

'A sloppy case of driving'

A defendant at Newport (Co. Tipperary) Court told Justice M. de Burca that he moved his car from the point of an accident to allow a lot of traffic that was coming from two hurling matches to pass. He was Patrick Lynch of Drombawn, Killoscully, who was summonsed for dangerous driving at Shallee Cross on October 3 last when his car was in collision with a car driven by Austin Joseph Hosty, Ardhu House Hotel, Ennis Road, Limerick who was also charged with dangerous driving on the occasion.

Austin Joseph Hosty said that he was travelling from Limerick in the direction of the Silvermines on his own side of the road. Just as he was passing the junction at Shallee he saw a car coming up about 10 yards away. It hit his car at the door and also damaged the back of the car. He had noticed the car coming up the road when he was 100 yards back the Limerick side and it was moving at the time, he said in reply to cross-examination.

Patrick Lynch said that he was standing at the junction and his car would not have been more than one foot out on the main road when it was hit by the other car.

KEPT COMING

Michael McDonnell, a passenger in Hosty's car, said that he saw the other car coming up to the junction. He expected it to stop, but it kept coming and it was the impact of striking their car that stopped it.

Denis Denihan, a passenger in Lynch's car, said that their car was stopped at the cross. A car had come from the Silvermines direction and passed on and then the car came from the Limerick side and struck them. They were not more than one foot out on the main road. Similar evidence was given by other passengers in the car, Michael Fitzgerald and Timothy Hogan.

Sergt. Tully, Dolla, said that when he visited the scene of the accident he found Mr. Lynch's car 48 feet back on the Nenagh road. The front bumper of the car was torn off, and the front of the car damaged. Mr. Hosty's car was 46 paces from the cross on the Silvermines side and the car was damaged from the door back. The drivers agreed on the point of impact, about one foot out on the main Limerick - Silvermines road where witness found glass and mud, Lynch told him that it was to allow traffic coming from two hurling matches to pass that he moved his car back from the junction.

DANGEROUS

Justice de Burca said that this was a case of sloppy driving. "It is dangerous," he said, "to assume that because you have the right of way you can do exactly what you feel like doing in the hope that others can be expected to do right. They often do not." He felt that Lynch's car was moving, however slight. "The roads are full of drivers to-day to think that their driving is above board, but it is not," he said. He imposed a fine of £2 with £7-9-10 expenses on Lynch for driving without due care and attention and gave a direction on the summons against Hosty.

CHESHIRE HOME WELCOMED IN NEWCASTLE WEST

IRELAND'S third Cheshire Home will be opened at Rathfreedagh, some three miles from Newcastle West, before the end of next year. The Home will be located in the extensive country residence built over a century ago by the Viscount O'Grady family and recently handed over to the Irish Cheshire Home Trust by the present owner, Mrs. Phyllis Waller, as a tribute to the memory of her late husband, Hardress Waller, and the late Hon. Julia O'Grady.

The announcement was confirmed on Sunday by Miss Harrington, Secretary of the Limerick Branch of the Cheshire Foundation, at a film show held in Newcastle West Desmond Cinema dealing with the unique history of the Cheshire Home movement and the life of its founder. Local interest in the Rathfreedagh project was reflected in the very large and representative attendance and in the discussion that followed the film show. At the conclusion of the show, people from the town and district were invited to co-operate and assist in the effort to ensure the success of the Home at Rathfreedagh.

GRATEFUL

At the outset, Miss Harrington, on behalf of the Limerick Foundation, said they were very grateful on their first visit to Newcastle West of the opportunity of expressing sincere thanks on behalf of the Trust to Mrs. Waller and her son, who had given Rathfreedagh House to the movement. They had seen from the film, said Miss Harrington, that while Cheshire himself failed many times in his efforts to promote the Homes, his ultimate success was of such dimension that it had become one of the greatest success stories of our time.

Replying to a number of questions from the audience, Miss Harrington said that obviously Cheshire Homes needed finance to keep them going, but that aspect of the movement never worried Cheshire and he had always succeeded in finding the funds required. His approach was to establish the Homes first and worry about the cost after. The movement was primarily a voluntary one. Its aim was to enable healthy people, by voluntary effort and co-operation, to come to the assistance of those who were not healthy.

It was hoped that the people admitted to the Home in Rathfreedagh would qualify for the usual maintenance grant of £5 per week under the provisions of the Health Act. The estimated cost per patient was about £10 per week, and the movement, which was a very idealistic one, would have to solve the problem of finding the balance by voluntary means. People who could pay for themselves would also be accepted and special consideration would be given to young people who needed care and attention to develop any latent talents they might have.

A SUCCESS

Dr. J. McCarthy, Vice-Chairman of the Limerick Foundation, spoke on the functions of

the Cheshire Homes and the part they played in the care of disabled people. While County Homes would obviously be always necessary it was obvious that younger disabled persons should have a home of their own in which they could be given suitable care and training when possible to develop their natural abilities which might otherwise be lost. The financial problem involved was, of course, one of the most serious but they hoped they would get assistance from the local authority towards the maintenance of people who would be unable to look after themselves. Rathfreedagh House, as most of them knew, was a beautiful residence and everybody could help in the effort to make it a success in its new role.

Miss Harrington, in reply to further questions, explained that the rules of the Cheshire Home movement did not allow such fund raising activities as bingo and lotteries. It was truly a charity; what people gave they gave with the holy will of the heart. They realised, of course, that they were up against big problems but, as in the case of Cheshire himself, they met these problems as they arose from day to day. Rathfreedagh would be the third Irish Cheshire Home and already a fourth and fifth Home were being thought of.

WORLD-WIDE

Some people seemed to think, added Miss Harrington, that the Cheshire Home movement was a purely English charity but it was, in fact, world wide. Homes had now been established in many parts of the world including India. They catered for all religions and creeds as well as rich and poor. Persons seeking admission were asked no questions and nobody was refused admission provided their background complied with the requirements of the movement. Cheshire himself had become a Catholic but he had laid down the rule that the movement must remain undenominational.

When Rathfreedagh Home was opened next year, concluded Miss Harrington, they would be looking for voluntary help of all descriptions and articles of furniture and bedding would be very welcome. Most of all they wanted an abundance of goodwill from the public as without it they could not hope to make a success of the Home.

The attendance included Mrs. Waller, Messrs. Jas. Crowley, Ml. Murphy, Tom Murphy, Very Rev. M. Canon O'Brien, P.P., V.F., was also in attendance.

Limerick man dies in New York

With regret we announce the death of a great Limerick man, Mr. Patrick J. Landers, aged 84 years. He resided in Queens Village, Long Island, N.Y., and passed away on November 10, 1965. M. Landers was born on December 18, 1880, in Oola, and emigrated to the U.S. at the age of 18 years. He resided in Brooklyn for several years, later moving to Richmond Hill, Queens County, and has lived in Queens Village for the past 18 years. He was appointed to New York Police Department in 1905, and served on the force for 14 years, in the 47th and 62nd Precincts, as well as in the Commissioner's Office.

He resigned in 1919 to take up a position as clerk in the New York County Supreme Court, where he worked for 39 years. In all, he served in Civil Service for 53 years which is an outstanding record.

His wife, Mary, died four years ago, she was a native of County Armagh. They raised a fine family of nine children, five daughters and four sons, all prominent in the community and in the religious Orders: Sister M. Cyrilla of the St. Agnes Convent, Rockville Centre; Mrs. Helen Mutevellian, Mrs. Elizabeth Casey, Mrs. Kathleen Gschlecht, all of Queens Village, and Mrs. Margaret Howley of Brooklyn. The sons are: Edward, of Tuckahoe, N.Y.; John D., of Richmond Hill; Thomas P., a policeman, of Richmond Hill; Joseph W., a policeman, of Bethpage Long Island; a sister, Mrs. Maria Tierney of Bayside, 21 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren. He had two brothers, William and Thomas, four sisters, Bridget, Annie, Helen and Maria. Maria is still living in Bayside, and is the only survivor of the family. He also has a 94-year-old aunt, Martha Byron, still living in New York City.

Solemn Requiem Mass was sung at St. Joachim and Ann Church, Queens Village, burial was at St. Raymond's Cemetery, Bronx, N.Y. The wake was attended by an enormous crowd for three nights, friends and relatives — together with those who associated with him during his long service in City Service, attended to pay their respects, those included judges, doctors, lawyers, police and members of the Patrolmen's Benevolent Association, the Court Attaches' Association, and the Queens Village Democrat Club.

He was a member of the Holy Name Society, and the St. Ann's Council, Knights of Columbus, Queens Village.

His son, Thomas P., is a prominent member of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and served as Aide to the Grand Marshal of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in 1964 on Fifth Avenue, New York. He is at present Queens County Secretary of the Ancient Order, a World War II veteran, and like all the family, an outstanding Irish-American.

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