

Sad Tragedy

Young Man Killed by Motor in Bnnis Road

Inquest Adjoined

Patrick Joseph Conaidine, aged 23, a native of Coonagh, near Limerick, met his death under tragic circumstances in the Bnnis Road on Saturday night a short distance from the Union Cross at the Cl-re side.

It appears that deceased and a companion were proceeding from the city hom-wards about 10.30 p.m. posing their bicycles when a high powered motor car belonging to Pan American Airways, also proceeding from the city, came into collision with them. The deceased, who was nearest the footpath, received terrible injuries in the impact, and expired in a short time. He was, however, attended by a priest on the spot, who administered the last rites of the Church. The deceased's companion was not struck by the car, but suffered severely from shock. The injured man was taken with all possible speed in the City Ambulance to the Co Infirmiry, but he was found to be dead on admission.

Deceased was a builder's labourer by occupation, and lived with his father and mother at Lower Coonagh.

Inquest Opened and Adjoined

Mr J S McNeice, Esq., Deputy Coroner, opened an inquest on Monday afternoon in the County Infirmiry into the circumstances attending the death of deceased.

Inspector Griffin conducted the inquiry; Mr D J O'Malley, Esq., appeared for the next-of kin, and Mr D G O'Donovan, Esq., for William A. Lynch, an American, residing at Ardbu House Hotel, the driver of the car.

Dermot Conaidine, brother of deceased, gave evidence of identification. The deceased was sober and in the best of health when the witness was last speaking to him in Limerick about 8.30 on Saturday night.

Dr Bridget Crawford, County Infirmiry, stated deceased was dead when admitted to the Infirmiry at 11 p.m. on Saturday night. She carried out a post mortem on Sunday morning. There was total laceration of the whole of the right side of the brain; there were no fractures of the limbs; in her opinion death was due to shock and haemorrhage as a result of a fractured skull; the injuries would be consistent with being struck by a motor car, or by a severe and strong impact.

The inquest was then adjourned pending the receipt of instructions from the Attorney General.

Sympathy was tendered to the relatives of the deceased by the Coroner; Inspector Griffin, on behalf of the Authorities, and Mr D G O'Donovan, Esq., on behalf of the driver of the car.