

tend entering teams in the current season's Oscar Traynor and Youths' Cup competitions. "Certainly," he replied, "and furthermore, plans are well under way to take Limerick Junior and Minor selected teams to Birmingham next Easter to engage in a few friendlies."

I also learned that the Limerick District Management Committee were most pleased with the outcome of their recent talks with Limerick A.F.C. Manager, Ewan Fenton. "As you are already aware, our relationship with the Senior Club was a little strained for some years, but events have taken a turn for the better, and we hope to pursue a more definite policy in the years ahead."

Few of you are aware that L.D.M.C. spend over £220 each year on trophies for the various League and Cup winners. In addition, they have to find upwards of £130 for travelling expenses for our two Inter-County teams. Considering that their only source of revenue is affiliation fees, the L.D.M.C. are doing a most praiseworthy job. They even refrain from holding an annual flag day.

It is one of Nicholas's ambitions to procure more playing fields. "We have already made progress, in that, we have secured two new playing fields over the past twelve months, and have a couple of more sites under observation". Like most of us, L.D.M.C. are also aware that there is a desperate need for better playing facilities, "but given a little more time, we will see that improvements are brought about."

The 1970-'71 season is only in its infancy. There is a bigger than ever programme to be got through over the next nine months, which means there will be more and more headaches for Nicholas and his colleagues on Council. So next time you think you have a grouse with any member of Council, remember they are there to cater for the needs of all clubs, and as such are doing what they believe is best for the game.

Employed by Messrs Thompson Ltd. (Cork), Nicholas is married to former Miss Anne Hickey, and they live at 34 Glenview Gardens, Farranashone. The McGraths have one son, Thomas (4). Nicholas lived in Dublin for 5 years, and spent 6 years in the United States.

age Martin Cowhey and Sean Lipper are not the type to underestimate any side. It must be remembered that the "Hoops" have seasoned players

the vote to topple St. Michael's. It was good to see the 'Dines' return to something like their best form last week when they took a valuable point from

side to victory. Ballynanty Rvs. A are a safe "banker" to account for Broadville, while Riverside must be fancied to get the better of

string. St. John's and Star Rvs who figured in a thirteen goal thriller on last Sunday, renew rivalry and Rovers could turn the table this time.

REMEMBER THE TEAM: TOTTENHAM HOTSPURS (1954-55)



This week-end, our Remember the Team series celebrates its first birthday. Over the past 52 weeks we have featured most of the top clubs who graced the local scene during the past four decades. We have discovered, too, that old Limerick A.F.C. photographs are very popular with readers of this page.

For a change, we are going further afield this week—to England, in fact, to bring to you a special souvenir photograph of the famous Tottenham Hotspur team of season 1954/55.

What interest should the 'Spurs' team of 1954/55 have for Limerick people, you might well ask. Well, when I tell you that it included present day England team Manager, Sir Alf Ramsey, you might think this photograph worthwhile. But, wait for it. Sitting to the left of Sir Alf is a well known Limerickman.

I am referring, of course, to former Irish International, Johnny Gavin. All told, there were six internationals in the 'Spurs' line-out; four English, one Welsh and one from the Republic of Ireland.

Gavin soon earned his spurs with the London club, for in his debut with them, he hit Sheffield United's net four times. Tottenham paid £9,000 to Norwich for Gavin's signature, and in his thirteen months in the company of Alf Ramsey, he emerged as one of the leading scorers in the First Division.

It is perhaps true to say that Tottenham were the glamour club in England in the early 'fifties. Just take a look at the star names in their team. Back row: Harry Clarke, Dave Dunmore, Ted Ditchburn, Tony Marchi, Bill Nicholson, Johnny Brooks. Front row: Mel Hopkins, Sid McClelland, Alf Ramsey (capt.), Eddie Bailey and Johnny Gavin.

Gavin joined Norwich from Limerick in 1948 and went on to win many international caps with this country. He was a leading figure with the East Anglia club, and it came as no great surprise when 'Spurs' paid out what was then a handsome sum of money for his services.

Johnny was 13 months with Tottenham when he sustained a nasty leg injury which necessitated several weeks rest. Unable to command a regular place afterwards he asked for a move. Norwich were only too pleased to accept him back into their fold. The ex-Limerick striker later moved on to Crystal Palace and also had spells with Watford and Cam-

bridge City before he retired from the game.

Northern Ireland international Danny Blanchflower was with Tottenham around the same period as Gavin. The Londoners were much sought after and as European competitions were practically unheard of in the period under review, the Spurs made periodic trips to Austria, Hungary, France, etc., to play in exhibition matches. Sir Alf Ramsey, a legend unto himself, was a brilliant full-back and captained his club to many memorable victories.

Half back, Bill Nicholson, is now manager of Tottenham Hotspurs. Five years ago, I approached him to donate a trophy to the "Outstanding Player of the Year" in the under 16 grade, and he was only too willing to oblige. This trophy is awarded annually.

Ted Ditchburn, Toni Marchi, Johnny Brooks, Mel Hopkins and Eddie Bailey were other household names, whenever soccer was discussed.

Yes, indeed, this was one of the really great Tottenham Hotspur teams.

I've been told that...

● The Charleville v. Ballynanty Rovers Saxone Cup game at Charleville, last Sunday, was abandoned by the referee when matters got out of hand.

● Willie O'Brien is doing a most commendable job as treasurer of L.D.M.C.

● St. John's striker, John Harmon, hit six great goals for his club in their youths' game with Star Rovers, on Sunday.

● Schoolboys Presentation Awards night promises to be a sell-out.

● Some clubs disappointed a poor standard of play in milpo football.

● Sligo Rovers will play Glasgow Celtic in Dublin early next year as part of 'keeper; Ton Lally, transfer agreement.

● Ex-Boro player, Tommie Browne, is to play in Desmond League.

● F.A.I. Junior Cup game will be played next weekend.

● Pat Power and Tom Haye are scoring regularly with Bohemians in Leinster League competitions.

● At least two new under age teams from Shammon Airpor will enter Schoolboys league next season.

● Boro's Derek Casey disappeared with recent remark passed about Everton A.F.C. on this page.

● St. Brigid's have solved their domestic problems.

● Fairview's Sean Lipper has intimated that they are more than satisfied with the club's progress to date this season.

● Wembley Rovers 7-a-side was a huge success. Over 25 boys took part in the under 1 competitions alone.

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Francis Brosnihan

time the majority of our best players were unavailable because of holidays."

Plassey Vale provided the Prospect club with their toughest test, according to the quiet-spoken Francis. We met them three times in the Cup before they eventually pulled through by 2-0. Best known for his performances as a defender, the Hyde number two proved his value as a forward when he hit two goals against Fairview Rgs.

Francis is son of Mr. and Mrs. William Brosnihan, 40 Hyde Rd. Prospect. He has six brothers. Tony, Clement, Jimmy, Stephen, Pat and Gerard, and two sisters, Marie and Catherine.

Competition

SHELBOURNE A.F.C.



Shelbourne are confident of doing well this season

After a disappointing start to the new season, Shelbourne made many people sit up and take note last week, when they held F.A.I. Junior Cup holders, Caledonians, to a thrilling 2-2 draw in a first round Saxone Cup game, at Caia Park.

is — ex-Limerick pivot, Tony Brosnihan, and Mick O'Donoghue. The latest recruit to the Shels camp is former Limerick and Bohemians utility player, Tommy Murphy.

With such an array of talent on their books, it is reasonable

improved defenders in the gam locally. Pat Joyce is also showing up well and is certainly playing his part in the club revival.

Shels are strongest at half back where Ben Barrett, Tony Brosnihan and Charlie Hemper