

LIMERICK A.F.C. CRISIS

More than £5,000 in the "Red"

Chairman's appeal to supporters

LIMERICK A.F.C. is going through its most crucial stage since the Club entered League of Ireland football and we appeal to all our followers to give their wholehearted support for the remainder of the season in view of the very poor financial position," stated the Chairman, Mr. Michael Wallace, when he told a Press conference last night that the club had lost £4,797 since May 1961, and at the moment they were £5,300 in the "red."

Mr. Wallace outlined the financial state of the club over the past five seasons. There was a deficit of £355 for the season ending May 31, 1960, which they then considered to be quite satisfactory. However, in successive seasons they lost £1,913; £851; £376; £1,301, and he estimated they were down £500 already this season.

	Income	Expenditure
1961	£8,030	£7,943
1962	£4,676	£5,527
1963	£3,238	£5,614
1964	£5,390	£6,691

Continuing, Mr. Wallace stated that a feature of this rather alarming situation was the fact that in May, 1961, the club

received £617 from season ticket holders, but last season the amount was down to £147.

The Chairman further pointed out that the rental of the Markets Field for the use of home League of Ireland games only and the few nights a week training now cost the club £300 per season, whereas the figure was only £120 two seasons ago. This meant that it was costing them approximately £17 per match for the use of the Markets Field, and on top of this the "B" team expenses for the use of the ground amounted to £7 10s. per match.

He said that the financial

position was very serious. Some supporters suggested that the team needed a personality, but how could a club so heavily in the red be expected to pay the type of money that a top-class player would demand and have no guarantee that gates would jump.

GOOD RECORD

The running of the team at the moment cost £150 per week. Despite the fact that they had been pipped on goal average for League runners-up honours last season; that they finished fairly high up in the Shield table; had been beaten in the Top Four final and had given Shamrock Rovers the fright of their lives in the second round of the Cup, there was a deficit of over £1,300 at the end of the season.

"No one can put forward the argument," he said, "that a winning team is the answer. This season, for instance, Limerick were unbeaten at home since March '64 when they played Dundalk last Sunday week. Yet the gate receipts at the Markets Field were only £72 for that match and the club had lost approximately £120 on the gate."

He appealed on behalf of the Directors Board, to their followers to give their most loyal support to the team for the remainder of the season in view of the present state of affairs. He hoped that the club would receive maximum support for a raffle which they were running for many valuable prizes, including full travel expenses for two and tickets to the 1965 F.A. Cup final at Wembley next May.

ROVERS ON SUNDAY

Meanwhile on Sunday, Limerick have a tough assignment when they play Shamrock Rvs. in the league at Milltown Park. Rovers share the leadership with Drumcondra, and have a game in hand.

In recent weeks they have been showing the great form that made them such a dominant force last season, and are strong favourites to retain the league championship.

Limerick will be trying extra hard to avenge their 6-1 hammering by the "Hoops" some weeks ago, and, furthermore, will be seeking their first win in Dublin this season.

Peter Mitchell, Denis Linnane and Ewan Fenton will definitely be included in the side, to be chosen to-morrow.

Schoolboy soccer

A delegate meeting will be held on Monday next, Feb. 1, at Dominic Savio Boys' Club, 915 n.m. sham. All clubs are

Court made

EVIDENCE which read in the action to have Probate was continued and a jury. The

The action is being Claude Thompson, of Scarteen, Knocklong, Limerick, and the will to have established Miss Gwendoline, Rorate of Mount Catherine, Glasheen.

Miss Tudor died Regional Hospital, Limerick, November 30, 1962, after she had made

The defendants are Ross Tudor Letch, T Blackmore End, North Hampstead, Hertfordshire; Ham Eric Tudor Lodge, Cadley, Wiltshire, and Christ French Tudor, Blencarn, Northumberland, England, and nieces of Tudor, they are entitled share in the estate in of intestacy.

WILL OPPOSED

They claim that the not properly executed Tudor was not of so memory and understood the time it was made she did not know an of its contents.

The defendants claim last true will and test Miss Tudor was made 19, 1949, when she William Eric Tudor executor and they ask to admit this will to

Replying to question examination by Mr Clarke, S.C. (for the ants), Mr. Thompson on November 28, 1962 Miss Tudor in the about 9 a.m. He looked brighter than of the previous day stayed with her for minutes. From time he inquired from the staff about her condition they did not give any details other than that she was fairly well sort of thing.

"NOT CONFUSED"

He had learned death that on that morning was in a worse condition she had been on a previous days. She confused. The previous when he visited her inclined to be sleep so quick in her response

She started talking saying that she had a terrible day that day. She said that although wanted to make a will not want any more. On her request he will look after James. I long as she gave him and the authority. That as long as she Fogarty was catered

Housing pool plan

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houses, which at a cost of about £2,400 or so each will require economic rents of £3 to £4 a week, plus rates. The rents of flats would be even higher. In present conditions of scarcity some persons would be glad to get houses at these rents and in fact many working people buying their own houses are paying considerably more. But it would be foolish to expect a large part of the people for whose housing the local authority takes responsibility to be able to pay such figures. The local authority houses old age pensioners, persons who are unemployed and sick and persons in unremunerative jobs. For such persons the minimum possible rent must be fixed. To enable this to be done, without burdening rates or taxation generally to an unduly heavy degree, those who can pay equitable rents according to their earnings must be asked to do so.

LAUDABLE AIM

"This is important from another aspect also. We reckon the cost to a private individual

wish to take the opportunity to thank the City Council and its officials for the co-operation and help which I have received in these matters. It is evident that there is a clear realisation that there is more to housing than the physical problem of building.

COMMUNITY LIFE

"It is a matter for congratulation that our city authority has taken measures to secure the best advice on the future development of the city and I am sure that this advice will not be confined to physical planning. Architectural design and layout, transport and traffic problems are very important, indeed, but we tend to think even beyond these to whatever will promote happy family and community life and will facilitate the special provision that should be made in every community for special categories. I think particularly of extra-school and post-school provision for young people, of facilitating the care of the aged, the sick, the disabled and the poor in their own homes and among their own neighbours. Good advice at the planning stage may help to facilitate the social