

All Ireland Currach Contest At Kilkieran

Beidh na mairbh ar a siúl arís i mblána agus de réir cosúlachta beidh an-coinmhitian. Beidh buaitoiri anuraidh, Rúisín na Manach, sa ras sin ar maith le buaitoiri trí bliain i ndiaidh a chéile Inis Mhic Eanna, Ceathru Rua, agus buaitoiri nua Felle na n-Oileán (Beal An Daingin) i mblána, Inis Tra Mhor.

Beidh ras mionúir ar siúl freisin agus bronntadh Corn Guinness ar na buaitoiri oga. Beidh Ras nua ar siúl i mblána do baid inniu i n-eamh-shochra faoi 9 cumhacht-capall le haghaidh Corn Sean O hEithir, Rinn Mhor. Beidh an ras speisialta seo ar siúl le haghaidh daoine ata ag baint feamaine.

This year's Regatta at Kilkieran Bay for the All-Ireland Canvass Currach Championships promises to be a very exciting affair with three sets of champions in competition. Last year's winners, Rúisín na Manach, will be all out to retain their crown but they will have to work hard as they were beaten three lengths by this year's Galway champions at the Festival of the Isles, Beal an Daingin.

other members of the race committee.

Mr. Desmond Nolan, previous race organiser of the Kilkieran regatta, will give the commentary on the races. Mr. Joseph Ridge will be the master of ceremonies responsible for entertainments and music will be provided by Ceoltoiri Charua shortly to be seen on the RTE Special, Seisain, commencing Saturday, August 25th, and the two following Saturdays.

The racing crews have been asked to obey all instructions from the race committee to ensure a smooth running of the day's proceedings.

Committee members for 1973 are: Mairtin O Tuathail (Cathaoirleach), Pádraig Mac Donncha (Rúnaí), Sean Mac an Iomaire, Aodh O Maoldhúla agus Mícheál O Cearbhallain (Stuithoir na Rasai).

The race committee have emphasised that the entire programme of three races cannot be extended this year but suggestions for 1974 can be entertained if donors for cups and other prizes are forthcoming. The committee have also expressed gratitude to Fr. Tracy who over the years has donated the profits from his parochial cell held on Race Week.

GREAT CONTEST

This race provided a great contest with Inis Tra Mhor beating Rúisín na Manach by three lengths and bringing up the rear and separated by only one length was Inis Mhic Eanna who were All-Ireland champions three years in a row at Kilkieran and a new combination from Leitir Meallain. Will this form be confirmed at Kilkieran? The odds are against it happening and with home advantage Rúisín na Manach are expected to confirm last year's form with Inis Tra Mhor and Inis Mhic Eanna battling for the minor placings.

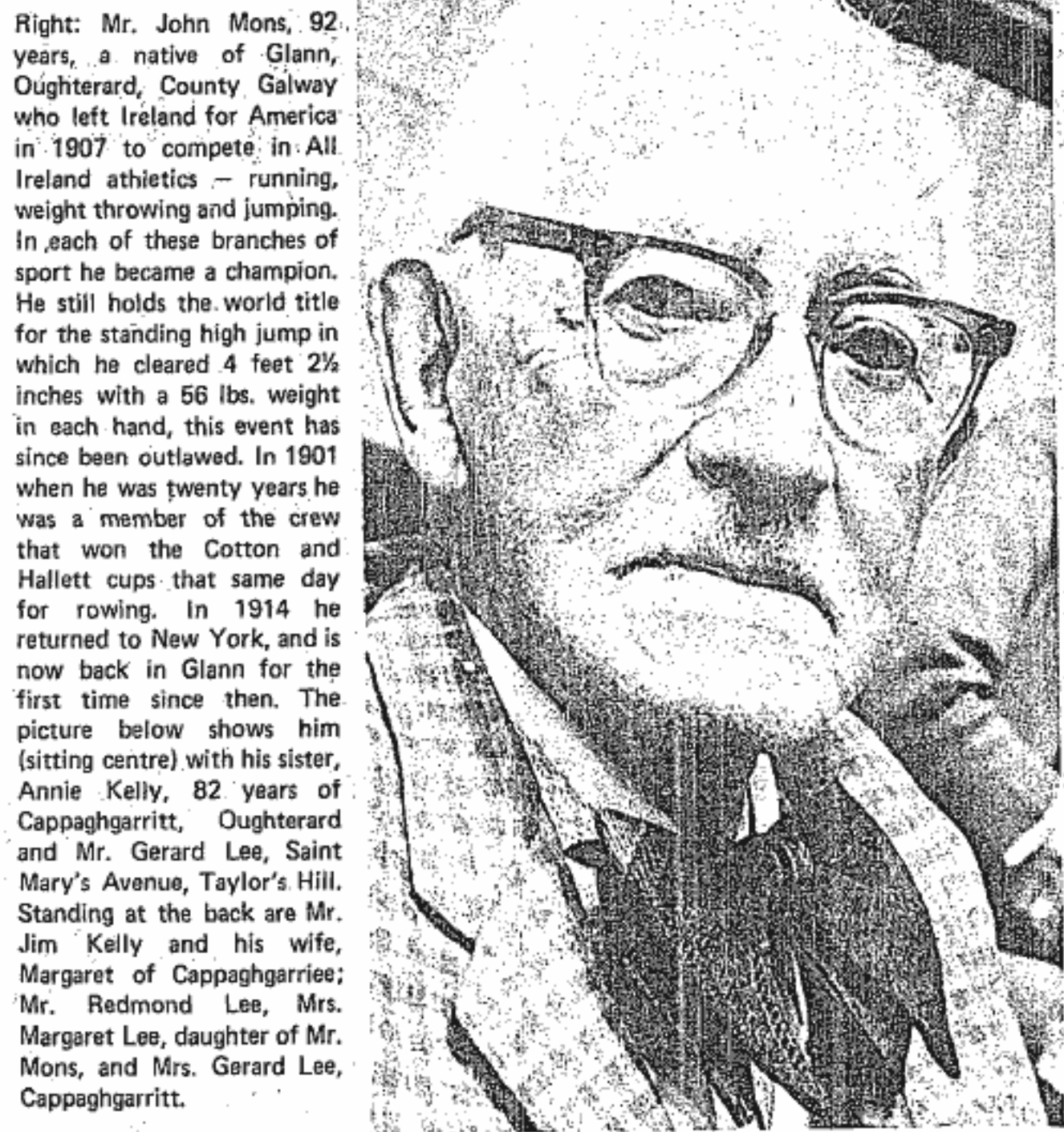
A new race for outboard engines will be competed for a cup presented by Sean O hEithir of Rinn Mhor. This race will be for outboard engines up to 9 h.p. and will be confined to seaweed hauliers and cutters in deference to the wishes of the donor. There will be no open race this year as the expected donation did not materialise.

The judge will be Fr. Thomas Treacy, C.C., Kilkieran, who has been responsible for these races for some years now and has developed a smooth operation. Assisting him will be Mairtin Seoithe, Inis Barr a Chuain, and

Handballers Clean Sweep

Players from Roscommon handball club made a clean sweep of the County Community Games championships played at Roscommon Ballcourt. The clubs representatives now go forward to the provincial championships which they will face with great confidence following Saturday's display. The victorious under 13 girls team was Sandra Carey, Audrey Hoare, Mary Fallon and Dolores Gordon, while at under 15 the club was represented by Kitty Hoare, Tresa Hunt, Mary Gordon and Teresa Keegan.

On duty for the boys in the under 13 were Derek Doolan, Brian Keenan, Francis Flanagan, Francis Dule and Andrew Curran while the under 15 team was P. J. Casey, Harry Hoare, Jimmy Menton, Donie McCrann and Pat Noone.



Right: Mr. John Mons, 92 years, a native of Glann, Oughterard, County Galway who left Ireland for America in 1907 to compete in All Ireland athletics - running, weight throwing and jumping. In each of these branches of sport he became a champion. He still holds the world title for the standing high jump in which he cleared 4 feet 2 1/2 inches with a 56 lbs. weight in each hand, this event has since been outlawed. In 1901 when he was twenty years he was a member of the crew that won the Cotton and Hallett cups that same day for rowing. In 1914 he returned to New York, and is now back in Glann for the first time since then. The picture below shows him (sitting centre) with his sister, Annie Kelly, 82 years of Cappaghgarrit, Oughterard and Mr. Gerard Lee, Saint Mary's Avenue, Taylor's Hill. Standing at the back are Mr. Jim Kelly and his wife, Margaret of Cappaghgarrit; Mr. Redmond Lee, Mrs. Margaret Lee, daughter of Mr. Mons, and Mrs. Gerard Lee, Cappaghgarrit.

Menlough Girl Who Triumphed Over Handicap To Become A Sports Star

When 17 year-old wheelchair girl Julia Cosgrove of Windfield, Menlough, Ballinasloe was winning two gold medals, one silver and one bronze for Ireland in the International Wheelchair games in which twenty five nations competed recently at Stoke Mandeville in Buckinghamshire, England, her brother John was winning a medal in another branch of the family talent.

John Cosgrove, the eldest of a family of 11, has been distinguished himself as a singer in England and recently he won

first prize medal for solo singing in the Stratford and East London Music Festival.

John, who lives at Ilford, Essex, is married to the former Miss Doris Finn of Dunlo Hill, Ballinasloe. He has been the principal singer at several concerts and has sung in opera and oratorio. Last November he sang in Verdi's Requiem in the Royal Festival Hall in London, and at Christmas he sang with the London Welsh Festival Choir in the Royal Albert Hall. Many of his concerts have been given for charitable causes.

But Julia is the brightest star of

the family today with legs paralysed by polio since she was two years of age and confined to hospital since then, this brave girl fought her infirmity sufficiently well to win gold medals in the Slalom and 1A Class sixty metres swim and a silver and bronze for other swimming events.

This youngest of the Irish competitors, contributed five to Ireland's total of 36 medals that placed Ireland third in the international.

Julia has now begun training for the 1977 Wheelchair Olympics.

For eight years after first contracting polio she was completely paralysed and spent the years until she was ten in Cappagh Hospital. She improved somewhat and was transferred to St. Mary's Hospital, Baldoyle, Co. Dublin where she has been a patient since.

She recently did the leaving certificate exam. "If I get my exam", she says, "I will aim at becoming a medical technologist. I will get a flat or go into digs and be completely independent. I am having driving lessons and I hope someday to have my own car".

Julia first became interested in sport, as a spectator, when she started to go to Arus Chuchulainn in Clontarf on two days each week. "For two years I could not bring myself to take part", she said, "I did not think I would be able to master anything".

Last year, however, she decided to enter the National Wheelchair Games. She had been swimming a little so she concentrated on that

and on table tennis. Three weeks after the games she was told she had been selected as one of the Irish representatives to travel to Heidelberg to compete in the European Games in swimming and table tennis. In Heidelberg she was fourth in one of the swimming races, missing a bronze medal by only half a second.

Eight of the Cosgrove children are in England. They are John, Della, Michael, Mary, Kathleen, Jimmy, Martin and Margaret. Patrick is in America and Margaret who was in America before, is contemplating going back. Helen is married - she is Mrs. Concannon - in Brierfield near to Windfield. Their parents are dead.

Athletes Success

Mid-Roscommon Athletes had further success in the B.L.O. track and field championships at Claremorris track last week. Claire Neilan produced a career best time of 13.2 secs, when finishing second in the girl under 16 100 metres.

Dorothy Heavey was just outside the record when finishing second in the girls under 16 1,500 metres event.

Other good performances were given by Maria O'Rourke who cleared 4 ft. 5 inches in the under 16 high jump and David Mallon who finished third in the under 14 200 metres.

Roscommon Games

The Roscommon Community Games presentation of medals will be on Monday, August 20, when over 400 medals will be presented in one of the biggest ever presentation ceremonies to successful athletes, swimmers and competitors in the Community Games. A local committee is arranging the details for the ceremony at the Douglas Hyde Centre.

National Finals: 61 athletes and swimmers have already won through to the National finals in Butlin's on 7th, 8th and 9th September. Teams this year must wear their county colours.

Other details are as follows: Grand Games Dance: Douglas Hyde: Community Centre on Thursday, 6th September.

Following their fine showings at county level the Roscommon teams are expected to give a good account of themselves and hopes are high that they will advance to the finals on Friday, the 17th. Should they manage to win their semi-final games Roscommon will again be at home for the Connacht finals.

Championship Dog Show

The Galway and District Canine Club's All-Breed Championships Dog Show will be held in South Park, The Claddagh, Galway on Saturday, starting at 12 noon.

The show will be held in conjunction with the Claddagh Festival. Weather permitting the Show will be held in the open, but in case of bad weather marquees are available. Almost 500 dogs will be judged (60 different breeds) by the 7 International Judges.

Dogs will be divided into 5 groups. Group 1: The Toy Group, this group includes dogs such as pugs, pomeranians, chihuahuas, etc. Group 2, is the Terrier Group and includes dogs such as airdale, terriers, cairn terriers, Kerry Blue terriers, Irish terriers, Scottish terriers to mention but a few. Group 3, is the Sporting Group. In this group we have dogs such as Irish Wolfhounds, Afghan Hounds, Elkounds, etc. Group 4, the non sporting group. This group includes dogs such as Bulldogs, Boxers, German Shepherd dogs, Poodles and Shih Tzus. The last group, No. 5, The Gun Dog Group includes dogs such as Labrador, Setters and Spaniels.

Each Breed will be judged separately and the winners will be judged to find the best in the group. The winners of the 5 groups will be judged to pick the best dog of the show.

Prizes will be presented to the winners at a Dinner in the Great Southern Hotel on the night of the Show. The Club Sec., Pierce Connolly, Taylor's Hill, Galway (Phone 5094) is appealing to anybody willing to lend a hand to erect the Marquee or give assistance on the day of the Show.

DRAW

Connacht semi-finals and finals: The following draws were made at a meeting of the Connacht Committee in Ballyhaunis on Wednesday, 1st August. Note: each team manager must have a list of his team and their birth or baptismal certificates for inspection by opposing team manager on occasion of the match. Each team manager has the right to have a photograph taken of opposing team.

Tuesday, 7th: Gaelic Football - Roscommon v. Mervue (Galway), Galway, 8.00 p.m.; Chess - Oran/Roscommon v. Renmore, Galway, 8.00 p.m.

Wednesday, 8th: Girls Basketball - Boyle v. Galway Central, Mercy Gymnasium, Roscommon, at 8.00 p.m.; Boys' Basketball - Boyle v. Salthill, Roscommon, at 9.00 p.m.; Handball: Boys (U-13) - Roscommon v. Galway Central at Roscommon; do. (U-15) - Roscommon v. Moycullen at Roscommon at 7.30 p.m.

Thursday, 9th: Soccer - Castlere v. Mervue, at Galway, 8.00 p.m.; Table Tennis - Castlere v. Galway Central, at Galway, 8.00 p.m.

Friday, 10th: Girls Handball (U-13) - Roscommon v. Mervue, at Roscommon, 7.30 p.m.; do. (U-15) - Roscommon v. Renmore, at Roscommon. Volleyball - Oran v. Tuam, at Tuam, 8.00 p.m.

Saturday, 11th: Rugby - Oran v. Ballinasloe, at Ballinasloe, 7.00 p.m.

Monday, 13th: Camogie - Oran v. Mervue, at Donamon, 7.00 p.m.; Hurling - Oran v. Mervue, at Donamon, 8.00 p.m.

Connacht Finals: Wednesday, 15th: Gaelic Football, Volleyball, Chess. Home venue for Roscommon/Galway winners.

Friday, 17th: Handball, Table Tennis, Camogie. Home venue for Roscommon/Galway winners.

Sunday, 19th: Sligo venue for Hurling (2.00 p.m.), Rugby (3.00 p.m.), Soccer (5.00 p.m.) and Basketball.

Qualified referees to be provided by home side: Gaelic, Hurling (Inter-county referee); Soccer (Referees Association); Camogie (Co. Board nominate); Rugby (Connacht Branch Referees Association); Handball (Panel of Referees); Basketball (Rated Referee); Volleyball (P.E. teacher); Table Tennis (qualified person). Other officials shared by teams.

In event of a draw, there will be extra time or special play-off. Gates shared 50/50.

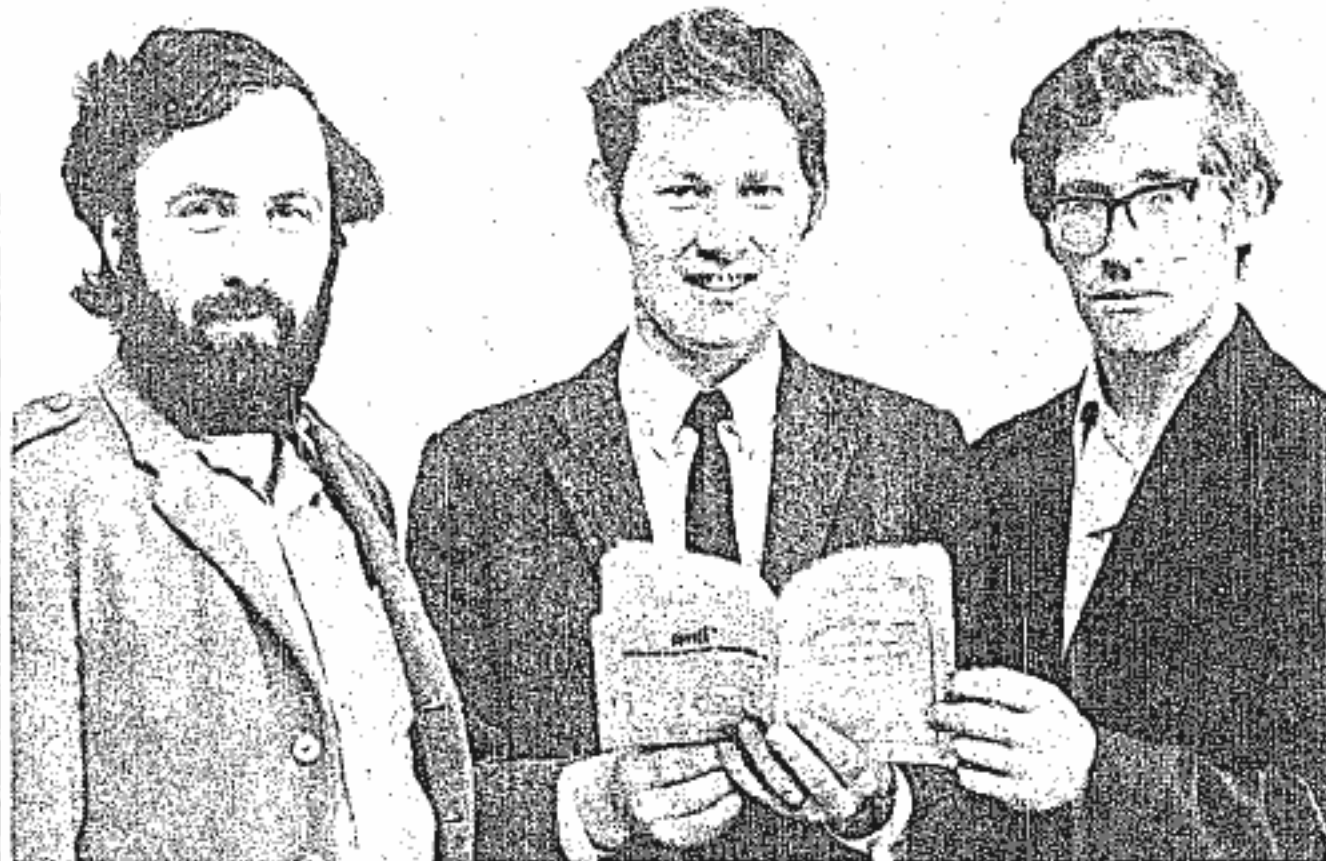
CLEAN SWEEP

Having made a clean sweep of the County Community Games championships, Roscommon club handballers have been drawn at home in their semi-final clashes for both boys and girls against Galway opposition. On this Wednesday evening at 7.30 p.m. Roscommon ballcourt will house both the boys' U-13 and U-15 matches with the younger lads facing the challenge of Galway Central while the Mervue Club provide the opposition in the U-15 grade.

The girls take the court on Friday next with the first game again timed for 7.30 p.m. The girls of the Mervue Club meet Roscommon's U-13 team while the U-15 squad come up against Renmore.



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BALLINASLOE RUGBY SQUAD DO WELL

Ballinasloe did quite well in the recent County Galway Community Games and both swimmers and athletes will be represented at the finals in Butlins in early September.

Still very much in competition is the under 11 rugby squad, which had a runaway victory in the Galway final of the competition. Some time this week they go into action against Oran who will represent Roscommon in the semi-final of the Provincial competition. It is understood that the winners will meet Sligo in the final.

On its way to the semi-final, the Ballinasloe team defeated Portumna, Clifden and St. Mary's, The Claddagh.

RACING

Fresh from the highly successful evening meeting held at Lenabane on Tuesday, July 24, racing returns to this popular venue on Monday week next, August 20th. This, the fifth meeting of the year, is again an evening fixture with the first race scheduled to get underway at 5 p.m. A wonderful entry has been received and patrons are assured of another great evening's entertainment. The recent rainy spell of weather should leave the track in perfect condition for racing.

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- 3: Novice Competition for horses what have not won more than £30. £30 prize money.

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Horse jumping competitions.

- 1: Open grade B. Guinness Cup, £50 prize money.
- 2: Championship of the Show, Chipboard Stakes.
- 3: Novice competition for horses that have not won more than £30.
- 4: Consolation Stakes. Competitions start at 1.30 p.m. Entries for horse and pony jumping competitions taken on field each day.

Show Dances Saturday and Sunday night at Clare Lakelands Ballroom. Saturday night: Premier Aces Showband, Adm. 50p; Sunday night: The Works Showband (Swingtime Aces), Bar extension, buffet supper, adm. 75p. Hon. Sec. Lena Brogan, Phone Scariff 70. 6396-10873.

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