

Witted crash

Long, he said it was possible it could affect the lights.

He agreed with Mr. Long that the fact the motor cycle having collided with the car went on to hit a wall suggested speed.

Carmel Breen, nurse, told the court she was driving home accompanied by Nicholas Murphy on the night in question.

"I indicated to turn right. I did not see any lights. I just heard a bang", she told the court.

She said she got out of her car and stayed with the deceased until he was taken away in the ambulance.

In reply to Insp. Edward O'Donnell, she said she did not stop before turning, as there was no vehicle approaching.

Nicholas Murphy, a passenger in the car driven by the last witness, told the court that he did not see any vehicle approaching prior to the accident on the night in question.

"I did not see or hear a motor cycle", he said.

Mr. Thomas Dalton, solr., who appeared for John Tobin, told the court that his client was unable to get employment since the accident.



Annual supper social at the Ark Tavern, Mary O'Dwyer, Sheila Toomey, Kitty, president.

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Death of noted sportsman

A GREAT sporting personality passed away this week in the person of Enda McNamara, a champion oarsman with Athlunkard Boat Club and a noted rugby administrator, who served as president of the Munster Branch I.R.F.U. and his own club Shannon.

A member of a family with great rugby traditions — his brothers Sean and Giles played a very big part in some famous Shannon and Garryowen Cup wins — Enda's forte was rowing, a sport in which he has been described as the finest exponent the city has produced.

Joining Athlunkard in the late 30's, he soon established himself as an outstanding prospect, rowing stroke in a maiden four with Fred Woodweiss, Tom Power and Paddy Mullane, which went through 1940 unbeaten. This was just a prelude to the great deeds that were to follow the following year when Enda stroked what was possibly the finest eight ever to come out of A.B.C. or indeed the city.

In Waterford that year they took on a crack Neptune crew from Dublin in the final of the Junior Eights Championship of Ireland and triumphed in a wonderful race, thus bringing the title down south for the first time. Shortly afterwards at Limerick Regatta the same crew made a heroic bid for what would have been a unique championship double when in the senior eights they were beaten a mere two feet by U.C.D. in a controversial decision.

World War II and consequent emigration took its toll of this great crew, but some of them came together briefly in 1943 when Enda stroked A.B.C. to win the Shannon R.C. Cup at Limerick Regatta. He then went to Australia and on his return in 1949, and with just a few weeks training, he and his crew caused a sensation at Limerick Regatta when again winning the premier event, the Shannon R.C. Cup. They also won the Limerick City Challenge cup for first senior fours, a race in which they defeated hot favourites Shannon R.C., stroked by Paddy Dooley who the previous year had stroked the Irish Eight at the London Olympics. In the late '50's Enda was elected captain for a two year period with the Donagh Flannery stroked senior four having some good successes.

Possessed of a magnificent physique allied to great strength



The late Enda McNamara.

and leadership, he was a natural in the vital stroke position. He had a great affinity with his cox, the late Jim Crowe, which proved of inestimable value in many a tight finish. Jim, who coxed most of A.B.C.'s championship winning crews, said of Enda: "He was a wonderful stroke and never knew the meaning of the word defeat." This fighting quality saw him safely through a horrific accident which he was to suffer in later life.

Enda turned to rugby administration afterwards and became president of his beloved club, Shannon. He was also elected president of the Munster Branch of the I.R.F.U. On his return from Australia, he played with distinction for some seasons with Shannon, then a junior club.

The best of company, Enda had prodigious recollections of rugby and rowing lore, and he liked nothing better than to be in the midst of his contemporaries digressing on the deeds and fables of these two great sports for which the "Parish" was noted. Invariably in good form, his demeanour and outlook was not far removed from the image of the "jolly swagman" mentioned in the song "Waltzing Matilda" with which he had regaled us so many times.

Ever a family man, despite his sporting commitments, he was a caring father and will be grievously missed by his wife Norrie, Frank, Brigid and Elizabeth and the rest of his family. Solas na bhFlaitheas do h-anam. —D. O'S.

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