicthe ann do Gael ar bith bheith i láthair don cluiche seo. Tá peileadóirí clúitreacha ar an dá thaobh agus má bhíonn 15adh Deireadh Fomhair go maith ó thaobh aimsire níl sé as ait a bheith ar súil le taispeantas peile ón dhá fhoireann seo.

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Foireann Tiobraid Árann a bhuaidh Craobh na hEireann 1971. Tá sé soiléir go bhfuil an foireann ar ais ar bharr arís leis an bua breá in aghaidh Cill Chainnigh sa Chluiche leath cheannais an Oireachtais in nDúrlas Eile an Domhnach seo caite leis an scór, Tiobraid Árann 4-7; Cill Chainnigh 2-8.

TIOBRAID ÁRANN

Dathanna : Gorm is Óir
(Blue and Gold)

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| (1) T. Ó Murchú
T. Murphy
(Roscrea) | (2) L. Ó Cionga
L. King
(Lorrha) | (3) S. Ó Ceallaigh
J. Kelly
(Kilruane) | (4) S. Ó Glasáin
J. Gleeson
(Moneygall) |
| (5) T. Ó Conchúir
T. O'Connor
(Roscrea) | (6) S. Ó Fógartaigh
J. Fogarty
(Moyné/Templetouhy) | (7) L. Mag Fhionnbhair
L. Gaynor
(Kilruane) | (8) S. Ó hógáin
S. Hogan
(Kildangan) |
| (9) S. de Paor
S. Power
(Boherlahan) | (10) P. Ó Lachtnáin
F. Loughnane
(Roscrea) | (11) T. Ó Duibhir
T. Dwyer
(Borrisoleigh) | (12) S. Ó Riain
J. Ryan
(Moneygall) |
| (13) A. de Barra
A. Barry
(Lorrha) | (14) M. Ó Cadhain
M. Coen
(Moyné/Templetouhy) | (15) P. Ó Broin
P. Byrne
(Thurles Sarsfields) | |

Fir Ionaid: (16) P. Ó Súilleabháin (P. O'Sullivan, Cashel); (17) M. Easmann (M. Esmond, Moyné/Templetouhy); (18) T. Mac an Ghaill (T. F. Stapleton, Borrisoleigh); (19) P. Ó Riain (P. Ryan, Moneygall); (20) S. Ó Dúill (J. Doyle, Thurles Sarsfields).

TIOBRAID ÁRANN	Cúil Goals	Cúilíní Points	Seacháí Overs	70 sl. 70's	Saor-Phocanna Free Pucks
1adh Leath (1st Half)					
2adh Leath (2nd Half)					
Iomlán (Total)					



Foireann Loch Garman in ath-imirt Craobh Laighean in aghaidh Cill Chainnigh i mbliana. Do bhuaidh Loch Garman ar Luimneach sa chluiche leath cheannais an Oireachtais i Ros Mhic Treoin ar 16adh Iúil leis an scór Loch Garman 4-10; Luimneach 4-5.

LOCH GARMAN

Dathanna : Corcra is Óir
(Purple and Gold)

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| (1) P. Ó Nualláin
P. Nolan
(Oylgate) | (2) T. Ó Conchúir
T. O'Connor
(Rathnure) | (3) P. Ó Caomhanaigh
P. Kavanagh
(Buffers Alley) | (4) S. Piondar
J. Pender
(Oulart) |
| (5) C. Ó Deoráin
C. Doran
(Buffers Alley) | (6) M. Iácób
M. Jacob
(Oulart) | (7) L. Ó Murchú
W. Murphy
(Faythe Harriers) | (8) P. Mac Liam
P. Wilson
(Ballyhogue) |
| (9) M. Ó Coigligh
M. Quigley
(Rathnure) | (10) C. Mac Eochaidh
C. Kehoe
(Rapparees) | (11) A. Ó Deoráin
A. Doran
(Buffers Alley) | (12) E. Ó Bogaigh
E. Buggy
(Faythe Harriers) |
| (13) S. Ó Coigligh (Capt.)
J. Quigley
(Rathnure) | (14) T. Ó Broin
T. Byrne
(Oulart) | (15) D. Ó Coigligh
D. Quigley
(Rathnure) | |

Fir Ionaid: (16) S. Ó Pearail (J. Parle, Oulart); (17) G. Ó Conchúir (G. O'Connor, Faythe Harriers); (18) P. Mac Eochaidh (P. Kehoe, Oulart); (19) L. Ó Broin (L. Byrne, Kilmore); (20) S. Ó Murchú (J. Murphy, Rathnure).

LOCH GARMAN	Cúil Goals	Cúilíní Points	Seacháí Overs	70 sl. 70's	Saor-Phocanna Free Pucks
Iadh Leath (1st Half)					
2adh Leath (2nd Half)					
Iomlán (Total)					

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Ceann des na rudaí is fearr a tharla ó shoin ná bunú Comhchoiste na gCluichí in 1947 chun sochrú le Cumann Lúthchleas Gael ar Comórtas Thomáis Aghas a reachtáil. Idir 1947 agus 1971 fuar an tOireachtas in iomlán £29,910 brabús agus fuair Conradh na Gaeilge £29,770. Marach an teacht isteach seo is ar éigin go mbéadh An tOireachtas i n-ann cuid mór de na h-imeachtaí thuasluaithhe a reachtáil.

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Is eól díbh léir gur ócáid cheiliúrtha, agus siamsa é an tOireachtas, ócáid chaidrimh agus muintris é. Bainimís suilt agus taitneamh as, ag an bhFailtú, ag Céilí, ag na Comórtaisí agus go h-áraithe istoíche ina ndiaidh i gClub na Féile.

Ariamh cuirtear taispeántas Iomána ar fáil ag na Cluichí i gComórtas an Oireachtais. Is so-fheicthe an fáth le seo mar tá brú agus béim a bhí i gCraobh na hÉireann imithe agus bíonn an cluiche níos fearr dá bharr. Níl fáth ar bith dá bhrí sin nach mbeidh cluiche breá sportúil againn inniu.

Na Cluichi Ceannais

KILKENNY, the then All-Ireland senior hurling champions, and Limerick met in the first Oireachtas final in 1939, which the Munster county won, 4-4 to 2-5.

The finals if 1941, 1942, 1943 and 1946 were in football. The competition for Corn Tomás Aghas, started in 1947. The results of the finals are:

- 1939—Luimneach 4-4; Cill Chainnigh 2-5.
1940—Cill Chainnigh 7-11; Corcaigh 1-6.
1941 (Football)—Cill Dara 2-6; Áth Cliath 3-3 (Draw). The game was not replayed
1942 (Football)—Áth Cliath 1-6; An Cabhán 1-3.
1943 (Football)—Ros Comáin 1-6; An Lú 0-6.
1944—Áth Cliath 6-6; Gaillimh 3-6.
1945—Tiobraid Árann 4-6; Gaillimh 4-3.
1946 (Football)—Aontraim 2-7; Laoise 0-10.
1947—Cill Chainnigh 2-12; Gaillimh 2-6.
1948—Áth Cliath 3-6; Port Láirge 2-6.
1949—Tiobraid Árann 2-8; Laoise 1-6.
1950—Gaillimh 2-9; Loch Garman 2-6.
1951—Loch Garman 4-7; Cill Chainnigh 3-7.
1952—Gaillimh 3-7; Loch Garman 1-10.
1953—Loch Garman 5-11; An Clár 4-5.
1954—An Clár 3-6; Loch Garman 0-12 (Replay).
An Clár 2-8; Loch Garman 2-8 (Draw).
1955—Loch Garman 3-11; Cill Chainnigh 3-4.
1956—Loch Garman 0-16; Cill Chainnigh 1-9.
1957—Cill Chainnigh 4-10; Port Láirge 2-5.
1958—Gaillimh 5-16; Loch Garman 2-4.
1959—Cill Chainnigh 6-6; Gaillimh 5-8.
1960—Tiobraid Árann 4-11; Corcaigh 2-10.
1961—Tiobraid Árann 2-13; Loch Garman 3-4 (Replay). Tiobraid Árann 3-6; Loch Garman 2-9 (Draw).
1962—Port Láirge 4-12; Tiobraid Árann 3-9.
1963—Tiobraid Árann 4-15; Loch Garman 3-12.
1964—Tiobraid Árann 5-7; Cill Chainnigh 4-8.
1965—Tiobraid Árann 2-12; Cill Chainnigh 2-7.
1966—Cill Chainnigh 4-7; Loch Garman 1-7.
1967—Cill Chainnigh 4-4; An Clár 1-8.
1968—Tiobraid Árann 1-9; Corcaigh 1-6 (at Thurles).
1969—Cill Chainnigh 4-14; Corcaigh 3-10.
1970—Tiobraid Árann 1-12; Corcaigh 0-8 (at Thurles).
1971—Luimneach 4-12; Loch Garman 3-10.

Records of the teams

THE scoring returns indicate that there is little between the finalists. Kerry shot an average of 20.75 points in each of their four games (including the drawn final), while Offaly are right up to that total with an average of 20 points per outing. The All-Ireland champions, who also had four matches, conceded an average 15 points and Kerry had 15.25 points per game scored against them.

Kerry, who are Munster champions for the 53rd time since 1892, were in action two weeks before Offaly opened their campaign. The Southerners' programme was as follows:

June 11 (at Clonmel)—Kerry 1-12; Tipperary 0-9.

July 16 (at Killarney)—Kerry 2-21; Cork 2-15.

August 13 (at Croke Park)—Kerry 1-22; Roscommon 1-12.

September 24—All-Ireland final (at Croke Park)—Kerry 1-13; Offaly 1-13 (Draw).

Their scoring totals are 5-68 (83 points) for and 4-49 (61 points) against.

Mick O'Dwyer tops their list with 0-26. Brendan Lynch has 1-14, Liam Higgins 1-9, Mick O'Connell 0-10, Mick Gleeson 1-4, Donal Kavanaugh 2-0, Eamonn O'Donoghue and John O'Keefe 0-2 each, and Tom Prendergast 0-1.

Offaly, who are supreme in Leinster for the fifth time since 1960, did not play a championship game this year at any venue other than Croke Park. Here is their record to date:

June 25—Offaly 2-17; Meath 3-5.

July 23—Offaly 1-18; Kildare 2-8.

August 20—Offaly 1-17; Donegal 2-10.

September 24—Offaly 1-13; Kerry 1-13 (Draw).

On top of their table with, amazingly enough, exactly the same score, 0-26, as O'Dwyer, is team captain Tony McTague.

John Cooney takes second place with 1-9 and the list is completed by Kevin Kilmurray 2-5, Willie Bryan 1-7, Nicholas Clavin 0-6, Sean Evans 1-1, Paddy Fenning 0-3, Seamus Darby, Larry Coughlan and John Smith 0-2 each, and Murt Connor and Eugene Mulligan, a point each.

This adds up to a grand total by the Offaly men of 5-65 (80 points, or three fewer than Kerry). Their score "against" is 8-36 (60 points), which is just one point below the Munster team's figure.



● *A study in determination . . . Offaly's John Cooney in action.*

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E. Fitzgerald
(Crokes)



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D. O'Sullivan
(Spa)



(3) **P. Ó Donnchú**
P. O'Donoghue
(Ballylongford)



(4) **S. Mac Gearailt**
S. Fitzgerald
(Gaeltacht)



(5) **T. de Priondragás (Capt.)**
T. Prendergast
(Keel)



(6) **M. Ó Sé**
M. O'Shea
(Gaeltacht)



(7) **P. Ó Loingsigh**
P. Lynch
(Beaufort and U.C.C.)



(8) **M. Ó Conaill**
M. O'Connell
(Waterville)



(9) **S. Ó Caoimh**
J. O'Keeffe
(Austin Stacks and U.C.D.)



(10) **B. Ó Loingsigh**
B. Lynch
(Beaufort and U.C.C.)



(11) **D. Caomhánach**
D. Kavanagh
(Crokes and U.C.C.)



(12) **E. Ó Donnchú**
E. O'Donoghue
(Ballylongford)



(13) **M. Ó Glasáin**
M. Gleeson
(Spa)



(14) **L. Ó hUiginn**
L. Higgins
(Lispole)



(15) **M. Ó Duibhir**
M. O'Dwyer
(Waterville)

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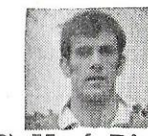
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Na cluichi ceannais

WHEN Offaly lined up against Down in 1961 for their All-Ireland senior football championship final debut, the county became the 22nd, excluding London, to appear in a decider. No county has earned a first final outing since then.

Kerry's first outing in a final proper was on March 26, 1893, when they lost to Young Irelands, of Dublin, at Clonturk Park, in the 1892 decider. Last month's drawn game marked the county's 36th final appearance—a record for the competition. It was Offaly's fourth engagement at this level of competition.

Kerry's meeting with London in the 1903 final proper was noteworthy for two reasons. They wore the now famed Green and Gold jerseys for the first time, and took their initial crown. The Munster county brought their record to 22 titles in 1970.

But Leinster, as a province, has a slight edge over Munster with 33 crowns to Munster's 31. Six counties in the East have won the championship, as against four in Munster, three in Connacht and two in Ulster.

The Roll of Honour is made up as follows:

22—Kerry; **17**—Dublin; **7**—Galway; **5**—Cavan, Wexford; **4**—Kildare, Tipperary; **3**—Cork, Down, Louth, Mayo, Meath; **2**—Limerick, Roscommon; **1**—Offaly.

The last win by a Leinster county over Kerry in a decider was in 1954, when Meath had six points to spare. Since then, Kerry have beaten Dublin (1955). Offaly (1969) and Meath (1970) in clashes with Leinster opposition.

1887—Limerick 1-4; Louth 0-3 (at Clonskeagh).

1888—Unfinished owing to U.S.A. invasion by G.A.A. athletes.

1889—Tipperary 3-6; Laois nil (at Inchicore).

1890—Cork 2-4; Wexford 0-1 (at Clonturk).

1891—Dublin 2-1; Cork 1-9 (at Clonturk).

(Note: At that time a goal outweighed any number of points).

1892—Dublin 1-4; Kerry 0-3 (at Clonturk).

1893—Wexford 1-1; Cork 0-1 (at Phoenix Park). Match unfinished.

1894—(Replay) Cork 1-2; Dublin 0-5 (at Thurles). Unfinished; Dublin awarded the champion-

ship. Draw—Dublin 0-6; Cork 1-1 (at Clonturk). Goal equalled five points.

1895—Tipperary 0-4; Meath 0-3*.

1896—Limerick 1-5; Dublin 0-7*.

1897—Dublin 2-6; Cork 0-2*.

1898—Dublin 2-8; Waterford 0-4 (at Tipperary).

1900—Tipperary 3-7; London 0-2*.

Home final: Tipperary 2-20; Galway 0-1 (at Terenure).

1901—Dublin 0-14; London 0-2*.

Home final: Dublin 1-2; Cork 0-4 (at Tipperary).

1902—Dublin 2-8; London 0-4 (at Cork).

Home final: Dublin 0-6; Tipperary 0-5 (at Kilkenny).

1903—KERRY 0-11; London 0-3*.

Home final: Kerry 0-8; Kildare 0-2 (at Cork). Second replay: Kerry 0-7; Kildare 1-4 (at Cork). Replay: Kerry 1-4; Kildare 1-3 (at Tipperary); goal disputed.

1904—KERRY 0-5; Dublin 0-2 (at Cork).

1905—Kildare 1-7; Kerry 0-5 (at Thurles).

1906—Dublin 0-5; Cork 0-4 (at Athy).

1907—Dublin 0-6; Cork 0-2 (at Tipperary).

1908—Dublin 1-10; London 0-4*.

Home final: Dublin 0-10; Kerry 0-3 (at Thurles).

1909—KERRY 1-9; Louth 0-6*.

1910—Louth (walk-over). Kerry refused to travel. Fixed for Croke Park.

1911—Cork 6-6; Antrim 1-2.

1912—Louth 1-7; Antrim 1-2.

1913—KERRY 2-2; Wexford 0-3.

1914—(Replay) KERRY 2-3; Wexford 0-6. Draw: Kerry 1-3; Wexford 2-0.

1915—Wexford 2-4; Kerry 2-1.

1916—Wexford 2-4; Mayo 1-2.

1917—Wexford 0-9; Clare 0-5.

1918—Wexford 0-5; Tipperary 0-4.

1919—Kildare 2-5; Galway 0-1.

1920—Tipperary 1-6; Dublin 1-2.

1921—Dublin 1-9; Mayo 0-2.

1922—Dublin 0-6; Galway 0-4.

1923—Dublin 1-5; Kerry 1-3

1924—KERRY 0-4; Dublin 0-3.

- 1925—Galway 3-2; Cavan 1-2.
Note: This was a substitute final.
- 1926—(Replay) **KERRY** 1-4; Kildare 0-4. Draw:
 Kerry 1-3; Kildare 0-6.
- 1927—Kildare 0-5; Kerry 0-3.
- 1928—Kildare 2-6; Cavan 2-5.
- 1929—**KERRY** 1-8; Kildare 1-5.
- 1930—**KERRY** 3-11; Monaghan 0-2.
- 1931—**KERRY** 1-11; Kildare 0-8.
- 1932—**KERRY** 2-8; Mayo 2-4.
- 1933—Cavan 2-5; Galway 1-4.
- 1934—Galway 3-5; Dublin 1-9.
- 1935—Cavan 3-6 Kildare 2-5.
- 1936—Mayo 4-11; Laois 0-5.
- 1937—(Replay) **KERRY** 4-4; Cavan 1-7.
 Draw: Kerry 2-5; Cavan 1-8.
- 1938—(Replay) Galway 2-4; Kerry 0-7. Draw:
 Galway 3-3; Kerry 2-6.
- 1939—**KERRY** 2-5; Meath 2-3.
- 1940—**KERRY** 0-7; Galway 1-3.
- 1941—**KERRY** 1-8; Galway 0-7.
- 1942—Dublin 1-10; Galway 1-8.
- 1943—(Replay) Roscommon 2-7; Cavan 2-2.
 Draw: Roscommon 1-6; Cavan 1-6.
- 1944—Roscommon 1-9; Kerry 2-4.
- 1945—Cork 2-5; Cavan 0-7.
- 1946—(Replay) **KERRY** 2-8; Roscommon 0-10.
 Draw: Kerry 2-4; Roscommon 1-7.
- 1947—Cavan 2-11; Kerry 2-7 (at Polo Grounds,
 New York).
- 1948—Cavan 4-5; Mayo 4-4.
- 1949—Meath 1-10; Cavan 1-6.
- 1950—Mayo 2-5; Louth 1-6.
- 1951—Mayo 2-8; Meath 0-9.
- 1952—(Replay) Cavan 0-9; Meath 0-5. Draw:
 Cavan 2-4; Meath 1-7.
- 1953—**KERRY** 0-13; Armagh 1-6.
- 1954—Meath 1-13; Kerry 1-7.
- 1955—**KERRY** 0-12; Dublin 1-6.
- 1956—Galway 2-13; Cork 3-7.
- 1957—Louth 1-9; Cork 1-7.
- 1958—Dublin 2-12; Derry 1-9.
- 1959—**KERRY** 3-7; Galway 1-4.
- 1960—Down 2-10; Kerry 0-8.
- 1961—Down 3-6; Offaly 2-8.
- 1962—**KERRY** 1-12; Roscommon 1-6.
- 1963—Dublin 1-9; Galway 0-10.
- 1964—Galway 0-15; Kerry 0-10.
- 1965—Galway 0-12; Kerry 0-9.
- 1966—Galway 1-10; Meath 0-7.
- 1967—Meath 1-9; Cork 0-9.
- 1968—Down 2-12; Kerry 1-13.
- 1969—**KERRY** 0-10; Offaly 0-7.
- 1970—**KERRY** 2-19; Meath 0-18.
- 1971—OFFALY 1-14; Galway 2-8.

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THE RIVAL TEAMS

Facts and figures

Uibh Fhaili

MARTIN FURLONG (Tullamore). An All-Ireland minor medalist in 1964, he made his senior inter-county debut in 1965, in the League, and holds Leinster senior medals for 1969, 1971 and 1972. A member of last year's Sam Maguire Cup-winning side and Leinster's goalkeeper in the Railway Cup since 1968. He is aged 26, 5 ft. 10 ins., weighs 12 st.

Michael Ryan (Doon). Made his senior debut with Offaly just a week after winning an All-Ireland minor medal in 1964. Won two All-Ireland Colleges' souvenirs with St. Mel's, Longford, and has shared in all of Offaly's senior successes in recent years. Now 26, he is 5 ft. 11 ins. and 12 st. 7 lb.

Paddy McCormack (Rhode). The only man to play in each of the county's five Leinster senior title-winning teams, he is a former minor and junior county player and made his senior debut in 1957, as a forward. Has played in every position except goal. Holds two Railway Cup medals (1961 and 1962) and an All-Ireland senior award. He is 33, a county senior selector, and is 5 ft. 11 ins. and 14 st. 4 lb.

Larry Coughlan (Eadestown, Co. Kildare). An Offaly minor in 1959, he had senior promotion in 1961 and was a member of the Leinster championship panel that year. Figured in the Leinster senior final wins of 1969 (as a substitute) and 1972 and was a member of last year's All-Ireland final panel. He is 31, 5 ft. 10 ins., 12 st. 4 lb.

Eugene Mulligan (Rhode). Another graduate from the 1964 minor All-Ireland team. He played under-18 football in 1965 and 1966. Made his senior debut against Kerry in October, 1967. Winner of three Leinster senior medals, one All-Ireland senior, and the only player nominated at righ half in the Carrolls All-Stars team last year. At 23, he is 5 ft. 9 ins., and 11 st. 12 lb.

Sean Lowry (Ferbane). Manchester-born, he played minor and under-21 with Offaly and won

a Leinster medal in the latter grade last year. Made his senior inter-county debut early last year, is aged 20, 5 ft. 11½ ins., and 13 st. 7 lb.

Martin Heavey (Rhode). Went into the senior team in 1967, in the League, without having earned recognition from Offaly in the lower grades. Has played in the attack and holds two Leinster medals, as well as last year's All-Ireland senior. 30 years of age, he is 5 ft. 8 ins., and 11 st. 8 lb.

Willie Bryan (Eire Og). Portlaoise-born, and captain last year, he was a forward in the 1964 minor team. Made his senior debut in 1966. Moved to Offaly at an early age and won an under-14 county medal there. He is 24 years, 5 ft. 10 ins., 12 st. 4 lb. and has helped in each of the major triumphs since 1969.

Sean Evans (Ballyfore). Another versatile player who has played in every position in attack, as well as midfield. His senior inter-county career started in 1966 and he holds three Leinster senior medals and one All-Ireland. Now 25, he is 5 ft. 11½ ins., and 12 st.

John Cooney (Erin's Rovers). His senior inter-county career began as a teenager in 1963. He has played at midfield and in nearly every forward post. A Leinster minor medalist in 1962, he missed the 1969 Leinster senior final, played in that year's All-Ireland final and holds two provincial and one All-Ireland medals. Aged 28, 5 ft. 8 ins., 12 st. 4 lb.

Kevin Kilmurray (Daingean). A minor when first honoured by the senior selectors in the League in 1969. Went in as a substitute in the 1969 Leinster and All-Ireland finals. Played in the 1971 and 1972 provincial title-winning teams and against Galway last September. Has figured in defence and midfield as well as in attack. Aged 22, he is 6 ft. and 13 st. 2 lb.

Tony McTague (Ferbane), Captain. Clonakilty-born, he was top scorer in the 1964 All-Ireland minor victory campaign and was called into senior service less than a month after the minor

final for a League tie. Has played in every position in attack, holds three Leinster senior and one All-Ireland medals, and is 26, 5 ft. 9 ins., and 12 st.

Seamus Darby (Rhode). A minor and under-21 player for the county—over a three-year period in each grade. A substitute on last year's All-Ireland winning side, he played through this year's championship but was dropped from the team which played in the drawn final. Holds a Leinster senior medal. Aged 21, 5 ft. 8 ins., 11 st. 7 lb.

John Smith (Gracefield). Another who has come up through the lower inter-county grades. Made his senior debut in 1965 and has played in most of the outfield roles in defence, as well as in attack and at midfield. He went in as a substitute during the win over Galway in 1971, is 24 years, 6 ft., 12 st.

Paddy Fenning (Tullamore). A former Offaly minor, he made his senior debut in 1970 and has played in all positions in attack. Went in as a substitute in last year's All-Ireland final. 22 years of age, 5 ft. 9½ ins., 11 st. 8 lb.

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Eamonn Fitzgerald (Dr. Crokes). Now 24, he won an All-Ireland club medal with East Kerry in 1971 and took over as the county's goalkeeper last October. Holds National League (1972) and Munster senior medals. He is 5 ft. 9 ins. tall and 11 st. 7 lb.

Donie O'Sullivan (Spa). Has played in the full back line, as a half back, and at midfield in a senior inter-county career stretching back to 1962, when he played in the senior semi-final, but was not available for the All-Ireland final. A substitute in the 1969 win over Offaly. He is 32, 5 ft. 10 ins. and 12 st. 7 lb.

Paud O'Donoghue (Ballylongford). A county minor in 1961 and a senior since 1962, he became regular full back in 1964. An All-Ireland medalist at under-21 in 1964, he was in the 1969 and 1970 Sam Maguire Cup-winning teams. Aged 28, he is 6 ft. 1 in. and 13 st. 6 lb.

Séamus Mac Gearailt (Gaeltacht). All-Ireland minor medalist in 1962 and 1963, as a goalkeeper, he first appeared with the seniors in goal in 1963. After a leg injury had interrupted his career, he returned to the side as a forward late in 1965. Moved to left full back early in 1969 and holds



● *Seamus Mac Gearailt, Kerry's left full back.*

two All-Ireland medals. Aged 27, 5 ft. 9 ins., and 11 st. 10 lb.

Tom Prendergast (Keel). Played for Donegal while working there some years ago and also played for Wicklow and Cork. He was a forward for Kerry, in the 1968 All-Ireland final with Down. Right half back in the 1969 and 1970 title-winning teams, he played under-21 with Kerry and is 30 years old, 5 ft. 7 ins. and 11 st. 8 lb.

Micheál Ó Sé (Gaeltacht). A Kerry minor in 1963 and 1964, he played under-21 in the follow-

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Press cuttings

HOW did the Gaelic sports-writers view the drawn All-Ireland senior football final? Here is a selection from some of the opinions expressed.

Jim O'Sullivan in **"The Cork Examiner"**:

"The circumstances of this melodramatic draw were so unreal as to suggest that neither Kerry or Offaly was destined to win the All-Ireland senior football championship at Croke Park yesterday. But both sides came agonisingly close to defeat in the three minutes remaining after Mick O'Dwyer had scored Kerry's equalising point. It might have been decided one way or another if referee Fintan Tierney had not ignored an obvious foul on an Offaly forward, or if an upright had not deprived Kerry of a possible goal, but at the end a draw was a satisfying result, for the capacity attendance at any rate.

"However, it would have been an injustice if Offaly had lost. They exceeded everybody's expectations with the strength and quality of their challenge and in the way they were able to dictate the play for most of the 80 minutes."

John D. Hickey in **"The Irish Independent"**:

"For exactly 59 of the 80 minutes I waited impatiently for the spark that would ignite a very disappointing contest. Then John Cooney scored a goal to give Offaly a 1-10 to 0-8 lead, the smouldering match was instantly on fire and from that stage onwards it burned with ever-increasing intensity.

"But for almost an hour it was as nondescript as Mr. Average Man inconspicuously walking down O'Connell Street, Dublin, in the welter of scurrying workers released from the day's toil.

"Apart from the movements of Offaly and in particular the electrifying forays of John Cooney, it was for the most part a match without character, a game without poise, a test as colourless and dull as the grey skies which the sun faintly and fitfully tried to penetrate."

Paddy Downey in **"The Irish Times"**:

"Although Kerry secured as much possession as the champions over the 80 minutes, Offaly were the better team for much of the time and will now look back ruefully on the fact that they weren't once headed from start to finish, yet let their opponents away with a draw. They will also regret the bad luck which deprived them of Nicholas

Clavin, for if the powerful clerical student had been on the field and fit, they can claim that they would surely have won their second title.

Offaly's inaccuracy was worse than Kerry's (they had 16 wides compared with their rivals' 14), and most culpable of the attack was that normally brilliant marksman, Tony McTague, who missed the target at least seven times from frees and play in favourable positions. A wind which sometimes blew diagonally from the Railway end was a hazard, certainly, but could not account for the prodigal waste of opportunities on both sides."

Padraig Puirseál, in **"The Irish Press"**:

"Whatever the reason, were it not for the high excitement of the closing stages this might well have gone on record as being one of the least distinguished finals in recent years.

"Who could have anticipated beforehand that so many proven stars could misdirect so many scores, or that, at one stage in the second half, the All-Ireland champions of 1970 and 1971 should have been battling for the 1972 title bunched in the centre of Croke Park like two squads of novices.

"But then, in all fairness, passing and scoring attempts were often sent awry by tremendously close marking, some very hard tackling, and an erratic cross-field wind."

Seán Óg Ó Ceallacháin, in the **"Evening Press"**:

"Time and again when Kerry set up a forward movement the sequence of possession was smothered because of the close attention by the Offaly backs.

"This naturally forced Kerry into making that one pass too many, and most hurriedly at that.

"Offaly, by comparison, enjoyed far greater freedom, but on more occasions than one finished off a creditable offensive with a very bad wide."

Donal Carroll, in the **"Evening Herald"**:

"My own explanation for the poverty of the early play was the modern monstrosity of the extended playing time. Some players will deny it, but there is a tendency to pace, so that entertainment is rationed in spurts rather than released gushingly as before.

"In addition, of course, the marking was exceptionally tight. Kerry suffered more in this and, indeed, few of their forwards will have fond memories of the drawn 1972 decider."

Backdrop to the replay

OFFALY could carve out a slice of football history today, as a Leinster county has yet to record a win in an All-Ireland senior football final replay.

The first replay, like the latest one, was a Leinster-Munster affair—between Dublin and Cork. A record crowd of 30,000 turned up for the clash at Thurles on April 21, 1895, for the 1894 title.

In the first meeting at Clonturk on March 24, 1895, Nils, of Cork, scored 1-1 (a goal then equalled five points) and Young Irelands (Dublin) recorded 0-6.

Shortly before full time in the replay the score stood, Cork 1-2, Dublin 0-5. The crowd then encroached on the playing pitch and Dublin refused to continue.

Another meeting was ordered by the Central Council, but Cork did not accept that decision, withdrew from the Association and Dublin were declared champions.

The next final replay was not until 1914 (the Kerry-Kildare meetings of 1903 were in the Home final) and a great Kerry record in these games was under way. On November 1, 1914, in Dublin, the Munster county played a draw with Wexford (Kerry 1-3; Wexford 2-0) and their representatives, Killarney, won the replay at Croke Park on November 29, 1914, by scoring 2-3 against 0-6 for Blues and Whites.

They were also involved in the next replay, in 1926, when they mastered Kildare, the Kingdom's last meeting with Leinster opposition in such a fixture.

In all, Kerry have figured in five replays of finals, and won four. Here is their complete record: **1914**—beat Wexford; **1926**—beat Kildare; **1937**—beat Cavan; **1946**—beat Roscommon and **1938**—lost to Galway.

There were two other replays of All-Ireland finals, bringing the over-all total to eight, including the 1894 game. In 1943, Roscommon won their first title after two games with Cavan and in 1952 Cavan took their last All-Ireland crown by beating Meath.

That was the only one that failed to yield at least one goal—Cavan scored 0-9, and the Leinster county, 0-5.

Kerry put up the highest score of the eight games in 1937 when they hit 4-4 against Cavan. A year later, against Galway, they failed to score a goal, the only replay in which they did not find



● Eugene Mulligan, at right half back for Offaly.

the way through to the net at least once.

Another interesting aspect of the scoring returns is that no Leinster team has yet recorded a goal in a replay. Will one of the Offaly forwards make it an historic afternoon in this regard?

Be that as it may, it looks virtually certain that the tally of six points by Wexford in 1914, which is the highest by a Leinster county, will be passed out by the Offaly men.

The last year in which a county was engaged in a replay as the defending champions was 1938. As stated, Kerry, the losers, had won the trophy 12 months previously.

Kerry have also been engaged in replays at the "Home" final stage. In the 1903 campaign, which they climaxed by taking their first title, the Munster county had three games with Kildare. They met first at Tipperary town on July 23, 1905, before a big crowd.

At the end the score was, Kerry 1-4, Kildare 1-3, but because of a disputed goal a replay was ordered. The second game was staged at Cork on August 27 before a 12,000 crowd, and ended in a draw, 0-7 for Kerry and 1-4 for Kildare.

Cork was again the venue for the third clash and that October match saw Kerry finally triumph on the score, 0-8 to 0-2. They went on to beat London on November 12, 1905, at Jones's Road in the final proper.



● John Smith, one of Offaly's most versatile players.

ing two seasons. Made senior debut in the 1968 All-Ireland semi-final against Longford and won premier medals in 1969 and 1970. 26 years, 6 ft. and weighs 13 st. 7 lb.

Paul Lynch (Beaufort and U.C.C.). A member of the team beaten by Galway in a replay for the 1970 All-Ireland minor title, he joined the premier side early in 1971. A brother of forward Brendan, he numbers one All-Ireland Colleges', two National Leagues and one Munster senior awards among his collection. 20 years old, 6 ft., 12 st.

Mick O'Connell (Waterville). A minor in 1955, a senior since 1956, he played in Kerry's last four All-Ireland title-winning teams—1959, 1962, 1969 and 1970. Also holds four National League medals, is 35, 6 ft. and 13 st. This year he com-

pleted his medals senior circle when Munster regained the Railway Cup after 23 years.

John O'Keefe (Austin Stacks). Captain of the St. Brendan's, Killarney, side that won Kerry's first All-Ireland Colleges' title in 1969, and a former county minor, he had his first outing with the seniors late in 1969. Aged 21, he is 6 ft., weighs 13 st.

Brendan Lynch (Beaufort and U.C.C.). Goalkeeper on minor team beaten by Derry in the 1965 All-Ireland final. He moved to attack for the 1966 minor series and it was as a forward that he wore the Kerry senior jersey for the first time early in 1968. An interprovincial with Munster and the Combined Universities, he holds two All-Ireland senior medals, is 23, 5 ft. 10 ins. and 11 st. 9 lb.

Donal Kavanagh (Dr. Crokes and U.C.C.). A Munster Colleges' medal winner with De la Salle, Waterford, he has played with Kerry also at junior and under-21 levels and won an All-Ireland inter-club medal with East Kerry in 1971. Now 22, he is 5 ft. 11 ins., weighs 12 st. 4 lb.

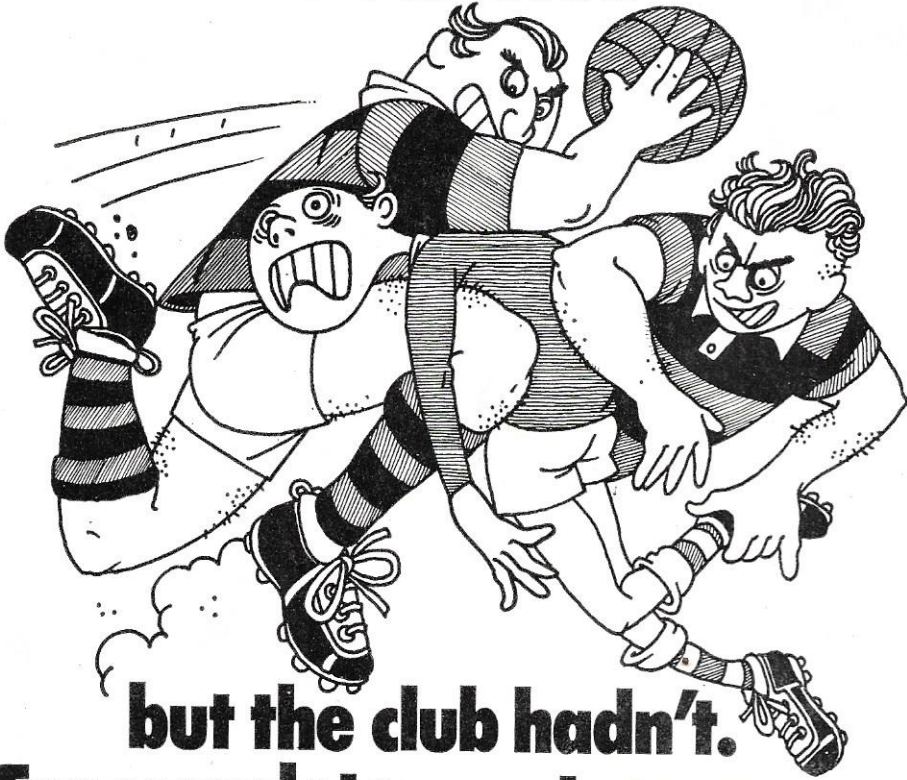
Eamonn O'Donoghue (Ballylongford). Another goalkeeper turned outfield player. A Munster under-21 medal-winner in goal in 1966, and it was in the No. One jersey that he made his senior debut late that year. Has figured as a forward since the summer of 1967, is brother of the full back and holds two All-Ireland senior medals. 26 years, 5 ft. 9 ins., 11 st 4 lb.

Mick Gleeson (Spa). A senior since 1965, an All-Ireland junior medal-winner in 1967, he has shared in all of Kerry's triumphs since then. He won a Sigerson Cup medal with U.C.D. five years ago. 26 years, 5 ft. 11 ins. and 12 st. 7 lb.

Liam Higgins (Lispole). First senior appearance was against Offaly in September 1967, but at right full back. A Munster junior medal-winner in 1968, he has been a forward since that season and his medals bag includes two senior All-Irelands. 27 years, 6 ft., 13 st. 4 lb.

Mick O'Dwyer (Waterville). The ace scoring star of modern times was a left half back in Kerry's 1959 and 1962 All-Ireland title-winning senior teams. He started his senior career as a half-back in 1956, retired from inter-county fare in 1965 and returned as a forward in 1968. A brilliant star of all of Kerry's wins since then, and Railway Cup medalist last April, he is 36, 5 ft. 11 ins., and 13 st. 9 lbs.

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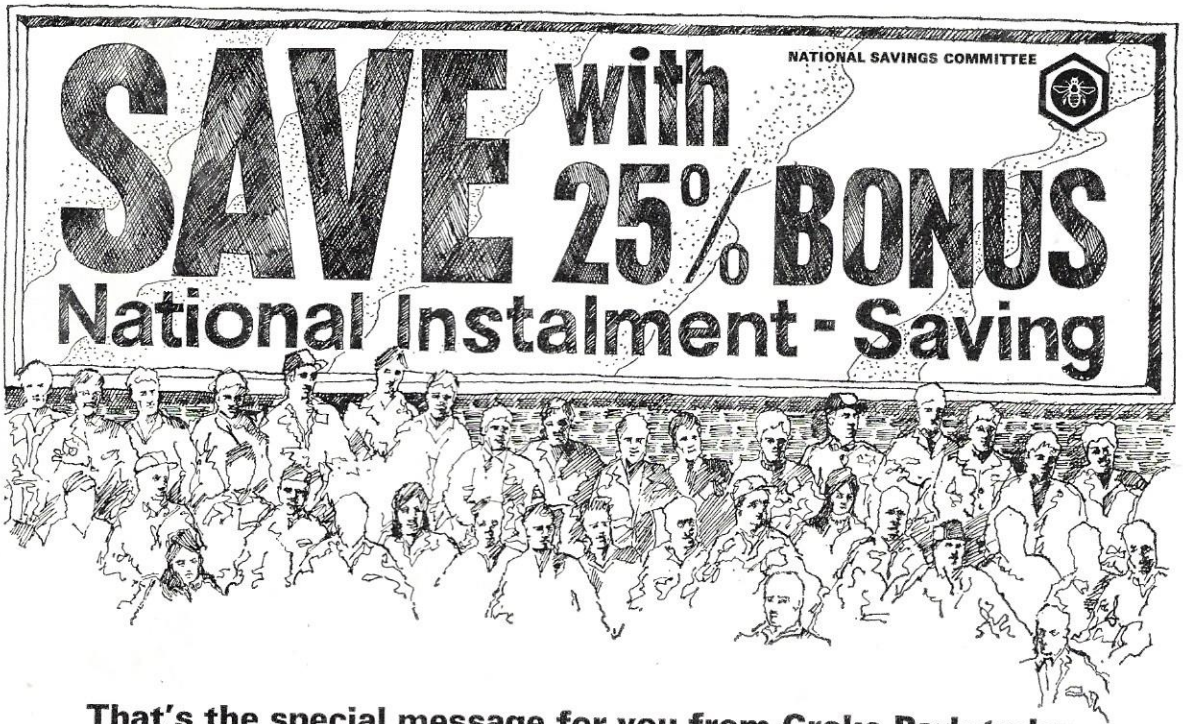
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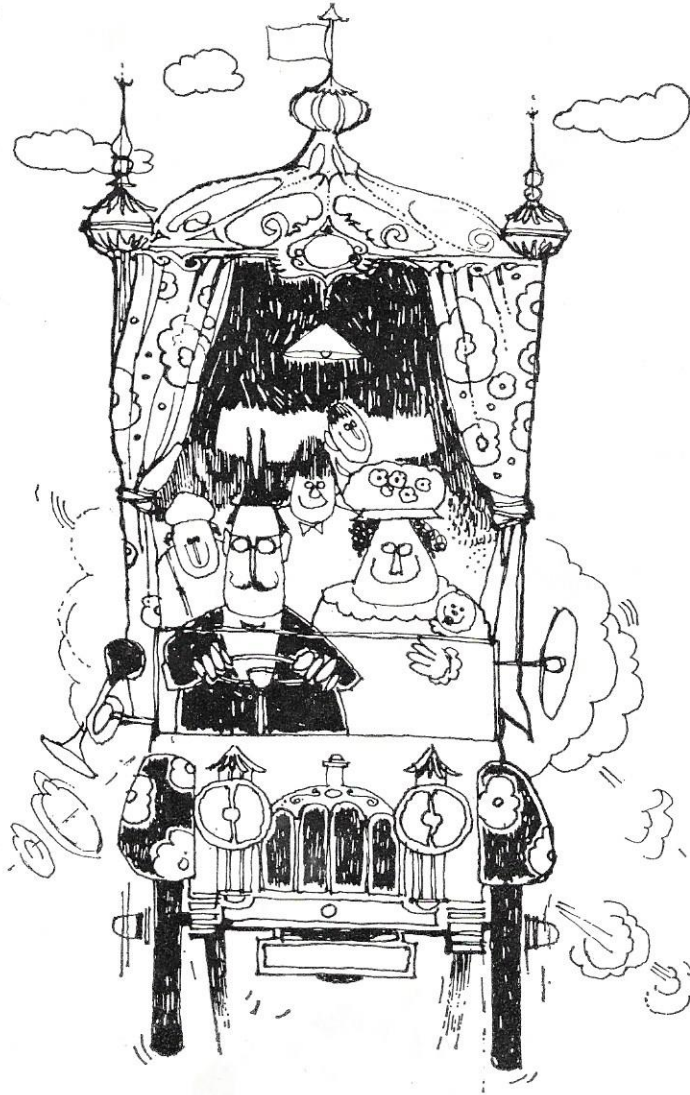
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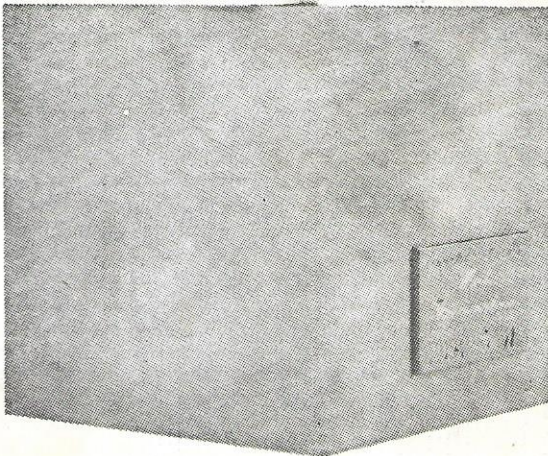
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