

HARRY CLAIM FOR WAGES

Important Appeal Case

At the High Court on Circuit in Limerick yesterday, before Mr. Justice Geoghegan, Annie O'Rahilly, licensed trader, Dock Road, Limerick, appealed against a decision of the Circuit Court awarding Mary Healon, Caherelly, Grange, a decree for £76 19s. 7d., on foot of a claim for wages.

Mr. S. Kenny, B.L. (instructed by Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, solr.) appeared for the appellant, and Mr. G. Kenny, B.L. (instructed by Mr. A. J. Blood-Smyth, solr.) for the respondent.

Respondent said that in 1940 she was living at her home at Caherelly, Grange. She remembered Mr. O'Rahilly coming to her house and asking her to go and see his wife. Witness did so and Mrs. O'Rahilly asked her to work for her as a barmaid. She went to work at 15/- and was there until February, 1943, when a man threw a glass at her and she ordered him out of the bar. Mrs. O'Rahilly said that if she did not want the man there she could pack her bag and clear out. On the following night the matter was drawn up again and Mrs. O'Rahilly said: "I thought I ordered you out of the premises." Witness left at 3 a.m. She returned three days later and asked for the wages that were due to her. Mrs. O'Rahilly said she had been paid £35 and witness asked for the balance. Mrs. O'Rahilly said she could give her what she liked, as no agreement had been made. Subsequently witness called again and appellant said she would give her £60. She gave her a cheque for £26 and witness then took proceedings when the balance was not forthcoming. There was £74 19s. 7d. due to her as wages, and she was claiming £2 in lieu of notice.

Cross-examined, witness said there was a contract between the appellant and herself. Appellant also agreed to stamp her cards. During the two and a half years she was there a card never came to her but Mr. O'Rahilly was always talking about getting it.

Mrs. Christina Kennedy, a sister of the respondent, said that about a week after her sister going to Mrs. O'Rahilly's witness called on the appellant to enquire how she was getting on. During the course of conversation Mrs. O'Rahilly mentioned that her sister was working with her at 15s. a week.

Gerald O'Rahilly, in reply to Mr. S. Kenny, said he met Mary Healon in the city one day and she said she had had a dispute at home and was not going home. He told her to go down to his house and stay there until the storm blew over. Witness did not at any time visit the respondent for the purpose of employing her.

Cross-examined, witness said he would not deny that Miss Healon worked in his house. There was no agreement to pay £60 in final settlement as far as he was concerned.

Mrs. O'Rahilly said that Miss Healon came to the house under the circumstances described by her husband. There was no agreement made and it was two months before she began to do odd jobs about the house. Later she went into the bar of her own accord. At that time witness had a maid employed to do the housework and witness looked after the bar. While Miss Healon was with her she got £35 in small and large sums and witness used also supply her with cigarettes. She then gave her £26 finally in order to get finished with her. Witness never owed her any money and she had no liability to pay her any.

OBITUARY

MRS. MARY K. BOURKE. GILLOGUE, CLONLARA.

It is with deep regret we have to announce the death of Mrs. Mary K. Bourke, the beloved wife of Mr. Patrick Bourke, of Gillogue, Clonlara. The deceased was most charitable and obliging to all or any who sought her aid. She was of a bright and cheerful disposition and she endeared herself to all those who came in contact with her. She was dearly loved by all her friends and neighbours and was an exemplary mother to her young family.

Her untimely death at such an early age has caused a great shock both in Limerick and Clare, where she had a large circle of friends. Mass was celebrated at 10 o'clock by the Rev. Father Hehir, Adm., Clonlara.

The remains were removed from St. John's Cathedral, Limerick, on the 4th inst., and the funeral took place to the family burial ground at Toumple, Gillogue, the cortege being one of the largest and most representative seen leaving Limerick for years.

The chief mourners were:—Patrick Bourke (husband), James, John and Michael (sons), May (daughter), Mrs. John Malone (mother), Patrick and Denis Malone (brothers), Mrs. T. Kennedy, Croom (sister), Bridie Malone (sister), Michael Bourke (brother-in-law), Patrick and John Halvey (uncles), Mrs. Lynch (aunt), Mrs. O'Connell (aunt), Daniel Madden (uncle-in-law), Mrs. Madden (aunt-in-law), Thomas Kennedy, Croom (brother-in-law), John Kennedy, Croom (nephew), Josie, Nancy and Kathleen (nieces), Mrs. P. Malone (sister-in-law), Tom, John and Patrick Malone (nephews), Nancy, Mary and Kathleen Malone (nieces), Mrs. John Halvey, Ballyquinn; Mrs. M. Halvey, Ballysheedy (aunts-in-law).

The remains were accompanied by Rev. Father Hehir, Adm., Clonlara, and Rev. Father O'Grady, C.C., St. John's, Limerick.

Mass cards were received from the following:—Mother, Bridie and Denis; Jim and Nora Madden, Corbally; Sadie Nevill, Croom; Nora Keane, Limerick; Fitzgerald family, Ballysheedy; James and Kitty Kirby, Dublin; James and Mrs. McCormack, Cappavilla; the Bourke family, Garden Hill; Mrs. Halvey, Ballysheedy; Baby, Pa and children, Cloncarhee; Mathew Ryan, Shavo-kee; Pat, Josie and family, Athlunkard; Nell, Tom and family, Croom; Elizabeth McMahon and family, Limerick; the Martin family, Croom; Uncle John, Agnes and family; Pat and Margaret Madden, Shavo-kee; the Clampett family, Drombanna; T. and J. Woods, Limerick; Kitty Walsh, Gillogue; Margaret Madden and family, Glenlon; Ann Heffernan, Shanakyle; John and Maggie Casey, Kilcolman; Patrick Halvey, Ballysheedy; the Loughrey family, Limerick; Pat, Michael and children; Fitzgerald family, Gerald Griffin St., Limerick; Uncle Dan, Kate and Esther, Shavo-kee; Walsh family, Gillogue; Mr. and Mrs. O'Halloran, Gillogue; Brosnan family, Janesboro'; Maureen and Kevin, Limerick; Mrs. McDonnell, Deryfadda; Clonlara School Children and Teachers.

Messages of sympathy were also received, and owing to space it would be impossible to give the names of all relatives and friends who attended the funeral.

MR. CHRISTOPHER O'NEILL.

The death took place recently at his residence, Scart House, Ballyneety, of Mr. Christopher O'Neill, third son of the late Mr. and Mrs. Michael O'Neill, Ballybricken, Grange, and brother of Rev. J. O'Neill, National



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