

A GREAT RECORD LATE DR. O'MARA

Unbroken For 33 Years BUT CAME TO GRIEF IN CLARE

Assenting to the plea of Mr. I. M. Houlihan, solicitor (defending) not to sully a blameless driving record for thirty-three years...

QUESTION OF INSURANCE

In regard to the insurance certificate charge the defendant had issued instructions after hiring the car on "drive as you please" basis...

"I suppose you ensure even your golf clubs," remarked Justice Gleeson.

"No," replied the defendant, "but I should have."

Continuing, the defendant said he had been driving for 33 years—ever since he had been 12 years of age.

NEED FOR EFFECTIVE ROAD SIGNS

"And," said District Justice Gleeson, "after all that blameless record you came to grief in Clarecastle, Co. Clare."

Supt. Flynn, who said he did not wish to press the case in view of the extenuating circumstances, told the Justice that he had interviewed the local authority, and it was hoped that within a short time additional road signs would be erected.

MONTH'S MIND

LATE FATHER MORTELL

His Lordship Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, D.D., Bishop of Limerick, presided at the Month's Mind celebrated at Banogue Church on Thursday, for the late Very Rev. Thomas Mortell, P.P., Banogue, Drogheda, Co. Limerick, and there was a large attendance of clergy and laity.

Celebrant of the service was Very Rev. H. O'Connor, P.P., Dromcolougher; Rev. M. J. McCarthy, C.C., Edin, was deacon; Rev. G. Wall, C.C., Fedamore, was sub-deacon; Very Rev. J. Brazill, Adm., St. John's, Limerick, was master of ceremonies.

Amongst those in the choir were: Right Rev. C. Dean Mulahy, P.P., V.F., Kilmallock; Very Rev. T. Canon Wall, P.P., Ballingarry; Very Rev. D. Canon O'Riordan, P.P., V.F., Bruff; Ven. Archdeacon O'Brien, D.D., P.P., Edin; Very Rev. D. Canon Martin, President, St. Munchin's College, Limerick; Very Rev. M. J. Leahy, P.P., Bulgaden; Very Rev. D. Kelly, P.P., Rockhill; Very Rev. Father O'Sullivan, P.P., Killeedy; Very Rev. E. Punch, P.P., Mungret; Very Rev. Father O'Donnell, P.P., Cappagh; Very Rev. E. Condon, P.P., Banogue; Very Rev. C. J. Moriarty, P.P., Tournafulla; Very Rev. Father Foley, P.P., Knocknecney; Rev. Father O'Callaghan, Bishop's secretary, and upwards of twenty curates.

FOR IMPROVEMENT OF GAELIC GROUNDS

Grants totalling approximately £2,600 were made by the Central Council of the G.A.A. at a meeting on Friday night. Of that amount £200 each were awarded towards the improvements of the Gaelic Grounds at Limerick and Ennis.

NEW P.C.

Mr. John R. Leahy, of Killauleen, Tournafulla, has been appointed a Peace Commissioner.

DEATHS

BOURKE (Lisdoonvarna) — On 4th December, 1946, at County Infirmary, Limerick, Mary Frances Bourke, of St. Joseph's Villa, Lisdoonvarna. Funeral (private) took place to-day (Monday) from St. John's Cathedral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery. American papers, please copy.

POWER — On December, 15th, 1946, Mary, beloved wife of William F. Power, Rathcannon, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, R.I.P. Solemn Requiem Mass at Athlone at 11 o'clock to-morrow (Tuesday). Funeral at 1 o'clock same day to adjoining cemetery.

WALSH — December 14th, 1946, at City Home and Hospital, Timothy Walsh, 78 Clare Street, Limerick. Funeral took place to-day (Monday) from St. John's Cathedral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery.

HEAVILY FINED Lorry Driver Charged

MARKS OF APPRECIATION

The funeral of Dr. Frank O'Mara, the last surviving son of the late Mr. James O'Mara, of Limerick, took place on Monday, 9th inst., from the Cathedral, Ennis, to Drumcliffe Cemetery. It was of immense proportions, mourners having come from far and near to pay their last tribute of respect to the mortal remains of a gentleman, who, throughout a long and active life, had served humanity faithfully and well.

AUTHORITY ON MENTAL DISEASES

A member of the Irish Medical Psychological Association, Dr. O'Mara specialised in Mental Diseases on which, in later life, he became recognised as an authority. During his 37 years as R.M.S. at Ennis, he devoted his energies unceasingly to the improvement of the institution and the welfare of the patients.

A BORN ADMINISTRATOR

Dr. Frank O'Mara was a born administrator. To the patients, he was the essence of kindness; to the staff, he was kindly and considerate; and, in all his dealings with the public, he was the acme of courtesy and urbanity.

CHIEF MOURNERS

The chief mourners were: Frank O'Mara (son); Misses Nan and Joan O'Mara (daughters); Dr. J. H. Counihan (son-in-law); Mrs. M. Rynne, Dublin; Mrs. W. O'Sullivan, Limerick; Mrs. Bryan McMahon, Ennis; Miss Trilixie O'Mara, Limerick; Mrs. Geo. Duggan, Dublin (nieces); James O'Mara, Killiney; Joseph O'Mara; Mr. and Mrs. Stephen O'Mara, Limerick; Alphonsus O'Mara, Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Jim O'Mara, Beechawn, Ennis; Mr. and Mrs. Jack O'Mara, Claremorris; Power O'Mara, Limerick; Mr. and Mrs. James Ray, do.; Dr. and Mrs. Michael Rynne and Miss Rynne, Dublin; John McCormack, Dublin; Joseph Ray, Stephan de Courcy, Limerick; Dr. W. J. O'Sullivan, do.; Bryan McMahon, Ennis; Hugh Carton, Dublin; Dr. R. Counihan, Kilrush; Maurice Counihan, L.D.S., do.; M. J. McMahon, solr., do.

The general public present included all the professional men of Ennis and district with District Justice Gleeson, Mr. Michael Killeen, Co. Registrar; Mr. M. J. Walsh, State Solicitor; Mr. John Dundon, solr., Limerick; Dr. Peter J. Irwin, R.M.S., Limerick; Dr. P. J. O'Doherty, R.M.S., Ennis; Mr. Jerome Considine, secretary, Ennis Mental Hospital, and other members of the staff of that institution.

PUBLIC TRIBUTE

At the meeting of the Clare Co. Council. The Chairman (Mr. Sean Brady) moved a vote of sympathy to the family and relatives of the late Dr. O'Mara, who, he said, was "a grand, decent man," of whom everyone had the highest praise.

Mr. Sean Hayes said Dr. O'Mara was one of the grandest characters he ever met. As Chairman of the former Mental Hospital Committee he had the honour of Dr. O'Mara's personal friendship, and he could say that Dr. O'Mara was kind to all under his charge and courteous to the public.

Mr. John Melody and Mr. James Shannon spoke to like effect, and the motion was passed, all standing.

HALF POUND SUGAR RATION

Following resumption of work at the sugar factories, the weekly domestic sugar ration will be increased to 1 lb. per person as from the ration week beginning on Saturday next, 21st inst., and will be maintained at that level until further notice.

HEAVILY FINED

INCIDENT ON PUBLIC ROAD

A Sixmilebridge lorry driver named John Corbett was fined heavily at the Gort District Court, before Mr. C. O'Flynn, D.J., on summonses under the Road Traffic Act.

Supt. T. O'Reilly prosecuted, and Mr. J. C. Murphy, solicitor, defended.

Wm. Burke state he lived near Gort. On the 4th October he was taking home a foal, and at about a quarter to 7 o'clock on the Ennis-Gort road, about 1 1/2 miles from Gort, a lorry came along towards him, and he thought it "shot" in. It hit against the pony and knocked him down. He was dazed and could give no description of the lorry, which did not stop. The foal remained lying down about 10 minutes. No other lorry passed him before this one.

In cross-examination, he said he was outside the pony, between the pony and the lorry. The reins got slack and the pony turned his head.

HEARD A BUMP

Wm. Murray stated he came on to the public road, near the accident, on the occasion. It was dark at the time, and he heard a bump. He saw the lorry passing, but could not tell what kind it was. The pony was on the left side of the road. He went to the Guards. No other lorry passed him.

Sergeant T. Barry stated he saw the lorry passing at 6.59 p.m. Shortly afterwards he was told about the accident and phoned Ardahan.

In cross-examination, he said he had no evidence to connect the defendant with the accident.

Guard Steele, Ardahan, stated he saw the lorry. The name O'Flynn, Sixmilebridge, was on it.

In cross-examination, he admitted it was possible the lorry involved in the accident may have gone on a bye-road.

Sergt. Keane, Ardahan, stated that when he asked the defendant did he see a foal on the road, he said he saw one with a long reins being driven about a mile outside Gort.

In cross-examination, he said he examined the lorry carefully and saw no marks on it where dust had been brushed off or anything else. The Justice said he was satisfied the onus of proof was on the defendant.

THE DEFENCE

In reply to his solicitor, the defendant said he is a lorry driver for Messrs. James O'Flynn, Ltd., Sixmilebridge. On 14th October he drove a lorry to Galway. Mr. Quaine, the Galway manager, was with him. As they came in towards Gort they passed a foal which was on its proper side of the road. He kept to his proper side, about 8 feet from the margin. The road was wide. The pony, or foal, was not restless when he approached. He was doing about 20 miles per hour at the time, and had two tons of anthracite in the lorry. He swore definitely to the Court that he did not hit the foal, and he heard no bump.

In cross-examination, he said he could not recall now where the accident happened. He agreed it would be about 1 1/2 miles from Gort. It was 7.45 when he arrived in Ardahan. If there was a bump he would have heard it.

In answer to Mr. Murphy, solicitor, he said he was driving 31 years, and never had an accident. There was no mark on the lorry.

To the Justice, he said he passed the animal shortly before 7 o'clock. When the Justice asked him how it took him almost an hour to cover the 8 1/2 miles from Gort to Ardahan, he said there must be something wrong about the time.

PRODUCTION MANAGER'S EVIDENCE

William Quaine, Production Manager for Messrs. O'Flynn & Sons, Ltd., stated, in reply to Mr. Murphy, solicitor, that he was sitting in front with the driver. Just as they were about to pass it he thought the horse tried to prance a bit, but anything more than that he did not see. In his opinion they did not hit the foal, and they gave it sufficient room for a motor car or lorry to pass, if it were there. He did not hear a bump. There was no window at his side; it was broken. There was an empty box in the back and it was rattling a bit.

In cross-examination, he said he had a recollection of a lorry passing them. They continued at the same speed after passing the foal. They left Sixmilebridge at 5 p.m.

FINES IMPOSED

The Justice said he was satisfied that it was this lorry, on this occasion, that struck this pony. There was no explanation at all—no innocent explanation—for the time taken to do this comparatively short distance of 8 1/2 miles. The evidence and circumstances pointed all the other way. He would fine the defendant £10 for driving dangerously, 40/- for not giving notice to the Guards, and 15/- expenses.

On the application of Mr. Murphy, solicitor, in the event of an appeal, he fixed the recognisances: Defendant himself in the sum of £50, and one surety of £50.

AN OCTOGENARIAN PASSES AWAY

The death occurred some days ago at his residence, Emly, of Mr. James Phelan. Deceased, who had attained the advanced age of 83, was the last survivor of one of the oldest families in the district, and his death marks the severance of the last link between the parish of Emly and one of its most long-established and highly respected families.

The late Mr. Phelan carried on a large-scale and extensive carpentering business at Emly and was regarded as a first-class tradesman. He contributed a great deal of his work to the building of St. Ailbe's Parish Church, Emly. He was cousin of Mr. Michael Quane, N.T., Dublin, who is the only relative of the deceased, and was nephew of the late Daniel Quinn, who was prominently identified with the Fenian movement.

The interment took place in Emly Cemetery.

NEW TYPE OF ANIMAL

A new type of animal has been found on a Hawke's Bay sheep station in New Zealand. It is a cross between a sheep and a goat and is described as a sheep-goat. It has the body and tail of a sheep, the long fine hair of a goat, and a pair of horns.

STRIKE WEAPON

To Have Grievance Redressed

STATEMENT BY CLARE SOLICITOR

Because eight employees at the Clare Mental Hospital could not be classed as attendants according to the L.G. Department, their salaries and emoluments were reduced some time ago and an instruction was issued to stop from their salaries the difference between what they had received and the amount they should receive on the lower scale.

The matter was discussed by the Clare Co. Council last week, and Mr. I. M. Houlihan, solicitor, who appeared for the eight persons affected, said they were attendants and nurses. The appropriate scale of salaries had been approved for them by the Clare Co. Council and the County Manager, but despite that somebody in Dublin had victimised them.

Strike action had been suggested and could anybody blame the rest of the staff if they stood behind the eight who had been victimised. Strikes were unpleasant and more so perhaps for the strikers than anybody else.

WHAT HE MIGHT ADVISE. But if the person who ordered reduction of the salaries remained adamant and refused to change his attitude, then he could tell the Council that he as their legal adviser would certainly have to advise the attendants to go out on strike, because they could not allow victimisation to go unchallenged and their challenge consisted of an absolute right to strike.

Asked if there was any other means of redress, Mr. Houlihan replied that an aggrieved employee could go to the elaborate procedure of setting out his grievance and sending it to the Department, where it would be laid probably before the gentleman who had dealt with the matter previously and after some consideration he would in all probability reject it again. It was a case of going to law with the devil in a court held in hell.

Mr. W. Murphy said undoubtedly the attendants had been victimised in view of the fact that persons in similar positions in other institutions were paid at the higher rate. He personally would resent strike action. There had been too many strikes in this country and they had not got the strikers anywhere.

Whatever happened they should fight the matter out otherwise, and the attendants would have the Clare Co. Council unanimously behind them provided they dispensed with the strike weapon. But what would give him great pleasure was to put his finger on the bloke in Dublin who discriminated against these eight attendants and caused all the trouble.

COUNCIL'S DECISION. The Council unanimously adopted a resolution stating that the discrimination made in the status of the eight attendants and nurses was unjust and illegal and asking that the hardship and injustice caused by withholding the remuneration to which they were entitled should be immediately removed, and all monies due to them refunded.

The Minister for Local Government was requested to give the matter his immediate attention. The Council also decided in the event of an unsatisfactory reply to hold a special meeting next week to decide what further steps should be taken in the matter.

GOLDEN JUBILEE

Rev. Mother Gertrude Ward, Lourdes Convent, Rathdrum, Co. Wicklow, celebrated the Golden Jubilee of her entry into religious life on December 8th, the Feast of the Immaculate Conception.

A native of Tournafulla, County Limerick, Mother Gertrude was the recipient of numerous gifts and messages of congratulation on the occasion of her jubilee from a very wide circle of relatives and friends.

She is sister of Mr. Thomas Ward, Knocknadhra, Tournafulla.

HARD LUCK

When summoned at Ennis Court for not having a proper red light on his motor car, Sean McKeen, Lisdoonvarna, did not appear but sent a letter, in which he stated he had pulled up his car to ask Sergeant Laffan, of his car, for directions as to the road. The Sergeant obliged, and then finding defendant had not a proper red light summoned him.

SERVED WITH EAST LIMERICK I.R.A.

Home on a holiday from the U.S.A., after an absence of 22 years, is Rev. James Hogan, who was born at Templedeery, near Nenagh. Before studying for the priesthood Father Hogan served with the I.R.A. in East Limerick.

HE BOUGHT FREELY

Mr. D. Findator, Dublin, paid £1,900 in half an hour for turkeys on offer at Athlone Christmas poultry show and market on Friday. Later he was entertained to tea by Athlone Chamber of Commerce Committee, which organised the event.

CLARE APPOINTMENT FOR ARCHITECT

Mr. F. Gibney, architect, Dublin, has been appointed architect for housing schemes at Ennistymon, Milton-Malbay and Newmarket-on-Fergus, remuneration to be fixed by the Minister.

GOING TO THE DANCE

Charged with carrying too many passengers in a V.8 motor car, Thomas Larkin, of Sixmilebridge, was at Ennis District Court fined 10/-. It was admitted that he had carried seven passengers in the car on the night of a dance.

BULLOCK MAKES £150

At the Christmas Show and Sale held in Dublin, under the auspices of the Dublin Cattle Salemasters' Association, a bullock weighing 24 cwt. was sold for £150.

CO-OPERATIVE SOCIETIES AND TAXATION

The Association of Chambers of Commerce of Ireland agreed at its annual general meeting to press that Co-Operative Societies be subject to the same taxation as traders.

TRAGIC AFFAIR

Young Man's Sad End

YOUTH CHARGED WITH MURDER

A tragedy that has shocked the public conscience occurred in the city on Saturday evening, as the result of which a young man named Norman Graham now lies dead in the morgue attached to Barrington's Hospital.

The deceased, aged 20 years, lived with his mother and other members of the family at 3 Castle Street. At about 5.15 o'clock on Saturday evening he was found lying prostrate in a laneway off Catherine Street. He was bleeding profusely from a deep gash in the abdomen, which would seem to have been caused by a knife.

People passing along the laneway from a popular warehouse had the injured man removed in the Fire Brigade ambulance to Barrington's Hospital, where he died at 11.45 o'clock that night.

Yesterday the Gardaí took into custody a youth named John Gleeson, aged 18 years, residing, with the other members of the family, at 5 New Road, Thomondgate, in connection with the death of Graham.

CHARGE OF MURDER

Gleeson was charged by Supt. Collier with the willful murder of Norman Graham. It is understood that the accused made a statement, which will be submitted in evidence in due course.

It is stated that the deceased and Gleeson were pals and that they were very much in each other's company.

An identification parade was held in William Street Barracks yesterday in the presence of Mr. D. G. O'Donnovan, solicitor, who has been retained for the defence of the accused youth.

The remains of the deceased will be removed from the morgue to St. Mary's Church at 7 o'clock this evening, and the interment will take place to-morrow at 3 p.m. in the grounds of St. Mary's Cathedral.

THE INQUEST

At Barrington's Hospital this evening, Mr. J. S. McNeice, Deputy Coroner for Limerick City, formally opened an inquest into the death of Norman Graham. After medical evidence and evidence of identification had been heard, the inquest was adjourned.

EVIDENCE OF STATE PATHOLOGIST

Dr. J. McGrath, State Pathologist, who performed a post mortem examination of the deceased yesterday evening, deposed that the body was that of a young, well-built man, of about 5 ft. 6 ins. in height and weighing about ten stone. There was a scraped bruise on the forehead, about a half inch above the right eyebrow, measuring about 1 1/2 ins. by 1/2 in. There were small scrapes on the back and front of the left wrist and an incised scrape on the base of the left thumb. These wounds were inflicted recently before death.

Dr. McGrath said that he found an operation wound on the front of the abdomen and a number of surgical repair wounds along the small intestine. A number of the wounds had caused perforation. There was a vertical wound through the posterior peritoneum, just below the promontory of the sacrum, somewhat to the left side. This wound was pointed at the top and somewhat rounded at the other end. The weapon which had caused these wounds had passed under the promontory of the sacrum, towards the left side, and had made an incision in the left common iliac vein, about a half inch in length.

A DEEP WOUND

The instrument which had caused the wounds had penetrated below the skin of the abdomen to a depth of about 4 1/2 inches. The direction of the insertion of the instrument in relation to the body of the deceased was from front to back, somewhat from right to left, and somewhat from above, downwards. The cause of death was shock and haemorrhage, due to the wounds described. The knife (produced) would be capable of causing the wounds, if used as a stabbing instrument.

Dr. McGrath added that the body had been identified by Det. Sergt. M. Murphy when he made his examination.

Dr. F. Crowe, House Surgeon, Barrington's Hospital, who assisted Dr. McGrath at the post-mortem examination, corroborated the Pathologist's evidence regarding the description of the wounds and the cause of death.

Dr. Crowe added that the deceased was admitted at the hospital at 5.15 p.m. on Saturday, and died at 11.45 p.m. He was unconscious on admission, and regained semi-consciousness at intervals between the time of admission and seven o'clock, when witness and Dr. Devane operated on him. Before the operation, witness found a piece of intestine protruding through the abdominal wall, also a piece of omentum. On opening the abdomen he found it filled with blood and blood clots. The injuries could have been caused by a sharp instrument.

Herbert Graham, 3 Castle Street, brother of the deceased, gave evidence of identification. His brother who was single, was aged 20 years. He last saw his brother well at 2.30 on Saturday afternoon. Before his death, the deceased was a dairy engineer apprentice.

On the application of Supt. P. Collier, who appeared for the Gardaí, the Coroner then adjourned the inquest. He voted sympathy with the relatives of the deceased.

VOCATIONAL COURSE FOR FISHERMEN

Kerry County Vocational Education Committee, at its monthly meeting in Tralee, decided to appoint Mr. John McFarlane, of Cork, at a salary of £5 per week, to give a three-months course of instruction to fishermen in the mounding and repairing of nets.

NEW SAW FOR CUTTING MARBLE

A new saw, the first of its kind, is being set up at the Edeby marble quarries, in Central Sweden. This saw will cut marble at a rate of 30 inches an hour. At present 8 of an inch per hour is considered to be a normal rate.

GONE TO LISBON FOR A HOLIDAY

The 90-year-old Earl of Dunraven, of Adare Manor, Co. Limerick, accompanied by his secretary and butler, left Rineanna last evening for Lisbon, where he will spend a three months holiday.

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A further cargo of maize has arrived from Buenos Aires, second within a month.

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TRAFFIC AC

Because he failed to produce a certificate of insurance, a driver named Michael Sixmilebridge district of the Gort District, O'Flynn, D.J.

Supt. O'Reilly charged Charles I. Foley, Mr. Foley's client, but he would not appear for an adjournment, and he failed to appear.

The Justice adjourned the case, with the case.

Mr. Foley said outside Sixmilebridge, pleading guilty to a charge of driving without a licence when the defendant admitted the defendant's name. He thought the defendant was not there, it was application and with the case.

Justice—in other accident happened he was not indicted.

Superintendent Mr. Foley said the defendant named Tuohy, was same area and was contract for offal with people. He had 50 he came to McGort. Money did them, £3 10s., and this is about half price would be. I brought to oblige He had to admit cante his client had the run he was.

As regards not being the path, he says petrol and could lorry at the time.

The Justice said important matter in insurance. If a place, and an un were maimed for have no remedy nothing before him this man is a mar P.O.A. on the by-laws, failure to £1 6s. 8d. expenses

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TEACH

The Department has informed Dr. General Secretary that teachers who, regulations, would in the period 31st to 30th September, shall be permitted the service up, but 31st December, 19 mean that such the benefit of the n least one year. Tension will not ar due to retire und tions after Septem

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For the informat and the public, Gleeson announced he would hold the Friday, 20th Decem not sit on Friday, unless there were He would not hold Sixmilebridge on Thursday, 19th December.

COST OF LIVIN

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TO ENCOURAGE

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NO INSURANCE

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At Naas Court, aged 17, of 32 St. E Naas, was fined £2 motor cycle with a out having any insur the latter.

MEDICAL

Dr. James Power practising in Bury, I a native of Quin, h been appointed M.O. Dispensary District for one year and s pliance with the Ga

RACING ABA

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