

FOUND DEAD

Man's Body In Crag

CLUE TO IDENTITY

The skeleton of a man found on a crag near Ennis was identified by means of an inscription on a silver watch. On 17th November, 1941, Mr. Michael Sampson, Killrush Road, Ennis, disappeared from his home. He had not been heard of since until his dead body was discovered a few days ago.

While cutting timber in a crag in Loughvella, a short distance from Ennis, William Coughlan, Clareen, observed a pair of boots sticking out from under the bushes. On closer examination he found the boots contained bones. He at once reported the matter to the Guards, who, on investigation, found a number of other bones, a silver watch and other things which subsequently led to the identification of the late Mr. Sampson.

The remains having been taken possession of by the Guards and conveyed to the mortuary of the County Hospital, an inquest was held in the County Hospital by Dr. J. H. Coughlan, Coroner, without a jury. Supt. J. S. Flynn represented the Civic Guards.

The first witness was William Coughlan, Clareen, who stated that on the previous day he was cutting firewood in the crag in Loughvella. As he was finishing a bunch of whitethorns he saw a pair of boots sticking out from under the bushes. He caught one of the boots with his billhook, and, seeing there was a bone in the boot, he left it back again. He then observed a number of other bones lying around, so he reported the matter to the Guards.

Charles McEnery, postman, Killrush Road, said he had known the late Mr. Sampson very well. The deceased was around 60 years of age and was a retired engine driver. On Monday morning, November 17th, 1941, he saw Mr. Sampson emerging from Curtin's Lane and getting on to Parnell Street. It was 8.25 at the time. He was wearing a cap and had a trench coat on him, as far as witness could remember. Witness looked towards him with the intention of speaking, but Mr. Sampson kept looking in a different direction and appeared to be avoiding witness. That was the last witness saw of him. He never noticed anything unusual about Mr. Sampson, and, being a neighbour of his, had often been speaking to him.

Dr. J. B. MacClancy said that he had on that date made a post-mortem examination on part of a skeleton, which was that of an elderly man. There was a great number of bones missing completely, while those that remained were disarticulated or separated. There were no ligaments or soft tissues surrounding the bones, which were in a brittle dried condition, with a good deal of clay adhering to them indicating that the skeleton had been exposed for a considerable time. There was nothing to indicate that the bones had received any injury previous to death, and, there being no organs available for examination, he was unable to come to any conclusion as to the cause of death. The bones included the skull, upon which there were no signs of injuries having been inflicted.

Sergeant Thomas Dowde stated that he was officially aware that Michael Sampson was reported missing as from November 17th, 1941. After his disappearance, dragging operations were carried out in the part of the River Fergus adjacent to Drumcliffe. The reason for that search was because a coat, identified as belonging to Mr. Sampson, had been found on the bank of the river. On December 29th witness went to a crag in Loughvella. That crag was separated from an adjoining field by a loosely constructed stone wall, and within ten yards of that wall he found what appeared to be portion of human remains. There were some bones on the ground, while two bones were stuck in a pair of black laced boots. He saw what appeared to be the outline of a body, with the back-bone, which had not been disturbed. Judging by the position of the boots and the position of the back-bone, witness came to the conclusion that the person had been lying on the right side. He also found a small leather purse containing a Confraternity medal and ribbon, an old rusty razor, and a watch and chain. Inscribed on the watch, which had stopped at 5.40, was: "Michael Sampson, 1902." Witness had the remains removed to the County Hospital.

Det.-Officer James Travers, who accompanied Sergeant Dowde on the occasion, said that close to the skeleton he found three two-shilling pieces, a sixpenny piece, and two pennies. Intermingled with the bones was what appeared to be the remains of a waistcoat and trousers of a blue material. Witness also found a cap.

Mrs. Sampson, widow of deceased, said her husband was a railway engine driver and retired in August, 1941. After his retirement he took up employment with Mr. P. C. McMahon. Up to the time of his disappearance her husband appeared to be quite normal, but was subject to fits of depression. On the morning of November 17th, 1941, he left home as usual to go to work. They had breakfast together before he left. He was depressed that morning, but on the Saturday and Sunday morning before that, he appeared to be unusually quiet. When her husband did not return for his dinner at 1.30 or his tea around 6.15 she brought the matter to the notice of Mr. McMahon. On the morning after his disappearance, a coat was produced to witness and

HUNTING

The County Limerick Hounds will meet as under:—

Friday, Jan. 8th ... Kilmeedy
Tuesday, Jan. 12th ... Askeaton
Friday, Jan. 15th ... Garryane
Hour—12 o'clock (S.T.).

Followers are requested not to ride through cattle and ploughed lands.

COUNTY CLARE HOUNDS

The Co. Clare Hounds will meet as under:—

Thursday, Jan. 7th ... Quin
Thursday, Jan. 14th ... Shepperton
Thurs., Jan. 21st, Carroll's Bridge, Ennis.

Thursday, Jan. 28th ... Spencilhill
Thurs., Feb. 4th, Tiermaclane P.O.
Thursday, Feb. 11th ... Ballyear
Thursday, Feb. 18th ... Barefield
Thursday, Feb. 25th ... Latoon
Thursday, Mar. 4th ... Clarecastle
Thursday, Mar. 11th ... Spencilhill
St. Patrick's Day ... Newmarket
Thursday, Mar. 25th ... Ruan
Hour—1 o'clock (S.T.).

SCARTEEN HUNT

Scarteen Hunt (The Black and Tans) will meet as under:—

Tuesday, Jan. 5th ... Caherconlish
Friday, Jan. 8th ... Elton
Monday, Jan. 11th, Sheahan's Cross
Thursday, Jan. 14th ... Limerick Junction

Tuesday, Jan. 19th ... Ballinamona
Friday, Jan. 22nd ... Emly Station
Monday, Jan. 25th ... Upper Grange
Hour—12 o'clock.

Followers are earnestly requested to avoid galloping through or near dairy cattle, winter wheat, etc., and to shut all gates on to roads.

LIMERICK HARRIERS

The Limerick Harriers will meet as under:—

Thursday, Jan. 7th, Maryville Cross
Thursday, Jan. 14th ... Ballysheedy
Hour—12 o'clock.

CROOM HARRIERS

The Croom Harriers will meet as under:—

Tuesday, Jan. 5th ... Honeypond
Hour—12 o'clock.

O'DEA MILLIONS

CLAIMANT AGAIN IN COURT

The latest development in the legal battle over the five million dollars estate of the late Michael Francis O'Dea, son of County Clare emigrants, was the re-appearance in court at Los Angeles, U.S.A., last week, of Mrs. Lucy Fay Bales, with witnesses to prove that she is the millionaire's daughter.

O'Dea died in 1938 and left no will.

Claimants to the estate number 365, among them four Irish citizens—Mrs. Mary Lynch McCarthy, Limerick; Mrs. Brigid Lynch Woulfe, Bridgetown; O'Brien's Bridge, Co. Clare; Mr. James Lynch, Moygalla, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare; and Mr. James O'Dea, Clare.

Michael Francis O'Dea was a solicitor who developed wide business interests and eventually became a Californian oil millionaire.

Many claimants hold that O'Dea was a bachelor, but two people have testified that he married a chorus girl.

These witnesses say that he lost touch with his wife and daughter following objections by his mother. Photographs have been produced, but no final conclusion has been reached.

Scores of people maintain an undefined but nevertheless close relationship. So involved has the hearing become that two judges have refused to give a ruling.

O'Dea was 90 when he died, and Mrs. McCarthy, Mrs. Woulfe and Mr. Lynch held that they were his first cousins.

In March, 1939, a special commission, granted by the Superior Court of the United States, visited Ireland and sat at Limerick in an effort to unravel the life-threads of the California-Clare millionaire.

DEATH OF MRS. E. KENNY

Deep and widespread sympathy will be extended to the family and relatives of the late Mrs. Elizabeth Kenny, who died at her residence, Freagh Castle, Miltown-Malbay, on Friday last. The late Mrs. Kenny was widow of Mr. Mathew J. Kenny, K.C., former Circuit Court Judge for Cork, who died on December 8th last, and mother of Mr. Charles S. Kenny, B.L., District Justice for Co. Limerick, and of Mr. George Kenny, B.L. Her passing has created very sincere regret over a wide area, and has come as a great shock to the many friends of the family, who deeply deplore her death. Much sympathy is extended to the bereaved family, and we join with their many sympathisers in tendering them our very sincere sympathy in their sorrow.

she identified it as the coat he had been wearing at the time he left home. Witness now identified the watch, the Confraternity medal and ribbon and also the boots, which had been new at the time.

The Coroner said they all sympathised with Mrs. Sampson, adding that it was a certain amount of relief to her to know that the remains of her husband had been found. Mrs. Sampson had the sympathy of the entire public, because her husband was an extremely popular man.

The Coroner then recorded a verdict as follows:—"That Michael Sampson died at Loughvella on November 17th, 1941, there being no evidence to show the cause of death."

Supt. Flynn, on behalf of the Civic Guards, joined in the Coroner's expression of sympathy with Mrs. Sampson.

PART OF A GANG

City Boys Charged

SENT TO REFORMATORY

When a number of boys were charged at Limerick City Juvenile Court on Saturday, before District Justice J. M. Flood, B.L., Superintendent Collieran mentioned that two of them were part of a gang found sleeping out in a shed on one occasion.

Patrick Doyle, 19 B Road, Killeely, and Joseph Bourke, 5 C Road, Killeely, were charged with the larceny of lemonade, chocolates, etc., from Mrs. Connaughton, Bedford Row, on the 30th November and 15th December.

Supt. Collieran said that on both occasions the boys entered the shop and snatched the goods. Both boys were part of a gang which the Guards found sleeping out in a shed on one occasion. There was now a further charge against them in conjunction with James Moore with breaking and entering the house of Mr. O'Meara, Lansdowne.

Justice—I will hear that case now. Supt. Collieran said the three boys broke into the house and took goods to the value of £2 18s. It was a miracle how they obtained access to the house, because they had to climb in through a small window, and drop down several feet inside.

Justice—There are two charges against Bourke and Doyle, and I will send them away.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley said Moore had never been in the court before and it was his first offence.

Justice—I will adjourn the case against Moore for twelve months. The other two will go to a reformatory.

YOUTHS WITH "RECORDS."

Three youths—James Kennedy, 44 Sexton Street; Thomas Powell, 9 High Road, and John O'Dwyer, 32 Road F, Killeely—were charged with breaking and entering the lock-up shop of Miss Kennedy, High Road, Thomondgate, and stealing £9 on December 17th.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, defended.

Supt. Collieran said all three boys made statements admitting the charges. It would appear from these that Kennedy entered the shop when the owner was away. They stated they took £6 and divided it. The Guards had recovered £4.

O'Dwyer helped the Guards considerably in the case, but all three had records. Kennedy was 17 years and O'Dwyer 18 years. Kennedy had been charged with the larceny of scrap iron and with the larceny of a bicycle, and he was only recently discharged from Glencree Reformatory. O'Dwyer was charged in 1935 with housebreaking, and in 1939 was charged with the larceny of a bicycle. There were three other charges against him, and he had served sentences of two months, one month, and three months. Powell had been charged with stealing poultry.

Mr. O'Malley said the only thing he could say about O'Dwyer was that he had applied to join the Construction Corps. He was in employment for the past ten months delivering milk.

The Justice adjourned the cases against Powell and Kennedy for twelve months, and imposed a sentence of three months imprisonment on Dwyer. Powell and Kennedy would, however, pay 30/- each to make up the deficiency to the shopkeeper.

The Justice added that he wished to commend very sincerely Inspector Pender, Sergt. Griffin, Sergt. Hanrahan and Guard McHugh for their excellent work in the case. The details had not been disclosed, but he was aware that they had conducted their investigations with considerable efficiency and fairness.

FIT FOR REFORMATORY.

John Treacy, 21 Parker's Range, and William Hannan, Dowling's Range, Vize's Fields, were charged with the larceny of a boy's coat, shoes and stockings, the property of Michael Cagney, from the Sarsfield Barracks, on December 4th.

Supt. Collieran said that while Cagney was taking part in a boxing tournament his clothing was in the dressingroom. They were taken away by the defendants, who subsequently admitted the offence to Guard Mahon.

There was a previous conviction against Treacy, who was an impossible youngster and hopelessly beyond control.

Sergeant Griffin said Treacy was giving a great deal of trouble and was a fit subject for a reformatory. His father was dead and there was no control over him. Hannan was never charged previously with anything serious.

The Justice committed Treacy to a reformatory, and discharged Hannan with a caution.

The Great Southern Railways prosecuted two boys—Thomas Halvey and John Gavin—for trespass.

Mr. Ball (Messrs. Fitt and Co.) prosecuted.

An employee of the Company gave evidence of finding Gavan in a turf waggon at Cargy's Road, and the other boy was traced subsequently.

Supt. Collieran said both boys were charged with the larceny of turf from the waggon on a second prosecution.

An employee of the Railway Company said one of the boys admitted they were going to take the turf for the purpose of selling it.

The Justice ordered the defendants' parents to pay the legal costs, amounting to 10/6, and imposed a fine of 1/- each.

BROKE INTO HOUSE.

Three boys—John Quin, John Colopy and Con Brosnan—were charged with housebreaking and

MARKET PRICES

Breadstuffs—Flour, bakers, 62/- per sack; retail, 62/- per sack; wholemeal, 62/- per sack; oatmeal, 5/- per st.; flake oatmeal, 5/4 per st.

LIMERICK MARKETS—Saturday.

Butter—2/- to 2/1 per lb.

Eggs—Hen eggs, 2/8 to 3/2 per doz.; duck eggs, 2/8 to 3/2 per doz.

Fowl—Chickens, 10/- to 13/- per pair; ducks, 8/- to 10/6 per pair; old fowl, 9/- to 11/- per pair; turkeys, 2/2 to 2/4 per lb.; geese, 10/- to 13/- each.

Fruit—Apples, 2/- to 3/6 per basket; cooking apples, 1/6.

Potatoes—32 loads: 1/- to 1/3 per stone.

Turnips—8 loads: 57/6 to 60/- per ton.

Hay and Straw—There were loads of hay and 1 load of straw in market. Upland hay, 112/6 per ton; corcass, 65/- to 90/- per ton; wheaten straw, 30/- per ton.

Weekly Cattle Market—There were 78 calves in market to-day; they sold at from 50/- to 110/- each.

ST. MARY'S BAND

THE ANNUAL MEETING

At the annual general meeting of St. Mary's Band, the Chairman, Mr. P. O'Mahony, referred to the very successful year the Hall had. He thanked the members and committee for the very efficient way in which they handled the affairs of the Hall. No doubt, they were warmly rewarded by the way the Hall has prospered during the past year. Concluding, he hoped that they would strive to reach ever greater success during the year 1943. He wished them all a very happy and prosperous new year.

The following officers and committee were elected for 1943: Mr. P. O'Mahony, President; Mr. M. Bourke, Vice-President; Mr. V. Keves, Hon. Secretary; Mr. J. Dillon, Hon. Treasurer. Committee—Messrs. M. O'Dwyer, P. Casey, J. Teer and P. Wells.

YOUTHFUL PLOUGHMAN

A seventeen years old competitor, Jeff Smyth, won the championship three cups and several special awards at Coleraine ploughing match. He had been handling a tractor since he was 14 years. The youngest competitor, nine years old, Bertie Hanna, also got a prize.

FAMOUS HERD DESTROYED

The famous Aldie (Ross-shire) herd of Shorthorn cattle has been destroyed, following an outbreak of foot and mouth disease. The stock included 90 pedigree bulls. Last year at a sale one of the Aldie bulls sold for 1,000 guineas. The value of the Aldie Shorthorns is placed at over £100,000.

MILK MAKES HEALTH

Until milk is anxiously sought after by children, and until its consumption is almost doubled by diminution of price, it is unlikely that there will be any great improvement in our national health states Dr. D. K. O'Donovan in the "Journal of the Medical Association."

larceny.

Supt. Collieran said Quin and Collopy were charged with breaking and entering the premises of Messrs. Molloy, building contractors, on 20th September and stealing a fountain pen. Quin and Brosnan were charged with breaking and entering the same premises on December 13th. On the first occasion that the premises were broken into the fanlight was broken and an attempt was made to open the office safe. On December 20th the two boys entered the premises, and obtaining tools which were lying about, they smashed a panel in the office door and obtained entrance. They scattered papers about and were caught in the act by a workman.

Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, for Quin and Collopy, pleaded for leniency, and said that Collopy had never been before the Court previously. Quin's history was rather unfortunate; if given chance he might do better.

Mr. P. G. Collins, solicitor, for Brosnan, said the boy had never been before the Court, and on the present occasion he was led in trouble.

Mr. C. Ebrill, on behalf of Mr. Molloy, said his office had been broken into on three occasions and damage done. On one of the occasions a sledre had been used.

NO PARENTAL CONTROL.

Supt. Collieran said that his view was that the parents of the children had no control whatever over the children. Every young boy that the Gardaí interrogated appeared to have no difficulty in obtaining money for going to cinemas.

According to Mr. O'Malley's plea the Justice adjourned the case for twelve months, and said if Quin appeared again he would go to reformatory. His mother would pay £1 compensation. He would order Brosnan to pay 10/- compensation, and order him to enter in a bond for six months, and make the same order in respect of Collopy.

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