

FATAL CRASH

NIGHT CLASSES

Recent Co. Limerick Not A Great Success
Tragedy

At Newcastle West Court on Friday before C. S. Kenny.

Sergeant (Guru) Knoblauch, Justice of the Peace, Newcastle West, was charged with the manslaughter of Richard Roche, Midleton, and Patrick Cusack, Enniskeane, by knocking them down with a motor lorry at Clonlachane on 21st October.

Mr. J. Power, State Solicitor, prosecuted and Mr. M. J. K. Dore, said defendant, Mr. R. J. Cusack, solicitor, held a watching brief on behalf of the next of kin of the deceased men.

MEDICAL EVIDENCE

Dr. J. G. O'Farrell, Newcastle West, deposed that on the 22nd October he met Mr. Neenan with Mr. H. M. O'Connor, they performed a post mortem examination on the body of Richard Roche, Enniskeane, Mayo, Newcastle West. They found multiple injuries which he described as being caused to the cause of death, namely, fractured dislocation of the neck, rupture of the spinal cord and fracture of the last two cervical vertebrae.

Mr. Power, who these injuries compared with having been struck by a lorry. As a great violence must have been used to cause the injuries.

Proceeding witness said that on the same date he and Mr. O'Connor performed a post mortem examination on the body of Patrick Cusack, farmer, Enniskeane, Newcastle West. The injuries were consistent with having been struck or knocked down with great violence by a lorry. In the case of this deceased the injuries were not caused by the injury running over the body.

In the case of the deceased Richard Roche, their opinion was that at least one wheel of a lorry or other heavy vehicle passed over the body.

Dr. H. M. O'Connor, M.O., Newcastle West, who assisted the previous witness with the post-mortem, gave corroborative evidence.

SCENE OF THE ACCIDENT

Guardian, Technical Battalion, Headquarters, deposed that on the 24th October he accompanied by Sgt. McKeown and Sergt. Daly, he visited the scene of a fatal road accident at Clonlachane on the Newcastle-West-Ballyvaughn road for the purpose of preparing a map for evidence in an intended prosecution arising out of the accident. His attention was drawn to a tyre mark of a motor vehicle on the left hand side of the grass margin facing Deel Bridge and extending for a distance of 45 feet, as indicated in the map produced in court and showing the scene of the accident near Deel Bridge as pointed out to him by Sgt. McKeown and Sergt. Daly.

The scene of the accident was examined from Newcastle West. Witness also produced a detailed plan of the road at the scene of the accident.

Mr. McCarthy—In view of the fact that there was a heavy variation from 18 to 40 feet with a grass margin varying from 1 ft. 4 ins. to 1 ft. 8 ins. on the left hand side, and 1 ft. 8 ins. to 2 ft. 6, on the right hand side, facing in the direction of Deel Bridge. The road was tar-macadamed in the centre and was in good condition and with an average width of 11 feet.

On each side there was an unmetalled surface with an average width of 3 ft. 8 ins. The wheel that left the track referred to on the grass edge was within a foot of the lorry.

Sgt. Connolly, Public Service Vehicle Inspector, produced a detailed report on the condition of the lorry driven by the defendant on the occasion of the accident. He carried out an inspection of the lorry and the donkey spring trap.

Witness went on to describe the general condition of and apparent damage caused to the lorry as a result of an accident. He also described the apparent damage to the donkey trap. Superintendent McKeown, Sergt. Daly, and the defendant were present when he placed the vehicles in position to inspect the damage.

No other proposition was received and the Chairman declared Miss O'Sullivan appointed unanimously.

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GARDENING

Gifts From The Garden

There are two great pleasures in gardening—one is the successful growing of plants and the other is giving them away to appreciate friends.

Christmas is an ideal time for giving away garden plants, not only because of the wish for making presents and the fact that most people will appreciate a garden gift, but it is also ideal because it is on the whole an ideal time for transplanting many garden subjects, especially things such as trees and shrubs. If one has grown the plant from seed, the gift will be greater. Nevertheless, gardening friends will always appreciate a gardening gift, even if they know it has been purchased, and, of course, some gardening gifts, such as books on horticulture, will be bought.

It is amazing when one comes to think of it how many of the best presents come from the garden. There are a few that come automatically.

The C.E.O. added that the new science night classes, which are being held one night a week during the winter months, were not proving the success they hoped they would be. The classes were not attracting the number of pupils they expected, more especially having regard to the value the classes could be to farmers, so far as it would be a new venture they could hope for improvement in the future.

Chairman—We all hope that these classes will eventually prove successful.

The Secretary of the Co. Limerick Branch of the Vocational Education Organisation submitted a resolution asking that facilities be made available to enable teachers under the Committee to use their own private motor cars for travelling to classes in outside centres.

The C.E.O. said that during the war the teachers were unable to use their own cars and motor cycles. The Department's regulation on the matter was that each teacher would have to make individual application for permission to use his or her car, in which case appropriate travelling expenses would be allowed.

The Chairman said the C.E.O. could inform the teachers that individual applications would receive every consideration from the Committee.

Mr. McCarthy suggested that the Department be requested to expedite the necessary sanction for the building of the proposed new technical school at Abbeyfeale, which had been held up for some years owing to the war.

The C.E.O. said it had been pointed out on previous occasions that work on the building of the school could not be undertaken until the project was placed on the Department's priority list of post-war works.

When that stage was reached the Committee would then have to consider the question of the cost of building the school as compared with the pre-war estimate.

Mr. McCarthy—In view of the fact that there will be a better building in the end.

Chairman—Yes, and probably a cheaper school.

The matter was not further discussed.

The C.E.O. reported that six applications were received for the post of permanent whole-time domestic economy instructors at Killaloe, in succession to Miss M. Hutch, resigned. All the applications were in order.

Mr. McCarthy proposed and Mr. O'Connell seconded that Miss Bridget O'Sullivan, Ballynamore, Killaloe, be appointed to the post.

No other proposition was received and the Chairman declared Miss O'Sullivan appointed unanimously.

60,000 NEW LICENCES

During the first four weeks period of the increased petrol supply, which permitted a basic ration in Eire, 15,000 private cars, 1,200 motor cycles, 1,300 goods vehicles, and 140 public service vehicles were the subject of new licences. Miscellaneous groups added total number was 18,000.

GRANT FOR MEMORIAL PARK

At a meeting of the Tippary County Board of the G.A.A. it was unanimously decided to give a grant of £50 towards the Ryan (Lacken) Memorial Park Fund.

SEASONAL WORK

The ground is very wet and sticky at the moment and it should not be trodden on or worked in this condition, but as soon as it becomes hard with frost or dried out manure should be wheeled on to it in preparation for digging any vegetables.

The compost heap should receive a turning now and all neglected hedges and walks seen to regarding clipping and repairs.

Get in some potting soil, sand, manure, turf-mould and leaf-mould to have it dry when required for seed sowing in boxes or for putting in cuttings.

Put in salsify, chicory and rhubarb roots for forcing. They can all be accommodated under benches in the heated glasshouse so long as they can be kept warm and dark. The salsify and chicory roots can be packed almost touching one another with a little sand between the roots. They should be plunged in the soil up to their crowns. See that they are well watered after planting and water that they do not dry out at any time.

The tulips and other bulbs that were potted up and plunged in sun-out-of-doors or put into a dark cupboard in October should be now examined and brought out to the light if the buds are not yet touching. To get length in the stems for cutting, the cuttings should be taken from the benches in heated houses after first bringing them in and cover them with brown or black paper. As soon as the plants are strong enough for cutting, they lift the plants up nearer to the glass and light to give sturdiness to the flowers.

Another seasonal job at the moment is the dredging of the topsoil from glasshouses and replacing it with good loam. When the topsoil has been cleared to the depth of a spade dig in a good layer of stable manure to the sub-soil and flood the lot with water before putting in the topsoil.

This bottom soil is very hard to beat once the topsoil goes on. Do not put on the topsoil until the surplus water has drained off below. Get this new soil from the ten or twelve feet of a field and use the sods, which should be chopped up with a spade into lumps about the size of the fist. After putting in this soil, place a good layer of stable manure and any artificial manures obtainable, such as sulphate of potash and superphosphate, or wood-ash, at say, four ounces of the mix per square yard on the surface, and dig them in, mixing them thoroughly with the top new layer of soil. A very light sprinkle of lime should then be scattered evenly over the surface, and after picking in a crop of Early Chestnut lettuce may be planted. These plants should have from eight to ten weeks between them each way and they ought to be ready to cut in March.

I will pay readers a very happy Christmas and prosperous gardening for the new year.

J. J. O'CARROLL, R.S.O.

MEAT CONDEMNATIONS

Over 171 tons of meat were condemned by the City Veterinary Staff during November as unfit for human consumption. During the same period 389 visits of inspection were made to private slaughterhouses and 62 to stalls, shops, etc.

Accused was returned for trial on his bail to the Limerick Circuit Court.

OBITUARY

MRS. BRIDGET WOULFE, BRIDGETOWN,

The death of the above esteemed lady, which occurred at her residence on Thursday morning, 6th inst., came as a severe shock to her large circle of relatives and friends. Deceased, who was a member of an old and highly respected East Clare family, was deservedly popular, and was everybody's friend. The hospitality of her home was ever and always open to the wayfarer, be they rich or poor, and the many kind acts she practised, during her long life, won for her legions of friends and admirers. She lived as one of the people, and her family are following in her footsteps, and carrying on in the example she set.

Her husband, Michael Moran, Esq., was also in attendance.

The C.E.O., Mr. Michael Moran, Esq., was also in attendance.

The C.E.O. reported that the attendances at the day and evening classes in the different schools during the past month were on the whole satisfactory. The attendance at Croon and Shanagolden had increased, but there was a fall off in the day classes at Broomcollogher, which he believed, however, would only be of a temporary nature.

The C.E.O. added that the new science night classes, which are being held one night a week during the winter months, were not proving the success they hoped they would be. The classes were not attracting the number of pupils they expected, more especially having regard to the value the classes could be to farmers, so far as it would be a new venture they could hope for improvement in the future.

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A bunch of chrysanthemums is nice and bright.

A head of celery provides a little.

A pot of cyclamen or a fern, I given to friends of dear ones.

And wouldn't you like a cherry tree?

Beneath to sit and have your tea; I would like a book to read.

How to dig and to sow my seed.

Others may like a basket of fruit.

Or a padded seat which they could wear in the bus.

AT midday we now have got a plan of voucher that all drivers can send to their friends to buy their wants.

Whether they be seeds, or spades, or plant:

The scheme is easy for the giver, And that recipient requests what ever.

He chooses from the seedsmen's list.

Whenever he wants to plant his garden.

And talking of presents, a lady is about to present me with two plants which she has grown for several years in her garden. Not successfully as regards fruiting, but very successful regarding growth. In fact they are growing too big for her garden and she kindly offered them to me, knowing that I have plenty of space for them, and that my wife is very partial to plums. I have warned this good lady that it is now that the trees are in their fruitful stage and it is very likely that the shifting of the trees will stop their vigorous winter growth and promote fruitfulness. Fruitful growers know that the breaking of the root system of an over-vigorous tree will check wood growth and promote fruit formation.

ROOT PRUNING.

Hence root pruning is practised at this time of year and is performed by digging a trench around the tree about three feet from the trunk and wide enough that a man can work in it. The trench is dug about 18 inches deep, all big roots that protrude into the trench being cut off. The worker then tunnels under the centre of the tree and cuts off any tap or thick roots that are growing straight down into the subsoil. When this is done the trench is filled up again and the soil firmed. It is as well to only take out a half circular trench one year and do the other half the next winter.

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ODDS AND ENDS

Season Of Good Will

By AN MANGAIBÉ SUGACH

It is in the country that one comes in contact with the real spirit of Christmas. Already the "Happy Returns" and the "Many Happy Returns" can be heard along the roads and in the shops. In the house the Christmas cleaning is going on, walls are being whitewashed, nooks and corners are being dusted, the glassware is being rubbed and polished until it shines like a hundred mirrors. One of these evenings the man of the house will set out and return later with a great load of holly and ivy. This the beams of the room will be decked with the greenery, and the windowsills will be adorned with clusters of bright holly berries, that will lend a Christmas brilliancy to the room.

NODLAIG SA GHAEDEAL TACHT.

In Connemara, and in other parts of the Gaeltacht, where pictures and aged-old Christian customs still survive, simple doings still continue on Christmas night, they just "leave them on the latch," because they tell you Joseph and Mary might come seeking shelter, and it would never do if they found bolted doors, as they did in Bethlehem long ago. In some places they even prepare a meal for the weary travellers, and sometimes they leave straw and a bucket of water ready at the door. Such is the living faith of the people of Connemara.

The funeral which took place in Bridgetown Church was one of the largest and most representative seen in the district for years.

Every household had gone to the Mass in the church, which turned in the hearts of those who lost a loved one.

GONE ARE THE DAYS.

Some years ago, at this time of the year, the shops would be over flowing with plum puddings, trifle cakes, barn-bracks, and all the thousand and one good things that were to be had for the asking in the days before the world we knew ended. Every householder would go on a currantcake diet for a week.

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