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Other projects

It is also intended to have other fund raising projects. One member of L.D.M.C. expressed himself as being more than pleased with the response they have received from clubs and players. "If everything goes according to schedule we should be in a position to pay a deposit on a plot of ground before next February," he commented.

Good news for the soccer fraternity is that Schoolboy and

playing field.

Inter-Firm Councils have promised to lend their support to the project and their members have been asked to contribute towards the fund. It cannot be too long now until Limerick has its first privately owned soccer stadium.

Text

The full text of the appeal launched by L.D.M.C. is as follows: "The committee of the District League have decided to make a special effort to secure

course. Your co-operation and support will be much appreciated.

"On behalf of the committee and trustees I thank you in advance for any assistance you may give in the future.

"A list of subscribers will be published in the local press if the subscribers so desire."

Yours in sport, Nicholas McGrath, Hon. Sec., L.D.M.C.

The trustees are: Senator G. E. Russell, 25 Gerald Griffin St.; Mr. C. P. Casey, 5 Roche's St.; Mr. J. McKeown, 107 Lenihan Ave., Prospect; Mr. Jim Jack-

wish to protest against an official must lodge their complaint in writing to the Secre L.D.M.C.; (7) Players off the field will be heard between 9 p.m. and 10 p.m. at Savoy each Tuesday.

Having heard an amount unnecessary abuse hurled referees and linesmen over past few months, I must compliment L.D.M.C. on the steps they have taken. Let us hope that clubs, supporters and referees will adhere to the above memoranda.

Quote

"Texaco Cup is a dumping ground"

"Britain, now, has the Texaco Cup, which, I am happy to say, was snubbed this season by Manchester United, who since refused to take part in it. The Texaco Cup was going to be called the British Cup by Texaco, for reasons obscure to me but no doubt plain to those who decided it would assist the image were they to be identified with it.

"The competition, in fact, is a kind of dumping ground for those clubs which have not been good enough the previous season to qualify for any of the traditional European cup tournaments. Brian Glanville, English football writer.

Banks is best

An English football man conducted a poll recently to find out the best netminder in four divisions. The winner was Gordon Banks, of course. The Stoke keeper didn't have all his own way and had 100 votes to spare over the international, Pat Jennings. The voting resulted as follows:

Gordon Banks (Stoke) 2,210.
Pat Jennings ('Spurs) 211.
Peter Shilton (Leicester) 204.
Ray Clemence (Liverpool) 2,040.
Bob Wilson (Arsenal) 1,904.
Peter Bonetti (Chelsea) 1,400.
John Jackson (Crystal Palace) 1,110.
Garry Sprake (Leeds) 1,110.
Alex Stepney (Manchester City) 680.
Jim Montgomery (Sunderland) 680.

The list comprises of six Englishmen, one Irishman, one Welshman and a "technician" Scot in Arsenal's Bob Wilson. Jimmy Montgomery (Sunderland), was the only keeper chosen from outside the First Division and you have to wait down the list before coming to the next in order of votes in 19th and 20th places, in which we find Milwall's B. King and Phil Parkes, Queen's Park Rangers.

KENNEDY ON TRIAL WITH SOUTHAMPTON

Desmond Kennedy, Janesboro United's dashing centre-forward and scorer of thirty goals—including six hat-tricks—in his last ten outings, has accepted an offer of a two weeks trial with English First Division club, Southampton.

The Janesboro striker will leave Limerick on Monday and will be met at London Airport by Michael Earls. Earls, a former Ballynanty Rvs. player, is an apprentice professional with Southampton.

Seventeen-year-old Kennedy is said to be one of the best prospects to hit the local scene in a long while. He was "capped" at schoolboy level for Eire against England at Leicester last season.

When I telephoned Des last week and told him that Southampton boss, Ted Bates, was anxious to have him over to England for a two weeks trial, he expressed delight at the offer. "This is the opportunity that I have waited for and I promise you that I will do my utmost to impress the Southampton manager," he said. "I am Southampton manager," he said.

Alf Ramsey

Mr. Bates who, incidentally, is the longest serving manager in English football and who played on the same team as England manager, Sir Alf Ramsey, is searching for a striker in the Kennedy mould and will play the Janesboro youth against Oxford University next Wednesday.

When I met him in Liverpool last Saturday he mentioned that he was more than pleased with Mick Earls' progress chart. "He is showing tremendous promise and is well liked by all the lads," was how he described 17-year-old Mick.

"If Des Kennedy compares favourably with Earls we will be pleased to offer him terms," commented Mr. Bates.

Egan declines

Christy Egan, Fairview Rgs. promising left winger, declined an invitation to accompany Kennedy to Southampton. The Eire youth international told me that he wasn't too keen on leaving home and would prefer to play in League of Ireland football.

"Cork Celtic have made me an

attractive offer and I should think that I will give them preference," he said. When asked why he wouldn't put pen to paper for Limerick, he replied: "They haven't offered me terms."

Egan played for Limerick "B" earlier in the season but was later released at the request of Fairview Rgs. He is a player of distinct promise and the Southampton manager was disappointed to learn that he wouldn't be on the same flight as Kennedy.

Should the English First Div.

club decide to accept Des Kennedy, Janesboro are hopeful that they will release him for their important F.A.I. Youth Cup games. "We are confident of a good run in the Youth Cup and since Des is our leading goal-grabber, we would like to have him in our side until such time as we lose interest in the destination of the trophy," said team manager, Malachy Cosgrove.

All local soccer fans will join with me in wishing Des Kennedy the best of good luck in his two weeks trial.



Des Kennedy pictured in action for 'Boro in a recent League game against Geraldines.

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