

# Manslaughter

## Co. Limerick Man Charged

### UNUSUAL CASE

At Adare District Court, before Mr C B Kenny, D.J., Wm Madden farmer, Rathcoo, Croagh, was charged with the manslaughter of James Quaid (35) farmer, of the same address, at Ballycaution, Croagh, on 15th October, when the two men were returning from Rathkeale in a two seater car driven by the accused.

Surgeon J F O'Connor, Croagh Hospital, stated deceased was conscious but suffering from severe shock and was unable to give any account of his injuries. There was also a lacerated wound on the right side of the head, and the arms, body and left eye were paralysed, due to a broken neck. Deceased died about 4 a.m. the following day.

Accused was admitted to the hospital with deceased. Madden was suffering from rather severe bruises on the lower part of his neck and shoulder and from muscle strain. He was conscious but somewhat dazed, and could give no account of the accident. He was detained in the hospital for more than a month.

David Barry, architect's assistant, Limerick, said he was motoring towards Newcastle West. At the bend at the far side of Croagh he met a two seater car coming towards him at its wrong side and at a fast pace. Witness pulled into the left hand side, and when the driver of the oncoming car saw him he swerved violently to his left side and skidded slightly in doing so. The car continued to wobble, but appeared to straighten up just as it passed witness.

Francis Kearney, Limerick, passenger in previous witness's car, corroborated, and said in his opinion the oncoming car was driven in a fairly reckless manner around the bend.

The Justice adjourned the further hearing to the next Rathkeale Court.