

WOMAN GETS JAIL

Story Of A Pound Note

CASE AT KILMALLOCK COURT

Before Mr. H. L. Connor, B.L., D.J., at Kilmallock Court. The Attorney-General, at the prosecution of Supt. H. J. Keegan, Bruff, charged Julia Hayes, Maidstone, Bruree, with the larceny of a pound note, the property of Mrs. O'Regan, Bruree, on the 26th November.

Mr. M. M. Power, solicitor, defended. Sergeant Murphy, Bruree, gave evidence of making enquiries about the missing note and taking a statement from the accused, which was read for the court, and in which she denied taking the note.

Mrs. O'Regan stated that on the 26th November she got a registered letter from her husband which contained three English £1 notes. She gave her daughter, Esther, one of the notes to mind for her. Mrs. Hayes was there at the time she gave the note to her daughter. They went to Coll's publichouse for a drink, and going down the street Mrs. Hayes said she had no money and witness lent her half a crown. They also went to O'Donnell's, and when there her daughter came in, and Mrs. Hayes caught her and put her up on a high stool in the "snug". Her daughter left then. She had been sitting for a couple of seconds near Mrs. Hayes. Mrs. Hayes said she was buying a helper. Witness's daughter came back after a couple of minutes and said: "Mama, my pound is gone." Herself and Mrs. Hayes searched round the snug, and could not find the missing note.

NOTE IN GLOVE. They went to the Guards Station when the Guards came for her, and the Guards told Mrs. Hayes that they were making enquiries about a missing pound note. Mrs. Hayes consented to be searched by witness, and the missing note was found in the finger of her glove.

The note was here produced and identified by witness as her property. Witness had searched other parts of Mrs. Hayes's dress before the note was found in her glove and when the note was found she said it was her own.

Cross-examined by Mr. Power—When you met Mrs. Hayes was it by appointment?—No.

Did she tell you what she was doing in Bruree?—She asked for a sheet of paper and an envelope and said she was to meet a man named Mullins, but that he was at the fair of Rathkeale and was to meet her in Bruree.

You suggested that there would be time for refreshments?—Yes.

And she said she had no money to spend?—Yes.

Did you give the pound to the child before you left the house?—Yes.

What was the reason for giving the pound to the child?—Because she was able to mind it.

When the child came into the snug the defendant put her up on a high stool?—Yes.

Had the defendant gloves on at the time?—No.

Did you tell her that Mullins was outside, and when you told her that did she put on her gloves?—No.

Did you see any money with her?—No.

Who put the gloves on the table at the Guards Barracks?—Herself; she said the pound was her own, and that she was to pay a pound down on the helper she was purchasing from Mr. Mullins.

Did you say "how am I not a good detective"?—No.

Did you all return to the house to search for the missing note?—No.

Did you ask Mrs. Hayes for another drink?—No.

LITTLE GIRL'S EVIDENCE.

Esther O'Regan (13), daughter of the previous witness, stated that she got an English pound note from her mother, Mrs. Hayes was there at the time. Before they went out Mrs. Hayes asked her who owned the pound, and she said it was her mother gave it to her. She put back the note in her pocket. In the snug of the publichouse Mrs. Hayes put her up on a high stool. (At this point witness described how the parties sat in the snug). She had the money in her left pocket and missed it when she went outside the door. She told her mother it was gone and she did not lose it. They searched the snug for it.

To Mr. Power—Between the time that her mother gave her the pound and when it was missed she was sitting down at her own fire all the time. Her mother sat facing Mrs. Hayes. There was an electric lamp in the snug.

DEFENDANT EXAMINED.

The defendant, in reply to Mr. Power, stated that herself and her husband lived near Mrs. Coll's farm at Maidstone, and he herded the farm cattle and was offered the grazing of a cow. She was about to buy a cow from Mr. Mullins and had a pound in her possession that she got from her husband that morning. She met Mr. Mullins's son, and he said his father was at the fair of Rathkeale and would pass Bruree at 4 o'clock. She met Mrs. O'Regan and entered her house, where she wrote a letter, after which Mrs. O'Regan invited her for a drink. They went to Coll's and she said to Mrs. O'Regan that she had no money to spend, to which Mrs. O'Regan answered "All right, come along," and she gave defendant half a crown. They had two or three drinks when Mr. Mullins came. She had the pound in her glove and put them on when she was going out. Mr. Mullins said "I won't sell this evening; come along to-morrow." She put on the gloves coming out the door and put the note into the glove preparatory to doing business with Mr. Mullins. The pound note (produced) was the one she got from her husband that morning. Mrs. O'Regan disappeared and came back later and asked her to come out again, and when they came back the Guards were there. She did not tell the Guards that she had a pound, because she told Mrs. O'Regan that she had no money, and if she was not present she probably would have told them that she had the note.

BUYING A COW.

By Supt. Keegan—She was buying a cow and making a deal about calves that would make the price of the cow. She intended closing the deal by giving the pound as earnest and paying the balance later. The little girl was wrong in saying that she asked her who owned the pound note. She put the pound into her glove after leaving Coll's and put her gloves in her pocket. She was present

GAELIC SPIRIT

Among C.I.E. Staff

ADDRESS BY DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT

A general meeting of the C.I.E. G.A.A. Club was held recently. Mr. David Sheehan, District Superintendent, Coras Iompair Eireann, addressed the meeting. He said he was most anxious that the Gaelic spirit would be encouraged among the staff in Limerick. C.I.E. had men in Limerick who had a great name on the hurling and football fields. Why not have a team of their own who would represent the C.I.E. in the Gaelic field. He had seen their junior football team in action during the year, and they gave an exhibition that one could be proud of, and with some advice and coaching and encouraging they would go a long way. He was looking forward to the day when they would have their own field, ball alley and recreation hall in Limerick to foster Gaelic games in the C.I.E.

ASSURED OF FULL SUPPORT.

He assured the Committee and all present that he would do his best to help Gaelic games in Limerick. He mentioned handball as one of the best games to keep men fit, and from reports he heard Limerick C.I.E. men who are playing that grand game will be heard of very much in the near future in Irish championships. He stressed the importance of men turning out for training. If they didn't turn out they could not expect to get their places on the teams. It was no disgrace to be beaten on the field. He also asked for better support for the Gaelic teams in the C.I.E.

Mr. Denis Max proposed a vote of thanks to Mr. D. Sheehan for coming to the meeting. He (Mr. Max) said that now that they had the District Superintendent on their side they must do their best to get Gaelic games going in Limerick.

ANNUAL MEETING.

The annual general meeting of the club was held on Sunday last at the Station (by kind permission of Mr. D. Sheehan, District Superintendent). Mr. E. Phelan presided, and in the course of his address he mentioned that although they were formed only nine months they had been very successful, because they started late in the season and, therefore, players had moved into other clubs. This year they were making an early start and hoped to do much better than last year.

In his annual report the Hon. Secretary (Mr. J. Lucid) stated that they had started a seven-a-side tournament in Gaelic football. Eighteen teams had entered from the various departments. That tournament had to be finished yet. Their junior football teams were still in the "Kerryman" Cup competition. In all they had a successful year.

The Hon. Treasurer (Mr. C. Mannix) showed that the financial position was very good for the short time they were formed. That was due to the good help he got from the various collectors appointed.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS.

The following officers were appointed for 1947:—President, Mr. D. Sheehan; chairman, Mr. D. Max; vice-chairman, Mr. E. Phelan; hon. treasurer, Mr. C. Mannix; hon. sec., Mr. John Lucid. Committee:—Messrs. Cox, Herbert, Begley, Riordan, Griffin, Fogarty, Purcell, Darcy.

It was decided to enter the senior and junior football and junior hurling teams for 1947.

GARDA SERGEANT

DEFINES POINT IN MOTOR LAW

During the hearing of a dangerous driving case at Ennis, District Justice Gleeson asked the owner of a private motor car entitled to hire it out without a hackney licence. In other words, could he turn it into a taxi?

Supt. Flynn said it appeared he would be entitled to hire it out to an individual.

Sergt. Connolly (Limerick) said that when the car was hired out on a "pay as you please" basis it was not deemed to be a public service vehicle.

Justice—So, if I go into a garage I can hire a private car and drive it myself but I could not carry passengers and charge them.

Sergt. Connolly—That is so.

Supt. Flynn—And you would have to cover yourself by insurance.

when the little girl came back and said the pound was missing. She had an English pound note herself. She could not say which glove the money was in, but she thought it was the right. At the Guards' Station she took the gloves out of her pocket and said "Now search me."

Patrick Hayes, husband of the defendant, stated that he got an English pound note at Mrs. Murphy's in Bruree, and that was the one he gave his wife, his idea being that she was to give the note to Mr. Mullins.

To Supt. Keegan—He did not know Mrs. O'Regan or her daughter and did not want to know them. He first heard about it when his wife came back and said she was after getting into trouble about the pound, and he laughed at the idea of it. His wife told him that she had been searched at the barrack. He did not go to the Guards and make a statement about giving his wife the pound note, and he had no other English pound note at the time, but had two more, which were Irish.

Mr. Power said that only for the fact of this denial there would be no case to meet, and it could be that it was an extraordinary example of coincidence.

Supt. Keegan said it was an extraordinary coincidence that the pound was found in the glove. On the 17th December, 1940, the defendant had been given the benefit of the Probation Act for the larceny of a lady's coat, and at Clonmel on 9th June, 1942, was sentenced to 10 months imprisonment on a charge of malicious damage to property, estimated at £80, with property stolen. The Court had taken a very serious view of it.

The Justice said he could see no possible reservation in favour of not convicting. In view of previous conviction, he would not be doing his duty if he did not impose a sentence of imprisonment.

Mr. Power appealed to the Justice to give a short term of imprisonment, as the defendant was in a very poor state of health. A sentence of five months imprisonment was recorded.

OBITUARY

MRS. MARGARET MULCAHY, NEWCASTLE WEST.

Widespread and sincere regret has been occasioned throughout West Limerick by the news of the death of Mrs. Margaret Mulcahy, of Connolly Terrace, Newcastle West, which occurred with tragic suddenness on Sunday morning, 8th December. Deceased, who was aged about 74 years, was apparently in the best of normal health up to the time of her entirely unexpected and deeply lamented demise, which came as a great shock to the members of her family and a wide circle of relatives and friends. Possessed of all the noble qualities which distinguish the good Irish mother, the late Mrs. Mulcahy was a lady of deep piety and religious fervour. She was richly endowed with a sublime gift of faith, which exemplified her long and saintly life. She very seldom or ever missed morning Mass at the local Parish Church, and was, in fact, at Holy Communion up to a few mornings before her death. Mrs. Mulcahy was a member of a highly esteemed and patriotic West Limerick family—the O'Connor's of Kilsacan well and both her father and uncles were prominent in the Fenian movement. Deep sympathy will be extended to the bereaved family on the loss of a loving and devoted mother and true and sincere friend.

Deceased was wife of Mr. Timothy Mulcahy, a well-known Newcastle West merchant for many years. She was mother of Mr. John Mulcahy, Garda Síochána Headquarters, Kilmunham, Dublin; of Mr. Dan Mulcahy, journalist, Newcastle West; of Miss J. Mulcahy, Librarian, Newcastle West; Mr. Timothy Mulcahy, C.Q.M.S., Nottingham, England; and of Messrs. James and Robert Mulcahy, Misses Chris and Louise Mulcahy and Mrs. P. Stapleton, Chicago, U.S.A. She is survived by two brothers—Mr. Thos. O'Connor, merchant, Athea; and Mr. James O'Connor, Toronto, Canada; and by two sisters—Mrs. J. Foley, Reens, Ardagh; and Siste, Marguerite, Little Sisters of the Poor, London.

The remains were removed to the local Parish Church on Sunday evening, and the funeral to Grange (Knockaderry) Cemetery, on Tuesday, 10th inst., was one of the largest and most representative seen in the district for many years.

Right Rev. Monsignor Hannan, P.P., V.G., Newcastle West, assisted by Rev. M. O'Grady, C.C., and Rev. M. Kelly, C.C., officiated at the graveside.

CHIEF MOURNERS.

The chief mourners were:—Tim Mulcahy (husband); John, Dan and Tim Mulcahy (sons); Chris and Essie Mulcahy (daughters); Tom O'Connor, Athea (brother); Mrs. J. Foley, Reens (sister); Mrs. K. Mulcahy (daughter-in-law); Con and Bob Mulcahy, Dromin; Rice Danaher, Athea (brothers-in-law); Mrs. Lane, Killoughteen (sister-in-law); Patk. Wolfe, Athea; James O'Connor, B.D.S., Newcastle West; Ted and Dan O'Connor, Patrick and Jack Danaher, Mrs. Josie Danaher, Athea; Mrs. P. Browne, Limerick; Peg and Bee Foley, Jim, Mick and Pat Foley, Reens (nephews and nieces); Mrs. C. Mulcahy, Dromin; Katie and Jack Mulcahy, Old Mill; Jack and Mrs. Mulcahy, Tiermenna; Mrs. Nora and Michael O'Connor, Newcastle West; O'Connor family, Duckstown; Martin Ambrose, Michael Ambrose, John J. King, James King, Mick and Mrs. Mulcahy; Bob and Tim Mulcahy, Ashgrove; Bill and John P. O'Connor; Minnie Healy, P. Mulcahy, Templeglantine; Mrs. Wolfe, Templeglantine; Tim and Bill Shanahan, Monegae; John and Mrs. Riordan, Monegae; Michael Shanahan, Rathcahill; Michael and Mrs. Mulcahy, Killard; Danaher family, Moyreen; Michael O'Connor, Rathkeale; John and Pat Mulcahy, Rathcahill; Wm. and Mrs. Mullins, Ardagh; May Mullins, Dromin; Mr. and Mrs. D. O'Gorman (relatives).

MASS CARDS.

Mass Cards were received from:—Dad; John and Tim; Danny, Kit, Kay and Nora; Essie and Chris; Julia and family; Katie and Jack Mulcahy; Kit and Jimmy O'Connor; Con and Mrs. Mulcahy; Peggy and Patsy Brown; Josie and Patk. Danaher; Patrick Wolfe, Babs and Teresa; Mr. and Mrs. Meehan and family; Mr. and Mrs. Mulcahy; Uncle Dan and Bridie; Mr. and Mrs. J. Condon and family, Churchtown Road; Mrs. Monaghan; Birdie and Betty, Bishop Street; Michael and Mrs. Scannan, Bishop St.; Bridie Commanc; Josie and Ita O'Mahony; Tim O'Neill and family; Frank and Mrs. Roche, Rathkeale; John and Mary Purcell; Mrs. Pat Kennedy; Kitty Coughlan; Kathleen Kennedy; Patrick and Mrs. Bridget O'Mahony; the White family, Athea; the Dowling family, Dually; J. J. and Mrs. Culhane and family; Mrs. Margaret Wolfe; Mrs. Sarah Ambrose and family; Miss M. Healy; Tom and Mrs. Roche; the Lane family, Killoughteen; the Fitzgerald family, Maiden St.; Michael Healy and family; Jack and Peggy Hunt, Athea; the Buckley family; Patrick J. Monaghan; John and Kitty Whelan; Mortimer O'Sullivan, and family; Wm. Greany and family; Mrs. P. O'Connor and family; Michael O'Connor, Rathkeale; the Herbert family, Convent Lodge; the Listons, Killonnan; Mrs. Kirby and family; O'Connor family, Bishop St.; Clifford family, Boherbee; Denis and Mrs. McLaughlin; Mr. and Mrs. Larry Morrissey, Church St.; Brendan O'Boyle, Dublin.

MESSAGES OF SYMPATHY.

Telegrams and letters of sympathy were received from:—Michael Colbert, T.D.; Senator D. J. Madden, M.C.C.; D. Hogan, Dublin; Byrnes family, Pallasgreen; Peggy Hunt, Athea; M. Gregan, Dublin; Molly Culhane, Richmond Hospital, Dublin; Mary Ita O'Brien, Athea; C. P. Dunne, Dublin; Mr. and Mrs. Fox, Lelxlip; Miss M. Hynes, Dublin; D. and H. Hynes, Lucan, Dublin; Patrick Conway, Glin; Gerry Ryan, "Limerick Leader"; Jimmy Collins, Abbeyfeale; Kay and Birdie Culhane, London; F. Keane, Dublin; Rev. T. Kirby, C.C., Croom; Rev. Fr. Crowley, G.C., Rathcoole; Jack Killackey, Rathkeale; Josie Murphy and family, Dromconra, Dublin; Miss M. Gannon, Dublin; Ita Culhane, Co. and City Infirmary, Waterford; J. Fitzgerald, Newlands Golf Club, Dublin; Newcastle West Red Cross (per Una Nash); Miss M. Hynes, Lucan; Miss May Windle, Tralee; C. C. Cregan and Hugh Madden, "Limerick Leader"; Mrs. C. O'Sullivan, and C. J. Carey, "Limerick Echo"; D. Doyle, County Librarian, Limerick; D. J. O'Connor, Shanagolden; Miss M. Moloney, Press Corr., Glin; Miss L. Lucey, N.T., Garrydoolee. Further Mass Cards, telegrams and letters of sympathy were received from:—Bob and Joe Mulcahy, Chicago; Jim Mulcahy, Chic-



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