

# Boston's Corriganville Ready to Join in Giving Doug Royal Welcome to City



**CORRIGANVILLE HANGS OUT "WELCOME" SIGN**

Coach Fred Sullivan, his Corriganville Cougars and the neighborhood "kids" think it would be great to have flying Doug Corrigan pay them a visit.

Boston has a "Corriganville," but no Corrigans have resided there for years. Henceforth, it will be named after the intrepid aviator, Douglas Corrigan. This was decided last night by the populace of the tiny residential section in Hyde Park as a result of Mayor Tobin's efforts to persuade the daring flyer that he will feel so at home in Boston that he should make this city the second, if not the first, city he visits on his return.

"Corriganville" emerged from half a century's obscurity last night when the city's legislative agent, Thomas Dorgan, appointed by Mayor Tobin to organize a Corrigan Club to welcome the aviator, boasted that there were more Corrigans in Boston than in any other city in the land and that if reporters doubted him all they had to do was to visit Corriganville themselves.

### Plenty of 'Em, He Says

"But there is only one column of Corrigans in the city directory as compared with 35 columns of Sullivans," one of them remonstrated. "Sure and you don't believe that," Dorgan heatedly replied, polishing up his bit of brogue. "Why out in Corriganville, the Corrigans are sitting on every doorstep, leaning out of every window, gathered around every lamp post, hanging from

every . . . Well, there's a lot of them out there. Yes, and in South Boston and Dorchester and Charlestown."

So the reporters sped to the section, located in the southwest part of Hyde Park roughly embraced by Precinct 14 of Ward 18, and although they learned a great deal about the noble clan of Corrigan from bearers of the name living elsewhere in Hyde Park, not a Corrigan was found to be living in the section today despite its name.

However, the name of Corrigan is still perpetuated there by a Park League ball team called the Corriganville Cougars, and it is this team which is rising to the occasion. Not only does the team stand ready to cooperate in every way with Dorgan's Corrigan Club in entertaining the aviator, but they will also pitch in and prepare a landing field for his plane in nearby Traw Field if he cares to visit the section.

### Sign Hung Out

Fred Sullivan of 188 Dana av., whose home is located in the heart of "Corriganville," at the corner of Washington st., is coach of the sandlot team and the unofficial manager of the section since the last Corrigan departed. Sullivan hurriedly polled the populace and then announced that although the last Corrigan had gone, the residents would be glad to have "Corrigan-

ville" hereafter named after the young Irish flyer.

In order to make the rechristening of the section official, Coach Sullivan called together his ball team and hung a sign of welcome upon an old elm tree that must have stood in the section since the days when the first Corrigan settled there. The tree is located at the corner of Washington st. and Dana av. in the heart of the section.

Meanwhile, Mr. Dorgan was busy contacting Corrigans so that an organization meeting of the Corrigan Club may be held soon. He has an appointment with Mayor Tobin this morning and the call to the clan of Corrigans is expected to be sounded soon after.

"We'll give Douglas a real Irish welcome, including banshees and leprechauns, but there's nothing I feel that we can show him about blarney," remarked Dorgan as he recalled the aviator's compass story.

### Named for John Corrigan

Around 1840 or so a John Corrigan became the first settler in the section, which was then entirely wooded. Soon after his brother Thomas also settled there. The two Corrigans had large families—John, for example, having 12 children—so the section took on the name of Corriganville.