

FATAL PLAY

Child Falls Off Wall

DEATH FROM FRACTURE

J. P. Cleary, Coroner, held inquest on Saturday into the instances of the death of a McCaffrey, aged 8, O'Curry, Limerick, who died in the Home on June 21st, following injuries received when she fell a 3½ feet wall in O'Curry St. June 19th.

Spector Griffin conducted the inquest.

Sergeant J. O'Mahony, O'Curry stated that in company with the deceased's father he visited the Home on June 21st. Later he went to the scene of the accident and saw a brick wall 3½ feet high, which deceased had fallen from. The top of the wall was triangular and very smooth. There was a concrete footpath immediately outside. It was customary for children to play in the vicinity.

NO CUTS OR BRUISES.

Mrs. Josephine Ryan, aunt of the deceased, said that on June 19th, at 9.15 p.m., deceased came running into the house crying and she had fallen. Witness saw cuts or bruises on deceased's face. Witness put deceased to bed and she was sick during the night. She called in the doctor on the following morning and deceased was removed to hospital.

Dr. J. G. Tynan (8) said that she was playing with deceased in O'Curry St. on June 19th. Deceased, witness and witness's sister got on top of the wall. Witness saw deceased slip off the wall and fall on her head on the footpath. Witness picked her up and took her to hospital.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

Dr. A. Humphreys, City Home Hospital, said that deceased was admitted to hospital in a semi-conscious state on June 20th, and died the following day. Death was due to fracture of the skull and cerebral haemorrhage. The injuries were consistent with a fall.

The Coroner returned a verdict of death in accordance with the medical evidence.

Compassion was expressed with the relatives.

CLARE'S AFFAIRS

MEETING OF A ONE-MAN "COUNCIL"

The Commissioner for Clare (Mr. J. O'Keeffe) sat in the Court-house, Ennis, and disposed of the business on the agenda for the Council, the affairs of which he is now administering. It was the "annual" meeting of the Council, at which the main business formerly was the election of chairman and the appointment of such Committees as the Board of Health and Mental Hygiene Committee. On this occasion the only Committees for appointment were the Old Age Pensions, Vocational Education, Library and Scholarship Committees.

At the Old Age Pensions Committee, the Commissioner appointed all the ex-Co. Councillors to sit with himself.

The Vocational Education Committee was re-constituted as follows—Very Rev. Canon Vaughan, Rev. P. Cahill, C.C.; Rev. J. Irwin, Superior, C.B.S., Ennis; Rev. J. Superior, C.B.S., Ennistymon; Messrs. P. Ashe, N.T.; T. J. O'Connell, N.T., and the Commissioner, together with Messrs. M. J. Malone, representing Ennis Urban Council, and Messrs. T. J. O'Connell and G. Griffin, representing Urban Council. The Urban Councils have already formally elected their representatives.

The Co. Library Committee was re-constituted thus: Rev. Superior, Ennis; Canon Vaughan, Ennis; Rev. P. Cahill, C.C.; Rev. J. Irwin, Superior, Ennis; Rev. J. Superior, Ennistymon; Messrs. P. Ashe, N.T.; T. J. O'Connell, N.T., and the Commissioner, together with Messrs. M. J. Malone, representing Ennis Urban Council, and Messrs. T. J. O'Connell and G. Griffin, representing Urban Council.

WOULD NOT WORK

Mare That Went On "Strike"

DISTRICT COURT SEQUEL

The attitude of a mare that went on "strike" and "would not work at all" had a sequel before District Justice Gleeson at Ennistymon Court.

Michael Connolly, Main Street, Kinvara, sued Anthony Doherty, Lavareen, Ennistymon, for £25 damages for the alleged breach of warranty in the sale of a mare at Ennistymon fair on April 6th last.

Mr. A. J. O'Flynn, solicitor, Gort, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. P. J. Chambers, solicitor, defended.

PLAINTIFF'S CASE

Mr. O'Flynn said that his client attended Ennistymon fair on 6th April and purchased a mare from the defendant for £16, out of which the defendant gave back 5/- "luck." Mr. Connolly examined the mare for blemishes but could not find any, and before the bargain was completed, he asked the defendant if the horse was a good worker, and the defendant replied that it was a very good worker. When Connolly took the mare home, he found that she would not work at all. He went to the defendant and asked him to take the mare back but the defendant refused, and subsequently proceedings were instituted. Mr. Connolly even tried to get out of the mare by offering her for sale at a fair, but he did not get a bid for her. The mare was useless to Connolly, and he had to hire horses to do his work.

The plaintiff, in his evidence, bore out his solicitor's statement, and a number of witnesses were examined on behalf of the plaintiff.

The defendant, in his evidence, denied that he had given any guarantee with the mare. When the money was being paid, Connolly asked him if the mare was a "fair good worker and witness replied that she was. Witness had the mare from the previous October. He had bought her from a man named Nestor, and he worked her all the winter, and spring and she gave every satisfaction.

"DID ALL CLASSES OF WORK"

Mr. Nestor, from whom the defendant had bought the mare, said that he had her from the month of April to October and she did all classes of work. He sold her to Doherty for £9, and while she was with Doherty, witness saw her working and carting. If he had known Doherty was selling her again, witness would have bought her.

The Justice said that he believed the mare would not work now, and if the defendant did not take her back there would be an order made against him in the form of a decree.

Mr. Chambers, having consulted with his client, said that his client was unwilling to take back the mare.

A DECREE

The Justice said he would give a decree on the basis that Connolly was to keep the mare. There would be a decree for £5 with £4 expenses.

CAMOGIE

LIMERICK MATCHES

At St. Patrick's Field yesterday, the first round matches of the Camogie League were completed.

In the opening game Fedamore ran out winners over the Technical Institute side on the score of four goals to nil.

In the second game Friarstown defeated St. Brigid's by 5 goals to 1 goal.

Both games were keenly contested and the two county teams fully deserved their victories.

The second round games will be played on Wednesday.

BULLET WOUND

Without An Exit

RECENT FATAL SHOOTING ACCIDENT

The description of a wound which it was stated would be consistent with having been caused by a small bullet was given at the inquest on the late Mr. J. J. Ryan, bank official and member of the L.D.F., Limerick, who was accidentally killed while on manoeuvres at Glenstal on Sunday week.

Dr. J. P. Cleary, Coroner for East Limerick, conducted the inquest sitting with a jury at the County Courthouse, Limerick, on Saturday.

Supt. Dunning appeared for the State, and Mr. E. T. Treacy, solicitor, appeared for an interested party.

Sergeant M. Malone, Murroe, stated that on Sunday, 28th June, in consequence of a report he went to Glenstal Priory Grounds at about 6.25 where he saw the dead body of John J. Ryan, who was in full L.D.F. uniform. Witness had the body removed to Murroe Garda Barracks.

FATHER OF DECEASED.

Dr. T. F. Ryan, Woodville, Earney, stated that his son (deceased) was 21 years of age last December and was employed in the William Street Branch of the Munster and Leinster Bank. He last saw his son at Whitsun, when he was home on holiday. He identified the remains in Barrington's Hospital.

Dr. J. G. Tynan, house surgeon at Barrington's Hospital, said that he was present shortly after the remains were brought to the hospital about 11.45 on Sunday night. He performed a post mortem examination assisted by Capt. R. Ryan, on Monday and found that there was a bullet wound in the front of the chest.

Coroner—Was there any singeing?—No.

Continuing, witness said that he traced the course of the wound, which continued through the lung. The wound which he had described would be consistent with having been caused by a small bullet. "I searched for a bullet," added the witness, "but did not find it. There was no exit wound." He ascribed the cause of death to shock and haemorrhage and rupture of the left lung. Death was instantaneous, he believed.

Capt. R. Ryan, Army Medical Service, said that he assisted at the post-mortem examination and he agreed with the evidence of Dr. Tynan.

Supt. Dunning—Could the wound described by Dr. Tynan be caused by a .22 rifle bullet?—Yes.

Could you express any opinion as to the distance it was fired?—I couldn't.

PAPERS SENT TO ATTORNEY-GENERAL.

At this stage Supt. Dunning said that he was applying for an adjournment of the inquest sine die. All the papers in the case had been sent to the Attorney-General.

The Coroner in adjourning the inquest, expressed deep sympathy with Dr. Ryan and the relatives of deceased in the tragic bereavement they had suffered.

The expression of condolence was joined in by Supt. Dunning, the Chairman of the Jury (Mr. P. J. Stundon), Commandant Fraher, Capt. Manders, Mr. D. Doyle (on behalf of the L.D.F.) and Mr. Treacy, solicitor.

Dr. Ryan expressed thanks for the condolence extended to him from the Mayor, Corporation and all the other military and public bodies in the city.

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