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**SOCCER  
CRISIS**

**THE** Limerick soccer crisis deepens. In fact, things have gone so far that the future of League of Ireland football in the city is in jeopardy, at least in its present set-up.

The annual general meeting of the Club was held on Thursday evening, and unofficially—but very reliably—it is learned that the Club is in debt to the tune of approximately £8,000. With the team now virtually out of the League of Ireland race, “gates” from now on are almost sure to dwindle, and it is very much on the cards that early dismissal from the F.A.I. Cup could bring an equally early close-down of affairs.

Shareholders at Thursday's meeting were aghast at certain facets of the balance sheet, not least the line that indicated that “Sundry Expenses” amounted to £6,955. They, quite understandably, wished to know if they could expect improvement, especially as regard team results, but the Manager, Mr. Ewan Fenton, though on the premises at the time, wasn't asked to give his views.

Even more disappointingly, it appears that a concerted effort was made to oust Mr. Jack Tuohy from the Board. We will go no further than to say that every soccer fan in the city and county knows full well that Mr. Tuohy's innumerable good points considerably outweigh his few minor faults!

If we had more soccer folk in Limerick like Jack Tuohy, the future of the game here would be much more secure than it is right now.

The Limerick soccer fan deserves a lot more than he is getting at present. They showed their willingness to sup-

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# HIGHLIGHT OF THE PAST YEAR

**THE YEAR 1972 has dawned and has been ushered in in the traditional manner. But what of the past year, a noted one for Limerick?**

Below we print the outstanding events which occurred and covered by Ireland's oldest newspaper.

Perhaps readers remember some of these events? Here they are:

**January**

The first baby of the New Year in Ireland was born at 12.01 to Mrs. Evelyn Chambers (30), Belmont Pennywell Road, Limerick. The 7lb. 14 ozs. boy was delivered in the Regional Maternity Hospital.

The funeral took place of Mrs. Mary South, mother of the late Sean South.

A Scripto pen manufacturing factory was announced for the Gaivone Estate.

The Minister for Education announced that the Institute of Higher Education would open in the following September.

A Service of Prayer for Christian unity was held in the School of Commerce. Present were Most Rev. Dr. Murphy and Rt. Rev. Dr. Caird.

**February**

Two city firms, Emerald Carpets Ltd. and Eurogroup Limited, went into voluntary liquidation.

The city faced a graveyard space crisis.

**March**

A Great ship, the “Incaranda”, was seized by the High Court following a claim by a Cork ship's chandler that goods had not been paid for.

Sean Bourke claimed that the British Secret Service planned to kidnap him and bring him to England.

The City Theatre closed for the showing of films.

Talks were held to resolve differences between those involved in the running of the new abattoir.

**April**

Following a spate of robberies and violence a deputation went to the Minister for Justice to seek a North side Garda Station.

Cheap, foreign face masks for underwater swimming were condemned following an accident in Killaloe.

Limerick A.F.C. won the F.A.I. Cup.

The Con Murphy report for the nationalisation for the operation of stevedoring at Limerick Docks was issued.

**May**

Ferenka chief, Mr. J. M. H. Jacobs, revealed details of their factory planned for Annacotty.

Vandals were on the rampage in the Garryowen-Pennywell areas.

Limerick University Project Committee accused the Minister for Education, Mr. Faulkner, of “a breach of faith regarding the opening of Limerick's Institute of Higher Education.”

Limerickman, Mr. James Cussen, was elected Mayor of Luton.

**June**

Triplets were born to Mrs. Dolores Minihan at the Regional Maternity Hospital. They were all girls.

It was announced that Messrs Cannocks would remain in Irish hands. Later Mr. Joseph Dundon and Mr. Brian Gubbins joined the Board.

Miss Aine Devane was selected to be Limerick's Rose of Tralee.

**July**

Councillor Gus O'Driscoll was elected Mayor of Limerick (Limerick, Ireland) Ltd., formerly Limerick Shoes, closed down.

Very Rev. Walton Empey was installed as Church of Ireland Dean of Limerick.

Limerick lost the Munster hurling final to Tipperary by one point.

**August**

The city was flooded by torrential rain.

Mayor O'Driscoll launched a mercy fund for victims of the Northern troubles.

Anger was mounting over an American threat to ban New York to Aer Lingus unless U.S. planes were allowed into Dublin.

Kevin Barry, of Caherconlish, helped Ireland to win the Junior Nations Cup for show jumping.

Fears were expressed for the future of Matternons as Erin

The City Engineer, ael MacCurtain, was continuing water supply at least another year.

**November**

A strike of mental nurses affected the St. Joseph's Hospital.

Parteen residents resist any attempted of their territory by Corporation.

Housewives started boycott in protest against increases.

Councillor Joe Quinn that he was “being hit and night by members Special Branch”.

**December**

Limerick A.F.C. was stood to be facing a crisis.

Gardai swooped on the city to do their shopping on the “Feis Immaculate” Conceal parking offences.

Limerick born Re Hourigan, C.P., appealed for families of Northern internees.

**New Year  
baby**

Limerick's only New Year baby was born to Denise Keogh, wife of Mick Keogh, 6 St. Street, a Corporal employee. It weighs 7lb.

**Rugs taken  
shop window**

A man was stated broken a furniture shop in Wickham St. on 23 and stolen 3 rugs window, was given a 12 month suspended sentence to be of good behavior for 12 months by Justice Dwyer at a special sitting of City Court, yesterday.

Defendant, 44-year-old Larkin, who is unemployed, pleaded guilty to charges and said he was drunk on the occasion.

Inspector Con McCann, prosecuting, stated that the rugs had been recovered.

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## TONY CONNOLLY

MENSWEAR & BOYSWEAR.

Sale Now On!

44 UPPER WILLIAM STREET, LIMERICK

**Y: Garryowen in Athlone for tough game?**

## Big Munster's many changes for vital League tie

Percent can account for "Well"

BY CHARLIE MULQUEEN

MUNSTER have made numerous changes tomorrow's Munster Senior League tie with Cork, a game they must win to have a selection honours.

A alteration behind the placing of at a scrum-half. his berth all last the loss of Jim start of the started to full-back done quite well. takes over again Kieley, with club McGarry, taking line of defence. to fill in at wing- against Old Crescent, played on the wing so his versatility estioned.

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to be seen, how- all this chopping will help the side. their last outing, ability when beat- St. Mary's College ll be very hard to ally at Musgrave

### RATHBANE

ent's game with ll goes on at Rath- row instead of to- would provide them fourth win of the

will be close to for their visit to i while the home: tough opposition territory, especially eek's tonic success ans, it is unlikely ll be able to halt of he "light blues". R INTERPRO

Meehan, T. Meehan, M. Ryan, D. Ryan, G. Woodrow.

Players and reserves meet at Thomond Park, 11.15 a.m.

Shannon Under 11 (v. Young Munster, Greenfields, Sunday, January 2, 11.30. Players and reserves to meet at St. Mary's Church at 10.45).—M. Kelly, D. Flannery, P. Cullon, S. O'Reilly, G. Small, M. Walsh, P. Real, D. O'Dea, M. Kinirons, P. O'Dea, D. Fitzgerald, G. Sadlier, J. Doyle, A. Smith, J. Hardiman. Res.: M. Horgan, M. O'Connell, M. Cusack, M. Gleeson.

Shannon Under 12 (v. Young Munster, Greenfields, Sunday, January 2, 11.30. Players and reserves to meet at St. Mary's Church at 10.45).—M. Molyneux, A. O'Sullivan, P. Hastings, G. O'Flynn, T. Naughton, N. O'Donovan, J. Costelloe, S. McMahon, N. Healy, M. Hyland, D. Collins, W. Cusack, T. O'Flynn, K. Fitzgerald, F. Sargent. Res.: K. Flannery, M. Banfield, G. Murnane.

St. Mary's (v. Richmond, 2nd League) —A. McNamara; M. Frawley, M. Kerley, E. Shepard, T. Rice; E. Rice, C. Kerley; Noel Ryan, Pat O'Doherty, John Ryan, Paul O'Doherty, J. Byrnes, C. Tucker, D. Hanley, G. Cosgrove.

Sub.: B. Duhig, D. McCarthy, T. Griffin, M. O'Connell, Ger Ryan, Pa Ryan, Ger Power.

Meet Richmond Park, 2.30 sharp.

St. Mary's Under 18 N. Kirwin, T. Fitzgerald, R. Kerley, D. Keogh, G. Hogan, S. O'Connor, N. O'Connor, G. Waters, E. Sheehan, W. Roche, T. Graham, J. Walsh, S. Griffin, N. Hayes, N. Price, J. Shaw, L. Shepard, C. Earls, P. Conway, J. McMeanus, M. McNamara.

Meet at club on Sunday, 11 a.m.

Bohemians II—G. Lowe, D. Nolan, S. Moran, J. Kennedy, C. Enright, M. Goggin, P. Hynes, J. Hennessy, S. Kennedy, P. O'Shaughnessy, J. Dalton, E. Dineen, P. Webb, A. O'Sullivan, J. Sheehan. Subs.—J. Hehir, N. Ryan, M. McCormack, J. O'Brien, T. Kel-



Pictured at Mungret A.F.C. dinner dance. Back row: Tom Hehir, Pat Cotter, Casey. Front row: Mrs. Hehir, Rita Hedderman, Mary Cotter.

## Soccer Crisis

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port the team, even in adversity, when turning up in their thousands for last week's game with Finn Harps, and paying in the region of £800.

We don't for one moment doubt the honesty or dedication of the men at the helm at present, but we also say this . . . it is more than obvious that something drastic is required if the present Limerick A.F.C. is to be restored to the top of affairs in Irish football.

We say there is too much disharmony between players and manager and board. This is straight talking, but this is the time for just that.

## Abbeyfeale Coursing Draw

The following is the Abbeyfeale Coursing Draw for Tuesday and Wednesday next, January 4/5. Judge: B. Trant. Slipper: T.

## G.A.A. Collection for Northern Relief

The following statement has been issued by G.A.A. President, Pat Fanning, and General Secretary, Sean O Siochain:

"The G.A.A. have arranged, on a nation-wide basis, and have secured the necessary Garda permission, to hold church gate collections on Sunday next, January 2 (on Jan. 9 in Cork City and County) for the relief of distress in the Six Counties.

"The money collected will be channelled by the Central Council to the county committees of the affected areas, for disbursement by accredited relief organisations, whose bona fides are above reproach. The fund will apply solely to relieving the financial difficulties of families left without the support of the breadwinner because of interment, or for any other reason arising from the present disturbances in the Six County area.

"To date, the G.A.A., through the good offices of the Irish Red Cross Society, or directly, have contributed more than £15,000 in this worthy cause, but the continuing demand is so great that the public generally are being asked to contribute as generously as possible to the national collection on Sunday next.

"As an instance of the magnitude of the task, it is well that the public should know that the average weekly totals paid out are as follows: Belfast, £1,500; Derry, £1,000; Lurgan and Antrim, £500; with larger amounts

## City G.A.A. Board New

A special meeting of the G.A.A. Board, to accept and nominations for the coming conventions on 17th, will be held at Piarasigh clubhouse, Davin, on next Monday, 3rd, at 7.30 (sharp).

Afterwards, the quest competitions of the "S" will be held, with nine competing. Of these, five qualify for the City talent finals at the Hotel, on Tuesday, 11th, at 7.30.

"Scor '72" organise Hickey, wishes to see that clubs who do not their competitors for jeous competitions before uary 3rd, will not be all compete in the City fin

## Monaleen A.G.M.

Monaleen, who clin great year by winning junior hurling cham will hold their A.G.M.