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ever-increasing living costs, will rally to us. The younger people in particular and the overburdened housewives are clamouring with their support", said Mr. Monahan, who is the founder chairman of the cumann.

Mr. Sylvester Barrett, T.D., Shadow Minister for Transport and Power, stressed that a virile organisation would be needed to fight the election fray, if the party was to be returned to power. "There must be no lethargy in the party for this big fight," said Mr. Barrett.

Officers elected were: president, Mr. Hugh Brody; chairman, Mr. P. Monahan; vice-chairman, Mr. C. Spellman; P.R.O., Miss Noreen O'Kennedy; joint treasurers, Mr. Peter Ryan and Mr. Tom Edmunds; secretary, Mr. Tony Russell.

Seven-a-side

THE DRAW for the second seven-a-side soccer competition of 1977, organised by the Shannon Airport soccer club, has already been made before the previous one has been finalised.

Mr. Ben Lynch, the energetic P.R.O., tells me that the growing interest in these competitions was reflected by an entry of 19 teams from within the airport.

Teams representing car hire services, the banks, Aer Lingus, students of the College of Hotel Management, Customs, Sales and Catering Accounts and the kitchen will compete.

At the club's A.G.M., officers elected: chairman, Mr. Mick Behan; secretary, Mr. Eamonn Fanneron; treasurer, Mr. Jimmy Doyle; P.R.O., Mr. Ben Lynch. Committee: M/s. John Loftus, Ben Cantillon, John Sexton, Alfie Corcoran, Mike Dunning and Frank

Other Clare," publication, chairman (centre), sponsors of the pub's Industrial Development.

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MOSSIE HARNETT: AN APPRECIATION

THE DEATH (reported briefly in the last issue of the Limerick Leader) of Mossie Harnett has removed from our midst a most colourful and lovable character. Born at Killaculeen, Tournafulla, over eighty years ago, Mossie Harnett, from his early manhood, devoted his energies unselfishly to the cause of his country. Extracts from his memoirs published in this paper were widely read and earned much favourable comment.

In 1919 he had the distinction of being the first Sinn Féin member elected to the Newcastle West Rural District Council. Later, he topped the poll on his election to Limerick County Council, and gave valuable service to that body, and to much of its sub-committees as he was a member of.

First proof

During the War of Independence he served as O/C 2nd Battalion, West Limerick Brigade, I.R.A. The first proof of his ability — apart from his work in organising the Volunteers within his Battalion area — was the meticulous attention he gave to the provision of accommodation and medical care to men from other Brigade areas in need of the same.

One of the first to benefit from Mossie's care in this respect was the severely wounded Dan Breen after the Knocklong rescue.

He was also responsible for making the funeral arrangements for Capt. Liam Scully, who was killed in the Kilmallock Barracks attack in 1920. He had the dead Scully laid out and buried in his, Mossie's, own personal offic-

er's uniform. It was a gesture abundantly typical of the man.

Mossie was held in the highest esteem by members of all political parties. He was patently honest, and never sought to build up a reputation on the strength of the part he played in the War of Independence. In fact, the opposite was the case, and we find him in his memoirs charging himself with shortcomings on various occasions. At heart he was a most unassuming man, with no place in his make up for cant or hypocrisy. He was ever kind and genial, and the best of company; and though he had lived on the east coast for over 40 years his heart was in West Limerick right to the end.

He had a strong social conscience. As well he deplored the partition of the country, and believed that if the argument that the majority in the artificially-created Six County area had the right to perpetuate partition meant anything, it meant that the majority of the people of the whole of Ireland had the right to be the final arbiters regarding the dismemberment of their country.

Honours

Full military honours were rendered at his funeral, which took place to Deans Grange Cemetery following Requiem Mass at Our Lady of Victories Church, Sallynoggin, celebrated by his nephew, Rev. Fr. Tom Ingoldsby, S.D.B. He is survived by his wife, Julia (sister of the late Maurice Walsh, novelist); daughters, Joan (Mrs. Murphy), Maureen (Mrs. Lehane), both of Dublin, and Bridie (Mrs. Joy), Washington, and formerly of the Irish Embassy staff in that city.

Mossie Harnett was one of a great generation of unselfish Irishmen, with high ideals, who were prepared to risk their all for the sake of their country and their fellow Irishmen. Go dtuga Dia aoibhneas na bhFlaitheas dó!

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