

CENTENARY CUP



Seán MacCumhaill Park Ballybofey

SUNDAY, 8th APRIL, 1984

Dún na nGall

V

Ciarraí

3.30 p.m.

Referee: P. Gorman (Sligo)

MINOR FOOTBALL CHALLENGE

un Na nGall v Muineacháin

2.00 p.m. Referee: Peter McKelvey

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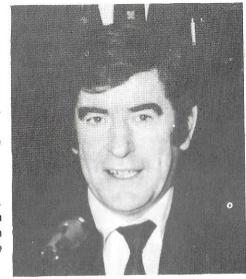
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Tá stair agus tradisiún láidir, bríomhar ag Ciarraí agus ba mhaith an rud dúinne staidear a dhéanamh air má táimid le Craobh Sinnsear na h-Éireann a bhuachaint.

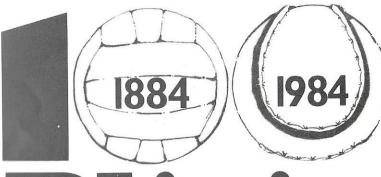


Is ocaid stairiúil é seo i mbliain chomórtha an chéid agus is cóir go mbeadh sé mar aidhm ag Dún na nGall cliú agus cáil a bhaint amach sa chéad atá romhainn mar a rinne Ciarraí sa chéad a chuaigh thart.

I hope this is the first of many official fixtures between Donegal and Kerry. We are fortunate in Donegal to have men of vision in charge of our teams, to have officials who give of their time unsparingly and to have the grassroots to support the county financially.

Gúim rath agus séan oraibh uilig i rith na bliana seo.

Mícheál Mac Giolla Easbuic, Cathaoirleach.



Bliain Chum Cimm

than bhrod orainn mar gheall ar an gceangail faoi leith a bhragainn le Cumann Lúthchleas Gael le linn an chéad bhliain seo caite. Táimid cinnte go leanfaidh an teagmháil tairbheach seo sna blianta fada atá romhainn.



Ciarraí — an unparalleled record

ALL IRELAND	SENIOR	FOOTBALL	TITLES	(27)
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1903,	1904,	1909,	1913,	1914,	1924,	1926,
1929,	1930,	1931,	1932,	1937,	1939,	1940,
1941,	1946,	1953,	1955,	1959,	1962,	1969,
1970,	1975,	1978,	1979,	1980,	1981,	

MUNSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL TITLES: 61

	NAT	IONAL FOO	TBALL LEA	GUE TITLES	S (14)	
1928,	1929,	1931,	1932,	1959,	1961,	1963,
1969,	1971,	1972,	1973,	1974,	1977,	1982.

ALL-IRELAND JUNIOR FOOTBALL TITLES: 11

ALL-IRELAND MINOR FOOTBALL TITLES: 9

ALL-IRELAND U-21 FOOTBALL TITLES: 5

The above is a stunning record unequalled by any other county. Ciarraí have won more All-Ireland Senior football titles, more National Leagues, more All-Ireland Junior Football titles, more All-Ireland U-21 football titles and more All-Ireland Minor football titles (nine, the same as Dublin) than any other county.

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The Kerry team that played Donegal at opening of MacCumhaill park on 22 April, 1956: Front, left to right: Colm Kennealy, Tom Costello, Bobby Buckley, John Joe Sheehan, Garry O'Mahony, Paudie Sheehy, R.I.P., Diarmuid Dillon. Back, left to right: Gaffney Duggan (Bagman), R.I.P., Denny O'Shea, Tim "Tiger" Lyons, Tom Moriarty, "Micksie" Palmer, Sean Murphy, Dan McAuliffe, Gerald O'Sullivan, Ned Roche.

Dún na nGall — record

ALL-IRELAND UNDER-21 FOOTBALL CHAMPIONSHIP: 1982

ULSTER SENIOR FOOTBALL TITLES: 3 1983 1972, 1974,

ULSTER JUNIOR FOOTBALL TITLES: 5 1930. 1933. 1939. 1952, 1954

ULSTER UNDER-21 FOOTBALL TITLES: 3 1964. 1966. 1982

ULSTER MINOR FOOTBALL TITLES: 1 1956

DR. McKENNA CUP: 4 1963, 1967, 1975 1965.

Dún na nGall v Ciarraí Previous meetings

Today's Centenary Cup game is the third meeting of Dún na nGall and Ciarraí in Seán MacCumhaill Park, Ballybofey.

Clarral came to open Sean MacCumhaill Park on April 22, 1956. They played a Donegal selection. The Uachtarán of C.L.G., Mr. Séamus Mac Fearain, opened the park. John Wilson refereed. There were 5,000 people present. The teams were:

DUN NA nGALL

Séamus Hoare (St. Eunans)

Jackie McDermott (Ballyshannon) Pat English (St. Eunans) Pearse Dawson (St. Eunans)

Jim 'Cookie' Boyle (Dungloe)

Joe Carroll (St. Eunans)

Peadar McGeehin (St. Eunans)

Jim McKeever (Derry) and Frankie Brennan (Ardara)

Seán O'Donnell (Dungloe)

Roddy Gribben (Derry)

Seán McCormack (Ballyshannon)

Paddy Carr (Gweedore) Frank Donnelly (Tyrone) Seán Young (Derry)

CIARRAÍ

G. Mahony **Ned Roche**

Colm Kenneally Seán Murphy

Micksie Palmer

Tim Lyons

D. Dillon

Tom Moriarty D. O'Shea

G. O'Sullivan

Paudie Sheehy

P. Costello

John Joe Sheehan

R. Buckley Dan McAuliffe

MAY 1981

Ciarraí returned to Ballybofey for another challenge match on May 3, 1981. They beat Dún na nGall by 6-10 to 1-11 in a match in aid of the Ciarraí Australian trip fund. The teams were:

DUN NA nGALL

Noel McCole

Michael Houston

Pat McCrea

Seán Gavigan

Eunan McIntyre

Michael Lafferty

Finian Ward

Michael Gallagher and Brendan Dunleavy

Séamus Reilly

Michael Carr

Charlie Mulgrew

Séamus Marley

Séamus Bonner

Jim Brennan

Carney.

Subs. (used): Paul Carr, Pádraig Carr, Séamus Flynn, P. J. McGowan, Conor

CIARRAÍ

Charlie Nelligan

John O'Keefe

Paudie Lynch

Jimmy Deenihan Paud O'Shea

Vincent O'Connor

Paudie Sheehan

Jack O'Shea and Seán Walsh Ogie Moran

Pat Spillane

Ger Power Ger Driscoll

Eoin Liston

Mick Spillane

1954 JUNIOR (HOME) FINAL

Kerry and Donegal played in the All-Ireland (home) Junior final in Croke Park on September 12, 1954. "Cúltaca" wrote: - 'Dogged by ill-luck from the opening passages of the game, when two key players, Jim McGettigan, and Jim ("Cookie") Boyle, received severe injuries which led to the retirement of both, a gallant Donegal side went under 3-6 to 1-6 to a rugged Kerry fifteen in the All-Ireland home junior final at Croke Park on Sunday, before an attendance of almost 13,000 spectators."

The teams were: Kerry -

T. Spillane

G. O'Mahony S. O'Connor D. Spillane

T. Healy D. Falvey

T. Costello T. Collins

D. Dillon

S. Lovett

E. Fitzgerald D. McAuliffe

P. Fitzgerald

E.Dowling Subs: M. Kerins for D. McAuliffe B. Galvin

John Smith

(Carndonagh)

(St. Eunan's)

Peader McGeehin

Donegal -

Raymond Bryson (Castlefin) **Hughie Boyle** (Gweebarra)

Jackie McDermott (Ballyshannon)

> Frank O'Donnell (Carrick)

Jim Boyle (Dungloe) Matt Regan

(Ballyshannon)

Hughie Coyle (Gweedore)

> Conal McCauley (Dunkineely)

Dom Murray (Gweebarra)

Paddy Coyle (Gweedore)

(St. Eunan's)

Jim McGettigan

Frank Farrelly (St. Eunan's) Willie Gallagher (Gweedere)

Subs: Antoin Rodgers (Gweedore) for McGettigan Peter Sweeney (Dunkineely) for J. Boyle.

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Donegal team and guests who played Kerry at opening of MacCumhaill Park: Front, left to right: Sean O'Donnell, Frankie Brennan, Sean MacCormick, Pearse Dawson, Jackie McDermott, Frankie Donnelly, Peadar McGeehin. Back, left to right, Sean Young, Paddy Carr, Jim McKeever, Pat English, Roddy Gribben, Cookie Boyle, Seamus Hoare, Joe Carroll.

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Donegal-Kerry connections

Tom Prendergast (Kerry) played for MacCumhaills and Donegal during 1969. Tom couldn't hold his place at corner forward on the Donegal senior team but captained Kerry when winning the All-Ireland final at right half back the following year after leaving Donegal. Tom also trained a Kerry minor team to All-Ireland success.

Seamus Fitzgerald (Kerry) played for Gweedore, 1971-'72. Seamus was a star right full back on the Kerry team that won the 1970 All-Ireland and later also trained a Kerry minor team to win the All-Ireland.

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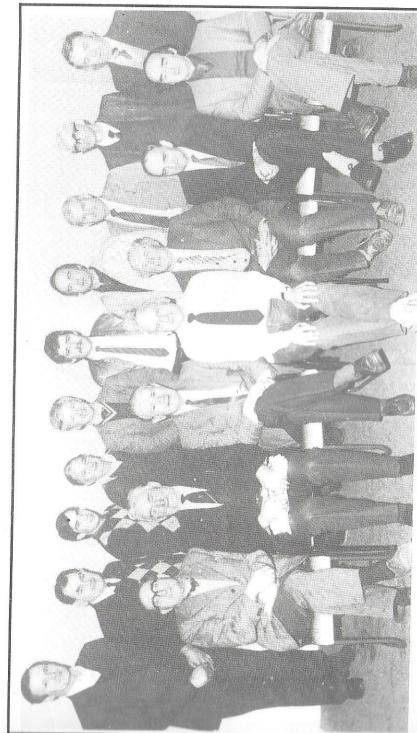
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Dún na nGall Pen Pictures

- Noel McCole: (St. Eunans). Age 31
 Played his first game for the county in the 1974 Ulster final replay. Dungloe born, he is a bank official based in Leterkenny.
- Matt Gallagher: (N. Brid). Age 20.
 Appendicitis operation put him out of last year's Ulster final.
 On Donegal's successful U-21 side. Sports shop manager.
- Des Newton: (Urris). Age 22. Won All-Ireland U-21 medal with his native Roscommon in 1978. His mother is Devine from Illistrin. Teacher in Carndonagh Community School.
- Tommy McDermott: (Aodh Ruadh). Age 21. His father, Jackie was Donegal's goalkeeper in 1954 All-Ireland J.F.C. final in Croke Park. Local authority worker in Donegal's capital, Lifford.
- Michael Carr: (Kilcar). 29. Man of the match in Ulster '83 final. Holder of 2 Ulster S.F.C. medals. Shopkeeper
- Brendan Dunleavy: (Sean Mac Cumhaills). 26. First senior appearance for Donegal in October 1974. Teacher in Greendale Community School where Antoin Carroll is pricipal.
- Brian Tuohy: (Aodh Ruadh). 20. Captained Donegal to U-21 victory in 1982 and De La Salle to their historic Croke Park victory of 1980. Garda.
- Martin Griffin: (Sean MacCumhaills). 28. A long serving player with Donegal. From Stranorlar, he holds a McKenna Cup medal for 1975 and a Donegal S.F.C. medal for 1977. County council employee.

- Michael Lafferty: (Sean Mac-Cumhaills). 28. June 1983 B+I award winner, member of this year's successful Railway cup team. Trainer of successful 1982 Donegal U-21 team. Teacher in Abbey V.S., Donegal.
- Sylvester Maguire: (Aodh Ruadh).

 First senior appearance against Carlow in this season's league game. Hasn't had a bad county game since. U-21 successful team member.
- Anthony Molloy: (Ardara). 21.
 Won Donegal S.F.C. medal in
 1981. Problems with injuries.
 ESB employee.
- Donal Reid: (Bundoran). 22. A native of Killygordon and a Red Hughs player. Hotel manager in Bundoran.
- Paul McGettigan: (St. Eunan's). 28. Won S.F.C. 1983. Living in Galway. Travels hundreds of miles to help St. Eunan's and Donegal. Health Board official.
- Joyce McMullan: (Four Masters).
 20. Four Masters only representative on first fifteen in 1983 Ulster winning side. Tremendous strength, speed and penetration. Insurance company rep.
- Martin McHugh: (Kilcar). 22.
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CIARRAÍ PEN PICTURES

- Charlie Nelligan: Dingle. 27. Goalie on All-Ireland winning U-21 team for 3 seasons. (Baker).
- Paudie O'Shea: (An Gaeltacht).
 Winner of U-21, N.F.L. and
 Senior medals as well as
 Railway Cup honors. Hotel
 owner.
- Vincent O'Connor: (Dingle). His uncle Paddy lives in Lifford. Has played at full back and midfield in most of this year's league campaign.
- Mick Spillane: (Templenoe). Brother of Pat's.
- Tom Doyle: (Annascaul). 28. Sales representative. Deputised for the injured Ger Power.
- John Higgins: (John Mitchells). Ex minor and u-21, 1983.
- Donal Hartnett: (Beaufort). 1983 All- Ireland Junior.
- Jack O'Shea: (St. Mary's). 26. Member of winning minor team of 1975. Plumber.
- Tom Spillane: (Templenoe). 22.

 The third member of the family to play senior for the county.

 Company representative.

- **Timmy Dowd:** (John Mitchells). Ex Kerry minor and Kerry U-21, 1983.
- Denis Moran: (Beale). 28. In Letterkenny last Easter with his club at the 7-a-side. Consultant.
- Pat Spillane: (Templenoe). Plagued with a serious knee injury and out of the game for two seasons. Through sheer spirit and dedication resumed playing at club level. Now back on the Kerry side as good as ever!
- Dermot O'Donoghue: (Killarney Legion): Capt. of team 1983 All-Ireland Junior.
- Eoin Liston: (Beale). 28. The 'Bomber' was also in Letterkenny last Easter. Three goal hero in 1978 All-Ireland win. Great personality. Teacher.
- Michael Sheehy: (Austin Stacks). 30. Getting old! Holder of U-21 Senior and Club medals. Finance Company manager. Like Martin McHugh, one of the country's top scorers.

DÚN NA nGALL MINOR TEAM

- 1—Paul Anthony McFadden (Cloughaneely)
- 2-Pat McGovern (Aodh Ruadh)
- 3-Denis Carberry (Killybegs)
- 4-Tomas Maguire (Ardara)
- 5-Seamus Doohan (Cloughaneely)
- 6-John Cunningham (Killybegs)
- 7 Cormac McGinley (Naomh Mhuire)
- 8-Barry Cunningham (Killybegs)
- 9-Seamus Ward (Glenfin, capt.)
- 10-Owen Bonner (Na Rossa)
- 11-Joey McDermott (Glenfin)
- 12-Jimmy Brennan (Ardara)

- 13-Luke Gavigan (Ardara)
- 14-Manus Boyle (Killybegs)
- 15-Donal Bonner (Na Rossa)
- 16-David Meehan (Killybegs)
- 17-Johnny Gallagher (Termon)
- 18-Noel Bonner (Dungloe)
- 19-Barry McGowan (Killybegs)
- 20-Mark Cleary (Aodh Ruadh)
- 21-Stephen McMenamin (St. Eunans)
- 22-Eamon McCauley (MacCumhaills)
- 23-Eugene McMenamin (Robert Emmets)
- 24-Eamonn McNelis (Gweedore)
- 25-Brian "Mor" Gallagher (Gweedore)

MUINEACHAIN MINOR TEAM

- 1-Francis Courtney
- 2-Gerry Hamill
- 3-Gerard McGuirk
- 4-John Tibby
- 5-John Movna
- 6-Eamon McGeough
- 7-Timmy Byrne
- 8-Eddie Walsh
- 9-Pascal Rooney

- 10-Francis McAneanev
- 11-Raymond Kelly
- 12-Kieran Reilly
- 13-Micky Conlon
- 14-Declan Brennan
- 15-Frankie McCormack
- 16-Liam Hamill
- 17 Conor Moore
- 18-Cathal Carragher
- 19-Padraig McConnon

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DONEGAL P.R.O.

New Donegal P.R.O. is Sean McGoldrick, a well-known intercounty referee. Sean is a past player and organiser of North Tyrone All-Stars. He was a former Tyrone G.A.A. Co. Board official.

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THANK YOU!

The P.R.O. would like to thank all those who helped in the production of this programme. Special thanks are extended to the contributions of Mr. Micheal Gillespie, Fr. Sean Gallagher, Denis P. O'Sullivan, Kerry P.R.O.

Thanks also to Colm Campbell, Eugene Boyle, Seamus Sheerin and F. Haughey and, of course, our advertisers without whom this programme would not be possible.

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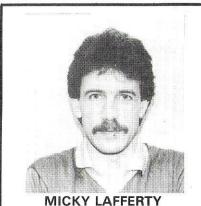
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BRIAN McENIFF Team Manager



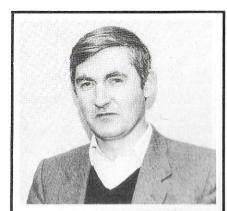
P. J. McGOWAN Team Trainer



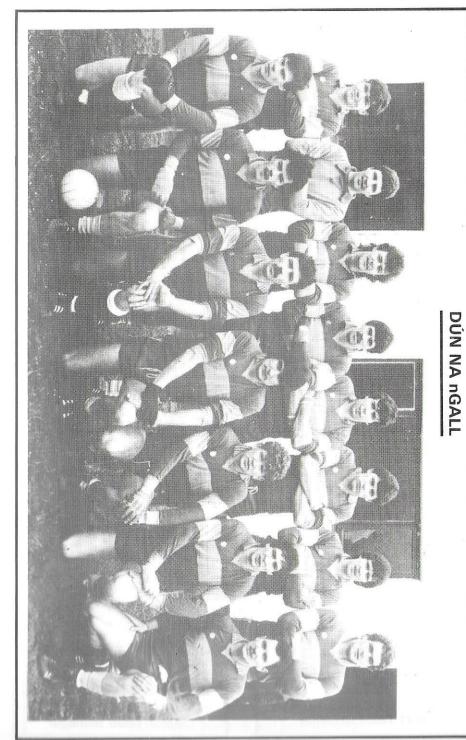
MICKY LAFFERTY Team Captain



SEAMUS GALLAGHER U-21 Team Manager



PAT CONNAGHAN Minor Team Manager



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May 25th - Winners play Fermanagh in Irvinestown.

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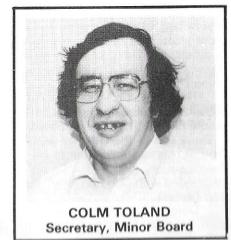
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We are grateful to Seamus Sheerin, Mountcharles, for providing the programme that was compiled for the opening of MacCumhaill Park in 1956. The price was 1/=. We reproduce an article from that programme entitled "The first Co. Game, 1906".

First Inter-County Match

17th MARCH 1906

"Touchline" seems to have been the first official Sportswriter of the "Derry Journal". This report is taken verbatim from the files as we felt that any editing would destroy Touchline's individual style.

Saturday was a great day among the lovers of Gaelic football. Donegal and Derry agreed to celebrate St. Patrick's Day in real Irish fashion by having an Inter-County Match to decide which of them would advance another rung in the ladder of ascent to the All Ireland Championship.

The players were of true Irish stock, the ball was of Irish make, and the language used, especially by the Donegal men — was the Irish tongue of their forefathers. The event was therefore very Irish in every aspect and a worthy commemoration of the day named after Ireland's Patron Saint. This was the first meeting between those two counties in football, on account of both of them being absent from the arena of competition for the National Cup for more years than I care to mention. It shows however the present spread of popularity of Gaelicism in Ulster, to find these two counties now engaging in the ambitious task of endeavouring to prove themselves the best footballers in Ireland.

The opinion gained great currency that Derry would win easily and this robbed the match of a great deal of excitement and interest which otherwise would have drawn a huge crowd to witness it.

Every son of the Heather who could manager to attend turned up on the field of play and gave vent to his feelings by shouts of encouragement to his fellow county players of "Go on Donegal". The partisans of the Derry team responded with "Go on Derry" but the heathermen's shouts were the loudest and fiercest.

Donegal is the champion hurling county and can therefore afford, without pain, to allow Derry to become the champion football county. Honours are now divided.

The Donegal team was a fine physique, showed great stamina and good pace but lacked cleverness. They fought the battle out to the bitter end and no one can reproach them with not being able to take a gruelling. The Derry players were in the finest form shown this season by them. Their combination was of the chessboard variety; they passed and re-passed with great exactness, then dribbled swiftly, and at the proper moment either parted to a partner or shot with deadly accuracy.

These scientific evolutions quite pulverised the plain go-ahead, fast following up, deadly tackling methods of Donegal men.

There was a contingency of circumstances which operated against the fortunes of the Donegal men. They were disappointed by players which were selected to play and chopping and changing of the personnel on the team never strengthens it. They were playing on strange ground which always means the losing of points and they happened to catch the Derry men at the height of their best form.

To say that the scoring represents the play would be absurd. Teams have their good and bad days. Sometimes they can do nothing wrong and at other times nothing right. Old dame fortune seemed to be in very surly mood with the Donegal men, as they should have scored very frequently, and prevented many of the points against them if luck has favoured them even a little bit.

Derry were certainly the better team, but the individual robustness and rushes by the Donegal men very often succeeded in nearly bringing about the downfall of the Derry citadel.

I will now venture the prediction that when the two counties meet again there will not be the same margin of points in favour of Derry.

When the game ended Derry had scored 18 points and Donegal 2 points. In the Derry team Thornton in goal was simply a spectator amusing his friends, who are legions apparently.

Elliott and Hants played great defence. Hants towards the end of the game indulged in occasional little ventures of his own to play the whole team.

In the Donegal team, A. Boyle was very clever in defence. He has a fine knowledge of football and always passed the ball with unerring judgement to his own forwards.

McBride, at back, is the making of a great man. He and little Duffy seem to get on badly. Once Duffy looked up very menacingly at him, and he looked down contemptuously and the spectators roared with laughter.

McDyer sprinted, played and tackled superbly. He is very cool and resourceful, using his brains as well as his feet and if his schemes mis-carried it was because of his partner's lack of initiative.

The teams were: DERRY: Thornton, McCallion, McGrath, P. Deeney, P. Cassidy, W. B. Doherty, D. Cassidy, Flynn, Boyle, Dunniece (Clann Uladhs), Reilly, Hants, Duffy (Emmets), McVeigh, Harte (Eire Ogs), Elliott (St. Pats.)

DONEGAL: D. Boyle, McFadden, Barr, Curren, Gambion, Coll, Boyle, N. McBride, C. McBride (Gweedore), Gallagher and Naught (Bundoran), Reilly (Newtowncunningham), McDyer (Glenties), P. McCallion (Fahan), G. Campbell, Mullin, J. Campbell (Burt).

Coiste Ceid Dhun na nGall

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By Padraig S. Mac a'Ghoill

Ag seo tús Comorádh an cheid C.L.G. ceann de na ceistéanna ba choir duinn a chur orainn fein na caidé tá muid ag iarraidh a dheanamh agus ce'n doigh a bhfuil muid ag brath sín a dheanamh.

Silim go bhféadtaí na h-aidhmeanntá atá againn a chur mar seo leannas:

Cuimhniú ar bhunaitheoirí agus a n-aidhmeanna nuair bhunaigh siad an Cumann i Mí na Samhna 1894 agus comh maith ar dhaoine thabhachtachtá eile agus stair an Chumainn.

Meas ar stair agus oidhreacht an Chumainn a chothú ins na baill go leír, ins na faoi-Chumainn agus as sa tír go léir agus de thairbhe sin iad a spreagadh le chun gnimh ar mhaithe le nar gcuspórí agus cluichí.

Brís tuigbheala a thabhairt do mhuintir na h-Eireann ar an eifeacht a bhí ag Cumann Luthchleas Gael ar shaol na ndaoine go h-aítúil agus go naisiuntá le ceád blian anuas.

It is with pride that the Gaelic Athletic Association celebrates the Centenary of the founding in Thurles in November 1884 and as I have enumerated above the aims of the celebrations should be:

To bring to mind the names of the founders of the Association and others who laid the solid foundation, their work and aims as well as that of others who carried on the good work, and the recording of the history of the G.A.A. at club, count , provincial and national level.

To awaken a spirit of awareness of our history and inheritance, and inspire our 30

members at all levels and indeed others to greater efforts in the promotion of our games and propogation of our ideals.

To bring home to our people at home and abroad the valuable contribution made by the G.A.A. in improving the quality of life in Ireland and among our exiles.

COMMITTES

In order to co-ordinate the overall activities of the Central Council Centenary Committee and to decide which of these could be efficiently operated in Donegal, the County Chairman, Michael Mac Giolla Easbuic, nominated a number of persons who could form a working committee at county level and sub-committees to deal with specific aspects of the Commemoration.

The following committees were then nominated after Domhnaill Mac Loinnsigh, Letterkenny, was elected chairman, and Seamus de Faoite as secretary, and Padraig S. Mac a'Ghoill, Ardara, as P.R.O.

COMMUNICATIONS

To deal with County history, club histories, museum, yearbook, radio and publicity.

Those elected to this committee were: Paddy Hoey, Conovy (chairman), Padraig S. Mac a'Ghoill, Ardara (secretary), An t-Athair Seán Ó Gallchoir, Falcarragh; Seán Ó h-Einne, Glencolmcille; Fr. J. Shiels, C.C., Ardara; Danny Boyle, Glenties; Sean Ó Ceallachain, Letterkenny; Seán Ó Cinneide, Dungloe.

PLAYERS

The work assigned to this committee was the collection of the all senior inter-county players (hurlers, footballers and camogie players); the selection of the best-ever native county football team; the arranging of suitable celebrations for past county players and the presentation of suitable mementos to members who have given outstanding service to the Association in Donegal.

The following form this committee: Seán McCormack, Milford; Seán O'Donnell, Lifford; Brendan O'Neill, Donegal; Padraig Mac a'Ghoill, Ardara; Seamus Cleary, Mountcharles; Michael McLoone, Ballyshannon; Frank Muldoon, Donegal.

This committee has had a number of meetings and considerable progress has been made in compiling lists of players.

YOUTH

The work of this committee is very comprehensive and important and considerable progress has been made in organising youth activities at club and county level and also at primary and post-primary school level. Already, on the 10th inst. a Youth Congress was held in The Abbey Hotel, Donegal. It was addressed by Fr. Gardiner, Marcus de Burca (historian) and Padraig O Dalaigh from Croke Park.

The committee has organised a project for Primary schools — "The history of my Club", with prizes by Milford Bakery and Flour Mills. Also for this section is a G.A.A. Quiz competition sponsored by the above. The Donegal Historical Society has sponsored a project — The History of My Parish — and post-primary schools have an art competition sponsored by Donegal Arts Committee to the value of £175.

A three day residential course is being organised in Colaiste na Croise Naofa, Falcarragh, for youth coaching on the 26th-28th July, and financed by the clubs. It is also proposed that each club organise "La na nOg" and sponsor one Gaeltacht scholarship for an under-age player.

The committee in charge of Youth is Tomas Breathnach, Falcarragh; Gene McGinley, Milford; Liam Mac Maolain, Donegal; Seamus Mac Cormach, Ballybofey; Gabriel Gordon, Castlefin; Fr. Eamonn Crossan, C.C., Kincasslagh; Naul McCole, N.T., Dungloe.

SIAMSA

It is the responsibility of this committee to organise the various functions, including concerts in the various divisions with the help of county officers; the Pageant, portraying aspects of history with special reference to the G.A.A. and the organising of The Golf Tournament at Meevagh Golf Club on the 23rd June. It is hoped to hold the presentation dinner at which recognition will be accorded to past players and officials on the 23rd September and winers of the "Best Ever Team" will be awarded a £100 prize.

The members of this committee are: Domhnall Mac Loinnsigh, Letterkenny; Seamus de Faoite, Letterkenny; Dr. James McDaid, Letterkenny; Clement Sweeney, Clonmany; Caitlín Nic Giolla Chearra, Mountcharles; Anna Nic Giolla Bhride, Gweedore; Seán Ó Gallchóir, Gweedore; Alphonsus Travers, Ballyshannon.

Beith leagan Gaeilge de na fograi agus posteirí art le fáil on Runaí feastá.

VISITORS' WEEK

A special committee has been selected to deal with the visit of the New York G.A.A. football team to Donegal. The following is the itinerary of the team: Arrive Shannon on 26th July, travel to Donegal that day by coach. The team will be in Dungloe-Gweedore area on July 28/29; in Clonmany on July 30/31; Ballybofey-Letterkenn-Convoy on August 1/2; Bundoran-Ballyshannon-Belleek on August 3/4, and in the Kilcar-Ardara area on August 5/6 and return to Shannon on August 7.

The party booked consists of 75 passengers and functions will be organised in the county by the committee in charge which is as follows: Colm Campbell, Donegal (secretary); Michael Cooney, Donegal; Danny Harkin, Convoy; Joe Winston, Letterkenny; Vincent McConnell, Ardara; Columba Diver, Ardara; Charles Faulkner (chairman); Gerry Timoney, Donegal; J. Herron, Belleek, on the Donegal side and Mr. Willie Joe Cunningham and Mick Meehan on the New York end.

In addition to above programme every club is expected to publish its history and organise Lá na gClub and other functions to highlight the importance of the G.A.A. in the life of the community.

Guíonn muid gach rath ar Comoradh an Chéid Chumann Luthchleas Gael. Sean McCormack, assistant managing director, Milford, Donegal Bakery and Flour Mills, presenting sponsorship cheque for schools Centenary Year competitions to Mr. M. Gillespie, County Chairman; also in picture is Mr. Gabriel Gordon, Minor

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