

MANSLAUGHTER CHARGE CRASH INTO CART OPEN LETTER AMERICAN COAL SALE OF FIREWOOD DANCE LICENCE

Fatal Crash On Ennis Road

AMERICAN CITIZEN INDICTED

Proceedings In District Court

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CONDITION OF VEHICLE

Supt. Patrick Connolly, Public Service Vehicles Inspector, said he went to the scene of the accident, where he got the switch key of the motor vehicle from Guard Carey at 11.30 p.m. He drove it to William Street Barracks and examined it the following day.

WHAT WITNESS SAW AND HEARD

Daniel L. O'Sullivan, 76, O'Connell Street, Limerick, electrical engineer and contractor, said he was driving his own car out the Ennis Road on the night in question at about 10.30, and parked it about 30 yards on the Limerick side of the Union Cross.

COMRADES' EVIDENCE

Joseph Davis, Upper Coonagh, said that he met the deceased about 8.30 p.m. on the date in question. They went to the Savoy to have something to eat, and they left at 10.15 p.m. to go home, both pushing their bicycles as they went out the Ennis Road.

LATE MR. JAMES LARKIN

At the meeting of the Limerick Corporation last night, the Mayor (Mr. J. C. Hickey), who presided, voted sympathy to the family and relatives of the late Mr. James Larkin, the Labour Leader.

CRASH INTO CART

And What Came of It To City Employers

CHARGE OF DANGEROUS DRIVING

A crash by a motor car into a cart had a sequel at Limerick Liberties Court to-day, before District Justice J. M. Flood, B.L., Dermott Cregg, M.P., Street, Croom, was summoned for dangerous driving at Woodpark, Castleconnell, on the 10th January.

CART WAS STRUCK

Patrick Doyle, in reply to the Superintendent, said that he resided at Woodpark, Castleconnell, and he worked for Denis Sweeney, Gougl, drawing gravel. On the 10th January he was working at the pit there and finished at about 5 o'clock.

DEFENDANT'S EVIDENCE

Dermott Cregg, in reply to Mr. O'Donnell, said that on the date in question he was returning from Nenagh. As his head lights were defective he had his side lights on; also the tail lights. He admitted that he struck into the rear of the cart, but the horse bolted and the man was thrown off the cart.

ESTIMATE FOR MENTAL HOSPITAL

On the proposition of Mr. M. O'Donnell, Co.C., Limerick Mental Hospital Board at their meeting this evening, Mr. M. J. K. Dore, M.P., Co.C., presiding, unanimously adopted estimates of expenses for the Board during the year ending March 31st, 1948, providing for a total expenditure of £79,470, as against £68,610 for the past year, making an increase between the two years of £10,860.

THE SHOEMAKER

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BACK DOOR OPEN AND MEN WALKED IN

Before District Justice Gleeson at Ennistymon Court, Teresa Madigan, Main Street, Ennistymon, was fined £5 for a breach of the licensing laws. Defendant pleaded guilty to "opening."

Supt. McCarran said that at 8.45 on Sunday 5th January, Guard Cahill saw a man leave a half crown on the table and the defendant go into the bar. He went in and found three men, who lived twelve miles away, on the premises. One of them told him they had come in for a drink. Guard Vincent inspected the bar and found it in a state of disorder.

BRUFF PARISH COUNCIL

The annual general meeting of the Bruff Parish Council will be held at the Courthouse, Bruff, on Sunday next, immediately after last night's meeting, which will be a public one, and will be for the purpose of electing Parish Council officers and members for the coming year and will also review the activities of the Council in the past.

CAHERCONLISH DANCE

Caherconlish Lawn Tennis Club held their annual Dance at the Hall, Hospital, on Sunday night last. Despite adverse weather conditions, the function enjoyed a wide patronage. The success of the dance, which was greatly enjoyed by the large attendance, was due to a great extent due to the care taken by the Committee in attending to all arrangements, which were highly satisfactory. Music was supplied by Pat Crowley and his Ballroom Orchestra, Cork, and E. Foster, Cappawhite, was Caterer.

DEAN RYAN CUP

Charles C.B.S. and Limerick C.B.S. are competing in the Dean Ryan Cup Competition on to-morrow (Thursday), 13th inst. at 2.15 p.m., at C.B.S. Grounds, Claghnaun.

AMERICAN COAL SALE OF FIREWOOD

Question Of Weight Position As To Clare Hall

LIBERTIES COURT CASE

At the Limerick Liberties Court to-day, before Mr. J. M. Flood, B.L., Peter Long, Blackboy Pike, Limerick, and his wife, Charlotte Long, were charged with unlawfully selling a quantity of firewood blocks, suitable for domestic purposes, at a price in excess of the maximum controlled price, contrary to the Emergency Powers (Control of Prices) Order.

Supt. P. Collieran prosecuted and Mr. N. S. Gaffney, solicitor, defended. Mrs. Nora Moloney, in reply to the Superintendent, said that on the 2nd of December last she went to Mrs. Long and ordered a quarter ton of blocks. She paid her 12/6 for them with an extra 2/6 for delivery. They were delivered to her house at Ballinacra between the 7th and 10th of December, and witness and her husband thought that the blocks received were under the weight ordered.

It is hoped that the industries named will be able to carry on with the available coal stocks until fresh deliveries arrive. A London message says that important new decisions relating to the fuel crisis were reached at a meeting of the British Cabinet to-day. It is thought that the decisions come to will still further restrict the services at present being given to institutions and domestic users throughout the entire country.

It is anticipated that an official statement embodying the decisions of the Cabinet will be issued to-night. The meeting of the City Council last night adjourned for a week as a mark of respect to the memory of Very Rev. John Cregg, C.S.S.R., who died recently in New Zealand. The late Father Cregg was born in the Parish of St. Munchin. He was former Director of the Arch-Confraternity of the Holy Family attached to the Redemptorist Church.

MAYOR'S TRIBUTE

LATE FATHER CREGG, C.S.S.R.

The Mayor (Mr. J. C. Hickey) said that he had heard of Father Cregg's death with very deep regret. He was a brilliant Limerick man and a noble member of a noble Order. Throughout his long and arduous life, Father Cregg had laboured untiringly for the salvation of souls and for the upliftment of the working classes. He expressed that the Council tender an expression of very sincere sympathy to the relatives of the deceased and to the Redemptorist Order. He would also propose that the meeting adjourn as a mark of respect.

All the other members present—Ald. D. Bourke, T.D.; Ald. J. Reidy, T.D.; Ald. J. Carew, Ald. M. Hartney, Councilors M. J. Keyes, T.D.; M. B. O'Malley, solicitor; M. W. Nellans, J. Whelan, P. J. Donnell, J. Conery—associated themselves with the Mayor's tribute to the memory of the late Father Cregg. The meeting then adjourned until next Monday evening.

WEIGHING OF THE BLOCKS

Peter Long, in evidence, said that it was his wife and boy who usually weighed the blocks, and they weighed them on the scales in question. It was usual to see blocks strewn around the yard and it was usual for customers to take them away immediately after giving the order. It was possible on the occasion in question that some customer took a bag or two in error from Mrs. Moloney's order.

A GOOD MOVE

DINNER FOR SCHOOL CHILDREN

The first step taken by the recently formed Ladies' Section of the Hospital Guild of this town, "The Ladies' Guild of the Holy Spirit," and a very admirable and praiseworthy one, is the organisation of a Penny Dinners Fund for the school children of the town and parish whose parents are in poor circumstances (writes our Hospital correspondent). Cooking conveniences have been installed in the Guild's Rooms and upwards of 50 warm, nourishing meals, which are comprised of potatoes, soup and a little meat. The first dinners were served on Monday last, when upwards of 50 children partook of a nice, warm meal. It is expected that the numbers will increase enormously within a short time.

The Ladies' Section of the Parish Guild are to be congratulated on such a praiseworthy undertaking and it is to be hoped that the voluntary services given daily by them in the provision and catering for a large number of poor children will be fully appreciated. A raffle in aid of the funds has been organised and it is hoped that the efforts of the Committee and of the helpers will meet with the sympathy of those interested in this charitable undertaking by way of subscriptions or gifts.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE—A WARNING

When a number of parents were prosecuted at Croom Court on Tuesday for failing to send their children to school under the provisions of the School Attendance Act, Mr. C. S. Kenny, B.L., D.J., remarked that the attendances in the area seemed to be really appalling. In future he would be most severe with breaches of the law in this respect and would impose fines of 15/- in each case.

KILMALLOCK BRANCH I.N.T.O.

There was a large attendance at the annual general meeting of the Kilmallock Branch, I.N.T.O., held at the People's Hall, Mr. Daniel O'Brien, N.T., Bulgader (outgoing chairman) presided. The financial report submitted to the meeting by the Secretary and Treasurer was approved of unanimously and discharging a very sound position. The officers elected for the coming year were: Chairman, Mr. M. Donovan, N.T.; Secretary, Mr. M. Namee, N.T.; Treasurer, Mr. J. M. O'Brien, N.T.; Delegate to Congress, Mr. P. J. Ryan, N.T.; Newtownshandrum, and Mr. A. Horan, N.T., Ballyorgan.

SHOW OF MARES

A show of mares was held at Glin last week. Department Inspectors inspected about 40 animals, 10 of which were selected.

NURSING SUCCESS

Miss Grace Hayes, daughter of Mr. James Hayes and Mrs. Hayes, "Hill View," Killaola, took her final in the Nursing Council's examination, recently held (writes our Killaola correspondent). Miss Hayes, who is a student of the Mater Misericordiae, Dublin, is sister of Mrs. M. O'Boe, the famous pianist. Congratulations are extended to the young lady on her success.

MINISTER'S PROPERTY

An interesting point arose at Ennistymon District Court when Peter Skerritt, New Road, Ennistymon, applied for a dance licence in respect of the Blauhall at Limerick, usually used for the training of the Local Defence Force.

Mr. P. J. Chambers, solicitor, said he was in the extraordinary position of moving an application that he did not think was legally necessary. The Hall was the property of the Minister of Defence, but some persons had made requests for the use of the hall, and one of the regulations was that a licence had to be applied for before the Hall could be used for public dancing. His contention was that such a regulation could not alter the statute.

DANCE HALLS ACT

The Public Dance Halls Act 1955, was referred to and District Justice Gleeson said the Act stated: "The Act shall not apply in relation to public dancing carried on in any recreation room managed or conducted under the authority of the Minister for Defence." The interpretation, he said, depended on how a person read the Section. The whole point was whether the authority of the Minister for Defence referred to in the sentence related to public dancing or to the recreation room. The sentence could be read two ways.

Supt. McCarran said he contended that the dance would not be held under the authority of the Minister for Defence. District Justice Gleeson said the person for the night did not make the Hall less under the Minister's authority. The plain meaning of the Section, so far as he could see, was that dancing could be held in any recreation room conducted under the authority of the Minister. He contended that a licence because he had a jurisdiction to do so. He could not state a case on the jurisdiction but if anyone wanted to go further with the case he would have to go by way of certiorari or mandamus.

AS MATTER OF INTEREST

Supt. McCarran mentioned, as a matter of interest, that licences had been granted in respect of a number of similar halls, and Mr. Chambers remarked that a slight addendum to the Section would settle the whole matter. The Justice marked the case "no jurisdiction."

LOCAL RELATIVES OF NEW SOUTH WALES PREMIER

Mr. James Gregory McGirr, who was elected Prime Minister of New South Wales on Wednesday of last week (writes our Charleville correspondent) is the son of an Irish dairy farmer who settled in Parkes, a New South Wales country town. A Labour man, he is 56 years of age; his father coming from Mayo and his mother from the Charleville district, where a first cousin of his, Mr. Stephen Hickey, the well-known South of Ireland cattle dealer, resides at Ballysally, Charleville. Other first cousins of Mr. McGirr are Mr. Owen Hickey, of Feenagh, County Limerick, brother of Mr. Stephen Hickey, Messrs. Michael Michael Naughton, Newtownshandrum, Charleville, builder and contractor; Patrick Naughton, of Glenariffe, Charleville, farmer; David Naughton, of Feenagh, Co. Limerick, farmer; and Mrs. Margaret O'Regan, of Ballyorgan, Co. Limerick, farmer. The Naughtons' mother, Mrs. Eliza O'Sullivan; Mr. Hickey's mother and Mr. McGirr's mother were sisters of the family home being at Gibbonsgrove, Charleville. Mr. McGirr's mother, married a Mr. John McGirr, a dairy farmer of Loughsboro, Co. Mayo, and the parties settled in Parkes, New South Wales, after emigrating over 70 years ago. The new Prime Minister was born there on the 30th of October, 1891. Prior to the outbreak of the war in 1939, Mr. McGirr's brother, Mr. John Joseph Gregory McGirr, also a member of the New South Wales Parliament for many years, in which he held various portfolios as Cabinet Minister, after completing a world tour with his daughter, Pat, and other Australian notabilities, paid a flying visit to Charleville, where he looked up a cousin, Mr. Hickey, and afterwards contacted the family first cousin, Mr. Michael Naughton, who took him to Gibbonsgrove to see his mother's place. The house at Gibbonsgrove is now occupied by a Mr. Patrick O'Hara.

DEATHS

HANRAHAN—12th February, 1947. John Hanrahan, at 3 Clarke Avenue, Jansboro (late C.I.E.). Remains will be removed to the Church of Mary Queen of Peace on this (Wednesday) evening, at 8 o'clock. Funeral to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery to-morrow, 3 p.m. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul.

REIDY (Limerick)—February 11th, 1947, at her residence, 10 McKean Street, Catherine Reidy (nee Cronin) relict of the late Thomas Reidy, to the inexpressible grief of her brothers, relatives and wide circle of friends. Remains will be removed this (Wednesday) evening at 7 o'clock to St. Michael's Church, Funeral to-morrow (Thursday) at 3 p.m. Sacred Heart of Jesus, have mercy on his soul.

SWENEY—On February 11th, 1947, Patrick, eldest son of Denis and Margaret Sweney of '81 Anna's, Dublin, died at Limerick. Remains were removed to St. Patrick's Church yesterday evening. Funeral took place to Mount St. Lawrence Cemetery (Wednesday) after Requiem High Mass.