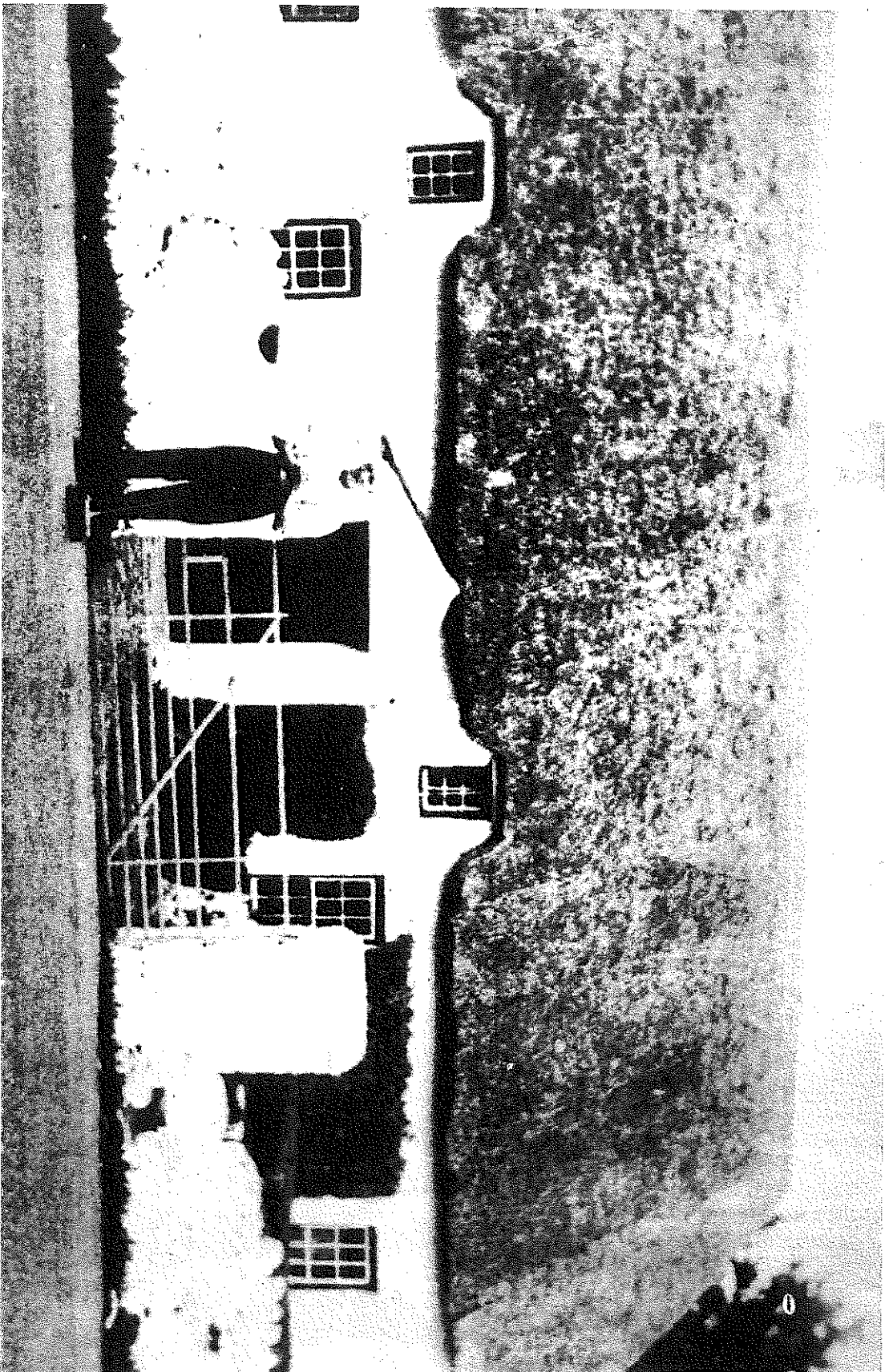


# The Mooncoin Story



'DRUG' WALSH IN FRONT OF BROWNER'S, THE CROSS.  
FORMERLY "CARROLL'S PUB"  
FOR OVER A CENTURY BEFORE THE FOUNDING OF THE G.A.A. IN 1884.  
(Note — Stile at side of Gate.)

**'DRUG' WALSH**  
**FROM**  
**MOONCOIN**

(Rev. Ml. O'H.)

*Come all ye young fellows, to my story give ear,  
 I tell of a stalward, 'mong hurlers a peer  
 Whose name is still cherished wherever they join  
 By sportsman and trueland - 'Drug' Walsh from Mooncoin.*

*When Cusack and Davin set a nation aflame  
 With a fervour and pride in its own native game  
 A youth from the Suirside plucked a shapely caman  
 Saying "I'll strike for my sireland, fair Erin go Brath."*

*Full many an evening 'mid shouts loud and gay.  
 The sliotar sped swiftly in sportive affray.  
 O'er green sod and cross road, a dark youth to the fore  
 Whose prowess and skill - hurling's garlands foretold.*

*Seven times in All-Irelands with victory crowned  
 A record whose equal has yet to be found -  
 Four gallant ate numbered, Rochford, Walton, Dick Doyle,  
 And that youth from the Suirside, 'Drug' Walsh from Mooncoin.*

*With eagle-eyed vision and speed of a deer,  
 No matter how hectic, in combat - no fear  
 His wristwork - an artist's, Kilkenny's own Doyen  
 Reigned that Prince among hurlers, 'Drug' Walsh from Mooncoin.*

## TEACHTAIREACHT AN UACHTARÁN

*For me the name Mooncoin has a magic ring. I always associate the area and Club with great players and great deeds. The Club is synonymous with the G.A.A. and all that our great Association represents. It has contributed immensely to the development and folklore of the Association and it is enshrined in the minds of all of us who are "G.A.A. People".*

*As a boy growing up in my native Offaly, I naturally had my heroes and favourite teams. I considered Kilkenny to be amongst the supreme aristocrats of Hurling and the great Club, Mooncoin, to be central to Kilkenny Hurling. The players and deeds of Mooncoin were indelibly printed in my mind and they were the model we all hoped to emulate. For many of us, Mooncoin was not just a Club, it was an institution of hurling and a very cornerstone of the G.A.A.*

*The great names of those associated with Mooncoin G.A.A. Club are legion. For this reason I decided not to mention anybody specifically. Collectively the sons and daughters of Mooncoin have carved a unique niche in the considerable history of the G.A.A. You represent the ideals of the G.A.A. in its best and purest form for over a century and the history chronicled in this publication is a monument to your contribution to the G.A.A. both in Kilkenny and Nationally. In tangible terms, you have been on many occasions Champions of a County that has regularly reached the summit with a unique style and exemplary sportsmanship. You have provided the nucleus of many great Kilkenny teams and adorned the game as few Clubs have done.*

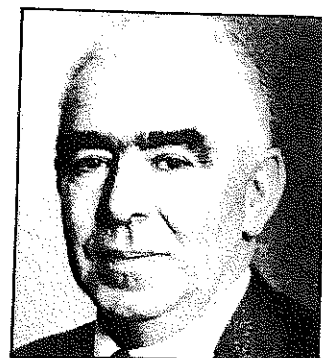
*Like many Clubs, you have unfortunately in recent years been adversely affected by the national scourge of emigration. This I know has reduced the status of the Club over the last decade or so. While the effects of emigration are demoralising and difficult to counter, it has not diminished your commitment or effort. Indeed, while you are now an Intermediate Club in Hurling terms, I note that not long ago you won the Senior Football Championship. You have also proven that the torch which has been carried by previous generations of Mooncoin Club officials, players and supporters still burns brightly. This is evident by your success in purchasing your Club Grounds and providing modern Club Facilities of the highest standards at a cost of £200,000. I have no doubt that this dedication, effort and foresight will be rewarded in the near future and that Mooncoin will once again rank amongst the premier Clubs in this country.*

*Ar son me fein agus Comann Luthchleas Gael, gabhaim buiochas libh uile.*

*Seán Ó Dubhlainn*

*Uachtarán,*

*Cumann Lúthchleas Gael.*





MESSAGE FROM  
THE CLUB CHAIRMAN

*At the formation of the G. A. A., over 100 years ago, our Club gave full and unqualified support to the new Association. The name 'Mooncoin' then, as it remains today, was synonymous with the game of hurling.*

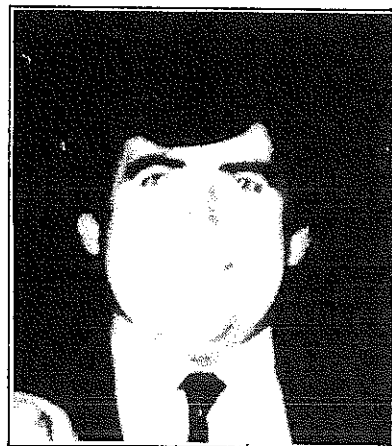
*The National ideals and aspirations of the Associations beginnings are still valid today. The distinctive and individual expression of a people's culture in their pastimes as in their language and music must be encouraged, promoted and preserved. Perhaps the Association needs a louder clearer voice — reaching more directly to its people.*

*I extend the Club's gratitude to the Book's Committee under the Chairmanship of Mr. Denis Kinsella for the persistent effort expended on this present publication.*

*The historical assessment, portrayed therein, of the successes and failures of the past, may profitably occasion a review of our Club's present proceedings and practices.*

*For the coming century, the game of hurling must continue — the song of the Ash cannot be stilled. "Cad a dheinimid feasta gan adhmad" must not assume a new significance.*

*Edmond Quinn.  
Chairman.*



MESSAGE FROM  
THOMÁS Ó MUIRCÚ  
CATHAOIRLEACH CO. COISDE CILL CHAINNIGH

*Once again it is a great pleasure for me to welcome another fine production of one of our Kilkenny G.A.A. Club Histories. These productions are invaluable records, as they chart so vividly the building of the G. A. A. on its foundations since 1884, and how our predecessors worked through social, cultural and political changes to make the G. A. A. the tremendous National Association it is today.*

*It is a special honour and privilege for me to be associated with this production in particular, as it is the history of one of Kilkenny's and indeed Ireland's most famous Clubs — Mooncoin.*

*One of the first Clubs affiliated, Mooncoin has had a long and outstanding association with the G.A.A. since. It's members have worn the Green and White, and Black and Amber, with pride and distinction for over one hundred years, and made the name of Mooncoin and our National Game of Hurling synonymous.*

*I would like to wish Mooncoin every good luck and hope that the work being done today will ensure much more success in the years to come.*

*Beannacht De ar an obair.*

*Thomás Ó Muircú  
Cathaoirleach Co. Coisde Cill Chainnigh.*



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## FOREWORD

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*The aim of this publication is to 'record the efforts, irrespective of success, of those who have donned The Mooncoin Colours during the last one hundred years'. Though human the temptation to emphasise the highlights and ignore the troughs is resisted — the successful have already written their story — often in gold and do not await today's pen. The unsuccessful carried the colours with little acclaim and though contributing to the National Aims and continuity of our ancient past-time are long since forgotten. Recalling the less successful efforts down the years is not helpful by the virtual neglect or indeed absence of records from official and reporting sources.*

*However, here we attempt, where possible, to record the names (Mooncoin, win or lose, always given first) of the Championship Players who kept the flag and Club Colours flying. Since on the field they played an opposing team — real, not phantom — their names are likewise given after Mooncoin's. Half-Time Scores, for more immediate's enlightenment, wherever available, are bracketed after the final score. In the main, Championship Games are pursued — chasing others, Tournament and Challenge, would prove too timeconsuming and very often fruitless.*

COUNTY SENIOR HURLING FINALS

1887	Tullaroan	1- 1	Mooncoin	0- 4
1888	Mooncoin	2- 2	Confederation	0- 0
1897	Tullaroan	3-11	Mooncoin	2- 1
1900	Mooncoin	5- 9	Freshford	1-15
1902	Tullaroan	3-16	Mooncoin	0- 1
1906	Mooncoin	3- 6(7)	Tullaroan	1-12
1907	Tullaroan	2- 6	Mooncoin	1- 3
1908	Mooncoin	5-17	Threecastles	3- 5
1909	Erin's Own	1-12	Mooncoin	1- 7
1911	Tullaroan	4- 3	Mooncoin	2- 5
1913	Mooncoin	5- 7	Tullaroan	3- 4
1916/				
1917/				
1918	Mooncoin	4- 1	Tullaroan	4- 1
1916 Repl.	Mooncoin	5- 2	Tullaroan	2- 3
1919	Mooncoin		Tullaroan	Not Played.
1923	Dicksboro	7- 4	Mooncoin	3- 1
1926	Dicksboro	5- 5	Mooncoin	1- 4
1927	Jas. Stephens	4- 2	Mooncoin	3- 2
1927 Repl.1	Mooncoin	4- 3	Jas. Stephens	2- 4
1927 Repl.2	Mooncoin	2- 4	Jas. Stephens	1- 3
1927 Repl.3	Mooncoin	2- 4	Jas. Stephens	2- 2
1928	Mooncoin	4- 2	Dicksboro	3- 2
1929	Mooncoin	3- 2	Carrickshock	3- 2
1929 Repl.	Mooncoin	5- 1	Carrickshock	3- 3
1932	Mooncoin	6- 4	Carrickshock	5- 5
1936	Mooncoin	4- 2	Tullaroan	4- 1
1955	Bennetts Bridge	6- 6	Mooncoin	1- 4
1965	Mooncoin	2- 8	Bennetts Bridge	1- 8
1966	Bennetts Bridge	4- 8	Mooncoin	2- 4

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# Hurling Fields, Past & Present & Other Areas of Interest





## HURLING IN BYGONE DAYS

Our ancient manuscripts tell us that four thousand years ago a great nine-a-side hurling match preceded the battle of Mag Tuirid Conga (now Moytura near Cong, Co. Mayo) in which the Tuatha De Danann defeated the Firbolgs. Later the inauguration of Aonach Tailteann which included hurling in its activities along with athletics and racing continued down to the last High King of Ireland - Roderick O'Connor.

Two thousand years after Moytura, the youthful Cuchulainn shortened his journey with hurley and ball as, alone he crossed Slievefuad, perfecting his skills for later feats and prompting our 'Slievenamon' to write -

*Sounding their corded harps, the bard of old  
Sang of Cuchulainn's prowess when he struck  
With swift caman the whirling ball in air  
And met it ere it fell, whipping it back  
To meet it as before. And too, they tell  
Of the great Fenians meeting on the plain  
In mimic warfare when the hurleys clashed  
And Dhiarmuid O'Doon showed wondrous skill  
With ringing blows forcing the stubborn goal  
While thousands cheered him on -*

Hereabouts - legend has it for us that back in the mists of antiquity when the people of South Kilkenny assembled at Sliabh O gCruinn (now Tory Hill) to offer sacrifice and pay homage to their Pagan Gods and Tribal King part of the festivities was a hurling contest between the "Durnauns" or the people from the river flats - reputedly the best salmon-fishermen in all the land and their opponents - the Mountainy Men. They played fifty men aside and before they lined up on the great meadow at the foot of the hill each man cut himself a hurley in the woods of hollytree abounding the slopes. As the game wore on, one young athlete, to slake his thirst, sought a drink from an old woman living nearby. She told him to pull a tuft of rushes and a spring would appear. He did as she bid and the water came and came and inundated the whole meadow turning the players into pike and trout and so that afternoon Lough Cuillinn (Holly Lake) was born. The significance of the legend is that hurling was common here before the very naming of the lough.

Needless to say hurling was a popular pastime in ancient Ireland and to many young men formed an integral part of their lives. The Normal Invader accepted it once he had begun to feel secure in his possessions - supported and even allowed his men to participate. However such notions were due for a rude challenge in the Statutes of Kilkenny 1366/7, part of the relevant edict being - 'It is ordained and established that the Commons (English) of the said lands of Ireland, who are in divers marches and war, use not henceforth the games which men call hurling with great sticks and ball along the ground, but that they apply and accustom themselves to use and draw bows and throw lances, and other gentle games, which appertain to arms whereby the Irish enemies may be better checked by the liege commons of these parts'.

The ban effected little - hurling continued to be played by landlord and worker. We find reference to the game in the Caoine or Lament of Walter the Eigha Bernoch, Lord of the Walsh Mountains written by his daughter - dealing with their hunting trips from their home base at Castlehowel (now Rossenara) along the Luiningawn above Piltown down to the Suir -

*They used to let loose their dogs  
in Coill-a-Corrawn  
Themselves used to go airing along  
the Luiningawn  
They used to pass home by  
the Bog of Pycawn  
The bog of the ball, of the broken Camawn  
(Lit. where they broke the comawn).*

In 1650 - Cromwell decimated the Walshes of the Mountain.

Nearer home - Thomas Ua hUallacain - the last wandering Gaelic Bard of Iverk - wrote some verse in Irish (Oct. 1747) eulogising the virtues of Robert Elliot, landlord of Clonmore, which in part said -

*And oft on the green would he engage  
in hurling sport,  
Quick impelling the restless ball  
to the disputed goal.*

(Translation from Irish by Tomas Ua Tuatail - Apr. 1860).

This was certainly the period of greatest threat to the survival of hurling, that is, during the dark Penal Days. It was forbidden by law to cut a tree-branch or even a sapling - which made hurling difficult - generally the game came to be played at the pleasure and behest of the landlord, particularly if he was big and resident. Mooncoin was "fortunate" in so far as most of its landlords were small - middlemen of one or two townlands and often absentee. They cared not a straw what game you played as long as you coughed up your rent on time. Furthermore the area contained many large agricultural villages - Pollrone, Ballytarsney, Dournane, Ballygorey, Lickettstown, Rathkieran, Arderra, Clogga, Grange and Clonmore - each quite capable of putting twenty young men on the field so that their own inter-village rivalry was in itself; if not ideal, at least sufficient to hold interest and keep the game alive.

Apart from this theorizing we know that the site on which Fr. N. Carroll built the P.P.s residence c 1820 was the famous "Carroll's Green or Faitce" well known "from time immemorial and immortalised - In song and story for its great players and outstanding athletes as was stated at the time. The site until shortly before had been commonage - so could have seen hurlers for a thousand years - in fact the Durnauns could have practiced there before they went off to Sliabh O gCruinn to learn to swim. The site had become unsuitable for hurling of late because of encroachment by house-builders.

The above Fr. Nicholas Carroll was a courageous man who fearlessly championed the cause of the oppressed, was a great supporter of Daniel O'Connell and presided over many of his 'Meetings'.

### IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE

1884

#### Mooncoin Branch

Feb. Irish National League - Branch formed at Mooncoin and the following committee was selected by ballot for the ensuing year:- Messrs J.P. Fielding, Pres; P. Carroll, Treas; T. Walsh, Sec; J. Foley, T. Bowers, M. Quinn, J. Halloran, J. Dunphy, M. McDonald.

Resolution:- As a preliminary meeting preparatory to a county convention, it behoves the true men in every parish to take action and

form a branch immediately.

Apr. 13th. Mooncoin National League Branch. Delegates were selected to attend the convention at Kilkenny on 17th inst. and the following Resolution was unanimously adopted - Resolved, that as landlordism is the primary cause of all our grievances, and as we are fully convinced that during its existence there can be no peace or prosperity in this country, we hereby pledge ourselves to give encouragement to, and to hold aloof from such landlord institutions as foxhunts, cattle shows, and all exhibitions and mockeries which tend to debase our people and uphold the prestige and influence of feudalism".

Apr. Fishery Meeting at Carrigeen. Fishermen of the three rivers, the Suir, Barrow and Nore - perceived the importance of agitating for removal of grievances, that is restrictions, whereby industry so skillfully carried on in our rivers is damaged. Hundreds earn a living by this avocation which, but for the shortness of the season and absurd prohibition of Saturday fishing, would be a great source of revenue to many a farmer's son. Mr M.A. Manning at the invitation of fishermen and Messrs Jas Farrell and Bowers, representatives of the district on the Fishery Board, presided and explained its objects to the large meeting of at least 2,000 fishermen.

### 1886 MOONCOIN G.A.A. CLUB FORMED

Jan. - Mooncoin G.A.A. Club formed at which the following officers elected:-

President - Rd (Dick) Dunphy married to Miss Lynagh (now Crowleys) whom he predeceased - noted meticulous farmer with social conscience - provided much employment for married women of Mooncoin Village in difficult times. Further when building retaining wall on river bank incorporated stone seats for the many fishermen then. He was closely related to Bp Dollard - first ever Bp of New Brunswick Canada.

V.Pres. - John Walsh (Psc.) Jack na Cullya, Miller and farmer was an outstanding all-round athlete of whom Monsignor J.P. Dollard wrote - "I believe Jack na Cullya (of the woods) Walsh, was the most renowned athlete Mooncoin ever had. He was very tall and powerful with a form of great comeliness and the head and face of a young Greek God. He made a world's record - throwing

the 56 lbs weight. I think his record 'for the British Isles' for throwing the 56 lbs weight for height still stands. We, young lads, followed him around admiring his strength and beauty. Going down the Quay of Waterford strangers would turn round to gaze after him, yet he was always as gentle and unassuming as possible (see - Parish of Mooncoin p.25 - Rev. Walter Canon McDonald PP).

Sec. - Pat Fogarty (M) Assistant Teacher (1881-91) Mooncoin Nat. Boys Sch. of which Pat O'Neill - Principal. Both were untiring and enthusiastic promoters of our ancient game and an inspiration for some of our later greats. Pat Fogarty favoured the hurling code, - his brother Michael was a strong footballer.

Treas. - James Comerford, Publican, Mooncoin Cross - the fifth of nine generations of Comerfords on the Cross.

John Quinn (D) Capt. hurling. Eldest of many brothers who gave invaluable service to the G.A.A. in its beginnings.

Wm. Carroll (P) Capt. football. Youngest of a large family many of whom later emigrated to New York.

## FOOTBALL

### 1886 A VERY BRIEF ENCOUNTER

Feb. 22nd. In very wet weather a football match was kicked between Mooncoin and Kilmacow for private stakes amounting, it is said to £5. After eight minutes play the Mooncoin men per John O'Keeffe kicked a goal, and were declared the victors.

### GAME AT SILVERSPRING

Apr. 18th. Silverspring Mooncoin. In a football match Mooncoin v Piltown the teams comprised 25 players each side - the result was that after half an hour's hard kicking Piltown refused to continue playing because of encroachment onto the pitch. Before 2 o'clock the scheduled starting time, vast crowds of people might have been seen coming from all directions towards the field, the one under the house, kindly lent for the occasion by Edward (Ned) Bowers (Esq). His son, Arthur, made the same field

available afterward in his time. Large crowds continued to flow in from all the surrounding districts up till half past three when the crowd had grown to over 3,000 people. Among the spectators (writes the K. Jour reporter) I noticed several prominent gentlemen from Carrick-on-Suir and the City of Waterford. Mr P.J. Kennedy was on the grounds but he took no active part in the match. Amongst those who took an active part in the management of the affairs were - Messrs Bowers (senior and junior) Ssp.; T. Bowers, Graigavine and Jas Comerford (M). Sunday's beautiful weather aided not a little in bringing to the field some hundreds of the fair sex. The following young ladies whose names I obtained from a friend, were amongst the fair ones who attracted particular notice and are worthy of special mention here:- The Misses Walsh, Portnascully, the Misses Mullins, Rathkieran; Miss Kerr, the Misses McRoe, Silverspring and Miss Brennan, Knockanure. At four o'clock the field was partially cleared and at a quarter past four the kick off was given, but immediately afterwards the spectators in their eagerness to better see the play, rushed in on the grounds from which it was utterly impossible to get them away. Notwithstanding all this the kicking went on with unabated vigour, the natives (Mooncoiners) never allowing the leather to enter on their territory, for half an hour, when the play resulted as above stated. It is fair to say that it was indeed rather difficult to kick owing to the density of the people on the grounds, but, calling to mind the old saying "what's sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander", the excuse put forth by the visitors (Piltown) for their declining to play out the match was considered a very lame one indeed.

### WRESTLING

Soon after the kicking was given up a ring was formed, and a young man named Hogan, the visitors champion, challenged any man in the field to wrestle him. He was not kept long waiting, a young man named McDonnell, stepped into the ring and very soon both were in holds. After a long tussle both came to the ground at the same time, with no decided victory for either, It being what was termed a "dogs fall". They did not, however, attempt it again, but others followed, and wrestling was kept up till seven o'clock, when the vast assembly quietly dispersed.

## 1886 HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP OF IRELAND

May 15th. at Clonmel - Hurling Championship of Ireland (but before the championships proper under G.A.A. got under way).

Moycarkey (representing Tipp) 0 - 3  
Mooncoin (representing Kilk) 0 - 0

**Mooncoin Team:** Pat Fogarty (Capt); John (Lawn) Walsh (M); Mick Murphy (Emil); Johnny Walsh (Mgt); J. & M. & Paddy & Phil Quinn; J. Henebery, W. Mackey, Will Ryan (Dournane); Will & J. Fox (Luff); M. 'Ni Dora' Walsh, M. Kelly (Bgorey) W. & J. Rockett; W. Walsh; J. & E. Phelan (Lick); P. Walsh (Agi).

## IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE

### Mooncoin Branch Meeting

May. The chair was occupied by Very Rev. Canon Dunphy P.P. Full attendance of members to whom cards were issued and subscriptions received for current year. The following resolutions were adopted -

'That at this our first meeting since the introduction of the Home Rule and Land Bills we feel bound to tender Mr Gladstone our heartfelt thanks for recognising the right of the Irish people to legislate for themselves and congratulate him on the noble strength and courage he has proved himself possessed of...

'That while regarding the principle of the Home Rule Bill as satisfactory and worthy of acceptance we cannot refrain from warning our representatives against allowing the farmers of Ireland being saddled with such a burden as would keep them in the crippled state they are in for the next fifty years'. "That we consider the landlords entitled to nothing more than the market value for their interest and protest against their being treated with exceptional generosity at the expense of the Tenants to whom they were generous only in the distribution of writs, process-ejectments and attorneys' letters".

Carrigeen Branch Meeting - meanwhile with Mr. J. F. Fielding in the chair - among the resolutions adopted were the following:-

"That we tender Mr Gladstone our sincere thanks for his noble efforts to restore to our poor country the inestimable blessings of

self-government; and trust he will succeed in getting his bill so amended as to make it more acceptable to Mr Parnell and his followers the true representatives of the Irish Nation".

That we renew our confidence in the integrity, ability and foresight of Mr Parnell and the Irish Party; and that we return our thanks to our county members, Messrs Marum and Chance, for their constant attendance in Parliament during the present session".

## MOONCOIN BAZAAR

Nov. The Late Mooncoin Bazaar. Letter to Editor of Waterford News.

Dear Sir,

Allow me to offer you the heartfelt thanks of priests and people of Mooncoin, to generous benefactors of Waterford and Kilkenny cities and counties who have most cheerfully responded to the call of charity and enabled us to pay a pressing and large debt on the Parochial Church of Mooncoin. We also wish to thank in a special manner the young gentleman of the amateur club, who under the inspiration of their highly gifted and most cultured conductor Mr Fitzgerald, aided by the amateurs of Kilkenny and Carlow, have made our concert each evening a signal success.

Finally we tender our most profound thanks to our local play-goers for the rapturous amusement in which they kept spell-bound, the vast attentive and appreciative audience while dramatizing each evening scenes that have elicited the praise and admiration of royalty.

On the last evening of the bazaar the rich and valuable prizes on each stall (presided over by the young ladies of the parish, who are adepts in bazaar science) were given up to the successful competitors, who generously and honourably contended two days previously to become their rightful owners according to the rules of chance. Raffle for grand prizes postponed till Sunday after New Year's Day to accommodate ticket holders in America and Australia --- On evening of that day the bazaar will close with grand concert and play in the extensive convent schools when we are promised another treat by Mr Fitzgerald and the young gentlemen of the Amateur Club whose powers and execution in play and song will never be forgotten by the vast and applauding multitude

who recently had the pleasure of hearing them at the Mooncoin concert.

Yours respectfully,  
Jos. C. Dunphy P.P. Mooncoin.

### BACHELOR v MARRIED-CHALLENGE

Nov. 27th. Hurling at Mooncoin. Match played between teams representing the married and single men of the parish. Full of excitement from start to finish the game resulted in a draw - each side scoring one goal and two points.

Dec. 5th. The following letter was written to the paper (Waterford News) in support of certain charges made by Canon Doyle, Ramsgrange against so called Waterford Pig Ring.

Mooncoin Branch Irish National League  
Barronswood

Very Rev. and Dear Sir,

At a meeting of this branch of the I.N.L. today, the President, the Very Rev. Canon Dunphy, occupying the chair, it was decided to propose to the branches of South Kilkenny, to have a convention held on an early date to endorse publicly the charges you have made against the Waterford Pig Ring. Our Very Rev. President and committee are sincerely thankful to you for the brave and crushing blow you struck at that body. Every farmer and cabin-holder in this parish is a pig feeder, and scarcely one could be found among them who did not, at one time or another, experience the same treatment you describe in your letter. Fr. Dunphy desired me to communicate to you the resolution arrived at by the committee.

I am your obedient servant.

Thomas Farrell Hon. Sec.  
I.N.L. Mooncoin Br.

Dec. 31st. At Piltown - Athletic Sports & Football Match.

Piltown v Clonea - No score draw.

Slinging 16 lb weight with follow - chiefly between Mr. P. Synnott, Mooncoin G.A.A. 39'4½" - 1st, and Mr. Dan Fraher, Dungarvan 38'9".

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### G.A.A. CONVENTION

Jan. 30th. The first Co. Kilkenny G.A.A. Convention for the purpose of inaugurating county

hurling and football championships was held at The Working Mens Club, Walkin Street, Kilkenny. Mooncoin delegates present: Pat Fogarty (M), John Walsh (Psc).

Mooncoin were entered in both hurling and football for which the draws were:-

Football: Mooncoin v Ballyhale;

Hurling: Mooncoin v Kilkenny Working Mens Club.

Mooncoin: The members of the club, we are assured, improve so greatly with each football practice that they should be able to put a formidable team into the field. However, the committee consider that the Piltown men were but offering a footy excuse in not accepting their challenge.

March 25th. At Piltown: Kilkenny Co. Football Championship.  
Round I

Mooncoin 1 - 7	Ballyhale 0 - 5
Piltown 1 - 2	Mullinavat 0 - 3
Kilmacow 2 - 7	Slieverue 1 - 6

Scarcely had the game finished before a Ballyhale supporter was on the pen complaining of the standard of refereeing. It merits inclusion as it deals with our first championship game, and was sent to Editor of Waterford News, Apr. 1st 1887.

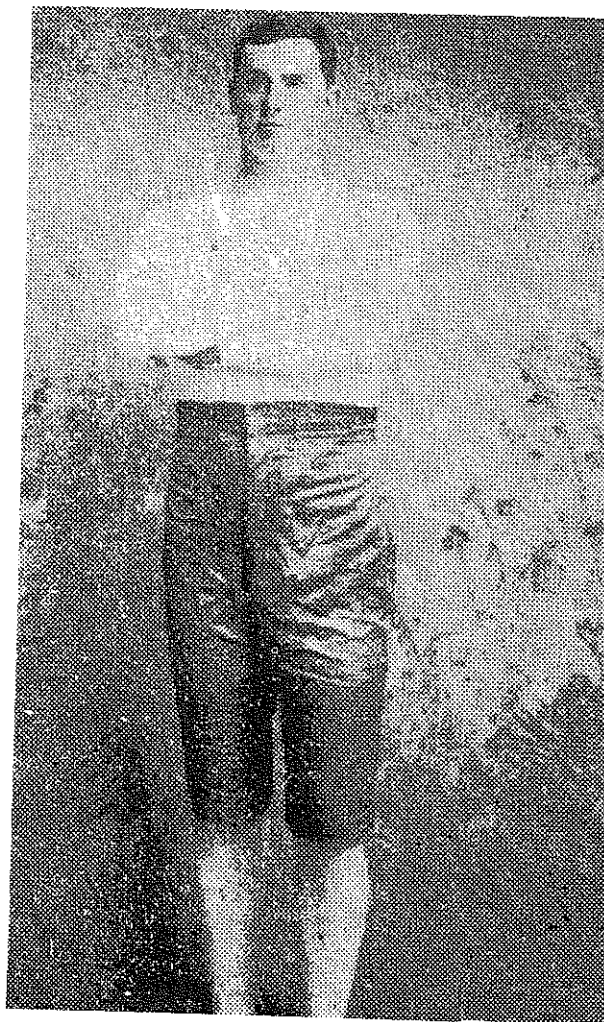
Dear Sir,

As one deeply interested in the success of the G.A.A. I went to Piltown on Fri. 25th inst. to witness the football matches that took place there in connection with the Co. Kilkenny Championship. Like most spectators present, there was a particular item in the program in which I took a special interest and that was the match between Mooncoin and Ballyhale. It was the first one contested, and I was very particular to see as much as I could of the game, and also to observe the action of those appointed as officials, and it is with regard to the conduct of one of these a Mr Fisher from Waterford, who undertook the position of referee, in the absence of Mr Dunleary, Kilkenny that I trouble you with this letter. I know that to err is human. I admit that it is impossible for any person in an official position to please everyone, but after making these allowances for Mr Fisher, I am still convinced that any impartial observer, who watched his





Jas. Comerford - Treas.



Jack na Cullyna (Psc.) Foot. & Ath.

SOME MEN WHO PLAYED BEFORE AND AFTER THE ASSOCIATION'S FOUNDATION.



Jack Fripp (G) Foot.



Paddy Quinn (D) H. (with his three brothers).



John Walsh (Mgt.)

action closely could come to no other conclusion but that he did not possess that independent impartiality that is expected from a person honoured with the responsible post of referee. When the 2nd half hours play had expired, one of the field umpires, after conferring with the time-keeper announced to the players that the time was up. This meant that the match was over, and the majority of the Ballyhale Team, in consequence, ceased playing, and then the Mooncoin men had no difficulty in sending the ball home. The Ballyhales, of course, naturally objected to have this - what they considered as an illegal goal - recorded against them but Mr Fisher argued and insisted that the time was not up, that a minute had to expire, that the goal was good, and that he would give the credit of it to the Mooncoin Team. Now, Sir, with all respect for Mr Fisher, I assert that his opinion on this question of time was uncalled for, and that he should not interfere. My idea of a referee's duties is that he should reserve his opinion, until those appointed to decide or judge would differ. No such occasion arose on the point I am referring to, and therefore I again assert that in obtruding his judgement on a matter that, in legal phraseology did not come before his court, he displayed a partiality that should ever again disqualify him for holding such a responsible position. In making these remarks it must be understood that I do not cast any blame on the Mooncoin men, who, I am certain wanted nothing but a fair field and no favour. I may add I was delighted that the meeting on the whole was such an unqualified success. Apologising for trespassing on your valuable space.

I am, dear Sir,  
Yours faithfully,  
Patrick Walsh, Knocktopher, 28th March 1887.

Apr. 16th. At Kilkenny. Co. Football Ch. R2  
Mooncoin 1-1+6 forfeit pts.  
Kells 0-1

Before a large number of spectators Mooncoin beat Kells easily in a rather one-sided affair. The final score M 1-1+6 forfeit pts. K 0-1. At this time a goal outweighed any number of points while five forfeit points equalled one point (forfeit point-a wide last touched by the opposing team). M. - Wm Carroll (capt), J. Brennan, W. Fox, J. Fox, J. Rockett, P. O'Hara, Ml Kinsella, J. Dollard, T. Howley, J. Shanahan, Ml Fogarty, J. Keeffe,

J. Walsh, J. Fripps, A. Kenny, P. Walsh, M. Walsh, T. O'Donnell, E. Hennebery, J. Butler, John (Jack) Walsh.

May 5th. At Rathkieran. Co. Foot. Ch. S.F.  
Kilmacow 1-4  
Mooncoin 0-7

A very large attendance from all over South Kilk. witnessed a keen and hard-fought contest to decide who went through to the final against Kilkenny city. From beginning to end the game was played at a very fast pace and in the result Kilmacow obtained victory by 1-4 to Mooncoin 0-7 (Mooncoin had had a bye in the third round).

A week later at the Working Mans Club, Freshford Rd. Kilkenny and Kcow drew on May 13th.

Kilmacow 0-2+1 forfeit  
Kilkenny 0-1+2 forfeit.  
On May 20th at Kcow. Kilmacow 1-5+2 forfeits.  
Kilkenny 0-0 (no point) - replay.  
All players wore jerseys.  
Kilmacow - Orange & Green,  
Kilkenny - Black & Yellow.

Apr. 2nd At Kilk. Co. Hurling Ch. R1 or S.F.  
Mooncoin 6-13  
Kilk. Working Mens Club 0-0.

With only four teams participating in the hurling the first round was in effect the semi-final. Mooncoin travelled to Kilk. to accomodate the city team. The match was witnessed by a large crowd and ended in a decisive victory for the Southern representatives 6-13 to nil. The Mooncoin men, as the report says, thus fully upheld their reputations as thorough adepts as the game of hurling.

### 1st CO. CH. HURLING FINAL

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Apr. 16th. At Freshford Rd.  
Tullaroan 1-1 (0-1) Mooncoin 0-4 (0-1)  
Stubborn fight right throughout - Tullaroan pointed at the start and Mooncoin levelled before the interval. H.T. (0-1) each. Though level at half-time play favoured Mooncoin for most of the game until in the last minute Tullaroan had their second score - a goal to give them victory - a goal outweighing any number of points.  
M. John Quinn (capt), Jas Hennebery, John Fox,



Wm Walsh, John Walsh, Wm Mackey, Ml Lucas, Ml Fitzpatrick, Edw Dunphy, Pk Walsh, Pk Fogarty, Ml Quinn, Jas Hanrahan, Edw Phelan, Jeremiah McDonnell, Wm Delahunty, Pk Walsh, Wm Ryan, Pk Quinn, Jas Rockett, Philip Quinn. Trn. Jas Grace (capt), Thos Martin (v-capt) J. Morris, Hen. Meagher, N. Butler, M. Robinson, J. Robinson, T. Walsh (Jun.) J. Walton, W. Gaffney, J. Kennedy, J. Grace (Jun.) E. Doheny, P. O'Neill, J. Doheny, M. Fitzgerald, P. Brett, M. Gaffney, W. Walsh, P. Doheny, N. Doolan.

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## MOONCOIN V FENOR

Jan. 13th. At Ballyduff Lower. The match Mooncoin v Fenor was remarkable for the rough play indulged in. Umpires and referee alike were disregarded and after some 15 mins. play it was decided not to continue the game further as a very bad feeling seemed to prevail among the players.

New Rules - not yet printed. All County Matches must be decided before the 25th Apr. - The last date on which entries for the All-Ire. can be received. One month further allowed for Inter-County Matches as the rules provide that the final Tie must be played before 25th May.

Feb. - Kylanaspig -

JOHN DILLON FOOTBALL CLUB.

Meeting of members for the purpose of electing officers for coming year and transact other business. Mr Wat. Dunphy (Cross) occupied the chair and the officers elected were -

President - Mr Jamesy Walsh (B. Behy)  
Hon. Sec. Tom Bowers (Gvine), Treas - Wat. Dunphy.  
Committee - Messrs Patsy O'Shea (Kpig), Wm. Quinn (Cash) and E (Ned) Conway (B. Behy)

Capt. - 1st Team - Mickey Comerford (Tu), V.Capt. - Jack Lawlor (Cga).

Capt. 2nd Team - Tom Henneberry (Cc) V.Capt. W. Walsh (Bbeh).

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:-

"In order that a brotherly feeling should exist

between men of different clubs in the Gaelic Association, we condemn in the strongest manner any language used of an offensive or exciting character by any member of our club towards the members of another, and we request the secretaries of the different clubs, when such a case comes under their notice, to at once notify same to secretary of club to which offending party belongs, so that such conduct may be brought before his committee, as we consider the man acting in such a way is not worthy of the name - Gael.

2. This latter is a resolution well worthy of adoption by all our clubs. If it is properly acted up to - much good must result.

Feb. 10th. Glenmore v Mooncoin - Football. About 3.00 p.m. the ball was thrown up, and for the first fifteen minutes it looked as if Mooncoin would win "all ends up". During this period all the play was in the Glenmore territory and Mooncoin scored two points in quick succession. Just before half time there was a marked improvement in the Glenmore play. After changing sides the points were soon equalised and ultimately Glenmore won by a goal and three points to two points. It was, at one time feared that this match would not end without an unpleasant collision, but so far as could be seen only one member of each team was to blame. The names of these men will not be mentioned now, but should either of them again evince similiar bad temper, it would be well to hold their conduct up to public approbium. W/N Cors.

Feb. 26th. At Piltown. Kilk. Co. Ch. - Football - 1st Round.

"John Dillons (Kylanaspig) 1-2" "John Mandevilles" (Templeorum) 0-2

Mooncoin 2-0. O'Connells 0-1.

Tom Bowers (Gvine) wrote much poetry extolling the "John Dillons" an extract of which reads -

*Then Shea, he took a mighty breath, his manly lungs to fill*

*And let a roar at Richard's Gate, that shook all Cashel Hill,*

*It made the plates on dressers shake, and*



**TOM BOWERS (Gvine.) - Secretary and Inspiration of the 'JOHN DILLON' FOOTBALLERS**  
with his family  
(back row, left to right) Millicent, Ivan, Tom, Kitty (front row) Edward, Maunsell, Molly and John.

*babes in cradles lep,  
And Dillons' men and Dillons' Hills gave  
back the answer "Yep".*

("Yep" - J.D's rallying cry).

Richard's Gate (which stood down to recent times) overlooked Clonconey bogs where "The Dillons" played and trained; was the entrance to the Cashel Estate, (purchased by Ponsonby in 1702).

**1888** Mar. 25th. At Thomastown.  
Kilk. Co. Ch. Football - 2nd R.

Kells 0-4. Mooncoin 0-2

Thomas Larkins 1-5. John Dillons 1-4.

A very large crowd were rewarded by seeing some splendid football. The second match was a stubbornly contested and close match, right through. Both verdicts are disputed on the

grounds that Kells and the O'Larkins had outside players on their teams. Mooncoin's objection upheld and awarded the game.

Mar. 3rd. At Thomastown. K. Co. Ch. -  
Hurling - 1st R.

The Mooncoin Hurling Team defeated the "John O Leary" Kilk. without difficulty and in the 2nd Round got a walk-over - Tullaroan being forced to scratch since most of the team at the time were in prison - for their politics.

Apr. 15th. At Confed. Grns. Kilk. Co. H.  
Ch. S.F.

Mooncoin 1-4. Graine 0-0.

Mooncoin won with the greatest ease by three goals + several points to nothing. During the game an unfortunate accident occurred. A caman accidentally flew from the hand of one of the players, and struck a member of his own team, causing such injuries as to render him unconscious.

He, however, quickly recovered and was removed to Surgeon Major Magee's residence, and carefully attended to. He was able to proceed home in the evening.

After this match the 3rd R. of the Football Ch. - Mooncoin v Thomas Larkins was due to be played but Mooncoin had to catch the train so they had to forfeit. Mooncoin footballers later played Kilmacow in a challenge for a barrel of beer and beat them.

#### 1888 CO. FINALS MOONCOIN GAINS ITS FIRST TITLE

Apr. 29th. At Freshford Rd. Kilk. Co. Ch.  
Hurling and Football Finals.

Hurling - Mooncoin 2-2 (0-0)

Confederation 0-0 (0-0)

Mooncoin lost the toss and playing into the wind were quickly on the attack, but the Confederation defence held firm. Play was conducted principally in midfield for a time, until a capital shot by Jim Hanrahan was effectively saved by the "Cons' goalie. When the play swung to the other end John Fox, the Mooncoin cul baire was equally effective in dealing with a "Cons" assault. Play was conducted in a fast sporting manner, but at the call of time, no score had been made. On the change-over Mooncoin were quickly into attack, and following a nice piece of play they made a point. During the last quarter of an hour Mooncoin assured themselves of victory with two goals scored by Pat Walsh. A further point from a free puck by Wm Walsh (Foxy Billy) whose play throughout was splendid sealed the issue." Express 5.5.88.

M. — John Fox (Cul Caire), Pat Walsh (Capt.), Wm. Fox, James Hanrahan, James O'Keeffe, Johnny Hennebry, Wm. Ryan, Phil Quinn, Wm. Walsh, John Phelan, Wm. Phelan, James Phelan, John Rockett, James Rockett, James Synnott, Ed. Brennan, James Dunphy, Mick Murphy, Pat Quinn, Dick Hogan, John Walsh.

Umpires: Field (M) or Linesman - Ed. Moran.  
Goal (M) - Nicholas Cantwell and James Fielding.

#### 1888 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP Comes South

In the Co. Football Final which followed, the celebrated Kilmacow Team were attempting to make it a clean sweep for the South against Thomas Larkins. Kilmacow playing against a stiff wind in the first half defended their goal admirably and neither side had scored before the interval. In the second half Kilmacow favoured by the breeze scored three points without reply from their opponents - Thomas Larkins - so the final score:

Kilmacow 0-3 (0-0). Thomas Larkins 0-0(0-0). Yet Thomas Larkins had played a fine game all through.

**Kcow.** - Ml. Dalton (goal), P. Deady (capt), T. Walsh (vice-capt) Skeard, Ml Walsh, J. Fitzpatrick, Wt. Walsh, Ml Kinsella, J. Walsh (Dangan), Jas Walsh, J. Moore, M. O'Neill, J. Cleary, Peter Ryan, J. Walsh (Kcow), T. Walsh (Kcow), L. MacDonnell, Ml Hanlon, Peter Conway, J. McNamara, J. Laffan, M. Ivory.

It was reported "The ground for play was splendidly laid out. Every care was taken to have the arrangements as they should be, but the unruly conduct of those who came to look on completely nullified the effect of the foresight of the committee. At the conclusion of the match, Mr Pat Deady, captain of the Kilmacow Team was without rhyme or reason set upon, and very roughly treated indeed, whilst several of the Mooncoin men were grossly assaulted for no earthly cause except that they were members of the victorious team. Such conduct is in all circumstances reprehensible.

May. At Kilmacow. A tremendous crowd gathered in glorious sunshine to witness a challenge match between the present hurling champions, Mooncoin and the past hurling champions of Kilkenny - Tullaroan. The Mooncoin Team added to their great reputation by defeating the men from Tullaroan by no less than 3-2 to nil. The match was fought out without the slightest show of ill-feeling on either side.

July 21st. Hurling in Tramore. Tom Moroneys (Piltown) 3-4, Confederation (Kilk) 2-3.

**Piltown Team:** J. Roche (capt), T. Tobin, J. Brien, P. O'Donnell, J. Mackey, P. Walsh, J. Grace, P. Tobin, J. Conway, M. Roche, T. Fitzgerald, E. Quinn, E. Harte, D. Fewer, T. Lonergan, P. Cleary, H. O'Donnell, P. Kennedy, Jas Grant, P. Oake and P. Walsh.

## 1888 LEINSTER CH. HURL. & FOOT.

### Mooncoin and Kilmacow Rep. Co.

June 15th. All roads led to Portlaoighis (then Maryborough) - we are told a revival of the old Gaelic spirit was abroad in South Kilkenny - that spirit which prompted their forefathers to display their strength of sinew and litheness of limb on the green sward before the whole countryside. In manly prowess and activity the present exponents bear comparison with heroes of other older days. A special excursion train from Waterford arrived Portlaoighis with its 1200 passengers at 2.00pm whence all proceeded to the spacious playing field, half a mile outside the town. Arrangements under the local G.A.A. were perfect. The members picturesquely costumed maintained good order and clear boundaries. Mooncoin and Kilmacow were both representing the County in their respective codes. Kilkenny opposed to Laoighis meant Mooncoin v Rathdowney. Mooncoin won the toss and opened the game at a hectic pace which was answered in full measure by their opponents "The Downies". This made for a thrilling spectacle of a field in motion and everyone involved in the spirit of the occasion right up to the last moment. Before the vast concourse of some ten thousand Gaels the Mooncoiners displayed their usual skill but it soon became evident they required it all and the game would be close - it required a discriminating eye to adjudge the superior. The Downies showed unexpected expertise and astonishing swiftness but not quite as sure. However, from sustained pressure on their goal the Downies broke away speedily and scored a point. A squabble between two of the combatants arrested play for some time resulting in a Rathdowney man, Doherty, being expelled. This excited the Mooncoiners to greater effort and straining eye and limb they lifted themselves to greater heights. After some beautiful play in which they supported one another in a way that excited salvoes of applause

they scored a point. After half time the Mooncoin men surpassed themselves. Their magnificent swiping and the manner in which they contrived to render mutual assistance bore down all opposition and generated feverish excitement when a goal was scored from the irresistible pressure. Rathdowney - now equally excited with energy renewed - proved no unworthy opponents to Mooncoin and after tremendous exertion scored another point. As the end of the match was reached the players evinced great earnestness, an effusion of energy - men, hurleys and ball ran, whirled and flew with amazing and confusing rapidity. Mooncoin added another point - immediately, Rathdowney executing another of their wonderful charges, the referee blew for cessation of play.

Kilkenny (Mooncoin) 1-2,  
Laoighis (Rathdowney) 0-2

In seconds the pitch was blackened with people, congratulating, consoling amid the heady, racy, excitement that still prevailed but it emptied as quickly as it had filled with the entrance of the footballers.

**M. (Kilk) Team:** John Fox, Jas Hanrahan, Pk Fogarty, John Walsh, Ml Murphy, Rich Hogan, Philip Quinn, Pk Quinn, Wm Ryan, Wm Fox, Ml Walsh, Wm Walsh, John Whelan, Jas & Wm Whelan, Pk Walsh, Ml Kelly, Wm Walsh, John Rockett, Andrew Kenny.

In the football contest, which, like the hurling was the 1st R. of Leinster Ch. Kilmacow representing Kilkenny were opposed by Ballinakill rep. Laoighis. As the game progressed the furious exertions of the hurling was replaced by a fair and easy if skilfully played match. An excellent contest but coming immediately after one - the like of which young and old declare with one voice they never witnessed before, it was under a disadvantage. After fifteen minutes play Kilmacow pointed and from a bad kick out they pointed again. Midway through the second half Kilmacow pressing hard secured a point quickly followed by a goal. This left the final score Kilkenny/Kilmacow 1-3 Laoighis/Ballinakill 0-0.

**Kcow (Kilk) Team:** Pk Deady (capt), Thos. Walsh, Ml Dalton, M. Walsh, W. Walsh, John Walsh, Jas Walsh, John Walsh (2), Thos Walsh, Ml Neil,

J. Fitzpatrick, W. Hogan, J. Cleary, P. Ryan, R. McDonnell, M. Hanrahan, P. Conway, John McNamara, J. Laffan, J. Walsh.

On the journey homewards, cheering groups assembled at every station along the length of the County - The numbers at Ballyhale and Mullinavat were especially large. Ballykeoghan (Kilmacow) - station for both teams beat all - every man, woman and child from South Kilkenny seemed to be there to cheer and welcome home their conquering heroes and those who had helped and supported them.

### 1888 SPECIAL MEETING AND FIXTURES

July 5th. Special meeting of Central Council at Limerick Junction to make arrangements re American team and hear objections.

July 13th. It was arranged to have the match between the hurling champions of Kilkenny and Dublin played at Portlaoighis on next Sunday, whilst the Kcow team have been called upon to be in Dublin on the 22nd inst. in order to meet Louth or Meath who contest their inter-county battle on Sunday next. The Kilmacow men naturally feel aggrieved that they should again be summoned such a distance from home, but in all probability on this occasion their expenses will be paid in accordance with the recommendation of Central Council.

### MOONCOIN - CHAMPIONS OF LEINSTER

1888. July 15th. Kilk/Mooncoin 0-7. Dublin-Kickhams 0-3. Another successful trip to Portlaoise for the Mooncoin hurlers who scored a decisive victory over the celebrated 'Dublin Kickhams'. Though confident of success the metropolitan team took their defeat with the utmost good grace. "The Mooncoin men (we are told) are in fact the fathers of the present generation of hurlers in this country. In the district the game was never allowed to die out and certainly the players that represent it now are about the most skilful in all Ireland. The referee decided that the Mooncoin Hurlers won by seven points (0-7) to three (0-3). Now in the first place this score gives no actual idea of the relative merits of the team and secondly it is not an absolutely

correct record of what took place - as without doubt one of the points credited to the Mooncoin men should have been registered a goal". (Wat/News). On the following day the Freeman Journal wrote "Mooncoin are now champions of Leinster and they richly deserve it as it would be hard to find better wielders of the caman, and are worthy candidates for the All-Ireland title.

The winners, Mooncoin are now champions of Leinster for the present year and have qualified to meet Clonoulty (Tipp.) in the All-Ireland Final.

Sept. 2nd. At Dublin Inter-Co. Leins. Foot. Ch. Kilk. (Kcow.) 2 - 2. Louth (Dundalk Young-Ire) 0-3. Excursion from Ballykeoghan, Kcow. 5/- Third Class - 7.00 a.m. return 6.00 p.m. arr. 11.00 p.m.

Sept. 22nd. At New Ross Leinster Foot. Final. Kilk. (Kcow) 1 - 4. Wexford (Blue & White) 0-2. In a field lent by Fr. Furlong and Mr. Colfer - Wexford lined out in blue and white. Kilmacow in orange and green. Ref. - Mr J. J. Kenny of Co. Dublin Commercials. The game was skilful - Wexford, very fast and agile were very deft with their hands to which Kilmacow drew the referee's attention and objected mainly on the grounds of insufficient 'football' content. Kilmacow played their customary, sturdy, dashing with their magnificent long punting - always a feature. Jack Laffan and Wm Kenneally both Kilmacow players got hurt in the first few minutes but the Wexford captain refused to allow replacements. Dalton, the Kilmacow goalie, gave a brilliant display and though repeatedly peppered kept a safe goal, Kilmacow won the Leinster Football Title to go with Mooncoin's Hurling Leinster Title.

**Kcow:** Pk. Deady (capt) Tirlough, MI Dalton (goal) Kcow, MI Kinsella (vice-capt) Dangan, John Walsh, do, Walter Walsh, do, Jas Walsh, do, John Laffan, Greenville, Wm Kenneally, Ballykeoghan, John Fitzpatrick, Kcow, John Walsh, do, MI Hanlon, Parkareid, Rd McDonnell, Miltown, Pk Maher, Grannagh, John Moore, Ullid, M. Neill, do, Peter Ryan, Gaulstown, John Cleary, Newtown, Thomas Walsh, Kcow, Peter Dunphy, Dunkitt, MI Walsh, Skeard, Thos Walsh, do.

(No food or drink available in New Ross/No Kilk Co. Rep. present at match).

Nov. "Sea Gael" of Tramore writing to the press regarding the proposed Gaelic Carnival in Waterford on St. Stephen's Day in aid of National Monuments Committee comments "Seeing that the two Mooncoin Teams played with such great eclat and brilliance to gratify Ld. Bessborough a few weeks ago surely they will be proud to exhibit their justly accredited prowess in this far worthier cause". (The Carnival did not eventuate).

### **Torchlight Procession at Piltown**

Dec. 15th. The Piltown G.A.A. held a torchlight procession - to celebrate the release of Tom Moroney, the lion-hearted campaigner, after whom the club is called. The procession formed at "the Tower" - with torch-bearers leading - followed by the local fife and drum band and then about 300 young men. All went well until the procession passed the grabbers house when a dozen police concealed, rushed out, grabbed two young men for shouting and did their utmost to create a row - marched on to the residence of Fr. Purcell P.P. who came out - made a stirring speech, telling them it gladdens him to see the spirit of Nationality existed so strong in them. He spoke then of Tom Moroney and ended by calling for three cheers for Tom that would shake the Comeragh Mountains. The police did not venture past the gate leading to the priest's residence as they were very long taking down the names of all who passed-in the gateway.

Dec. 16th. Piltown Sports Tournament in field given by Mr P. Carroll, Fiddown within ¼ mile of Railway Station. Mr J.J. Power - one of the first to start G.A.A. in South Kilkenny - will referee. Tournament proved a great success.

Slinging 56 lbs - 1st. M. Foley, Mooncoin 20'-10" - confined to men under 12 stone. (T.F. Kiely Ballyneale threw 22'-6" but did not qualify since he weighed 12 stone 10 lbs.

Mooncoin's 2nd Team opposed Piltown in hurling - notable for the skill, fleetness, endurance and good temper displayed. Piltown's plucky display against such formidable hurling as the representatives of the famed Mooncoin Club was applauded. For the winners Messrs Whelan, Rockett and Foley in van and for Piltown Messrs P. O'Donnell, Lannigan, Grant, S. Tobin and R. Walsh did yeoman services. Mr J.J. Power as referee was entirely satisfactory.

Dec. 16. **M. Team** - W. Walsh, J. Fielding, J. Dollard, W. Whelan, R. Hanrahan, R. Moran, J. Tobin, E. Brennan, T. Merry, W. McGrath, W. Phelan, R. Dunphy, P. Keefe, E. Walsh, W. Keefe, J. Day, E. Murphy, P. Foley, J. Rockett, R. Walsh, J. Phibbs.

Field Umpire - Pat Fogarty (M), Goal Umpires - J. Henneberry, P. Walsh.

1889

Mar. 17th. At Mooncoin Village.

### **MOONCOIN TOURNAMENT**

Organised by T. Bowers (Gvine), Pat Fogarty and a hard-working committee failed to fulfil its promise and complete its programme.

Firstly at 1.00 p.m. Football - Waterford Commercials v Young Irelanders. The Young Irelanders of Carrick arrived brimful of success and with their band blaring, through the village and onto the field. The game was a truly magnificent one - active, skilful and determined. The rivals gave a masterly exposition of football as it should be played under the rules of the G.A.A. and although fortune rewarded the efforts of the gallant Commercials their victory was a desperately hard-earned one.

Full-time — Waterford Commercials 0 - 3  
Carrick Young Irelanders 0 - 2  
Slieverue and the Mandevilles (Templeorum) then joined issue in another football game which would have been interesting but for the perversity of many of the players in indulging in wrestling matches. The Slieverue Team had the edge, scoring six points, against one point for Mandevilles. The Mandevilles claimed a goal but the referee decided the ball was out of play long before it went under the bar.

**Slieverue Team** - Wt. McGrath (capt), Rd. Walsh, Pat Hearne (goal), Ml. Gorman, John Phelan, Rd. Phelan, Jas & Martin Denn, Ml. Ryan, Jas. Phelan, Jas. Larrissey, P. Cummins, T. Barry, Ml. Lyons, Pat Murphy, Laur. Phelan, Pk. Walsh, Ml. Kelly, Pat Hanlon, Ml. Mullally. II Goal Umpires - Mr Edw. Grant & Nick Hearn. Field Ump. - Wm. Quealy / no names for Mandeville Team.

Ballyhenneberry and Mullinavat then took the field in a third football match but it was plain from the start that the ball was a minor consideration in



(Neither Championship - Hurling or Football got beyond the Provincial Finals in 1888 because of what came to be termed the "American Invasion" - a Tour of the States by some fifty athletes and officials).

The following lines were penned some forty years later in tribute to the above remarkable Kilmacow Football Team - winners of the first Leinster Football Title, to the air - 'Dear Old Grannail':-

#### THE MEN OF KILMACOW

*All ye that love our Irish sport draw near,  
both young and old,  
And listen with attention to these lines I now unfold,  
Concerning those young heroes, the flower of Leinster now,  
The men of fame whom I do name are the Team from Kilmacow.*

*In features they are handsome, in stature fine and tall,  
There is no club can equal them in prowess at football,  
The Arab steed has no such speed, they are like the men of old,  
They are both strong and active, courageous, stout and bold.*

*It was on the plains of Piltown, in the springtime of the year,  
Their deeds of valour first began, as you shall quickly hear,  
They won that day with colours gay, though the wind it harshly blew,  
And point and goals sailed through the poles in spite of brave Slieverue.*

*And next they conquered famed Mooncoin, though they boasted long and loud,  
And the beating they would give to them they had all described in song,  
But their haughty verse was the reverse, as we have plainly seen,  
For they fell that day like Autumn leaves before the gold and green.*

*The Callan men they tackled then, and their flag they did pull down,  
And twice they nobly brought the sway*

*down from Kilkenny Town,  
Outside the bounds of Dublin, in ancient Clonasksa,  
The champions of the Co. Louth they defeated there that day.*

*Those gallant clubs they did defeat, and always took the lead,  
Far famed throughout old Ireland for courage, strength and speed,  
Though opposing Teams would all fight hard their serried ranks would fail,  
They beat the boys of Wexford, Glenmore and Ballyhale.*

*Twas pleasant to see how nobly for a contest they'd prepare,  
In honour of their native place, and the colours they did wear,  
With spirits eager for the fray, their like is seldom seen,  
Those one and twenty heroes in their garb of gold and green.*

*Englishmen may proudly pen their victories side by side,  
The Romans, too, who did subdue famed nations far and wide,  
On many a land they took their stand, their ships the seas did plough,  
But they have no share that can compare with the men of Kilmacow.*

Composed by Francis Aylward, Moolum.

Oct. 6th Carr-on-Suir. Athletic Meeting.  
J. Walsh (Psc), and P. McGrath, Lackendarra complimented on splendid performance in slinging the 56 lbs - each sent it 27' - 6" - a record. Walsh has come on rapidly, and he bids fair to rival the deeds of the strongest in the very near future.

Oct. 30th. An exhibition hurling match was played at Bessborough Park between two teams from Mooncoin - the respective sides being captained by J. Fox and J. Hennebery. A splendid game resulted in Fox's team winning 0-4 to 0-1. Mr T. Bowers (Jun), G. Vine refereed satisfactorily. Ld. Bessborough remained on the ground during the match and enjoyed it mightily - He publicly expressed his thanks to the Mooncoin men for the pleasure they had so kindly afforded him.



the eyes of a number of players "who evidently thought they were engaged in a champion wrestling contest - to entreaties and threats alike they were deaf", and the referee, Pat Fogarty was forced to leave the field, and thus the match ended abruptly. In the few minutes play that was indulged in, Mullinavat, with the wind, had scored two points -

**Mvat.** - John Foskin, John Raftis, John Walsh, Martin Corcoran, Pat Kinsella, Pat Shea, Ml. Power, T. Foskin, M. Hynes, Pat McEvoy, Ml. Aylward, Thos. Aylward, D. Grant, E. Grant, John Whitty, Jas. Costelloe, P. Power, P. Hurley, W. Darmody, T. Forristal, P. Aylward.

**Ballyhen.** - W. O'Donnell (capt), J. O'Donnell, S. Barry, P. Moore, N. Barry, W. Butler, M. Butler, J. Power, E. Rafter, J. Dunne, W. O'Donnell, M. Rafter, J. Grant, M. Baldwin, T. Duggan, M. Barry, M. Farrell, T. Sheehan, M. Farrell, J. Denn, M. Knox.

Mr Pat Fogarty, who refereed the three matches, considering the attending circumstances got very well through a most difficult task - general sideline disturbances notwithstanding. By mutual consent the hurling match between Ballyhenneberry and Piltown was deferred whilst the fifth match - cancelled. The reports fulminated against the behaviour and castigates the promoters for inadequate policeing but in the process throws some light on the practice prior to that period. We must oppose the "prostitution of sport for trade purposes ..... Those who see in the promotion of Gaelic sports a means to a money making end. Some time since - publicans' Tournaments flourished in the country. They were almost a recognised institution amongst certain members of the Trade and for a time football and high revels went hand in hand "The Most Rev. Dr. Croke knew that many "grand football Tournaments" were got up to induce the people to have a grand spree, and he determined to do what in him lay to stamp out practices which were degrading to the Irish nature.

Accordingly the Archbishop wrote to the Thurles Convention of 1888 urging the adoption of the following conditions:

(1) Sale of alcoholic drink in or near sports venue be prohibited.

(2) In selecting playing locality neighbourhood of public-houses be avoided.

(3) No prizes be accepted from publican - when offered to attract custom.

Accepted as cardinal rules for guidance of the G.A.A.

As stated the Mooncoin Committee was held responsible for not controlling the 'expected' rowdyism rampant at last Sunday Tournament - to which Tom Bower an able organiser, Co. Delegate for the John Dillons, replied for the Tournament Committee.

Dear Sir,

With most of your remarks every true Gael must agree. It is certainly a mistake to hold Tournaments so near pub-houses and it is a burning shame for Irishmen, who meet either to play or to witness the game, to indulge in such rowdyism, as was indulged in on that occasion. But Mooncoin was not the first to make the mistake of holding a Tournament close to public houses; as a rule most Tournaments are not held very far from one, but I am requested to state, and I am happy to be able to say from my own knowledge, that the Mooncoin people are in no way to blame. The Committee did all in their power to give the Teams they invited a clear field and it must be admitted - in this they succeeded pretty well, and again a single man from Mooncoin did not in any way contribute to these disorderly scenes. In many cases where they did interfere to stop a row, they were assaulted and did not even retaliate fearing it might be said, a man from the parish ill-treated a stranger. Mooncoin men themselves were not dealt with so when invited lately to a strange parish to play a friendly match, and got stones and dirt thrown in their faces (not I must say by the opposite players) but by outside sympathisers for no reason but that they had the best of the play. I merely wish to mention the above facts with regard to the Mooncoin Tournament for it would appear from the report, which I am sure was not meant, that Mooncoin men were as deeply implicated in the rows as anyone else, nothing being said to the contrary. However it is high time that such conduct should be put an end to and all true Gaels should see that order and decency should reign at such gatherings, so that the Association may attain the ends for which it was formed, namely, to unite more closely in the bonds of brotherhood and friendship the Irish people, through the medium of these old and noble pastimes.

I am, etc.

T. Bowers, Junr.

Apr. 20th. At Thomastown S.H. Ch.  
Mooncoin v Threecastles. Mooncoin didn't show up.

May 11th. At Rathcurby Ch. Football.  
Mooncoin 0-3. Mullinavat 0-0.  
Glenmore 0-5. Ballyhenneberry 0-5. Draw.

Several thousand people collected for what proved to be two dour and exciting contests. Pat Fogarty (M) refereed both games satisfactorily.

### 1889 IRISH NATIONAL LEAGUE MONSTER MEETING AT KILANASPIG

Apr. A most successful meeting, if attendance be the measure. The Mayor of Waterford arrived at ten minutes to two o'clock and immediately following the car on which he sat - came wagonettes containing the members of the patriotic Working Mens Club and of the John Mitchell Fife and Drum Band. From the four points of the compass - cars, horsemen, Gaels dressed in uniform, the John Dillon Volunteers prominent amongst them and pedestrians moved to the place assigned for the gathering - a hollow, nestling at the base of four hills, from which was kept, by trustworthy scouts, a sharp lookout. During the hour and a half the meeting held, the enemy were completely oblivious of the fact that wholesale sedition, vide Government proclamations, was being preached to a most enthusiastic, orderly and attentive gathering, which certainly numbered many thousands.

On the motion of the Mayor of Wat. seconded by Fr. Dillon, the chair was taken by Rev. Canon Dunphy P.P. Mooncoin, who said they had assembled to sympathise with the widow and orphan the evicted and not as the proclamation stated, for the purpose of promoting a criminal conspiracy. Among the other speakers at this 'suppressed' I.N.L. meeting were of course the Mayor of Waterford, Rev. Fr. Downey, Mvat.; Mr M.A. Manning, Wat.; strong in their condemnation of land-grabbers, grass-grabbers, emergency men and those who aid evictions, directly or indirectly. They pledged whole-hearted support for Mr Parnell and his men in their efforts. Mr L. Power, Carrigeen, proposed a vote of thanks to Canon Dunphy for presiding seconded by Mr J. Fielding (Psc.), (others present - Rev. Fr. Tynan C.C., Rev. Fr. Cahill C.C., Rev.

Fr. Timothy C.C., Mooncoin, Rev. Fr. Walsh C.C., Rev. Fr. Downey, C.C. Mvat., M. A. Manning, Wat., E. Phelan T.C. do., J.P. Kennedy, do., J. Green, J. Caulfield, do., P. Keeffe, Kcow., J. Keeffe, do., H. Matthews, do., E. Walsh, do., J. Farrell, do., D. Gleeson, P.L.G., Ballyshonuck, L. Power, Carr., J. Fielding Psc., T. Bowers, Gvine., P. Buckley, Kilmacthomas, J. Henneberry, Cc., M. Walsh, Cga., R. Comerford, Kpig., D. Larkin, W.G. Fisher, T.C., C.P. Redmond, Wat. News etc). Proceeding ended, the cars, led by the John Mitchell Band moved towards Piltown. As they neared, about 100 police surrounded a spacious platform (in fact an I.N.L. decoy erected the day before to mystify) with hussars nearby. As the Mayor car approached - "Fix Bayonets and Charge" called the Co. Inspector. Fortunately, the Divisional Comm. nearby countermanded and allowed the procession to pass.

### 1889 CONFUSION REIGNS

July 6th. The affairs of Kilk. got into such a state of hopeless confusion consequent, it is said, on the neglect of the Co. Sec. that a Convention of the branches of the County was held in Kilkenny to try and put matters to rights. Mr Jas. Grace, Thomastown, was chosen Secretary and a couple of new members were elected on the Co. Council. Mr Grace enquired how much money on hand to which Mr John Mullally Glenmore replied - 'not a penny'.

Merely one aspect of the disruption and malaise overtaking the Association; partly consequent to the 'American Invasion of '88' when interest waned and realism grew. However, for the next eight years '89 to '97, in the country side hurling lay dormant, because of the political unrest, land agitation, evictions, boycotting, land-grabbing, proclamations, suppression of gatherings, creating a state of nervous tension and exhaustion in the people. Those with any land scarcely slept but if they did they kept their eyes open.

### 1890 TENANTS DEFENCE ASSOCIATION

Feb. Subscriptions to the Tenants Defence Association, have, as a rule, been paid with the greatest readiness. However, there are exceptions. At an I.N.L. meeting - Canon Dunphy in the chair and present - Rev. Fr. Keehan, Messrs. A. Conway, K. Brennan, T. Bowers and A. Moran - it was

decided to publish names of subscriber to the Ten. Def. Ass. and the following were appointed to arrange for the completion of the collection. - Kilanaspig - Messrs Farrell, Brennan, Conway. Mooncoin - Messrs Bowers, Murphy and Oakey. Carrigeen - Messrs Walsh, Madden and Moran.

### Question Posed

Mar. A Dublin writer poses the question - "Are the world-famed Kilmacow Footballers and the Mooncoin Hurlers dead and buried" - They are alive and kicking (says the Wat/N. reporter) but the heart was fairly knocked out of them by the treatment which they got a couple of years ago by the Central Council. Perhaps under happier auspices they may again be induced to take the field. Mooncoin from the start, objected to Kilkenny city as venue - both travelling times and expenses for them disproportionate - players who couldn't afford one or other or both became ineligible for selection and lost to the game.

Kilmacow, a fantastic team and club, winners of the very first Leinster Football Title disappeared for good from the scene and from which Kilkenny football failed to recover.

Mar. - Gaels in disarray - G.A.A. members should work with the Nat. League - Clubs not to allow aiders or abettors of emergency men or grabbers, or fraternisers with the police to participate in Gaelic games.

July. I.N.L. reorganised - Fr. J. Dunphy - Pres., Mr T. Farrell - Sec., Mr T. Bowers - Treas.

### 1892

Feb. 27th. Co. Wat. G.A.A. Convention. Held at Dungarvan - Delegates attending included Dan Fraher, T. Barry, J. Crotty etc. at which meeting it was stated that in 1888-9 due to discord and disorganization and divided board - only one of twenty clubs joined G.A.A. in East Waterford. Further that of twenty seven clubs affiliated four years ago - not a half dozen remain.

**1890 - 96** No G.A.A. activities in Mooncoin - Area in unsettled disturbed state.

**1892** Number of players reduced from 21 to 17 aside.

### 1897

### THE OMENS ARE HOPEFUL

May. Tournament at Confederation Club Grounds, Freshford Rd. - previously postponed owing to heavy rain. Two gold medals:

(1) Long Puck, (2) Long Kick

The 'invitation' hurling match Tullaroan v Mooncoin did not take place due, it was said, to the fractiousness of the Southerners. When Mooncoin found Tullaroan had included four Threecastles players on their team they objected whereupon J. Grace stripped and offered to play the Mooncoin seventeen with just fourteen Tullaroan men. Mooncoin said seventeen of their men would play seventeen Tullaroan men or not at all - and walked off.

**M.** - J. Quinn, R. Walsh, M. O'Keeffe, E. O'Keeffe, P. Fielding, R. Walsh, J. Walsh, M. Hanrahan, Andrew Hanrahan, R. Deady, M. Merry, J. Dollard, E. Dunphy, R. Smith, J. Quinn, R. Collins, Dunphy.

**Tull.** - J. Doheny, T. Grace, Jer. Doheny, M. Walsh, - Malone, M. Maher, P. Cass, E. Dunne, P. Young, J. Dunne, J. Lawlor, P. Maher, P. Egan, M. Daughton, T. Dermody, P. Ryan, T. O'Donnell.

June 1st. At Kil. - G.A.A. Co. Convention. Delegates from Mooncoin - J. Fielding, R. Walsh (Manager), who, in all probability, were mainly responsible for re-establishment and reaffiliation of M. Team.

June 1st. S.H. Ch. Draws:  
Mooncoin v Confederation,  
Tullaroan v Callan.

Aug. At Kil. St. Laurence. Two mile Borris (Tipp) v Mooncoin.

The Emmet Fife and Drum Band led the combatants on to the field, Mooncoin, who are famous as swift and graceful wielders of the caman immediately registered a point to their credit. Stubborn defence from gallant Tipp - yet Mooncoin goaled. Final score:

Mooncoin 1-2. Tipp 0-1.

1898

July 10th At Palmerstown S.H.F. (1897)  
Tullaroan 3-II. Mooncoin 2-1.

**M. Team.** J. Quinn, R. Walsh, M. O'Keeffe, E. O'Keeffe, P. Fielding, R. Walsh, J. Walsh, M. Hanrahan, Andrew Hanrahan, R. Deady, M. Merry, J. Dollard, E. Dunphy, R. Smith, J. Quinn, R. Collins, J. Dunphy.

**Tull.** J. Walsh (capt), J. Doheny, P. Fox Maher, E. Teehan, J. Grace, M. Malone, E. Dunne, P. Malone, J. Lawlor, D. Hoyne, W. Walsh, T. Grace, Jim Dunne, J. Doheny, Jack Lawlor, P. Ryan, J. Dowling.

### A NOTABLE CHALLENGE

Sept. 10th. At Dungarvan. Mooncoin 5-11 (1-2), Middleton 4-4 (3-3).

Large assemblage of spectators gathered from all parts about Dungarvan bolstered by a large sizable contingent from Waterford in anticipation of a hectic struggle on a glorious September day. The Mooncoin Team with its followers arrived at 1.30 on a special train from Waterford. Middleton team had come in earlier after a long drive from Youghal in wagonettes. The scene of battle was a spacious level field at Shandon, (lent by Capt. Curran). The Waterford Emmet Fife and Drum Band entertained the large crowd before the match. Referee Mr John Tobin, Capt. of the Clonmel (Shamrocks) Football Club got the match under way at 3.30. Middleton with the advantage of sun and wind and settling into their rhythm straight away had the better of the first half and led at H.T. 3-3 to 1-2. After the break, Mooncoin resumed as men inspired, quickened their pace and with sure-fire combination "kept the game dancing in the Middleton territory while taking their scores. Such an exhibition of swift, scientific purposeful caman wielding was scarcely ever seen before on the Shandon grounds contested in the most friendly character" and which concluded:  
Mooncoin 5-11, Middleton 4-4.

For Mooncoin - Merry, Quinn and the Fieldings played remarkably well.

**M. Team** - P. Fielding (capt), J.K. Fielding (g), R. Walsh, J. Fewer, M. Merry, P. Walsh, A. Deady, J. Quinn, E. Dunphy, N. Hanrahan, A. Hanrahan, Tom Quinn, E. Keffe, E.F. Fielding, M. Fielding, A. Keffe, J. Hickey.

**Mid.** - Dan Buckley (capt), J. Twomey (vice-capt) J. Murphy (g), L. Keating, J. Egan, J. Spriggs, J. Hearne, D. Gibbons, P. Hearne, J. White, J. Ryall W. Browne, Wm. Barry, W. Martin, T. Connors, J. Walsh, P. Wade.

Oct. 1st. "I beg to challenge Mr Fielding Capt. of the Mooncoin Hurling Club for a set of medals - value £10.10.0 to be played for at Dungarvan on Sun. Oct. 2nd. It is to be understood that both teams shall play as on the last occasion with their own men exclusively, and, furthermore that the match is to be of the most friendly character. On behalf of the Middleton Hurlers, I remain etc. D. Buckley, Capt."

Accepted on behalf of Mooncoin Hurlers - Pat Fielding.

### EXPECTATIONS SHATTERED

The prospect of this renewed meeting generated tremendous interest among Gaels of diverse alliances. However, the many who assembled at the Dungarvan ground were in for a disappointment. It seems all the M. Team left Waterford Station for Dungarvan at 11.30 but when the train got to Kilmeaden it was discovered that five of the team were missing. The only reason forthcoming for the absence was that they were not prepared to loose the medals and pay for them as well. The excuse of the absentees is certainly not a very chivalrous one and is open to question (writes the correspondent). As a matter of fact Mr Fielding told the Mooncoin Club that he would be personally responsible for the medals and this perfecting 'bona fide' understanding was part of the Mooncoin programme as late as Sat. evening - The disappointment was keen indeed and we trust our Co. Kilk friends will not allow themselves to fall out again over Trifles '(Wat. News).

It may be the terms of the challenge was unknown to some of the players before they gathered at Waterford Station who were opposed in principles to any wagering by or on their behalf.

A game of sorts among the players who got to Dungarvan took place - which satisfied no-one.



SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP TEAM - 1900

## 1900

July 1st at Kilk. S.H.C.  
Mooncoin 1-6 Tullaroan 0-8

'A most exciting match', Ref. - Aberman J. Nolan.

### SECOND FINAL WIN FOR MOONCOIN

Aug. 28th. At Loughboy. S.H.C. Final  
(1900) Mooncoin 5-9. Freshford 1-15.

It was a splendidly contested match and resulted in a narrow victory for the Southern champions by 24 pts to 18.

M. Tom Quinn (capt), John Quinn, John Maher, John O'Neill, Rd. Walsh, Pat Fielding, Jim Hickey, Ed. Dunphy, Bob O'Keeffe, James O'Keeffe, Mick Walsh, Tom Butler, John Butler, Dick Deady, Jas. Butler, Ed. O'Keeffe, Rd. Synnott.

Mooncoin as reigning champion, had the

county call in Leins. Championship (1900).

At Borris:  
Kilk 4-16 (3-9) Wexford 0-2 (0-0)  
Kilk 1-12 Offaly 1-5

At Wexford Pk. Leins. H.Fin.  
Kilk 4-11 (2-0) Dublin 4-10 (4-8) - a thriller.

At Carrick-on-Suir All-Ire. H. Semi F.  
Tipp 0-14 (0-4) Kilk 1-8 (1-6)

In the All-Ire. semi-final, Kilkenny, mostly Mooncoin players with a little help from Tullaroan and Threecastles, went down to the Tipp. Team, 'though they failed to score a goal. However Tipp finished the stronger.

**Kilk.** - R. Walsh (capt), (Dick the Manager), P. Maher (Tull), P. Fielding (M), J. Butler (M), John Quinn (M), John Maher (M), Dick Deady (M), R. Morahan (M), T. Murphy, A. Hennessy, J. Doheny (Tull), R. Keeffe (M), John Fielding (M), A. O'Keeffe "buacall" (M), T. Butler (M), A. Hanrahan (M).

## UNITED IRISH LEAGUE

### MOONCOIN BRANCH

At a meeting of this branch Mr Pat Henneberry and P. Dalton attended - the former to report that he is in full possession of his farm at Dournane and has already made a good sale of portion of his hay; Dalton to give information regarding his farm grabbed some time since by a man named Gilmartin - The following resolutions were adopted -

1st. "That in view of the good being done and victories gained all over the West of Ireland by the United Irish League, we feel it our duty to call on our fellow-parishioners to fall into line at once and enroll themselves as members."

2nd. "That in order to give them an opportunity of doing so the officers and committee of the branch will hold a meeting at Mooncoin on Sun. Aug. 12th at 2.00 p.m."

3rd. "That we are surprised and disgusted that certain persons who should have some respect for themselves publicly associate themselves with emergency men located in the parish; and we warn these parties that if they continue to do so serious notice must be taken of their conduct."

1901

June 16th. At Ballyhale. S.H.Ch R1  
Mooncoin defeated Friars Hall.

Aug. 18th. At Threecastles S.H.Ch. R2.  
Mooncoin 2-6 (2-3) Tullaroan 2-6 (0-3)

Billed as an epic confrontation - which was expected to be hard and close and so it proved to be. Ideal weather, perfect ground and excellent arrangements plus a very large attendance warranted satisfaction. Referee McCarthy got the game under way at 2.40 p.m. and from the start Mooncoin went on the offensive - pointing to open the scoring - and having had the better of the exchanges in the first half led by a clear two goals at H.T. M. 2-3 to 0-3. The Fielding brothers had had a good first half. John sending a perfect pass to O'Keeffe who shot to the net for the first score, then pointing himself, brother Pat added a goal and a point and O'Keeffe added a point. Jer Doheny (2) and S. Walton (1) scored for Tullaroan.

Tullaroan came back strongly in the second half. Five minutes from the end, we are told, the Mooncoin captain, according to himself asked the score of the referee who stated the scores were level. Mooncoin scored a point, had a goal disallowed - the game ended, the referee declared a draw. Mooncoin had played "a very fast game from start to finish, and wielded the caman in a style well worthy of the men immortalised by their Poet-Priest Father J.B. Dollard. Needless to say Tullaroan were worthy of their past reputation". Two incidents occurred which may have effected the rules later:

1. Sim Walton returned a weak puck-out which struck a spectator and glided in between the point post (which was then outside the goal posts on each side). The score was disallowed.

2. John Fielding scored a goal direct from a free but since no-one other than the free-taker had touched the ball the score was disallowed.

M. - R. Walsh (capt), P. Phelan, J. Fielding, E. Fielding, E. Hanrahan, R. Smith, M. Maher, E. Keffe, P. Goggin, E. Quinn, J & T & M. Butler, R. Collins, M. Morahan, R. Deady, T. Fielding.  
Tull. - J. Walsh (capt), J. Doheny, P. Maher, T. Grace, R & M & W. Malone, J. Holohan, D & J Hoyne, E. Dunne, P. Dowling, P. Young, S. Case, J. Lalor and E. Teehan.

Replay fixed for Sept. 15th at Callan.

Sept. 15th. At Callan. S.H. Ch. R2 Repl.  
Tullaroan 9-14 (3-4), Mooncoin 0-0 (0-0)

The replay generated tremendous interest with large sums of money laid on both teams. Callan had never if ever seen such a gathering. However after Tullaroan had led 3-4 to 0-0 at half time and then - running riot in the second - finished 9-14 to nil. Some questions arise. Reports, at the time wax lyrical on the brilliance and excellent skills of the Tullaroan men and, no doubt, they had some, but cannot conceivably account for the debacle which took place. The teams, after all, had drawn but a month before. Ref. - AB Jim Nowlan.

M. - R. Walsh (capt), R. Smith, J & P. Goggin, P. & J. & E. Fielding, E. O'Keeffe, J. Butler, T. Butler, W. Morahan, P. Walsh, N. Hennessy, J. Quinn, J. Maher, J. Butler, R. Deady.  
Tull. - J. Walsh (capt), P. Fox Maher, P. & M.



& W. Malone, J. Holohan, S. Walton, E. & J. Dunne, J. Lawlor, S. Cass, E. Teehan, P. Hoyne, J. Doheny, J. Young, T. Grace.

With reference to the above match at Callan, Mooncoin versus Tullaroan - Mr Edw. Fielding, Rathkieran writes - "Mooncoin were very badly treated by the outsiders during the match. Some of our boys are confined to their beds from the treatment given them by the crowd, who used whips and sticks on them and then left them to the hurlers to follow their example. This is not due to Callan men but to Tullaroan followers, and some very respectable men demeaned themselves by striking Mooncoin players with the butt end of their whips."

Nov. 8th. An Cead Sgoruigeact Muintreac ag Connrad na Gaedilge (Craob Portlairge). Use of Town Hall obtained and then refused so held in Hall of Catholic Young Men's Society, Parnell Street. - Very successful concert in presence of many clergy and V.I.P.s. Mr N. Cantwell, Mooncoin, was one of the great successes of the evening. He sang, in Irish, of course, "For Ireland I'll not tell you who she is" and he rolled off the ballad in a manner which showed that he knew to perfection his theme and its setting. In response to an imperative recall, he came back and sang the last verse again.

### 1903 TOURNAMENT AT MOONCOIN

Jan. 20th. Gaelic Tournament at Mooncoin. in Jas. Comerford's field, hard by Grangé Railway Station - a field which is the most suitable that could be had in the Mooncoin district for a Gaelic display of any description. Well laid out for the occasion and throughout the best order prevailed amongst the vast concourse of spectators and the different teams who came to try conclusions. Part of the subscription from the gate to go towards the funds of forthcoming ploughing match at Mooncoin. Principal object of the Tournament, however, is the recoupment of expenses incurred by that gallant and famous football combination known as the "Slate Quarry Miners" through their visits to other territories to uphold the honour and reputation of their native Co. Kilkenny in the Gaelic Arena.

First Game - Hurling - Mooncoin No. 2 v Ferrybank. Rather one-sided as Mooncoin who proved themselves swifter and more scientific

in the use of the caman than their opponents winning three goals and some points to nil.

Second Game was the principal feature - Co. Kilk. Foot. Ch. S.F. Kilmacow v Lamogue. Refereed in impartial manner by Mr J. McCarthy, T.C. Kilk.

Ding-dong battle from start to finish of first half in which both sides notched a point. In the second period of the game Lamogue captured two points to Kilmacow's one making the entire score Lamogue 0-3, Kilmacow 0-2.

After this Mooncoin and Piltown took the field in a hurling contest which had to be terminated after about twenty minutes owing to the lateness of the hour. During that time the home team played for all they were worth and did not give their adversaries a look-in - their score being - M. 1 goal and 5 points to nil for Piltown. Ref. - Mr. J. Neill.

Aug. 14th. Gaelic Tournament at Christendom. Football Waterford 1-5 (0-4), Carlow 0-4 (0-1). Waterford City Drapers were superior in point of science and tact. s

The Hurling match Dublin (Thomas Davis) v Mooncoin was of an exciting and well contested character. After the throw-in a good stroke near half mark sent the ball through the point posts when the white flag was raised indicating that a point had been duly captured - shortly after a second point was recorded for Mooncoin. Play was fast and scientific and nice bits along the side-line. A fine hit from Butler high over the posts for a third point. Mooncoin hit swiftly along the side-line and R. O'Keeffe drove out the fourth point. At this moment Dublin hustled the ball to within a few yards of the Mooncoin sticks when Quinn saved in splendid style transferring play to mid-field; Mooncoin, following well up, put out, amidst the unbounded enthusiasm of their friends - a goal; subsequently, the Co. Kilkenny stalwarts augmented their score by three points obtained in quick succession. The score at half time:

Mooncoin 1-6, Dublin 0-0.

On resumption Mooncoin opened with a point. A Dublin player got hurt and play ceased until a substitute was provided. Afterwards matters got lively and the Thomas Davis combination for the first time secured a point. Mooncoin defenders again bore down on Dublin sticks and playing in a swift and scientific manner



**REV. J. K. FIELDING**  
**CHICAGO**  
 (formerly of Rathkieran, Mooncoin)

shot out a goal. Play was of a give and take character when Jack Keefe of Co. Kilk. came into possession and hit out a straight point. Not many minutes elapsed before Mooncoin again treated the spectators to another magnificent exhibition in which Fielding showed himself to advantage. At one time Robert Keefe took the ball on the caman at midfield and sent out a point. This was generally pronounced to be the best puck given up to that stage of the game. Mooncoin subsequently had things as they liked and went on scoring points in rapid succession. At the close of the game, in which the Mooncoin caman wielders showed their form of long ago, matters stood at the final

Mooncoin 2-12, Dublin (Thomas Davis) 0-2.  
**M.** - J. Quinn (capt), R. O'Keefe, M. O'Keefe, P. Phelan, J. Phelan, J. Butler, T. Butler, R. Walsh, R. Walsh, R. Morahan, E. Doyle, R. Delahunty, J. Delahunty, P. Gogan, J. Maher, T. Quinn (17).  
**Dublin** - P. Kelly (goal), J. Callahan, D. Callahan, Jones, Harty, Consodine, Power, Power, Minogue, Mulcahy, O'Gorman, Lynch, Hogan, Larkin, Walsh, Murphy, Sweeney. (17).

1904

### IRISH CONCERT AT MOONCOIN

Jan. 10th. A Gaelic concert inaugurated by the Rev. Fr. Fielding (Rk) and Rev. Dr. Henebry (Portlaw) took place in the boys school, Mooncoin Village. A large and appreciative audience gathered at 7 o'clock and the concert lasted about four hours, so it will be readily seen that a most enjoyable function took place. The function was held with a view to establishing a branch of the Gaelic League in Mooncoin. Rev. Dr. Henebry delivered an address in Irish and also in English - that in Irish probably understood by just a few. During the evening some most excellent selections were reproduced by Fr. Fielding on the gramophone amongst them being reproductions of the Reverend entertainer's own expositions of Irish music on the flute. Another record played by Fr. Fielding during the evening was the song in Irish "The Fairy Boy" capitably sung by Mr. Nicholas Cantwell (M). A splendid exposition of Irish dancing was given by the Ryan-Healy combination from the Walsh Mts. whose prowess is too well known to need mention here. Mr Byrne, the Irish piper, charmed his hearers with the selections which he played for the dances. Master Carroll of Portlaw danced in exceedingly fine style a double and a hornpipe - Mr Padhraig O'Neill of Ring, was in great form, and sung several songs in the old tongue with great spirit. One of the items of the evening was the trio played by Father Henebry (violin) and Messrs. J. Henebry of Portlaw, and J. Byrne (pipes). Two little girls named Power sang very prettily "The Cruiskeen Lawn". Messrs McDonald, Walsh and Howe also contributed to the evenings entertainment. The enthusiasm which prevailed augurs well for the Gaelic League in Mooncoin. (Note: The Rev. Dr. Henebry was the famous Maynooth Professor, associate there of Rev. Dr. Walter McDonald).

James Byrne (1868-1931), one of Ireland's outstanding pipers at the turn of the century was born beside the hill of Tara in Ballybogan, Co. Meath. A gifted flute and fiddle player from youth he, in his late teens, perfected his pipe playing at the Rowsome farm Ballintone, Co. Wexford where Samuel and his three sons, all pipers resided. Jim Byrne taught and played throughout the country and among many honours won first prize at Dublin Feis Ceoil in 1905 and

the Oireachas, 1912. His daughter, Mary, who died last year, was wife of Jim Holden, M. village.



James Byrne (left).  
In this instance with the fiddle.  
Pictured with the equally talented  
Leo Rowsome.

## 1905 TULLAROAN PIP MOONCOIN

Mar. 5th. At Gaelic Pk. Kilk. Co. S.H. Ch. F. (1904 S.F.) .....

Tullaroan 1-7 (1-3) Mooncoin 2-3 (1-2)

One of the tightest games seen for many a long day was played at the Gaelic field in what was an ordered replay in the Senior Hurling Championship semi-final of 1904. The referee was Mr N. Dalton. From the throw-in Tullaroan were away and within minutes Jer. Doheny had notched a point. Walton, exercising a roving commission between the half-line and the square was giving the Mooncoin backs a headache - he had

two points in quick succession before Mooncoin registered a score - a goal through O'Keeffe. The Tullaroan reply was not long in coming when from a melee in the Mooncoin square the ball went loose for Walton to bury in the net. Jimmy Kelly had a point at the other end for Mooncoin and O'Keeffe added another to leave just a point the difference at H.T. Tullaroan 1-3 Mooncoin 1-2. On resuming Jer Doheny again opened the scoring with a point and Walton added another from a centred '70'. Fielding replied with a point for Mooncoin and Kelly with a rasper hit the upright. Saunders from a very acute angle sent over and Doheny added another. With minutes to go Jimmy Kelly had one of his specialties a left-handed whipped drop-shot which travelled faster than eye could see so couldn't be stopped and left Mooncoin a point in arrears. Tullaroan, who had got their nose in front at the start and were never headed, now had to fight to withstand a tremendous onslaught by Mooncoin in the last quarter. The game had been a titanic struggle for supremacy right through - played tight, hard, but honest with occasional glimpses of scintillating artistry from 'Drug', Quinn and Kelly for Mooncoin while for Tullaroan Jer Doheny, Walton and Teehan excelled. Tullaroan held out and at the final whistle were a point ahead. Tullaroan 1-7 Mooncoin 2-3.

M. - J. Quinn (capt), T. Butler, J. Butler, T. Henneberry, R. Morahan, J. Dunphy, R. 'Drug' Walsh, P. Synnott, M. O'Keeffe, E. Doyle, R. Smith, J. Kelly, P. Fielding, R. Deady, J. Brennan, J. O'Keeffe and R. Doyle.

Tull. - Jer Doheny (capt), P. 'Fox' Maher, J. Lalor, J. Hoyne, R. Hoyne, E. Teehan, J. Dunne, J. Maher, M. Dunne, P. Campion, P. Dowling, P. Saunders, S. Walton, W. Holohan, M. Maher, J. Shortal and Pat Clohossy.

## 1906

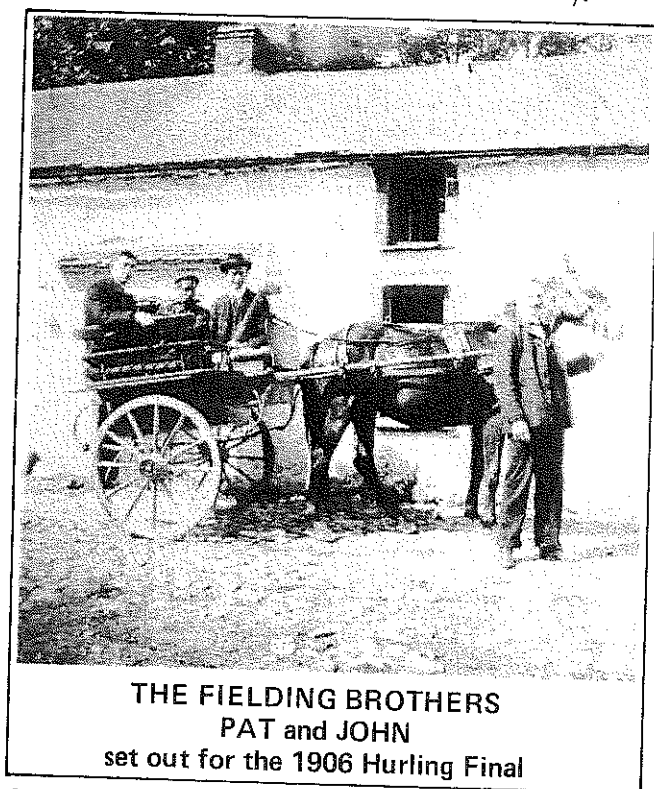
Apr. 25th. at Callan. S.H.Ch. S.F. (1905).  
Erin's Own 3-7 Mooncoin 0-2

Erin's Own who eventually won the final, had a rather easy win over Mooncoin in the semi-final at Callan. Last season, Mooncoin had also lost in the semi-final to their old rivals - Tullaroan. However, against Erin's Own - the Mooncoin 'stars' failed inexplicable and on the whole played well below form. They were unlucky to lose Pat Fielding, who retired injured almost immediately

after the start and his loss completely disorganised the whole team. Dick Brennan gave the winners a good start and thereafter they never looked back. Owing to a dispute the Mooncoin men walked off the field while there was still nine minutes of playing time remaining - and the referee, Mr M.J. Lynch of Callan awarded the match to Erin's Own.

Mooncoin objected to the referee's decision but at a Co. Committee Meeting in the Town Hall on May 13th. - Chairman D.J. Gorey ruled that Mooncoin had no right of appeal, as they had acted contrary to rule 19 which forbade a team leaving the pitch before the termination of the game without the permission of the referee.

(Erin's Own went on to win their first and only S.H. Ch. Final (1905) played on June 1906 at St. James Park, beating Tullaroan 5-6 to 2-8).



**THE FIELDING BROTHERS  
PAT and JOHN**  
set out for the 1906 Hurling Final

1906

S.H.Ch. R1 Mooncoin 5-9 Seven Houses 2-5  
R2 Mooncoin beat Crosspatrick.

1907

### HONOURS COME SOUTH

May 25th. St. James Park S.H.Ch (1906F)  
Mooncoin 3-6 (1-1) Tullaroan 1-12 (1-5)

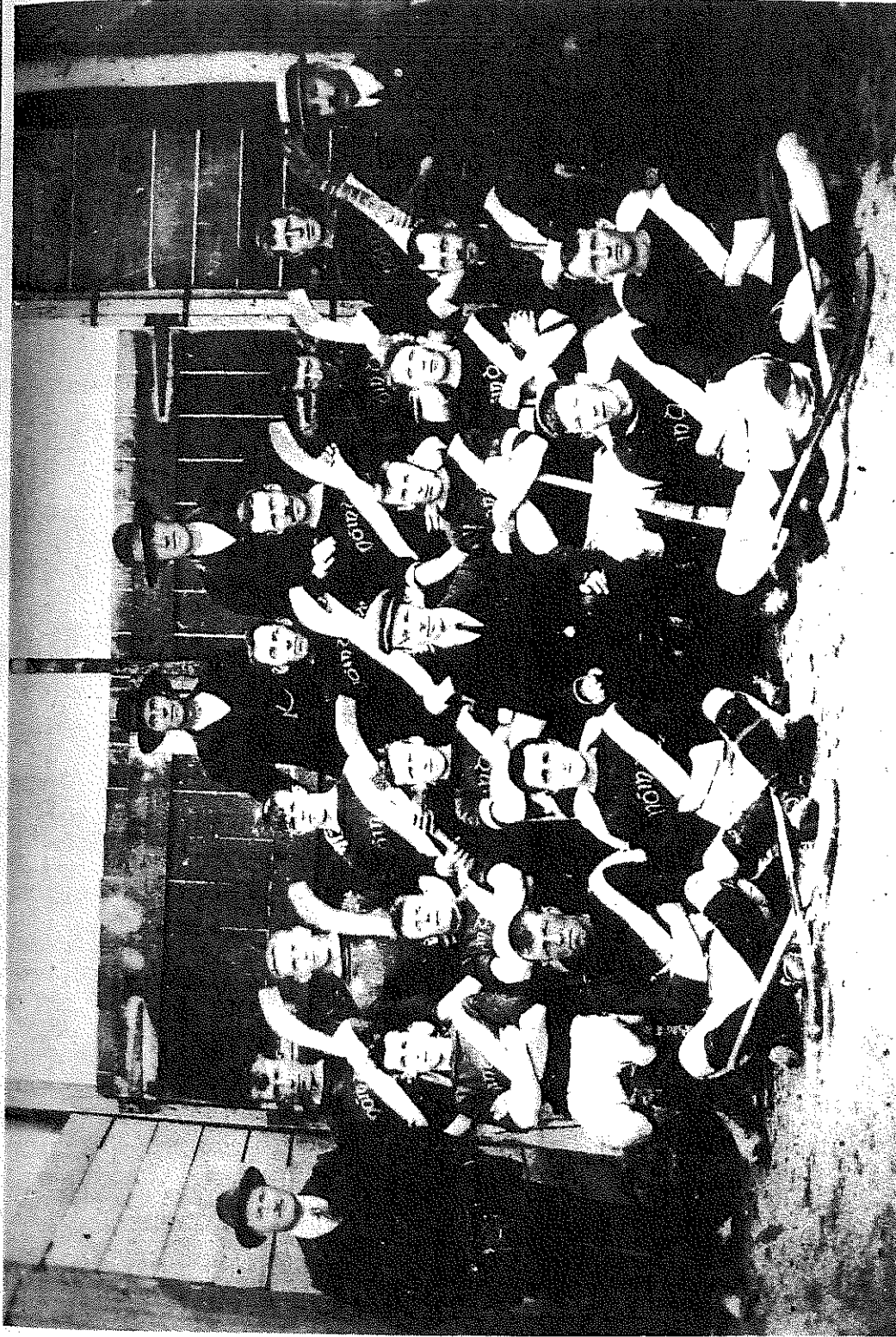
First match played in St. James Park, lately rented from the Agricultural Society and as yet without paling-fencing surrounding the playing area. The game, as a consequence, suffered some encroachment of the playing area. However, this tussle of the giants of hurling measured up to everyone's expectations. Mooncoin were slightly favoured due to the absence of the veteran stalwart Tullaroan goalie 'Fox' Maher. However, on the other hand, Mooncoin, playing far from base could count on very little support if any, whereas, Tullaroan, being convenient, would have them in from the hills and the bogs.

Shortly after 3.00 o'clock referee J. McCarthy TC got the game started and in the opening minutes S. Walton and Mick Doyle exchanged points. It was apparent from the start that the pace was going to be fast with the players showing a willingness, keenness and a hunger for the ball. Tullaroan pressed hard and Pat Clohosey pointed from play - back they came and after some resolute defence Jer Doheny, the Tullaroan Captain got through for a great goal, to which he added a point within minutes. This roused Mooncoin forwards and after some deft stickwork and slick combination the elusive Jimmy Kelly slipped through to shake the back of the net. From the puck-out the youthful Dick Grace, playing in his first Co. final picked off an neat point with Jack Keoghan pointing a free before the short whistle. Tull 1-5. M 1-1. After resumption Mooncoin played aggressively and with the Doyles and Kelly combining perfectly the pressure was sustained. At the three quarter mark the sides were level then Tullaroan had a couple of long points, Dick Doyle found Kelly who found the net. At this point P. Campion the Tullaroan goalie retired injured and was replaced by M. Lennon who played out-field while E. Teehan went back in goal. Walton and Doheny pointed but back came Mooncoin for the old combination to put Kelly through for another goal. Doheny sent one over as the whistle blew time.

Spectators and goal umpires credited Mooncoin with a point win while the referee called it a draw M 3-6 Tull 1-12. So the decision went to the Co. Board which awarded Mooncoin the disputed point and the Co. Title.

M. Pat Fielding (capt), John Butler, Jas Butler, Tom Butler, Dick Doherty, Ned Doyle, Mike Dick Doyle, R. 'Drug' Walsh, Bob Morahan, Jas





MOONCOIN — KILKENNY COUNTY CHAMPIONS — 1908

Back row, left to right: P. Phelan (Phully.), D. Dunphy (Luf.).

Second row: D. Walsh (Kcow.), T. Butler (E.), B. Hennebry (Psc.), J. Ryan (Carr.), J. Quinn (Luf.), T. Hennebry (Cc.).  
E. Fewer (Agl.), Bob Morahan (Cl.).

Middle row: M. Doyle (D.), J. Kelly (Bgory.), D. Doyle (D.), J. Fielding (Rk.), R. 'Drug' Walsh (Rk.), D. Doherty (M.),  
and J. Brennan (Barnawee).

Front row: J. Butler (E.), E. Doyle (D.), M. McDonald (E.), J. Delahunty (Cmt.).

Quinn, Jim Brennan, Jimmy Kelly, Jim Hayes, Pat Synnott, Jim Dunphy (G), L. Murphy.  
**Tull.** Jer Doheny (capt), M. Malone, T. Kennedy, S. Walton, P. Clohossy, R. Hoyne, R. Grace, J. Kennedy, P. Campion (g), W. Holohan, P. Buckley, F. Claxton, M. Dunne, E. Teehan, J. Keoghan, J. Hoyne, J. Dunne, Sub - M. Lennon.

Mooncoin were accredited with a point win - 16 points to 15 points or  
 Mooncoin 3-7 Tullaroan 1-12.

## 1908

Jan. At Rathkieran S.H. Challenge - Proceeds (Ent. fee - 3d.) to pay for field for Mooncoin's Team training during the coming year.

Mooncoin 4-13 (4-6) Waterford Selection 1-5 (0-1)

Due to the severe frost the ground was rock hard - quickening the pace of the ball and the game. Mooncoin were without Pat Fielding, J. Butler, the renowned 'Drug' and Brook Hennebery. Referee was the popular sportsman Mr Percy of Kilmacthomas. Mooncoin's combination, accuracy and precision in manipulating their hurleys on the leather as well as their intense activity throughout the field helped them to build up their score. Mike Doyle with two goals, John Fielding and Jim Kelly with a goal each and J. Kelly with five points against a solitary point scored by Gough (Clonea) for Waterford left the score at the interval M 4-6 Wat. Sel 0-1. After resuming J. Kelly and J. Fielding pointed, then Nolan goaled and added a point for Wat. The Doyle brothers were exhibiting brilliant combination play. Mick Keefe had a point for Mooncoin and before time was called "Dhaw" Power scored a couple of points for Wat. F.T. M. 4-13 Wat. Sel. 1-5.

**M.** John Fielding (capt), R. Dunphy (g), E. & R. & M. Doyle, R. Doherty, J. Brennan, Jack Quinn, R. Morahan, T. Butler, Mick Keefe, Jim Kelly, J. Hayes, E. Fewer, W. McDonald, J. Ryan, J. Delahunty.

**Wat. Sel.** Matt Nolan (capt), Cuddihy, A. Gough, A. Madders, Jim Power, M. Foley, Sullivan, Dalton (Ballyduff), Jim Connell (g), J. Kirwan, Whelan, P. Connell, P. Gough, (Clonea), Dan Foley, T. Fitzpatrick (Ferrybank), W. Walsh, P. Wynne (Graedieu).

Jan. Re Sportsfield for Waterford. Large meeting called. Capt. John (Mooncoin) against "Ned of the Hill" stance on the Sportsground. Capt. John wanted an exclusive Gaelic Sportsground whilst "Ned of the Hill" favoured one open to all sports.

Feb. The Semi-Final (1907) Match. S.H. Ch. Mooncoin v Erin's Own had been fixed for Carrick-on-Suir to which venue Erin's Own had many objections - their car-drivers wouldn't drive to the Slate Quarries (19 miles) and back in one day. Some other fanciful reasons were also given. A hot controversy took place through the press (Expr) without solving anything. The final letter on the subject on behalf of the Mooncoin Hurling Club is given below - mainly for its historical value as something written by the then Committee.

The Leinster Council suggested the venue be Ballyhale or Knocktopher on appeal by Erin's Own who had stated at Kilk. Co. Board G.A.A. presided over by Denis J. Gorey) - "they thought Carrick neither neutral nor central and refused to play there".

Feb. 29th. Letter from Mooncoin Hurling Club to 'Ned of the Hill' (M/E).

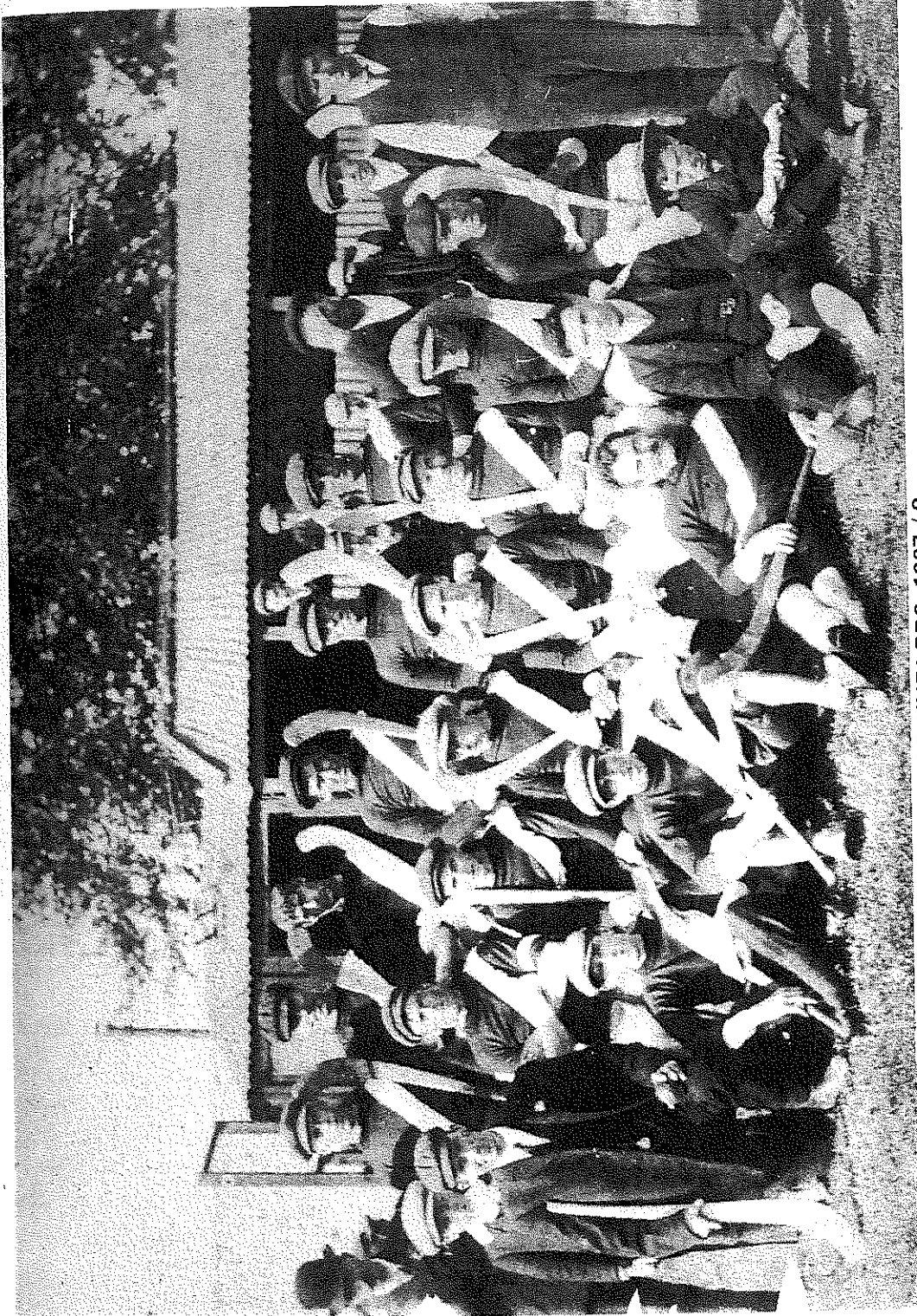
Dear Sir,

The letter which appeared under the non de plume "Erin's Own" in your last issue necessitates us to again ask space. In the first place "Erin's Own" begins by a personal attack on our captain. As the writer did not affix his name for publication it is sufficient to inform him that the letter which appeared on the 15th inst. had and has our unanimous approval, and we are ready to prove every statement contained therein.

Erin's Own' asked space to correct a number of misleading statements which he alleged appeared in our letter. How many did he even attempt to correct? Facts cannot be denied so "Erin's Own" evaded the issue as far as possible. (The Mooncoin letter proceeds to refute the various allegations, some technical, which "Erin's Own" makes).....

We will prove what we have written. That right has so far been denied us. 'Erin's Own' informs us that the Leinster Council ordered the match to take place at Ballyhale or Knocktopher.





SENIOR HURLERS 1907 / 8

Back row, left to right: T. Butler (E.), T. Hennebry (Cc.), B. Morahan (Cl.), J. Quinn (Luf.), J. Butler (E.), B. Corcoran (Cuss.), M. O'Keeffe (M.), M. Doyle (D.).  
 Middle row: J. Fielding (Rk.), J. Kelly (B'gory), T. Corcoran (Cuss.), J. Hayes (Beur.), D. Doyle (D.), J. Brennan (Barnawee), E. Doyle (D.), P. O'Keeffe (G.)  
 Front row: D. Doherty (M.), P. Sinnott (B'gory), P. Fielding (Rk.).



#### SENIOR HURLERS — 1908

Back row, left to right: T. 'Brook' Hennebry, Jack Quinn (Phillip), T. Fielding, Jim Dunphy, Bob Morahan, John Fielding, Jim Brennan (Barnawee).

Middle row: T. Butler, Neddy Doyle, Bill Corcoran, J. Hayes.

Front row: Joe Delahunty, Dick Doherty, Dick Doyle, R. 'Drug' Walsh, J. Butler.

Great Scot! What next? On Feb. 12th. we received - 'Our match v Erin's Own, fixed for Carrick - Feb. 16th. was postponed! On latter date - the Leinster Council heard the appeal without giving notice to Moondharrig. "Erin's Own" is that a fact? Is it legal? The Central Council won't deny us an impartial hearing.

Signed on behalf of Moondharrig H.C.

John Fielding  
R. Morahan  
R. Doyle  
J. Kelly. Feb 1908

Apr. 5th. At Ballyhale - the above fixture S.H.Ch semi-final (1907) Mooncoin v Erin's Own ends in dispute and unfinished with Mooncoin leading 1-8 to E.O. 0-7. Special trains from Waterford and Kilkenny to cater for the crowds wanting to get to Ballyhale. Referee Mr M. Lynch of Callan set the game in motion at 3.00 p.m. Mooncoin immediately into their stride and through the Doyles, Dick and Mike and Kelly led at H.T. 0-6 to 0-4. After resuming J. Kelly had a

good goal and Mike Doyle a couple of points against two points for E.O. per Butcher Brennan. Then Jim Dunphy saved well and cleared in Mooncoin goal - R. Brennan of E.O. got possession and shot a point. The flag steward raised the white flag but an Erin's Own supporter rushed in and raised the red flag - confusion ensued and not alone words but hurleys were used indiscriminately as the crowd's swarmed the pitch. Referee sounded the whistle and the Mooncoin men lined up but Erin's Own refused stating that some of their players were injured in the melee, and left the field. Jack Fielding, M. capt. approached the referee for his decision which, however, he reserved for the Co. Board. At the time of the game's abrupt conclusion with some minutes left for play Mooncoin led M 1-8 Erin's Own 0-7.

**1908 Feb.** United Irish League - Mooncoin Branch Meeting. - Rev. J.J. Brennan C.C. (M) in chair. Also present Messrs. Thos Hanlon, D.C. John Madden, D.C. Peter Hennebry, D.C. Pat Irish, James Walsh, John Walsh (g), John Walsh (Curl!), Jas. Howley, Pat Cantwell, John Quilty, Ed.

Smyth, Thos Dalton, John Dollard D.C.

May. Bessborough Estate. Negotiations for purchase of holdings nearing favourable ending - Thanks to Rev. Canon Purcell P.P. Piltown and Rev. Fr. Brennan C.C. (M).

### MOONCOIN LOSE 1907 FINAL

(August 2nd. At Kilkenny. Co. S. H. Ch. - 1907)  
Tullaroan 2-6 (2-1). Mooncoin 1-3 (1-2).

Aug. At St. James Pk. Two teams endowed with all the skills, techniques and artistry adequately recompensed the large expectant crowd who had come from near and far. Mooncoin, the reigning champions were expected to do well and immediately referee Dan Stapleton got the game under way Mooncoin pressed hard - eventually rewarded with a goal by Dick Doyle to open the scoring. Then Tullaroan pressed but their efforts countered and so the game went move and counter-move from one end to the other. The pace was fast with both defences giving nothing away. Jimmy Kelly picked a loose one and shot over for a point. Keoghan pointed a free from centrefield as did Fielding for Mooncoin. Combination was slick and anticipation uncanny. Doheny passed to Walton who shot between the goal posts. From a melee in front of goal Tullaroan forged another major before H.T. T. 2-1, M. 1-2.

After the interval Tullaroan attacked strongly and Walton pointed to put them a goal in front. Sustaining the offensive Doheny added another point. The pace of the game had increased if anything in the second half. Doherty slipping his man passed to J. Kelly who pointed for Mooncoin's only score in this half. Backs on both sides reigned supreme, however, Tullaroan pointed a couple of long-range frees before F.T. Tullaroan 2-6, Mooncoin 1-3.

M. R. Walsh (capt), E. Doyle, P. Fielding, R. Doherty, J. Brennan, R. Doyle, T. Quinn, M. McDonald, R. Morahan, J. Fielding, T. McDonald, J. Kelly, J. Butler, Jas. Butler, T. Hennebry, J. Hayes, T. Doyle.

Tull. - Jer Doheny (capt), E. Teehan (g), P. Dowling, S. Walton, P. Hogan, R. Hoyne, P. Clohossy, M. Molloy, P. Grace, W. Holohan, P. Dowling, J. Cormack, J. Kennedy, J. Keoghan, J. Hoyne, E. Larkin, J. Dunne.

### 1908

S.H. Ch. R1. Mooncoin 2-10 Piltown 0-6  
S.H. Ch. R2. Mooncoin 6-11 Tullaroan 0-2.

### MOONCOIN INTO ANOTHER FINAL (1908)

### 1909

March 28th. At St. James Pk. Kilk. S.H. Ch.  
S.F. Mooncoin 4-9 (4-7), Crosspatrick 2-9 (0-5).

Mooncoin, short a few of their regulars, had a comfortable win over Crosspatrick, who had a useful combination at the time. When referee Mr J. Lalor (Threecastles) got the game started Mooncoin lost no time getting into their stride. Despite the heavy rain before the start Mooncoin play was fast, precise and deadly accurate. Just before the interval Dick Doherty got a bad facial cut requiring medical attention. H.T. M. 4-7 Cr. 0-5. Mooncoin contained Crosspatrick in 2nd H. to win by two goals.

M. R. Walsh (capt), R. & M. Doyle, E. Fewer, R. Doherty, P. & J. Ryan, J. Delahunty, R. & J. Butler, J. Brennan, M. McDonald, W. Hickey, R. Morahan, P. Fielding, W. Hennebry, J. Kelly. Crsp. M. Phelan (capt), J. Costigan, J. Maher, P. Kennedy, R. Walsh, J. Holohan, P. & J. Purcell, E. Holohan, J. Stock, M. Nolan, N. Holohan, W. Purcell, J. Dunne, J. Molloy, M. Purcell, N. Byrne.

### 1908

"Slieve-na-Mon" to return home for three months leave - Fr. J.B. Dollard the poet-priest after a dozen years absence, coming from Montreal to his native Ballytarsney of which he wrote:-

### THE BRIDGE OF BALLYTARSNEY

*On the Bridge of Ballytarsney and I but a wee garsun,*

*I hearkened many a runic rhyme and many a fairy tune;*

*They sang them in the wires overhead - 'Tis plain to you and me,*

*The singing wires from Sliabh-na-Mon were white roads of the sidhe.*

*On dawn and dark the fairies passed - when winds were keen and high,*

*You'd hear the little wee sheeogs give out a bitter cry;*

*And often at the dead o'night I prayed my angel near,*

*To shield the weeshy people on their journey without fear.*

*On the Bridge of Ballytarsney when the neighbours  
gathered there,  
They patted me upon the cheek and smoothed my  
tousled hair;  
How kind their looks and pleasant words that sore  
I miss to-day,  
The exiles pain my portion in a cold land far away.*

*On the Bridge of Ballytarsney, when I viewed the  
hills around,  
And all the winding sunny roads that wandered  
past all bound;  
I often wished I were a man and not a lanniv  
quite,  
I'd seek the stream of Tir-na-nOg beyond Moond  
Rega's height.*

*On the Bridge of Ballytarsney when the evening  
shadows fell,  
And the dim groves and fields were hushed just  
like a fairy spell;  
A sudden awe came o'er me, and I hurried down  
the hill,  
All lonesome for my mother's voice - as I am  
lonely still.*

**A COWARDLY ASSASSIN SHOOTS AT  
REV. J. K. FIELDING IN CHICAGO CHURCH  
Diving knocks Culprit down  
and escapes both bullets.**

Chicago 18th. An attempt to assassinate Rev. J.K. Fielding, pastor of Corpus Christi Church (Catholic) was made this afternoon. After twice shooting at the priest in the Sunday School hallway of the Church the assassin knocked down several children that stood in his way, ran into the street and escaped. The priest was not hurt. The shooting and the screaming of the children created wild excitement in one of Chicago's fashionable residence quarters.

The culprit first attracted attention by loitering about the church and writing on a sheet of paper which he held against the building. Made curious by the man's peculiar actions, Fr. Fielding asked him "What are you doing here?" "I'm praying" replied the stranger. - As the priest turned his back the stranger drew a revolver and pressed it against his intended victim. Fr. Fielding immediately knocked the weapon away just in time, to escape a bullet, which grazed his head and clipped a lock of hair from his temple. The priest then knocked the culprit down. Hurriedly scrambling to his feet the man continued down the

hallway pushing and trampling over many children. At the bottom of the stairway he fired another ineffectual shot at the priest and then, still brandishing the revolver, ran down the street. Children and citizens, accompanied by Father Fielding pursued the man, but he escaped. The man is described as being either Greek or Italian.

Corpus Christi Church includes in its membership many of the wealthiest Catholics. Information was obtained by police that led them to believe that the would-be assassin was the same man who, for several days, had been loitering about the Church of Holy Angels and St. Xavier Academy, both of which are situated near Corpus Christi-Church.

Under the conviction that one or more men had entered into a conspiracy to kill Father Fielding and other priests, the police, have placed extra watch over the places with instructions to question all suspicious persons. (Rev. J.K. Fielding's Escape - Munster Express thanks Rev. T.J.Q. for the account. All join in congratulations to such a stalwart and sterling Irishman as the Rev. Father Fielding undoubtedly is.)

Fr. James Kieran Fielding Rk. b.24.4.2870. Attended Mooncoin N.S. Kilmacow College School, St. Kieran's College and completed his studies at St. Mary's Seminary, Baltimore Md. He was ordained June 21st 1899 and took up duties in the parish of St. Justin, Martyr, in Chicago. Aside from sacerdotal duties - he was founder and first president of Gaelic Park - purpose of which was the promotion and championing of Irish games, song and dance in Chicago. He also organised the Irish Language League in 1899. In appreciation of his great work he was elected National Chaplain of the Gaelic League of America State President of the Gaelic League of Illinois and President of the Gaelic Athletic Club of Chicago.

**1909 CHAMPIONS AGAIN (1908F)**

May 16th. At St. James Pk. Kilk. S.H. Ch. (1908 F),  
Mooncoin 5-17 (4-10) Threecastles 3-5 (0-3)

A poor crowd showed up to see hot favourites Mooncoin coast to an easy win over Threecastles in this the 1908 final. Many shrewd judges of the game as well as many players considered that Mooncoin Team one of the really great club teams,



complete throughout, without passangers, and one capable and competent to represent the County with distinction. At the time six of them were regulars on the County Team but all of them as they demonstrated against Threecastles had an abundance of the three basic requirements - skill, speed and stamina. In the first half Mick Doyle and Jimmy Kelly gave an exhibition of rapid-fire passing which confused and confounded the back-line and were mainly responsible for H.T. M. 4-10 to Tr. 0-3, making it a one-sided affair. Midway through the half "Brook" Henneberry retired injured and replaced by another Henneberry, who scored a goal in the second half. Meanwhile Threecastles put a little respectability on their score mainly through the efforts of Jim Lalor and Jack Rochford who played it hard to the final whistle.

F.T. Mooncoin 5-17, Threecastles 3-5.

Referee - Jer Doheny, Tullaroan.

M. R. 'Drug' Walsh (capt), Ned Doyle, Tom Henebery, Dick Doyle, James Brennan, Joe Delahunty, Mick Doyle, Bob Morahan, Tom Butler, James Quinn, Jim Ryan, John Butler, Dick Doherty, Pat Fielding, Ned Fewer, Jimmy Kelly, Mark McDonald, Sub. Wat. Henebery.

Thr. E. Hennessy, Ml. & Jim & Jack & Martin & James Lalor, T. Murphy, J. Glennon, L. Glennon, M. Lennon, J. Lennon, M. Browne, W. Bergin, J. Rochford, P. Wall, J. Culleton.

At Carr-on-Suir S.H. Ch. S.F.

Mooncoin 4-5, Piltown 1-2.

## 1910 MOONCOIN LOSE TITLE

May 1st. at Waterford. S.H. Ch (1909F)  
Erin's Own (City) 1-12(1-6), Mooncoin 1-7(1-4)

A crowd of some 3,500, which included a large contingent from Kilkenny City, witnessed, it was reported, "A splended exhibition of caman wielding by two of Ireland's best Teams", who met to decide the 1909 S.H.Ch. Final, Mooncoin v Erin's Own. The "City" Team were favourites since four of the best of the Mooncoin Team, the three Doyles, Ned, Dick and Mike and Jimmy Kelly refused to play - since the dispute over the Waterford playing field had not been resolved. However, the Mooncoin Team, which lined-out, gave a good account of themselves. Erin's Own though ahead from the start never got clear with just a goal in it at H.T. Erin's Own 1-6, Mooncoin

1-3. The second half was equally tight with Erin's Own adding six points and Mooncoin - four - F.T. E.O. 1-12, M. 1-7. 1 Ref - Jer Doheny.

M. - R. 'Drug' Walsh, Jas Quinn, Ned Fewer, James Butler, Tom Butler, Jas. Fitzpatrick, Tom Phelan, Jim Brennan, Jim Ryan, Mark McDonald, Tom Doyle, Joe Delahunty, Jim Dunphy, Dick Doherty, P. Fielding, R. Morahan, Wat. Henebery.

Knocktopher 23.10.10.

## S.H.Ch.R1. MOONCOIN BEAT THREECASTLES

Handicapped Mooncoin lose to old enemy.

S.H.Ch. S.F. Tullaroan 6-4. Mooncoin 1-1.

October 23rd. At Knocktopher. Tullaroan easily accounted for Mooncoin in the semi-final to determine who went forward to meet winners - Erin's Own v Piltown in the final. Well before the day of the match, rumour had it that the Doyles (3) and Kelly wouldn't play in protest - and so it was. Obviously, with teams so finely balanced as Tullaroan and Mooncoin, the loss of four regulars was bound to disrupt, disorganise beyond repair. During the first quarter Mooncoin strove hard and raised a green flag to put them ahead by a point but then Tullaroan applied themselves and immediately Mooncoin lost touch. Even in defeat, some of the Mooncoin players acquitted themselves well - particularly, "Drug", Brook Hennebery, Dick Doherty and Jim Ryan who could not but play an honest game. T. 6-4 M. 1-1.

M. R. 'Drug' Walsh (capt), R. Doherty, J. Dunphy, J. Delahunty, W. Henneberry, J. Ryan, P. Grant, W. McDonald, W. & T. Corcoran, J. Fitzpatrick, R. Morahan, J. & T. & L. & R. Butler, J. Doyle. T. Sim Walton (c), P. Dowling (g), P. Clohossy, Wm. Holohan, J. Dunne, R. Grace, J. Kennedy, J. & R. Hoyne, P. Hogan, J. McCabe, J. Keoghan, J. Molloy, "Another" J. McCormack, L. Walsh, and T. Dunne.

## MOONDHARRIG HURLERS' SONG

Rev. James B. Dollard

*The shout of the hurler is heard by the Suir,  
The clashing caman 'wakens Grange and Glengrant,  
For the deeds of their fathers the young men  
allure,  
To the game of our land, spite of shoneen and  
cant.*

*Then up, every hurler! each bold caman twirler,  
Stout striker and whirler, lead on to the  
field,  
When Moondharrig's in motion, all vain the foes  
notion,  
Like the wreck to the ocean, resistance must  
yield!*

*The glens send their best, hearts of firs and  
hands willing,  
While into their aid step undaunted  
Rathkieran,  
Ballygorey, Dournane, all the broad roads are  
filling,  
And the "Quarters" and hills send out boys just  
as daring,  
Then up every hurler, each bold caman  
twirler,  
With heart like a lion and front like a  
rock;  
For God and for Erin, no enemy  
fearing,  
The foemen that face them shall find  
Carrickshock!*

*In the hearts of their people with love they are  
reigning,  
From swelling Walsh Mountains to Suir's rushing  
tide,  
The green of their laurels no cowardice  
staining,  
Moondharrig beholds her young champions with  
pride,  
Then up every hurler, each bold caman  
twirler,  
With hurley on shoulder march on to the  
fray;  
Whether losing or winning, to each club its inning,  
We'll cherish the game of old Ireland today!*

*Toronto, Ontario*

1911

#### **'DRUG' WALSH'S LETTER - TO 'VIGILANT'**

June 20th. "A meeting of the Moondharrig Hurling Club was held on Sunday last, for the purpose of forming the club to take part in the Count. Champ. for the coming year. The following officers were elected -  
President - John Dollard D.C. Vice-Pres, R. Walsh (ex-capt), Treas. - R. Doherty, Sec. - Jimmy Kelly,

captain - R. Walsh (Drug), vice-capt - R. Doyle.

Besides the above, there were two from each district added to form a Committee, viz, Joe Delahunty and W. Corcoran, and Bob Morahan and Tom Butler. A team was also selected as follows to play Tullaroan on Sunday next (25th June 1911) at Waterford, viz: R. Walsh "Drug" (capt), R. Doyle (vice-capt), J. Kelly, R. Doherty, E. Doyle, M. Doyle, T. Butler, J. Butler, Bob Morahan, P. Grant, T. & W. Corcoran, E. Fewer, P. Fewer, P. Walsh, W. Henebry, J. Ryan, M. McDonald, L. Butler".

Vigilant observes - "We are glad to hear from "Drug" Walsh that the Moondharrig Hurling Club has become united, and are determined to contest the County Championship in the coming year.

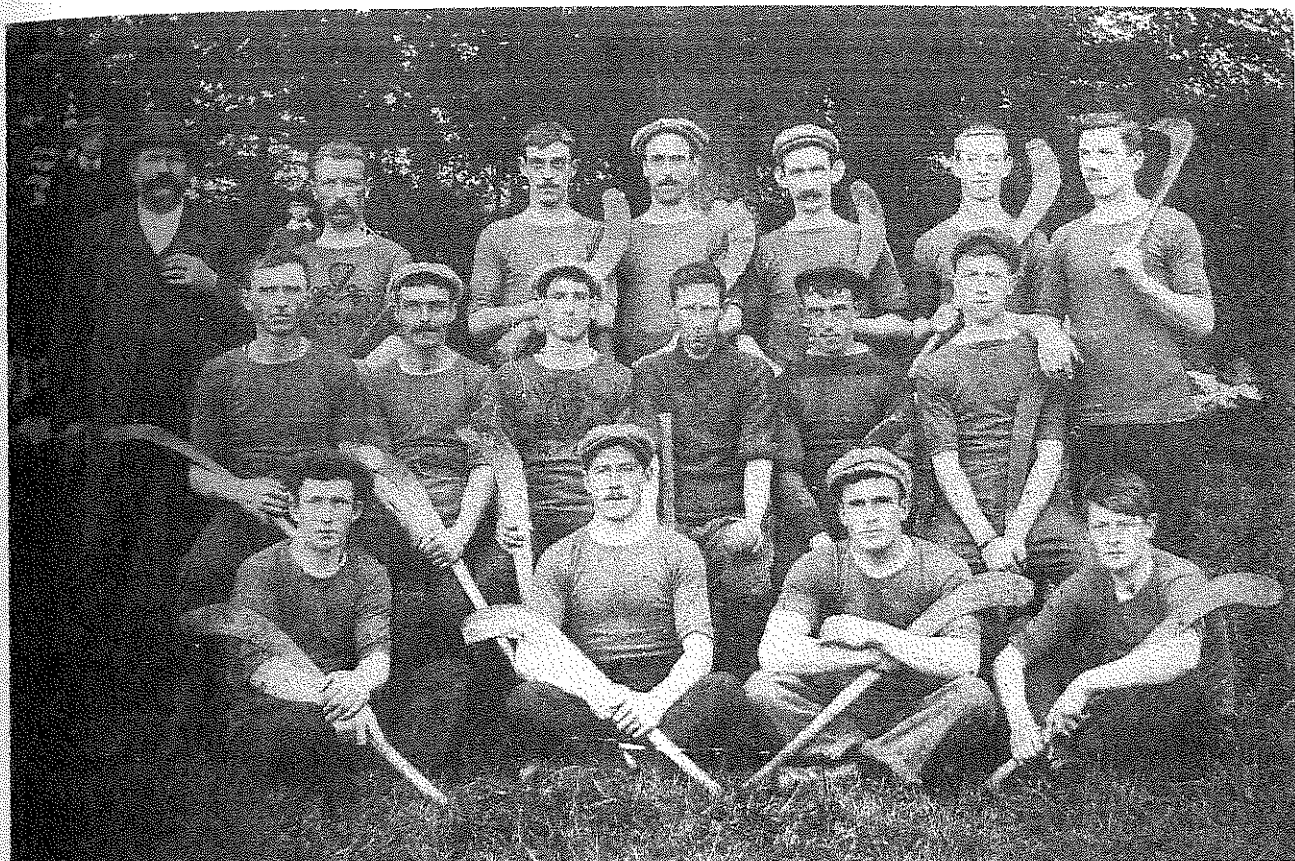
June 25th. At Waterford. "Drug" Walsh's Benefit - A Monster Tournament.

At 2.30 Tullaroan v Mooncoin,  
4.00 Erin's Own v Piltown.

1 Ref - Mr Ml. F. Crowe, Dublin.

In attendance - St. John's Brass Band + Kilkenny War Pipers. The prospect of the Tullaroan v Mooncoin clash prompted "Vigilant" to reminisce - "In the hum and hustle of a busy life it seems a long while now since "Drug" shone to such decided advantage in a challenge match between Moondharrig and Shanballymore (Co. Cork). Dungarvan was the venue and the match was one of the best ever played at that famous hosting ground of the Gaels. Enthusiasm was unbounded, and "Drug" was the hero of the hour and in the "Waterford Star" I wrote with an optimism for his future which has been fully justified by almost every subsequent event in which he figured --- then, as always the burden of the attack was borne by the reliable Moondharrig man, whose vigour and enthusiasm in a hard-pressed fight, act like an infectious inspiration to his club-mates. Taking him on the whole, "Drug" must rank as one --- with an unbounded keenness to "play the game", with a kindness and consideration for others. His only wish is to uphold the great traditions of his parish as the "home of hurlers", and long may he flourish to wield the ask for the honour of his county and the glory of Ireland ---





1911 PILTOWN TEAM

Back row, left to right: Tom O'Donnell, Tinakilly, Mike Power (goalie), Piltown, Jim Dillon, Ardclone, Pat Carroll Brenor, Mike Roche, Three Bridges, Ned Walsh, Gortrush, John T. Power, Piltown.  
 Middle row: Dick Landy, Turkstown, Jack Dillon, Ardclone, Joe Grace, Piltown, John Power, Piltown, Ned Butler, Fiddown, and Tom Hurley, Piltown.  
 Front row: Ned Greene, Mooncoin, John Anthony, Piltown, Richard Bowe, Turkstown, Tom Walsh, Ardclone. Youth at back — Tom Anthony, Owing.

## 1911

Moondharrig, the real champion Moondharrig Team, including all the talent that has made the famous parish synonymous with all that is classic and superb in the game of hurling, take the field against their old-time and most formidable rivals in the County - Tullaroan (holders of Co.H.Ch)...

Of course hurling has been very much at a discount in Moondharrig during the past two years - a fact which certainly made matters somewhat less difficult for their old time rivals from the northern parish. But the establishing of a gaelic field in Waterford has put an end to the unfortunate dead-lock that existed - a satisfactory resolution achieved. Moondharrig is re-organised, and full of new blood and renewed vigour for the

coming time. They may be a bit rusty from want of use on Sunday, and the "scoring machine" may be a bit out of gear --- mind! I don't say Moondharrig will win against such a formidable team, they are only about a week reorganised, and they have not had sufficient training to dispose of championship holders, but I do say that they will give a big account of themselves, and that Moondharrig of Meehal-na-Camann is still the old place with the old spirit.

"For twelve months, Kilk. ploughed the sands of dissension, barren was the crop and disappointing the pay, but today we are in our rightful place again - the top flight and with firmness of purpose and unity of action we mean to remain there.

*Fall in! your county calls you,  
To keep her in her place;  
Not idly there to act as "crank"  
And jeer while better men than you  
Shall score the winning goal.*

Reported - that one of the best juvenile games witnessed for a long time came off at Ardera (M) that the star performer on the occasion was young Kelly, from Ballygorey - who did some astonishing things for so young a player - that his style and speed augers well, and equals his famous brother, - The Moondharrig Scoring Machine."

1912

#### FR. JAMES B. DOLLARD'S VIEWS

My Dear Vigilant,

The letter which I am about to write you this time may surprise you a little. At the outset I wish to disassociate you altogether from the views I am about to give expression to. As far as I know, you do not concur in them, at least I have never heard you say you did. In the first place, then, with regard to the fixture of the final of Kilk. Co., there is a rule which says that this match must be played in the City of Kilk. This is virtually a handing over of the county championship to the favoured clubs of Tullaroan and "Erin's Own". Kilkenny is "homegrounds" for either of these teams, just as Waterford would be "homegrounds" for Mooncoin. It is a recognised fact, proven time and time again, that when teams are about evenly matched, the team on the home-ground is sure to win. This is so true that in professional base-ball and lacrosse in Canada and the United States, the great teams calculate to win 9 out of 10 games on their home-grounds, and are satisfied if they only win one out of three games on the premises of their rivals. What is to be thought of a rule that, year after makes Moondharrig play for the Co. champ on the home-grounds of their rivals, where 19 out of every 20 of the spectators are actively in favour of their opponents and where even the county officials appointed to positions on the field of play cannot hide their partisanship and their hostility to the southern club? Why is not a neutral venue, agreeable to both teams, chosen for such an important match?

Wexford, Carrick or Dungarvan would be satisfactory to Mooncoin, and, of course, the Northern teams would never dream of coming to Moondharrig's home-grounds at Waterford! It would scarcely be fair to ask them, and anyway they are too "cute" and have too much of a "pull" with the county officials to allow of a venue at Waterford. Until such a time as this silly rule is rescinded and abolished, I am now advising the Moondharrig, All-Ireland hurlers to withdraw from the county team. The Kilkenny County Board and the whole north and middle of the county, which has shown very little favour to these boys, may perhaps win All-Ireland Championships without their aid, but, at least, the Moondharrig men will have the satisfaction of knowing they are not being used as tools and catspaws! A far greater graver question arises with regard to the treatment accorded to all the players by the county and provincial boards of the G.A.A. There is deep dissatisfaction amongst the young men who don the suits and endure the dangers and fatigue of the game. Do they get all the honour and consideration to which they are entitled. I am speaking now of all the teams, Kilk. Cork, Tipp. Wexford etc. As far as I hear, few of these splendid young fellows are satisfied with how they are treated by the G.A.A. officials. I have heard them complain that they strive before thousands for the glory of the game; they make big "gates" which are taken charge of by the officials, but in return they are treated quite shabbily. In Co. matches which bring big gates, they do not even get their fares, and in the big inter provincial contest they get a miserable pittance, only enough to get a cheap meal, and for any further expenses they have to go down in their own pockets, and pay their own way? Most of these great athletes, the glory of Ireland, are poor fellows who only earn a shilling a day. How can they be encouraged to stay at home in Ireland, if they are thus treated? After the great game against Wexford I came back with the Moondharrig members of the county team to the place in Dublin where they were supposed to get their meal. They sat down for ten minutes at an empty table and found nobody to serve, or even look at them. They came home, after that terrible contest, where all Ireland looked with wonder on their great deeds - they came home without a bite or a sup, and had to search in Waterford at midnight, hungry and tired and sore, for something to allay their pangs of starvation! What good was it all for them, the shouting thousands, the over-flowing gate receipts? After

such a contest in America or Canada, national champions such as these Wexford, Tipp., Kilk. and Cork hurlers, would be taken charge of immediately and hurried to refreshing shower baths, and would find themselves seated before well-replenished tables and treated with all honour and distinction! Doubtless it will be answered that with the small entrance fee charged, luxuries like these are beyond the means of the G.A.A., but at least a vast improvement could be made upon the present method of doing things. It is high time that captains of the great teams got together and demanded better treatment and consideration. Were an independent league formed, even for one year, with only gaelic players as officials, and nobody allowed to hold any office unless he could stand the brunt of the game upon the field, the G.A.A. would very soon come to time, and its officials be more mindful of the honour due the playing gael. Players, considering the big gates that are taken in, should get extra-liberal travelling expenses, and have things everywhere better arranged for their conveniences and comfort. The spectacle of players walking six or seven miles into a town and then taking a train for a long journey of half a day or so is too much of a hardship to regard with equanimity. The discipline and restraint induced by the G.A.A. are beyond all praise, and it would be a great pity to see the organisation wrecked, but why do we hear these loud murmurs of dissatisfaction from the players, the men who are bearing the brunt of the fight, and the heat of the contest! The awards to injured players are also totally inadequate. It is now the supreme duty of the G.A.A. Council to show proof that these accusations which are being heard all round either are groundless or non-existent, or, if existent are unavoidable. And if non unavoidable, they should at once get to work and remedy them. The glory of gaelic sport and the manhood of the hurling gael demand it imperiously.

James B. Dollard (Rev. Fr.)  
Aug. 25th. 1912.

1912

June 2nd At Waterford. S.H.Ch. Mooncoin beat Erin's Own (3-1 to 3-0). Brilliant exhibition.

#### MOONCOIN FIGHTS ANOTHER FINAL.

Aug. 25th. At St. James Pk. S.H. Ch. (1911F). Tullaroan 4-3 (0-3) Mooncoin 2-5 (1-3).

The "Waterford Star" report - "At St. James Pk, Kilk. before a bit attendance, not for the first time, by a long way, the contest lay between Moondharrig and Tullaroan and it commanded all the old-time interest and all the old-time dash and enthusiasm. The game opened in grand style, both teams showing great form, and after an extra fast and close half hour's work Moondharrig led with a score of one goal and three points to three points. The second half was full of exciting incidents, but Tullaroan more than maintained the terrific pace set in the opening of the game, and won the County Championship for the eleventh time on a score of four goals and three points to two goals and five points. The 'star turn' on the South Kilkenny team was the redoubtable "Drug" Walsh, who played one of the best of his many great games. Mike Doyle, who had a giant to deal with, was a good second to his captain, and Dick Doyle was also in splendid form. Dick Grace was the best man on the Tullaroan side, which was of very even form. Sam Walton showed up well in the concluding minutes of the game. Clohossy, Bill Holohan and Keoghan were in good form". Ref - Mr M.F. Crowe, Dublin.

M. R. 'Drug' Walsh, (capt), E. Henebery, E. Fewer, R. Doyle, J. Kelly, E. Doyle, T. Butler, M. Doyle, J. Butler, R. Doherty, J. Walsh, J. Ryan, J. Quinn, J. Delahunty, R. Morahan, W. Corcoran, J. Dunphy

T. S. Walton (capt), P. Hogan, L. Walsh, M. Kennedy, J. Doherty, P. Clohossy, T. Kennedy, R. Grace, W. Holohan, J. Molloy, P. Holohan, J. Hoyne, J. Kennedy, D. Kennedy, J. Keoghan, T. Dunne, P. Dowling (g).

1913

#### TEAM REDUCED FROM 17 TO 15 ASIDE

At Harristown. S.H. Ch. R1 Mooncoin W.O. v Piltown - could not field a team.

July At Wat. S.H.Ch. R2 Mooncoin 5-3 (5-2) Dicksboro 5-1 (0-3).

Mooncoin felt vulnerable without the three Doyles, absent due to the death of their father. Mooncoin played in bright green jerseys, Dicksboro in blue. Kelly had a goal in the first minute and playing with the wind were ahead at H.T. M. 5-2 D. 0-3. Dicksboro favoured by the elements just failed to catch Mooncoin in an exciting finish. M. 5-3, D. 5-1.

M. R. "Drug" Walsh (c), J. Walsh, M. Ryan, J. Kelly, R. Doherty, W. Walsh, J. Power, J. Quinn, L. Dunphy, E. Walsh, E. Fewer, J. Ryan, J. Delahunty, T. Corcoran, R. Quinn, W. Corcoran, J. Dunphy (g).

Dicks.

Dicks. W. Walsh (c), J. Hoyne, P. Oakes, M. Brennan, W. Thornton, J. Dermody, T. Dowling, J. Brennan, W. Oakes, P. Reid, J. Purcell, P. Donoghue, J. Sparks, P. Trehey, M. Nugent, J. Saunders, M. Fennelly.

July 12th. At Wat. Gaelic Field. Tipperary  
(Horse & Jockey) 6-2 (4-1), Kilk. (Mooncoin)  
5-1 (3-1).

The match was held under the auspices of the gael of Moodharrig "and the arrangements in the hands of this splendidly conducted and excellently managed club left nothing to be desired" (M/E). Purpose of the challenge was to clear the debt on Carrigeen N.S. Mooncoin played in white and green while Tipp. in green and gold. Ref. Willie Walsh - Ch. of Wat. Co. Board. John Power (Piltown) played full-back and "Drug" in goal which proved something of a disaster accentuated by the brilliance of "Drug" in the second half when they reverted to normal. Tipp. drew first blood with a goal by Jack Gleeson answered by Kelly within a minute, the first of his two goals in the first half, the other one by Mike Doyle T. 4-1, K. 3-1. In the second half Mike Doyle who had received a head injury in the first was forced to retire after a brilliant display and was replaced by L. Dunphy. The quality of the hurling was superb and excitement intense as time ran out with Tipp. a point in front. Then on time, Power saving a blinder saw the ball strike a forward's chest and into the net. Tipp. 6-2, K. 5-1.

K. (M). Dick "Drug" Walsh (c), J.T. Power, E. & R. & M. Doyle, J. Delahunty, J. Kelly, R. Doherty, E. Fewer, Dick Quinn, Martin & Jim Ryan, Ward, T. Corcoran, Jack Walsh, Sub. Larry Dunphy.

Tipp. Bob Mockler (c), Jack Leahy (g), Hugh Shelly, R. Smith, Jack Gleeson, J. Fitzgerald, E. Hogan, Murphy (3), T. Shanahan, W. Harris, P. Maher, Buckley & P. Molloy (from three clubs in T.)

#### MOONCOIN VETERANS STEAL SHOW AND WIN!

1913

Oct. 12th. At Waterford Gaelic Pk.

Co. S.H. Ch. Final. Mooncoin 5-7 (4-4), Tullaroan 3-4 (1-2).

South Kilkenny, particularly Mooncoin area, converged "en masse" on Waterford Gaelic Grounds in anticipation of another heroic struggle between these ancient stalwarts of the game. All modes of travel, ancient and modern, were summoned into use but, for most, it was "shanks mare". Much debate and speculation occupied the "experts" beforehand as to which team would benefit from the reduction to 15 aside (previously 17), as well, of course, as Tullaroan's reaction to playing in Mooncoin's backyard instead of their own. In the 1911 final played at Kilk. July 1912 Tullaroan had come from behind in the second half to account for Mooncoin by four points. They were now quite confident with a strong contingent of supporters down from the Marble City. Besides Mooncoin had had a comparatively easy run in the championship with a walk-over from Piltown in the first round, a tight game against Dicksboro with some players missing in the second and then a bye in the third which took them into the final.

Referee Ned Tarrant got the game underway and after some tussling at both ends, Kelly opened the scoring blasting an over-head crossball to the net. As the game wore on, inevitably some of the individual duels on the field became as "important almost as the game itself. The battle of the captains "Drug" at full back marking the brilliant Sim Walton with honours even, and so with other inter-county household names. Mooncoin's greater speed and first time striking gave them the edge in the first half and a lead at H.T. M. 4-4, T. 1-2. Tom Kennedy injured in the first half was replaced by McCormack after the interval. Play continued fast and crisp in the second moiety with neither side gaining a decisive advantage. Tullaroan added 2-2 to Mooncoin's 1-3 which left the full-time score Mooncoin 5-7, Tullaroan 3-4 a clear three goal win to M.

M. R. "Drug" Walsh (c), J.T. Power (g), Ned Doyle, Dick Doherty, Jim Kelly, Dick Doyle, J. Ryan, R. Quinn, M. Doyle, J. Delahunty, J. Walsh, L. Dunphy, Bill Corcoran, Ned Fewer, M. Ryan. T. S. Walton (c), P. Dowling (g), J. Keogh, P. Clohossy, J. Molloy, Jack Hoyne, J. & T. & M. Kennedy, D. Kennedy, W. Holohan, P. Hogan, L. Grace, T. Dunne, Dr. P. Grace.



## A HURLING POEM

by Rev. Fr. J. B. Dollard

*There's a tight little county where all of us  
dwell,  
A bright little county, we love it full  
well.  
Kilkenny's its name and 'tis famed far and  
near,  
From the dark cliffs of Antrim to stony  
Cape Clear.  
Then here's to the glens and vales of  
Kilkenny,  
It's fields are as green and fertile as  
any,  
Proud Munster must tremble and Connaught  
give o'er,  
When they meet with the boys of the Suir  
and the Nore.*

*To see it's fair hills brighten up with the  
sun,  
To walk by its rills when the days work is  
done,  
How foolish the man who's forsake scenes  
like these,  
For the grime and the crime of the land  
o'er the seas,  
Then a cheer for the hills and the rills of  
Kilkenny,  
Its faults they are few, and its beauties are  
many.  
Both Corkmen are daunted - Tipperary feel  
sore,  
When they meet with defeat by the Suir and  
the Nore.*

*They have captured the shield - they are  
champions of Erin,  
The saucy blue riband once more they are  
wearing,  
Each proud little village to-night sends a  
greeting,  
To the hall where in all its young champions  
are meeting.  
Then here's to the hamlets and homes of  
Kilkenny.  
From 'Comer above, down to Piltown and  
Granny.  
May their men be e'er valliant, their maidens  
e'er pure,  
And the gael never fail by the Nore and the  
Suir.*

*All our hurlers are kings, all our hearts are  
their vassals,  
Mooncoin, Tullaroan, Erin's Own and Three  
Castles.  
Well-loved may they reign, till the clashing  
camán,  
Is flourished by freeman at liberty's  
dawn.  
Then a cheer without fear for the gael of  
Kilkenny,  
For the Shoneen or Saxon they care not a  
penny.  
May health, luck and fortune and blessings  
galore,  
Be the joys of our boys by the Suir and the  
Nore.*

At a Banquet, in honour of the Champions, in Kilkenny on the 15th August, 1908,  
this Poem was read by Rev. Fr. J. B. Dollard.

## KILKENNY'S GOLDEN YEARS

It may be appropriate here to review Mooncoin's contribution to Kilkenny's golden age of Inter Co. Ch. Competition. In the early days the County Champions represented the County or "having the call" sometimes made a token gesture in calling a few of the beaten finalists. In the '97 Championship, Mooncoin had, John Quinn, Pat Fielding and Ml. Merry on the Co. team, in '98 we again had three - John and Thos. Quinn and Dick Walsh (The Manager). This practice obtained to 1903 when, it seems with Threecastles the Co. Champions - enlightenment dawned, the old parochial mould was cast aside and abandoned with all its constraints - an attempt was made to select the best team from all players within the County. With Mick Dalton, Threecastles, the captain, Kilk. made it to the All-Ireland Final against Cork at Dungarvan where they were comprehensively beaten (8-9 to 0-8). However, they had got to the final and learned much. The Mooncoin representation - John and Pat Fielding, Jim Synnott, Neddy Doyle and Jack Quinn.

In 1904 with Tullaroan - Co. Champs (Sim Walton - Sec. and Ger. Doheny, Capt, the formula of '03 was retained and with what success?

Inter-County hurling proper had arrived and had begun to move on to a new plane in quality and in significance - on to the National Stage becoming thereby an expression of identity a movement and a goal. It had moved from the cross-road to the National Stadium. Kilkenny had made their first step into becoming a team 'par excellence' without peer - a team of stars without a star they were to revolutionise the approach to the game and were, in those years, to be blessed with the greatest P.R.O. man the game has had - the poet-priest, Fr. J.B. Dollard "Slievenamon" - whose contribution to the legitimate popularising of the game has never been equalled.

The bones of Kilk. Championship games (1904-13) with M. Players follows:

### 1904

At Mountrath Leins Ch. R1  
Kilk 3-15 (2-5) Laois 2-10 (0-9)

At Portlaoise Leins Ch. R2  
Kilk 3-11 Offaly 1-4  
At Athlone Leins Ch. S.F.  
Kilk 2-8 (0-5) Galway 1-7 (1-4)  
At Enniscorthy Leins F.  
Kilk 2-8 (0-6) Dublin 2-6 (0-3)  
At Carr-on-Suir All-Ire F.  
Kilk 1-9 (1-5) Cork 1-8 (0-5)

M. Dick 'Drug' Walsh, Ned Doyle, Dick Doyle, Pat Fielding, Jimmy Kelly injured in Leins. Final against Dublin after an outstanding game did not play in final on the field but received his first All-Ire. medal.

### 1905

At Athy Leins. Ch. R1.  
Kilk. 4-10 Wexford 1-5  
At Jones Rd. Leins. Ch. R2  
Kilk. 2-21 Lancashire 0-5  
At Wexford Leins. Ch. Fin.  
Kilk. 2-8 (1-3) Dublin 2-2 (0-1)  
At Tipp. All-Ire. Fin.  
Cork 5-10 (3-7) Kilk 3-13 (2-6)

Kilk. obj. - Cork goalie - reservist with British Army. Cork counter-obj. Replay ordered. At Dungarvan Repl. Kilk. 7-7 (2-2), Cork 2-6 (2-6). Jimmy Kelly reputed to have scored Kilk. seven (7) goals.

M. Dick 'Drug' Walsh, Dick and Neddy Doyle, Jimmy Kelly. (Rev. Fr. Doyle Dournane and Minnesota threw in the ball).

### 1906

At Carr-on-Suir Leins. H.Ch. R1  
Kilk. 4-15 Wexford 1-5  
At Athy Leins. H.Ch. R2  
Kilk. 2-10 Laois 0-3  
At Belfast Leins H.Ch. R3  
Kilk. 7-21 Antrim 1-3  
At Wexford Pk. Leins H.Ch. Fin.  
Dublin 1-14 (0-8) Kilk 0-5 (0-3)

(Tullaroan boycotted Leins. Final - Mooncoin picked Jim Dunphy (M) and not the Tullaroan man Ned Teehan for goal).



# KILKENNY ALL-IRELAND AND RAILWAY SHIELD PLAYERS — 1907

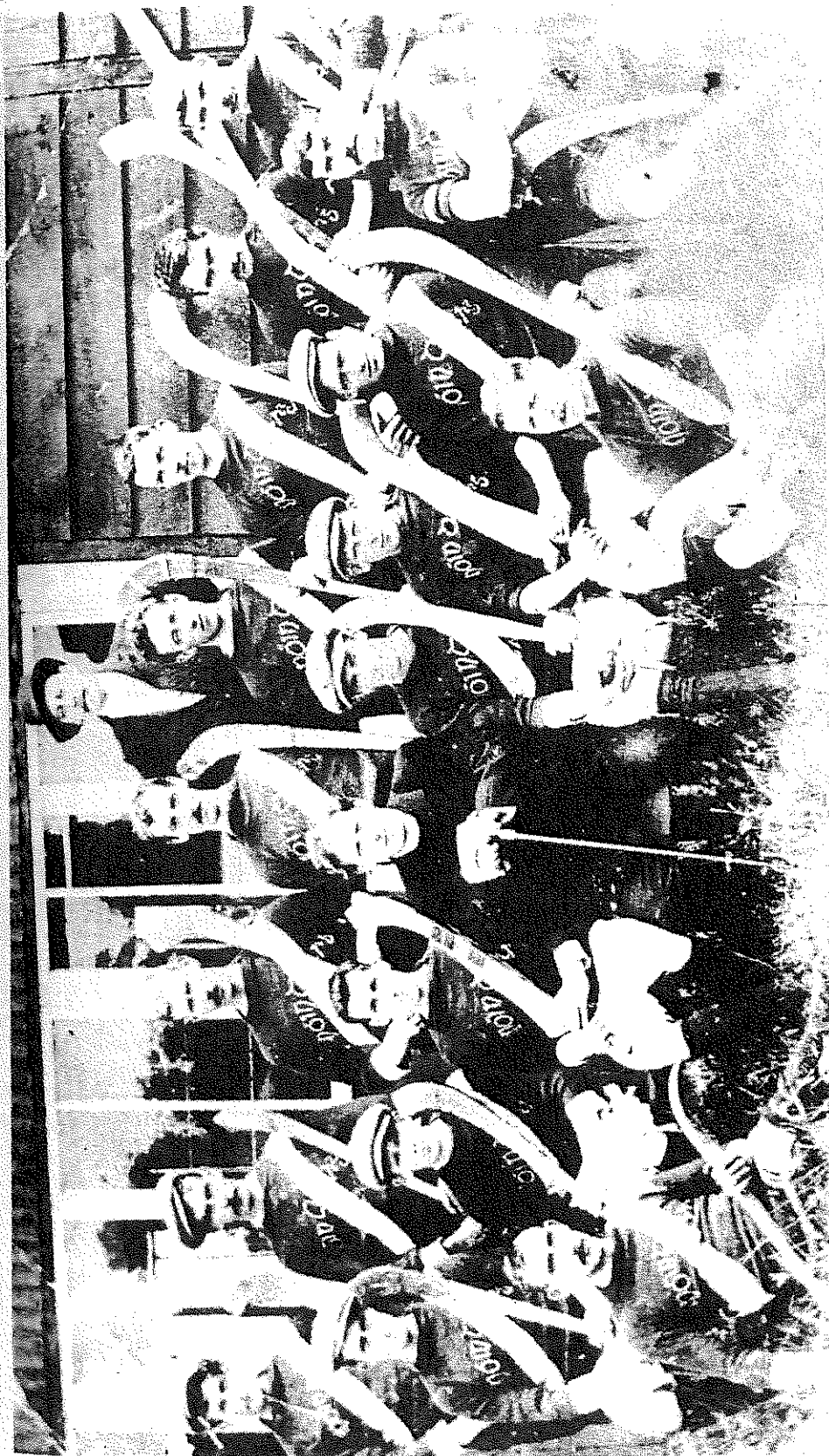
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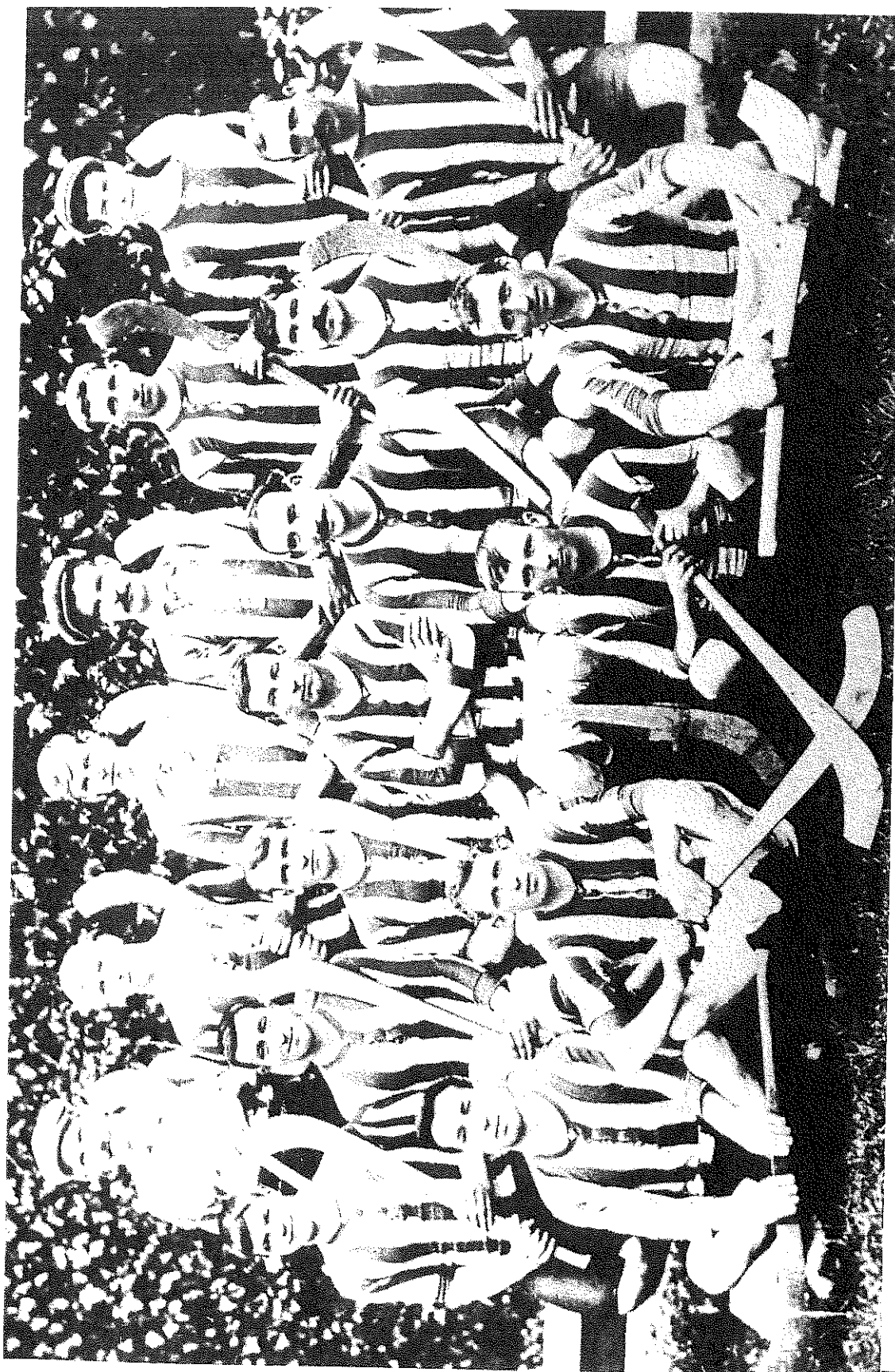
J. Keoghan, J. Rochford, T. Kenny, D. Stapleton, D. O'Connell (Mon.), P. 'Icy' Lanigan, J. T. Power, D. Brennan, S. Walton.

Middle row : E. Doyle, D. Doherty, M. Doyle, Rev. J. B. Dollard, R. 'Drug' Walsh (C), J. Kelly, D. Doyle, D. Kennedy.

Front row : M. Gargan, J. Anthony.

(D. Grace - missing. D. Brennan above didn't play in final).





**KILKENNY ALL-IRELAND WINNERS 1909 (Included ten (10) Mooncoin Men)**

Back row, left to right : S. Walton, Bill Hennebery, Jim Dunphy, Jack Rochford, P. Lannigan, J. Keoghane.  
 Middle row : Jim Ryan, E. Doyle, Joe Delahunty, R. 'Drug' Walsh (Capt.), Matt Gargan, Dan Kennedy, Mick Shortall.  
 Front row : Mick Doyle, Dick Doherty, Jim Kelly, Dick Doyle.

An Antrim player commented (re. the Kilk. v Antrim game) - Antrim would not have felt nearly so aggrieved if only Matt Gargan had taken the infernal 'cigar' out of his mouth during play.

### 1907

At Jones' Rd. Leins H.Ch. R1  
Kilk 2-17 Wex 1-3  
At Tullamore Leins H.Ch. R2  
Kilk. 3-8 (3-5) Offaly 1-6 (1-6)  
At Athy Leins Fin.  
Kilk. 4-14 (2-5) Dublin 1-9 (0-4)  
At Dungarvan All-Ire. Fin.  
Kilk. 3-12 (2-4) Cork 4-8 (4-2)

Mons. J.B. Dollard threw in the ball.  
M. Dick 'Drug' Walsh (capt), Dick, Neddy and Mick Doyle, Dick Doherty, J. Kelly.

### 1908

At Jones' Rd. Leins H. Ch. R1  
Wexford 1-8 (1-6) Kilk 0-10 (0-5)  
Kilk. obj. - upheld. Kilk. gave Dublin W.O. in Leins. Final. Leins. with fifteen (15), Kilk. men win Railway Shield.

### 1909

At Portlaoighis Leins H. Ch. R1  
Kilk 1-13 (0-5) Offaly 0-3 (0-2)  
At St. James Pk. Leins H.Ch. Fin.  
Kilk. 5-16 (2-9) Laois 2-7 (1-5)  
At Jones Rd. All-Ire. S.F.  
Kilk. 3-17 (3-11) Derry 0-3 (0-0)  
Cork Ath. Grns. All-Ire. Fin.  
Kilk 4-6 (3-4) Tipp. 0-12 (0-3)

M. played Ten (10) of their men / Dick 'Drug' Walsh (capt), Jim Dunphy (g), Dick & Neddy & Mike Doyle, Joe Delahunty, Jim Ryan, Dick Doherty, Jimmy Kelly and Billy Henebery. (Played in M. jerseys).

### 1910

At Waterford Leins H.Ch. R1  
Kilk. 5-11 London Irish 0-3  
At Portlaoighis Leins H.Ch. R2  
Dublin beat Kilk.  
(Doyle brothers missing because of the Wat. Sports ground dispute.)

### 1911

At Dungarvan Leins H.Ch. S.F.  
Kilk. 4-4 (3-3) Wexford 1-1 (1-1)  
At Portlaoighis Leins H.Ch. Fin.  
Kilk. 4-6 (2-2) Dublin 3-1 (2-0)  
At Jones Rd. All-Ire. S.F.  
Kilk. 5-5 (1-4) Antrim 1-1 (1-0)  
At Cork Ath. Grns. All-Ire. Fin.  
Kilk. v Limerick.  
Pitch unplayable - match refixed for Thurles. Limerick refused to play - were suspended. Kilk. had W.O.  
In lieu at Dungarvan for set of medals  
Kilk. 3-3 (0-2) Tipp. 2-1 (2-0)  
M. Dick 'Drug' Walsh, Neddy, Dick and Mike Doyle, Jimmy Kelly, Dick Doherty.

### 1912

At Jones. Rd. Leins H.Ch. R1  
Kilk. 4-4 (2-3) Wexford 4-3 (4-1)  
At Portlaoighis Leins H.Ch. Fin.  
Kilk. 6-6 (1-3) Laois 2-4 (1-2)  
At Jones Rd. All-Ire. S.F.  
Kilk. 8-3 (7-1) Galway 2-2 (1-1)  
At Jones Rd. All-Ire. Fin.  
Kilk. 2-1 (0-1) Cork 1-3 (1-2)  
(Kilk. displayed superlative defence. No score last 17 minutes).  
M. Dick 'Drug' Walsh, Neddy, Dick and Mike Doyle, J. Kelly, Dick Doherty.

### 1913

At Glasgow Leins H.Ch.  
Kilk. 10-6 Glasgow-Irish 5-2  
At Portlaoighis Leins H.Ch.  
Kilk. 8-3 Laois 2-6  
At Liverpool Leins H.Ch.  
Kilk. 4-4 Lancashire 1-4  
At Wexford Leins. Fin.  
Kilk. 0-3 Dublin 1-0  
At Wexford Leins. Fin. repl.  
Kilk. 7-5 (4-0) Dublin 2-1 (1-1)  
At Jones' Rd. All-Ire. Fin.  
Kilk. 2-4 (1-4) Tipp. 1-2 (1-1).

First 15 aside All-Ire. Dick 'Drug' Walsh, capt. Kilk. won - three in a row.  
Kilk. won seven in as many appearances in ten years.  
Drug Walsh captained three '07, '09, '13 of the winning teams.

M. Dick 'Drug' Walsh, Dick and Mike Doyle, Dick Doherty, Jimmy Kelly.  
As Sub. - Eddie Doyle received his seventh medal.

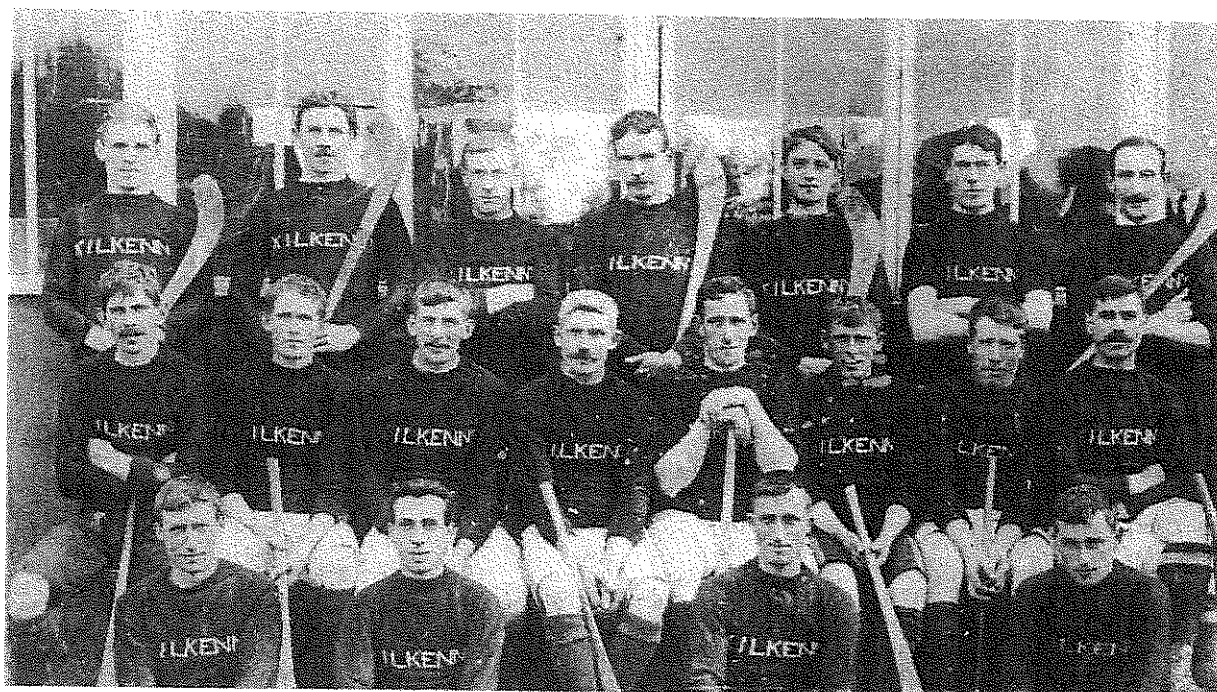
Kilkenny's wins, were in 1904, '5, '7, '9, '11, '12 and '13.

1908

At St. James Pk. Kilk. Railway Shield Inter-

Prov. H.F. Leinster 0-14 (0-6) Munster 2-5 (2-3).  
Leinster played in Mooncoin colours - Rev. J.B. Dollard threw in the ball.

Leins. - Dick 'Drug' Walsh (capt), Eddie, Dick and Mick Doyle, D. Doherty, J. Kelly (M), Jack Keoghan, Sim Walton (Tullrn), Dan Kennedy, Dan Stapleton, T. Kenny, Matt Gargan (E.O.) J. Rochford (Thc), J.T. Power, J. Anthony (Pt), Bob O'Keeffe (Laois & Glengrant), M. Cummins (Wexford).



#### KILKENNY ALL-IRELAND PLAYERS 1911 - 1912

Back row, left to right : Dr. P. Grace, J. T. Power, R. 'Drug' Walsh, Jack Rochford, D. Brennan, J. J. Brennan, M. Gargan.

Middle row : Dick Grace, R. Doherty, J. Keoghan, S. Walton (C), P. Lanigan, J. Kelly, P. Clohosey, D. Kennedy.

Front row : R. Doyle, M. Doyle, E. Doyle, T. McCormack.

### SOME PEN PICTURES

**Dick 'Drug' Walsh (1878-1958)** b. Rathkieran.

By the turn of the century 'Drug' Walsh had acquired the necessary skills on the land, the river and, the hurling field. He normally played full-back on the Mooncoin Team whereas his usual position on the County Team was centre-half

back. Wiry, medium-sized, sure and positive in his play, with exceptional speed of delivery, right or left on the ground or overhead. His extreme fitness, ever-present enabled him to out-pace, out-stay and out-play his opponent. An astute tactician he marshalled and directed his men to good purpose on the field of play. A legend while



yet playing, he won seven Leinster and All-Ireland H. medals, captained three All-Ire. winning Teams, captained Leinster to win the Railway Shield outright in 1908, won one Munster Feis and three Co. Sen. Ch. Medals, two of them as Captain.

**Eddie Doyle (1887-1971)** b. Dournane.

At Mooncoin National School coached by Pat O'Neill, P. 1869-1908 in the rudiments of the game. Played Senior Ch. for Mooncoin at fifteen and for Kilkenny against Cork a year later in the 1903 final. Thereafter in six winning finals 1904-1912 and on the bench in 1913 for which he received his seventh medal. He usually played left half back for the County. Was on the Leinster Railway Shield winning Team 1908. On the Kilk. winning Team against Cork in Munster Feis Final at Dungarvan which game - his favourite remembrance - 'Hurling of the highest order, brilliant exhibition of overhead hurling - a tough, hard but fair game! In those distant days fitness was a way of life and at a trim, hard, eleven and a half stone Neddy feared no forward. He won six plus one (on bench). All-Ire. Medals, Railway Shield 1907-08, Munster Feis and three Co. S.H. Ch. + one Triple S.H.Ch. 1916, 17, 18.

**Dick Doyle (1888-1959)** Dournane.

Pattern of hurling-life similar to Needy's. Played in 1903 Ch. and at 16 with Kilk. Co. Team in full forward line where he was to remain. Won seven All-Ire. Railway Shield, Munster Feis 1912, three Co. Ch. + one Triple 1916 - 18. Had an exceptional game in Munster Feis Medals final 1912 - great exponent of ground technique. A fitness fanatic - when training had finished for the others Dick carried on with a few extra rounds of the field in hob nailers as a handicap. When he changed to normal playing boots, he claimed he felt no weight and ran like a hare. Decried wides as a free puck from hand to the opposition. A tactic he and Mick, while hugging the end line employed was to play the ball at speed across the goalmouth for Jimmy Kelly's lightening reaction to out-strike the opposition.

**DICK DOHERTY (1886-1966)** M.

Another member of the famous six - Drug, 3 Doyles, J. Kelly + Dick D. who won five All-Ireland from 1907 to 1913. Light in physique yet a magnificent hurler an outstanding class

player of immense artistry. His ability to kill a ball stone dead overhead and move with it there in any direction seems to have been uniquely his, coupled with his skills he was endowed with great speed. Won five All-Ire. 1907, '09, '11, '12, '13. Railway Shield 1908, Munster Feis Final 1912, Three Co. Ch. 1906, '08, '13 and Jun. H. Ch. 7 medal 1922.

**Mick Doyle (1889-1970)** (D)

Attended, like his brothers, M. Nat. Sch. with Pat O'Neill P. In 1904 at fifteen years he played for Mooncoin in Co. Ch. Played left full-forward on Co. Team in 1907, combining with his brother Dick on the other side with great accuracy and speed. He, likewise, had a great understanding with Dick Doherty outside him on the half line. A classy, stylish player with pinpoint accuracy. At Dungarvan in Croke Cup Final in which Cork 8-1 beat Kilk. 6-1, Mick Doyle scored 6-0 in the 2nd half. Won 5 All-Ire. 1907-'09, '11, '12, '13 Railway Shield 1908, Muns. Feis 1912, 3 Co. Ch + 1 Triple (1916-17-18).

**Jimmy Kelly (1884-1966)** Ballygorey.

Educated at Carrigeen N.S. and Mount Sion Christian Brothers. Played with Ballyduff S.H. Club (Co. Wat) across the river and in 1900 at 16 yrs played for Wat. v Limerick in Tipperary Town. He is credited with arousing new interest in the game in Waterford Co. From his earliest days he had a fetish for accuracy - practiced assiduously for hours. He used a 20 ft. ladder for shooting up and down between the rungs and narrowed the opening by angling the ladder. A natural left-hander he was equally deft either side - on the ground or overhead and a devastatingly brilliant exponent of the 'whip' - the dropping ball met on the rise - When he got one of these particularly on his favoured left - the ball pierced the light barrier. Played with Mooncoin 1901 and with the County - 1904 when he had an outstanding game in Leinster Final v Dublin at Enniscorthy in which he was injured - However, he received his first All-Ireland medal in 1904 though he did not actually play in the final and afterwards added 1905, '07, '09, '11, '12, '13. In the Railway Shield Final of 1905 he played with Munster v Leinster marking Matt Gargan. Played on victorious Leins. Teams of 1907 and 1908. Munster Feis Medals competition final of 1912 plus three Co. Ch. medals. He always played full

forward and his understanding with the Doyles either side of him, Sim Walton outside and Dick Doherty was uncanny. He was dubbed "the scoring machine" by none other than Fr. J. B. Dollard.

Jimmy Kelly, of low stature but heavily built, he moved like greased lightning and struck the ball even quicker.

At Dungarvan — Easter Sunday, Apr. 12th 1914 Mooncoin 5 - 4 beat Blackrock 3 - 2 in "the Kelly Benefit". Shortly afterwards Jimmy

K. emigrated to New York and much of his reputation inevitably went with him. He continued playing - took out U.S. citizenship - and joined the Forces.

Rev. J.B. Dollard wrote of 'The Grand Old Stock'

*Our Hurlers are Kings,  
All our hearts are their vassals,  
Mooncoin, Erin's Own,  
Tullaroan and Threecastles.*

## THE ALL-IRELAND HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP by Rev. James B. Dollard, 1913

*Sounding their corded harps, the bards of old  
Sang of Cuchulain's prowess when he struck  
With swift caman the whirling ball in air  
And met it ere it fell, whipping it back  
To meet it as before, And too, they tell  
Of the great Fenians meeting on the plain  
In mimic warfare when the hurleys clashed  
And Dhiarmuid O Doon showed wondrous skill  
With ringing blows forcing the stubborn goal  
While thousands cheered him on  
So may I sing  
To a theme all worthy of my lyre -  
I sing the great All-Ireland Championship  
Lately in Dublin fought, when from the South  
Came up Kilkenny's champions, fitly trained  
And captained by "Drug" Walsh, a manful gael  
Modest, yet brave, with him Moondharrig's best  
Kelly, the Doyles, Dick Doherty and Power  
The goalman came, and Tullaroan sent there  
Sim Walton, Keoghan, Kennedy and Grace,  
And yet another champion famed whose name  
Was like the last — Kilkenny City sent  
Brennan and Drennan, drawn from Erin's Own  
And the strong hero, Gargan. Last I name  
Though far from least, Rochford,  
Threecastles pride  
Eager, indomitable! Against these  
Tipperary's choice were pitted - men whose deeds  
Through Munster wide were famed -- a gallant band  
From Toomevara and from Thurles drawn  
From Horse and Jockey, and the fertile vales  
Of Temple Tuohy, Meagher captained them  
Young and impetuous, eager like his team  
To sweep aside opponents and possess  
The ribands blue of Erin's Championship!  
Vast were the throngs that crowded Jones' Road  
To see the combat. As the teams lined up  
A silence fell - as when before the rush*

*A whirl and roar that marks the hurricane  
An awful hush pervades the waiting world.  
And nature bates her breath - so quiet fell  
Upon the mighty multitudes. At once  
The dread suspense was broken, as the ball  
Was cast to ground and the swift players rushed  
Hither and thither, driving towards the goal;  
Ash tested ash, and the far-echoing sound  
Like the repeated din of Clontarf  
Was heard, and from the side-line rose a roar  
Like the hoarse surf upon a stormy coast -  
"On, on, Moondharrig!" "Tipperary on!"  
Then was it that the Tipps, like lions roused  
Leaped at their foes remembering great deeds  
Done by their forebears when old "Knocknagow"  
Led all the world. And Matt the Thrashers strength  
Matched Gollis and Ossians! Then Moondharrig's  
choice,  
Dodged not the issue, but against them bore  
And all their craft and conscience called to mind  
To stem that fierce attack. They thought of home  
Beside the Nore and Suir, and the friends  
With heart in mouth who now were looking on  
And to "Drug" Walsh came quiet thoughts  
like these  
"Now, if we fail today, some evening soon  
When I am coming from the ploughing-field  
Along Rathkieran road. The neighbours' words  
Will be - "Poor Drug!" we're sorry that ye lost  
'And sorry more because it makes ye sad  
'Our darling boys. And if we win today  
They'll say instead "Wisha, God Bless you "Drug"  
Ye'll make us all too proud of ye - go on -  
'Winning like this!"  
So the swift battle raged  
And quick as thought the ball shot here and there  
Now menacing the Tipperary goal  
Then from the strong Kilkenny citadel*



*With matchless mettle forced - There rose a shout  
That echoed to the Galtees, when at length  
Tipperary bulged the net, and fates looked black  
For brave Moondharrig, but with courage grim  
They marked up point by point until ahead  
Then Gargan shot a goal, and wild unrolled  
The deep-toned Leinster cheer as when the sea  
Fretted by Eastern gales strikes Wicklows coast  
In volleying thunder!  
As when summer fields  
Are thick with flowers, all around the hive  
The bees are humming, rushing towards the comb  
So 'gainst the Munster fortress dashed and drove  
Kelly and Walton, Doherty and Doyle  
The posts bombarding! And again the ball  
Travelled Kilkenny wards till Walsh held up  
The Munster onset like a wall of brass;  
Of Rochford, Three Castles' prodigy  
Broke the fierce charge, till half time whistle blew!  
The second half began with lightening speed  
And Tipperary anxious to retrieve  
Their threatened fortunes, broke into the fray  
With desperate will. Their captain urged them hard  
Leading them on, and the Kilkenny goal  
Was oft in danger; but the strong defence  
Of Lennon, Keoghan, Rochford and John Power  
Held out intact. At last the leather shot  
Down the left wing from Doherty to Doyle  
From Doyle to Kelly - Kelly struggled strong  
With a tall adversary, then freed the ball  
And shot to Walton with unerring aim  
Who, doubling, found the net. Then sudden rang  
Tumultuous cheers, from all the Leinster host*

*Shaking the skies - as when a western gale  
Piling the seas on Staffa's stormy coast  
Fills Fingal's caves with clangour, and resounds  
With din reverberant to the clamouring North!  
But yet brave Tipperary had not shot  
Their latest bolts. With frenzy of despair  
They hurled their strength upon the Leinster goal  
Seeking a score - but Rochford nullified  
Their frantic efforts, and the ball rolled wide  
Then was it, that the captain, Richard Walsh  
Shook Rochford's hand, and spoke him  
words of praise  
More pleasing to hurler than the shrieks  
Of frenzied thousands. Then again the ball  
Zig-Zags the field, in scientific play;  
From Keoghans stroke to Lennon swift it flies,  
Lennon to Gargan sends the leather on  
Gargan to Michael Doyle - to Kelly he  
Flashes the sphere, and Kelly shoots on-goal!  
A wondrous play that sure deserved a score  
But Tipperary's backs were sound and true  
Fighting a glorious though a losing game  
Till the "long-whistle" blew  
Moondharrig then  
All-Ireland Hurling Champions were declared  
They, shoulder-high, were chaired from  
off the field  
And thus once more the ribands blue they bore  
Down to their Marble City by the Nore!*

*James B. Dollard (Rev. Fr.)  
Toronto, Canada  
November 26th*

**1914** Mar. 15th At Town Hall, Kilk. In the presence of the Mayor & Corp. & V.I.P.'s the Corporation honours the (Co. All-Ire) champions with handsome cheque plus testimonial scroll. Three bands paraded the City streets, illuminated at several points by lighted tar-barrells. The Mooncoin players so honoured Dick "Drug" Walsh, Mick, Richie and Ned Doyle, Jimmy Kelly, Dick Doherty, John T. Power. Richie Doyle unavoidably absent from the function.

Apr. 12th. Mooncoin v Blackrock - J. Kelly Benefit.

June 21st. At Kilk. Mooncoin v Johnstown in S.H. Ch S.F. - Game ended in a draw.

Aug. 16th City Hall, Kilk. - Co. Board Meeting - Objection by Mooncoin against Johnstown - (Tullaroan) being awarded the S.H.Ch game played at Kilk. on June 21st, resulting in match being refixed for Wat. Sept. 13th. The

grounds of the objection were that Sim Walton, Dan Kennedy, Dick Grace, Jim Molloy, Jack Keoghan, Tom Dunne, Phil Hogan, Pat Clohossy and Larry Walsh of the Tullaroan Club played with Johnstown.

Oct. 11th at Wat. S.H.Ch.S.F. Johnstown/Tullaroan 3-3 Mooncoin 2-0.

T. D. Grace, J. Kennedy, P. Hogan, W. Holohan, M. Kennedy, M. Lalor, J. Scott, W. Shortall, D. Kennedy, J. Holohan, M. Morrissey, W. W. Hennessy, W. Dwan, P. Kennedy.

Dec. 13th. At Dungarvan - Croke Cup Final Cork 8-1 (8-1) Kilk. 6-1 (0-1). Cork got all their scores in the first half. Mike Doyle scored all Kilk. six goals in the second half. Of Kilkenny's All-Ireland 1913 Team only M. Doyle, Dan Kennedy, Paddy Lanigan and Dick Grace Referee - H. Boland Dublin.

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**BOB O'KEEFFE**  
Glengrant  
**PRESIDENT OF THE G.A.A. 1935 - 1938**

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Bob O'Keeffe was born in Glengrant, Mooncoin near the Banks of the River Suir in 1880. From an early age he was interested in sport, especially hurling. While doing his teacher training in the De La Salle Waterford, he won trophies of all sorts, some of them are still in good order in his old homestead. When he graduated, he got an appointment in Dunboyne, Co. Meath.

Bob had never played for his county, but in 1908, as Meath had not played in the Railway Shield Championship, Bob was included in the Leinster side as a member of the Mooncoin Club to play Tipperary and they won by 0-14 - 2-5.

Bob O'Keeffe never did play for Kilkenny. He subsequently took up a teaching post in Borris-in-Ossory, Co. Laois, and though then in the veteran stages, played a major part in helping win their only Senior All-Ireland Title in 1915. He played in that game.

He then became a prominent figure in the G.A.A. Councils and was President of the Association from 1935 - 38. He was Secretary of the Leinster Council up to time of his death. While he was in Dunboyne, Co. Meath, he twice won the Long Puck Championship of Ireland. He developed neuritis in his sixties and died in 1949. He is survived by four daughters and two sons.

After his death, the G.A.A. decided to donate a trophy in his memory - The Bob O'Keeffe Memorial Cup. It was to be given to the winners of the Leinster Final each year. The trophy is a massive affair, standing 3 feet 8 inches, weighing 564 ounces and has a capacity of 6 gallons. The Celtic chase work has been taken from The Book of Kells. The hurler depicted on the top of the Cup is barefooted, which is significant in view of the fact that the late Bob O'Keeffe originally played in that manner.



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## 1915

Kilkenny's loss to Laoighis in the Leinster Hurling Semi-Final (1915) up to which time Kilk. held a virtual monopoly in the province but 1915 brought an amazing anti-climax when a free became the subject of an objection. Hiney, the Laoighis full forward fouled Rochford, but the referee awarded the free puck to Laoighis. By way of protest the Kilkenny men did not take part and allowed Laoighis to score a goal from the free. This goal gave Laoighis the win. Laoighis 4-1 Kilkenny 2-6. Laoighis later qualified to meet Cork Redmonds in the All-Ireland Final which they won 6-2 to 4-1. "Drug" Walsh went up from Mooncoin to train them for the final and they repaid him with a brilliant display (led by Ballygeehan Co. Champ).

Aug. 29th. At Wat. Mooncoin 1-3 (1-2)  
Laoighis 0-4 (0-3).

Trial match for the final although Laoighis were not at full strength. After Murphy and Mick Doyle had exchanged points Mooncoin had the better of the exchanges in the first half and the interval whistle saw them ahead M 1-2, L 0-3. On resuming Laoighis were much more positive, Mooncoin backs were very solid. They exchanged points before the end.

M. E. Doyle, R. Henneberry, M. Doyle, J. Delahunty, L. Dunphy, T. Whelan, James Walsh, P. Walsh, E. Doyle, J. & M. Ryan, J. Butler, T. Fewer, W. Corcoran, J. Power (g).

L. J. Carroll, J. Hiney, J. Daly, T. Finlay, J. Walsh, J. Finlay, P. Maher, P. Phelan, J. Deegan, T. Campion, J. Murphy, T. Loughman, J. Whelan, J. Walsh, J. Ryan (g).

Wat. 19.12.'15

S.H.Ch. Mooncoin beat Horse and Jockey.  
S.H.Ch. Mooncoin v Tullaroan.

Dec. 19th at Water. Gaelic Field.

S.H.Ch. S.F. Tullaroan 4-1 (1-1), Mooncoin 1-0 (1-0). The game had been transferred to Waterford from Thomastown - due to heavy rain on the appointed day. s Mooncoin had beaten Horse and Jockey while Tullaroan had had a w.o. from Erin's Own. Though the day was fine and sunny the ground was frozen rock hard. The start was delayed almost an hour before referee Paddy

Dunphy Abbeyleix got things under way. From the start play was tough and uncompromising, a man to man affair with Tullaroan doing most of the pressing and having the edge - However, Tullaroan's inaccuracy helped to keep Mooncoin in touch in the first half. An outstanding feature was the defence of Jim Ryan at full-back marking the irrepressible Sim Walton, the Tullaroan Capt. who in his roving capacity found scores hard to come by. Yet, Purcell, playing beside Sim had an outstanding game. At the break the score T 1-1, M 1-0 left the game wide open. After resumption, even though the ground became slippery due to the melting frost the pace quickened. The Tullaroan pressure was unremitting principally because their backs and centre-field were dominant, but their forwards with a generous constant supply were erratic with a tally of nineteen wides. As stated above, Purcell was the exception as well as the only scorer in the second half - in one brief spell getting through for three goals. Halfway through the period D. Kennedy and Martin Ryan clashed, with young Ryan being knocked out with a fractured shoulder and forced to retire - the mood of the crowd became threatening - "Drug" Walsh came on as substitute and this helped to settle the crowd. "Drug" ably acquits himself for the remainder of the game. Purcell gets a bad knock on the head and had to retire - John Grace substituted. Jack Walsh had a good second half at centrefield yet Mooncoin failed to raise a flag and Tullaroan ran out easy winners. F.T. Tullaroan 4-1, Mooncoin 1-0.

M. R. Doyle (capt), J.T. Power (g), M. Doyle, E. Doyle, E. Fewer, M. Ryan, Jim Ryan, J. Delahunty, L. Dunphy, T. Whelan, T. Henneberry, J. Walsh, R. Walsh, W. Corcoran and Jack Walsh. Sub. R. 'Drug' Walsh for M. Ryan.

Tull. S. Walton (capt), J. Hoyne (g), J. Rochford, D. & M. Kennedy, P. Clohosey, Jas. Connors, P. Hogan, R. Grace, J. Holohan, P. Purcell, T. Dunne, Jas. Maher, W. Maher, Jas. Molloy - Sub. Jack Grace.

## 1916

Mar. All roads lead to Mullinavat on Sun. 26th. inst. for replay Mooncoin v Ballyhale J.H. who already met at Glenmore where the match was abandoned due to darkness. Ballyhale will have the service of Kiely Bros. + Fitzgerald in goal. Mooncoin will also make a few changes - Smith being their strongest addition.

Mar. 26th. At Mvat - The Rod Iron Village Co. H. Ch. S.F. Mooncoin 2-0, Ballyhale 1-1. Crowd small because of the atrocious weather.

Apr. 23rd. Easter Sunday - At Kcow. Mooncoin v Mvat in Co. Ch. S.F. - No report.

May - The competent Military Authority notifies the G.A.A. Authorities that they should cancel all matches arranged to take place. No special trains will run and any crowds are undesirable.

June. Kilk. Co. G.A.A. Committee - Ald. Jas Nowlan presiding, John Lawlor, Sec. said he had taken it upon himself to write to Co. Inspectors of Waterford (no reply) and Kilkenny - respecting the holding of Championship matches. Mr Power Co. Inspector Kilk. replied stating that provided the events were not the occasion of political demonstration or display there was no objection to the Hurling and Football Championships of Kilkenny being played. He asked to be informed of the dates and places of the events. My Aylward thought - that man under misapprehension since no matches Hurling and Football now or ever held for political purpose or display. The Secretary concurred. Mr Heffernan "they have done their best to destroy the G.A.A." The Secretary said "some expression should go forward from this Board with regard to removing the impression above". Chairman, "The question dealt with by Central Board and that ought to be sufficient."

July. At Clogga, Jun. H. Challenge, Knockmoylan defeated Clogga again. Ref T. O'Neill, Kcow.

## 1919

### S.H.CH. 1916 F. MOONCOIN V TULLAROAN

At Knocktopher. The long awaited final of the 1916 S.H.Ch. and which, later in the wisdom of the Co. Board, was classed as incorporating the years 1917 and 1918 when championships failed to be completed. Dick Holohan and his Football Club were, as usual, meticulous and fastidious with the arrangements. Crowds came from all parts of the County and from Counties about the County, from Tipp. to Carlow and Wexford to Waterford, to see true class exponents of the highest skills and disciplines of Gaeldom's Ancient

Art and Craft. People, deprived and starved of games came by every and any means of transport to be there, and many just to be there. Now the questions pondered, posed, analysed, debated and argued for weeks were to be answered. The weather was ideal and the ground dry and both teams had a blend of experience and youth. The reappearance of the famous three Doyles brothers of Dournane and they worked their old combination game to good effect. The Walsh brothers Jim and Jack, very prominent, Jim right back, tower of strength who hustled and cleared repeatedly. Pat at full-back using his strength and skills effectively and reliable for his long clearances. The two Ryans, Jim and old reliable fast and sure in the backs who did some hustling too and then Martin a speedy and elusive half forward. Bill Corcoran playing his usual hard uncompromising game and likewise E. Dunphy who got injured and replaced by Dick Carroll who played well. O'Keeffe at full forward had a tough assignment while John Power never had a better hour in goal. Tullaroan were without their old stalwarts of other days Sim Walton and Dan Kennedy. Tynan filled the place of Walton. Tom Dunne had a hard-hitting game in front of Dick Grace who never played a poor game. Frank and Willie Meagher young fast and sure were outstanding. Frank on the right wing was most dangerous and responsible for practically all the Tullaroan scores. Dick Grace if not his usual brilliant self in the first did some damage in the 2nd half. Holohan, Dunne and Connors played sound in defence while Kerwick kept a good goal.

With a very strong wind blowing it became a game of too halves. Mooncoin won the toss and played with the wind and sun. Mooncoin from a scrimmage in the goalmouth rushed to the net. This was followed by a point from Mick Doyle and then a goal. To finish the first quarter Ned Doyle caught the ball on the rebound from Kerwicks hurley and flashed to the net. Then Dick Grace pointed to put his team on the scoreboard and Frank Meagher sent to Phil Hogan who found the net with a low rasping shot. First time striking was the order of the moment and Mooncoin rallied to net once again before H.T. M 4-1, T 1-1. After resuming Tullaroan set about overhauling Mooncoin with the assistance of the elements. Frank Meagher playing brilliantly slipped through for a good goal followed up a few minutes later with another. At the end of the quarter Willie Meagher from far out steadied

and sent the equalising score all the way to the net. With the sides level the ingredients were there for a thrilling last quarter and so it was to the final whistle. In a pulsating breath-taking finish Mooncoin without conceding a free, kept Tullaroan scoreless for the final fifteen minutes, a brilliant achievement in the circumstances and one which left everyone happy. Ref. John Lalor. M. R. Doyle, E. Doyle, M. Doyle, J. Walsh, P. Walsh, Jim Walsh, Jim Ryan, M. Ryan, T. Morahan, E. Dunphy, P. O'Keeffe, W. Corcoran, E. Doyle, J. Doyle, J. Power (g). T. R. Grace (c), J. Holohan, W. Maher, J. Maher, J. Fleming, M. Kennedy, J. Tynan, T. Dunne, G. Maher, F. Maher, J. Ryan, J. Connors, J. Quigley, P. Hogan, J. Kerwicks (g).

After the contest Mr Dick Holohan D.C. the famous "old captain" of the Knocktopher Football Club entertained the Teams.

Aug. 24th. At Knocktopher. Replay S.H. (1916-17-18 F). Mooncoin 3-2 (3-1), Tullaroan 2-3 (0-3).

It was back to Dick Holohan "big field" for the second chapter of this memorable final. The vast crowds were even vaster than the 5,000 at the drawn game. The inner rows were seated while the outer rows stood, but there were no problem as the whole crowd was orderly and in good humour. They were there to see hurling par excellence by the best exponents in the County. Mooncoin underwent a rigorous training programme in preparation for the replay - besides they had three changes, J. Delahunty, virtually coming out of retirement, R. Carroll and W. Dunphy replacing T. Morahan, E. Doyle and E. Dunphy. For Tullaroan Pat Clohosey who had a strong game replaced "Nipper" Connors. From the start the pace was very fast and the combination excellent. Tullaroan possibly had a slight weakness in the back division and Kerwick in goal was not up to his best, due possibly to his having received a knock on the head in the first few minutes. "Builder" Walsh gave Mooncoin the edge at centrefield and ensured a good supply of ball to the forwards. Mooncoin opened with a penalty goal, to which Tullaroan answered with a point. Builder centres beautifully and the M. forwards, rush through another goal. Tullaroan and Mooncoin exchange points and Glorney Maher adds another point for Tullaroan. At this point, Mick Doyle was injured but after treatment

resumed and then just before half time Mooncoin went through for another goal. H.T. Mooncoin 3-1, Tullaroan 0-3. After the interval the pace quickened and Tullaroan fought desperately to retrieve their position. Relentless pressure gained them a "70" which Dick Grace centred - to be hammered to the net. Mooncoin added a point in reply but back came Tullaroan and after a melee near the square bundled one to the net through Dick Grace. At this point with the last quarter to play Tullaroan were just two points behind, but in so doing had spent themselves. Mooncoin regained the initiative and control of the game and dictated the last quarter adding a further two goals for a convincing win. F.T. Mooncoin 5-2, Tullaroan 2-3.

M. E. Doyle, J. Walsh, J. Doyle, J. Ryan, M. Doyle, P. Walsh, R. Doyle, J. Delahunty, M. Ryan, R. Carroll, P. O'Keeffe, W. Dunphy, W. Corcoran, J. Walsh, J. Power (g).

T. R. Grace (c), T. Dunne, W. Meagher, L.F. Meagher, J. Holohan, J. Meagher, P. Clohosey, J. Fleming, M. Kennedy, J. Tynan, Jim Ryan, J. Quigley, P. Hogan, J. Kerwick (g), Ref. John Lalor.

S.H.Ch. Final (1919) Mooncoin v Tullaroan - Dropped.

When at a meeting of the Leinster Council following the fixing of the replay at Callan, Mooncoin appealed - from the Co. Committee, Mr J. Shouldice, Secretary of the Council said that while the Council could not accept the appeal as it did not concern any rule or breach of a rule in the official guide, he was instructed to state that the Committee should endeavour to facilitate the appealing club by fixing a more neutral venue than Callan. The Council did not wish to dictate to the Committee on what was purely a county matter, but they were disirous that the Committee should give satisfaction to all parties concerned by having venues as neutral as possible.

There was no delegate from Mooncoin or Tullaroan at the meeting and Mr H. Heffernan proposed and Mr John Ryan seconded that the 1919 Sen. Co. Final be dropped. The resolution was passed unanimously.

## 1920

June 13th. At St. James Park. Co. reigning champions Mooncoin v Rest of Kilk. Organised by Mr E. O'Connell - Town Clerk for two fold



purposes:-

(a) To augment the fund set on foot for benefit of Mr T. Brett who lost a valuable motor car under circumstances well known to the public. And

(b) Restoration of that spirit of unity (among Kilk. teams) of old.

Starved of Gaelic Matches the crowds flocked in from far and near. Game started an hour late at 5.00 p.m. and the ball was thrown in by the Manager, Ald. Peter De Loughry. All Kilkenny included players from Dicksboro, Clomanto and Tulla but no Tullaroan players. All Kilk. opened the scoring with a point by John Roberts followed by a goal per Mat Gargan receiving from "Waxy" Hogan. Dwan added another goal for All. Kilk. before Mooncoin opened their account with a shot to the net by Dick Doyle. H.T. All K. 2-1 M 1-0. Shortly after resumption play suspended due to sudden downpour. On the restart Matty Power netted and Magennis who had come on as a sub for Hogan had a point for Kilk. Matt Gargan was given a great ovation after scoring a spectacular goal. Walsh had a goal for Mooncoin before the final whistle. F.T. All Kilk. 4-1, M 2-0. The teams were subsequently entertained at the City Hall. Mr Mick Doyle (M) said that while they had been badly beaten in the past - they were prepared to contribute their strength towards a realisation of Kilkenny's hopes for the return of All Ireland Championship honours to the County. The differences between themselves and Tullaroan were of small account and could be easily bridged over. They were not caused by the members of the clubs concerned but by others, who, from behind closed doors were trying to keep them divided.

**M.** Dick Doyle (capt), J. Power (g), Pat, Jack and Jim Walsh, E. Doyle, L. Cantwell, T. Henneberry, M. Ryan, W. Dunphy, M. Murphy, P. O'Keeffe, Jos. Delahunty, T. Morahan, R. Quinn.

**All Kilk.** J. Roberts (capt), M. Burke (g), J. Sparks, E. Hogan, M. Power, M. Gargan, J. O'Reilly, T. O'Grady (Dicksboro), R. & J. Tobin, M. Brennan (Clomanto), D. Lennon, P. Dwan, J. Lalor (Tulla), T. Kelly. Sub Magennis for Hogan.

No Sen. H.Ch. 1917, '18, '20, '21, '22.

Mooncoin - reigning champions 1916-1923 until displaced by Dicksboro in 1923 Co. S.H. F. played St. James Park - Oct. 1924.



Rev. Fr. F. Grace P.P.  
Club President.

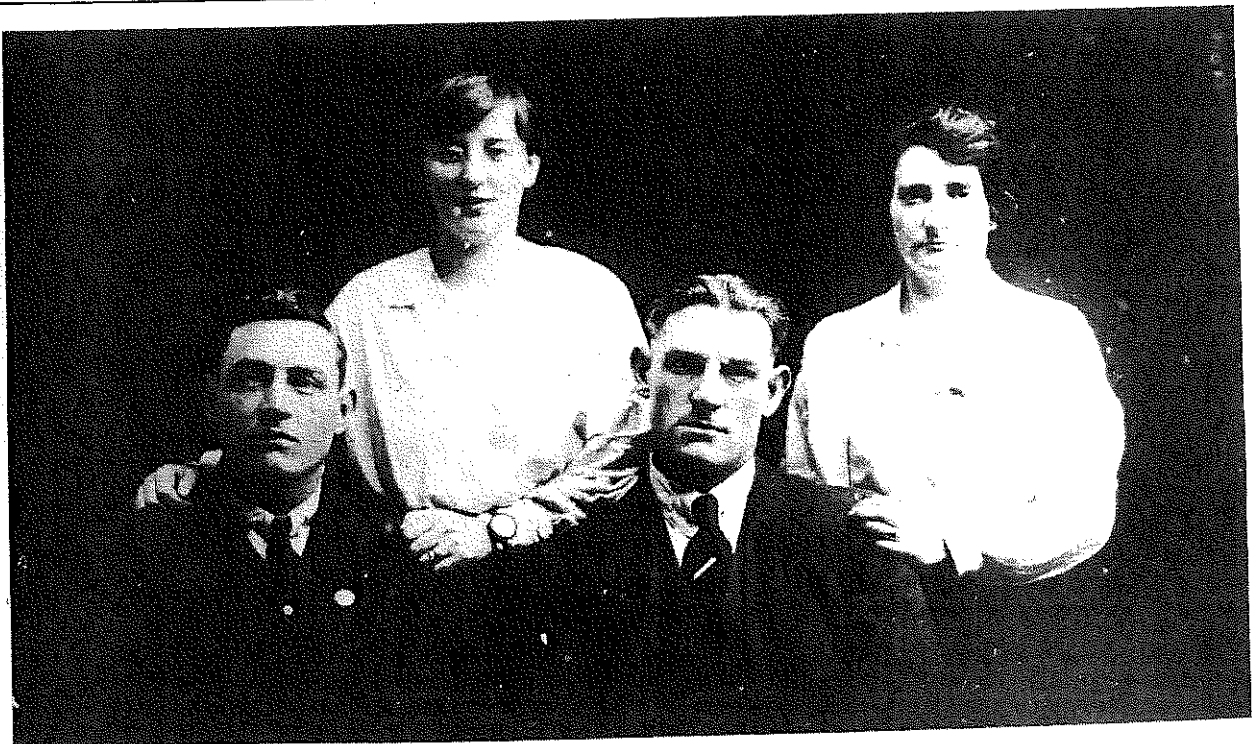
## MOONCOIN LOSE THE WALSH BROTHERS OF CLOGGA

The above match - Mooncoin v Rest of Kilk. was the last occasion on which any of the Clogga Walsh brothers played for Mooncoin. They had already won the Triple Champ. Medals issued for 1916, '17, '18. Pat retired from active play while Jim and Jack moved to Dublin and played with Faughs Club and Dublin Co. thereafter. Jim 'Builder' had played for Kilk. in Leins S.H. Final v Wexford and then the All-Ire. Final lost to Tipp. in 1916. His last appearance for Kilk. was in the Leinster Final of 1919 when beaten by Dublin. He played in five All-Ireland Finals with Dublin winning three - 1921, 1924, 1927 and losing 1921 and 1930. He played on three winning Leinster Railway Cup Teams and was the only player to participate in three Tailteann Games. He played fifteen years for Faughs. He won seven Leins. S.H. Medals and captained Dublin in 1930. He won five Dublin S.H. Ch and capt. Faughs 1925, 1926, 1928, 1932 and won six

Dublin S.Hs League Medals. Also played hand ball and shinty. Was Chairman of Dublin Co. Board in 1929 and 1930. As hurler, he was and remains one of the all-time greats of the game. Died 1949.

Jack played left half-forward in the Leins Jun. H. Final of 1915. Played Sen. Inter-Co. thereafter and won 1916 Co. S.H. Ch Medals with Mooncoin. As stated, played for Mooncoin v Rest in 1920. Then moved to Dublin and Faughs with whom he won three Co. S.H. Ch. and three S.H. Leagues. Played in goal for Leins H. in 1924 Tailteann games. Played in 1937 for his Club in Jun. grade. Died unexpectedly July 1958.

Pat played Sen. hurling with Mooncoin 1915-20 winning the triple medal 1916-17-18. Played in 1919 and with Mooncoin v Rest in 1920, brilliant back - not far behind his illustrious brother Jim 'Builder'.



THE WALSH BROTHERS OF CLOGGA  
Jim 'Builder', Pat and their wives.

## THE DOYLES OF DOURNANE

The Parish of Mooncoin in S. Kilkenny and particularly one of its villages, Dournane, in the latter half of the 19th century was a very densely populated village. In the parish of Mooncoin and in this village, hurling flourished - a more polished and skilful brand, not as rugged as in other pockets throughout the country where the old game still lingered on.

Dournane could boast of putting onto the field a village team of 21 that could match the best within the parish or surrounding countryside. This would be 20/30 years prior to the advent of the G.A.A. It could even be said that Mooncoin participated in the 1st unofficial All Ireland when a team from Mooncoin that included names like Fogarty, Deady, Ryan and Quinn travelled from Grange station to play a Thurles selection.

Around the 1890's there was a teacher in Mooncoin by the name of O'Neill who was dedicated to hurling and he inspired his pupils and promoted and organised games within the parish. This man may be said to be the principal one behind the scenes in the great Mooncoin team of the early 20th century.

It was into an atmosphere of this kind that the Doyle family - 6 boys and 3 girls were born. Two of these boys were priests and 4 worked on the family farm for the early years of their lives and later one, Mick, sent to Waterford city to serve his time as a draper.

O'Neill was a great inspiration and influence, he was also a great monitor of the game and players, so much so that he predicted Dick Doyle even at this early age as a future Kilkenny great. All the encouragement he could give to his boys and coached them as more or less our modern coaches do.

In this atmosphere it is little wonder that the Doyle family took to hurling and to support it from their maternal side they had an uncle, Jonhhy Dunphy, who prior to his departure to the U.S.A.

was an accomplished hurler. Their grand-uncles, Henebrys of Dournane, were champions Oars Men and monarchs of all at the old Waterford Regatta.

On their paternal side a grand-uncle, Mick Doyle, was a prominent athlete and brought off several prizes in hop-step-leap from places as far away as Clonmel, and in doing so incurred the wrath of the Military. Another brother of his, John was a skilful hurler and played for the Barony of Iverk.

At this time intense rivalry existed between the Barony of Iverk and Knocktopher. This was the time when fences at both ends were the goals. Now this John Doyle was married into the Barony of Knocktopher (Castlebrannigan). There was custom at this time to "sod the wheat" with the plough (a timber one). During the 1st year in his new abode the coulter of his plough was stolen and he returned home on a particular Sunday to borrow a replacement. On this particular Sunday, whether by accident or design, the inter-barony game between Iverk and Knocktopher was in progress at a place called Miltown, Templeorum. Some of the Iverk contestants were injured and as he was known to be a former prominent Iverk player he was prevailed upon to play, much to his dislike, against his adopted Barony of Knocktopher. He came as a spectator and had no hurley with him but he went into the fray with the timber coulter of the plough! (The coulter would have been much heavier than a hurley even of that time).

Living on an average farm even in Mooncoin in the early days of the 20th century was by no means easy and any side-lines which would supplement the family budget would be a great boost to the income. It was a custom at that time to put up for tender the maintenance of certain sections of the local public road and so the Doyle family where there were four young boys undertook the job of maintaining the road that leads from the village of Mooncoin to Dournane. This entailed hard work for the provision of road material had to be quarried locally. To quarry this stone was really the

acid test of stamina and muscle. This work was what the Doyle brothers maintained developed their muscles and hurleys were like feathers compared with swinging a 28lb sledge hammer to strike the quarry drill.

O'Neill as has been said was the driving force. He was joined later by John Fielding - who had been a clerical student in St. Kierans. These two along with Dick "na Dhoire" Walsh (who was later Manager of Kilmacow Creamery) and Dickey Dunphy, were the chief organisers of the great Mooncoin team of the first decade of this century.

Strange to say that Dick Doyle's 1st game outside of Mooncoin was interprovincial and not inter-county. He was a spectator at the Railway shed game at Carrick-on-Suir and some of the Leinster team had failed to turn up and he was called in at the instigation of O'Neill and Fielding to fill the gap at the age of 17½ years and so began a hurling career which he courageously upheld for the next decade. He was considered a fearless attacker and great hurler who rarely did go for his own score but placed his comrades with the ball. The late Tom Mullins of Thomastown in assessing players of that era said "It is difficult to single out any players from such a galaxy but what I always remember about Dick Doyle is when he moved to the ball that the roar come from the crowd for very rarely when he moved was he beaten".

He was rarely too taken off his feet and hurled hip to hip. The late John T. Power (known as "the Bull Power") admitted in public in later years that he himself was only once taken off his feet and the man to do it was Dick Doyle.

His combination with his brother Mick, Doherty and Jimmy Kelly, as well as his outgoing passes to flying incoming Walton paved the foundation for many Kilkenny great victories of this era. His brother Mick on the left and opposite wing was a wonderful overhead hurler and could double on a ball with deadly accuracy, he was slighter than Dick and was tricky and could flick the ball to a team mate when his way to the goal was blocked. Being of lighter physique than Dick he was often the target for a strong back but he seemed to revel in it and his foot balance never left him down. It was little wonder that these two brothers often swapped places for intervals. Dick would move over to 'soften' up Mick's man.

Eddie who played as wing back may not be quite as skilful as his brothers, nevertheless he was a great sideline taker or "touches" as he called them and also a striker of the "70". Very few forwards succeeded in getting inside him. He to use his own expression again, to "clinch" with the forward under the dropping ball. He was also very daring in 'snapping' a ball out of the air.

A complete revolution in the style or art of hurling took place with the advent of this Kilkenny Team. Hitherto the game had been more over robust than skilful but these Mooncoin forwards and Walton brought a new dimension into game combination, skill and science or art. The longer the team remained together the more the game was perfected. It was said up to the 70's that it was the best combination ever to leave Kilkenny. Dick Doyle was probably the centre-piece of this passing movement in the forward. In the Croke Cup Final in which Tipp. beat Kilkenny early in 1913 by double score 8 - 8 to 4 - 4, both himself and Jim Kelly were absent. It was at this time that it was said "you need Mooncoin for Munster".

Kilkenny as is well known, won during this era 7 All-Irelands within the space of 10 years, 1904, 1905, 1907, 1909, 1911, 1912, 1913. This period too was a difficult time for it was beset with troubles. As you know it was the beginning of the national revival - the Gaelic spirit of the Nation was beginning to reawake. At this time too many of the Kilkenny championship games were played in Waterford. Waterford field also catered for other codes and British soldiers and was not a Gaelic sportsfield. This was resented by many and particularly by Mooncoin. In an effort to make it a Gaelic sportsfield Mooncoin refused to participate in any fixtures made for the venue. A crisis was reached in approx 1910 when Kilkenny Co. Board fixed a game for Waterford. The forfeiture of the match was the only alternative for Mooncoin if they failed to play there. Mooncoin fielded a team - minus the Doyles and Jim Kelly and were beaten. This dispute had a profound effect on the 1910 County team, despite the fact that all turned out.

Wexford won Leinster and All-Ireland and had Kilkenny won this 1910 championship they would have set an all time record of 5 in a row. (Waterford eventually became a Gaelic sportsfield and Mooncoin selection played Laois - capt. by Bob O'Keeffe - at Waterford 6 weeks prior to

Laois winning their first All-Ireland in 1915 and played a draw with them).

Around 1912 Kilkenny reached their peak and had developed hurling into a fine art. At the same time a great team was building up in Tipperary powered by a club known as Toomevara greyhounds because of their speed. Toomevara were unbeaten in any challenge, tournament or C'Ship game from 1912 - 1913. Tipperary beat Kilkenny in the Croke Cup by double score in Dungarvan. In the Munster C'Ship of 1913 Tipperary beat all before them and Kilkenny did likewise in Leinster. Both teams reached the All-Ireland with big reputations behind them and interest in the All Ireland was nationwide. (15,000 assembled at Jones Road to witness the battle between the hurling giants). The real merit of Kilkenny victories of the previous years was now on trial. They were considered old campaigners by some but never the less Dick Doyle who was to win his 7th. medal on this day was 27 years and younger brother Mick who was to win his 5th. was just 25 years. The eldest brother Eddie was a sub. and this was the first 15 a side All-Ireland.

20,000 spectators (with the gates closed long before the game) would at this time really show the nationwide interest as all those fans travelled by train.

In this game Kilkenny made the ball travel and brought the 'Greyhounds' to their own speed.

"With Tipp. bombarding and Power still guarding, the leather travelled at lightening speed".

"Their combination is a revelation, in every station and our boys succeed".

"Ah what could equal the Doyles and Doherty and Jim Kelly, Moondharrigs Gael,

"Their splendid passing was Tipp's outclassing theres none could beat them in Inisfail".

This certainly was the day that Mooncoin forward combination played a vital role. This victory was also considered one of the sweetest of all Kilkenny's wins around this era. My mother who with her sister Mrs. Hogan were both at the game and stayed in Kilkenny on Sunday night. The excitement in Kilkenny this night reached

fever pitch, bands playing, tar barrels burning etc., and later on the Corporation honoured the champions with a banquet and were presented with a schroll of honour and made freement of the city. They were also presented with a cheque for £18.00 per man.

This latter gesture proved in hindsight to be improvident as far as the Doyles were concerned as it created a lot of jealousy. £18.00 at that time was a lot of money. Whisperings were abroad that the Doyles had made £54.00 out of the hurling. These whisperings soon reached their ears and this had a big effect on the Doyles, especially Dick who became less enthusiastic from now on.

Cleavages in the Kilkenny side caused a lot of disunity in 1914 and Kilkenny only half-heartedly faced Laois in the Leinster final. They were beaten by a Laoise team captained by a Mooncoin man, Bob O'Keeffe. Mick Doyle continued on until 1916 V. Tipperary All-Ireland. He did his utmost to induce his brother Dick to play on that day and he always maintained that had he played, Kilkenny might have taken the title on that day. With his absence and the departure of Kelly to U.S.A. the former great forward combination was completely disorganised.

Mick Doyle, strange to say, played his 1st. intercounty game with Waterford in the Munster C'Ship V. Limerick. In that game he played on Tyler Mackey (Mick's father). Tyler had slowed up very much at this stage and this lad from Mooncoin was too fast for him but he threatened him on one occasion after he had slipped past him with the ball. "If you come near me again, I'll flatten you". Tyler played with a big heavy hurley which as Mick Doyle said "would be more suitable for a Pick axe handle".

How did they train in those days?

In those days hurling practice was in progress every suitable evening outside of the busy season (Harvest, Hay etc.) A field in Rathkieran was the venue opposite Fieldings house and the field was placed at their disposal by the Irish family of Aglish. This was the recognised training ground and Sundays and on evenings several followers flocked to see them in action. Mick Doyle did much of his training in Waterford on a level spot of ground where the Ardree Hotel is now. It was





THE DOYLE FAMILY OF DOURNANE  
 Standing, left to right : Cathy, Tom, Neddy, Dick, Mike. Seated : Johanna, Fr. Andy, Mother, Fr. Jim, Ellie.

the only level spot on a large slope. Trespassers were strictly forbidden by the Fleming family who owned it as it was so close to the town. But Mick Doyle and friends Harry Matthews and Sean Kiely were welcome to use it.

Then on Thursdays he would walk home to Dournane and if no urgent work was in progress on the farm he would along with local curate retire to a private field in the farm which was near the village of Mooncoin. The local curate Dr. Doyle of Cuffsgrange, or any other priest could not be seen togged out hurling. This field was not too far from Drugs house and in a short while Dick Doherty and Drug would hop over the fence and join them.

As far as Dick and Eddie were concerned, their training in later years consisted in runs for cows in the morning to the banks of the river. They trained hard in their early days and as they said they built muscles swinging the sledge in the quarry. Their father too was interested in hurling and attended all the games in which they played as long as he was able. He died prior to the 1913 final. My mother told me she followed a crowd to Grange station in 1906 for the 1st. All-Ireland won by Kilkenny. Her father on seeing her at the station ordered her home, but a relative, Patsy Dunphy, intervened and suggested that he would take care of her and so she saw Kilkenny win their first All-Ireland, a fact of which she was later very proud.

In later years their father was not able to go to the matches but eagerly awaited the arrival of the train to Grange Station and if the wind was favourable the cheers at the station signified victory. But not always did the train come to Grange station. Often the team disembarked in Kilmacow or Waterford. "Big Ned" O'Keeffe was always the first with the good or bad news. On passing the Doyle homestead on his way from one of the village pubs he knocked at the window of the back of the house shouting "are you there Doyle, your men won again" and if they lost "they fell on their ....." On the evening of 1907 final played in Dungarvan, he had an addition to telling him "your men won". "Do you know who started the match, Andy, he came straight from Cobh to Dungarvan", (he was referring to Rev. Andy Doyle in U.S.A. and surprised all by an unexpected arrival at the grounds and was given the honour of throwing in the ball).

Their mother always insisted on whatever members remained at home to milk the cows and this would be some of the sisters, they had to kneel down in the kitchen at the time of the match and say the Rosary, "the lads are now giving their red sweat in Dublin".

The night of a match, or the night after it if the game was far away, was the night of a big gathering in the Doyle homestead. All the Mooncoin contingent as well as the neighbours gathered there to hear the game hurled all over again, where it was won or lost, as the case may be. The occasions on which Kilkenny lost during this era were very few. Their last game with Mooncoin was in 1918 Championship in the replay at Knocktopher with Tullaroan which they won. Their last appearance in Black and Amber was in James park in 1923 when the "old" team played the "new" Kilkenny team in an exhibition match.

The three brothers, Neddie, Dick and Mick, have won 18 All-Ireland medals on the field and a total of 19 as Neddy was a sub. on 1913 side. This is a record not likely to be beaten for some time, if ever. The Graces of Tullaroan have 14 medals (3 of which were football) and they were not all won with Kilkenny (Jack won 5 with Dublin.)





# KILKENNY ALL-IRELAND HURLING CHAMPIONS — 1922

Back row, left to right : (P. Dunne, J. Rochford, M. Heffernan), Tom Tierney, Bill Brennan, (Jim Brien with cap), Ned Purcell (with watch-chain), Eddie Dunphy, (Lory Meagher with cap), Dick Grace, Matty Power, Bill Kenny, Mick Brennan - no jersey).

Middle row : Sean Gibbons, Martin Lalor, Jimmy Tobin, Paddy Donoghue, Watty Dunphy (Capt.), Mark McDonald (G), John Holohan, Pat Glendon, Miss Gorey, Tim Scott, M. Dalton (standing).

Front row : Martin Egan (with hat), Tommy Carroll, Dick Tobin, John Roberts, Pat Aylward, Tom Walsh (Ch. Co. Board with hat on ground).



June. Wat. Gaelic Field S.H. Challenge  
Kilk. (M) 1-2 (1-2) Wat. (T.F. Meagher) 3-3 (1-0).

June. Wat. Gaelic Field S.H. Challenge  
Kilk. (M) 1-2 (1-2) Wat. (T.F. Meagher) 3-3 (1-0).  
Mooncoin had the better of the first half and led at H.T. K. 1-2, W. 1-0. Mooncoin faltered in the second and Meaghers ran out winners Wat. 3-3 Kilk 1-2. Kilk (M) combination well served in goal by "Drug" Walsh.

## 1924 ECHOES OF YESTERYEAR

Sept. At Knocktopher S.H. Ch. S.F. (1923)  
Mooncoin 3-4 (0-3) Tullaroan 2-0 (0-0).

Record attendance witnessed a splendid game (with the winners to meet Dicksboro in the final). Weather a little inclement - concluding stages saw ball and pitch get greasy. Both teams had their All-Ireland heroes Tullaroan - Dick Grace, Holohan and Maher while Mooncoin included W. & E. Dunphy, M. McDonald, T. & J. Carroll, R. & E. Doyle. Dick Grace - sole Tullaroan survivor of the 1904-'13 team put in a tremendous hour's work and gave a wonderful display as did Holden and Maher. Of that great era Mooncoin had Dick Doyle (7 All-Ire. Medals) whose display proved that he had not yet quite lost the art which once rendered him one of the most consistently brilliant marksmen of a gifted forward line before which even the most doughty backs quavered. Ed Doyle improving gave a polished display; his clean accurate striking and his long precise deliveries were a feature of the game. Many shrewd judges mark him one of the most finished players at present in the country. Mark McDonald in goal, the Dunphy brothers and the Carroll brothers all gave a fine display. Joe Fewer in the backs gave his finest display so far for Mooncoin; his long and accurate clearances were a feature. Mooncoin alone scored in the first half. H.T. Mooncoin 0-3, Tullaroan 0-0. After the interval Mooncoin continued the pressure and added a point followed by a goal. Tullaroan rallied and rushed through a goal immediately followed by another but there their effort lapsed. Mooncoin finished the stronger and added two more goals before the final whistle. F.T. Mooncoin 3-4, Tullaroan 2-0. 1 / 1 Referee, Peter Walsh.

M. W. Dunphy (Capt.), M. McDonald (g), E. & R.

Dunphy, E. Doyle, J. Fewer, T. Hogan, R. Doyle, M. Murphy, T. & J. Carroll, J. Grant, T. Bowe, W. Walsh, J. Ryan.

T. R. Grace (Capt), W. Meagher, E. & J. Maher, T. Grace, J. Grace, P. Hogan, J. Tynan, J. Fleming, F. Hogan, T. Walsh, N. Teehan, J. Clohosey, R. Molloy, J. Holohan.

Before meeting Tullaroan, Mooncoin had beaten Clomanto in an earlier round. Mooncoin now meet Dicksboro in the Co. S.H. Final (1923) on Oct. 19th.

## MOONCOIN DEFEATED AFTER 7 YEAR REIGN

Oct. 19th. At St. James Pk. Co. S.H.F. (1923). Dicksboro 7-4 (3-0), Mooncoin 3-1 (3-1). Before a very large attendance - mostly from in or about the city. Both teams had trained hard and were full of confidence. Mooncoin started the game in a great hurry and in the first ten minutes had run up 3-1 without reply. Dicksboro steadied, stemmed the onrush and gradually gained control. By the interval there was little between them. Mooncoin 3-1, Dicksboro 3-0. On resuming Mooncoin put in a great effort to regain the initiative and it was touch and go for the third quarter but again Dicksboro gained control and scored freely in the last quarter. F.T. Dicksboro 7-4, Mooncoin 3-1. II Ref. - J. Lalor.

M. W. Dunphy (capt), M. McDonald (g), J. Grant, E. Dunphy, T. Carroll, R. Dunphy, J. Doyle, J. Fewer, J. Carroll, J. Ryan, R. Doyle, E. Doyle, M. Murphy, T. Bowe, T. Hogan, Subs. W. Walsh, M. Walsh and M. Comerford.

Nov. Co. Board G.A.A. Meeting - Dispute regarding expenses incurred by Mooncoin, travelling to Knocktopher for semi-final against Tullaroan. Mr Richard Hogan (M), Threatened to pull out of Championship if expenses were not allowed. The Chairman was not inclined to take too kindly to threats - whereupon Rd. Hogan jumped up and marched out of the room followed a little behind by Mooncoin's other delegate Jim Carroll. They subsequently returned to the meeting - whatever had been said in the corridor of power in the meantime is not recorded.

### Nov. Cot Races at Ballygorey.

#### 1st Race Amateur Oar & Paddle.

1. Ml. Rowe & R. Collins.

2nd W. Walsh & J. Quinlan - Half a length.

#### 2nd Race Licensed Fishing Cots.

1. R. & J. Walsh (bros).

2nd P. Power & J. Burke - Four lengths.

#### 3rd Race Two Paddle.

1. J. & W. Walsh,

2nd W. Power & J. Walsh.

#### 4th Race Single Paddle.

1. John Walsh.

2nd C. Power. 3rd Jim Walsh.

(This last competition gave John Walsh his third victory that day.)

Co. S.H. Ch. (1924) Clomanto w.o.  
Mooncoin scr. Mooncoin could not field a team.

### 1926.

At Clogga. Carrickshock Medals Tour.  
Mooncoin defeated Harristown.

Apr. At Carr-on-Suir. Tipperary with their full All-Ireland Team v Mooncoin Sel. before their trip to America. Big muster of Gaels to witness a display worthy of the fame of the contestants in every way - a fine fast hurling contest. At H.T. Mooncoin were well ahead M 3-3, Tipp - Boherlahan Sel. 0-2. After the interval Mooncoin continued to press and added a goal and a point but then fell away in the closing stages for Boherlahan to score freely. F.T. Tipp. 6-3, M. 4-4.  
**Tipp.** J. Leahy, J. Power, P. Power, A.D. Donnell (g), N. Darcy, P. Cahill, N. Kennedy, M. Mockler, J.J. Hayes, J. Leahy, S. Hackett, S. Dwan, J. Purcell.

### ANOTHER MOONCOIN v TULLAROAN CLASH

May. At Waterford Gaelic Grns. S.H.Ch. R1.  
Mooncoin 4-3 (1-2), Tullaroan 1-3 (0-3).

A huge attendance of over 8,000 spectators gathered for this clash of old rivals with the more youthful Tullaroan hot favourites. Two bands attended in all their paraphernalia, - one from Kilkenny and the local Thomas Francis Meather Fife and Drum. The weather ideal and the pitch perfect. Tullaroan won the toss and played with a slight breeze yet found themselves behind at

H.T. M. 1-2, T. 0-3. Immediately on resumption Banim goaled to give Tullaroan the lead but that despite the Herculean efforts of the majestic Lowry was their last score. Mooncoin ran out comfortable winners F.T. M. 4-3, T. 1-3. II Ref. Mr Sean Hogan. Tullaroan were stylish and pleasant hurlers, their forwards, however, failed to finish and their goalie, who had been ordered not to play, was weak on the day.

**M.** W. Dunphy (capt), E. Dunphy, R. Dunphy, E. Doyle, M. Murphy, J. Fewer, T. & J. Carroll, J. & T. Walsh, T. Morahan, W. Hanlon, J. Burriss, J. Grant, R. Cantwell.

**T.** W. Meagher (capt), Hen. Meagher, Lowry Meather, Jas Maher, J. Holohan, R. Grace, J. Tynan, E. Hogan, J. Fleming, M. Power, M. Kennedy, W. Banim, T. Grace, P. Teehan, N. Teehan.

May. At Asper's field Rk. Juvenile hurling Mooncoin 10-3, The Glens 2-0, Ref. "Drug".  
June at Wat. Sp. Field. Wat. Feis for set gold medals Dicksboro 5-3 (3-1), Mooncoin 1-7 (1-5).

July. At Water. Co. S.H.Ch. Semi-Final  
Mooncoin 8-4 (4-1), Kilmacow (1-1 (1-0) . . . . . Mooncoin scored four goals in each half and W. Dunphy in the forward line had a hand in most of them. Larry Cantwell had a good game at centrefield while E. Doyle, T. Carroll and J. Fewer maintained their usual high standard in the back line.  
**For Kilmacow.** Jack Williams, Rockett and Murphy were sound, Flynn at midfield and Grant showed up well, Tommy Carroll twice injured finally retired II Ref. - Mr. P. Walsh N.T. Templeorum.

### MOONCOIN VANQUISHED IN FINAL

Aug. 8th at St. James Pk. Kilk. S.H. Ch.  
Final. Dicksboro 5-5 (2-2), Mooncoin 1-4 (0-2). Huge crowd gathered in expectation of a good game and a Dicksboro victory. Mooncoin opened promisingly and had points from W. and E. Dunphy within the first few minutes. Dicksboro gradually settling down tightened their grip throughout the field. As the backs gained complete control Saunders and Gouchy Fitzpatrick goaled while Brennan and Lar Dowling added points for Dicksboro before H.T. D. 2-2, M. 0-2. After the break the 'Boro' carried on where they



left off - Fitzpatrick netting from an acute angle and within minutes made it a hat trick. T. Walsh (M) retired injured and replaced by M. Walsh, his brother, P. Geoghegan pointed for Dicksboro and then Jim Carroll receiving from the sub. M. Walsh, netted for Mooncoin. Larry Cantwell and the sub. M. Walsh added points. The 'Boro' came back for Fitzpatrick to net yet again plus a couple of points before F.T. D. 5-5, M. 1-4. Dicksboro were masters in speed and combination, their defence and particularly the individual scintillating display of Peter O'Reilly at full back was memorable. The Mooncoin backs though playing well were found wanting in speed and stamina.

**M. R. Cantwell** (g), T. Morahan, J. Fewer, J. Walsh, L. Cantwell, E. Doyle, J. Grant, W. Dunphy, T. Walsh, T. Carroll, J. Carroll, W. Hanlon, M. Murphy, E. & D. Dunphy.

**Dicks.** M. Burke (g), J. Brennan, P. O'Reilly, J. Magennis, P. Byrne, W. Kenny, W. Barry, T. Flood, W. Brennan, P. Geoghegan, J. Roberts, L. Dowling, P. Fitzpatrick, J. Saunders, M. Lalor.

Sept. At Wat. Gaelic Sports Gr. The 'Drug' Walsh Testimonial. The second game saw the current Co. S.H. Champions, Dicksboro play Tullaroan, refereed by Mr Sean Hogan. Paddy Grace captained Tullaroan to a decisive victory over the champions led by J. Roberts. Tullaroan led at H.T. 3-1 to 1-4 and the full-time whistle saw T 7-1, D 2-4. In the first match Mooncoin v James Stephens - the order was fast clever hurling with good combination and exciting individual duels. The first half saw Mooncoin's unfaltering defence give nothing away and Fewer with a ground stroke from midfield opened their account. Cantwell acquitted himself and evoked applause with some fine saves from point blank range. Dick Dunphy goaled for Mooncoin and W. Hanlon added a point before H.T. Mooncoin 2-2, Jas. Stephens 0-1.

James Stephens injected great pace and urgency into their game after the break and did most of the pressing. Goals from Larkin and P. Foley made for an exciting finish. Fewer, who was having an exceptionally good game added a point for Mooncoin but the second half belonged to Jas. Stephens. Full time score Mooncoin 2-4,

Jas Stephens 2-2.

**M. R. Cantwell** (g), J. Fewer, W. Dunphy, T. Morahan, T. Carroll, E. Doyle, L. Cantwell, T. Walsh, W. Hanlon, E. Dunphy, M. Murphy, J. Walsh, J. Grant, J. Carroll, R. Dunphy.

**Jas.St.** Jack Dunne (g), B. Hennessy, M. Coyne, J. Carroll, D. Fleming, J. Culleton, D. Culleton, P. Kealy, K. McGrath, P. Larkin, M. Tierney, Peter Foley, M. Brett, P. Walsh, M. Larkin.

Dec. At Harristown. Carrickshock Memorial Tour  
S.F. Mooncoin 7-3, Thomastown 0-2.



**SLIABH RUADH (right)**  
with  
**EDDIE HANLON**

## THE MEN OF MOONCOIN

(Air : "Then Men of the West")

written by PHIL O'NEILL for the Programme of the "Drug" Walsh Tour. September 1926.

*Whilst we honour the hurlers of Erin  
Who fought with renown on the field  
In a spirit of courage and daring  
To capture the All-Ireland shield  
Let us think of the sons of the Suirside  
So now in this toast let us join  
In paying a tribute to true men -  
I refer to the men of Mooncoin*

### *Chorus*

*Then here's to the hurlers of Ireland -  
From Bandon's green banks to the Boyne  
Here's a toast to the cause of our sireland  
And here's to the men of Mooncoin!*

*We've read of their deeds and their glory  
We've heard of their prowess and fame  
They're the subject of many a story  
In the history of Erin's old game  
From Carrick to Cork and to Galway  
From Derry to Dingle and Cloyne  
With the spirit of sportsmen we all say  
Here's success to the men of Mooncoin!*

*We've heard of the Doyles and the Dunphys  
The Foxs, the Fieldings, and Feore  
The Carrolls, the Cantwells and Kellys  
From Carrigeen up to Clonmore  
The Walshes from brave "Jack Na Cuille"  
And "Drug" in this toast I must join  
Who ruled the game for All-Ireland  
And led on the men of Mooncoin*

*Though Erin's old ranks have been broken  
That once were the pride of the past  
And bitter the words that were spoken  
We know they no longer can last  
For the spirit of old cannot perish  
So in unity now let us join  
To honour the hurlers of Ireland  
And amongst them the men of Mooncoin*

1927

Jan. Carrickshock Mem. Tour S.F.  
Hugginstown beat Piltown by one point and now meet Mooncoin in the final.

Feb. "Moondharrig" Club. A new S.H. Club has been formed in Mooncoin and will be known as the "Moondharrig" Club. It has been affiliated with the Kilk. Co. Board and the officers appointed were - President - Wm. Lawlor, Secretary Joseph Allen. The team will be captained by a well known player in M.A. Comerford and the colours are green and white (horizontal). The club can boast of a membership of fifty four. The players who have practised hard for some time past with gusto and enthusiasm, will test their mettle against Erin's Own (Wat.) on their first outing.

Feb. 2nd. Wat. Gaelic Field. Gus. Kennedy  
(going to U.S.) Benefit, Erin's Own 7-2 (6-0)  
Moonsharrig 0-2 (0-1)

Good attendance but hurling a big disappointment. Moondharrig - no teamwork and striking clumsy travelled a couple of players short - R. Morrissey and T. Heffernan, Ferrybank, secured to fill vacancies. From start Erin's Own simply outclassed Moondharrig in all phases of the game and within five minutes Ware and Wyse had each scored a goal. H.T. E.O. 6-0, M. 0-1. The second half showed no improvement from Moondharrig standpoint. F.T. E.O. 7-2, M. 0-2.

Feb. Kilk. Convention - Sth Board Rep. W. Dunphy, Mooncoin.

Neutral Venues - The following motion stood in the name of Mooncoin Hurling Club.

"That should one of the two teams drawn in the county final be a city team, a neutral venue should be selected."

Mr Wattie Dunphy (M) - "I propose the adoption of the motion. I consider it very unfair to meet a city team here in the city". Mr Tynan (Tullaroan) seconded. Mr Heffernan (Trustee) said he was not in favour of the motion. At the last Co. Final they got £160 on the gate at the Park and he would like to know where they would get so much outside of it.

Mr Heffernan proposed that the rule stand as heretofore, vote taken and motion lost by one. For the motion - 21. For the amendment - 22

Mar. At Aglish. Final of the Parish Championship Ardera (Hills) v Ballygorey (Glens). Ballygorey had beaten Aglish - Ardera had the assistance of some Clogga men. Referee was 'Jim' Hawe, capt. of the McKee H.C. Dublin. In a tussle for the ball within five minutes of the start of the game - Johnnie Power, Kilcraggan (Ardera), received a fall and broke his leg. Straight away the match abandoned - Peter Brennan (Ashe) arrived in his motor car and conveyed Johnny to the Infirmary, Waterford. Teenager Johnny is very promising and played with the Mooncoin Seniors against Boherlahan at Carrick last April.

Apr. At Waterford. S.H. Ch. RI.  
Mooncoin 6-0 (5-0), Kilmacow 0-5 (0-0). Mooncoin won toss and played with strong wind. M. R. Cantwell (g), W. Dunphy, W. Hanlon, L. Cantwell, E. Doyle, T. Carroll, J. & E. & W. Walsh, J. Carroll, E. Hanlon, R. Dunphy, J. Allen, M. Murphy, E. Dunphy.  
**Kcow.** R. Rockett (capt), T. & J. & John Williams, T. & J. Kavanagh, W. Dunphy, P. Grant, P. Whelan, L. Phelan, P. Power, M. Kinsella, W. Flynn, J. Murphy, T. Walsh.

S.H.Ch. S.F. Mooncoin w.o. Kilmanagh ser.

July - Tom Bowers Gvine R.I.P. (81 yrs).  
Magistrate, Fishery Commissioner. "that mercy seasons justice", herbal medicinal knowledge, poet of no mean order, representative and hon. secretary of the famous "John Dillon Football Club".

Aug. At Wat. "Drug" Walsh Tour Final  
Dicksboro 3-4 (1-4), Mooncoin 3-2 (1-0).  
Curtain Raiser Slieverue 3-5, Mooncoin 2, 2-1

### CARRICKSHOCK MEDAL TOUR FINAL

Aug. At Wat.  
Hugginstown 3-4 (1-4), Mooncoin 3-2 (1-0)  
Fianna Pipers Band attended what turned out to be a very good game. Best for Hugginstown - John & Ed. Walsh, D. Treacy, Pierce Barden and forwards and for Mooncoin - R. Cantwell, J. Allen, R. Walsh and Tom Dunphy worked hard.



# MOONCOIN SENIOR HURLERS — 1927 — COUNTY CHAMPIONS

Back row, left to right : T. Carroll (P), W. Dunphy (Luf.), T. Walsh (Crawn), J. Walsh (Mgt.), R. Cantwell (M).

Middle row : M. Murphy (G), J. Duggan (Farn.), E. Doyle (Luf.), W. Hanlon (Bmt.), B. Walsh (Crawn).

Front row : R. Dunphy (Luf.), J. Carroll (P), D. Duggan (Farn.), J. Allen (M), E. Maher (Tull.), E. Dunphy (Luf.).

M. Rd. & L. Cantwell, Thos & Ed. Walsh, Maurice Comerford, Jas & John Allen. Jas Walsh, Rd. Walsh, Wm. Comerford, Thos. Dunphy, Wm. Wm. and Ml. Keane, Ed. Hanlon.

**Hugg.** P. Butler, Jas Power, Denis Tracey, Thos. Dalton, Thos Walsh, Wm. Kelly, Ed. Walsh, John Cahill, John Walsh, John Kelly, Nich. Quinn, Peter Barden, M. Quinn, Rd. Peters, Pk. Cleary.

Oct. At Slieverue. Ardera emerged victorious in Thriller v Slieverue by one goal. Best for Ardera - O Foran (capt), T. Reddy (g), L. Hawe, W. Smith, J. McGuire, J. Doody, J. Wallace, M. Keane and J. Kirwan.

## 1928

Jan. Kilk. Co. Conv. Representatives of M.H.C. present W. Dunphy and L. Cantwell. Mr Roberts "Aren't their expenses paid whenever they come up to the city?". Mr Dunphy "It is not from that point of view we are looking at the matter at all". Mr Cantwell "Our expenses are not always paid. We are waiting still for our last expenses".

On a show of hands the motion was defeated 46 votes to 27.

Motion - "That when two teams are meeting in the County final and one of the teams is a city team, the venue be other than St. James' Park of the county grounds" moved by Mr W. Dunphy on behalf of M.H.C.

### OLD RIVALS MEET

Jan. At Water. Gaelic Field. Challenge Mooncoin 4-2 (3-1), Erin's Own (Wat) 3-0 (1-0). Mooncoin victors after great game on heavy Ref - Sean Hogan.

**M.** R. Cantwell (g), T. Walsh, W. & R. Dunphy, T. Carroll, E. Doyle, J. Carroll, J. Duggan, T. Bone, J. Foran, E. Walsh, E. Hanlon, M. Murphy, J. Allen, E. Dunphy.

**Erin's Own.** C. Ward (g capt), C. Ware, J. Hodges, Jack Ware, J. Fardey, McCormack, P. Hannigan, B. Reddy, J. Fanning, D. Fardey, J. Power.

## 1927 COUNTY HURLING FINAL

Jan. 29th. At St. James Park. S.H.Ch.Final (1927). Jas. Stephens 4-2 (2-0), Mooncoin 3-2 (2-0)

Mooncoin scored a goal to level the match as the final whistle blew - or did they? before or after the whistle that was the question. A goal behind with seconds to play, Moon, reminiscent of the ancient heritage summoned energies from the marrow of their bones burst through and found the net - forcing a draw against this dazzling city fifteen?. Stephens, having beaten the "Boro" were very confident even against the storied Mooncoin. On this brilliant January day a huge crowd saw James Stephens carry themselves tall - with the assurance or folly of youth.

R. Dunphy opened proceedings with a goal for Mooncoin to which M. Brett replied - catching a long clearance and banging in the equaliser. Phil Dwyer from far out sent to the net to put the Village ahead. Tom Duggan centred a great ball for R. Duggan to gain possession lose his man elude another and whip in an equalising goal on the stroke of H.T. 2-0 each amid great applause. After the interval Stephens were first to go ahead - a point from Walsh to which M. Tierney added a goal and then disaster for Mooncoin when R. Cantwell in goal half stopped a rasper from P. Larkin which trickled over the line leaving Mooncoin 2-1 in arrears. Mooncoin, now had to pull on their reserves and tighten up their defence - Dottie Power led the recovery with a point. Allen passed neatly to the ever vigilant R. Dunphy to find the net. Keeping up the pressure they added a point and maintaining the initiative from a well-centred cut-in Allen buried it in the net as the referee blew full-time. Jas Stephens 4-2, Mooncoin 3-2 II Ref. Mr M. Lawlor.

**M.** W. Dunphy (capt), E. Dunphy, R. Dunphy, M. Murphy, T. & W. Walsh, J. Power, J. Duggan, J. Allen, R. Cantwell (g), L. Cantwell, W. Hanlon, E. Doyle, T. Carroll, J. Fewer.

**Jas. St.** J. Carroll (capt), M. Coyne, K. McGrath, C. Keane, J. Culleton, M. Tierney, P. Larkin, M. Brett, M. Bergin (g), P. Dwyer, P. Kealy, D. Hennessy, E. Hetherington, M. Larkin, W. Walsh.

Feb. Kilk. Co. Committee - G.A.A. "Drug" Walsh Tour. - Statement re same.

In first Round Mooncoin beat Jas Stephens and Tullaroan beat Dicksboro so Mooncoin and Tullaroan qualified for final / Tullaroan refused



to field a team in the final arranged. Mooncoin awarded the medals. Subsequently Mooncoin offered the medals for a challenge which was met in a sporting manner by Dicksboro who won after hardly contested game/Medals awarded to Dicksboro as a result of this match.

Balance sheet showed - Cash on hand £8-Cash handed to "Drug" Walsh £212.17.3. Total sum handled by the Committee £302.6.9. - (participating teams fares paid). Accounts audited by Messrs D. Hanlon and A. Quill.

Feb. - Re. Co. S.H. Final - Jas. Stephens agrees to replay - provided Co. Board guarantee £30 expenses.

### 1927 HURLING FINAL — REPLAY

Mar. 4th. At St. James Pk. Co. S.H. Final (1927). Replay Mooncoin 4-3 (2-1), Jas. Stephens 2-4 (0-4).

Because of the unsatisfactory conclusion to the earlier game James Stephens sportingly agreed to a replay in what proved to be a memorable game. Mooncoin were much steadier and more determined and had, of course, learned much of their opponents from the previous encounter. Thrilling hurling was witnessed by an attendance representing £170 and the display was of a most exciting character. Mooncoin had the assistance of Henry Meagher, brother of Lowry, and whom many experts considered at least Lowry's equal. At the interval Mooncoin turned over with a lead of three points M 2-1, Jas. St. 0-4, the Mooncoin goals coming from E. Dunphy and H. Meagher while three of Jas. Stephens points dropped by Keane. In a spirited rally after the interval, Larkin and N. Walsh each had a goal for James Stephens to make things interesting - Back came Mooncoin to run out comfortable winners mainly due to the deadly accuracy of their forwards. Ref. John Roberts. Scorers for Mooncoin, H. Meagher (1-2), E. Dunphy (1-0), M. Duggan (1-0), W. Dunphy (0-1), J. Allen (1-0), Jas. Steph. C. Keane (0-3), P. Larkin (1-0), N. Walsh (1-0), M. Power (0-1). M. W. Dunphy (capt), R. Cantwell (g), M. Murphy, E. Dunphy, T. Carroll, W. Hanlon, R. Dunphy, T. Walsh, J. Duggan, M. Duggan, W. Walsh, E. Doyle, J. Allen, J. Carroll, H. Meagher.

Jas. Steph. J. Carroll (capt), M. Bergin (g), C.

Keane, T. Hetherington, P. Kealy, M. Coyne, M. Brett, P. & M. Larkin, M. Power, K. McGrath, P. Dwyer, B. Hennessy, W. Walsh, D. Culleton. (Note. H. Meagher emigrated immediately to the U.S.A.)

Mar. James Stephens objected on the grounds that the winner - Mooncoin - played an illegal player, Henry Meagher, without having obtained a transfer.

Apr. At Wat. Gaelic Field. Waterford and City League S.H. Mooncoin 6-2, Slieverue 2-1.

Mooncoin gave a fast and artistic display of hurling skills. Danny Keefe scored four of their six goals, best of the others were: O'Hara, Dunphy, Hawe and Power.

At Water. Benefit Gold Medal Tour.  
Proceeds - Waterford Sportsfield.

Jas. Stephens 8-1 (3-1); Erins Own 5-2 (4-2)  
Ref. Sean Hogan.  
Boherlahan 4-7 (3-6), Mooncoin 2-3 (0-2)  
Ref. W. Walsh.

Mooncoin who lacked the services of Cantwell in goal and H. Meagher who played for them in recent final were well beaten by Tipp. Champs, who held a lead right through.

### ANOTHER MOONCOIN / JAS. STEPHENS CLASH

At. Wat. Gaelic Field. Co. S.H. Ch. S.F.  
Mooncoin 4-4 (1-3), Jas. Steph. 2-2 (1-2).

Some 5,000 people packed the banks all round the arena and a specially created double row of touchline seats was filled. Special train from Kilk. brought large contingent of Jas. Stephen supporters. The team from Mooncoin confirmed their right to figure as holders in the championship final this year and their victory was received with delirious joy. Their greater power and weight were the chief factors enabling them to oust a set of fifteen little hurlers who must be the smartest in Kilkenny. They held the advantage in speed which helped them to make a fine struggle but when the finesse was rudely cut out by Mooncoin and Stephens endeavoured to have an eye for an eye, the Southerners slowly but surely overpowered the city lads. Double scores, however,

flattered the measure of Mooncoins superiority. At the interval there was but a point in the difference and at one point in the 2nd half, when Stephens grasped a two point lead, it seemed as if they would prevail. Mooncoin, however, lasted the better and because of this, more than anything else, secured big lead at the finish. A very fast pace was maintained and at times the hurling was thrilling and stirring struggles were witnessed throughout the field. Immediately after the throw-in the Southerners broke away and attacked hotly, securing a '70' right away which T. Carroll landed in the square and Allen unceremoniously smashed into the net. Play swung from end to end with astonishing rapidity before E. Dunphy scored a point from midfield. He shortly afterwards added another minor in similar fashion, and after fifteen minutes play Mooncoin held a clear lead of five points. Then Walsh, the Mooncoin goalkeeper saved his goal at the expense of a point but Stephens maintained the pressure and added a goal and a point before H.T. Mooncoin 1-3, Jas Stephens 1-2. At start of second half when Stephens forwards moved in Walsh ran out of his goal in the excitement and Gleeson (Stephs) banged the ball into the untenanted net. Within a minute, however, Mooncoin had recovered and J. Duggan scored a good goal from long range. A second goal by Mooncoin was disallowed and Jas. Stephens suffered a similar fate. With the exception of the backs the city team began to weaken, particularly centre-field where Mooncoin were practically unmarked and so were continuously attacking. Their position was made safe when M. Murphy netted. In the closing stages Jas. Stephens resistance crumbled which enabled the Mooncoin forwards to add a goal and point.

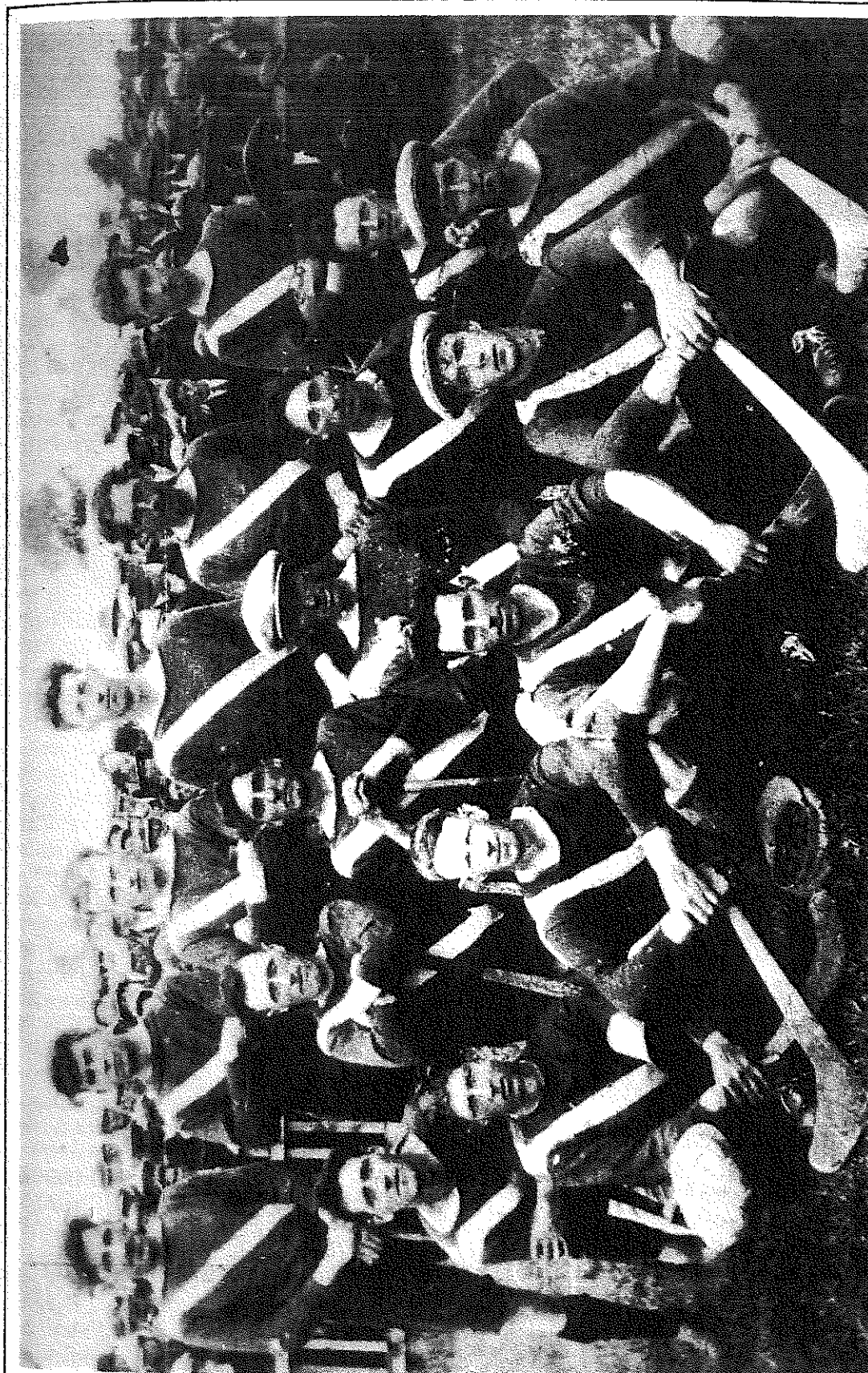
Final Score: Mooncoin 4-4, Jas. Stephens 2-2,  
Ref. Mr J. Roberts.

## 1928 HURLING FINAL OPENS NOWLAN PARK SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP FINAL

June 17th. At Nowlan Pk. S.H.Ch. Final (1928). Mooncoin 4-2 (3-2), Dicksboro 3-2 (2-1). The formal opening of the Nowlan Memorial Park erected by the Kilk. Co. Committee G.A.A. to the memory of the late Ald. Jas Nowlan took place. The football match for decision was the replay of 1927 Jun. Foot. Ch. and which resulted in a win for Cottertown 2-3 (1-1), Conahy 1-2 (1-2). The Hurling match - Co. Sen. H. Ch. Final 1928 Mooncoin 4-2 (3-2), Dicksboro 3-2 (2-1). In what proved to be a splendid exhibition of the ancient game Mooncoin emerged victorious by one goal and for which they were forced to dig deep into their reservoir of experience to withstand the exuberance and enthusiasm of a nippy and pacy Dicksboro. A light fast team - Dicksboro's strategy was to run the heavier and older Mooncoin men into the ground. Such impertinence called for chastisement, but the contrast of styles made for a great game of hurling. Dicksboro struck first with Roberts blasting to the net followed by Murray sending over the bar. Mooncoin's turn came and R. Dunphy made no mistake for a major and then Jack Duggan sent over from long range to level. Roberts playing a captain's part passed nicely to J. Cronan to shoot a great goal. Joe Allen answered at the other end with a point. Dinny Duggan was injured but after treatment resumed. Martin Murphy sent a long pass to E. Dunphy who shot to the net and just before the short whistle Martin Murphy himself sent one to the net to put Mooncoin four points ahead. Mooncoin 3-2, Dicksboro 2-1. After resuming M. Murphy got injured but resumed. Wattie Dunphy and W. Hanlon were both doing Trojan work in defence, whilst the crowd absorbed revelled in the encounter before them. Dinny Duggan goes close with a '70' and within a minute M. Murphy goals a rebound from Bourke the goalie. There was no let-up in the pace Dicksboro had set themselves - they still kept coming at Mooncoin - the end was packed with thrills but Mooncoin resolutely held out M. 4-2, D. 3-2.

**M.** W. Dunphy (capt), E. Dunphy, R. Dunphy, M. Murphy, W. Hanlon, J. Fewer, E. Doyle, M. Duggan, J. Duggan, D. Duggan, T. Carroll, J. Allen, W. Walsh, J. Walsh (g), and T. Kenny.

**Dicks.** J. Roberts (capt), Peter Reilly, P. Byrne, J. Magennis, W. Barry, W. Kenny, M. Brennan, P. Butler, M. Bourke (g), John Holland, T. J. Cronan, J. Holland, P. Geoghegan, C. Murray.



# SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS — 1928

Back row, left to right : D. Duggan (Farn.), J. Walsh (Mqt.), E. Dunphy (Luf.), E. Walsh (Crawn),  
J. Carroll (P), T. Kenny (Cuss.).

Middle row : J. Duggan (Farn.), R. Dunphy (Luf.), M. Murphy (G.), E. Doyle (Luf.),  
L. Duggan (Farn.), W. Hanlon (Bmt.).

Front row : J. Allen (M), J. Fewer (Agl.), T. Carroll (P), W. Dunphy (Luf.), B. Walsh (Crawn.)

### REPLAY OF REPLAY

Aug. 19th. At Wat. Gaelic Grounds, Co. S.H.  
 Ch. Final (1927 No. 3), Mooncoin 2-4 (2-3),  
 Jas. Steph. 1-3 (0-2). Rain in such a torrential  
 downpour that it was difficult to see the ball and  
 even more difficult to strike it caused the  
 abandonment of the game at about the three  
 quarter mark. Great attendance despite the bad  
 weather from Kilkenny, Mooncoin and Waterford  
 City itself. A good sound game with some fine  
 passages at both ends up to the interval - Mooncoin  
 had used their weight and power to advantage on  
 the soft sod and retained a lead right through  
 against the city team, who were very keen and  
 courageous. The Jas. Stephens forwards over-  
 played the ball a little and were somewhat  
 inaccurate. Mooncoin seven points clear at the  
 interval were optimistic. At the start of the  
 second half rain began to fall and Mooncoin, the  
 heavier team, were immediately in trouble. After  
 ten minutes sliding and labouring in the heavy  
 going Mooncoin steadily lost ground against the  
 challenger's smart recovery. Stephens added a  
 goal and a point while Mooncoin managed just a  
 point. The rain at this point was falling with  
 such fierce intensity that the referee Mr Hogan had  
 no option but to abandon the match - to which  
 teams advantage - was and can be argued. The  
 first half was full of interest and played at a furious  
 pace. Mooncoin had taken the opportunities  
 coming their way while their defence particularly  
 the goalie and full back line were called upon to  
 ward off wave after wave of Jas Stephens'.  
 After resuming C. Kane dropped a '70' into the  
 Mooncoin net and Stephens picked up the tempo  
 and showed much more determination and  
 assurance. They were fast making ground and  
 practically had command of the game with Moon-  
 coin losing speed and becoming unwieldy when  
 the abandonment came. M. 2-4, Jas. Stephs. 1-3.  
**M.** W. Duggan (capt), E. Doyle, T. Carroll, T.  
 Kenny, R. Cantwell (g), W. Hanlon, W. Walsh, T.  
 Walsh, E. Dunphy, W. Allen, M. Murphy, J. & M. &  
 T. Duggan, Joe Power.  
**Jas. Steph.** J. Bergin (g), J. Tierney (capt), C. Kane  
 J. Heatherington, J. Foley, J. Coyne, J. Culleton,  
 K. McGrath, M. Power, R. Kealy, J. Larkin, B.  
 Hennessy, J. Delaney, N. Power.

Sept. Two of Mooncoin's best hurlers leaving  
 for the States.

Willie Hanlon (Bmt) and Mick Duggan  
 (formerly corp. in the Irish Army). Their

forthcoming match against James Stephens in  
 this seemingly unending saga will be their last.

### THIRD REPLAY - A FINAL RESULT

Sept. 23rd. At Wat. Gaelic Field, Co. S.H.  
 Final (1927 No. 4). 3rd Replay.

Mooncoin 2-4 (2-2), Jas Stephens 2-2 (1-2).  
 A margin of two points at long last, decided the  
 S.H. Champ. Final of 1927 after four meetings  
 (two in Kilkenny and two in Waterford) in favour  
 of Mooncoin against Jas Stephens. Mooncoin had  
 already won the 1928 Title against Dicksboro.  
 Henry Meagher, Mooncoin's full forward, in the  
 second game, and whose hurling was such an  
 outstanding success, was objected to and a replay  
 arranged. The third effort, under the whistle  
 of Mr Sean Hogan, was abandoned half way  
 through the second moiety because of a sustained  
 deluge of rain. This produced the fourth meeting -  
 a fine spectacle for 5,000 spectators, a stirring  
 game characterised by keen rivalry and tight  
 marking from teams which had become familiar  
 with each others strengths and weaknesses. The  
 issue was in doubt right through and the nearness  
 of the scores lent a tingling excitement to the  
 game throughout. The Kilk. Co. Board had charge  
 of arrangements some of which, particularly  
 punctuality and stewarding of sideline spectators  
 left much to be desired. The game opened at a  
 tremendous pace with Jas Stephens forcing matters  
 and peppering the Mooncoin backline. Mooncoin  
 held on and after twenty minutes went on the  
 offensive against their younger, faster and more  
 stylish opponents. Duggan pointed from midfield  
 to open their scoring and within a minute J. Allen  
 shot to the net. A shot from Larkin slipped in  
 under Cantwells hurley to give Stephens a rather  
 easy goal and then Tierney pointed for Stephens to  
 level. With a goal from Duggan and points from  
 E. Dunphy and Keane (Jas. St.) Mooncoin were a  
 goal clear M. 2-2, J.St. 1-2. Duggan pointed.  
 Injuries became frequent - McGrath had a blow on  
 the head - E. Doyle injured. Eventually Foley  
 pointed for Stephens, T. Carroll scored a goal from  
 long range but disallowed. Duggan lifted a point.  
 Game finished amid much excitement M.2-4, Jas.  
 St. 2-2. Ref. Mr J. Roberts, Dicksboro.  
**M.** R. Cantwell (g), J. Fewer, J. Walsh, W. Hanlon,  
 T. Carroll, W. Dunphy, E. Dunphy, N. Doyle, M.  
 Duggan, D. Duggan, J. Duggan, M. Murphy, W.  
 Walsh, R. Dunphy, J. Allen.  
**Jas. St.** J. Bergin, J. Coyne, J. Carroll, B.  
 R. Kealy, J. Hetherington, M. Power, C. Keane,  
 K. McGrath, M. Larkin, N. Walsh, P. Foley, M.  
 Gleeson, M. Tierney.



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## DICK DOHERTY'S BENEFIT

At. Water. Apr. Dick Doherty's Benefit.  
Tullaroan 3-4 (0-1), Mooncoin 3-1 (1-1).

Before 3,000 spectators Tullaroan surprisingly beat Mooncoin neither side being at full strength. Tullaroan played two minors White and Kennedy while Mooncoin had Morrissey, Ferrybank and Walsh, Slieverue. Mooncoin side was more convincing in the first half though the forwards very erratic Lowry brilliant at centrefield but received head injury in the first half - re-entered bandaged in second half and probably decided the issue.

M. R. Cantwell, Allen (2), Dunphy (3), Morrissey, M. Murphy, T. Carroll, J. Duggan, E. Doyle and T. Kenny.

T. Tynan (g), R. Grace, W. Meagher, E. Hogan, W. Tynan, P. White, O'Meara, P. Whelan, L. Meagher, J. Kennedy, J. Young, M. Fleming, M. Techan, J. Meagher, M. White. Ref. Mr G. Hogan.

Apr. 19th. At Rathkieran. Sen. H.  
Mooncoin 3-2, Dunkitt 1-1.

## NOWLAN MEMORIAL TOURNAMENT

Apr. 26th. At Nowlan Park.

Mooncoin 6-4 (5-3), Tullaroan 4-0 (1-0).  
Tullaroan were disappointing though Dick Grace (capt) sound at full back and Billy Meagher, T. Grace and E. Hogan had a fine game.

Neddy Doyle at left half back - great game. Joe Fewer at full back, Tommy Carroll at right half-back to his old form, Wattie Dunphy in centre - consistent and effective, Jack Duggan and Jim Carroll good at times, R. Dunphy at right half forward in his element. J. Allen at right full-forward - deadly marksman - in him are combined the qualities of a good full-forward - speed and elusiveness combined with excellent headwork. R. Cantwell in goal had a good day.

M. W. Dunphy (capt), R. Cantwell (g), R. Dunphy, T. Carroll, J. Fewer, E. Doyle, J. Walsh, J. Duggan, D. Duggan, W. Walsh, M. Murphy, R. Dunphy, J. Allen, J. Carroll, W. Dunphy.

T. Dick Grace (capt), J. Tynan (g), T. Grace, J. Fitzpatrick, P. White, W. Meagher, L. Meagher, M. White, J. Young, P. Walsh, J. Fleming, E. Hogan, J. Maher, J. Kennedy, M. Fleming. Ref. Martin Egan.

May. Co. Board G.A.A. Present - Wattie Dunphy, T. Carroll, M. Murphy (M).

June. At Nowlan Pk. Memorial Tour.  
Mooncoin 7-4 (1-2), Wellbrook 6-1 (2-1).

June 14. Sen. Hurl. Mooncoin (Kilk. Co. Champs) 4-9 (1-5), Eire Og (Cork Co. Champ) 2-3 (2-2). Rev. Fr. J.B. Dollard who was at the game afterwards penned some reflections.

"They had won for the 'Old Hurling Parish' says the Rev. J.B. Dollard and it was fitting that Tommy Carroll should be called upon to give the hurlers favourite song, 'The Rose of Mooncoin'. Never did the chorus sound better as the sad and haunting strains of the old air mingled with the murmur of the waters. As the Moondharrig hurlers passed Grannagh Castle on their way home in the big 'bus' the waters of their beloved Suir seemed to dance with gladness in the rays of the declining sun. Their hearts were thankful for a day well spent and for the victory they had won for the old 'hurling parish'.

*Flow on gentle river, flow swiftly along  
As thy waters re-echo  
the hurlers brave song  
Where the lark and the linnet  
their voices combine  
On the banks of the Suir  
that flows down by Mooncoin.*

Rev. Fr. Jas B. Dollard, Dkitt. Mooncoin 10.6.'29

LETTER FROM  
FR. DOLLARD  
TO THE GREAT G.A.A. WRITER  
"CARBERY"

Dear Carbery,

Mooncoin 8th July 1929.

It did my heart good to meet you in the bosom of your happy family in Dublin during the great Emancipation week and many of the things we talked about, - I have since retailed to the hurlers. Our friend "Builder Walsh" is still firm as the Rock of Cashel in his allegiance to Dublin, the City of his adoption and of his love; but after Dublin, his heart's best wishes are for the success of Moondharrig and Kilkenny. As you know I never tried to influence him in that determination. I prefer him as he is, and he is doing great work for the G.A.A. in Dublin.

Yesterday, for old time sake, I went with some of the famous old hurlers to Rathkieran, the old rallying ground of the Moondharrig men. They were "peeled off" and had a "few strokes on the ball".



It was grand to see "Drug" Walsh in action again. He was in great form, and the things he did to the ball were worth seeing. 'If I could play in one more game - just one "said Drug" I think I could die happy". Afterwards we sat at Pat Fieldings fireside, where, of old - the Moondharrig heroes - "Drug" Walsh, the three Doyles, Dick Doherty, John Fielding and Jim Kelly the scoring machine had many a night sat in conference on knotty hurling problems and we talked of many things. "Drug" Walsh praised the Waterford hurlers "The Waterford hurlers" said he "are the nicest lot of fellows you'd meet in a weeks walk. They are grand boys and they deserve great credit for establishing the Gaelic game so strongly in a city devoted to Soccer, Rugby and Cricket. I'd like to see them win the Munster continued "Drug" and even the All-Ireland. It would be good for the spread of the Gaelic spirit and they deserve to have good fortune. And, the Waterford boys are real finished hurlers, too, let me tell you".

Then the great game in Dungarvan in 1908 came up. "Do you remember Jim Kelleher coming out like a steam-engine in front of the Cork goal? - coming out twenty times, and driving the ball through the whole crowd of you" I asked, "can I ever forget it" said Drug, "Ah! Jim Kelleher was the great man of them all, and they say he is as good a man today. You know we weren't any better that day than that Cork team. It was point for point and our turn was just over when the whistle blew. Another minute and Cork would have evened up and it would be the same old story." "Yes," I said, "I don't think there were any goals scored at all. Kelleher wouldn't let them out. But what could he do when Jack Anthony sent those long high balls sailing from the Moondharrig half-line - sailing high over the cross-bar? Kelleher was a wonder, but alas! he wasn't Cuchulain to jump a hundred feet in the air!"

Then the discussion turned to hurling balls, Cantwell, the Mooncoin goalman condemned the practice of putting a new hard ball into play at every match. "A ball that has been played with for a week or more would be better. It would be bound to hop better and truer and would not be so uncertain or erratic in its movements. It would in fine, give the players a chance to show fine hurling to the spectators. "We all agreed with this contention."

Drug Walsh commented on the difficulty the spectators have in seeing the ball nowadays, and said that the ball should be whitened in some way, "well I said, I think you're right. The American baseball is as white as snow and everyone of the 50,000 spectators see it plainly for it shows white against the green of the grass or the brown of the houses, or the blue of the sky. It is covered with white kid, or calf-skin and there is no projecting seam. I wonder why a hurling ball cannot be made perfectly round like a baseball! What is the good of the heavy projecting seam? It only makes the ball awkward in its movements and hard to control. The ball, too, seems to be getting smaller and smaller. If this tendency keeps up there will be no ball at all - but all seam! The ball has become so small and hard now that it has become a danger to the players. Some day men will be killed by it, as certain as if it was a bullet. They'll be using a golf ball instead of a hurling ball the next thing you know".

And so, in pleasant converse, the time was passed. "I asked John Dollard" (A returned American) "a hard question the other day - I shouldn't have put it to him so blunt, but he got out of it very nicely, "said Drug", "we were after seeing Mooncoin win from the Eire Og, and I said to John straight "do you think the Mooncoin Team now is as good as the Mooncoin Team I had long ago?" John Dollard hesitated a moment, then he replied bravely, "Well, Drug", said he, "I wouldn't say they're just as good - not quite - but they're a wonderful team all the same". "Begor, John answered me well, but I had no right to ask him that question", concluded Drug.

As we walked homeward along the broad road to Moondharrig village it was a most beautiful evening. Slievenamon and the Comeraghs showed blue and clear as amethysts, and the sun shone brightly over the newly cut hayfields and the woodbine - scented hedgerows. We all agreed that Ireland was the loveliest country in the world and that a day of Irish hurling was the happiest day of all.

Your friend,

J.B. Dollard (Fr.)



MOONCOIN TEAM OF THE '20's.



KILKENNY SENIOR HURLING TEAM

Back row, standing centre, with cap Wattie Dunphy, R. Cantwell, — Paddy Larkin, Peter O'Reilly  
 Front row : 4th - Tommy Carroll, Martin Murphy, Joe Fewer, Neddy Dunphy, — Neddy Doyle.

## 1929 MOONCOIN CLASH WITH 'BARRS

Aug. At. Wat. S. H.

Mooncoin 5-2 (0-3), St. Finbarrs 4-3 (2-2).

Mooncoin worthy if perhaps unexpected winners over the 'Bars before a good attendance. Finbarrs favoured since lately in Norris Cup - Mooncoin were lucky to draw and then lost by a point. Finbarrs got away to a flying start and displayed great style and skill in the first quarter. Mooncoin gradually came to terms particularly with tighter marking and better combination and by the interval had steadied the game down to their own tempo. H.T. 'Barrs 2-2, M. 0-3. The second half developed into a classic - the fast lifting style of the lighter 'Barrs Team against the heavier robust and first-time pulling Mooncoiners. As the game progressed the embellishments grew fewer and the time less for handling and Mooncoin drew level with four minutes to play. 'Barrs pointed and looked 'home' but Mooncoin returned to the attack - cut-in from Tommy Carroll whipped to the net by J. Allen in the last minute to seal the issue. The ground striking was vigorous, purposeful and effective and economical whereas the lifting stylish hand-assisted play of the 'Barrs, for its execution, needed more time of which they found they had less and less as the game progressed.

M. W. Dunphy, E. & Wm. Dunphy, T. Carroll, E. Doyle, D. Morrissey, R. & L. Cantwell, J. & D. Duggan, J. Fewer, J. Allen, W. Walsh, M. Murphy. **St. Finbarrs.** T. Cronin (g), M. O'Connell, E. Cronin, S. Vaughan, J. Sullivan, T. Healy, J. Long, J. McCarthy, W. Stanton, J. Kenneally, D.A. Hearne.

### NOWLAN MEMORIAL CUP FINAL

Sept. 9th. At Nowlan Park.

Mooncoin 3-2 (2-0), Erin's Own 1-0 (0-0).

The same teams have qualified for the Norris Cup Final in Waterford in a few weeks. On their way to the Memorial Cup final Mooncoin had beaten Tullaroan and Wellbrooke while Erins Own (Wat) had disposed of Dicksboro and Jas. Stephens. Erins Own have won the last 17 games without a break among others Blackrock (Cork Ch. 1927/8), Young Irelands (Limerick Ch. 1927/28), Mooncoin (Kilk. Ch. 1927/28), Jas. Stephens (2), Dicksboro (2), Carrigtwohill (E. Cork Ch.), Uni College Cork, Gardai, Dublin (Ch. 27/28/29). While Mooncoin won ten successive games. However, harvesting in Mooncoin at its height so little leisure time for hurling.

**Mooncoin Selection.** R. & E. & J. Dunphy, J. Duggan, W. Walsh, T. Carroll, E. Doyle, R.

Cantwell, W. Dunphy, (capt), W. Dunphy, J. L. Cantwell, D. Duggan, J. Allen, J. Walsh, J. Carroll, R. Morrissey, M. Murphy.

Good attendance of 3,000 considering neither team - local. Mooncoin were easy winners in a rough and tumble affair - many incidents on and off the ball - such a game favoured Mooncoin with weight, height and strength against the lighter if livelier Erins Own team. Erins Own tried to stay with Mooncoin but by the end of the first quarter there was an inevitability about the end result. Mooncoin were very determined they were going to win through. After Fr. Dollard had thrown in the ball Mooncoin attacked and in the ensuing melee in the Waterford square Charlie Ware, the stonewall full-back was seen to fall and unable to continue when the ball went dead - proving an irreparable loss. Jack Ware filled the full back berth and Ryan, came on as substitute. On resumption of play Wyse had a great chance in front of an open goal but Cantwell parried the shot cleared and the opportunity was gone. Mooncoin seemed satisfied to contain their opponents and conserve their efforts. Just before half time Allen getting the ball close in tapped into the net - a painless effort. H.T. M. 2-0, E.O. 0-0. After resumption the E.O. right back was injured and replaced by Cunningham. Later P. Fanning replaced another injured player. Erins Own, playing with the breeze pressed but their shooting was wild. Eventually, Hannigan, doubling on a flying ball found the net and put E.O. on the scoreboard. Duggan and W. Dunphy added points from centrefield for Mooncoin and before the close Allen slipped through for a goal. F.T. M. 3-2, E.O. 1-0. Ref. Mr Hawe (Kilk).

Mooncoin well served by Walsh, W. Dunphy, J. Duggan, Fewer and Allen while for Erins Own Ware Bros., McCormack and Ryan.

Oct. At N. Pk. Kilk. Co. S.H. Ch. S.F..

Mooncoin 2-8 (0-4), Tullaroan 4-0 (3-0).

Wattie Dunphy, Mooncoin captain against the wily veteran Dick Grace the Tullaroan capt. Mooncoin playing against the sun had some bad misses initially yet scored two points before Tullaroan netted. Mooncoin added a point to level. Tullaroan with some powerful ground play got through for two quick goals to which Mooncoin's reply was just a point before H.T. Tull. 3-0, M. 0-4. Immediately after the break Tullaroan rushed through a goal leaving Mooncoin with an eight

point deficit. Mooncoin set about their task and holding the Tullaroan forwards in a vice grip, chipped away and with tension and excitement growing with each minute drew level with four minutes to go. Maintaining the impetus they added a further two points. F.T. Mooncoin 2-8, Tullaroan 4-0. Mooncoin's characteristic dash had returned.

### NORRIS CUP SENIOR HURLING FINAL

Nov. 10th. Wat. Gaelic Field.

Mooncoin 3-7 (1-2), Erin's Own 2-4 (0-0).

Mooncoin definitely set the seal on their supremacy over Erins Own whom they defeated by two goals and carried home the Norris Cup. The attendance 7,000 to 8,000 was the largest the Gaelic Field had seen for years on a bright, dry November day even if the sod was heavy. Chief factor in Mooncoin's success was their considerable strength in all departments as against the comparatively light Erins Own players whose best forward efforts were ruthlessly negated by the hefty and accurate striking of the Mooncoin men. The lightness and speed of the Mooncoin defence was a feature of the game - in fact the defence of both sides was far superior to their attack. Mooncoin playing with a strong wind and giving their forwards plenty of opportunities could only manage 1-2 to nil by halftime. After the interval Roche (E.O.) and Duggan exchanged points. Tommy Carroll shot a free to the net and repeated the effort from another free which was disallowed and led to some unpleasantness. Morrissey was injured but resumed. E. Dunphy pointed from the wing and then added another. Power had a point for E.O. After some close forward play Allen whipped a blinder to the net. After a melee in the Mooncoin goalmouth Fardey scored E.O.'s first goal and a minute later added a point. E. Dunphy and Duggan added points for Mooncoin and Tommy Carroll sent a '70' over the bar. Mooncoin dominated centrefield particularly in the second half. McCormack pointed and just before the long whistle Erins Own rushed through a good goal. Full time Mooncoin 3-7, Erin's Own 2-4. Referee - Rev. Bro. Damien. After the game the Norris Cup was presented to the capt. of Mooncoin.

### COUNTY SENIOR HURLING FINAL DRAWN

Nov. 24th. At Nowlan Park.

Mooncoin 3-2 (1-0), Carrickshock 3-2 (3-2).

Mooncoin - hot favourites for their third Co. Hurling Championship in a row were very lucky to live to fight another day. The youthful

Carrickshock Team competing in their first Senior Final led Mooncoin a merry dance in the first half and led by eight points at H.T. Carr. 3-2, M. 1-0. It was only by holding Carrickshock scoreless and putting in a supreme effort in the dying minutes that Mooncoin levelled and gave themselves another chance. However, Carrickshock had given fair warning of days to come. F.T. M. 3-2, Carr. 3-2.

### COUNTY SENIOR HURLING FINAL - REPLAY

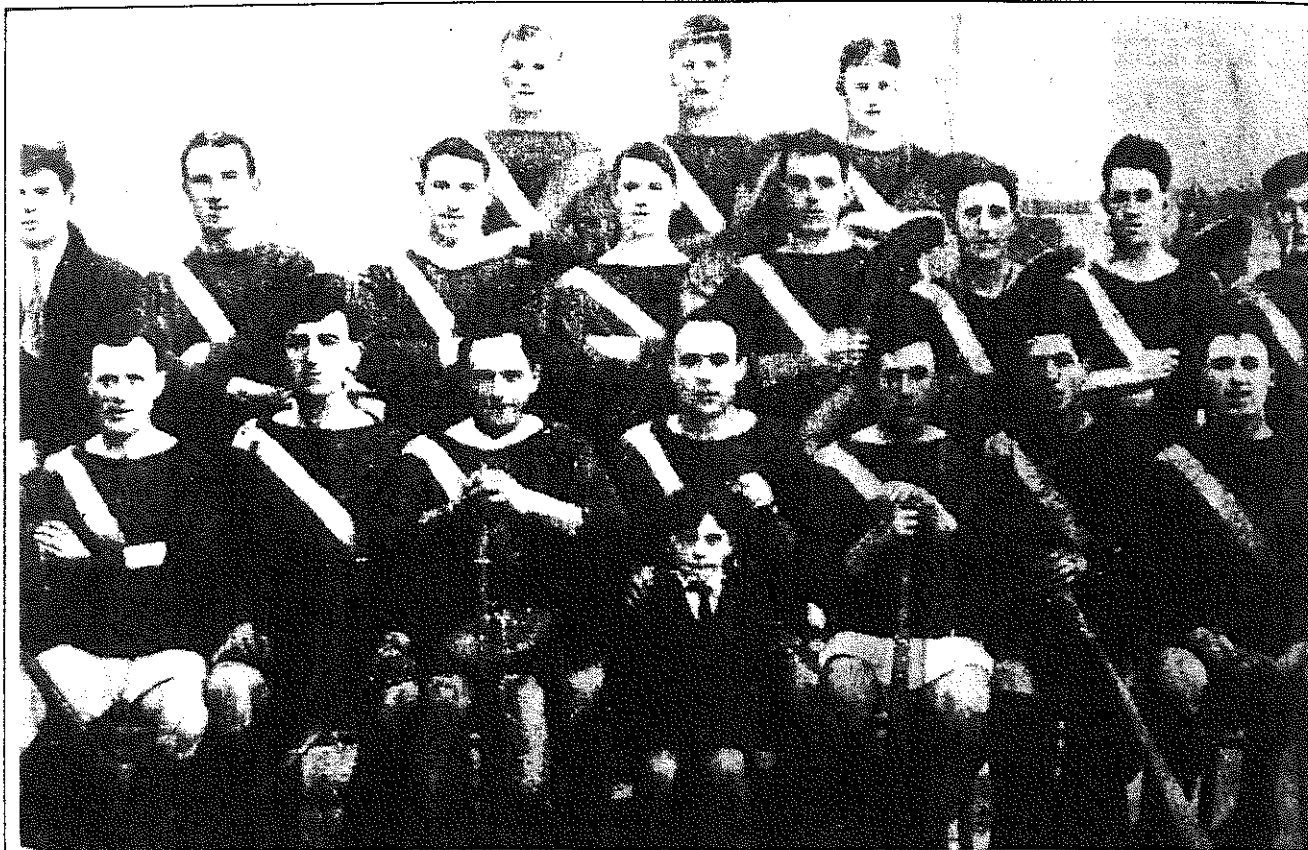
Dec. 8th. At Nowlan Park.

Mooncoin 5-1 (1-0), Carrickshock 3-3 (3-1).

Before a good attendance Mooncoin won their third successive Senior title doubtless having learnt a little more from the drawn game than their opponents. As in the drawn game Carrickshock put their big effort into the first half while Mooncoin, the experienced campaigners paced themselves for the full hour. Carrickshock were first on the score board, when, after Cantwell had saved a bullet from Farrell, they rushed through a goal - Within minutes J. Walsh passed neatly to Kelly who was well-placed to shoot Carrickshock's second goal. Mooncoin replied after great pressure with a good goal from J. Allen, despite very speedy tackling of the Carrickshock defence. T. Walsh for Carrickshock, shot a good point from midfield. Cantwell in the Mooncoin goal was having a busy time and saved a whipped shot from Farrell at the expense of a '70' which, well centred was buried in the net by Farrell for Carrickshock's third goal. H.T. Carr. 3-1, M. 1-0. After resuming Carrickshock continued to set the pace and points by Walsh and Fitzpatrick gave them a nine point lead. At this point the whole Mooncoin Team moved upfield and played the rest of the game in the Carrickshock half, with goals from Allen, E. Doyle and Morrissey the score was levelled. Retaining the momentum, E. Doyle added a goal and point for a comfortable win. Carrickshock had been effectively intimidated and outplayed in the second half. F.T. M. 5-1, Carr. 3-3. Mooncoin were well marshalled by their captain, Wattie Dunphy. Eddie Doyle was man of the match, Joe Fewer, J. Walsh, T. Carroll and M. Murphy and T. Kenny were prominent while for Carr. Treacy, Drennan, Butler, Kelly and Fitzpatrick tried hard. Ref. Mr M. Egan.

M. W. Dunphy (capt), R. Cantwell (g), E. Doyle, E. Dunphy, W. Dunphy, L. Cantwell, T. Carroll, J. Walsh, J. Allen, J. & D. Duggan, R. Morrissey,





### SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP — 1929

Back row, left to right: E. Dunphy (Luf.), M. Murphy (G), T. Kenny (Cuss.)  
 Middle row : J. Walsh (Mqt.), L. Cantwell (M), D. Duggan (Farn.), J. Fewer (Agl.), T. Carroll (P),  
 J. Duggan (Farn.), D. Morrissey (Fbk.), W. Dunphy (Luf.)  
 Front row : R. Dunphy (Luf.), W. Walsh (Crawn), J. Carroll (P), W. Dunphy (Luf.), E. Doyle (Luf.),  
 J. Allen (M), R. Cantwell (M). Boy — C. Cantwell (M).

J. Fewer, M. Murphy, T. Kenny.  
 Carr. W. Kelly (capt), J. McBride (g), D. Treacy,  
 E. & T. & J. Walsh, P. Cleary, J. Fitzpatrick,  
 J. Darmody, M. Kearns, J. Farrell, W. Dalton,  
 T. Dalton, T. Butler, M. Drennan.

### 1930

Jan. 3rd. Kilk. Co. Board Convention.  
 Mooncoin reps. M. Murphy, L. Cantwell, Joe  
 Fewer and Tom Dunphy.

Tribute by the Chairman of the G.A.A. Board  
 to Mooncoin and Carrickshock on their final match  
 and replay. Mr Egan alluding to the match - "It  
 was one of the best contested finals played in the  
 County for a great number of years. It was hard  
 fought, it had a great finish, and it was played in  
 a grand sporting manner (takings 1st match £100,  
 2nd match £115). Replied to by Mr J.P. Hawe

on behalf of the Mooncoin Club.

June 22nd. Papal Nuncio Gold Medal S.H.  
Tour - Aid Ferrybank, Chapel of Ease Fund.  
 Semi-Final, Dicksboro 5-0 (3-0), Mooncoin 3-3  
 (2-2).

July 10th. Co. Board G.A.A. - Present -  
 Wattie Dunphy and Martin Murphy.

July 13th. Co. S.H. Ch. R1. Tullaroan 4-14  
 (1-11), Mooncoin 0-2 (0-1).

Mooncoin simply overwhelmed and dissipated  
 their opportunities just a point to show for six  
 '70' and ten wides in the first half. Tull 1-11,  
 M. 0-1. Second half similar to the first F.T.  
 Tull 4-14, M. 0-2.



M. Wattie Dunphy (capt), J. Walsh (g), T. Carroll Ed. Doyle, Ed Dunphy, Jos Dunphy, Wm Dunphy, M. Murphy, Jack Duggan, D. Duggan, J. Fewer, W. Walsh, R. Morrissey, T. Kenny, M. Keane.

Oct. 1st. Gala Night at Mooncoin - Address by Rev. J.K. Fielding, Chicago.

In response to an invitation of the Band Committee to address members of the Band, Fr. Fielding, who some weeks ago had sent £5.00 to Mr Jas Comerford and a week ago a further £5.00; arrived at Doherty's Hall at 8.30 p.m. Received at the door by Wm Kirby (Ch.), Joe Allen (Sec.), and L. Cantwell (Treas.), — Band Committee. As Fr. Fielding went to the platform the band played "God Save Ireland" and later Fr. Fielding requested "The Wearing of the Green". Others on the platform - Dick Doherty (one of the great Gaels), Guard Joe Cody, Mr John McDonald, Maurice and Paddy Comerford, Wm. Allen, T. Davis, N. Cantwell and T. Dunphy, Bandmaster. Messrs John McDonald and M. Comerford acted as joint Secs. to the meeting. Mr Kirby thanked Fr. Fielding not alone for money and interest but for the Herculean services he had unhesitatingly rendered to the Irish cause, for the magnificent work achieved by him during Ireland's struggle for freedom when his voice, pen and purse were used unsparingly to advance the cause. When Fr. Fielding returns in 1932 the Mooncoin Pipers Band will be a credit to the parish. In his reply Fr. Fielding said "I had the honour to be selected to present the petition of Ireland's claim to recognition to President Wilson at the dead of night in the train at Washington, on his way to the Peace Conference to adjust International matters which I say he unadjusted together with Mr Lloyd George.

In conclusion - Always remember you are Irish ... live in Ireland, die in Ireland and go to Heaven from Ireland - the distance is shorter.

1931

Feb. K. Co. Board Comm. G.A.A. - Present - Tom Dunphy, M. Murphy, J. Fewer, J. Hawe (M).

May 1st. S.H. Mooncoin 5-2 (3-2), St. Finbarrs 4-4 (4-2).

July 24th. At Waterford. Gaelic League Cup. Final. Erins Own beat Mooncoin by 12 pts.

Oct. Re Compensation to Injured Player.

To The Editor of the Munster Express.  
Mooncoin  
28th October, 1931

Sir,

Permit me through the columns of your popular paper to draw attention to the fact that nothing has been done by way of compensation by the G.A.A. Authorities to one of the Kilkenny Hurlers, Dick Morrissey, who was injured against Cork in the first match in the All-Ireland Final as far back as the 6th September last.

He has since been confined to hospital in Dublin, and up to the present neither himself nor his family have received one penny compensation. I appeal to the G.A.A. authorities, and I am sure every genuine Gael will agree with me, to take up the matter and see that some practical move is made to alleviate the great hardship imposed.

To the players are due, primarily, the success and upholding of the grand old traditions of the Gaelic Athletic Association which in the current year has reached its highest zenith, and they should be fairly treated when incapacitated by reasonable compensation to alleviate the loss and hardship imposed on both themselves and their dependents.

Yours faithfully,  
Laurence Cantwell.

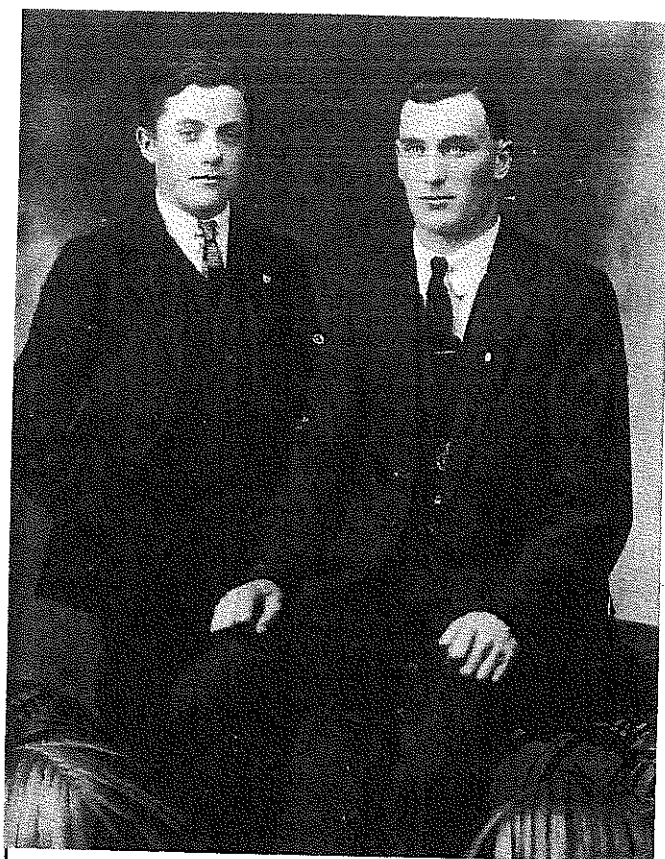
Oct. Mooncoin Pipers Band Committee Meeting. Election of Officers, Wm. Kirby (ch), L. Cantwell (treas), J. Allen (hon.sec.), Committee, E. O'Keeffe P. Conway, P. Asper, J. Fielding.

### MOONCOIN MAKE THEIR EXIT.

Nov. 27th. Co. S.H. R2/SF.  
Carrickshock 3-7, Mooncoin 2-2.  
Ref. Mr. J. Malone, Kilk.

**M. Sel.** W. Dunphy (capt), R. Cantwell (g), Ed. & Wm. & Rd. & T. Dunphy, Ed. Doyle, T. Carroll, L. Cantwell, M. Murphy, J. & D. Duggan, J. Allen, M. Keane, T. Kenny, Ed. Hanlon, J. Walsh, J. Grant, W. Walsh, J. Fewer, L. Hawe.

**Carr. Sel.** W. Kelly (capt), J. McBride (g), W. Dalton, E. Walsh, J. Walsh, P. Kelly, D. Treacy, J. Farrell, M. Drennan, J. Phelan, T. Mullins, J. & G. Dermody, J. Dalton, J. Fitzpatrick, J. Kelly, T. Walsh, P. Aylward, J. Kearns.



**THE DUNPHYs OF LUFFANY**  
Joseph (later Fr.) and Tom.  
Wattie, Eddie, William and Richard  
were on the 1932 Team.

#### RETIREMENTS WATTIE DUNPHY AND LARRY CANTWELL

Both Wattie Dunphy and Larry Cantwell decided to call it a day after Carrickshock had beaten Mooncoin in the S.H. Ch. semi-final 1931. Both had blazed the trail and given great services to the club particularly during the '20s.

Wattie Dunphy came into prominence in the replay of the S.H. C. F. 1916 (played in 1919) and for which each member of the team received the unique triple-medal covering the years 1916-'17, '18. In the absence of Sen. Championships in 1920, '21, '22 he with brothers E. and R. helped Mooncoin to a Jun. H. Championship win v Tullow in 1920 and again the three of them helped Clonmore win the 1922 Jun. Ch. Fin. Wattie captained and Eddie played in what proved to be Kilkenny's only All-Ireland victory of the '20s over Tipperary in 1922. Played in the epic Leinster finals of '26 and '29 against Dublin and captained

the Leinster Team which lost to Munster in the Interprovincial Championship of 1930. He led Kilkenny, representing Leinster against Cork in the annual Whitsuntide Tournament in Liverpool and London in 1929. He captained Mooncoin Sen. from 1923, when beaten by Dicksboro in final, to 1931 which included the three in a row 1927, '28, '29 and the Nowlan Memorial Cup and Norris Cup in 1929.

He later moved to Narrabane where he died in 1973.

Eddie won medals in 1916 drawn game, 1920 and 1922 Jun. finals 1927, '28, '29. '32 + All-Ire. '22, and played '26.

Rd. won 1920 and '22 Jun. Finals and Sen. 1927, '28, '29 and '32.

Wm. won S. H. Ch. medals 1929, '32, '36.

Joe won a Leinster medal v Dublin 1929.

Tom, who played mostly Junior, was principally a backroom stalworth who gave years of service to the running of the M. Club.

Larry Cantwell first played for Mooncoin when beaten by Dicksboro in Jun. Ch. Final of 1914 and was on the Co. panel beaten by Tipp. in the All-Ire. final at Waterford. In 1917 played with brother Dick for Young Irelands, Waterford, winners of Championship v Ferrybank. Both returned to Mooncoin in mid - 20s and played with them into the 30s. Dick who played in goal, always carried a second weighted hurley for puck-outs and frees about the back-line. When he played well, he could be brilliant. Larry when working in Arklow, cycled down to play and returned afterwards for work on Monday morning.

#### 1931

#### MONSTER CONCERT

Monster Concert at the Old School-House, Carrigeen in aid of the Mooncoin Pipers Band. Mr Pk. Cantwell (M), and members of Pipers Band travelled by lorry to Carrigeen and played a selection before and after the concert.

Ned O'Keeffe opened the proceedings with a comic song followed in more serious vein by Patk. and Ml. Conway. Larry Cantwell gave us "Kerry long ago while the step-dancing supplied by Mary Dunphy, Alice O'Brien and Ml. Conway all from Mooncoin." A special feature was a beautiful selection of Traditional Irish music on the pipes by Messrs P. Conway and D. Ryan. The Mooncoin Dramatic Class presented "The American

Millionaire" and "The Widow McPherson", the cast including the Misses Mary, Stasia and Alice O'Brien, Hannah and Mary Dunphy and Messrs. P. and M. Conway and Edward O'Keeffe, Mr Wm. Kirby acted as M.C. and the evening was an unqualified success.

## 1932

Feb. Sth. G.A.A. Board Conv. Present, T. Dunphy, J. Walsh, M. O'Shea (M).

## CLUBS UNITE

Mar. Mooncoin United Hurling Club. A meeting of the representatives of the various Hurling Clubs in the parish held in Mooncoin with the purpose of amalgamating and forming a governing body to be known as Mooncoin United Hurling Club. Mr Tom Dunphy (Luf.) presided and present were - Messrs. E. Doyle, L. Cantwell, E. Dunphy, J. Dunphy, M. Murphy, E. O'Hanlon, P. O'Keeffe, T. Dunphy, T. Carroll, J. Walsh, etc. The meeting was unanimous that the clubs be constituted into one club and the following officials were appointed - Chairman - Mr E. Doyle; Vice-Ch. - L. Cantwell; Joint Hon. Treas. and Secs - Messrs M. Murphy and T. Dunphy. A committee which was representative of the various clubs was also formed. It was decided to affiliate three teams - including a senior combination in the Championship and to procure a playing pitch for practice.

Apr. Medals for Mooncoin. In Wat. Gaelic League H. Tour. Mooncoin won objection over Erins Own.

## CHALLENGE

Sept. at Carr.an.Suir. Mooncoin 5-5 Sel. Carrick Teams 3-6.. Ref. Tom Dunphy (M). Wattie Dunphy reappeared for M. Ball thrown in by Fr. Dollard (Slievenamon). M. Ed. Doyle (capt), D. Cantwell (g), Joe Fewer, M. Murphy, Wattie & Rd. & Eoin & W. Dunphy, T. Carroll, L. Cantwell, M. Keane, T. Kenny, J. Duggan, M. White, Tom Durney.

Co. S. H. Ch. R1. Mooncoin W.O. James Stephens Scr.

## MOONCOIN WIN THROUGH TO FINAL

Oct. 23rd. At Kilk. Co. S. H. Ch. S. F. Mooncoin 5-5 (2-1), Tullaroan 3-3 (0-2).

Mooncoin, after three in a row '27, '28, '29, since-seemingly gone into irrevocable decline by losing rather easily in '30 and '31. They now unaccountably and sensationally trounced this Tullaroan Team of which so much was expected - who had been hot favourites for the Title, having beaten Dicksboro. Because of the withdrawal of James Stephens, Mooncoin had had a bye into the Semi-Final and so the intentions of this ageing Mooncoin Team were an unknown factor - All was to be revealed later after referee Peter Barden had got them started. Stalemate for the first ten minutes, gradually the Mooncoin veterans began to outpace, out-strike and out-manoeuvre the opposition - was this a resultant of their secret training sessions. Larry Dunphy gaining possession on the wing beat Dermody all ends up. Within minutes, Johnny Dunne, lately returned from America (where he had been a member of the American Tailteann Team) playing full forward, in a tussle for possession rounded Paddy Larkin and shot to the net, Tommy Carroll pointed a '70' and Tullaroan had a couple of points before H.T. Mooncoin 2-1, Tullaroan 0-2.

After the interval Mooncoin with the sun maintained a hectic pace and D. Duggan pointed. After some clever forward combination Micky Keane took a neat goal. Maintaining the pressure Dunne rounded Larkin again for his second goal to give Mooncoin a twelve point lead. Paddy Phelan who was having a good game for Tullaroan sent a good ball to Milo Kennedy who shot to the net. Within minutes, Nully Walsh, from the wing added another. Tommy Carroll sent a long pass to Larry Duggan who netted and Tommy C. added a point from a free. Nully Walsh netted, T. Carroll, Johnny Dunne and Nully Walsh had points before F.T. Mooncoin 5-5, Tullaroan 3-3. A great vigorous game throughout in which Mooncoin out-hurled and out-classed the opposition. Mooncoins half-back line, T. Carroll, Ed. Doyle and M. Murphy were outstanding. Joe Fewer at full-back sound as was centrefield Jack Duggan and W. Walsh while Johnny Dunne at full-forward a real find - in fact the whole Mooncoin Team surpassed themselves and for Tullaroan - P. Phelan, Lum Kennedy, W. Brophy, Paddy Larkin did well in defence while Nully Walsh and M. White best

of the forwards.

M. R. Cantwell (g), W. Dunphy, T. Kenny, J. Fewer, T. Carroll, E. Doyle, M. Murphy, J. Duggan, W. Walsh, E. Dunphy, R. Dunphy, M. Keane, D. Duggan, J. Dunne, L. Duggan, Sub. L. Cantwell.

T. Lory Meagher (c), J. Dermody (g), W. Brophy, P. Larkin, P. Fitzpatrick, "Lum" Kennedy, P. Phelan, E. Hogan, T. Grace, P. Walsh (skipper), M. White, M. Kennedy, P. (Nully), Walsh, J. Maher, M. Larkin.

## HONOURS WON

Nov. 13th. Nowlan Pk. Co. S.H.F.  
Mooncoin 6-4 (3-1), Carrickshock 5-5 (2-2).

"Dunne done Carrickshock". "Only for Dunne Mooncoin was done!"

Before some 3,500 spectators Mooncoin wrested the championship laurels in a fast, pulsating and thrilling encounter with the outcome in doubt to the final whistle. The Mooncoin Pipers Band had accompanied the team and had enlivened the streets of Kilk. before the match

with such standards as "The Boys of Wexford, The Croppy Boy, Slievenamon and Doran's Ass" as they wheeled through John's St. "The wristwork of the big drummer was a joy to behold" and on to the battleground, led by their band-master Larry Cantwell, where they gave a soulful rendition of "The Rose of Mooncoin". All the local top brass were present, Tommy Moore down from Dublin (Faughs), Lowry was there and many old timers of the early days. Eddie Doyle and Peter O'Reilly were the respective captains. The first half was



SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP — 1932

Back row, left to right: E. O'Hanlon, M. Murphy, W. Dunphy, J. Fewer, T. Carroll, L. Duggan, J. Walsh and J. Hawe.

Middle row : W. Walsh, T. Kenny, J. Dunne, E. Dunphy, D. Duggan, M. Keane, L. Cantwell.

Front row : J. Duggan, W. Dunphy, E. Doyle, R. Dunphy.

pretty even with Mooncoin turning over just two points ahead - play hard fast but clean - no favours asked or given - very earnest, no fancy work and less frills. H.T. M. 3-1, Carr. 2-2. Mooncoin came under tremendous pressure from the younger, faster team - a matter of time but the time stretched on and on and with minutes to go - Mooncoin a point ahead, added another through Johnny Dunne and so it ends. Great finish, glad to have won said E. Doyle. "Better team won" - P. Reilly.

**M.** J. Walsh, T. Kenny, J. Fewer, W. Dunphy, T. Carroll, M. Murphy, E. Doyle (c), Wm. Walsh, J. Duggan, E. Dunphy, D. Duggan, M. Keane, R. Dunphy, J. Dunne, L. Duggan.

**Carr.** J. McBride, (g), P. Kelly, W. Dalton, D. Treacy, J. Farrell, M. Drennan, J. Whelan, P. Reilly (c), J. Walsh, J. Dalton, T. Walsh, T. Dalton, G. Dermody, J. Fitzpatrick, W. Kelly, J. Dermody.

### 1933

Sept. 24th. At Callan. Co. S.H. Ch. R1. Mooncoin 6-6 (4-3), Urlingford 2-0 (2-0).

This game was Loughlin Byrne's first appearance for Mooncoin. Ref. Martin Egan.

**M.** E. Doyle (capt), J. & L. Duggan, W. & R. & D. Dunphy, L. Byrne, J. Comerford, W. Walsh, R. Cantwell (g), J. Dunne, M. Murphy, M. Keane, T. Kenny.

**Urlingford.** J. Holohan (capt), P. Ryan (g), J. Grace, J. & P. Fitzpatrick, C. Broderick, J. Tobin, J. Hickey, W. Bourke, J. Joyce, J. Dowling, J. Leahy, N. Kennedy, T. Dowling.

### LOST BY A POINT

Nov. 24th. At Nowlan Pk. Co. S.H. Ch. S.F. Tullaroan 4-3 (1-2), Mooncoin 3-5 (2-5).

Another great confrontation between old rivals with just a point difference at the end. A large contingent had travelled from Mooncoin as well as the popular M. Pipers Band who did their customary tour of the city streets before they played the teams on to the field, deferring to St. Ríoch's Fife and Drum Band for the playing of the National Anthem. There were many County players on display including referee Peter O'Reilly. Mooncoin got away to a flying start with Lynch slipping past Dermody for the opening score. Rd. Dunphy and Lum. Kennedy exchanged points and Eddie Doyle pointed a free. The hurling was

keen, crisp and clean, the maxim seemed to be - first to the ball and strike with surety and purpose - no indulgence in the lifting and catching of latter days. The brilliant Tullaroan centrefield pair Lowry M. and Paddy Phelan weren't getting any change out of the Duggan brothers. The Mooncoin half-back line of Tommy Carroll, Eddie Doyle and W. Walsh playing well were blunting the Tullaroan attacks. Johnny Dunne was picking off the points (4), while his brother Amby sank one to the net. Just before the short whistle Lowry sent a free to Nully Walsh who made no mistake and gave Dick Cantwell no chance. H.T. M. 2-5, T. 1-2. On resumption, Lowry sent a centre-field free all the way to the net. Within minutes Larkin goaled to level the scores and Walsh pointed to put Tullaroan in front. The last quarter was a do or die heroic effort, expected and given by all. Nully Walsh and L. Duggan exchanged goals but Tullaroan a point ahead held on F.T. T. 4-3, M. 3-5.

**M.** E. Doyle (c), Rd. Cantwell (g), Wm. Dunphy, T. Kenny, M. Murphy, T. Carroll, W. Walsh, J. & D. & L. Duggan, J. & Amby Dunne, R. Dunphy, L. Byrne, W. Lynch. Sub. Ed. Dunphy for Amby Dunne.

**T.** Lowry Meagher (capt), J. Dermody (g), T. Grace, M. & P. Larkin, P. Phelan, M. & L. Kennedy, W. Brophy, P. Blanchfield, D. Hogan, P. & N. Walsh, M. White, Joe Fleming. Ref. P. O'Reilly.

### 1934

May. Due to the fact that only four Teams - Carrickshock, Dicksboro, Mooncoin and Tullaroan compete in the S.H.Ch. this year - a League system will operate.

Whit-Mon. Match in London. Kilk (W. Dunphy, J. Duggan, L. Byrne, J. Dunne (M), v Limerick.

### TOURNAMENT TERMS

May/June. Kilk. All-Ireland Team Sel. (Ed. Doyle (capt), Jack Duggan, J. Dunne (M), leave Cobh on six weeks tour of U.S.A. Players will be paid an allowance of £5.0.0. per week during the period of the Tour. They arrive back at end of July.





KILKENNY TEAM AND OFFICIALS ABOARD FOR NEW YORK

### MOONCOIN LOSE AGAIN

Sept. At Nowlan Pk. Co. S.H. League R2.  
Tullaroan 2-6 (1-3), Mooncoin 1-4 (1-0).

Good first-time ground and overhead striking made for a fast keen game which maintained its interest throughout. Tullaroan were without their regulars Martin White, Milo Kennedy and W. Brophy while Mooncoin were missing Neddy Doyle (retired) but played B. Sweeney (a Meath man who had played earlier in the year between the posts with distinction. R. Dunphy opened the scoring with a goal, Mooncoin's only score in the first half H.T. Tull. 1-3, M. 1-0. On resumption L. Byrne, J. Dunne and Bill Walsh each pointed to level the scores. Tullaroan pressed and Nully Walsh netted. M. Keane retired injured and was replaced by Jimmy Brophy. Wattie Dunphy and

Tommy Carroll were showing glimpses of yesterday. Duggan pointed on the whistle. F.T. Tullaroan 2-6, Mooncoin 1-4. Ref. Peter Barden (Chairman Sth. Board). Tullaroan and Carrickshock (who had already beaten Mooncoin in the first leg) now have four points each, both winning their two ties, so the match Mooncoin v Dicksboro cannot alter the final placings. Therefore Co. Final between Tullaroan and Carrickshock (Tullaroan won 6-6 to C. 1-6). M. W. Dunphy (c), Bernard Sweeney (g), Wm. & Rd. Dunphy, T. Carroll, Wm. Walsh, Tom Kenny, Jack & Denis & Larry Duggan, Tom Durney, M. Keane, L. Byrne, Wm. Lynch, J. Dunne, Sub. Jimmy Brophy.

Tull. Lowry Meagher (capt), J. Dermody (g), Torn Grace, Lum. Kennedy, Joe Young, R. Teehan, P. Walsh, Nully Walsh, P. & M. Larkin, J. Fleming, J. Murphy, D. Hogan, Paddy Phelan, P. Blanchfield.



**KILKENNY ALL-IRELAND CHAMPIONS (1933) ON U.S. TOUR**

Back row, left to right: Sean McCarthy, Jas Walsh, P. Byrne, F. Farrell, J. O'Connell, L. Meagher, Rev. W. Brennan.

Middle row : J. Keoghan, Dick Sullivan, E. Byrne, Martin Power, J. Darmody, P. O'Reilly, T. Leahy, S. Gibbons, Pres., M. Dalton.

Front row : J. Fitzpatrick, J. Duggan, P. Larkin, Ed. Doyle (Capt.), M. White, T. Grace, Matt Power, Johnny Dunne.

Nov. Sth. Board G.A.A. - Present Mooncoin reps - Sen. T. Dunphy, Jun. T. Dunphy.

**1935**

Apr. Sth. Board G.A.A. at Ballyhale - T. Dunphy (M), (v-ch) presided. Present E. Fox (M), Ben Fewer (Gf.)

### QUICK EXIT

May. At Wat. Gaelic Field. Co. S.H.Ch. R1.  
Carrickshock 5-10 (2-5), Mooncoin 3-2 (2-1).

Mooncoin with last year's team, except for John Mackey (late St. Stephens, Wat.) and Bernard Sweeney (Garda) playing in goal, were a big disappointment to their many followers. After the first quarter, they were out-paced, out-hurled and out-classed and seemed wanting in training and

practice. Carrickshock, quickly into their stride had 2-2 (the goals from T. Walsh) before Mooncoin raised a flag - a goal from W. Lynch. Johnny Dunne added a point before the game suspended due to heavy downpour. When play resumed Carrickshock added three points in rapid succession before Locky Byrne shot to the net, just on H.T. Carr. 2-5, M. 2-1. Shortly after the break Carrickshock had two quick goals which killed off any flagging interest in the game. They continued to pick off their points and it was not until the dying minutes that Johnny Dunne with his special brand of elusiveness slipped through to find the net but by then it was just a consolation score.

F.T. Carr. 5-10. M. 3-2. Ref. Peter O'Reilly. Farrell the Carrickshock centre-field man whose dominance dictated the pattern of the game was man of the match. Eddie Doyle, who had not played for some time, was untiring in his efforts as was Bill Dunphy at full back - a fellow veteran.

Eddie Doyle has now retired for domestic reasons. M. E. Doyle (capt), B. Sweeney (g), J. & D. & L. Duggan, W. & R. Dunphy, J. Mackey, T. Kenny, W. Walsh, W. Lynch, L. Byrne, M. Keane, J. Brophy, J. Dunne.

**Carr.** W. Dalton (capt), G. O'Shea (g), J. & T. Dalton, J. & M. Phelan, G. & J. Dermody, J. Walsh, T. Walsh, J. Fitzpatrick, F. Minogue, J. Farrell, R. Aylward, J. Kelly.

July - In training for the forthcoming Challenge Match against Ardera.

**Carrick Rd. Selection** - J. Fripps, M. Walsh, R. Cleary, J. Grant, J. Brien, J. & E. Mackey, M. Walsh, J. Walsh, J. Carroll, W. Crowley, M. Fitzpatrick, W. Dunphy, P. O'Brien, J. O'Brien, R. Phelan, J. Walsh, W. Quinn, J. Allen, W. O'Keeffe.. Match to take place in field of Mr Willie Rowe, Ballytarsney.

Sept. Sth. Board G.A.A. - Present T. Dunphy (Sen) M.

## 1936

Jan. M.H. Club - A.G.M. Desirability of forming Schools League Competition in Sth. Kilk. advocated.

Johnny Dunne (Bennettsbridge). Transfers from Mooncoin to Dicksboro.

Feb. Sth. Board G.A.A. - T. Dunphy V.Ch. (M) presided.

## LAST PUCK EARNS DRAW

Aug. 9th. At Nowlan Pk. Co. S.H. Ch. Mooncoin 3-4 (3-1), Jas. Stephens 3-4 (2-1).

Thrilling encounter in which Moondharrig's veteran heroes came very close to toppling the current holders of the Title. The James Stephens Pipers Band led the teams (+ Mooncoins young mascot Jack Grant) onto the field. The game proved a classic with the speed and enthusiasm of James Stephens being countered by the craft and guile of Mooncoin. Eddie Doyle, because of after-training stiffness was unable to turn out, so, Tommy Carroll, staging another come-back led the team and took the responsibility of a 21 yd. free within two minutes of the start - he blasted and

though stopped L. Duggan finished it off to add to J. Hennebry's first minute point. However, the city team, reigning champions and hot favourites settled and began to play very confidently - Morrissey (J.S.) goaled to leave the difference but a point. J. Daniels (M) injured but after his head had been bandaged carried on. Just before half time Jimmy Brophy receiving a good pass from L. Duggan banged a blinder to the net for a great goal. H.T. M. 3-1, J.S. 2-1. In the second half the game was tight - Mooncoin were showing glimpses of the dash and artistry of yesteryear - Tommy Carroll had slotted back into the half-back line and while revelling in the odds demonstrated he had lost little of his prowess. The game was very even, score for score, until in a hectic finish L. Duggan gaining possession pointed to level with virtually the last puck of the game - a fitting result. Ref. Tom Mullins, Thomastown.

M. T. Carroll (capt), J. Walsh (g), Wm. Dunphy, T. Kenny, A. Brennan, Wm. Walsh, J. Comerford, J. & L. Duggan, J. Hennebry, M. Keane, L. Byrne, J. Daniels, J. Brophy, T. Durney, Sub. Pat Long. **Jas. Stephens.** P. Larkin (capt), J. Dowling (g), P. Blanchfield, M. Tyrrell, M. Gleeson, R. Maher, P. Dwyer, P. Walsh, R. McEvoy, L. Carroll, M. Larkin, P. Hanley, J. Morrissey, R. Fennelly, W. Ayres.

## REPLAY DRAWN

Sept. 20th. At N.Pk.. Co. S.H. Ch. S.F. Replay. Mooncoin 3-5 (1-3) Jas. Stephens 4-2 (4-1).

Both teams had changes for this game. Peter Blanchfield and R. Fennelly replaced by J. Downey and P. Bergin for Jas. St. while Willie Durney, Bernard Sweeney and Ed. Gorey played for Mooncoin instead of Tom Durney. A. Brennan and J. Comerford (who had gone to England). Keen, tight-marking, hard-striking game under ideal weather conditions. Jas. Stephens Pipers Band led the teams onto the field - Mons. J.B. Dollard was there to throw in the ball after being introduced to the two captains - Tommy Carroll and Paddy Larkin. Some of the old-time Gaels - 'Drug', Jack Rochford, Dick Grace, Sim Walton, E. Doyle, Pat Walsh and Willie Walsh - a famous Sth. Kilk. footballer of other days. As can be readily seen from the scores with James Stephens securing just one point in the second half it was very much a match of halves. However James Stephens claimed they had scored an extra goal 5-2 so a special meeting held at the City Hall

to consider the referee's Report which stated Mooncoin 3-5, Jas. Stephens 4-2. Jas. Stephens insisted their score was 5-2 - Referee said he had blown the whistle for stoppage owing to encroachment of pitch by spectators. T. Dunphy (M) maintained the whistle had sounded before the score was made. The referee's (Mr Jas. Walsh, Carrickshock) report was adopted. Jas. Stephens representative gave notice of appeal.

The Replay took place at Nowlan Pk. on Oct. 18th, and extra-time to be played if match drawn at full time. T. Dunphy proposed Waterford as the venue without success. Furthermore, sidelines closed to spectators.

### MOONCOIN WIN 2nd REPLAY

Oct. 18th. At N.Pk. Co. S.H. Ch. 2nd Replay  
Mooncoin 3-4 (3-3), Jas. Stephens 2-3 (0-2).

Eddie Doyle came on for Durney (inj) and Andy Brennan, full-forward for L. Byrne. Memorable game - Gorey outstanding at full-back. Mooncoin's turn to score just a point in the second half - however they had ample in reserve. Ref. Mr Seamus Flaherty.

M. T. Carroll (c), B. Sweeney (g), J. Walsh, R. Gorey, W. Dunphy, T. Kenny, W. Walsh, J. Duggan, T. Durney, J. Daniels, J. Hennebry, L. Duggan, M. Keane, A. Brennan, J. Brophy, Sub. E. Doyle.

Jas. Steph.) P. Larkin (c), J. Dowling, J. Downey, P. Blanchfield, P. Bergin, M. Tyrrell, M. Hanley, J. Morrissey, R. McEvoy, P. Walsh, M. Larkin, M. Leahy, M. Gleeson, R. Maher, T. Dunne, Sub. L. Carroll.

Nov. 8th. Co. Board Meeting. Objection by Jas. Stephens v Mooncoin for alleged illegal constitution in match 18.10.36 - not upheld. Voting 7 to 5.

## THRILLING FINAL

Nov. 22nd At N.Pk. Co. S.H.Ch. Final  
Mooncoin 4-2 (2-1), Tullaroan 4-1 (3-1).

Despite the lateness of the year a good crowd of some 4,500 gathered in expectation, if not of a classic certainly of an epic encounter - these teams from way-back seemed to speak no other language and so it turned out to be. The weeks of excitement and anticipation were realised to the full in this memorable and titanic struggle to the very last ball struck. Mr M.S. Flaherty of Tullamore had charge of the whistle and immediately he got the game started Tullaroan were away to a flying start and dominated the first quarter with White, Walsh and Murphy each scoring a goal to put them 3-0 to nil ahead. At this point Bergin (T) got injured and retired. Mooncoin tightened their defence with E. Doyle, Gorey, B. Dunphy and Kenny playing their hearts out while T. Carroll, half-back line, lent what support he could to centre-field in an effort to reduce the ball supply to the Tullaroan forwards. This stratagem proved effective, in large measure, in curtailing Tullaroan to just two scores for the remainder of the game. Mooncoin, on their part, began to attack - Locky Byrne sent a neat pass to A. Brennan who raised the green flag. Jimmy Brophy injured but resumed. Locky Byrne exchanged positions with Andy Brennan moving in

full forward from top of the right, and almost immediately combined well with Jimmy Brophy who slipped right through for a good goal. J. Hennebry added a further point before H.T. Tullaroan 3-1, Mooncoin 2-1. After the interval the same frantic pace continued. Locky Byrne pointed a free to close the gap to two points. The Mooncoin forwards contested fiercely, hustled and hustled the Tullaroan backs, while at the other end whenever the ball came near - White and Gorey were on a right shoot-out. Frees were missed on both sides as tension mounted. Paddy Phelan eluding close-marking Jack Duggan, sent a fifty yard shot to the net putting Tullaroan five points clear. But no! from the puck out Micky Keane doubled forty yds out and the difference was two points again. In a concerted forward rush, Keane, Byrne and Brophy with Brennan lending a hand, Brophy struck true and netted to give Mooncoin the lead for the first time in the match. In the dying minutes Lowry had two '70's' and going for the win landed both, with his customary precision, in the square but Mooncoin were not to be denied, nor was anybody or anything getting through in the last moments. F.T. Mooncoin 4-2, Tullaroan 4-1.

The final whistle found players and spectators alike drained if not satiated from a game which had

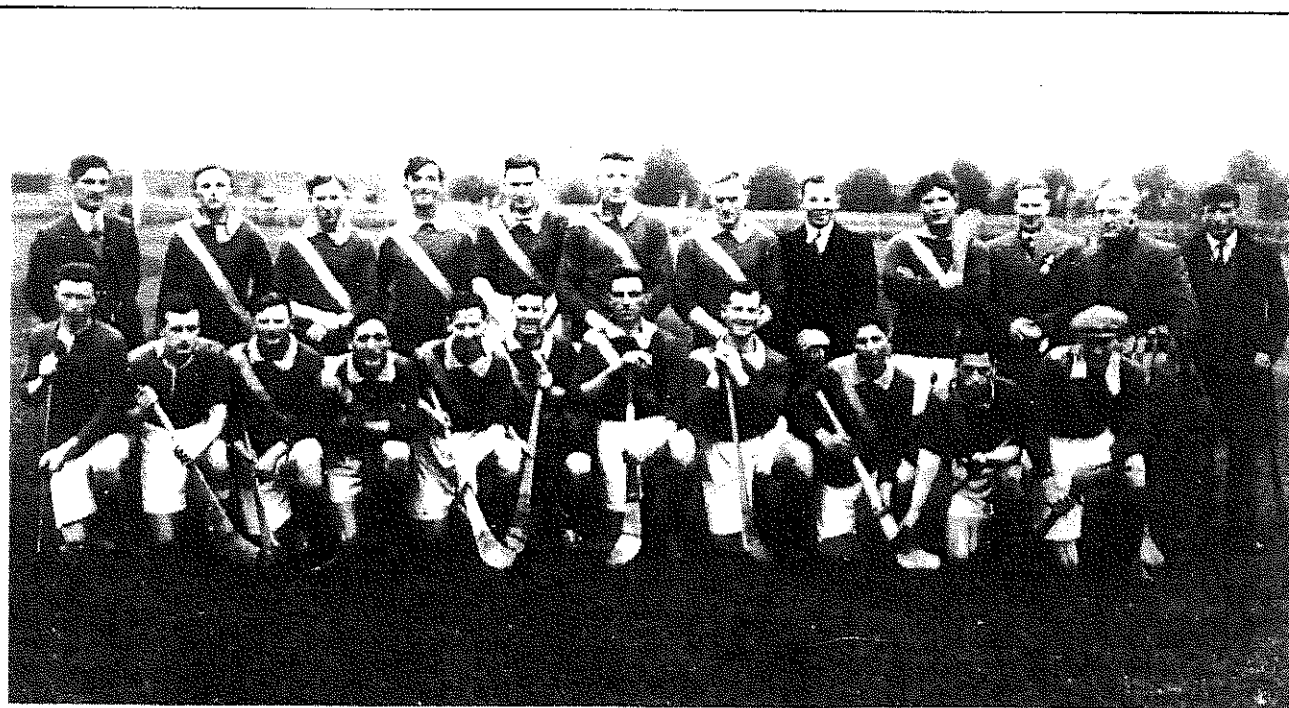
had so much - the flying start, the methodical recovery, the commitment everywhere. Eddie Doyle and Tommy Carroll who had both come back out of retirement, excelled themselves. Lowry and Paddy Phelan - what can one say? Always a credit to the game. Scintillating hurling, superb stickwork, craft and guile were all there. Tullaroan had played with great consistency throughout, but perhaps the occasional bustling tactics of Mooncoin had made the difference. As the spectators left the field that evening - no one could possibly have foreseen, much less appreciated they had just witnessed the close of an era in Kilkenny hurling. The great confrontations, stretching back over half a century, between Tullaroan and Mooncoin had ended.

**Note:**

Eddie Doyle had played right full back and not his usual left full. Locky, as stated, started at right full switching to full exchanging with Andy Brennan / Bergin (T) centre-forward twisted knee and retired Tommy Carroll, captain, played his usual right half back position and inspired - with the three 'S's' so necessary for success - skill, speed and stamina.

**M.** T. Carroll (capt), B. Sweeney (g), E. Doyle, R. Gorey, E. Dunphy, T. Kenny, W. Walsh, J. & L. Duggan, D. Daniels, S. Hennebry, M. Keane, J. Brophy, A. Brennan, L. Byrne.

**Tull.** T. Grace (capt), P. Fitzpatrick (g), M. Brophy, W. Burke, M. Kennedy, R. Teehan, C. Kennedy, L. Meagher, P. Phelan, J. Murphy, P. Bergin, J. Young, P. Walsh, M. White, J. Dowling.



**SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONSHIP — 1936**

Back row, left to right: M. Murphy, L. Byrne (Spk.), E. Doyle, B. Walsh, B. Sweeney (Wat.), J. Hennebry (Bb.), W. Dunphy, J. Mackey, D. Gorey (Burnch.), W. Quinn (M.), P. Walsh (Cga.), and M. Walsh (Mqt.).

Front row: W. Durney (Bigw.), T. Kenny, A. Brennan (Ard.), J. Duggan, J. Daniels (Fid.), M. Keane, T. Carroll, E. Mackey, P. Long (Fid.), J. Brophy (Fid.), D. Duggan (Farn.).



The Chorus of the 1936 Hurling Final went as follows:--

*Long live Tommy Carroll -  
Mooncoin's guiding star  
And the gallant Richie Gorey, sure, he was like  
an armour car  
We can't forget the Duggans - may their courage  
never fail  
And that hero, Eddie Doyle was the pride of  
every Gael  
There was Brennan, Byrne, Brophy who shone  
through out the hour  
With gallant Walsh and Dunphy - to heights  
unknown did tower  
And the brave Tom Kenny who played a splendid  
game*

*And that gifted star of hurling fame - God Bless  
You - Mickey Keane  
John Daniels brave and Hennebry too - names we  
love to hear  
And when you mention - Sweeney - Mooncoin  
hearts you cheer*

Mooncoin and Tullaroan have now met in nine finals with the honours so far going to Tullaroan. They have won five as against four for Mooncoin. The winners were -

1887 - T, 1897 - T, 1902 - T, 1906 - M, 1907 - T,  
1911 - T, 1913 - M, 1916 - M, 1936 - M.

As can be readily seen it is now twenty five years since Tullaroan overcame Mooncoin in a final.

## ONE OF THE GREATS RETIRES



EDDIE DOYLE

**Eddie Doyle (1897 - 1948) Luffany** had an unsurpassed run at the top in Club and Inter-Co. Hurling for over twenty years. He opened there in 1919 - helping Mooncoin win a S.H.C. Triple medal for 1916, '17, '18. This was followed in the absence of Sen. Championships with two Jun. H. Titles, 1920 and 1922 (none played in 1921) and then S.H.C. title wins '27, '28, '29, '32 (capt), and '36. Although he had retired in 1935, he returned to play a significant role in the 1936 final win. On the Inter-Co. scene he had a brilliant game against Cork in the '26 All-Ireland and again against the same opposition in the '31 All-Ire series. The following year '32 he won his first All-Ire. medal against Clare and then captained a successful Kilkenny defence against Limerick in '33, as well as the Nat. League. In '34 he captained a successful Kilk. Tour of the U.S.A. Inter-Provincial - he played four times for Leinster v Munster. Sliabh Ruadh wrote of Eddie's game - "He was never a picker". He rarely raised or stopped a ball. He believed in "the direct method" and struck true and straight at the oncoming leather. For this very trait alone he was the idol of all old followers of the game. Although small in stature, E. Doyle had a wonderful reserve of energy, resilience and stamina. He never flinched from a forward, no matter his size or weight and almost invariably delivered the goods. His powerful drives and

deliveries were a treat to witness, and all spectators wondered how "one small man could hurl such as he". His reaction and timing were impeccable. In all he won twenty-nine medals for hurling. Passed to his rest in 1948.

### IN MEMORIAM

#### The Late Mr Eddie Doyle, Mooncoin

*I relate with pain that from our chain  
There's a grand and bright link missing  
A link of sport that on field or court  
We'll never again see glisten  
For a thick dark veil now cloaks a Gael  
For whom Kilkenny is weeping  
As her greatest and best with a pulseless breast  
In the valley of death is sleeping  
As the Cuckoo's voice rang loud and clear  
And the landrail from the meadow  
Sent forth its notes across the breeze  
And down the evening shadows  
The wild flower paints the wayside slopes  
And the lark is heavenward soaring  
But the hands and feet are cold and still  
Which held the foe from scoring  
On Croke Park, famed by Liffey stream  
In the far famed Black and Amber  
We saw him star in a thrilling game  
With the ash he loved well cambred  
From wing to wing we watched him swing  
With the speed of a stag possessing  
And the heart of a lion with a clearance fine  
When the foe for a score was pressing  
But the whistle is gone though not for a foul  
Tis the game of life that's ended  
Against the rules of the game he loved  
He never once offended  
No shady actions soiled his name  
He crowned himself with glory  
And as years go round his praise we'll sound  
Aloud in song and story  
How sad when the boys line out again  
And the fire of war is blazing  
In body, alas, he can't be there  
When Kilkenny her cheers are raising  
But in spirit he'll be round the goal  
When the boys a score are saving  
And yes, he'll switch to the other end  
As the flag for a score is waving  
Moondharrig to-day is wrapt in grief  
For which time is the only cure*

*May the songbirds join in a last requiem  
O'er his grave by the winding Suir  
His togs and hurley are laid aside  
For his sons to come and gather  
And worthy sons may they ever prove  
To a great and worthy father  
He sleeps to-day in a bed of clay  
With the emerald sod wrapt round him  
In a silent mound near his native home  
Where life in its pleasures found him  
All honour bestow on his ashes below  
May in heaven his soul shine brightly  
For a sport he lived and a sport he died  
May the mould on his breast lean lightly*

P. Connor  
Collinstown, Leixlip  
Co. Kildare

June 13, 1948

### 1937

Feb. Mooncoin Sen. Hurl. Club Meeting.  
C.Y.M.S. Hall. Selection of Inter-Co. Team to  
Selection Committee - same as last year.

Mr Jack Duggan elected captain of Kilk. Team  
1937.

Resolutions of sympathy - proposed M.  
Murphy, seconded T. Carroll and J. Mackey to  
Mrs Mary Fewer and Liam MacOda on death of  
mother.

Mar. Mooncoin Jun. H. Club. A.G.M. at  
C.Y.M.S. - Large attendance. Election of Officers  
for 1937 - Ch. John Hennebery, V-Ch. R. Cleary,  
Hon.Sec. J. Mackey, Hon.Treas., W. Quinn, Sth  
Board Rep. J. Mackey.

May 14th. At Wat. Gaelic Field. Co. S.H. Ch.  
R.1. Mooncoin beat Carrickshock.  
M. T. Carroll (capt), J. Walsh (g), R. Gorey, W.  
Dunphy, E. Mackey, T. Durney, W. Walsh, J.  
Duggan, J. Hennebery, L. Duggan, J. Brophy, J.  
Daniels, L. Byrne, A. Brennan, M. Keane, J.  
Mackey (sub) called upon to play last few minutes.

## TROUBLE ON HORIZON

June. At Wat. Gaelic Field. Co. S.H.Ch. S.F. Mooncoin 5-4 (3-3), Dicksboro 5-2 (2-1). Ideal weather, huge-attendance particularly from South Kilkenny, pulsating hurling, exciting finish were the ingredients of this June thriller. From the throw-in Mickey Keane receiving from Jimmy Brophy shot over the bar. Kelly goaled for the "Boro" and then after Tommy Carroll had pointed a '70' Kelly pointed for the 'Boro'. After some clever combination work Jimmy Brophy nipped through for a good goal. Back came the 'Boro' immediately for Keane to shoot to the net. The pace was hectic and there was nothing going soft. Jimmy Brophy pointed and Tommy Carroll landed a '70' in the square for L. Byrne to crash to the net. Just on half-time Duggan crossed to L. Byrne who tapped to A. Brennan to find the net. H.T. Mooncoin 3-3, Dicks 2-1. After resuming Andy Brennan pointed and M. Keane placed well for L. Duggan to net giving Mooncoin a nine point lead. Dowling pointed for the 'Boro' and at this juncture Tom Kenny retired injured and replaced by Denis Duggan. Mooncoin forwards combined well for Andy Brennan to find the net. The 'Boro' replied strongly with Roberts finding the net and within minutes from a melee in the Mooncoin goalmouth the ball bundled into the net. W. Durney (M) retired injured and replaced by John Daniels. The impetus and run of play now going with the 'Boro' and sustaining the pressure, Mooncoin were fortunate to hold out for a two point win. F.T. Mooncoin 5-4, Dicksboro 5-2. Ref - Mr Peter Barden.

**M.** T. Carroll (capt), J. Walsh (g), R. Gorey, W. Dunphy, E. Mackey, T. Kenny, W. Walsh, J. & L. Duggan, J. Henneberry, W. Durney, M. Keane, A. Brennan, L. Byrne and J. Brophy. Sub. D. Duggan and J. Daniels.

**Dicks.** P. Byrne (capt), J. O'Connell (g), P. O'Reilly, A. & J. Cullen, P. Purcell, M. Kealy, J. Kealy, P. Dowling, P. Obbins, D. Keane, P. Kelly, M. McCabe, J. Roberts, T. Danieffe.

### Dicksboro Objects

June. Dicksboro object to Mooncoin's win. Locky Byrne and D. Duggan - not eligible? (Kilk. lose to Dublin - J. Duggan (capt.) J. Brophy (M).) The objection - Dicksboro v Mooncoin was deferred to 15-7-37 when next County Board

Meeting to be held. The Sec. was ordered to get copy of minutes in reference to declaration of Locky Byrne, discussed at Central Council 29-5-37.

### Co. Board Investigates

July. Co. Board. The Secretary was directed to ask for advice of Leinster Co. in point, No. 1 of objection and also to enquire if a player having lived in London required a transfer before he was legal to play in Kilkenny Championship. Also to communicate with Secretary of London G.A.A. questioning if Denis Duggan played in London Championship.

### Co. Board hands down its decision.

Aug. 1st. Co. Board Meeting. Secretary read a letter from Secretary of Leinster Co. stating the matter raised by Dicksboro in their objection to Mooncoin was one for the investigation of the Co. Committee. "The Chairman and several of the Co. Members recommended a replay".

The Secretary of the Central Council wrote stating that the application of Loughlin O'Brien to declare his residence as Kilkenny was not granted. The Chairman dealing with the objection ruled that the match Mooncoin v Dicksboro be refixed and that Loughlin Byrne is not legal to play with Mooncoin. Replay fixed for Aug. 22nd. - Venue, referee and officials are to be selected at the next meeting of the Co. Committee - City Hall 9th Aug.

### Mooncoin's withdrawal from Championship

Aug. 9th. Co. Board Meeting - Mooncoin Hurl. Club wrote stating they had decided not to replay Dicksboro. Furthermore, they strongly protested against the recent ruling of the Board in the case of Loughlin Byrne. As an added protest, it was intended withdrawing all the Mooncoin teams from the Kilkenny championships.

Dicksboro were declared winners of the semi-final and will play Jas. Stephens in final.

## 1938

Feb. Mooncoin Jun. H. Club A.G.M. at C.Y.M.S. Hall. Election of Officers.

Ch. R. Cleary, V.Ch. J. Purcell, Hon.Sec. J. Mackey, Hon.Treas. P. O'Keeffe.

Capt. R. Cleary, V-Capt. M. Byrne, Co. Rep. J. Mackey.

Jun. H. Team undergoing heavy training for Sth. Jun. Final v Mvat. on Feb. 13th.

Feb. Mooncoin Sen. H. Club. At a special meeting decided not to participate in the Kilkenny Championship this year, but may affiliate for the purpose of tournament and friendly games.

Apr. at Fiddown. S.H. Challenge. Carrickshock 5-10, Mooncoin 3-1.

Most of the Mooncoin team will play junior v Galmoy (Sunday week).

M. R. Cleary (capt), P. O'Brien (g), E. & J. Mackey, Wm. Dunphy, M. Byrne, J. Daniels, W. Crowley, J. Henebry, J. Fripps, Sean Maher, J. Maguire, J. Brophy, A. Brennan, J. Purcell. (Sub. R. Phelan for J. Maguire.).

**Carricksh.** R. Aylward (c), J. Malone (g), J. & T. & J. Walsh, G. Dermody, P. Donovan, J. Cassin, R. Hinks, J. Gorman, P. Butler, P. Hearne, P. Gorman, J. Kelly, J. Phelan.

Apr. Jimmy Brophy's transfer from Mooncoin to Faughs sanctioned by Dublin Co. Board.

## Local Rivalry Re-Appears.

Apr. at Mooncoin Gaelic Field. Sen. Football Friendly Grange Stars 2-4, Village Rangers 1-5. A large crowd turned up to see this long awaited clash between these formidable football protagonists. The Village Rangers were a selection of sturdy men from Mooncoin Village, Dournane and Ballybrazil and were led on to the field by their enthusiastic footballer captain Johnny Tobin. The Grange Stars hail from Grange, Polerone and Clonmore and were under the managership of John Martin (G). Referee for the occasion - James Walsh. Marking was very tight and with the scores level many times excitement ran high. There were thrills and spills a plenty up to the final whistle. The Grange Stars emerged victorious and prominent were the Fripps Brothers

whose father, Jack was a veteran footballer of the 80's. Outstanding for the losers was their Captain J. Tobin. Final score Grange Stars 2-4, Village Rangers 1-5.

**Grange S.** J. Martin (c), John Power (g), J. & M. Fripps, M. & W. Grant, J. Dunne, J. McDonald, E. Mackey, W. Mackey, D. Keffe, L. Nolan, P. O'Keeffe, J. Walsh, & J. Nolan.

**Village Rangers.** J. Tobin (capt), J. McCarthy N.T. (g), Garda Behan, Garda McIntyre, A. Brennan, J. Henebry, C. Murphy, M. Foran, M. & W. & P. Crowley, J. & M. O'Brien. Return match - shortly.

June 12th. S.H.Ch. R1. Mooncoin v Eire Og Mooncoin wrote giving E.O. a w.o.

## 1939

Jan. 8th. M. Jun. H. Club - A.G.M. at C.Y.M. S. Hall. Election of Officers for 1939.

Ch. Rd. Cleary, Hon Sec. J. Mackey, Hon. Treas. M. Crowley, Reps. W. Crowley & J. Mackey. Committee - Messrs R. Cleary, J. Mackey, M. Crowley, E. Mackey, J. Purcell, M. O'Meara, R. Wall & J. Vereker. Vote of thanks for Hall during the year. It was unanimously decided that - should they not be allowed to play Championship matches in future outside the County, they would apply to the Waterford Co. Board for admittance to the Championships and failing this they would not take part in any championship match until such request was granted.

Feb. 24th. Sth. Board G.A.A. - present, J. Mackey, Wm. Quinn, M. Crowley.

On panel of referees - J. Mackey and Tommy Carroll.

## MOONCOIN WIN CHALLENGE

Mar. At Middlequarter. S.H. Challenge Moondharrig 4-5 (3-2), Ballyline 3-1 (2-1). Ballyline - 1938 Co. Jun. H. Champs - short five of their team. Moondharrig were also short some including T. Carroll, J. Brophy and John Daniels. Under ideal weather, Mooncoin performed well and maintained their advantage throughout. Coonan of Ballyline forced to retire early due to his eye being struck by the ball) and replaced by T. O'Neill. Referee - P. Cleere.

M. Wm. Dunphy (capt), M. O'Meara (g), J. & Ed. Mackey, John & Tom Henneberry, W. & Paul Crowley, Jack Purcell, Matt Byrne, Sonny Kelly, Andy Brennan, M. Fripps, Rd. Cleary, Davy Quinn. **Ballyline** - R. Woodgate (c), R. Cahill (g), Hen. & Jas. & Paul Giles, Ml. Coonan, J. Nolan, P. Cuddihy, Jas. Mackey, Wm. Kirwin, J. Donnelly, P. Kearney, J. O'Neill, D. Fitzgerald.

### QUICK EXIT

June 12th. At Wat. Gaelic Field. S.H. Ch.  
R1. Dicksboro 5-4 (3-3), Mooncoin 3-2 (3-2).  
(At Co. Board Meeting in Jan - a Mooncoin motion that teams taking part in Co. Ch. matches be allowed to play their Championship matches outside Co. Kilk. - carried 48 to 6). Mooncoin had agreed to pay £7.10.0 for the match v Dicksboro to be in Wat. Mooncoin won Toss and played with strong wind - P. Crowley goaling within the minute. P. Keane pointed for the 'Boro' - R. Cleary injured but resumed. P. Brannigan pointed for the 'Boro'. R. Cleary centred a free for Stephen Kelly who was showing up well, deftly turned over the bar. The 'Boro' pressed and Dooley netted. Keane added a point. A free from Rd. Cleary struck the crossbar which Henneberry lashed to the net. R. Cleary added a point. Dooley struck again after P. O'Brien in the Mooncoin goal had saved a rasper. Grace added another to give the 'Boro' a four point lead. Cleary placed a free nicely for Kelly to shoot to the net before H.T. Maher retired injured and replaced by Bowe H.T. D. 3-3, M. 3-2. Dicksboro had had a very good first half - fast and polished while Mooncoin showed youth and inexperience particularly in the back division. After the break and playing with the wind the 'Boro' coasted to an easy victory with goals from Murphy and Dooley and a point from Keane. Mooncoin tried to the end but failed to raise a flag - however, for them Cleary had a good game and Kelly looked promising. Referee. Mr P. Barden.

M. P. O'Brien (g), E. Mackey, J. Purcell, W. Dunphy, M. Crowley, J. Mackey, D. Quinn, J. Henneberry, R. Cleary, J. Daniels, M. Fripps, S. Kelly, P. & W. Crowley, Sean Maher. Sub. Bowe. **Dicks.** J. O'Connell (g), J. Purcell, P. Byrne, T. Tennyson, D. Keane, E. Byrne, G. Dunne, M. Kealy, R. Brannigan, P. Keane, J. O'Hara, P. Cassin, M. Grace, J. Dooley, & T. Murphy.

Sept. 29th. Mooncoin H.C. Meeting on Wed. night next - Secretary resigning. Meeting very

important - every member of Sen. Jun and Minor H. & Jun. Foot. Teams requested to be present and debate whether they are to take part in any further games for remainder of the year. (Due to weather - postponed for wk).

### Cloncunny Complex in Operation.

Nov. New Social Club at Cloncunny.  
President - Wm. Butler, Curloghan, V-Pres. Jas Burns, (Clon.) Treas. Thos Henebery (Cloncunny). Sec. Ed. Bowe (Emil). House rented from K. White. Games - Cards, Rings, Draughts, Darts etc. whilst a new radio has also been installed.

### 1940

Jan. Mooncoin H. Club - Affiliations for 1940 Championship.

### Mooncoin Disappoints

June 2nd. At Wat. Gaelic Field. S.H. Ch.  
R1. Carrickshock 5-6 (3-4), Mooncoin 1-3 (Nil). Carrickshock had an easy win as Mooncoin failed to strike true form. Mooncoin were a disappointment to their supporters, particularly since they failed to score in the first half while Carrickshock notched up 3-4 the goal scorers being J. Walsh (1) and G. Dermody (2).

Within minutes of the restart Hincks netted and then R. Cleary intercepting from Hoban pointed for Mooncoin's first score. Hincks pointed and 'Builder' Walsh added a goal. In the last ten minutes Mooncoin through Paul Crowley, Rd. Cleary and John Mackey added a goal and two points. Final score Carrickshock 5-6, Mooncoin 1-3. For Carrickshock - Bob Aylward, P. Grace, R. Hincks, Tom (Builder) Walsh and Geo. Dermody were prominent while for Mooncoin Rd. Cleary, J. Mackey, Sonnie Kelly and M. Crowley in goal tried hard. Referee - Mr P. Barden.

M. Ml. Crowley (g), Ed. Mackey, J. Purcell, T. Dunphy (capt), J. Mackey, Tom Kenny, Jas Bowe, Wt. Heneberry, J. Heneberry, Rd. Cleary, Dave Quinn, Ben Hoban, Sonny Kelly, A. Brennan, Paul Crowley.

**Carricksh.** J. Malone (g), P. Butler, Bob Aylward (capt), Paddy Donoghue, E. Fitzpatrick, J. Phelan, P. Grace, Bobbie Hincks, J. Kelly, Tom (Builder) Walsh, W. Walsh, J. Walsh, Geo. Dermody, L. O'Keefe, J. O'Neill.



### Mooncoin Feis

July 5th. Mooncoin Feis. Sen. H. Tour. Tipp (Char. Kickham) 5-3 (2-3), Kilk (M) 3-6 (1-2). Under a scorching sun the Kells Pipers Band led the teams on to the field and later entertained the large crowd at the interval. The game was keenly contested with splendid defences both sides.

**Kilk. (Mooncoin),** Wm. Dunphy (capt), M. Crowley (g), J. & E. Mackey, Rd. Cleary, Paddy Grace, T. Hennebry, Dave Quinn, J. Ryan, Ben Hoban, J. Purcell, Ml. O'Hanlon, Andy Brennan, J. Bowe, W. Crowley.

**Tipp.** (Charles Kickhams). Jack Ryan (capt), Matty Cummins (g), Pakey Maher, Martin Maher, H. Craddock, Connie Keane (formerly of Jas Stephens), Jack Coleman, J. Ryan, Paddy Woods, C. Fogarty, Wm. O'Meara, H. Goldsborough, R. Dwyer, Christy Doran.

The teams were later entertained by the Feis Committee.

### 1941

Jan. Locky Byrne who played full forward with distinction for Mooncoin died.

Mar. S.H.Ch. - No Mooncoin entry.

### 1942

#### Attempt to Re-Start

Mar. Mooncoin H.C. A.G.M. at C.Y.M.S. Election of Officers for 1942. Chairman - Rev. T. Murphy C.C., Vice-Ch. W. Quinn, Hon.Sec & Treas. Sean Maher. Committee - Wm. Dunphy, Wm. Walsh, Jas Walsh, John Mackey.

All members asked to turn out each Sunday for practice in field. (Kindly given by Mrs A. Morris, Clonmore). Challenge matches are being arranged. The news that the Mooncoin Hurlers are again to affiliate in Co. Championships after an absence of some years has aroused much enthusiasm.

June. Moondharrig Feis (off last year because of cattle disease) to be held on July 19th. Committee elected. Ch. Fr. Murphy C.C., Vice-Ch. Sean Maher, Hon.Sec. Mr F. Cronin, Hon.Treas. Larry Dunphy and Ml. Howley. Committee - above plus Patk. O'Keeffe, John Quinn, Claus Cantwell, Rd. Whelan, John Mackey, Rd. Kinsella, Paul Crowley and Andrew Rowe. Syllabus as in

previous years consists of language, history, singing, dance music and folklore competition. Available soon.

### Return to Championship

June 13th. At Wat. Gaelic Field. Co. S.H. Ch. Mooncoin 8-4, Slieverue 1-3. Ref. P. Cleere. Mooncoin returning to the Championships after an absence won rather easily.

**M.** Rd. Cleary (Capt), Ml. Crowley (g), Paul & Wt. Crowley, E. Kelly, Stephen Kelly, John & Ml. Fripps, Andy Brennan, John Mackey, Ramie Wall, Rd. Vereker, Jas. Corcoran, Jas. Bowe and Edw. Mackey.

**Slieverue..** Paddy Grant (capt), J. Dower, Jack Knox, Martin Knox, Paddy Haberin, Denis Walsh, Joe Fitzpatrick, John Murphy, Larry Griffin, John Hookey, Larry Dillon, John Wall, Tom Butler, Jim Deasy, Jas. Phelan.

### Feis Match

July. Feis Match. First match in Mooncoin for two years.

Mooncoin 3-5 (2-2, Mullinavat 2-7 (1-2). Ref. P. Cleere.

Enthusiastic clash before a big crowd and with the score level often - an enjoyable game. **M.** Rd. Cleary (c), Ml. O'Meara (g), J. & E. Mackey, J. & M. Fripps, Paul & Ml. Crowley, Jas Bowe, Stephen Kelly, Rd. Phelan, J. Corcoran, J. Hennebry, Rd. Vereker, Andy Brennan, Sub. Ramie Wall.

**Mvat.** Pat Aylward (c), J. Heffernan (g), M. & P. & J. Holden, P. Foskin, Andy Aylward, Paul Fitzgerald, T. McDonald, Ml. Byrne, Ed. Quinlan, W. Maher. P. O'Reilly, P. Hoban, Jas. Purcell.

### 1943 GRIM TRAGEDY ON RIVER

#### Jan. 10th Four Drown in Grim Tragedy.

When fishing cot capsized.. News of the appalling disaster stunned South Kilkenny and beyond as word spread. Sen. H. Challenge Mooncoin v Mount Sion abandoned when news reached the pitch. The circumstances of the fatal occurrence - About 2.00 p.m. on Sunday a shooting party of seven men, two in one cot and five in another left Dournane for Darrigle on the other side of the river. The cot in which were Ml. Hanlon and

Tom Henneberry was quickly away and reaching the other side.

Tom Henneberry walked up the bank while Mr. O'Hanlon secured the cot. Michael then noticed that his companions, still on the Kilkenny side of the river, were in difficulties. Suddenly - their cot capsized. Michael immediately jumped into his own, untied and paddled to the upturned boat where, one of the occupants, Mr Nicholas McSweeney exhausted, was still grimly clinging to the boat. With some difficulty Mr. O'Hanlon got Mr McSweeney into his boat and headed straight for the Waterford bank. On arriving there Mr. Hanlon and T. Henneberry together with Sergt. Whelan, who happened to be on duty locally, got Mr McSweeney to the nearby farmhouse of Mr Ed. Cheasty, Darrigle. There, after being attended by Dr. Prenderville (Portlaw) Mr McSweeney later, recovered sufficiently, went home. Meanwhile, on Dournane side search parties were organised - L.D.F. under Group Leader Thomas Halpin, the L.S.F., local fishermen and others - patrolled the river banks for any sign of the missing victims. The victims were -

Michael Murray (38), Ballykeoghan, married lorryowner.

Edward Quinlan (22), Ecclesiastical student within 6 months of Ordination, Kilcronagh, Kcow.

Mr. Moran (32) unmarried, Ballybrazil, first cousin of above Edw. Quinlan.

Richard McSweeney (13) son of Mr. Nicholas McSweeney (rescued), Manager of Mvat. Co-Operative Creamery.

On Monday - only result of search was finding upturned cot and an oar at Mr. Congreve.

On Tues. members of the search party - Messrs R. Henneberry, John Henneberry Bbz, John Walsh (Phully) and Jas. Sinnott (M) brought to the surface the body of Edw. Quinlan at 6.30 p.m., within 300 yds of the spot where boat capsized.

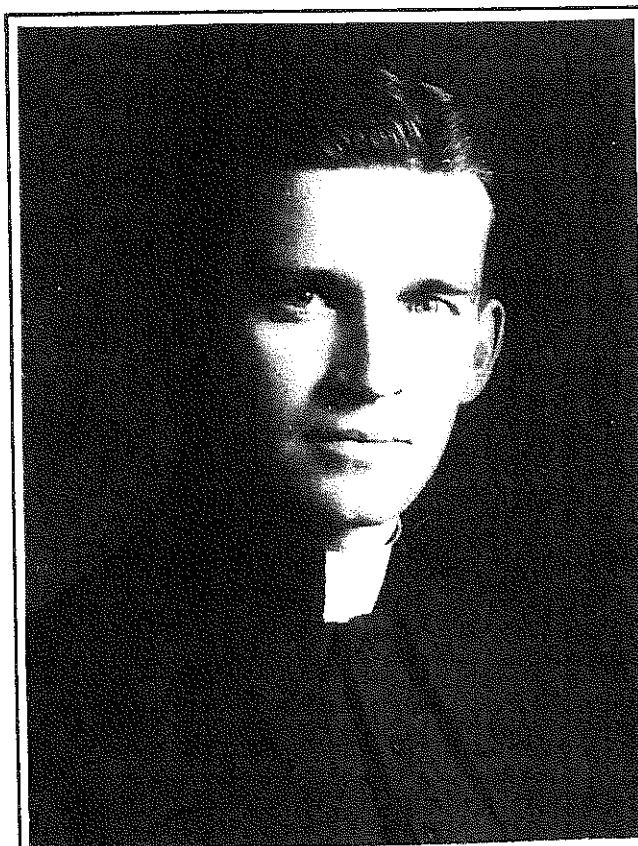
On Wed. Body of Mr. Murray recovered.

On Mon. evening, 1st Feb., body of Mr. Moran (Bbz) recovered.

Body of Rd. Sweeney (13) was not recovered.

Mr N. McSweeney, the sole survivor, giving evidence at the inquest -

"When" he said "the cot was about 50 yds from the bank (Dour.) a huge wave came and partly filled it. The second wave came almost immediately afterwards. I stood up then, and the next thing I knew I was in the water --- lost sight of the others and went under the water". When he reached the surface again he saw his son, Richard McSweeney (13) some yards away from him. He did not see any of the others. He then saw another wave approaching and managed to grasp hold of the upturned cot by putting his arms around it and on this he maintained his grip until Michael O'Hanlon who, with T. Henneberry had been in the second boat, came to his rescue. Before concluding - he paid high tribute to the bravery of his rescuer, Michael O'Hanlon who, he said, had undoubtedly saved his life. He expressed thanks to the people of Mooncoin and the many who had taken part or assisted in the search for the bodies of victims.



FR. MI. O'HANLON  
ORDAINED 1944

June 20th. S.H. Ch. R1. Mooncoin w.o. v The Rower.

### Lose by a point

June 27th. At Wat. Gaelic Field. S.H. Ch. R2. Mullinavat 2-7 (1-4) Mooncoin 2-6 (0-5).

Mooncoin, back in the S.H. Championship after an absence of two years having received a walk-over from the Rower in the first round were now pitted against Mullinavat in Round Two. Mooncoin had two changes from the Team which won the Jun. Co. Title last year - Ml. Kelly, Kcow and Ml. O'Hanlon, All Hallows College coming in instead of Bill Fripps and Ml. Keane. The game itself generated great interest in South Kilkenny, starved of Senior hurling for a while and so the crowds thronged to the Gaelic Field, in droves by any and every means of transport. The game was fast, tight and sporting with Mullinavat going ahead in the first half with a goal from John Walsh and points from Purcell, Tom Walsh and Heffernan. The point scorers for Mooncoin were M. & J. Fripps, P. Crowley and Ml. Hanlon. The game was still there to be won and though Mooncoin made a mighty effort scoring 2-1 to Mullinavat 1-3 they yet failed to rub out the deficit in a thrilling and exciting finish. F.T. Mvat 2-7, M 2-6.

M. Wm. Dunphy (capt & G), Eamon Dunphy, Ml. Fripps, J. Fripps, Ed. Mackey, J. Mackey, Ml. Crowley, Paul Crowley, Jas. Bowe, Ml. Kelly, Stephen Kelly, J. Henneberry, Andy Brennan, Rd. Cleary, Ml. Hanlon, Subs Rd. Kelly and Wt. Crowley.

Mvat. Pat Aylward (c), Kevin Cleary (g), J. Walsh, T. Walsh, Joe Holden, Ml. Holden, P. Holden, Jas Heffernan, Ml. Heffernan, Pete Foskin, W. Durney, M. Byrne, Andy Aylward, J. Purcell and Ed. O'Connor. Ref. Mr Peter Barden, Ch. of the Co. Board.

### 1944

Jan. Co. Board G.A.A. Conv. - Motion from Mooncoin (W. Quinn). Senior Hurling Teams be confined to three (3) adjoining parishes.

Mar. Mooncoin H.C. - A.G.M. Election of Officers for 1944 - Ch. Wm. Quinn, Vice-Ch. Pat O'Keefe, Sec. John Mackey, Treas. Ml. Crowley. Captain, Senior Hurling - Wm. Dunphy, Vice-Capt. John Fripps. It was decided to affiliate Sen. Jun. and Minor H. Teams in Co. Champsh.

Mar. 19th. At Mullinavat. S.H. Tournament Mooncoin 4-4 (2-3), Carrickshock (Co.Ch). 3-2 (0-2). Best hurling reserved for the last quarter when Carrickshock in a determined effort to snatch victory slammed in three goals but Mooncoin had something left and shot one to the net themselves. F.T. M. 4-4, Carrsh. 3-2. Carrickshock were without Bob Aylward and 'Builder' Walsh injured in New Ross.

### WIN TOURNAMENT FINAL!

May. At Waterford Gaelic Field. C.Y.M.S. (M). S.H. Tour Final. Mooncoin 6-5 (1-3), Mount Sion 3-1 (1-1). Played for set of hurleys. Mount Sion were missing John Keane who had been injured against the Army. Mooncoin from the start were in rare form. Their defence tight presented few opportunities. John Mackey and Micky Fripps sparkled at centre-field. However there was little between them at H.T. M. 1-3, Mount Sion 1-1. On resuming Mooncoin were caught napping Mount Sion scoring two quick goals. Mooncoin responded and for the remainder of the game played with a dash and élan characteristic of the old spirit of other days and scored almost at will. F.T. Mooncoin 6-5, Mount Sion 3-1. Ref. Sergt P. Graham (Army) and Army men served as umpires and linesmen. The teams were played on to the field by the newly formed 46th Battalion (L.D.F.) Brass and Reed Band. Fr. Drea P.P. presented set of hurleys to the winners and Mr W. Quinn on behalf of Mooncoin Club suitably replied. Gate £32.0.0 Hall received El. light recently.

Mount Sion. Andy Fleming (capt), Ml. O'Brien (g), Paddy Dowling, W. Doyle-Walsh, P. O'Connor, Larry Fanning, J. Gallagher, J. O'Meara, J. Flynn, J. Bastin, Rd. Cooper, Paddy Greene, P. Waters, Paddy Roche, Alec Casey.

May. Ascension Thursday. At Wat. S.H. Challenge. Mooncoin 5-5, Army 1-3. Ref. Charlie Ware. Sonny Kelly played for Andy Brennan (unavailable). Mooncoin continue to show promise.

### RE-UNION OF SORTS

June 6th. At Thomastown. Sen. H.Ch. R1. Tullaroan 5-11 (4-8), Mooncoin 3-3 (0-1).

It had been twenty years since these old rivals had last played in Thomastown and so to help get a record crowd to the field of play (and a war on)

conveyances not needing petrol, bikes, old traps, spring cars and saddle horses were again brought into use. Many of the great names of other days were there in expectation, with the large attendance present, of an exciting clash which, alas, failed to materialise. Tullaroan had a useful blend of youth and experience whose combination, speed and first-time hitting was reminiscent of by-gone days and which left Mooncoin floundering. The Tullaroan midfielders Paddy O'Neill and Jer Doheny had the edge in the first half and maintained a good supply of ball to their forwards and saw H.T. Tullaroan 4-8, Mooncoin 0-1. After the break it was expected Mooncoin would come with their customary second half burst. It came, Mooncoin had three quick goals, expectations ran high. Gradually, however, Tullaroan contained the situation and added a goal and three points to give them a convincing win. F.T. Tull. 5-11, M. 3-3.

**M.** Wm. Dunphy (capt & g), M. & W. & P. Crowley, Bill & J. & M. Fripps, M. & Stephen Kelly, W. Henneberry, J. Bowe, Rd. Cleary, J. Purcell, Andy Brennan, J. Mackey.

**Tull.** Rd. Teehan (capt), P. Dowling (g), K. & J. Brennan, C. & R. Walsh, W. Burke, P. O'Neill, J. Doheny, T. Walton, J. Kervicks, T. Teehan, J. Clohossey & T. Hoyne. Subs. Toddy Teehan and J. Purcell.

### Drawn Game

Nov. 5th. At Wat. Gaelic Field. S.H. Challenge (for set of hurleys). Mooncoin 5-4, Tullaroan 5-4 - draw. Mooncoin had seven changes to championship team while Tullaroan had three. Scorers for Mooncoin - Dick Walsh (Cga), Crowley bros., Dick Norris, J. Fripps, John Mackey and Rd. Cleary while for Tullaroan - Walton, Teehan, Walsh, and Clohossey. Referee - Sergt. P. Graham.

**M.** John Mackey (c), Rd. Dunphy (g), Ml. & Paul & Wt. Crowley, J. & Rd. Norris, E. Kelly, E. Dunphy, Ed. Mackey, J. Fripps, J. Bowe, Rd. Walsh, Ml. Kelly, Rd. Cleary.

**Tull.** Billy Burke (c), J. Kerwick (g), Rd. & P. & T. Teehan, R. & Chris Walsh, J. Clohossey, Garda Paddy O'Neill, Jerry Doheny, Tom Walsh, J. Cleere, T. Hoyne.

### 1945

Jan. Co. Board Conv. - Present J. Mackey (M).

May. Co. Selection Comm. - Present Wm. Quinn, member.

May. At Clonmore - S.H. Challenge. Mooncoin 5-6 (5-3), Carrickshock 4-3 (2-1). Good standard of hurling. Referee - W.J. Cleere.

### Mooncoin Falter again

June 12th. At Wat. Gaelic Field. S.H. Ch. R1 Eire Og 8-9 (3-7), Mooncoin 2-5 (2-2).

Before a good attendance Gate £163.0.0. the De La Salle Pipe Band led the teams on to the field. When referee Sergt P. Graham of Army got the game under way Mooncoin got away to a good start. John Mackey scoring a goal direct from a midfield free. Langton's men came back and had three quick points to level. Mooncoin pressed and added a goal and a point. Langton and Lannon had a point each and Murphy two and then a goal to give Eire Og the lead after twenty minutes play. From here on in to the final whistle it was very much Eire Og traffic. They added two goals before H.T. Eire Og 3-7, Mooncoin 2-2. In the second half Eire Og put on 5-3 while Mooncoin added three points from frees. F.T. Eire Og 8-9, Mooncoin 2-5. Best for Mooncoin - R. Cleary, Fripps bros and M. Crowley. For E.O. P. Blanchfield, Jim Langton, J. Mulcahy, L. Reidy.

**M.** J. Mackey (capt), D. Dunphy (g), M. Crowley, P. Crowley, J. Bowe, Ml. Kelly, J. Dunphy, R. Phelan, J. Bowe, R. Cleary, M. Fripps, J. Fripps, R. Norris, E. Kelly, P. O'Shea, Sub. Joe O'Connell.

**E.O.** P. Blanchfield (c), J. Walsh (g), Ml. Brett, P. Brett, Jack Gargan, Joe Gargan, T. Murphy, J. Langton, J. Mulcahy, M. Neary, J. Maher, L. Reidy, K. Shortall, P. Lennon, P. O'Brien.

Oct. At Clogga - Meeting to reorganise local Jun. H. Club after lapse of many years. Officers elected. Chairman - Mr John McDonald, Sec. Ml. Comerford. Joint Treas. - W. Dunphy and R. Wall.

### 1946

Feb. From St. Kierans, Clogga - Jun. H. Team affiliated in current year's Co. Championship for the first time in many years.

Mar. Co. Board G.A.A. Meeting. Present J. Mackey and W. Quinn (M).

Mar. St. Kieran's H.C. Meeting - Officers



SENIOR HURLING TEAM — 1946

Back row, left to right: J. Fripps (G.), Jas Grant (M.), W. Crowley (P.), J. Bowe (Turks.), T. Cleary (Cl.), R. Nolan (M.), M. Fripps (G.), R. Cleary (G.), M. O'Brien (M.).  
Front row: P. Purcell (Turks.), M. Crowley (P.), A. Carroll (Dgoly), E. Mackey (P.), J. Crowley (P.), P. Cleary (Cl.), P. Crowley (P.).

elected: President - Mr P. Mulqueen N.T., Ch. - Mr P. Walsh, Vice.Ch. Mr J. McDonald, Sec. Mr Ml. Comerford, Treas. Mr R. Wall, Rep. to Co. Board - Mr J. McDonald.

St. Kieran's have the services of Vereker (Mv), Corcoran (Cuss.), Deadys (Cor), Dunphys (Btsna), Phelans (Kcr), McGuire (Ard), Walshes & Wall (Cga), Hogan (Nich), Dunphy & Kearns (Tubrid), Fitzgerald (Cash), Dungan & Jones (Cc) and J. O'Brien & Eamon Kelly (capt) and from outside Barron (Dunkitt) and Culleton (Ashtown). St. Kierans are billed to meet Brandon Rovers No. 1 (Graignamanagh) in first round at Glenmore - Apr. 28th.

#### First Round Bogey Continues.

July 14th. At Thomastown. S.H. Ch. R1. Thomastown 3-5 (2-3), Mooncoin 2-2 (1-0). The

reappearance of Johnny Dunne at full forward for Thomastown met with generous applause. He scored two goals from play and pointed a free as his contribution. Play was close and keen from the start and Thomastown winning the toss played with a stiff breeze. Applying pressure W. Ryan pointed followed within minutes by a typical Johnny Dunne goal unnerving in the speed and ease of its delivery. Kennedy added two points for Thomastown and then Johnny Dunne repeated his first effort. Play got scrappy with too many stoppages and this seemed to upset the forwards' accuracy. Mooncoin rushed through a goal before H.T. Thomastown 2-3, Mooncoin 1-0. After resuming J. Stapleton retired injured and replaced by L. Kelly. Mooncoin pointed and J. Dunne pointed a free - Mooncoin had their second goal and then having exchanged points T. Kelly netted for Thomastown. J. Lannon and J.



Stapleton replaced Challoner and Ryan, retired injured. Both teams worked hard under trying conditions. F.T. Thomastown 3-5, Mooncoin 2-2. Ref. Mr R. Aylward.

**M.** E. Phelan (g), E. Mackey, M. Crowley, P. Purcell, P. Cleary, W. Walsh, J. Bowe, M. Fripps, P. Crowley, R. Cleary, J. Fripps, W. Crowley, T. Cleary, R. Nolan, T. Henneberry.

**Th.** K. Power (c), R. Cassin, R. Galway, P. Stapleton, R. Moore, P. Prendergast, P. Dack, J. Challoner, D. Kennedy, T. Kelly, W. Ryan, J. Stapleton, P. Lannon, J. Dunne, E. Ryan.

## 1947

### Clogga Meets.

Mar. St. Kieran's H.C. A.G.M. At Club Rooms, Clogga. Officers elected for 1947. Ch. Pat Walsh, Vice-Ch. Raymond Wall, Hon. Sec. Ml. Comerford, Treas. Wt. Dunphy. Reps. to Co. Board - John McDonald & M. Comerford. Committee - Messrs Ed. Doyle, W. Walsh, J. Comerford, J. Foran, E. Kelly, J. Vereker, J. O'Brien. Team captain - E. Kelly, Vice-Capt. J. Vereker.

May. G.A.A. matches deferred - on Bishop's request - owing to tillage drive now on because of the recent atrocious weather.

May. Rural Electrification has commenced in Kilmacow/Mooncoin area.

June. At Wat. Gaelic Field. S.H.Ch. R1. Mooncoin 4-10 (1-2), Jas. Stephens 3-3 (1-2).

Combination teamwork and first time pulling were the order of the day in a satisfying game. Although Mooncoin had had the advantage of the breeze scores were level at H.T. 1-2 each in a ding-dong struggle. Mooncoin's stamina held out better and so they forged ahead before the finish. Scorers for Mooncoin were Crowley, Kelly, Cleary, Fripps and Walsh.

**M.** J. Fripps (c), Ed. Phelan (g), M. & Paul & J. Crowley, Rd. & P. Cleary, W. Kelly, P. Purcell, P. Murphy, J. Bowe, J. Mackey, M. Fripps and Wattie Walsh. Ref. Mr P. Graham.

### Thomastown Shine.

June 10th. At Wat. Gaelic Field. S.H. Ch. R2. Thomastown 7-6 (5-4), Mooncoin 2-4 (0-1). Big attendance saw Thomastown outclass Mooncoin and run-up 5-4 in the first half against

a solitary 'Cleary' point for Mooncoin - Thomastown put on an impressive display with Dan Kennedy in devastating form and forming the spearhead of a competent attack. H.T. Th. 5-4 M. 0-1. Thomastown seemed to ease off in the second half and it was score for score Mooncoin notching up 2-3 against 2-2 for Thomastown. F.T. Th. 7-6, M. 2-4. For Mooncoin - J. Mackey, Fripps bros., R. Cleary and Stephen Kelly while for Thomastown - Kennedy, Liam Kelly, Prendergast, Ryan and Galway were best.

## 1948

Feb. Mooncoin H.C. well attended meeting at C.Y.M.S. Hall at which members of St. Kierans Club (Cga) also attended. It was decided to amalgamate both teams for the coming championship. Representatives of St. Kieran's Club were added to M.H.C. Committee and Selection Committee which had already been chosen for the coming year.

### Expectations Shattered

May 9th. At Thomastown. S.H. Ch. R1. Eire Og 2-7 (1-1), Mooncoin 2-2 (0-1).

Mooncoin failed to live up to expectations particularly in the first half when they squandered chances galore. Lennon opened for Eire Og with a point and Kelly equalised. Mulcahy goalied for E.O. before the interval. H.T. E.O. 1-1, M. 0-1. After the break it was very much E.O. for fifteen minutes. Langton and O'Brien had two points each and Lennon netted to give them a ten point lead. Mooncoin then recovered a little. P. Walsh netted and J. Fripps pointed. Mulcahy put over a couple of points and then P. Walsh had his second goal to finish. F.T. Eire Og 2-7, Mooncoin 2-2. For Mooncoin P. Cleary and M. Kelly in defence, M. & P. Fripps at centrefield and in attack S. Kelly, J. Crowley and J. Fripps tried hard. For Eire Og, Hayden, O'Donnell in defence, Mulcahy and Rice at centrefield and Langton, Reidy and Lennon useful in the forwards.

**M.** M. McGrath (g), P. Murphy, M. Kelly, M. Crowley, P. Cleary, P. Fitzpatrick, P. Dunphy, R. Cleary, M. & P. Fripps, S. Kelly, R. Walsh, J. Crowley, J. Fripps, J. Bowe. Subs. P. Walsh & W. Kelly.

**E.O.** R. Dowling (g), M. Brett, P. Hayden, P. O'Donnell, T. Murphy, P. Brett, C. Phelan, J. Mulcahy, J. Rice, J. Gargan, J. Langton, L. Reidy, S. O'Brien, P. Lennon. Ref. J. Phelan.

July. New Parochial Hall proposed for Mooncoin.

Oct. Jimmy Kelly ('Scoring Machine') returns to U.S.A. after holiday in Ballygorey.

## 1949

Jan. Sean Wall joins M.H.C. from Piltown.

### Old Players - Benefit Tour

Mar. At Callan. Old Players. S.H. Benefit Tour S.F. Carrickshock 6-3 (3-2), Mooncoin 6-2 (0-0).

After a first half in which they failed to raise a flag, Mooncoin put in a storming second half and just failed to catch Carrickshock by one point before the long whistle. The hurling was keen and robust and reached a crescendo of excitement when referee Jimmy Langton blew time.

**M.** Ml. Crowley (capt), Sean Tobin (g), M. Kelly, S. Kelly, W. Walsh, P. Fitzpatrick, P. Fripps, J. Fripps, J. Bowe, P. Crowley, Rd. Cleary, M. Fripps, P. Murphy, P. Dunphy, Rd. Walsh.

**Carrsh.** J. Kelly (capt), Rd. Dunphy (g), T. & P. Fleming, Jimmy & John Heffernan, W. Walsh, Ed. Fitzpatrick, W. Treacy, Pat Dalton, J. Kelly, P. McBride, Ml. Dwyer, P. O'Keeffe, Luke Gaule.

Carrickshock now meet Mount Sion in Final at Wat.

### Game at Mooncoin Gaelic Field.

Apr. 24th. At Mooncoin Gaelic Field. S.H. Challenge. Tullaroan 3-7 (3-7), Mooncoin 3-5 (0-0). Title-holders Tullaroan had inter-county players - Tom Walton, Shem Downey, Mark Marnell, Peter Dowling, P. Hogan, Paddy Malone, J. Egan, and P. Teehan, whilst Mooncoin had M. Kelly, M. Fripps, Dick Walsh, R. Dunphy, Sean Tobin and P. Murphy who had worn the Black and Amber. Referee - T. Dunphy (g). Lowry captained Tullaroan who were well served by Tom Walton, Paddy Malone, and J. Clohessy, while Paddy Fripps, Pat Dunphy and Paddy Cleary - pick of Mooncoin. Tullaroan entertained to tea later at the Club.

May 29th. At Callan Gaelic Field. S.H. Ch. R1. Mooncoin 4-7, Thomastown 1-3.

Surprising win for the many Mooncoin supporters who had travelled by bus or car.

Mooncoin now qualify for the semi-final. Referee Mr Jack Phelan (Carrsh).

**M.** J. Fripps (capt), Sean Tobin (g), Ml. & Paul Crowley, Ml. & Stephen Kelly, P. & Rd. Walsh, Jas. Bowe, E. Kelly, P. Fripps, P. Murphy, P. Cleary, P. Fitzpatrick, P. Dunphy. Subs. M. Fripps and Rd. Cleary.

June - At Miteham Stadium London / Monaghan Cup Tie S.H. Kilk (M. Fripps) beaten by Tipp.

Aug. 14th. At Mvat. S.H. Challenge. Mooncoin 2-5 (2-2), Carrickshock 0-4 (0-2).

**M.** J. Fripps (c), Tom Nolan (g), M. & P. & J. Crowley, P. & Rd. & W. Walsh, P. Fripps, E. Kelly, Rd. Cleary, P. Murphy, P. Dunphy, P. Cleary & P. Fitzpatrick. Ref. J. Loneragan, Lismotigue. **Carrsh.** Jack Phelan (c), Dick Dunphy (g), Jas & John Heffernan, W. Hoban, W. Treacy, Luke Gaule, Tom Wall, Peter McBride, Ed. Hogan, Tom Fleming, Bill Walsh, Ml. Dwyer, Paddy Fleming, Luke Donnelly.

### Graigue win the Day.

Aug. 28th. At Nowlan Pk. S.H. Ch. S.F. Graigue 2-10 (1-4), Mooncoin 3-4 (2-2). Ref. P. Dack. A portent of the game? - Many Mooncoin followers asked when the train, taking them to the match broke down? The game itself was a keen, close affair with just a puck of the ball between them either way at any stage. Level with eight minutes left Mooncoin persisted in trying to net their frees while Graigue tapped theirs over the bar and won F.T. Graigue 2-10, Mooncoin 3-4.

**M.** J. Tobin, P. Murphy, M. Kelly, M. Crowley, P. Dunphy, P. Fitzpatrick, P. Cleary, P. Fripps, M. Fripps, S. Kelly, J. Fripps, R. Walsh, R. Cleary, P. Walsh, P. Crowley.

**Graigue.** D. Holohan, P. Burke, M. Coonan, R. Woodgate, P. Cahill, J. Keane, H. Giles, J. Fennelly, M. McEvoy, J. Maher, M. Kenny, N. Purcell, W. Cahill, J. Walton, W. Daly. Sub. T. Donnelly for Maher.

## 1950

M.H.C. A.G.M. in Jan.. at Ashgrove Hall. Reports for '49 from Sec. - M. Crowley and Treas. Ramie Wall. Election of Officers for 1950. Ch. - Mr J.J. Doran, Vice.Ch. - P. Power (Kilc.), Sec. Ml. Crowley, Treas. - Ramie Wall.

### Convincing Win.

May 14th. At Callan. S.H.Ch. R1. Mooncoin 5-5 (1-1), Thomastown 2-5 (1-5).

In a hectic struggle and trailing four points at the break Mooncoin put in a blistering second half to convincingly beat Thomastown by three goals in the opening round of the Sen. H. Ch. F.T. Mooncoin 5-5, Thomastown 2-5.

M. Sean Tobin (g), M. Fripps, Rd. Walsh, P. Fripps, M. & Paul & John Crowley, Rd. & P. Cleary, M. Butler, P. Murphy, J. Hearn, E. Kelly, J. Bowe, P. Dunphy. Subs. J. Fripps, T. Hanrahan & J. Vereker.

Thom. T. White (g), P. & J. Prendergast, J. Galway, M. Booke, W. Ryan, D. Walsh, J. & K. Fennelly, R. Moore, T. Kelly, P. & J. Lannon, P. Hanrahan, J. Phelan, Subs. R. Cashin, P. Dack.

### EXCITING DRAW.

Aug. 6th. At Thomastown. S.H.Ch.S.F. Mooncoin 3-7 (1-4), Eire Og 3-7 (2-6).

Large crowd of some eight thousand souls - satisfied and satiated with hurling of good quality and fast pace - plus excitement to match. Richie Cleary opened the scoring with a point and Lennon netted for Eire Og. Reidy pointed and Cleary levelled the scoring with a good goal. Eire Og applied and sustained some pressure and were rewarded with a Carew point, a Lennon goal and points from Langton and Lennon.

John Fripps had a couple of points and Micky Fripps one. Langton and Gargan, each had a point before H.T. E.O. 2-6, M. 1-4. Immediately after the break S. O'Brien pointed and P. O'Brien netted for Eire Og and from that to the end it was all Mooncoin and only Mooncoin. As excitement grew the question was 'Could Mooncoin Win?' They made a great sustained effort. John Fripps added two goals and points from Paddy Fripps, Mick Crowley and Micky Kelly levelled the scores at 3-7 and so it finished. Micky Fripps, midfield, put out his ankle during the course of the game and had to be attended to by a bone-setter at Myshall, Carlow on Sunday evening - doubtful for the replay. Referee - Mr Dick Kelly.

M. Sean Tobin (g), P. Murphy, M. Kelly, M. Butler, P. Dunphy, M. Crowley, P. Cleary, P. Fripps, M. Fripps, J. Crowley, E. Kelly, T. Hanrahan, R. Cleary, J. Fripps, J. Bowe.

### 1950

### Fates were Evident.

Aug. 20th. At Thomastown S.H.Ch.S.F. Replay Eire Og 4-8 (0-4), Mooncoin 2-9 (1-6).

A game in which the fates took a hand and surely effected the result. Mooncoin won the toss and played with a strong breeze. Had they converted the opportunities and openings made in the first half they would have been out of reach for the rest of the game. As indeed, in the drawn encounter, this game was a clash of styles. Mooncoin first time striking ground-play versus the lifting to hand effort of the Eire Og side, and for three quarters up to the "Incident" Mooncoin's immediate response proved very effective giving them a point lead. Micky and Paddy Fripps gave Mooncoin the edge at midfield while young Paddy Cleary curbed the great Jim Langton's scoring excesses. The defences on both sides kept the respective forwards reasonably quiet as did Mooncoin's reliable full-back Micky Kelly until an Eire Og supporter, accompanied by three or four others, rushed in and with a hurley struck him in the face fracturing his jawbone. Micky Kelly stayed on - no one appreciating he was severely concussed - Eire Og rushed through three goals. In extra time allowed for the stoppage - John Fripps pointed and John Crowley had a goal.

M. J. Tobin (g), P. Murphy, M. Kelly, M. Butler, P. Dunphy, M. Crowley, P. Cleary, M. Fripps, P. Fripps, J. Crowley, T. Hanrahan, P. Crowley, Rd. Cleary, J. Fripps, M. Bowe. Sub - E. Kelly for T. Hanrahan.

E.O. R. Dowling (g), M. Coyne, P. Hayden, C. Phelan, T. Murphy, N. O'Donnell, J. Mulcahy, M. Shortal, P. Harding, J. Langton, K. Shortal, L. Reidy, P. O'Brien, S. O'Brien, P. Lennon. Sub. J. Coyne for M. Shortal.

Mon. Aug. 21st. (Even. News). Incident at Hurling match, Mooncoin player sustains jaw bone injury. Michael Kelly of Dunkitt, Post Office Linesman, while playing for Mooncoin yesterday at Thomastown against Eire Og, Kilk. in the K.S.H. Ch. S.F. replay was struck by a spectator, it is stated, who, with three or four other spectators invaded the pitch. Kelly was struck by a hurley, the blow injuring his jawbone, which is suspected to be fractured. The injured player was linked off the pitch and, after the injury was treated temporarily, he was removed to Waterford Co. and City Infirmary where he is detained.

Thomastown Gardai instituted inquiries into the incident.

Sept. 22nd. Mooncoin objection to Eire Og (being awarded game Aug. 20th) defeated 7 to 5 votes.

Sept. 29th. Micky Kelly returning to Dublin for completion of treatment.

Dec. Mooncoin H.C. - A.G.M. At Voc. Sch. Present Mr J.J. Doran (Ch) + Sec. Ml. Crowley. Officers elected for 1951. Chairman - J.J. Doran, Vice-Ch. Thos. Dunphy, Sec. Ml. Crowley, Treas. Ram. Wall.

## 1951 EIRE OG AGAIN

May 20th. at Thomastown. S.H.Ch. R1. Eire Og 4-8 (3-4), Mooncoin 1-1 (0-0).

A game in which Mooncoin were out-paced, out-classed and out-played and one which lost its interest very early. Like the weather play was pretty rough - but scarcely justified repeated encroachments on to the pitch. Playing with the wind in the first half Eire Og ran up a tally of 3-4 spearheaded by the redoubtable Jim Langton (2-1), a goal by P. Prendergast and points by L. Reidy, P. Lennon and J. Shortall without reply H.T. Eire Og 3-4, M. 0-0. After resumption, Langton and Shortall added points before Paddy Fripps pointed to open Mooncoin's account. A goal followed from Micky Fripps after much sustained pressure. Eire Og again took control and scores from Langton, O'Brien and Shortall wrapped up the game. F.T. Eire Og 4-8, Mooncoin 1-1. For Eire Og, Murphy, Hayden, Langton, Reidy and Lennon while for Mooncoin, Sean Tobin, Mick Kelly, M. Crowley, P. Cleary and the Fripps brothers tried hard.

M. Sean Tobin (g), Pat Murphy, Mickey Kelly, Mickey Butler, Pad Dunphy, Mick Crowley, Paddy Cleary, Paddy Fripps, Mickey Fripps, Pat Phelan, Eamonn Kelly, John Crowley, Rd. Cleary, John Fripps, Jimmy Bowe, Sub. P. Walsh for J. Crowley in the 2nd half.

E.O. R. Dowling (g), J. Prendergast, P. Hayden, J. Galway, C. Phelan, T. Murphy, L. Brett, E. Carew, P. Prendergast, J. Shortall, J. Langton, L. Reidy, K. Shortall, P. Lennon, P. O'Brien.

## 1952

Feb. Mooncoin H.C. - A.G.M. Election

of Officers for 1952. Ch. J.J. Doran, Vice-Ch. J. Fripps, Sec. Sonny Murphy, Treas. Ramie Wall. Selection Committee - J.J. Doran, J. Fripps, M. Murphy, T. Butler, Rd. Cleary, Board Representative - J. Fripps. It was decided to affiliate Sen., Jun., Minor in Co. Ch.

May 11th. At Mooncoin Gaelic Field - S.H. Challenge. Tullaroan 2-11, Mooncoin 1-6. Good crowd attended. Referee - Mr W. Cahill, Slieverue.

## Carrickshock take the Honours.

May 25th. At Nowlan Pk. S.H. Ch. R1. Carrickshock 1-11 (0-8), Mooncoin 1-2 (0-1).

Carrickshock who were the Co. Champions played well within themselves from the start and took their scores as the opportunity presented itself. Fleming notched four points. Cashin and Murphy had two points each while J. Crowley scored Mooncoin's only point to leave the score at H.T. Carrickshock 0-8, Mooncoin 0-1. After the interval Rd. Cleary shot in a rasper which was saved but following up he shot the rebound to the net. This, with the exchange of points between Fleming and J. Crowley left Mooncoin just four points in arrears. However, R. O'Neill had a good goal for Carrickshock to virtually wrap up the game. Fleming added his third point of the half (seven in all) to leave F.T. Carrickshock 1-11, Mooncoin 1-2 and a very comfortable win. Referee - Mr Dick Kelly, Conahy. For Mooncoin R. Cleary, M. Crowley and J. Vereker while for Carrsh. J. Cashin, P. Fleming, W. Heffernan. M. S. Tobin (g), P. Walsh, M. Kelly, M. Crowley, P. Dunphy, J. Vereker, P. Cleary, M. Fripps, E. Dunphy, R. Cleary, S. Dunne, R. Walsh, J. Crowley, J. Bowe, R. O'Mahony.

**Carricksh.** R. Dunphy, W. Treacy, J. Nolan, T. Fleming, W. Heffernan, F. Costelloe, M. Dwyer, J. Heffernan, L. Donnelly, T. Ryan, J. Cashin, J. Murphy, R. O'Neill, P. Fleming, J. Heffernan.

## 1953

Jan. Mooncoin H.C. - A.G.M. at Parochial Hall. Mr J. Fripps and subsequently Mr J.J. Doran presided. Largest attendance for years. All districts represented.

Officers elected for 1953

Ch. Mr. J.J. Doran, Vice Ch. Mr. Joe Fewer (Agl), Sec. P. Phelan (Ker), Treas - Jas. Grace (Jun), Sen.

H. Sel. Comm. - Ch., V.Ch., M. Kinsella M.C.C., Ben Fewer (D) and M. Fripps (G).

Mar. 15th. Final (1951) of Byrne Cup Sen. H. Tour. Eire Og 7-6, Mooncoin 4-2.

### Slieverue makes presence felt

May 10th. At Wat. Gaelic Field, S.H.Ch. R1. Slieverue 4-4 (3-2), Mooncoin 2-2 (1-0).

Mooncoin were without their usual goal keeper, Sean Tobin and J. Vereker was also absent. Richie Cleary opened the scoring with a goal. Mooncoin's only score of the first half. P. Doyle equalised, J. O'Meara pointed to give Slieverue the lead and consolidating Walsh netted. J. Barron pointed and then Cahill from way out sent a free to the back of the net to give Slieverue a comfortable lead at H.T. Sl. 3-2, Mooncoin 1-0. After the interval Paddy Doyle pointed and within minutes Cahill had his second goal. E. Walsh and P. Buggy exchanged points and then in a late rally Dalton pointed and P. Cleary netted for Mooncoin before the final whistle. F.T. Slieverue 4-4, Mooncoin 2-2.

M. Meaney (g), T. Walsh, M. Kelly, T. Nolan, R. Walsh, P. Dunphy, P. Cleary, M. Fripps, E. Walsh, L. Dalton, P. Walsh, J. Wall, R. Cleary, E. Dunphy, J. Crowley.

**Slieverue** R. Rockett (g), J. Whelan, J. Hokey, E. Dwyer, P. Buggy, J. Walsh, J. Whelan, J. Doherty, P. Irish, J. Barron, W. Cahill, G. Buggy, J. O'Meara, P. Doyle, M. Walsh.

In a hard fought game Slieverue gave a convincing display which was a big surprise since Mooncoin had been hot favourites though handicapped by the absence of Sean Tobin (g) whose application for reinstatement was turned down at meeting of Leinster Council. Ref. J. Nolan (Danesfort).

Co. Minor Football Ch. Slieverue 1-5, Mooncoin 1-0. Ref. Mr John Sutton, Moat.

### 1954

Jan. Mooncoin H.C. A.G.M. at Parochial Hall. Mr J.J. Doran (Ch) presided. Officers elected for '54. Ch. - J.J. Doran, Vice-Ch. J. Fripps, Sec. J. Fripps. Treas. Ramie Wall, Sel. Comm. M. Fripps, M. Murphy, Joe Fewer (Agl) W. Walsh (Cr). It was decided to affiliate Sen. Jun. and Minor Hurling Teams in Co. Ch.

### New Club at Carrigeen.

Feb. At Carrigeen - New H. Club formed after lapse of over thirty (30) years. Officers elected - Ch. Joe Fewer, V.Ch. David Quinn (Phully), Sec. Jas Deady (Carr.), Treas - Jas. Grace (Agl), Reps to Sth. Board - Sec & Treas. Committee - Ed. Madden (Curl), M. Meany (B. gory), T. Dunphy (O), A. Henderson (Carr), John Fox (Bmt), Ed. Phelan (Agl) & Sec. Sel. Comm. - Joe Fewer, Sean Maher N.T., and David Quinn (Curl). Capt. No. 1 Team - Tom Walsh (Phully), V-Capt. H. Delahunty (Cmt). It was decided to affiliate two Junior Teams in current Co. Champ. New Club hopeful of some "old senior player". Already in hand for jerseys - £70.

Mar. Carrigeen Team Sel. (to play Grannagh/Dunkitt). P. Quinlan, P. O'Keeffe, E. Madden, W. Walsh, E. Collins, W. Power, E. Walsh, P. & W. Phelan, P. & T. Purcell, W. Delahunty, T. & W. Walsh, A. Carroll, J. & J. & G. Walsh, J. Faye, T. Dunphy, P. Walsh, J. Dunphy, J. Delahunty, P. & J. Deady, T. Grace, S. Kelly, W. Hennebry, T. Corcoran, M. O'Keeffe, J. Walsh, J. Ryan, P. Sweeney, T. Whelan, G. Carberry, M. Keane, G. Phelan, J. Phelan, P. Morrissey.

Mar. 12th. Due to the New Parish Rule. passed at Kilck. Co. Board G.A.A. last Dec. it is learned that a big number of teams entered Sen. H.Ch.

Apr. Easter Sun. At Carrick-on-Suir. Sen. & Minor H. Challenge Tour. Mooncoin defeat 'The Swans' in both.

July. Mr P. Fripps (G). Mooncoin Sen player sails from Cobh for U.S.A. M. loss New York gain.

July. At Thomastown. S.H.Ch. R1. Mooncoin 4-2, Dunnamaggin 4-2. Draw.

S.H.Ch. Repl. Mooncoin 1-5 (1-3), Dunnamaggin 0-2 (0-1).

Scorers - J. Fripps (1-1), W. McDonald (1-0), R. Cleary (0-2), M. Fripps (0-2) and for Dunn. T. Ryan (0-2). Ref. Mr Jack Mulcahy.



### UPSETTING THE ODDS.

Aug. 29th. At Wat. Gaelic Field. S.H.Ch.R2  
Mooncoin 5-9 (4-9), Eire Og 5-2 (0-2).

In a thrilling encounter Mooncoin upset the odds to win an exciting and entertaining game. Playing with the breeze in the first half Mooncoin ran up a substantial lead with Eire Og scarcely getting into the game. J. Fripps and P. Johnston exchanged points - Eamon Dunphy pointed nicely from midfield. John Fripps netted and Sean Dunne added a goal and a point. Then J. Fripps and Johnston exchanged points from frees and Dunne added a goal for Mooncoin who at this point were running riot. Cleary, McDonald, Dunphy and Fripps had points and for good measure, Dunne netted and then pointed before H.T. Mooncoin 4-2, Eire Og 0-2. During the interval Eire Og effected many positional changes which were to prove effective. However, immediately on resumption and before things had time to settle down Dunne banged in another goal, Mooncoin's last score. For the rest of the game it was continuous sustained pressure from E.O. playing now with the breeze. Brett and Langton had goals and when P. Lennon added another excitement rose high. Mooncoin backs under intense pressure were putting up stout resistance. Brett had another goal but try as they might Eire Og were being contained by the Mooncoin defence. Mooncoin were still ahead by seven points at the finish. F.T. M. 5-9, E.O. 5-2. M. R. Dunphy (Tu), (g), J. Murphy, T. Nolan, L. Dillon, P. Dunphy, P. Holden, M. Butler, M. Fripps, E. Dunphy, R. Cleary, F. Dunne, P. Crowley, W. McDonald, J. Fripps, S. Dunne.

**Eire Og.** J. Egan (g), Sean O'Brien, Liam Brett, Jim Langton, Jack Mulcahy, Paddy Johnson, S. Magennis, Ray Cody, Joe Gargan, T. Murphy, M. Brennan, P. Fitzpatrick, Paddy Lannon, P. O'Brien, Subs. K. Shortall, M. Carey, G. Brett, C. Kelly. Ref. Mr D. Kelly (Conahy).

### TULLAROAN WIN THRILLER

Sept. 19th. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch.S.F. Tullaroan 2-13 (0-6), Mooncoin 4-5 (3-3). Ref. John Sutton.

As in days of yore record crowds went through the turnstiles (Gate £550) and weren't disappointed. If Mooncoin had the edge in the first half Tullaroan compensated in the second. P. Malone (T), pointed to open the scoring. R. Walsh equalised, Clohosey and Walton pointed but

John Fripps netted. Walton and R. Walsh pointed. Walton had another two points and Fripps his second goal. McDonald netted added a point before H.T. Mooncoin 3-3, Tulla 0-6. Clohosey and Malone had points immediately on the restart but Dick Walsh had a point and a goal off the crossbar to give Mooncoin an eight point lead. Tullaroan made positional changes and with goals from Clohosey and Walton went on to catch Mooncoin and win by two points. F.T. T. 2-13, M. 4-5. Scorers, M.-R. Walsh (1-4) Fripps (2-0), W. McDonald 1-1. T.-T. Walton 1-3, S. Clohosey 1-3, P. Malone 0-2, J. Hogan, Clohosey and T. Hennessy each (0-1).

**M. R. Dunphy (g), S. Murphy, T. Nolan, L. Dillon, P. Holden, P. Dunphy, M. Butler, M. Fripps, Dunphy, W. Hogan, S. Dunne, R. Walsh, R. Cleary, J. Fripps, W. McDonald. Subs P. Phelan and Butler.**

**T. T. Hogan, P. Moore, P. Clohosey, K. Tobin, J. Hogan, J. Hennessy, W. Gaffney, S. Clohosey, P. Dowling, D. Hogan, P. Malone, J. Clohosey, T. Walton, J. Young, T. Hennessy.**

Nov. Jack Fripps (G) - R.I.P. - Prominent footballer in his youth and played on Mooncoin Sen. Foot. Team in Co. Ch. in 1880's.

Dec. Carr. H.C. - A.G.M. Officers elected: Ch. Joe Vereker, V-Ch. Thos Dunphy, Sec. F. Deady, Treas. Jas Vereker. Social and Working Comm. - Peter O'Keeffe, Thos. Dunphy, J. Delahunty, Jas. Whelan, Peter Doyle, Ed. Madden, John Deady, Edw. Walsh and Paddy Whelan. Sel. Comm. - S. Kelly (Bgory), M. Walsh (Luf.), J. Vereker (Mv), Thos Dunphy (do).

1955

Jan. At M.H.C. Meeting - It was decided to form seven-a-side hurling league for the parish and the following teams entered - Mooncoin, Clogga Grange, Emil, Polerone, Ballytarsney, and Kilcraggin.

### New Gaelic Pitch proposed.

Jan. 24th. M.H.C. Deputation - J.J. Doran (Ch), M. Murphy (G) and J. Fripps (G), attended a meeting of the Kilk. Co.Co. Housing Committee in connection with the purchase of a Gaelic pitch adjacent to the proposed new housing scheme in the village and it is understood, received a sympathetic hearing from the members.

Jan. 31st. Kilk. Co.Co. - Special Meeting.

Regarding Gaelic Sportsfield - the following resolution, submitted by the Council's Housing Committee, adopted - "After receiving a deputation from Mooncoin H.C. and following a long discussion, it was proposed by Councillor Aylward, seconded by Councillor Cleere, and passed unanimously; "That part of the site of the proposed Mooncoin Housing Scheme, as marked by the Housing Engineer, be sold to Mooncoin G.A.A. Club for the purpose of a Gaelic Sportsfield, at a price per acre similar to that paid for same by the Council, plus appropriate proportion of legal expenses".

**Carrigeen Fete**

July. At Aglish (Joe Fewer's field). Carrigeen Fete - Tour Final.

St. Senans (Kcow) 7-7, Carrigeen 2-6. Ref. Mr John Crowley. Summers Day - large gathering. St. Senans led at H.T. by eight points.

**Carr.** Jackie Vereker (capt), Ml. Meany (g), Jas. & Toby & Joe Vereker, Hilary Delahunty, Ger. Delahunty, Mattie Collins, Pete Doyle, Jas Grace, Ed. Walsh, Sonny Kelly, T. Dunphy, J. Phelan, P. Walsh. Sub. Billy Phelan.

**St. Senans.** Sean Phelan (capt), Pat Walsh (g), Sean Connolly, Paddy Grace, Jas. Dunphy, Paddy Hoban, Jim Phelan, J. Fleming, Ed. Fleming, Harry Matthew, Ml. O'Neill, Larry Dillon, Pat Forristal, Billy Atkins, Bill Kinsella. Sub. Paddy Quinlan. Rev. A. O'Dwyer C.C. (M) presented set of hurleys to St. Senans. Hurling balls to Carrigeen.

**Over First Hurdle**

Aug. 14th. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. R1. Mooncoin 1-5, Tullaroan 0-4. Ref. Mr P. Nolan, Danesfort.

Tullaroan favoured to do well in championship so their defeat in the first round was a major surprise. Mooncoin had the service of Ml. Sheehan (Cork), (Clogga Creamery Manager) who proved himself a minor sensation.

**M.** M. Fripps (capt), Dick Dunphy (g), P. Murphy, C. Murphy, Ml. Crowley, J. Crowley, E. & P. Dunphy, M. Butler, P. Phelan, Wt. McDonald, Dick Walsh, M. Sheehan, Sean Dunne, J. Fripps. Sub. Martin Grant.

Oct. 16th. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. R2. Mooncoin 1-4 (1-2), Graigue 0-3 (0-2). Ref. Jack Mulcahy.

Mooncoin qualify for final - after win in dour struggle.

**M.** R. Dunphy (g), P. Murphy, T. Nolan, M. Crowley, M. Sheehan, S. Murphy, M. Butler, E. Dunphy, P. Phelan, R. Walsh, M. Fripps (c), P. Dunphy, S. Dunne, J. Fripps, W. McDonald. Sub. Wattie Hogan for Paddy Phelan.

**Gr.** T. Ryall (g), P. Burke, E. Walton, T. Walton, J. Fennelly, S. Ryall, N. Cleere, W. N. Teehan, W. Ronan, N. Purcell, J. Walton, Joe Cleere, L. Halloran.

**FAIL TO STAY**

Nov. 6th. At N.Pk. S.H. Ch. Final. Bennettsbridge 6-6 (2-4), Mooncoin 1-4 (1-3).

Mooncoin's first appearance in a final for nineteen years and though well beaten at the finish were well in it for three quarters. However, erratic shooting was their main shortcoming - a factor which put too much pressure on the whole team for no gain. To win County finals a team must make and take their chances. The ground was heavy, blunting the Mooncoin ground style of play. Mooncoin had trained long and hard both indoor and outdoor for the final but on the day, the extra demands from poor finishing and heavy going found them wanting in the last quarter. Mooncoin won the toss and played with the breeze but, alas, from the throw-in the 'Bridge' had a goal through F. Ryan. Dick Walsh had two points for Mooncoin but the 'Bridge' answered with a point from Sam Carroll, a goal from Dan Kennedy and a point from Kelly to give them a two goal lead. Mooncoin came back - Sean Dunne shot a good goal and Dick Walsh added a point. Dan Kennedy, however, scored his second goal, a 21 hds free, before H.T. Bennettsbridge 2-4, Mooncoin 1-3. On resumption Mooncoin applied pressure in heavy rain, and Wattie McDonald pointed. They continued to press, led by Micky Fripps at centre-half, but the 'Bridge' defence stubbornly contained the onslaught. The Mooncoin forwards, wild and erratic, spent themselves fruitlessly and began to tire. The 'Bridge' at this point took the initiative and added four goals and two points in a one-sided last quarter. The Mooncoin defence tried hard but were out-paced and out-gunned by some slick 'Bridge' forward play. Mooncoin's tally for the half was just a single point. Ref. Mr Jack Mulcahy E.O. and the Kilk. St. Patrick's Brass and Reed Band presented the interval music. F.T. Bennettsbridge 6-6, M. 1-4.



### SENIOR HURLING FINALISTS — 1955

Back row, left to right: M. Murphy, P. Phelan (Ker.), P. Murphy (D.), W. Quinn, P. Holden, T. Kearnes (Bwood), P. Dunphy (Btsna), J. Doran (M.), M. Butler (E.), B. Hogan (Psc.), T. Nolan, R. Cleary, J. Fripps, S. Croke (M.), M. Sheehan (Cga.), S. Murphy (D.), P. Phelan (P.), J. Tobin (M.).  
Front row: D. Walsh (Cga.), M. Fripps, E. Dunphy (Btsna.), W. McDonald (E.), M. Crowley (P.), D. Dunphy (Tu.), D. Holden (M.).

M. Mickie Fripps (capt), Dick Dunphy (g), John Fripps, Paddy and Sonny Murphy, Tom Nolan, Mick Crowley, Ml. Butler, Ml. Sheehan, Dick Walsh, Eamon Dunphy, Pat. Dunphy, S. Dunne, Wattie McDonald and Paddy Phelan.

**B'br.** Billy Dobbyn (capt), Liam Cleere (g), Derrick & Mick & Joe & Jack Galway, Mickie and Timmie Kelly, Dan Kennedy, Sam Carroll, Jimmy Dowling, Sean Holden, John McGovern, Frankie Ryan, Liam Hackett.

Mr Tom Walsh T.D. Ch. of K. Co. Board G.A.A. subsequently presented the Ch. Cup to Billy Dobbyn, B'Bridge captain.

Nov. 27th. At Wat. Gaelic Field. Challenge. Mooncoin 3-4, Clover Meats Christendom 1-5. Clover Meats led at H.T. by one point and had on their team Tom Nolan (M), Joe Galway (B'br) and J. Murphy (Wat. Co. goalie).

### 1956

May 6th. At Mooncoin Gaelic Field S.H. Challenge. Bennettsbridge 3-8, Mooncoin 3-6.

### UNEXPECTED DEFEAT

May 27th. At Thomastown. S.H.Ch. R1. James Stephens 5-7 (3-1), Mooncoin 3-7 (1-6).

James Stephens created a sensation by beating Mooncoin '55 finalists in the opening round. Granted James Stephens had won the Co. Jun. H. Ch. (beating Knocktopher) in 1955 yet their decisive win and the manner of their win was unexpected. Mooncoin were without the services of their regular goalie, Dick Dunphy, but whether his presence would have made a two goal difference will remain an open question - James Stephen beat the team Mooncoin fielded on that

day. Play in the first half was pretty even. Stephen's - Tony Coyne (top left) scoring two goals and 'Fess Brennan adding another while Mooncoin's only goal came from a great shot by Wattie McDonald. H.T. Jas Stephens 3-1, Mooncoin 1-6. Jas Stephens favoured by a strong wind played very confidently and picked off some long-range points in the second half. Their goals were scored by Dunne and Leahy while Mooncoin's two goals went to Jack Kearns. F.T. Jas Stephens 5-7, Mooncoin 3-7. Ref. Jack Mulcahy (E.O.). For Stephens - Fennelly, G. Tyrrell, J. Coyne and Brennan were outstanding. For Mooncoin T. Nolan, S. Murphy, E. Dunphy, M. Fripps, J. Kearns & W. McDonald tried hard. M. R. Butler, M. Holden, T. Nolan, M. Crowley, M. Sheehan, S. Murphy, P. Dunphy, E. Dunphy, M. Fripps, P. Phelan, T. Conway, W. McDonald, J. Kearns, T. Henneberry, R. Cleary.

**Jas. Steph.** K. Dowling, J. Walsh, P. Fennelly, S. Tyrrell, T. Roche, J. Fox, J. Coyne, T. Ryan, J. "Florrie" McCarthy, P. "Fees" Brennan, P. Tyrrell, M. Dunne, E. Larkin, J. Leahy, T. Coyne.

**1957 - 1961** Sen. H. Ch. - No Mooncoin Entry.

**1958**

Jan. Carr. H. Club - A.G.M. Officers elected for '58. Ch. - Joe Fewer, Sec. Ger Delahunty. Treas. Tom Walsh (Phully), Sel. Comm. - Messrs Pat Butler (Lick), Sonny Kelly (Bgory) + Joe Fewer.

June 12th. Mooncoin S.H. Tour Final.  
Erins Own (Wat) 7-2, Glenmore 3-6. Ref. Mick Crowley (P).

### 'DRUG' PASSES ON

July. The legendary Dick Walsh passed on to his eternal reward - of whom Ned O'Keeffe wrote - Dick "Droog" Walsh was born in 1878 in the quiet Townland of Rathkieran, and went on to take his place among the immortals of hurling. His name has entered the folklore of the game. When he began his playing career he hurled side by side with men like Pat Fielding and big Jack Quinn - Mooncoin men who had been on Kilkenny All-Ireland teams through those early, soul-searing years of defeat and who had in turn hurled with those who'd been on "Foxy Billy" Walsh's team of twenty-one 'iron men' from The Glens. "Foxy Billy's" heroes brought its very first Leinster title to Kilkenny and Mooncoin away back in 1888.

That 'Droog' was a great hurler and lived for the game is beyond question - he had to be to hold his place on the team at a time when Kilkenny had so many great players. He won his first medal in 1904 and went on to add six more in the years 1905, '07, '09, '11, '12, '13. Kilkenny were a formidable force in that golden era and why they suffered defeat in '06, '08 and '10 is rather a mystery.

Added to his seven Leinster Championships he won county senior medals with Mooncoin 1906, '08, and '13. "Droog" also had a number of 'firsts' to his credit. He was the first man to captain three All-Ireland winning teams. He had the rare distinction of never having played on a losing All-Ireland side. 'Droog' also was the first man to captain a fifteen-a-side team to ultimate victory. He also captained the county team to its Railway Shield success in 1908.

Although playing full-back for Mooncoin, he filled the centre-back position on the county side, and figured in many of the classics during that first decade of the century that lifted the game of hurling on to a new plane.

Our hurling glory was written in the days of 'Droog' and his colleagues. For as long as small boys and young men put caman to leather, his name will be synonymous with greatness and an inspiration to the players of each new age. But, being the man that he was, 'Droog' wore his laurels lightly. He was one who put his faith in the youth of his day, and judging by recent under-age displays, the youth of today offer bright hopes of greatness coming again to the old hurling parish that he loved.

'Droog' died in his eightieth year having lived for a number of years in Mooncoin Village. He lies at rest now in a quiet part of sun-kissed Carrigeen churchyard, among his own. In spirit now he still stands there upon his native sward, and his gaze cherishes each road and breen, every hill and hollow, each field and building, and every woman and child in "The Home of Hurling"

Aug. 1st. Kilk. Co. Board G.A.A. - Vote of sympathy to relatives of the late Rd. 'Drug' Walsh.

Dec. 19th. M.H.C. - A.G.M. - Outgoing Secretary Mr John Kearns paid tribute to the success of the Minor Team in winning the 8th Divisional Final. He also referred to the great success of the "Suit-Lengths Sen. H. Tour" at

Ashgrove won by Erins Own (Wat.). Officers elected for '59. Ch. J. Fripps, V-Ch. Jas Delahunty (Cmt), Sec. J. Kearns, Treas. R. McGrath. Hurl. Sel. Committee - Ch., Vice-Ch., Peter Doyle (Luf), Pat Dunphy (Btsna), Tom Nolan (G), Messrs J.J. Doran outgoing Ch. and Ramie Wall (Cpa) outgoing Treas. did not seek re-election.

### 1959 'Suitlengths' Tour. Final.

June. At Ashgrove. Mooncoin Sen. H. Tour Final, Carrick-On-Suir 3-7, Erins Own 3-6. An exciting battle for suitlengths (18) in which eight teams from Kilk. Wat. Tipp. & Wex.

Dec. 6th. M.H.C. - A.G.M. (Ashgrove Hall) Officers for 1960. Ch. J. Fripps, V-Ch. P. Doyle (Luf). Sec. Wm. Doyle (Skelps), Treas. Rd. McGrath (RR). Del. to Co. Board - Ch. & Sec. Committee - Messrs J.J. Doran, Rd. Croke (M), Rd. Cleary (Cl), Thos Nolan (Wh-Hall). It was decided that two junior and one minor H. team be affiliated in 1960 Co. Ch. Sympathy to relatives of Dick Doyle (D), Pat Fielding (RK), Mrs Crowley (P).

### 1960

June 17th. At Ashgrove M.S.H. Tour S.F. Glenmore 2-8 (1-6), Tullaroan 1-6 (0-2), Glenmore now meet Carrick Swan in final.

#### Mooncoin win Tour. Final.

July 15th. Glenmore Fete H. Tour Final. Mooncoin 4-2 (3-1), St. Senans (Kcow) 0-9 (0-8). for Cup & Set of Sportscoat Vouchers. Ref. John Vaughan (Wat.). 2nd half - heavy rain made H. difficult.

M. Dick Dunphy (g), M. Delahunty, Pat Delahunty, Dick Holden, Ml. Holden, Ed. Doyle, Ed. Murphy, Wt. McDonald, T. Lynch, R. McGrath, Tom Nolan, Martin Howley, Jack Kearns, T. Connolly and J. Walsh.

Kcow. N. Knox (g), Mick, Sean and Ned Fleming, C. Forristal, Joe Galway, Ned O'Neill, P. Hoban, P. Grace, Sean Phelan, Noel Kent, P. Lalor, H. Matthews and Christie Knox. Subs. Jim Phelan for Noel Kent, S. Walsh for P. Grace.

July 15th. At Ashgrove. Mooncoin S.H. Tour final. Glenmore 5-6, Carrick Swan 4-5. for suit-lengths. Ref. Mr John Vaughan (Wat.). Best for Glenmore - Fitzgerald, Barron, Sutton, O'Shea, Cody, Mullally. For Carrick Swans - Fitzpatrick, Halloran and Walsh.

### 1961

Jan. M.H.C. - A.G.M. at Ashgrove Hall. Officers elected for '61. Ch. - J. Fripps, V.Ch. Ed. Murphy, Sec. Pk Dunphy, Treas. Rd. McGrath, Sen. Sel. Comm. J. Fripps, J.J. Doran, Ml. Kinsella, Dick Dunphy (Tu), Andy Phelan, Jun. Sel. Comm. Messrs Peter Doyle, Wm. Walsh, Dick Dunphy (Luf) and Johnny Tobin. Minor Sel. Comm. J. Tobin, Ml. Holden and Jas. Comerford. U/16 Manager and Selector - Pat Delahunty.

Jan. Carr. H.C. - A.G.M. Officers for '61. Ch. P. O'Keeffe, Vice-Ch. H. Delahunty, Sec. D. Walsh (Curl), Treas. E. Madden, Capt. D. Walsh (Luf). Sel. J. Walsh, S. Kelly, E. Madden.

Mar. Co. Sen. Hurl. Draws and Fixtures. At Mvat (Apr. 2nd) Tullogher v South No. 2 (Mooncoin area) on May 7th. Ref. Pat O'Connor, Glenmore, winner of this match goes into draw proper.

May. At Mvat. Co. S.H.Ch. Sth Sel. 7-8, Tullogher 3-12. Phil Murphy (Tull) received head injury. Sth Sel. E. Fitzpatrick (g), M. Fitzpatrick, Edw. Walsh, J. Murphy (Piltown), N. Doyle, Wattie McDonald, Dick Holden, W. Walsh (M), Jimmy Murphy, J. Nolan, P.J. Molyneaux, P. Barron (Carrickshock), J. Walsh (Carrigeen), G. Butler (Windgap), N. Delahunty (Mvat).

#### Mooncoin Win Again.

July. At Skowbridge. Glenmore Fete Hurl. Tour Final - Easy victory for Mooncoin. Mooncoin 7-4 (1-2), Rower - Inistioge 2-4 (2-2). Ref. Pat O'Connor, Glenmore. Bad weather conditions Rower - Inis failed to make full use of wind - advantage in first half. R.I. 2-2, M. 1-2. Mooncoin came home strongly in last quarter and as winners received the Paul Murphy Perpetual Challenge Cup (presented by Kcow Limeworks), plus twenty pairs of hurling boots and travelling bags.

M. Dick Dunphy (g), W. Walsh, T. Nolan, Martin Delahunty, W. Holden, J. Lynch, Ed. Connolly, Wattie McDonald, Martin Howley, Ed. Doyle, Ed. Murphy, Rd. Holden, Dick McGrath, J. Kearns, Pete Doyle.

Rower-Inis. Tom White, J. Walsh, Tom Fleming, J. Langton, Rd. Lyng, M. Bolger, J. Galavan, M. Kavanagh, M. Walsh, T. White, Jim Mackey, M. Roche, M. Hennessy, T. Murphy.



July. Co. S.H.Ch. R2. Far South 0-10 (0-2), Lisdowney 0-5 (0-4). Best for Far South - Jimmy Murphy (Carrsh.), T. Nolan, W. McDonald, Dick Dunphy (g), Mooncoin and G. Butler (Windgap), for Lisdowney - Carroll bros., Blanchfield bros., J. Fogarty and R. Mackey.

Aug. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. R3. Far South 2-13 (1-5), Freshford 3-10, (0-6). Ref. Ollie Walsh. Draw - a fitting result after tremendously exciting finish - score for score.

**Far South.** Dick Dunphy (g) (M), Sean Ryan, Geoff Nolan (Carrsh), J. Delahunty (M), Martin Howley (M), Jimmy Murphy (Carrsh), W. McDonald (M), E. Power (Piltown), Liam Kelly (Carrsh), Ed. Murphy (M), D. Holden (M), G. Butler (Wgap), J. Murphy (Pilt), P.J. Molyneux (Carrsh).

**Freshford** - Jack Cahill, M. Maher, K. Dalton, D. Maher, J. O'Shea, Alfie Hickey, J. Delaney, J. Minogue, M. Dalton, J. Techan, Sean Rafferty, Denis Butler, Jim Ryan, Wally Cody, J. Cullinane, Subs - Seamus Cahill for Rafferty, T. Butler for Martin Dalton.

Aug. At Piltown. Piltown Fete H.Final. Mooncoin beat Thomastown.

Aug. At Kcow. H. Tour Replay. Mooncoin with last minute goal beat Kcow. Ref. J. Vaughan (Wat.).

Sept. 5th. At N. Pk. S.H.Ch. R3. Replay Freshford beat Far South and now meet Near South in Co. S.H. Final (and won).

## 1962

### RE-ENTRY

June 10th. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. R1. Lisdowney 5-9 (5-3), Mooncoin 3-0 (1-5). Mooncoin recently promoted to Senior Ranks, after their convincing rout of Coon in the Co. J.H.F. 1961 surprisingly lost to Lisdowney (1960 J.H.Ch. winners). Mooncoin set a blistering pace and were five points clear at the end of the first quarter. Then as Mooncoin's impetus waned Lisdowney had their own blitz scoring 2-1 in two minutes they were seven points in front at H.T. Lisdowney 5-3, Mooncoin 2-5. The quality of play improved in second half however, the Lisdowney backs, solid and strong held the lighter Mooncoin forwards. Furthermore, Pat Delahunty, who had a finger broken playing against Offaly in Intermediate game was greatly missed from the Mooncoin

centre half-back position - his brother John, replacing him did the best he could. The minor hurlers, J. Walsh and E. Connolly tried hard, W. McDonald and M. Howley share honours at centre-field. The Mooncoin attack, which was not a success, was at fault in the over-use of the ball and the absence of first-time striking E. Doyle and minor Joe Dunphy were the best of a very moderate combination. The game was fast and hard and Lisdowney stayed ahead. They had four goals from frees - directly or indirectly. F.T. Lisdowney 5-9, Mooncoin 3-9.

**M.** D. Dunphy, W. Walsh, T. Nolan, M. Delahunty, J. Walsh, J. Delahunty, E. Connolly, W. McDonald, M. Howley, E. Doyle, E. Murphy, R. Holden, J. Dunphy, J. Lynch, T. Walsh.

**Lisd.** M. Moylan, J. Fogarty, B. Drennan, N. Murphy, P. Grace, T. Carroll, H. Quirke, J. Delaney, M. Bowden, R. Blanchfield, M. Ryan, M. Carroll, M. Henderson, J. Ryan and M. Blanchfield. Ref. P. Johnston.

For Lisdowney - M. Moylan was good in goal, B. Drennan, J. Fogarty and N. Murphy was a good full line and H. Quirke, J. Delaney and R. Blanchfield tried hard.

### Another Tournament Win.

Aug. 4th. At Miltown. Kilmacow Fete H. Tour Final. Ref. M. Maddock, New Ross. Mooncoin 3-8 (2-4), Kilmacow 3-4 (1-3).

Scorers for Mooncoin - Tommy Walsh (1-2), Dick Holden (1-2), Joe Dunphy (1-0), Martin Howley (0-2), Edw. Doyle and D. Kinsella (0-1) each.

Kcow. Mick Fleming (1-1), H. Matthews (1-1), Jim Phelan (1-0), Senan Cooke and P. Forristal (0-1) each.

**M.** Paddy Dunphy, J. Lynch, T. Nolan, J. Delahunty, Ned Connolly, W. McDonald, J. Walsh, Ned Murphy, M. Howley, Ned Doyle, D. Kinsella, Dick Dunphy, Joe Dunphy, Tommy Walsh, Dick Holden.

**Kcow.** Billy McDonald, C. Forristal, Sean Phelan, Liam Clohessy, Ned Fleming, P. Hoban, P. Flynn, H. Matthews, C. Knox, F. Walsh, Mick Fleming, Senan Cooke, Ned O'Neill, Jim Phelan, Pat Forristal.

Aug 9th. At Slieverue. Sl. Sen. H. Tour Final. Mount Sion 4-4 (3-4), Mooncoin 2-2 (1-10). Mount Sion with five Waterford S.H. Co. Players had big guns in too many places. Referee J. Vaughan, Wat.

**M.** P. Dunphy, J. Lynch, T. Nolan, J. Delahunty, J.J. Kinsella, W. McDonald, E. Connolly, M. Howley, E. Murphy, Ned Doyle, D. Kinsella,

Dick Dunphy, Joe Dunphy, T. Walsh, Dick Holden (One change to side v Kcow, J.J. Kinsella for John Walsh).

**Mount Sion.** Dick Roche, M. O'Sullivan, J. Hurley, Jim Byrne, T. Hennessy, Martin Og Morrissey, Phil Fanning, T. Walsh, F. O'Brien, P. Walsh, S. Power, C. Broderick, S. Greene, T. Morrissey and E. Frisby.

Dec. Mooncoin H.C. - A.G.M. J. Fripps, outgoing Chairman presided - Mr P. Dunphy Sec. submitted a report for the past year. Officers elected for coming year.

Officers for 1963. Ch. MI Kinsella, outgoing Ch. did not seek re-election), V.Ch. Ed. Murphy (G), Sec. Rd. Comerford (Cga) (outgoing Sec. did not seek re-election). Treas. H. Delahunty. Sen & Jun. H. Sel. Comm. - MI. Kinsella (D), J.J. Doran, Tom Nolan (G), and Andy Phelan (Btsna), Minor Sel. Comm. - Jas Comerford (Cga), John Tobin (M), and MI. Holden (All out-going), U/16 Champ - Pat Delahunty (Cmt), Rep. to Co. Board - J.J. Doran.

### 1963

Jan. K. Co. Board Convention. A motion by M.H.C. "that the Minor H. Ch. be finished before 1st Oct" was passed. Speaking on the motion Mr J.J. Doran said that their team played a second round game last July (over six mths) and there was not a third round fixture since, which, he said was most unfair to clubs and to young players.

A motion tabled by Mooncoin, Slieverue and Freshford "that the Special Jun. H. Competition be abolished" was passed - many delegates expressing the view that the competition had lost interest and served no useful purpose.

Mar. Jimmy Brophy Sec. Piltown Club appointed M.H.Sel. for 5th successive year

Apr. Congress Delegates at Gresham Hotel J. J. Doran (M), J. Brophy (P).

May 24th. At Mooncoin. Mooncoin S.H. Tour S.F. Replay. Mooncoin 2-12 (1-6), Erins Own 1-7 (0-5).

Drawn game Mooncoin 4-1, Erins Own Wat 3-4. Ref. P. Sullivan, Portlaw.

Mooncoin had one change in replay. J.J. Kinsella for Denis, meet Ballygunner in final.

June 2nd. Mooncoin S.H. Tour Final - Mooncoin easily accounted for Ballygunner on Sept. 24th.

### Early Defeat

June 9th. At Slieverue S.H.Ch. R1. Glenmore 2-8 (2-5), Mooncoin 2-6 (1-3). Mooncoin surprisingly beaten in first round of championship after their fine display in the Mooncoin H. Tour S. Final a week ago against Erins Own (Wat.). Glenmore, though short two of their regulars John O'Shea and Nick Forristal, led all the way and at H.T. were ahead Gl. 2-5, M. 1-3. At centrefield for Glenmore Pat Power and Billy Fitzgerald had the edge and kept the pressure on Mooncoin. At the interval Mooncoin made some positional changes without any positive results. Glenmore were quicker to the ball and their striking - crisper. John Sutton, former All-Ireland Sen (scored 1-3) was man of the match. Other scorers for Glenmore - Sean Fitzgerald, Pat Power, J. Vereker, Martin Cass and MI. Barron. For M. Dick Holden (1-2), D. Kinsella, (1-0), Ned Doyle (0-3), W. McDonald (0-1).

M. Dick Dunphy, J.J. Kinsella, J. Lynch, J. Delahunty, W. Holden, Pat Delahunty, Ed. Connolly, M. Howley, Johnny Walsh, Ned Doyle, Wattie McDonald, Dick Holden, Joe Dunphy, Tom Walsh, MI. Conway. Subs. MI. Dineen for W. McDonald, Denis Kinsella for Joe Dunphy, Ed. Murphy for M. Howley.

**Glenmore.** Paul Fitzgerald, John McDonald, Dick Dowling, John Dowling, Nick Hanrahan, Dick Doherty, John Vereker, Pat Power, Billy Fitzgerald, Sean Fitzgerald, Martin Cass, MI. Barron, John Sutton, Rd. Mullaly, MI. Phelan.

July. Field for Mooncoin H. Club. On the proposition of Councillor T. Fielding (M) seconded by Councillor W.J. Cleere (Kcow) and passed unanimously at a meeting of Kilk. Co. Co. - a plot of ground at Pollrone (M) was sold for £630 to Mooncoin G.A.A. Club.

### Mooncoin Win Mackey Cup.

Sept. 24th. At Ashgrove Mooncoin H. Tour Final - previously postponed. Mooncoin 5-4 (2-1) Ballygunner 0-7 (0-6). Ref. P. Buggy.

Mooncoin were too fast and skilful for Ballygunner who were short four of their regular players. The tournament comprised Mooncoin, Kilmacow, Glenmore, Slieverue, Thomastown, Ballygunner, Erins Own, Carrick Swans and after the game the winners Mooncoin received The

Mackey Cup.

**M.** Dick Dunphy, J.J. Kinsella, J. Lynch, H. Delahunty, J. Delahunty, Pat Delahunty, John Walsh, D. Walsh, Ml. Dineen, Ed. Doyle, D. Kinsella, Dick Holden, Joe Dunphy, Ml. Conway, Tommy Walsh.

**Ballygunner.** P. Flynn, P. O'Sullivan, Paudy Casey, P. Power, J. Kennedy, T. Hearne, M. Carroll, Tony Cummins, P. Troy, Vinny Connors, Billy Howlett, P. Gaffney, M. Phelan, Noel Phelan, Tony Walsh.

Dec. 8th. M.H.Cl. - A.G.M. in Parochial Hall. Mr Ml. Kinsella (Ch) presided. He thanked the Minors for their third and hoped they make it four in a row. He also expressed the hope that the newly acquired hurling pitch would prove a boon to the youth of the area. Elected for 1964 - Ch. Mr Jas Comerford (Cga), V-Ch. Ml. Kinsella, Sec. Rd. Comerford (Cga), Ass.Sec. Rd. Dunphy (Luf.), Treas. Matty Doyle (Luf.). Sen. & Jun. H. Sel. Comm. - Ch. J.J. Doran, Dick Dunphy (Luf.) J. Kearns (Tu.), Andy Phelan (Br.). Minor H. Sel. Comm. - Ch. Messrs. John Tobin & Ml. Holden. Rep. to Co. Board - J.J. Doran. Motion submitted to Sth. Board Convention "That all champ. matches start punctually".

#### 1964 Piltown Fete - S. H. Tour. Final.

Apr. At Piltown Gaelic Field. Piltown Fete. S.H. Tour Final. Kilmacow 5-9, Mooncoin 6-4. Ref. Tom Foran, Carr-on-Suir. A keen, sporting and exciting final in adverse weather conditions. **M.** D. Dunphy, Wm. Holden, J. Lynch, J.J. Kinsella, Wat. McDonald, Ned Connolly, J. Delahunty, J. Walsh, M. Howley, Ned Doyle, Ml. Conway, Joe Dunphy, Dick Hoban, Ed. Murphy, D. Comerford. Subs. Pat Delahunty for John Walsh, Tom Walsh for Dixon Comerford.

**Kcow.** Tom Aherne, Ml. Frisby, Noel Kent, Paddy Hoban, Ned Fleming, Sean Fleming, Paddy Flynn, Harry Matthews (capt), Ch. Forristal, Senan Cooke, Pat Forristal, Francie & Jim Walsh, Ned Williams, Christy Knox, Subs. Sonny Walsh for C. Knox, Ned O'Neill for P. Flynn.

Mr Edw. Norris Ch. of Fete presented trophies to winning capt - Harry Matthews.

July. Slieverue S.H. Tour Final. Ballygunner 4-13 (2-4), Mooncoin 4-5 (0-3).

#### Last Puck Kills Mooncoin.

July. At N.Pk. S.H.C. R1. Bennettsbridge 2-8 (0-4), Mooncoin 2-7 (0-3).

Great competitive game which Mooncoin won everywhere but on the scoreboard. They gave fair warning of having arrived not as fodder but to win the game. The first half was fast, very tight with total commitment throughout the field and nothing going soft as the H.T. scores indicate. Bbr. 0-4, M. 0-3. The second half carried on in the same vein with excitement growing with each passing minute. With time spent and Mooncoin two points ahead the referee sounded no whistle and ere he did a high ball landed in the Mooncoin square which Sam Carroll flicked over his head, swung round and shot to the net for a point win. Bbr. 2-8, M. 2-7. Sam had compressed his game into a profitable few seconds.

**M.** D. Dunphy (g), Pat Delahunty, Tom Nolan, Noel Connolly, Wattie McDonald, Jim Lynch, Johnny Walsh, Ml. Dineen, John Walsh, Ned Murphy, C. Dunne, T. Ryan, Joe Dunphy, Peter Doyle, Ned Doyle. Subs. M. Howley, Dick Holden.

#### 1965

At. New York. Kilk. H. Cl. Convention. Officers elected. Treas. Patrick Phelan (M).

#### Death of Fr. Joe Dunphy.

Jan. Death of Fr. Joe Dunphy (54), C.C. Glenmore, B.Sc.; B.D.; at Maypark N.H. Well remembered in hurling circles for his brilliant display in the Leinster S.H. Final. Kilk. v. Dublin at New Ross in July 1929, when present for the match he was persuaded, in the absence of John Roberts, Kilk. regular full-forward, to line out and mark Dublin's renowned full back Fowler McInerary, which he did successfully. He was ordained at Maynooth College in 1930.

Jan. M.H.C. - A.G.M. Parochial Hall.

#### Mooncoin Scrape a Draw

June 13th. Slieverue S.H. Tour Final. Ballygunner 0-13 (0-6), Mooncoin 2-7 (0-4).

A fine opportunist goal in dying seconds by the current intercounty star Joe Dunphy, earned Mooncoin a share of the spoils. Missing at the start of the game, Joe Dunphy, on coming on, found Claus Dunne who tapped to the net. Dick Dunphy sound in goal, well supported by Ed. Connolly and John Lynch, C. Dunne and J. Dunphy with 1-3 each - most dangerous in attack.

M. R. Dunphy, D. Delahunty, T. Nolan, Ed. Connolly, J. Howley, J. Lynch, J. Walsh, E. Murphy, M. Howley, E. Doyle, J. Dunphy, C. Dunne, D. Kinsella, T. Walsh, T. Ryan. Sub. E. Delahunty for J. Howley.

**Ballygunner.** P. Flynn, P. Sullivan, P. Casey, J. Phelan, M. Gaffney, J. Hearne, M. Hearne, T. Cummins, Jas Phelan, Paddy Hearne, J. O'Brien, Paul Hearne, V. Connors, J. Warren, T. O'Connor, Sub. M. McGrath for O'Brien, T. Hearne for McGrath. Ref. N. Dalton, De La Salle, Wat.

### Fiasco

July 4th. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. R1. Hurling  
Fiasco - Mooncoin v Tullaroan.

Game called off by Ref. Paddy Johnston before H.T. with Mooncoin (2-0), leading to Tullaroans (0-5). Within five minutes of the start Claus Dunne netted, two players T.F.B. & M. F.F. got their marching orders. Billy Fitzgerald pointed for T. Joe Dunphy and Mick Conway, who had already been in the wars, changed positions. Midway through the half Joe Dunphy passed to C. Dunne who sent to the net. Mick Conway retired. Ned Doyle came on at centre-forward and Joe Dunphy reverted to his usual position. Dan Hogan, Jimmy Clohessy and Billy Fitzgerald added points for Tullaroan. Flare-up at centre-field - another pair sent to the line with the game deteriorating by the second and striking the ball of little import. Fitzgerald pointed for Tullaroan leaving them just a point in arrears. Mooncoin awarded a 21 yds free never took it as the ball was removed leaving the ref. with no option but to call-off play. Bad day for Kilkenny hurling.

M. D. Dunphy, P. Delahunty, T. Nolan, M. Connolly, W. McDonald, J. Lynch, J. Howley, J. Walsh, Johnny Walsh, Billie O'Keeffe, Mick Conway, C. Dunne, Joe Dunphy, Ned Murphy, Tom Walsh. Ref. Paddy Johnson.

**Tull.** Jim Hennessy, Jack O'Neill, Paddy Hennessy, M. Kennedy, Jim & Tom Hogan, Paddy O'Neill, Billy Fitzgerald, Billy Hennessy, Mick Walton, Dan Hogan, Joe Young, Tommy Hennessy, Jimmy Clohessy, J.J. Sullivan.

### Replay — Well Won.

July 13th. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. R1. Replay.  
Mooncoin 2-7 (2-2), Tullaroan 0-2 (0-2). Carry over of too much needle and careless if not wreckless play from the first game. Tullaroan had just one point from play. Billy O'Keeffe

doubled overhead to find the net and Mooncoin's first score. Mooncoin had two changes from the first meeting - M. Howley and Ned Doyle played instead of J. Walsh and Ned Murphy.

June. At Youghal. S.H. Challenge.

Imokilly 7-5 (3-1), Mooncoin 3-6 (1-2). Imokilly (East Cork Div. side) had inter-county stars Paddy Fitzgerald and Noel Gallagher in fine form, and pulled away in last quarter. Joe Dunphy severely hampered having had three fingers injured in early stages. Dick Dunphy brilliant in goal, Johnny Walsh impressive defender and Claus Dunne most effective forward - scoring (2-2).

July 25th. At Piltown. S.H.Ch. R2.  
Mooncoin 4-13 (1-5), Kilmacow 1-4 (0-2). Hard hour's play - greasy ball and pitch - Fairly even to H.T. Ref. Pat O'Connor, Glenmore.

Aug. Wexford beat Kilk, Leinster S.H.F.  
Joe Dunphy Ff, Jim Lynch centre back, C. Dunne half f. T. Walsh.

### Mooncoin on the March.

Aug. 8th. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. S.F. Mooncoin  
2-11 (2-5), Freshford 1-6 (1-5). Ref. J. Brennan, (Gowran). Hard testing game - Mooncoin first to score - T. Walsh to net in second min. C. Dunne had a couple of points. Dick Dunphy good under pressure - goal separated them at H.T. Ned Doyle pointed from 60 yds and then another Joe Dunphy whipped one over and then Mick Conway and Claus Dunne each pointed a free. Hard uncompromising hurling followed and Mick Conway had last point of match.

M. without T. Nolan) - D. Dunphy, P. Delahunty, J. Lynch, E. Connolly, W. McDonald, J. Howley, J. Walsh, J. Walsh, M. Howley, C. Dunne, Ned Doyle, M. Conway, J. Dunphy, T. Walsh, B. O'Keeffe.

### SUCCESS AT LAST.

Apr. 27th. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. Final.  
Mooncoin 2-8 (2-4), Bennettsbridge 1-8 (1-4).

After a wait of twenty nine years, Mooncoin toppled the reigning champions Bennettsbridge to capture their first Senior County Championship title since 1936. At the finish only a goal separated the teams but Mooncoin as indeed most of the vast attendance were quite willing to settle for that, since to Mooncoin went the laurels after a hard and memorable season, which, it is said,



### SENIOR HURLING CHAMPIONS — 1965

Back row, left to right: Johnny Walsh (M.), Mick Conway (M.), Pat Delahunty (Psc.), Johnny Howley (Btsna.), Claus Dunne (M.), B. O'Keeffe (M.), Martin Delahunty (Btsna.), Ed Connolly (G.), Tom Nolan (G.), Ned Doyle (Agl.), Willie Grant (Psc.).

Middle row: T. Ryan (Luf.), T. Walsh (New Aglish), Martin Howley (Btsna.), Dick Dunphy (Luf.), Jimmy Lynch (Bcur.), John Walsh (G.), Watty McDonald (E.), Joe Dunphy (Luf.), Ed. Murphy (G.).

Front row: Dick Holden (M.), Denis Kinsella (D.), Johnny Lynch (Bcur.), Jim Byrne (M.), Noel Doyle (Luf.).

they started as boys and finished as men. Tony Bennett - pointed for 'Bridge but Joe Dunphy levelled as the teams settled down. Tony Kelly and Claus Dunne exchanged points and then at the end of the first quarter C. Dunne pointed to give Mooncoin the lead for the first time and then two minutes later Joe Dunphy had a great goal. Seamus Cleere and Johnny McGovern putting in some solid work for the "Bridge". Tony Kelly and Tommy Walsh exchanged goals and Paddy Moran pointed to narrow the gap. Johnny Howley injured - replaced by Johnny Walsh at left half back, Paddy Moran and Claus Dunne exchanged points before H.T. M. 2-4, Bbr. 1-4. Mooncoin with wind and sun, had not taken

full advantage in the first half they were over-using the ball and in their eagerness fumbling their lifting, Tony Kelly retired injured and the "Bridge" made three changes at the interval. Tony Bennett went centre forward, Noel Skehan right half and Sean Treacy coming on in the right corner, to replace Skehan. On resumption Claus Dunne pointed from 50 yds then tried to blast a 21 yds free to the net which was blocked down but following up he tapped over the bar. Standard of play rose to new heights - the 'Bridge swung into a succession of blistering attacks. Paddy Moran pointed a 40 yds free. Some terrific hurling about the Mooncoin square ensued but D. Dunphy remained cool and reliable - once, twice





PRESENTATION NIGHT -- 1965

J. Lynch, C. Dunne, Fr. J. Reidy, M. Diggins, Ml. Kinsella Ch.

and three times he saved - such stalwart resistance made him man of the match. Paddy Moran drops in another free - more heavy pulling under the dropping ball - "their score-hungry forwards milled and surged in again, hectic stuff surely as the ball buzzed around the Mooncoin goal but Dunphy again to the rescue - blazed his way out along the end line - high pressure stuff". Ned Doyle found Mick Conway who pointed. Claus Dunne added another from way out. Tony Kelly and Paddy Moran added points for the "Bridge" -- one goal in it. "The last 3 mins will remain forever (again quoting Bl. & Am.) in the memories of those fortunate enough to be present. With everything they had - the "Bridge" hustled into the attack - Might and main they strove - ash smashed ash, and Mooncoin with their backs to the wall would not yield an inch. With torturing slowness the seconds dragged on. Feverish finish - 30 players

did full justice to clubs and county. The long whistle sounded to herald the arrival of the new and the departure of the old. The 'Bridge' left as sportingly as they had entered - no hard feelings remained". Ref. Mr P. Johnston.

Scorers for Mooncoin - C. Dunne (0-6), J. Dunphy (1-1), T. Walsh (1-0), M. Conway (0-1). For Bbr. - P. Moran (0-5), T. Kelly (1-2), J. Bennett (0-1).

M. D. Dunphy, P. Delahunty, T. Nolan, N. Connolly, W. McDonald, J. Lynch, J. Howley, M. Howley, J. Walsh, M. Conway, N. Doyle, C. Dunne, J. Dunphy, T. Walsh, B. O'Keeffe. Sub. Johnny Walsh for J. Howley.

Bbr. L. Cleere, M. Tracy, J. Bennett, J. Tracy, T. Kelly, S. Cleere, J. McGovern, P. Moran, L. Cleere, T. Bennett, S. Carroll, N. Skehan, J. Bennett, D. Carroll, P. Tracy.

### Jubilant Abounds.

Thousands gathered in Mooncoin, on Monday night from all over South Kilkenny to welcome home the conquering heroes as indeed had Bennettsbridge and semi-finalists Freshford come from the North. A cavalcade of cars with flags flying and horns blaring led the way into the village past blazing bonfires on to the Cross - followed by the De La Salle Boys Band and then the "Green and White" bedecked lorry with the entire team and officials aboard including the trainer - Rev. J.J. Reidy C.C. (M) and captain, Jim Lynch holding the long-awaited coveted S.H. Cup aloft. The lorry paused - just once on its way through the village. To salute one of Mooncoin's old time greats - a brilliant artist in the golden age of Kilkenny hurling - Dick Doherty himself. Then on to the platform on the Cross where Mooncoin chairman Mr Ml. Kinsella welcomed all to a happy celebration for which many had waited almost 30 years. In the role of M.C. he introduced all the various personages to the vast crowd including the President of the Club - Fr. T.J. Clohessy P.P., trainer-manager Fr J.J. Reidy, the captain and members of the team as well as each member of the Bennettsbridge team. Fr. Reidy said their motto on Sunday had been - "Death or Victory" and Mooncoin had shown this by a superb display. Afterwards Matty Power said to him "It was the toughest and hardest final, for many years, and the team that was going to lag would be beaten" and that wasn't Mooncoin. Dancing afterwards.

### 1966

Feb. At New Ross - O'Kennedy Shield Final  
Kilk. beat Wexford.  
(For Kilk. - D. Dunphy, J. Lynch, C. Dunne, Pat Delahunty & Sub. Joe Dunphy for C. Dunne.)

Apr. Death of Dick Doherty R.I.P.

Apr. At Wat. Munster Exp. Cup. Kilk.  
7-6, Wat. 4-4. (Kilk. R. Dunphy, P. Delahunty,  
J. Lynch, C. Dunne).

Apr. At Tullogher S.H. League R1.  
Mooncoin 3-8 (1-6), Tullogher 1-3 (0-1).

June. At Mooncoin S.H. League.  
Mooncoin 1-13 (0-9), Knocktopher 2-8 (1-5).  
Mooncoin (Co. Champ) were made to work all the

way to maintain their record, unbeaten in the League competition with little between them right through. Ref. Mr. M. Fox.

June 10th. At Piltown. Leinster Factory League Hurl. Final. Ref. Mr P. Somers, Carlow. Clover Meats 4-6 (1-0), Grannagh Nat. Board & Paper Mills 3-5 (2-3).

**Clover Meats.** Tom Nolan, Ed. Connolly, John Walsh, R. Walsh (M).

**Paper Mills.** J. Lynch, J. Delahunty, J. Walsh, C. Dunne, Ed. Doyle, J. Dunphy, T. Walsh (M).

July 31st. At N. Pk. S.H.Ch. R1.  
Mooncoin 2-10 (0-3), Erins Own (Castlecomer 1-6 (1-4). After idling through the first half Mooncoin stepped up a gear in the second scoring 2-7, while holding Erins Own to 0-2. Ref. Mr Paddy Johnston. Mooncoin's Line-out - their title team except Johnny Lynch at full forward for the injured Tommy Walsh. Tommy Ryan started at left corner forward.

Aug. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. R2. Moondoin 8-12 (4-7), Jas Stephens 4-7 (0-5). Ref. J. Murphy (Tullogher) with Claus Dunne uncontrollable in the half line, Mooncoin forwards made hay.

### Into a Second Final

Aug. 21st. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. S.F.  
Mooncoin 2-16 (1-11), Lisdowney 2-3 (1-2).  
Mooncoin playing well within themselves had a comfortable win over Lisd. Claus Dunne combining well with Joe Dunphy, were the spearhead of Mooncoin's attack. Martin Howley had a good game at centre-field while Ted Carroll in the half back line and Ber Drennan reliable full back worked hard against the odds. D. Holden played with Mick Conway out for M.

Sept. 2nd. On panel - Kilk. v. Cork in All-Ireland Final - Jim Lynch, C. Dunne, Ned Connolly, Dick & Joe Dunphy, Pat Delahunty and Watty McDonald (M), Ted Carroll (Lisd.)

### The 'Bridge' Win This One.

Oct. 14th. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. Final.

Bennettsbridge 4-8 (3-4), Mooncoin 2-4 (2-3).

The game was to prove a great disappointment to the huge crowd who had gathered in anticipation of a repeat of last year's thriller. As the game progressed people were

mystified at the ineptitude of the Mooncoin forwards - particularly since Joe Dunphy had already given them the lead in the first minutes with a well-taken goal. The tough, robust, fiery play of twelve months ago was missing - in this young sound team capable of many championships. However, the 'Bridge' played close and tight and veterans though many of them be, they gradually dictated the pattern of the game. After the first few minutes they gained the lead and afterward never looked other than winners. Mooncoin rallied briefly with a T. Ryan goal and two points before H.T. Bennettsbridge 3-4, Mooncoin 2-3. After resuming - stalemate prevailed for ten minutes and then C. Dunne pointed a free which was to prove Mooncoin's only score in the second half. Bennettsbridge, playing with thrust, determination and confidence went on to win their ninth title out of thirteen 'finals' appearance since 1952. F.T. Bbr 4-8, Mooncoin 2-4. Ref. Paddy Johnston.

M. R. Dunphy, P. Delahunty, T. Nolan, E. Connolly, W. McDonald, J. Lynch, J. Walsh, M. Howley, J. Walsh (0-1), T. Walsh, T. Ryan (1-0). Bbr. N. Skehan, M. Treacy, L. Cleere, J. Treacy, P. Kealy, S. Cleere, J. McGovern, P. Moran, J. Kinsella, P. Treacy, J. Bennett (0-1), S. Carroll, (1-4), N. Ryan (1-0), A. Kelly (1-2), M. McCarthy (1-1), Sub. Timmy Kelly for Larry Cleere.

Nov. 27th. At N.Pk. Bennetts Br. 4-7 (1-4), The Rest (of County) 0-10 (0-5). The rest included R. Dunphy, J. Lynch, P. Delahunty, C. Dunne, J. Walsh.

## 1967

Jan. Members of M.H.C. - beaten finalists - attended social in Kilk. for presentation of medals to Bennettsbridge.

Feb. At Thomastown. S.H. League. Mooncoin 3-8 (0-4), Thomastown 4-3 (2-0).

Mar. S. Hurling League. Kilk v Tipp. J. Lynch, C. Dunne, Pat Delahunty (M)

## 1967

At. N.Pk. S.H. League S.F. Erins Own (Castlecomer) 7-5 (2-1), Mooncoin 2-3 (1-3). In sub-zero temperature, Mooncoin playing with the wind were behind at H.T. Erins Own 2-1, Mooncoin 1-3. Blizzard of snow and hail for 10

mins of 2nd half. Mooncoin sadly missed C. Dunne at centre-field and Tom Ryan in attack. Joe Dunphy got all Mooncoin's scores - (2-3). M. R. Dunphy, P. Delahunty, J. Lynch, John Lynch, John Walsh, J. Howley, Johnny Walsh, M. Howley, M. Conway, M. Doyle, E. Doyle, W. Grant, J. Dunphy, T. Walsh, W. O'Keeffe. Sub. T. Tobin for P. Delahunty.

E.O. (Castlecomer) - M. Brennan, M. Boran, M. Boran, W. Doyle, P. Dowling, T. Meally, T. Shalloe, S. & M. Coogan, T. Brennan, P. Comerford M. Meally, T. Meally, W. Lacey, and J. O'Shea.

May. At Piltown - Piltown S.H. Tour S.F. Mooncoin 3-10 (0-4), Mount Sion 3-7 (1-4). Piltown S.H. Tour Final, Mooncoin 3-10 (1-8), Portlaw - Ballyduff 3-6 (2-4). Level on numerous occasions, Mooncoin's greater accuracy won the day v Portlaw - Ball.

M. Dick Dunphy, J. Lynch, Jim Lynch, Ed. Connolly, T. Walsh, J. Walsh, Johnny Walsh, M. Howley, C. Dunne, J. Dunphy, E. Doyle, M. Conway, D. Holden, T. Ryan, W. O'Keeffe. Portlaw - Ballyduff - N. Sullivan, J. Barry, P. Hanrahan, H. Meagher, F. Whelan, J. O'Donnell, P. Stone, J. Whelan, J. Power, W. Kiely, J. Kirwan, T. Cheasty, P. Henneberry, C. Mullins, L. Burke. Sub. J. O'Brien. Ref. Tom Foran, Carr-on-Suir.

June 18th. At Piltown. All Ire. Factory League Final (1966), Leins. v Muns. Title Holders. Paper Mills - Grannagh 5-8 (3-5), Irish Tanners, Portlaw 3-6 (1-4). Paper Mills included - John Delahunty, Jim Lynch, Johnny Walsh, Tommy Grant, Joe Dunphy, Claus Dunne, Tom Walsh (M).

## First Round Classic

July 23rd. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. R1. Bennettsbridge 3-14 (3-11), Mooncoin 3-13 (0-3). Hailed as one of the great classic games of the century in which the 'Bridge' just held on to win by the minimum. It had the ingredients of a thriller - the experienced but ageing masters with a virtually unassailable lead at the interval being methodically and relentlessly pepped back by the exuberant and enthusiastic play of a younger team. The question for everyone was "Could they do it in time? The standard of hurling and the spirit of sportsmanship made of a thrilling and exciting contest a really great game. A game of two halves - the first belonging to the 'Bridge' playing with wind and sun they ran rampant amassing a formidable lead of seventeen (17) pts.

at H.T. Bbr. 3-11, Mooncoin 0-3. Immediately on resuming Joe Dunphy pointed from 50 yds. Ned Doyle added another - Claus Dunne crashed a 21 yds free to the net. Ned Doyle and Claus Dunne added points - Mooncoin had come alive. Paddy Moran pointed a 30 yds free. C. Dunne pointed from play and then sent over two '70's' in succession and again blasted (his second) a 21 yds free to the net - leaving Mooncoin four points in arrears going into the last quarter. Paddy Moran pointed a 21 yds free - Claus Dunne replied with a 60 yds free and Dick Holden shot a good point. With eight minutes to go Paddy Moran pointed a 60 yds free, the 'Bridges' last score putting them five points ahead. Martin Howley took a beauty of a cut-in from the stand - Claus Dunne had slipped in - jumped high, caught, turned and blasted an unstoppable ball to the net - the most spectacular score of the game. Tommy Grant added a point leaving just a point between them but the 'Bridge' held on in a pulsating and thrilling finish to their one point advantage which was

adequate F.T. Bbr. 3-14, M. 3-13. Ref. T. Ryall. For Mooncoin C. Dunne was outstanding. Mick Conway great and Pat Delahunty at full back - sound, holding his man scoreless. Generally the Mooncoin Team rose as one to the great challenge set them in the 2nd half. Scorers for M. - C. Dunne (3-6), T. Grant, E. Doyle, J. Dunphy (0-2) each, R. Holden (0-1), For 'Bridge' - P. Moran (0-8), J. Kinsella (1-3), J. Bennett (1-1), A. Kelly (1-0), J. Carroll (0-2).

M. R. Dunphy, John Walsh, P. Delahunty, Ned Connolly, J. Howley, J. Lynch, Johnny Walsh, M. Howley, M. Conway, T. Grant, E. Doyle, C. Dunne, R. Holden, T. Ryan, J. Dunphy. Sub. John Lynch.

**Bennetts Br.** - N. Skehan, M. Treacy, L. Cleere, J. Treacy, P. Kealy, S. Cleere, J. McGovern, P. Moran, P. Lawlor, J. Kinsella, J. Bennett, J. Carroll, N. Ryan, M. McCarthy, A. Kelly. Sub. P. Treacy for S. Cleere, S. Cleere for P. Treacy.

## 1968

May. Tullogher S.H. Tour - S.F. Mooncoin beat Rower-Inis. Final Mooncoin beat Tullogher.

May. At Rathnure - S.H. Medal Tour. Mooncoin 6-8, Rathnure 4-5. Mooncoin at full strength except for J.J. Kinsella and Tommy Ryan.

June. In Slieverue Parochial Hall by Rev. A. O. Dwyer C.C. - Presentation of trophies - Dr.

Hughes Cup + Trophies - won by Mooncoin in Sen. H. Tour of 1966 v Ballygunner at Slieverue in final (replay).

June 21st. At Piltown. S.H.Ch.R1. Mooncoin 4-7 (2-4), Kilmacow 0-11 (0-9). Close and keen until just on H.T. when Mooncoin banged in two quick goals to put them a point ahead at the interval. All Mooncoin thereafter.

M. D. Dunphy, J.J. Kinsella, Jim Lynch, Ned. Connolly, Tom Walsh, Johnny Howley, Johnny Walsh, Martin Howley, Mick Conway, Tom Grant, Joe Dunphy (1-1), C. Dunne (0-3), Ned Doyle (0-1), T. Ryan (1-1), Billy O'Keeffe (2-0), Sub. John Walsh (0-1) for Johnny Howley.

Kcaw. Josie Walsh, Liam Kelly, Paddy Whitty, Tom Kent, Charlie Forristal, Paddy Flynn, Ned Fleming, Senan Cooke (0-3), Christie Knox (0-1), T. Gaule (0-3), Tom Hogan (0-1), Pete Sweeney (0-1), Pat Forristal, Billy Donovan (0-1), Francis Walsh (0-1), Sub. Senan Sutton for Paddy Flynn.

Aug. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. R2. Mooncoin 5-11 (4-6), Lisdowney 2-3 (0-3). Ref. P. Johnston, Kilk. Lisdowney had the assistance of Ted Carroll and Dick Blanchfield. Mooncoin had three changes to the team in first round - Dick Holden, Noel Doyle, and John Walsh coming on for Ned Connolly, Joe Dunphy, and Ned Doyle. Lisdowney got their two goals in the last minute.

Sept. Tramore festival - S.H. Tour. Mooncoin 4-4, Ballygunner 1-4. Both teams under strength. Cup and silver medals presented subsequently to M. Ref. Tony Walsh.

Sept. At Piltown Fete S. H. Tour Final. Carrick Davins 4-13. Mooncoin 2-3.

Mooncoin display was disappointing since they were short just one regular - Ed. Connolly.

## The 'Bridge' Win Again.

Sept. At N.Pk. S.H.S.F. Bennettsbridge 4-8, Mooncoin 2-4. Ref. Jas Murphy Tullogher.

The crowds gathered in expectation of a keenly fought epic but early promise soon vanished leaving in its stead a battle of attrition with the inevitable survival of the strongest. The too frequent attrays were interspersed with some brilliant passages of hurling - alas too brief and infrequent. Mooncoin with the wind mainly due

to their poor finishing were behind at H.T. 1-4 to 1-3. Mooncoin stayed with the 'Bridge' for the third quarter but then ran out of steam - The 'Bridge' gaining control scored two goals in as many minutes. The veterans went on to win Bbr. 4-8, M.2-4. Referee possibly too lenient.

**M.** R. Dunphy, J.J. Kinsella, J. Walsh, T. Walsh, J. Howley, J. Lynch, Johnny Walsh, M. Conway, M. Howley, Ned Doyle, C. Dunne, T. Ryan, D. Kinsella, W. O'Keeffe. Subs. E. Connolly for Johnny Walsh, F. Doyle for O'Keeffe.

**Bbr.** - N. Skehan, M. Treacy, L. Cleere, J. Treacy, P. Kealy, S. Cleere, J. McGovern, P. Moran, P. Lawlor, J. Kinsella, J. Bennett, J. Carroll, N. Ryan, P. Treacy, M. McCarthy. Subs. C. O'Brien for J. Treacy, J. Treacy for O'Brien - Start of 2nd half.

## 1969

May. Co. Board Meeting. The Championship for which there will be a losers group this year for the first time - begins first available Sunday in June. S.H.Ch. R1. Mooncoin v Galmoy.

July. At. N.Pk. S.H.Ch. R2.

Mooncoin 1-15, Thomastown 2-9. Mooncoin without J. Walsh and Tommy Ryan - both on honeymoon. J.J. Kinsella received head injury and checked for concussion at Kilk. Co. Hospital. Mooncoin had new set of jerseys blessed in the dressing room before the match by Rev. John O'Brien C.C. (M).

Aug. 15th. Mvat. 10th Annual Fete - S.H. Tour Final. Mooncoin 3-11 (2-6), Bennettsbridge 3-7 (2-4). Exciting game - score for score throughout with Mooncoin just in front at H.T. M. 2-6, Bb. 2-4.

**M.** D. Dunphy, John Walsh, Tom Walsh, Ed. Connolly, T. Mackey, J. Howley, Johnny Walsh, M. Howley, M. Conway, T. Grant, Ned Doyle, C. Dunne, Joe Dunphy, J. Lynch, Noel Doyle. Sub. Dick Holden for C. Dunne.

**Bbr.** N. Skehan, Martin Treacy, Laur. Cleere, Jim Treacy, Conor O'Brien, S. Cleere, J. Holden, P. Moran, Pat Lalor, P.J. Kinsella, Phil Cullen, N. Ryan, M. McCarthy, Paddy Treacy.

Oct. 3rd. Inter-Factory H. League Final (1968). G. Paper Mills 3-8, McInerney, Dublin 3-7. For Paper Mills, J. Lynch, Joe Dunphy, Tom Walsh, Johnny Walsh, T. Grant, J. Delahunty (M).

Oct. At Fermoy Inter-Factory All-Ire. H. Final. Ref. J. Dunphy, Dunhill (Wat.). Golden Vale Food Products, Charleville Cork 4-5, Gr. Paper Mills 3-7.

## Pipped at the Post.

Nov. 30th. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. S.F. Fenians 4-8 (1-6), Mooncoin 4-7 (2-3). Ref. Seamus Delaney.

Mooncoin failed to stay the distance and were pipped on the post. With just minutes to go Mooncoin were a comfortable eight points ahead but the Fenians slammed in three goals for a one point win. Johnstown had got away to a good start with W. Watson netting to open the scoring. However goals from Jim Lynch and Tom Ryan helped Mooncoin to level scores by H.T. Johnstown 1-6, M. 2-3. After the break M. Garrett and T. O'Connell added points for the Fenians, then for fifteen minutes Mooncoin took control. Ned Doyle had a goal and point. T. Ryan added a spectacular goal (his second), Tom Grant and Jim Lynch pointed for eight point lead 4-7 to 1-8. Back came Johnstown with goals from J. Moriarty, W. Watson and J. Moriarty again in the last minute for one pt. win.

**M.** D. Dunphy, J.J. Kinsella, T. Walsh, N. Connolly, J. Howley, J. Walsh, Johnny Walsh, M. Howley, M. Conway, T. Grant, N. Doyle, C. Dunne, J. Dunphy, J. Lynch, T. Ryan.

**Johns.** P.J. Ryan, M. Carroll, N. Oar, M. Fitzpatrick, S. Delaney, P. Henderson, S. Grace, F. Farrell, S. Murphy, T. O'Connell, P. Delaney, J. Moriarty, M. Garrett, F. Holohan, W. Watson.

## 1970

### Single Point Seals Fate.

July. At Thomastown. S.H.Ch.R1. Jas. Stephens 5-7 (2-2), Mooncoin 5-6 (0-5).

James Stephens had a slight edge in the first half of a very close highly entertaining game and were a goal to the good at the interval. Jas. St. 2-2, M. 0-5. Within a few minutes of resuming the game erupted into a thriller - Mooncoin slamming home four goals to put them three ahead. James Stephens fought back and levelled with minutes to go. Mooncoin goaled and O'Brien pointed for Stephens. With excitement intense Eddie Byrne sent to the net as the whistle sounded time giving Jas. Stephens a point's win. A great game - fast, clean and sporting with the issue in doubt to the end. F.T. J.St. 5-7, M.5-6. Mooncoin



without J. Lynch - injured. Jas. Steph. minus Mick Taylor. Invidious to single players out for

mention but John Walsh at full-back and Mick Conway at centrefield and for Stephens Fan Larkin at full back E. Morrissey and Mick Crotty in the half forward line all had a good game.

**M.** R. Dunphy, T. Mackey, J. Walsh, J.J. Kinsella, N. Doyle, J. Howley, J. Walsh, M. Conway, J. Dunphy, John Lynch, C. Dunne, T. Ryan, T. Walsh, W. O'Keeffe.

**Jas.Steph.** M. Moore, Phil Larkin, Fan Larkin, Pat Larkin, E. Morrissey, N. Morrissèy, M. Leahy, S. Brennan, L. Tyrrell, E. Tallant, M. Crotty, L. O'Brien, E. Byrne, G. Leahy and M. Dunne. Ref. Tom Ryall.

Aug. 14th. At Wat. Gaelic Field. Wat. Glass S.H. Tour S.F. Mooncoin 3-6 (1-5), Jas. Steph. 2-4 (0-1). With a decisive win over Jas. Stephens, Mooncoin revenged their last championship defeat and now meet Carrick Davins in the final.

## 1971

Jan. M.H.C. - A.G.M. at Parochial Hall. - Mr J. Kearns presided. Officers for '71 elected. Ch. Jack Kearns, V.Ch. Jas Delahunty, Sec. L. Diggins, Treas. Dick Dunphy, Sen.Sel.Comms. E. Holden, Jas Delahunty + Ch. Minor + U.16. Joe Dunphy, C. Dunne, J. Lynch, T. Ryan, Jim Comerford. Jun + U.21 - Ml. Holden, Jas. Deady, (Lick), J. Walsh, T. Nolan, J. Tobin, T. Walsh.

Jan. Eddie Doyle (D), (84). Last survivor of 1904 Team (then aged 20). Did not play in 1913, but received medal (as sub.), R.I.P.

Jan. At Ardree Hotel. M.H.C. Presentation. Present - G.A.A. President, Mr P. Fanning and his wife, Co. Chairman - Ml. O'Neill & wife. Mr P. Fanning presented the massive Wat. Glass Trophy to John Walsh (capt) and medals to the team. M.C. Richard Keating and music for social - Moonshiners of Mooncoin.

May. At Piltown Fete - S.H. Tour. Mooncoin 3-10, Bennettsbridge 2-4.

June. At Piltown Fete - S.H. Tour Final. Mooncoin 4-8 (1-6), Windgap 2-7 (0-3). Mooncoin had two quick goals and a point late in second half. For Windgap Kieran Purcell scored 1-3. Mick Conway (capt), received 'The Munster Express' Cup.

June. First 'Rose of Mooncoin' Festival.

June. Rathnure - Gold Watch H. Tour - Aulart beat Mooncoin by three points.

July. Mr T. Dunphy (Cg) (68) R.I.P. For many years - Sec. M.H.C.

## Easy Win for 'Comer'.

Aug. 1st. S.H.Ch.R1. Castlecomer 2-13 (1-6), Mooncoin 0-8 (0-8). Ref. D. Dowling, Newrath. Unexpected but decisive win for 'Comer' - Mooncoin failed to score in second half.

**M.** D. Dunphy, Ed. Connolly, John Walsh, J.J. Kinsella, Tom Mackey, Jimmy Lynch, John Howley, Mick Conway, Johnny Walsh, Tom Walsh, Dick Grant, Tom Grant, Joe Dunphy, John Lynch and Billy O'Keeffe. Subs. Martin Howley for J. Walsh and Noel Doyle for M. Howley.

## Tournament Win.

Aug. At. Mvat. Mvat Sen. H. Tour Final. Mooncoin 3-8, Bennettsbridge 3-5.

Mooncoin, holders of the Cup, were at full strength except for C. Dunne. The 'Bridge' were short Paddy Kealy and John Kinsella. Ref. Francis Walsh, Kcow.

**M.** D. Dunphy, John Kinsella, J. Walsh, Eddie Connolly, T. Mackey, Jimmy Lynch, Johnny Walsh, John Howley, Noel Doyle, Ned Quinn, John Lynch, Dick Grant, Tom Walsh, Tommy Ryan, Joe Dunphy. Sub. Mick Conway.

**Bbr.** Noel Skehan, Martin Treacy, Conor O'Brien, Jim Treacy, Pat Lalor, John Holohan, Larry Cleere, Paddy Moran, Christy Hayes, Wattie Kennedy, Paddy Treacy, J. Dowling, Noel Ryan, J. McGovern, Kevin Dunne. Sub. Seamus Cleere (Note - K. Dunne son of Johnny '33 & '35).

Nov. At Piltown. S.H. Tour Final - Sth Special Mooncoin 5-11 (1-9), Kcow. 5-8 (3-5). (Winners now meet Freshford (Nth) in final of competition under arrangement inaugurated this year for 1st round losers of S.H.Ch.).

Bitterly cold weather excused some missed scoring chances. Scorers for M. T. Ryan (2-0), Joe Dunphy (1-3), Ned Doyle (1-2), John Walsh, (1-2), Noel Doyle (0-2), John Lynch (0-1), and for Kcow. - T. Gaule (1-6), D. Sutton (2-0), P. Mc Donald (1-1), Joe Quinn (1-0), D. McNamara (0-1). Ref. Cha. Whelan.

1972

Apr. 2nd. Easter Mon. At N.Pk. Winter S.H. League Final. Mooncoin 4-5 (0-3), Freshford 4-4 (2-2). Mooncoin with the advantage of a strong wind, had a dismal first half and behind at H.T. Freshford 2-2, Mooncoin 0-3. Generating some pressure after the interval. They (M) went ahead and just held on in exciting finish.

Apr. At N.Pk. All-Ire. Inter-Factory H. Final (1971).

Roscrea Bacon F (Tipp), Muns Ch. 5-9 (3-4), Gr. Paper Mills Leins. Ch. 2-5 (0-1). (For Paper Mills - J. Lynch, T. & J. & J. Walsh, T. Grant, J. Dunphy (M)).

May 9th. At Thomastown. S.H.Ch. 1st R. Mooncoin easily defeated Newpart Sarsfields (City). Mooncoin - at full strength except for Mick Conway (inj) and Johnny Walsh but had the assistance of Christy Knox (Kcow) now in Mooncoin.

M. Dick Dunphy, J.J. Kinsella, John Walsh, Donal Laffan, Tom Mackey, Jimmy Lynch, Noel Doyle, Christy Knox, Johnny Howley, Tom Grant, Ned Quinn, Dick Grant, Joe Dunphy, Claus Dunne, Tommy Ryan. Sub. Billy O'Keeffe for Dick Grant inj. broken finger.

#### Mooncoin Disappoint in 2nd Half.

June 13th. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. - 1st R. Winner/Group. Bennettsbridge 3-7 (1-1), Mooncoin 2-3 (1-3).

It looked good for Mooncoin with their nose in front at H.T. M.1-3, Bbr. 1-1. The 'Bridge' were without Conor O'Brien and Paddy Treacy but making a couple of astute changes at the break the game was won and lost within minutes of the restart. Tony Kelly and Noel Ryan replaced Watt. Kennedy and Terry Brennan. Within minutes Tony Kelly had slammed in two goals putting the 'Bridge' ahead where they stayed in control for the remainder of the game. Against a solid defence Mooncoin could manage just a single score in the 2nd half.

July 23rd. S.H. League. Mooncoin defeat St. Senans. Ref. Dick Dowling.

Aug. 8th. At N.Pk. Leins. Inter-Factory H. League Final.

Grannagh Paper Mills 5-9, McInerney Dublin 2-18 - Draw. Paper Mills included - Joe Dunphy, Johnny Walsh and Peter Corcoran (M).

1973

#### Rally Fails.

May 15th. At Myat. S.H.Ch.R1. Rower-Inis 4-14 (4-7), Mooncoin 4-12 (1-5). Two minutes silence in memory of the great Lowry Meagher R.I.P.

Eleven points behind at the interval Mooncoin made a determined effort in the second half to get on level terms five minutes from time but then Eddie Keher pointed a couple of frees for a Rower-Inis victory.

M. D. Dunphy, Pat Conway, John Walsh, Johnny Walsh, Jim Lynch, John Howley, Noel Doyle, Mick Conway, Tom Mackey (0-1), Joe Dunphy (1-1), Billis O'Keeffe, C. Dunne (1-5), Ned Quinn, Tommy Ryan (2-0), Ned Doyle (0-5).

R.Inis. D. Kavanagh, Jas. Murphy, Fintan Murphy, Billy Kennedy, Liam Gallovan, P. Kavanagh, Billy Murphy, Pat Grace, D. Kavanagh, J. Delahunty, Jim Dunphy (0-2), Eddie Keher (0-8), Pat Gallivan (1-2), John Walsh (1-2), Noel Cotterall (2-0). Subs. Pat Meaney for Liam Gallivan, Jas. Morrissey for Pat Grace.

July 17th. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. Mooncoin 4-5, Gowran 3-8 - Draw.

July 30th. S.H.Ch. Mooncoin beat Gowran (Young Irelands) - Replay.

#### Close Game.

Aug. 12th. At N.Pk. S.H. C. Qt. Final. Fenians 6-9 (3-3), Mooncoin 6-6 (1-4).

A game in which there was never much between the teams - the Fenians were two points ahead at H.T. Fen. 3-3, M. 2-4. Score for score after the interval with the sides level on four occasions made for tense and exciting fare. Fenians' big guns were forced to work hard - Claus Dunne marking Pat Henderson sparked scoring (3-4) while Jimmy Lynch held their big ace Pat Delaney scoreless. The Fenians other two inter-county players, Nicky Orr and Paddy Broderick have had better games. Mooncoin were without Mick Conway (hospitalised following injury sustained last week in Myat. Tour). Though beaten Mooncoin gave an inspiring display. M. D. Dunphy, J.J. Kinsella, John Walsh, Ned Connolly, Tom Mackey, Jimmy Lynch, Johnny Walsh, Noel Doyle, Dick Grant, Joe Dunphy, C. Dunne, Ned Quinn, Dick Power, Billy O'Keeffe, T. Ryan. Subs. T. Grant for Ned Quinn, Johnny Howley for T. Mackey.

# First Round Difficulty Remains.

1974

May 19th. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch.R1. James Stephens 3-12 (0-7), Mooncoin 2-4 (2-0).

Nothing much between the teams at H.T. J.S. 0-7, M. 2-0, a half in which the Mooncoin backs held sway-giving little away, while T. Ryan and R. Power each scored a goal. With Mooncoin still very much in the game T. Ryan goaled for James Stephens half-way through the second half and then followed with two more. Suddenly James Stephens were out of sight. Mooncoin's defence played well, their centrefield Mick Conway and Dick Grant had the edge whilst their forwards, without Claus Dunne, lacked cohesion and penetration. For James Stephens besides Tom Ryan who took his three goals, Tom McCormack and Brian Cody played soundly. Ref. Cha. Whelan (Thomastown).

**M.** R. Dunphy, P. Conway, D. Laffan, L. Mackey, T. Mackey, J. Howley, J. Walsh, M. Conway, R. Grant, N. Doyle, J. Dunphy, J. Grace, R. Power, J. Lynch, T. Ryan. Sub. J. Conway for N. Doyle.  
**Jas. Steph.** M. Moore, P. Larkin, M. Leahy, M. Power, T. McCormack, B. Cody, D. McCormack, N. Morrissey, P. Dowling, M. Crotty, E. Byrne, L. O'Brien, S. Brennan, J. O'Dwyer, T. Ryan. Sub. J. O'Brien for M. Leahy.

June 23rd. At Mvat. Sen. H. Ch. R2. (Losers Group). Mooncoin 4-10, Thomastown 2-6. Mooncoin playing very positively, had a good win over Thomastown. They immediately went in front and stayed there throughout the game. They were well served by Jim Lynch, Tom Mackey, John Walsh and Dick Dunphy and in the forwards Claus Dunne, Joe Dunphy and Dick Power. Ref. R. Carroll.

**M.** D. Dunphy, J. Walsh, D. Laffan, L. Mackey, T. Mackey, J. Lynch, J. Walsh, M. Conway, J. Howley, N. Doyle, C. Dunne, J. Grace, D. Power, J. Dunphy, B. O'Keeffe. Sub. T. Ryan for N. Doyle.

Aug. 17th. S.H.Ch.R3. Windgap 5-13, Mooncoin 3-7. Ref. Dick Dowling. Mooncoin who were beginning to get their game together were surprisingly well beaten by Windgap. Mooncoin playing with the breeze were two points ahead at the interval. After the break Kieran Purcell reeked havoc and had a hand in most of Windgap's scores and a well-merited twelve-point win.

July 1st. At. Mvat. Mvat. Fete Sen. H. Tour Final (1973) Replay.

Rathnure (Wex.) 3-14 (2-2), Mooncoin 2-10 (0-8). Ref. Dick Dowling.

Both sides showed changes from the drawn game (Mooncoin 6-6, Rathnure 1-21). In the replay scores at the interval were level Rath. 2-2, M. 0-8. Afterwards Rathnure with a strong breeze ran out easy winners despite goals from C. Dunne and Billy O'Keeffe.

**M.** D. Dunphy, J. Walsh, D. Laffan, J. Walsh, T. Mackey, J. Lynch, T. Henneberry, M. Conway, J. Howley, J. Grace, C. Dunne, D. Grant, J. Dunphy, B. O'Keeffe, T. Ryan. Subs. T. Heneberry for J. Grace, Ned Quinn for D. Grant.  
**Rath.** M. Foley, J. Quigley, A. Somers, P. Quigley, J. O'Connor, T. O'Connor, S. Murphy, J. Mooney, J. Higgins, L. Byrne, J. Murphy, M. Quigley, J. Byrne, D. Quigley. Subs. Pat Hendrick for Higgins, S. Murphy for Joe Murphy.

Co. Board Conv. - Ch. to League System.

1975

May 11th. At Mvat. S.H.Ch.R1. Mooncoin 3-10 (3-6), Thomastown 2-7 (1-3). Mooncoin were in control throughout. Ref. Edw. Blackmore, Piltown.

**M.** N. Quinn, D. Laffan, J. Walsh, J. Walsh, N. Phelan, J. Lynch, T. Mackey, J. Grace, M. Conway, J. Wall, T. Heneberry, D. Grant, N. Doyle, B. O'Keeffe, J. Dunphy.

May 18th. At Mvat. S.H.Ch. R2. Mooncoin 2-10 (0-4), Bennettsbridge 2-10 (2-7). Draw. The 'Bridge' were three goals in front at H.T. Bbr. 2-7, M. 0-4. Mooncoin came back strongly after the interval and held the 'Bridge' to one point from play. For Mooncoin, Tom Mackey, J. Lynch, M. Conway, Joe Wall and Joe Dunphy and for the 'Bridge' N. Skehan, Pat Lawlor, W. Kennedy and N. Ryan played well. Ref. D. Dowling.

June 8th. S.H.Ch.R3. Mooncoin 4-9, Shamrocks 1-10.

June 15th. S.H.Ch.R4. Mooncoin 3-9, Windgap 1-8.

July 13th. At Mvat. S.H.Ch.R5. Mooncoin 3-9, Rower/Inistioge 2-8. Ref. Dick Dowling.

Turning over with a deficit of four points at the interval the forwards with great accuracy as opportunities arose, gave Mooncoin a comfortable four point win. F.T. M.3-9, Rower/Inis. 2-8. M. D. Dunphy, N. Phelan, J. Walsh, D. Laffan, T. Mackey, J. Lynch, J. Grace, M. Conway, T. Grant, J. Wall, T. Heneberry (Bbz), C. Dunne, J. Dunphy, B. O'Keeffe, N. Doyle. Subs. T. Heneberry (Cc), for Joe Wall, D. Grant for N. Doyle, D. Power for B. O'Keeffe.

July 20th. S.H.Ch. St. Lactains 8-4, Mooncoin 1-2.

Sept. 21st. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch.S.F. Galmoy 1-17 (0-10), Mooncoin 3-10 (0-6).

In a game without frills, Galmoy merited their win if not for brilliance then for persistence and grit. They made the running stuck to their task and it was only the accuracy of Claus Dunne and Joe Dunphy that kept Mooncoin in touch. At H.T. Galmoy 0-10, Mooncoin 0-6. After Jack Phelan had pointed for Galmoy, Mooncoin made a spirited effort to take control with a Joe Dunphy goal, point from Jim Grace and two points from Claus Dunne but the effort petered out and left Mooncoin fighting from behind to the end. With minutes left and Galmoy four points ahead Billy O'Keeffe whipped the ball to the net giving Galmoy just a point win.

M. D. Dunphy, E. Phelan, J. Walsh, D. Laffan, T. Mackey, J. Lynch, J. Grace (0-2), M. Conway, R. Grant, J. Wall, T. Heneberry, C. Dunne (0-7), Joe Dunphy (2-1), W. O'Keeffe (1-0), N. Doyle. Subs. Johnny Walsh and Tom Grant.

**Galmoy.** C. Brennan, Jim Phelan, Tom Phelan, M. Ryan, F. Harte, M. Lonergan, L. Harte, J. Doherty, S. Delaney, L. Norton (0-1), B. Harte (1-2), W. Phelan (0-6), Jack Phelan (0-5), B. Delaney (0-2), M. Phelan (0-1). Ref. Mr Martin Meally.

## 1976

June. At Piltown. S.H.L. Mooncoin 5-8 (3-1), Windgap 0-15 (0-6). Mooncoin went for goals and got them - the first to Joe Wall with Joe Dunphy adding two more before H.T. M.3-1, Windgap 0-6. Midway through the second half Dick Grant and then Billy O'Keeffe whipped raspers to the net and sealed the issue. Mooncoin's forwards were deadly accurate and economical. The defence was sound.

M. R. Dunphy, T. Mackey, J. Walsh, T. Heneberry, J. Grace, J. Lynch, J.J. Grant, J.J. Heneberry, M. Conway, J. Wall, Tom Heneberry, T. Grant, D. Grant, B. O'Keeffe and Joe Dunphy. Ref. Eddie Blackmore.

**Windgap.** B. Jackman, R. Barry, P. Moore, P. Mackey, S. Power, T. Hearne, T. Mackey, G. Hennessey, T. Barry, J. O'Shea, P. Doran, P. Hayes, C. Coady, C. Coonan, G. Hennessy.

July 25th. At Mvat. S.H.Ch. Shamrocks 3-16 (2-5), Mooncoin 4-4 (2-2). Level pegging for the first session until just before the break when Mooncoin nodded and were hit for two goals giving the Shamrocks advantage at H.T. Sham. 2-5, M. 2-2. Shamrocks, younger and fitter stepped up the pace and gaining the edge at centrefield kept Mooncoin under pressure and adding a further 1-11 to their score. Joe Dunphy (3-2), was top scorer, who with T. Ryan (1-1), and in defence Jim Lynch and T. Mackey played well for Mooncoin while the Fennellys, M. Mason and S. Reid were best for the Shamrocks. Ref. M. Meally.

M. Team same as above except T. Ryan for D. Grant.

**Shamrocks.** K. Fennelly, D. Shefflin, P. Aylward, M. Hoyne, R. Reid, M. Mason, D. Connolly, G. Fennelly, J. Walsh, L. Fennelly, M. Fennelly, S. Reid, M. Aylward, J.J. Holohan, B. Fennelly. Subs. P. Holden for L. Fennelly, O. Harrington for J. Walsh and L. Fennelly for M. Fennelly (inj).

## 1977

June. Gowran. S.H.Tour Final. Mooncoin 2-11, St. Lactains 2-6.

May 22nd. At. N.Pk. S.H.Ch. Fenians 0-14 (0-8), Mooncoin 0-8 (0-6). A game in which both defences held sway; apart from a couple of shots deftly parried by the Mooncoin goalie Ned Quinn - points were the order of the day. Hustling and bustling gave rise to much fouling and inhibited free movement of play. Nothing much between them at the break H.T. Fen. 0-8, M. 0-6. Second half more of the same - inordinate number of wides. N. Orr, P. Henderson and Ger at centre-field were architects of Fenian dominance. Billy Kelly and Tom Heneberry - Mooncoin's only scorers - a point each. Ref. M. Meally.

M. N. Quinn, P. Corcoran, J. Walsh, N. Doyle, T. Mackey, J. Grace (0-1), R. Murray, J. Wall,

T. Henebry (0-1), M. Conway (0-1), J. Lynch (0-1), B. Kelly (0-2), J. Dunphy (0-1), T. Ryan, T. Henebry (0-1). Sub. E. Crowley for B. Kelly (inj.).

**Fen.** J. Moriarty, J. Henderson, N. Orr, M. Fitzpatrick, D. Dowling, P. Henderson, P. Murphy, M. Garrett (0-1), G. Henderson (0-3), B. Fitzpatrick (0-2), B. Watson (0-1), J. Ryan (0-3), E. Graham (0-1), P. Delaney (0-1), J. Power (0-2).

June 12th. At Piltown. S.H.Ch.

Shamrocks 2-12 (1-7), Mooncoin 3-3 (0-0). Mooncoin were caught napping and failed to raise a flag in the first half. An early goal by Shamrocks from a quickly taken penalty by Ger. Fennelly gave them a useful start and at H.T. Sham. 1-7, M.0-0. A spirited effort after the break took Mooncoin within three points of the Shamrocks at which point the rally spent itself. F.T. Sham. 2-12, M.3-3.

**M.** As above except P. Ryan and M. Henebry for M. Conway and B. Kelly.

**Shamrocks.** R. Fennelly, D. Shefflin, M. Healy, M. Hoyne, W. Phelan, M. Mason, R. Reid, G. Fennelly, J. Walsh, M. Fennelly, P. Holden, M. Dempsey, B. Fennelly, D. Connolly, O. Harrington. Sub. S. Reid for Dempsey. Ref. J. Murphy.

June 19th. At N.Pk. S.H.Ch. Mooncoin 7-3 (2-3), Erins Own 4-10 (2-7). In a free-scoring exhibition the four goal blitz of T. Ryan plus J. Dunphy (2-1) tipped the scores Mooncoin's way. Without Jim Lynch (inj.) Mooncoin, playing against the breeze stayed with Erins Own in first half H.T. E.O. 2-7, M. 2-3. Midway through the second half Mooncoin hit the front and managed to hold on F.T. Mooncoin 7-3, Erins Own 4-10. Ref. P. Butler.

**M.** N. Quinn, P. Corcoran, J. Walsh, N. Doyle, T. Mackey, J. Grace, R. Murray, M. Conway, P. Ryan, T. Henebry, M. Henebry, J. Wall (1-1), T. Ryan (4-0), J. Dunphy (2-1), T. Henebry (0-1). Subs. E. Conway and F. Walsh.

**Erins Own.** D. Molloy, M. Brennan, T. Brennan (Cloney), J. Shea, Tommy Brennan, M. Coogan, D. Dunne, P. Boran, M. Fogarty, P. Byrne, M. Brennan (Roe), S. Brennan, S. Coogan, J. Kelly, Terry Brennan. Subs. L. O'Neill and M. Nash.

July 3rd. S.H.Ch. Bennettsbridge 3-9, Mooncoin 3-6.

July 10th. S.H.Ch. Rower/Inistioge 3-8, Mooncoin 2-7.

1978

May. At N.Pk. Sen.H.Ch. R1. Muckalee/Ballyfoyle 2-11 (2-4), Mooncoin 2-9 (1-4).

Muck./Ballyfoyle were reduced to fourteen men shortly after the start when Jim Moran their centre forward was sent to the line. Galvanized thereby to greater efforts, Muck./Ballyfoyle, with scores level, netted a penalty and stayed ahead. H.T. Muck./Bally. 2-4, M. 1-4. Muck./Ballyf. packed their defence and succeeded in blunting the efforts of E. Crowley, J. Wall and T. Henebry, in fact, the whole forward line, which though scoring 1-5, wanted penetration.

**M.** N. Quinn, J. Kinsella, J. Walsh, N. Doyle, P. Ryan, J.J. Henebry, T. Mackey, M. Henebry, D. Grace, E. Crowley, T. Henebry, J. Wall, L. Kinsella, T. Henebry, J. Dunphy. Subs. R. Murray for Kinsella, P. Corcoran for L. Kinsella, W. O'Keeffe for E. Crowley.

**Muck./Ballyf.** J.J. Dowling, T. Maher, N. Morrissey, P. Moran, J. Morrissey, N. Morrissey, J. Kelly, J. Moran, M. Maher, J. Walsh, Jim Moran, J. Brennan, D. Coonan, D. Nolan, T. Moran.

May 27th. At N.Pk. Sen. H.Ch. R2. The Fenians 6-6 (5-2), Mooncoin 0-10 (0-4).

In a lop-sided affair Mooncoin were out-classed by the reigning champions The Fenians. As the Henderson brothers and N. Orr dominated the defence so Pat Delaney and Billy Fitzpatrick complimented their efforts in attack (scoring 4-4 between them). The score at H.T. The Fenians 5-2, M. 0-4. Mooncoin tried hard, in the second half, without threatening. E. Crowley scored 0-9 of M. total.

**M.** N. Quinn, N. Doyle, J. Walsh, P. Ryan, T. Mackey, J.J. Henebry, R. Murray, J. Grace, M. Henebry, J. Wall, T. Henebry, E. Crowley, J. Dunphy, T. Henebry, P. Corcoran. Subs. C. Kinsella for P. Corcoran, J. Kinsella for J.J. Henebry.

**The Fenians (Johnstown).** P.J. Ryan, J. Henderson, N. Orr, M. Fitzpatrick, D. Dowling, P. Henderson, G. Henderson, F. Hawkes, M. Garrett, B. Fitzpatrick, B. Watson, G. Murphy, J. Ryan, P. Delaney, J. Power, Sub. J. Moriarty for J. Power. Ref. James Murphy.

June 4th. Sen. H.Ch. R3. Rower/Inistioge 3-10, Mooncoin 2-8.

June 18th. At N.Pk. Sen. H.Ch. R4. Galmoy 2-14 (2-7), Mooncoin 2-10 (1-3). Galmoy got