

LORRY WAS BIG FIGURE Minister In New York Police Force

On the 3rd of March, 1949, at his home, 4527 Delafield Avenue, Riverdale, The Bronx, retired New York Police Inspector Edmund J. Meade passed to his eternal reward (writes our Foyne correspondent). Aged 69 years, he was born in Glin, Co. Limerick, and is survived by his wife, Mrs. Mary Wallace Meade; Peter J. and Mrs. William P. Lenahan (son and daughter), John, residing in England, and Maurice, of Sydney, N.S.W., Australia (brothers), and by his sisters, Mrs. Ann O'Farrell, of Ballynash, Shanagolden, and Miss Mary Meade, of Sydney.

A bank clerk before he joined the police force in 1907, he was promoted to Sergeant in 1913, and four years later to Lieutenant. In 1924 he became a Captain; in 1930 a deputy Inspector, and in 1935 a full Inspector. He was Commander of the Police Uniformed Forces in the Bronx at the time of his retirement in 1946.

Another post Inspector Meade held for several years was that of Commander of the Fifth Division, comprising at that time all the west side of Manhattan, above 86th Street. For many years he was Captain of the West 68th Street Precinct, and was active as a leader of raids against gambling houses.

A friend of his wrote at the time of his death: "Edmund was one of the most determined and sweetest gentlemen I ever met. He never practised oratory. He believed in action."

He was a member of the Holy Name Society; the Lieutenants, Captains and Inspectors Benevolent Associations, and of Irish-American Societies.

The late Inspector Meade was given an Inspector's funeral by the New York Police Department.

BLOW OF A FIST Court Apology And A Fine

A blow of a fist in the face was the subject of an assault charge at Ballyneety Court on Thursday of last week, before Justice C. S. Kenny, B.L., when Nora Smith, Roxborough, Ballyneety, sued Catherine Kirby, of the same locality, for assault.

Mr. N. S. Gaffney, solicitor, was for the complainant, while Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, solicitor, was for the defendant, who did not appear.

Nora Smith said that she remembered the evening of the 29th January when she was cycling home from Limerick and the defendant asked her on the road what she put the boy of the Foley's up to do. Following the conversation, witness was struck on the face by the defendant. Witness did not abuse her in any way, and did not put James Foley up to abuse her either.

Cross-examined, witness said she was not aware if the children in the locality threw sods into the defendant's garden. It must be the defendant's imagination that she (witness) did something to her. Witness considered that the defendant was responsible for her actions.

Mr. O'Donnell said he was admitting the assault on behalf of his client who, he said, was obsessed with the idea that people "knocked a rise out her." He would now apologise to the complainant, on behalf of his client, for what had happened. He would ask for an adjournment of the case.

Mr. Gaffney said that the defendant was a "big strong woman, aged about 50 years."

The Justice found the assault proved, and in all the circumstances he would impose a fine of £1 on the defendant with £2 costs and 10/- expenses, and warned the defendant as to her future conduct.

LOSS TO DIOCESE Death Of Canon Leahy

ZEALOUS AND DEVOTED PRIEST

The death occurred at the Parochial House, Bulgaden, Kilmallock, Co. Limerick, on Saturday night, of Very Rev. Michael J. Canon Leahy, P.P., V.F., of the joint parish of Bulgaden and Martinstown.

An eminently zealous and devoted priest, his death is a loss to the diocese of Limerick. Of an exceedingly kind, sociable and charitable nature, he was highly popular with all classes.

HIS CAREER

Born at Garriencorney House, Rathluirc, Co. Limerick, seventy years ago, the late Canon Leahy received his early education at C.B.S., Rathluirc, and commenced his studies for the priesthood at St. Munchin's Diocesan College, Limerick, and completed them at St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, where he was ordained in 1902.

After his ordination he ministered for a few years on the English mission in London. On being recalled to the diocese of Limerick, he ministered as curate at Bulgaden, Dromin, Croom and Newcastle West, before being appointed parish priest of Clouncagh about 1934. He ministered there until he returned to Bulgaden in 1940, when he was appointed parish priest there. Last year he was appointed Canon of the cathedral chapter of the diocese of Limerick.

HAD MANY INTERESTS

The late Canon Leahy took a great interest in the national movement and was judge of the District Court during the troubled period. Well known in athletic circles he was a keen sportsman, an excellent horseman and recognised as a very good shot. He was very interested in the G.A.A. games, gave them full support and was President of the Bulgaden G.A.A. Club.

He was also interested in the Muintir na Tire movement and was responsible for the formation of guilds of that organisation in Bulgaden and Martinstown, of both of which guilds he was President, and both of which made him presentations on his appointment to the dignity of Canon.

He was nephew of the late Right Rev. Dean Canty, P.P., Dromin; brother of Very Rev. Patrick Canon Leahy, Poole, Dorset, England, and of the late Very Rev. David Leahy. He was uncle of the late Rev. Denis Leahy, C.C., Grenagh.

During his term in Bulgaden he carried out improvements and renovations to Bulgaden and Martinstown churches.

REMOVAL OF REMAINS

There was a large attendance of clergy and laity at the removal of the remains from the parochial house to Bulgaden Church, on Sunday evening.

The chief mourners were—Very Rev. P. Canon Leahy and Mr. Denis Leahy (brothers); Mrs. McCarthy, Misses Betty, Marjory, Eleanor and Anne Leahy, Dr. Mary Bew, Belfast, and Mrs. O'Callaghan (nieces); Dr. A. Leahy, Messrs. Patrick, Michael, Joseph and Vincent Leahy (nephews); Dr. Kenneth Bew; Dr. Denis McCarthy and Mrs. Canty.

THE INTERMENT

His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. P. O'Neill, D.D., Bishop of Limerick, presided at the Solemn Office and Requiem Mass in Bulgaden Church. The clergy in attendance numbered about one hundred and were drawn from the Archdiocese of Cashel and the Dioceses of Limerick, Cloyne and Cork.

After the Mass, the interment took place in a black-lined grave in the church grounds at Bulgaden. His Lordship, Most Rev. Dr. O'Neill, officiated at the interment.

The very large attendance at the interment was representative of all classes of the community, including the legal and medical professions, members of the Dail and County Council, business men, farming community and working community, and was a tribute to the high esteem in which the deceased pastor was held not only by his parishioners but over a very wide area.

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GIFT OF BOOK TO DRAMA GROUPS

Mr. Lennox Robinson, adjudicator of English plays at the Clare Drama Festival, held in Scariff, has presented a copy of his book: