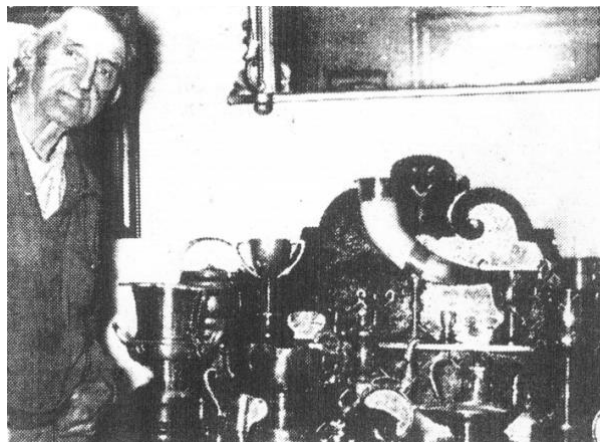


TIPPERARY ATHLETES



Redmond Moore

by Michael O'Dwyer

Redmond Moore was born on 8 May 1895 at Ardfinnan, County Tipperary. He was the fifth son of Cornelius Moore and Ellen Moore (née Guthrie). The 1901 and 1911 censuses show he was the youngest of seven children, and interestingly it is noted his eldest brother William was blind. Redmond Moore was a well-known athlete in the 1920s running with Clonmel Athletic & Cycling Club. As a youngster he attended the local national school and at Ardfinnan sports watched with avid interest and admiration the heroes of his day – Larry and Jack Dwan of Fourmilewater, Tom Flynn of Ballinamult and Jim Bourke of Cappawhite, who afterwards went to live in Ardfinnan and gave him his first lessons in the art of judging pace and road-running. After leaving school Redmond Moore ran his first race with a pair of second-hand running shoes given to him by Jim Bourke. This was in Elton, County Limerick where he won the quarter, the half and the one mile events. Probably his greatest achievement in athletics and perhaps his best race was winning the Irish 2 mile title at Fermoy sports on 11 July 1926 when he beat the Irish 5 miles champion Ned Walsh of Blarney by eight yards. Among the Munster championship titles he won were the 2 miles championship held in Waterford in 1927, when the runner-up was Davy Lyons of Bansha, and the 4 miles championship which he won in both 1926 and 1927. On 20 February 1926 at the Irish junior cross-country championships held at Baldoyle racecourse in Dublin, Redmond Moore finished in third place with his club Clonmel Athletic & Cycling Club finishing fourth. The next month on 6 March at the Irish senior cross-country championships held at Phoenix Park he again finished in third place. Tipperary won the inter-county championship, and Ulsterville Harriers won the inter-club championship. The scoring members for Tipperary with their clubs at the time in brackets were J. J. Ryan (Tipperary), Redmond Moore (Clonmel), Tommy Keating (Templemore), Richard O'Brien (Tipperary), Paddy Butler (Templemore) and W. O'Sullivan (Tipperary). The first three Tipperary finishers mentioned represented Ireland in the International cross-country championship held in Brussels on 28 March 1926. His teammate Tommy Keating was native of Mullinavat, County Kilkenny. Redmond Moore got married to Catherine O'Brien of Foutmilewater, County Waterford on 17 September 1933. He worked for South Tipperary County Council. A lifelong supporter of Gaelic games, he in his young days played football with local teams. On occasions he acted as trainer and masseur to the Ardfinnan club. Redmond Moore died on 23 May 1965 in Clogheen hospital, aged seventy, and is interred in St Finnian's Cemetery, Ardfinnan.

Titles Won at Senior National Championships:

National Athletic and Cycling Association Championships

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