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YOUNG LADY'S £300 ACTION IN CIRCUIT COURT

A YOUNG lady who maintained that her nose was rendered a little crooked and a little wider by a motoring accident was plaintiff in a £300 action for damages for personal injuries and negligence in the Limerick Circuit Court before Judge Barron O'Brian, S.C., on Thursday of last week.

Plaintiff was Anna Walsh, Lower Hill, Kilmallock.

Speers Ltd., Henry Street, Dublin, were defendants.

Mr. W. Binchy, B.L. (instructed by Mr. J. Binchy, solicitor) was for the plaintiff, and Mr. T. McLaughlin, B.L. (instructed by Mr. J. O'Malley, solicitor) was for defendants.

Mr. Binchy explained that the action was a claim for damages for personal injuries by reason of negligence in the driving of a station wagon with trailer-caravan attached on the 17th June, 1955. The defence denied all negligence and a denial of damage. The plaintiff was travelling as a passenger in a car coming and going to Charleville. The defendant's driver was driving the station wagon with trailer-caravan attached from Charleville towards Kilmallock. Somewhere on the road an impact between the two vehicles took place. The car in which the plaintiff was passenger was driven by a man named Dobbyn and he had it on a hire basis.

Thomas Bourke, B.E., proved a map of the scene.

PLAINTIFF'S EVIDENCE.

Anna Walsh, plaintiff, said that on the 17th June last she was travelling in a motor car driven by Mr. Dobbyn from Kilmallock to Charleville. She saw a van coming along "and we crashed immediately into it." The van was exactly on the bend in the centre of the road. As a result of the impact her leg, nose, and face were injured. She went to Dr. McCarthy and was sent in a car to Croon Hospital, where she was detained for five days and was under the care of Surgeon O'Connor. She received treatment there for her knee. Afterwards she was ten days in Barrington's Hospital, where she was treated by Dr. Roberts for the injuries to her nose. She was rendered nervous by the accident.

Witness explained loss of employment in England as a result of the accident.

Mr. Binchy: Do you consider that this accident has in any way disfigured you? My nose is a little crooked and a little wider.

Cross-examined, she could not say exactly if the van was in the centre as it all happened so quickly. The speed of their car was 40 to 50 m.p.h. She denied it was being driven. She did not know that end of the station wagon that

The Regional Hospital Will Soon Need All Its 288 Beds

ON an average, 200 of the 288 patient beds in the Limerick Regional Hospital are now occupied per day. This was told to a "Limerick Leader" reporter on enquiry at the hospital.

It is expected, however, that the full complement of beds will be in use when the ear, nose and throat section is brought into service. The specialist appointed to take charge of this section has not yet reported for duty.

THE MEDICAL AND NURSING STAFFS.

The medical staff of the Hospital is as follows: Medical superintendent, physician; superintendent, surgeon, eye specialist, gynaecologist, radiobiologist, anaesthetist, visiting physician and six house doctors.

A second surgeon (together with ear, nose and throat specialist) is yet to be appointed.

In addition to the medical staff, seventy fully qualified nurses are on duty in the wards. In addition, there are forty probationers or student nurses. The nursing staff operates under the direction of the Sisters of Mercy.

THE OUT-PATIENT DEPARTMENT.

The out-patient department of the Hospital is now in full swing. It is in this section that patients sent in from outside, whose diseases or ailments have not been diagnosed, are examined. If, as a result of the examination, a patient is pronounced to be an hospital case, he or she is detained; if not, the patient returns home carrying a private report for his own doctor.

The physio-therapy department is now also working under normal conditions.

WAS COLONEL IN FIGHTING 69th IN U.S. ARMY

The death took place at Great Neck, New York, recently, of Colonel Michael J. Bowler, United States Army, 165th Infantry

MOTOR ACCIDENT LEADS TO CLAIM IN COURT

A MOTOR accident at Ballycummin, near Limerick, had sequel before Judge Barron O'Brian, S.C., at Rathkeale Court last week, when Patrick Vaughan, hackney driver, Churchtown, Newcastle West, sued Rev. Eamonn J. Casey, C.C., Monaleen, Co. Limerick, for £364 1s. 9d. for personal injuries, damage to the car and consequential losses arising out of the accident, which occurred on 3rd August, 1955. Plaintiff's wife, Mrs. Mary Vaughan, who was a passenger in the car, also claimed £25 damages for personal injuries.

Mr. M. V. Fitzgerald, B.L. (instructed by Mr. R. J. Cussen, L.I.D. solicitor), appeared for plaintiff and defendant was represented by Mr. W. Binchy, B.L. (instructed by Mr. Desmond O'Malley, solicitor).

HOW THE ACCIDENT OCCURRED.

Plaintiff said that when driving to Limerick on the date in question with his wife, three children and a Mrs. Seanlan, he was travelling at about 35 miles an hour on the crown of the road as he approached the scene of the accident. He heard no horn sounded and suddenly, without warning, defendant's car proceeded to pass him on the right hand side.

Just as defendant was passing out, witness he cut in sharply to the left with the result that his mudguard became entangled in witness's front bumper. As a result of the impact, witness's car was dragged across the road to the left hand side where it hit and broke a telegraph pole in two before turning over on its side. Witness and all his passen-