

A LORRY ROAD TRAGEDY

ROW AT A CROSS

CAR OVERTURNS

GAME OF CARDS

English Lady Fatally Injured

Sequel At Ballyneety Court

On Way To Airport

Leads To Licensing Case

INQUEST STORIES OF CRASH

At Harrington's Hospital last evening, Deputy Coroner J. S. McNeice, solr., resumed and completed the adjourned inquest into the death on May 21st last of Miss Ruth Montgomery Bradshaw (37), the B.O.A.C. Commercial Manager's assistant at Shannon Airport, and formerly of 17 Grove Terrace, Teddington, Middlesex, England. She died as a result of injuries received in a collision between a B.O.A.C. bus and a timber-laden truck on the concrete road at Tullyvarraga, Newmarket-on-Fergus.

At the previous hearing on the day following the accident, Mr. McNeice took a deposition from Mr. Geoffrey Pett, B.O.A.C. Traffic Manager at the Airport, who gave evidence of identification.

Dr. Frank Crowe, House Surgeon, Harrington's Hospital, then deposed that Miss Bradshaw had died from haemorrhage and laceration of the brain. She had been admitted to the hospital at 11 o'clock on the night of May 21st.

At the resumed inquest yesterday, John McNamara, Tullyvarraga, deposed that on the night of the crash he was on his way home from the Airport at about 10.30 o'clock, when he saw a lighted motor vehicle approaching him, travelling towards the Airport. When it came to within about 30 yards of him, its lights were dimmed and when it came a little nearer, the left-hand light flashed on again. The vehicle, which he later learned to be a lorry carrying a load of timber, was travelling slowly on its correct side of the concrete road.

After the lorry's lights had been dimmed, witness heard another vehicle approaching from behind, and he immediately jumped on to the grass margin. The vehicle approaching from the Airport passed him, and he promptly heard a crash after which the vehicle proceeding from the Airport travelled some distance before stopping. He heard the breaking of glass, and on investigation found that the second vehicle was a B.O.A.C. bus.

To Mr. D. J. O'Malley, who appeared for Messrs. John Siske, the owners of the motor lorry involved, witness said the road was straight for about three-quarters of a mile on the Limerick side of where the crash occurred. It also stretched straightly for the same distance on the Airport side. He was from twelve to fifteen feet away at the time of the collision, and would say the lorry had stopped when it was struck. After the accident witness saw the left front wheel of the lorry off the concrete road. One of the twin back wheels at the left was also off the concrete.

At the burning of a hill, a row on the night of the 9th April, at Hedderman's Cross, near Croom, had a sequel before Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L., D.J., at Ballyneety Court, on Thursday, 1st inst., when the rival parties were involved in civil bill proceedings.

John Boyce, Cappananty, Bruree, had a claim for £5 damages for assault and battery and damages to his bicycle, brought against John Lyons, Grange House, Lisduane, Bruree.

Martin O'Connor, Cappananty, had a similar claim against the same defendant for assault and battery and damages to his wearing apparel. In conjunction with foregoing, James Walsh, Lisduane, Bruree, brought a claim for £5, damages for assault and injury to his wearing apparel, against John Hartnett, Kilmore, Croom.

Mr. Robert Geary, solicitor, appeared for the three plaintiffs, Mr. James Liston, solicitor, was for Lyons, and Mr. D. J. O'Malley, solicitor, for Hartnett.

In reply to Mr. Geary, John Boyce, said that he was coming from Croom Hospital on the 9th April, and he was in company with three other companions. It was 8.30 p.m. (O.T.) and they were cycling. When they came to Hedderman's Cross, Kilmore, John Lyons approached them and said to witness: "Now is the time to burn the hill." Witness did not know what he meant, and in the next moment he got a violent blow on the butt of the jaw. He fell to the ground, and the defendant further assaulted him. The front wheel of his bicycle was damaged as a result of defendant trampling on it. The amount of damage done to the bike was £1, and he was claiming £4 for the assault. He did not know what the defendant meant about the burning of the hill. Since the issue of the civil bill he learned that the defendants were out to make a settlement, and witness in reply said that he would not make any settlement.

LARGE POOL OF BLOOD

The bus witness found close to the grass margin on its correct side of the road. It was 7 feet 6 inches wide at its widest point and contained six double seats, one single seat and the driver's chair. The single seat was on the driver's left, facing towards him. The sliding door behind the driver's seat was missing, the glass on the right side of the bus was damaged. The two seats immediately behind the driver were bent back and under the front seat witness found a large pool of blood and a quantity of grey matter.

On the right hand side of the road facing towards Ballycasey, Sergeant Long found two large planks, similar to those on the lorry, and on the opposite side he found another plank from which a large chip was missing. He later found the chip inside the bus beside the pool of blood.

Incidentally, Sergeant Long mentioned that on the left side of the road going towards Rineanna a drain had been opened for water pipes, about three feet from the edge of the road. The earth from this excavation was thrown out on the road margin and was occupying six inches of the road surface at the point of the accident.

Sergeant James Grannell, P.S.U. Inspector attached to the Ennis Garda, said he tested both vehicles immediately after the accident and found their general mechanical condition good. The lorry was the property of Messrs. John Siske and the bus the property of the B.O.A.C. James Guinane, Grennan Villas, St. Joseph Street, Limerick, said he was driving the bus from Shannon Airport to Limerick on the night of May 21st. He corroborated the evidence of the last witness and added that when he saw the lorry approaching he slowed down the bus and he had passed the light on the front of the lorry when he heard a crash. Then something hit him on the right side of the head and stunned him for some seconds. He brought the bus to a stop and, looking back into the bus, saw a lady passenger thrown back on the seat and being attended by the other occupants. She had been sitting on the seat immediately behind him. When he climbed out of the bus he saw that the sliding door had been wrenched off.

JURY'S VERDICT

The jury's verdict was that death was due to haemorrhage and laceration of the brain from injuries received as a result of a collision on the road at Tullyvarraga.

The Deputy Coroner explained that the photographs produced by Sgt. Long, which had been of invaluable assistance to the jury, had been taken and developed by Sergeant Long. He congratulated the Sergeant on this and on the very clear map he had drawn of the scene of the accident which would do justice to a professional engineer.

LADY PASSENGER INJURED

Patrick O'Halloran, Coonash, Limerick, a B.O.A.C. employee, told of how he left the Airport at about 10.30 o'clock on the night of May 21st. He was travelling on the B.O.A.C. bus, driven by James Guinane, and occupied the single seat at the front facing the driver. There were twelve passengers in the bus all of whom were of the B.O.A.C. staff at the Airport. When the bus came to a point about two miles from the Airport, witness saw a light approaching from the opposite direction at a distance of between 200 and 300 yards. He was able, by the aid of the bus head lamps, to notice that the vehicle approaching was a lorry carrying a load of timber. Its side struck the bus and, looking back, he saw a lady passenger injured, but didn't see what had struck her. He would say the bus was travelling at the rate of 15 miles an hour when the crash occurred.

To Mr. O'Malley, witness said the lorry was on its correct side of the road at the time of the accident.

Sergt. Jas. Long, Clarecastle, said he arrived at the scene of the crash at about 12.30 a.m., on the morning following the accident. Guinane, the bus driver, and the driver of the lorry, J. Connolly, were both present on the roadway about a mile on the Airport side of Ballycasey Cross. At that point there was an area of mud, about twenty feet long, on the left

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Cross-examined by Mr. Geary, witness said that he went to the Guards about the burning of the hill, and investigations followed but proceedings were not taken. O'Connor was off his bicycle when he struck him, although he could have fallen off unknown to him. Witness denied that he jumped on the bicycle.

Mr. Geary—If you had proof that Boyce burned your hill, why did you take the law into your own hands?

Defendant—I did not know about the law as I was never in Court before.

To Mr. O'Malley, witness said it was not true that Walsh was standing by idly; he was in the row. Hartnett did not come here to strike anybody.

John Hartnett, replying to Mr. O'Malley, said he saw the men jumping off their bicycles and they got into a cluster when Lyons and Boyce were arguing over the burning. He never kicked Walsh, for he went to stop the row, as there were too many men there for John Lyons.

To Mr. Geary, witness said that

TWO MOTOR DRIVERS FINED

At Ennis District Court on Friday two motor drivers, Matthew Lohan, St. Claire's, Griffin Road, Galway, and Patrick Manifold, 10 Anne Street, Limerick, were charged with dangerous driving when on their way to the Shannon Airport on 2nd June.

John O'Shaughnessy, one of the passengers in the Galway car, gave evidence that they had been travelling about thirty miles per hour when the other car passed them out. Lohan swerved to the left and went into a drain, with the result that the car overturned. To pass them out Manifold had to drive on to the grass margin of the road and in the opinion of witness had struck their bumper when getting back to the road.

RELEASED BY AIR PILOTS

Some of the air pilots, said witness, forced open the door of the overturned car and let the passengers and driver out. He heard no horn sounded.

Miss Rachael Fitzmaurice, another passenger in the Galway car, said they had been going along at a normal speed when the other car shot out. She had not heard any horn sounded.

Guard O'Reilly said that Manifold had made a statement in which he said he had been driving at a speed of about fifteen miles an hour before passing the other car. Lohan was too far out on the road. Manifold sounded his horn several times but Lohan paid no heed and eventually Manifold passed him by driving up on the grass margin. After passing, one of the airport crew in the car told him the other car was in the ditch and he immediately pulled up. He had 40 years driving experience.

Lohan, in his statement, said that Manifold came suddenly from behind and passed out. He heard no horn and when he swerved to avoid a collision his car went into the ditch.

Guard Moran, Galway, proved service of the summons on Lohan, who did not appear. He said Lohan was going to America and was awaiting a summons to report at the Airport.

REPEATEDLY BLEW FOR THE ROAD

Manifold, in evidence, said he had a musical horn, which was a loud one. After the car had overturned into the ditch one of his passengers saw it and remarked: "That man is going the wrong way to Rineanna." He had been behind the other car for about a quarter of an hour and had repeatedly blown for road but had not got it. By chance Lohan pulled over a bit and witness then passed out by going up on the grass margin. He had not struck the other car.

District Justice Gleeson said that Manifold had been in too much of a hurry to get to Rineanna and it would pay him better to go a little slower in future. Lohan had treated the Court with great disrespect by not appearing and it was difficult to deal with his case. He convicted Lohan of driving without due care and fined him £2 with 12s. 6d. costs. Manifold was fined £3 with 1s. costs.

Inspector Comer prosecuted; Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, solr., Limerick, defended.

NOT MUCH IN IT

CASE AGAINST DRIVER DISMISSED

At Ennis Court on Friday, before District Justice Gleeson, Timothy Mullane, 37 Prospect Villas, Limerick, was charged with dangerous driving at Clarecastle on 7th June.

Inspector Comer prosecuted, and according to the evidence of Sergeant J. Long the defendant, who had a trailer attached to his motor car, swung round a dangerous bend at Clarecastle on his correct side and then went across his wrong side. If another car had been coming along at the usual speed, said the sergeant, an accident could not have been avoided unless the defendant stopped his car dead.

In cross-examination by Mr. O'Malley, solr., Limerick, witness said the back of the trailer would be about 12 feet behind the car. From his experience of that corner, vehicles of all types could go around the corner without pulling their back wheels up on the path or cutting across the white traffic lines.

The District Justice said the case had been properly brought but he did not think there was much in it; therefore, he would dismiss the prosecution, which would serve as a caution to the defendant.

DEATH OF MRS. A. RYAN

We regret to announce the death which occurred on the 2nd Aug., of Mrs. Alice Ryan, 62 Catherine St., Limerick. Relict of John Ryan, she was mother of Rev. G. Ryan, C.C., Bruree. The funeral took place on Saturday to the family burial ground, Knockainey, after solemn Requiem Mass at St. Michaels. (Due to an oversight the death notice re Mrs. Ryan was inadvertently omitted from our issue of Friday last). Report of funeral will appear in our week-end issue.

BABOONS DEVOUR FLOCKS OF SHEEP

Owing to the drought and the clearance of prickly pear areas, baboons who have been deprived of much of their natural food are costing farmers in the Cape midlands of South Africa £50,000 annually. They are swarming down on flocks of sheep and pick the carcasses of full-grown animals as clean as a jackal would.

he saw Lyons striking Boyce, but he was between 10 and 15 yards away, but he did not see what had happened between the two of them. He did not see Boyce or O'Connor on the ground. It was when he went to stop the row that he was struck. Lyons was kicked by them, and he (witness) denied making a swipe at Walsh. As far as the tear in Walsh's trousers was concerned he could not account for it. He denied throwing stones.

Answering the Justice, witness said that he saw John Boyce cycling on the road some days previous to the incident.

JUSTICE'S DECISIONS.

The Justice said that the assaults were committed and the bicycles and wearing apparel were damaged to a certain extent. He would assess damages at £3 each to Boyce and O'Connor, £1 to Walsh, with expenses, 7/6 each.

WHY MEN RAN AWAY

How a game of cards led to a licensing case and why men found on the premises ran away were told to District Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., at Ballyneety Court on Thursday, 1st inst.

Catherine O'Neill, Sandy Lane, Caherconish, was summoned for a breach of the Licensing Laws. Supt. Dunning prosecuted, and Mr. Martin Tynan, solicitor (Messrs. Michael Tynan and Co.) appeared for the defendant.

Sergeant Vaughan, in evidence, said that on the 30th June, at 11.7 p.m. he went to the premises accompanied by Guard McCarthy. After knocking at the door, he was admitted. There he observed three men at the back door. When asked to account for the men's presence, the licensee said that they were invited into a game of cards. Witness found no sign of drink having been served.

Cross-examined by Mr. Tynan, witness could not say if the men had just arrived at the premises when they came along.

Guard McCarthy said that he stopped the men going out the back door.

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NO DRINK SUPPLIED

Mr. Tynan then submitted that no drink had been supplied, and actually the men had just arrived as a result of an invitation to a game of cards.

Thomas Keyes, one of the men found on the premises, said that he was there about 3 to 5 minutes when the Guards arrived.

Supt. Dunning Why did you run out the back when the Guards came? I got a bit excited.

Mr. Tynan—That is the usual thing.

Supt. Dunning said that were it not for the fact that the men ran out the back door the case might be less serious. The running out the door had created some suspicion.

Justice—It is the usual way in licensing cases, that they run out the door like rabbits.

The case was dismissed.

WHILE LICENSEE WAS AT MISSION

Mary Flaherty, Caherconish, Caherconish, was summoned for a breach of the Licensing Laws.

Sergeant Vaughan, replying to Supt. Dunning, who prosecuted, said that he visited the premises in question at 9.30 p.m. on Sunday, 23rd June. He found traces of drink having been served; there were seven men on the premises, six of whom had glasses of stout in front of them, and the other said that he came in for bread. The licensee was absent.

Mr. Martin Tynan, solicitor, who defended, said that he was admitting the facts. The licensee was at a Mission, and her husband was in charge. He had taken the liberty to let in the men. The premises had a good record and there was no previous conviction.

The Justice imposed a fine of £1 on the licensee, and 2/6 on the men found on the premises, who appeared in Court, and 5/- on those who did not appear.

DARING ATTEMPT

TO ROB A LIMERICK SAFE

A daring attempt at robbery was made on Saturday night at the premises of Limerick Greyhound Racing Track, Ltd., Markets Field. Thieves broke into the office, where the safe was their objective. In order to avoid being detected by proximity to the street, the intruders removed the safe out of the office but did not succeed in opening it. Three stop-watches were taken from the office.

DIocese OF LIMERICK

His Lordship, Most Rev. P. O'Neill, D.D., has made the following appointments:—

Rev. Edmund O'Dea to be C.C., St. Michael's.

Rev. John Burke to be Religious Instructor for City Vocational Schools.

AN ERROR OF JUDGMENT.

It has been found by the Chief Inspector of Accidents, British Ministry of Civil Aviation, that the plane crash in which the crew of two and four passengers lost their lives at Craigavon, Co. Down, on April 1st last, was due to an error of judgment on the part of the pilot. He failed to maintain a course calculated to bring his aircraft to Sydenham Airport without crossing high ground.

ENNIS TRAFFIC CONTROL

At the request of Ennis Urban Council, Mr. D. O'Keefe, County Manager, has agreed to confer with the officers of the Garda Síochána to devise regulations for the better supervision of traffic in Ennis and the enforcement of a speed limit on vehicles passing through the town.

TO REMAIN PERMANENTLY IN AUSTRALIA.

Over one thousand British masons and building labourers who are to emigrate to Australia in December to participate in the mass-production of houses hope to take their families with them and remain permanently in Australia.

SIX OF ONE FAMILY NUNS.

Mother Maureen Torpey and Mother Christina Torpey, of Boston, U.S.A., who are visiting their native Ballylisa, Borrisokane, Co. Tipperary, have four more sisters in religion—three in Ireland and one in London.

FREIGHT ON WAR GOODS.

U.S. railway companies made millions of dollars illicit profit through overcharging for the freight on war goods during the past four years, according to a statement by Senator Glen Taylor, Idaho.

POLICE CHIEF KILLED BY MOB

A mob attacked the police building at Miskocz, Hungary, and killed the police chief as a demonstration against alleged ill-treatment of workers.

TURKISH SUGAR.

Ankara Radio reports that 10,000 tons of sugar will be available for export from Turkey this year.

BACK FROM MISSIONARY FIELDS

Amongst the very large number of visitors from distant lands to Abbeyfeale during the past week (writes our Abbeyfeale correspondent) was the Very Rev. Father Mellitt, P.P., of San Francisco, who was acquainted with a number of the clergy, serving in the Californian missions, who were natives of Abbeyfeale. He called on the relatives of the late Father John Hartnett, Adm., whose death in San Francisco recently was very much regretted by many friends and relatives in Abbeyfeale. Father Mellitt also visited the grave in St. Mary's Cemetery of the late Rev. William J. Meade, C.C., whose curate he was for some years in San Francisco, and who died three years ago at the early age of 41, and was beloved by the people of Abbeyfeale, where happy memories of him are cherished. From Nigeria, after 15 years of missionary work, Father Dan Hackett, C.S.Sp., has come back to his native Abbeyfeale to rest a little from the exacting labours of Western Africa. Others from Abbeyfeale are there spreading the Word as pioneers in the missionary fields, where within recent times have also gone to the good work, Father Denis O'Keefe, C.S.Sp.; Father Willie O'Neill, C.S.Sp.; Father Con Woulfe, C.S.Sp., and where lies at rest, where his work of sowing the Seed has flourished, the gentle Father Dan O'Sullivan, C.S.Sp., whose memory is still green in Darkest Africa amongst those to whom he brought the light.

USED TRAIN TO OPEN A SAFE!

After making an unsuccessful attempt to open it with a hammer and chisel, thieves who had stolen a safe weighing 3 cwt. from an Edinburgh manufacturer's premises over the week-end placed it on a suburban railway line, where it was battered and broken open by a passing engine. Railway employees found the safe on Monday with books and papers strewn around it beside the line. The engine had part of its undercarriage broken away, but the driver was unaware that he had struck anything.

EMLY PRIESTS HOME ON HOLIDAYS

Rev. Father Edmond McEniry is, after an absence of sixteen years, spending a holiday with his brother, Mr. Thomas McEniry, and his sister, Miss Johanna McEniry, Ballyviate, Emly (writes our Hospital correspondent). Father McEniry, who is a member of an esteemed Co. Tipperary family, is attached to the Diocese of Ohio. After such a long absence from his native district, Father McEniry is greatly enjoying his holiday amongst friends and surroundings of his boyhood. He expects to return to Ohio and his duties shortly.

Another Emly priest on holidays from the U.S.A. is Rev. Father John Connolly, son of Mrs. and the late Mr. J. Connolly, Gurteen. He is staying with his mother and his brother, Edmond, at Gurteen. Father Connolly is attached to the diocese of Galveston and is also enjoying his stay in the district. He does not expect to be returning to the States until September.

ON "SECOND HONEYMOON"

Holidaying in Limerick at present from Flushing, Long Island, New York, are a couple who are celebrating their "second honeymoon" (writes a correspondent). They are Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Fottrell, of 146-15 33rd Avenue, New York, who flew from La Guardia Air Field to Rineanna. "We planned the trip in 1940 but had to cancel it at the last moment because of the war," they said.

The Fottrells were married 23 years ago. In Limerick, the couple visited Mrs. Fottrell's mother, Mrs. Mary Byrne, 18 Cregan Avenue, Killeely, whom Mrs. Fottrell hasn't seen for many years. They also plan a re-union with their son, Private First-Class Eugene Fottrell, attached to the 9th Division Headquarters Company in Germany, when he gets a furlough and flies to Limerick. Mrs. Fottrell will stay in Ireland three months, while her husband, a Police Department patrol wagon driver in the 17th (East 61st St.) precinct, Manhattan, will return to the U.S.A. in a month.

They have two other children, Helen Fottrell, and Mrs. Eileen McKreeck of Manhattan.