

CHAIRMAN DISCLOSES BID

CITY AFC TO BUY THEIR OWN GROUNDS?

BY EUGENE PHELAN

IT WAS learned this Friday that Limerick Soccer Club are in the middle of negotiations to purchase their own grounds.

Club chairman, Mick Webb, disclosed that they have made a bid for Old Crescent Grounds at Rathbane.

Webb said that he was confident of securing the grounds if the price seemed right.

If the deal does go through, it would be a major breakthrough for Limerick, who have been on the lookout for their own grounds since the club was founded in 1937.

It is understood that Old Crescent intend to move out of Rosbrien, as they have no land there.

The Old Crescent Grounds at Rathbane stands on almost five acres and includes a clubhouse which has a bar and dance floor.

"If we secure the grounds in the next three months, we could have it ready in time for the next season. We would intend to redevelop the area and have a running track around the pitch," Mr. Webb told our reporter.

He added: "This is the biggest undertaking in the club's history. There is a lot of hard

work in front of us, but with the people's support we will get there."

Plans

If the purchase goes ahead it would cost Limerick "thousands" and plans are already being drawn up for a massive fund-raising campaign.

The club this week announced the appointment of Mr. Dick Calvert as the person in charge of fund raising. He has a mammoth task in front of him for, according to chairman, Michael Webb, it will cost about £17,000 to run the club for the coming season.

A massive drive for season tickets is being made at the moment and Mr. Calvert will be visiting business premises and factories all over Limerick within the next few weeks.

"We need the support of the people if each factory or business firm bought about six season tickets from us they would be available to anyone working in that business for the season," Dick explained.

They are priced at £6 and considering that it will be 60p admission to each home game, they seem very reasonable.

Numerous

Mr. Calvert, who has been associated with Garryowen Celtic and Wembley Rovers down through the years, has numerous other fund-raising plans in mind and will be releasing details on them later.

He hopes to bring back the supporters' club, which he considers very important. "It will help bring a better atmosphere into the games and will

give the players encouragement," he said.

A spokesman for Old Crescent Rugby Club confirmed this Friday afternoon that an offer had been made by Limerick AFC for the grounds at Rathbane, writes Charlie Mulqueen.

"However," the spokesman pointed out, "negotiations are at a very early stage and it would be much too premature to say any more."

It is an open secret that Old Crescent are unhappy with the circumstances surrounding their grounds at Rathbane. Beautifully laid-out and with excellent facilities, the grounds and pavilion have unfortunately been regularly vandalised, and trespass has also been a constant problem.

Limerick's new Senators

Mr. Rory Kiely, a dairy farmer from Feenagh, Kilmallock, and a noted personality in GAA circles locally, has been elected to a Seanad seat. Another surprise is the election of Mr. Tony Herbert, brother of Mr. Michael Herbert, T.D.

Ald. G. E. Russell is reported as doing very well on the Industrial and Commercial Panel.

The result of the Administrative Panel, on which Mr. J. P. Liddy is a candidate, will not be known until later this Friday.

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The Limerick Radio Club's call sign, Limerick, the witty form invented by Tuama and his fellow poets of Croom road Mrs. Miller added. As organiser of the Inter Limericks Competition, objective is to make world famous for the rick verse form, she her appreciation to Namara and his request for their offer of publicity through their radio station.

A Court of poetry and music was the Parish Inn, Ath Street, to mark the 100th anniversary of the International Limerick Competition, held at the Abbey Regatta ground.

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Commenting on the for the Best Limerick Outside the Parish, Best Limerick from the Parish, and the student, the adjudicator Cooke (Mrs. Enid North Circular Road Limerick), short story writer.



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DEATH

ANE — August 18, 1977, Maiblin Road, Limerick, daughter of late Dominic and Bridget Keane, Co. Galway; granddaughter of late John and Bridget O'Malley, Co. Limerick. Very deeply missed by her brother, Rev. W. J. Keane, P.P. Claran, County Galway; Dr. D. B. Caine, Ardee; Dr. M. E. London; her sisters, Kathleen and Rose McCulland, Tuam; sisters-in-law, sister-in-law, nephews, relatives and friends. Sadly missed by her Limerick friends and many friends. Removal to St. Patrick's Church, Clonkeen, Saturday evening at 7 p.m. Celebrated Mass on Sunday at 12.30 p.m. afterwards to Clonkeen Cemetery, Barringtons Bridge, Co. Limerick. (c)

Spectacular boat race for Curraghgower

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