

and Upper Cusack, £5.50. Lower Cusack (covered) £5 and Lower Cusack (uncovered) £4.50. Tickets to the terraces will be £2.

Meanwhile this week, while Limerick supporters were continuing to celebrate the team's Munster Final success over Cork, the players themselves kept their celebrations at a very low key.

A doctor stitches Father Paudie Fitzmaurice's lower lip at Semple Stadium. Picture: DERMOT

"It was decided to play it cool and low key as in the past the celebrations went a bit overboard. We will wait until after the All-Ireland", a county board official told the Limerick Leader. There were great celebrations in Patrick Monday night and other areas of the county.

SHOCKWAVES AS EOIN HAND QUILTS CLUB



How times change... All smiles as Eoin Hand is welcomed to Limerick by Mick Webb (right) and Harry Gibson-Steele.

BY JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

LIMERICK UNITED soccer fans were still reeling this Friday from last night's shock disclosure that Eoin Hand had tendered his resignation as manager of the club.

In a dramatic move late on Thursday afternoon, Mr. Hand informed chairman Michael Webb of his intentions. Later he met directors and committee members at the Market's Field dressing-rooms and an official statement, issued by John McNamara afterwards said that Mr. Hand had resigned for domestic reasons.

But it is also known that there were divided opinions at board level about his being manager of both the Republic of Ireland team and Limerick United.

Last month Mr. Webb went on record as saying it would be difficult for Hand to serve two masters.

Successful

The former Portsmouth player was without question the most successful and respected manager Limerick ever had. His departure is to be regretted, particularly in view of the fact that the Blues are about to play the two most important fixtures in their 42-year history - against Real Madrid in the European Cup - in September.

The players greeted the news with dismay. Captain Joe O'Mahony described Hand as an admirable leader, adding that morale was bound to suffer following his departure. In his view, it will be difficult for anyone to whip up the type of enthusiasm he engendered

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Neil English, from O'Connell Avenue, hoisting the Community Games flag at the Gaelic Grounds this Thursday in the presence of Cllr. Clem Casey, Mayor of Limerick; Donie Malone, committee member Community Games, and John Quin, chairman.

Her Ceann

BY LEADER REPORTER

THE LABOUR Gael organisation in Limerick are awaiting the appointment of the new Ceann Comhairle as spokesman mounts that Deputy Herbert may get

If Deputy Herbert is appointed it will mean the hopes of Labour getting the fifth seat in the re-drawing of constituency boundaries.

Informed sources say Mr. Herbert will select the Comhairle from marginal areas where he may find it very difficult to get three seats.

In this regard, Limerick fits the Deputy Herbert bonus of a comm to Mr. Haughey for the party leader. Mr. Colley.

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The Ceann Comhairle will be Mr. Herbert de la Motte. Mr. Joe Breckinridge would be four-seater for the constituency.

Mr. Des O'Mahony Peadar Clohessy two of the four Fianna Fail five seats in Limerick West. At the party holds four

On the last election figures, Fianna Fail took three of the five seats in Limerick, but a political cold war has been hitting the popularity of the party in the county could be in favour of a candidate.

Concern

Most concerned Mr. Frank Prendergast has his sights set on the Independent Labour Party, a former Labour Party member who has a strong chance of getting the fifth seat.

Fianna Fail concerned with the cent strong hope seat. There is a Mr. Ted Russell who has publicly stated that he will not re-enter the arena, but that he will still be a member.

CLUNE'S TOBACCO FACTORY TO CLOSE

BY JOHN O'SHAUGHNESSY

ONE OF LIMERICK'S longest established firms, Messrs. John Clune Ltd., tobacco manufacturers, are to cease trading from early August—but Clunes retail shop in William Street will continue business as usual.

Breaking the news this Thursday, Mr. Richard Hurley, managing director, said they were extremely saddened by the closure, adding that under the circumstances there was little else they could do.

The retail shop would not be affected, he added.

Clunes began manufacturing tobacco in Limerick exactly 108 years ago and had become famous for their many brands, notably Kinchora, Thomond, Excel, Sarsfield, etc. They marketed 18 brand names in all.

Job losses

At one time they had 87 people employed. Next month's closure will result in the loss of four jobs.

Mr. Hurley said that the tobacco industry hit upon bad times in the mid 1970's, during which time they phased-out workers.

They tried unsuccessfully to launch their products in Germany.

"It has become increasingly difficult for small manufacturers to compete with the giants, and that was our problem."

Souperstar winners

Erin Foods recently ran "I am a Souperstar" essay competition, and many hundreds of entries on a wide variety of topics were received from all over the country.

The following were local winners: Under 14: Una Langford, 22 Ashbrook Grove, Ennis Road, a Phillips radio recorder. Under 18: Edwina Delaney, 2 Cathedral Villas, St. John's, camping kit. Under 14: Kieran McCormack, 37 St. Joseph's Street, Raleigh bicycle; do., Cian Denihan, Ard Macha, Revington Circle, N.C. Rd., Quartz watch. Under 16: Mike Woulfe, Kilconlea, Upper Athea, Abbeyfeale.

BY LEADER REPORTER

LIMERICK comedians Tom and Paschal were hard at

Tom and Paschal introduce Noni

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ROLLER DISCOING PROVES POPULAR

BY EUGENE PHELAN

NEXT TIME you are in town don't be surprised if you see a 60-year-old gent strolling through the streets with roller skates under his arm—for he will probably be one of the many bitten by the roller-disco bug.

While the majority of people who have taken to this latest craze to hit Limerick are young, there are many older citizens who like to roller-disco.

Mr. Eddie Maguire who runs the roller-disco at the Stella Ballroom, Shannon Street, admitted this week that when he started this venture last easter it moved very slowly at the start.

But now its popularity is unquestionable. Seven afternoons each week sessions are held and also on Monday, Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday nights, from 8.30 p.m. to 11.30 p.m.

Popular

Saturday afternoon is the most popular time of all, usually with queues outside the door. On a number of occasions they were just packed to capacity and could take no more patrons.

Eddie explained that they tend to get an older age group at night time. These include some people in their late 50s.

The "boots" which are used to roller-disco can be hired at a cost varying from £1 to £2.50.

On the afternoons the patrons range in age from 5 years to 16.

"A lot of the girls come here to get their figures in shape and I encourage them and all the others to buy the roller-disco gear of shorts and a tee shirt, as you sweat a lot out on the floor," said Eddie.

He pointed out that they have changing rooms available and that now more and more people are beginning to avail of these facilities.

"Many parents were concerned at first when their children told them they were going roller-discoing, and many parents came in to see the set-up for themselves.

"We encourage them to do this and any parents who wish can call at any time."

Eddie firmly believes that the roller-disco is helping keep the young people off the streets and away from trouble in the afternoons.

Beginners can get lessons from more experienced people at the Stella, and with practice can become quite proficient.

It certainly makes a change from the Blue Danube and a slow waltz around the floor.

Hand

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into the club.

It was Hand who steered the club to their first League success in twenty years.

In addition, he gave a new image to the game in Limerick where his professional approach was admired by players and supporters.

Efforts are being made today by some members of the committee to persuade him to remain on. It is thought unlikely, however, that he will withdraw his resignation.

"We are parting on good terms and we wish Eoin the best of good luck," commented Mr. Webb.

Regretted

Bernie Spain, who joined the club as an administrator last season, said he regretted Mr. Hand's departure, a view endorsed by colleague John McNamara, recently appointed to the board.

It would seem that Mr. Hand's decision to quit did not take the board by surprise. Earlier this week it was revealed they were in negotiation with a player of English First Division experience with a view to his coming to the Markets Field.

Talks are to continue next week and it is quite conceivable that the player in question could take over from Mr. Hand by next Thursday.

Since his appointment as

Republic of Ireland team manager there, was a certain amount of pressure on Eoin Hand in his role with United. It was argued by the club that his earnings with them were sufficient for them to warrant his full attention.

Managers

So, United's controversial relationship with managers continues. They have been served by ten managers in little over a decade. These were Ewan Fenton, Paddy Coad, Frank Johnson, John Herrick, Amby Fogarty, Al Finucane, Kevin Fitzpatrick, Roger Connolly, Alan Fox and Tommy Anderson.

Mr. Hand, although admitting he was departing, did not wish to elaborate other than to say he had no plans in mind.

He will manage the team for Saturday's Tyler Cup game against Portadown.

He was signed by Limerick as player-manager last August.

His successor will not find an easy passage at the Markets Field. It is common knowledge that some players are slow to re-sign for 1980-'81 and now, with Mr. Hand gone, might be even more reluctant to do so until they are satisfied that his replacement has the correct qualifications.

DOLE MAN IS GOING BACK TO LIVERPOOL

BY FERGAL KEANE

PADDY KEANE, the Limerickman who hit the headlines in England when it was claimed that he was living in luxury on the dole, is to return to that country because, he claims, Limerick Corporation did nothing to get him a house.

"I was squatting in one house when we came over first and then we moved to another, all the time waiting for a house from the corporation", he said this week.

"They gave us no house so now I am going back to England, the country that threw me out."

February

In February of this year he returned home with his wife, Marie, saying that he would never return to England: "We hate the sight of England. We were run out of it and will never return." He and

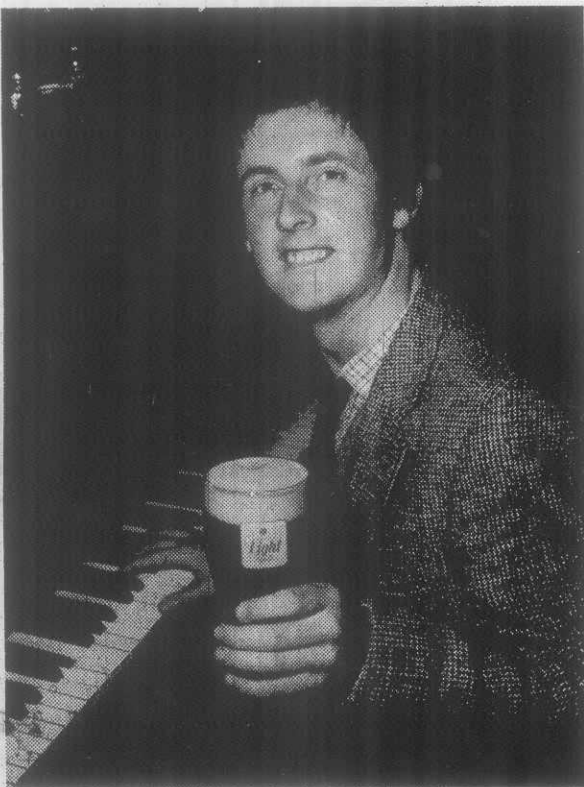
his wife, nine children and 1 grandchildren lived in a house R6sbrien for a number of weeks before occupying another house Southill.

The family were hopeful Limerick Corporation would provide them with a house, but a housing department spokesman explained that there was a wait list of 900 people on the waiting list and that Mr. Keane was "way down the list."

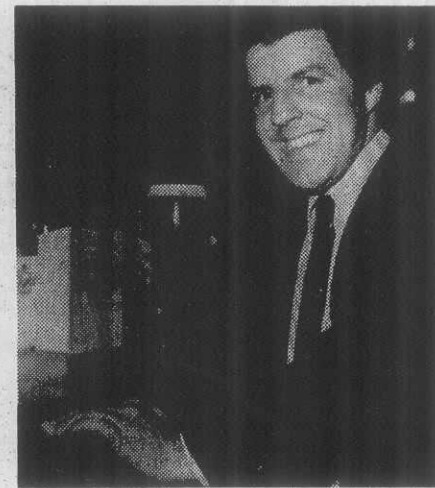
"I'm baling out and going to where I came from, to Liverpool, because Limerick is rubbish. I mean that from the bottom of my heart," said Mr. Keane.

"I hate the town because it's the Limerick I left. It's gone so silent that you'd nearly have to shoot guns here now," he added.

Mr. Keane leaves for Liverpool this week with his children a doubtful comrade ever returning Limerick. "Nobody wants to live here when you are here," was his parting comment.



Liam Ryan on the keyboard in Punch's.



David Cuffe at Tony's. "Definitely a good pint, specially for lunch times".

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This course is designed for children from the ages 4-14, and consists of one lesson a day for ten days. There is a choice of two classes each day, 3.30 to 4.15. Vacancies still exist in the following course August 4 to August 15; August 18 to August 29. Book now to avoid disappointment.

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