



The funeral of Paddy MacCormack.

Funeral of Mr. Paddy MacCormack

By TOM BROWNE

THE LAST link with the ambush that sparked off the War of Independence has been severed with the death at the weekend of Mr. Paddy MacCormack, one of the gallant nine-man IRA unit that assembled at Soloheadbeg on that historic morning in January, 1919.

While condemnation rang throughout the land, the first Dail assembled on January 21st to hear of the Soloheadbeg Ambush and on the same day endorsed the deeds of the brave Tipperary men.

Paddy MacCormack, who was 89, gave a lifetime of impeccable service to the cause of Ireland, first as a soldier and then as a teacher of Irish.

A native of Knockavilla in the famed parish of Dundrum, he survived his comrades who were led off that fateful day by Sean Treacy and Dan Breen, the latter his near cousin.

Most of Mr. McCormack's long life was spent in Co. Clare, except for a spell in Co. Roscommon, where he was IRA organiser. In Clare, he took part in several engagements against

the British Forces and was commandant in the Mid-Clare Brigade.

A much wanted man over the period, Mr. MacCormack was arrested and took part in three hunger strikes during his imprisonment.

While the coffin was draped with the Tricolour, there were no military honours at the burial on Monday in Mount St. Oliver, at his own request.

Mr. MacCormack, who spent most of his life in Kilkishen, moved with his wife to Mayrstone some years ago. He is survived by his wife, Kathleen; sons, Sean, Paddy, Michael, Thomas (Town Clerk, Shannon Town Commissioners) and Martin (Irish Independent staff reporter); Noel, Sixmilebridge, and daughters, Mrs. Josephine O'Carroll, N.E., Cappawhite; Mrs. Margaret McAlton, New York, and sisters, Mrs. Mary Ann Heffernan, Clonoulty; Miss Alice MacCormack, Killeafe, and Mrs. Nora Bradshaw, Thurles.

Tuesday night's meeting of the Shannon Town Commissioners was adjourned as a mark of respect.

62p refund costs a 'minimum of £5'

By LEADER REPORTER

A "MINIMUM OF £5" was spent by the Mid-Western Health Board in processing a claim which resulted in a 62p payout, it was revealed this week.

The matter was raised by Cllr. John Griffin at the monthly meeting of County Limerick Health Committee. He produced a cheque for 62p which

said had been paid out as refund under the scheme which pays for medicines costing over £16 per month or non-medical card holders.

"How much does it cost to issue a

cheque for 62p?" enquired Mr. Griffin.

He suggested that amounts of under £1 which were being paid out under the scheme should be given to some charitable institution of the board's choice.

Replying to Mr. Griffin, programme manager, Mr. Paul Robinson, agreed that the system was ludicrous.

"It cost a minimum of £5 to process a claim like this, if not more. We are only operating the system as laid down by law. If a person makes a claim under the system we are legally obliged to process it and refund the due amount, no matter how much it

costs," explained Mr. Robinson.

He added that he thought Mr. Griffin's proposal a sensible one but stated that the board was legally obliged to refund all claims if they were upheld.

"It has been said before that the law is an ass. Well this is the father of all asses - this is a juckass of a law," declared Cllr. Griffin.

"The law can't be changed by the health board, and I audit even amounts as small as that have to be accounted for," said Mr. Robinson.

Mr. Griffin proposed that this matter should be fully discussed by the health board. This proposal was seconded by Cllr. Michael Collins.

provide services that are needed in the area, without any major overhead costs being incurred," said Mr. Daly.

People interested in availing of space at the proposed Workspace Centre in Abbeyfeale should contact, as soon as possible, Abbeyfeale Development Ltd. chairman, Mr. Con

Daly (Tel. 068-31164) or secretary, Mr. Padraig Cleary (068-31198), Mr. Jim Beary, senior field officer, Shannon Development, "The Gramary, Michael Street, Limerick (061-40777) or Mr. Tom Hayes, County Development Officer, 82 O'Connell Street, Limerick (061-48477).

Workspace Centre plan for Abbeyfeale

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

the former Neodata building adjacent to the town centre into a number of small units ranging in size from 100 sq. ft. upwards.

These small units would be available for renting, on a month-to-month basis, to clients whose scale of operations would not justify the overheads associated with renting their own full scale industrial factory buildings.

The company would be willing to adjust the specific sizes of

SPECIAL experiment in spacing for small manufacturing-type enterprises initiated by Shannon Development in Limerick may be extended to Abbeyfeale, if there is sufficient demand.

The Workspace concept in Limerick, whereby small enterprises share common commercial services, will be implemented at the former Neodata premises, New Street, Abbeyfeale, if there are enough small businesses and entrepreneurs in the area seeking space in such a shared building.

The proposal under consideration by Shannon Development at present is to subdivide

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Scout Notes

COIS SIONNA REGION

A perpetual trophy for the best patrol corner in the region was presented by ARC for training Mr. Michael Byrnes to the region at a recent regional council meeting in Caherdavin Scout Hall.

The regional film show, which was recently deferred, has been rescheduled for Christ the King Boys School Hall, Caherdavin, on Saturday week, Dec. 18, with a starting time of 7.30 p.m. sharp. All units are asked to note carefully. A meeting of scout leaders only from the region with the ARC for scouts, Mr. Joe Hyde, will be held at The Social Service centre, Henry Street, Limerick, on next Monday night, commencing at 8 p.m. sharp. All leaders are requested to be present as the scout programme is to be discussed.

23rd LIMERICK CBSI CHRIST THE KING, CAHERDAVIN

Caherdavin Unit

The unit has, of late, been extremely active and, over the past few weeks, a most successful flag day and cake sale has been completed. The unit would like to thank all those involved with these

events and to the parents and friends who contributed to their successes. On Saturday evening, December 11, the unit investiture ceremony will take place at the Boy's School, Caherdavin, with Mass and investiture. All those wishing to attend this special point of the scouting year are welcome.

Caherdavin Cub Pack

"Clonmacken"

The pack has been extremely busy and preparations for the festive time of late, have been the making of Christmas cards and wreaths and busily practising for the annual pack concert in St. Camillus's Hospital shortly. Congratulations are extended to the "Brown six" - sixer John O'Connor, asst., Basil Crowe, Owen Gubbins, Ken Farrell, Alan McNamara & Edward McGee on their efforts in winning the Noel Neylon Memorial Trophy for the inter six competition for November. The pack would like to wish the best of luck to all rawleys who will become fully fledged Cubs on Saturday evening and would like to take this opportunity of welcoming Miss Siobhan McNamara as a new pack assistant.

PRE-CHRISTMAS BARGAIN SHOPPING