



The late Tony Hanley.

Former chairman died in accident

THE man who lost his life in the accident is Tony Hanley, aged 48, of 9 St. Laurence's Park, Garryowen, a pork butcher and a former employee of Limerick Bacon Company. He was married to the former Breda McCarthy and the couple have four children.

Mrs. Hanley's brother, Maurice, of 156 Lynwood Park, was also injured in the accident and is in the intensive care unit of Limerick Regional Hospital.

Mr. Hanley was an ardent soccer supporter and is a former chairman of Pike Rovers A.F.C. He also represented the club on the Limerick District Management Committee — the governing body of soccer of Limerick in the city.

Mr. Hanley's children are Kevin, Cormac, Rita and Una.

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Crash victim speaks of screams

In the first interview given by one of the passengers injured in the crash, chairman of the club, Mr. Eddie O'Donovan, who is hospitalised in Barringtons, although still shocked this afternoon, stated: "It was like the scene from a movie... yes,

there was a lot of screaming."

Eddie, who is one of the greatest servants to Limerick football, having played League of Ireland for many years, received injuries to the face and chest.

He said that many of the people were trapped on the bus.

"But I must say the people of the area were magnificent, they came and gave us every kind of help they could. They were magnificent," he stated.

Fr. Willie Fitzmaurice, curate at St. John's, said this morning that most of the families of the injured lived in the parish and that the entire area was in a state of shock.

"The parish is stunned with so many people involved and everybody seems to be related to someone who is injured. I visited families this morning and they are in a state of shock and wondering and speculating on what happened.

"There is hope that it may not be as bad but it seems there are a number critical."

PROBE INTO CRASH



The scene of the crash at Ballyneety

BY LEADER REPORTER

A MAJOR investigation was under way this Monday by Gardai and CIE into last night's Pike Rovers bus crash in which a former club chairman, Mr. Tony Hanley (48) of St. Laurences Park, Ballysimon Road, died and 49 were injured.

This Monday afternoon nine of the injured were serious of whom four are in critical condition at the Regional Hospital. Among the critically injured is 5 year old Paul Mulally son of Fran Mulally of 16 Plassey Avenue, Corbally who is also in Intensive Care in Barringtons Hospital. Mr. Mulally, team

manager, is "comfortable".

In all 37 of the injured are being treated at Limerick Regional and 12 are detained in Barringtons.

The CIE luxury coach bringing the Pike team, supporters from Midleton where they had played a Munster Junior Cup quarter final went out of control on what Gardai said is "a reasonably straight" stretch of road, a hundred yards on the city side of the Catscradle pub in Ballyneety. The accident occurred shortly before 9 p.m.

One of the injured passengers Mr. Frank Hanrahan of Norwood Park told me: "I don't know what happened. I was in the middle of the bus".

A CIE Bus Eireann spokesman said this Monday that initial examination of the bus showed that it was mechanically sound.

"The steering, brakes, and wheels were in order. There was nothing like a a blow out", said Mr. Jim Custy regional manager, Bus Eireann.

LATEST

It was learned this afternoon that only two of the five in intensive care at the Regional Hospital were serious: 5-year-old Paul Mulally, who was this afternoon transferred to Cork Regional Hospital, and Paul O'Shea, of 43 Bengal Terrace. The remaining three in Intensive Care were "stable."

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The scene at the waiting room of the Regional Hospital, pictured from outside the window, which had been converted into a temporary emergency centre within minutes of word of the accident. Here, some of the injured received initial treatment for their injuries.

CARS OF RELATIVES TAKEN AT HOSPITAL

GARDAI could not confirm reports today that two cars belonging to relatives of injured people, which were parked near Barrington's Hospital, were stolen last night.

Former chairman of Pike Rovers who went to Barrington's and the Regional Hospital, told the *Limerick Leader* that he met the people who had their cars stolen from outside Barrington's.

"How low can you go, these people were in a distressed enough stage without this happening", said Mr. Pat

Lynch, who lives in Castletroy.

He said that one of the cars was later found crashed in the city. Mr. Lynch paid tribute to the staff in both hospitals. He described as despicable the robbery of the cars by "young scamps".

Little Mascot among those "critical"



Paul Mulally (5), (above), son of Fran Mulally (36), of 16 Plassey Avenue, Corbally, who was seriously injured in the crash. Paul, a team mascot, has been transferred from intensive care at the Regional Hospital, Limerick, to Cork Regional Hospital in a "critical" condition.

The list of those injured

Five of the injured are in Intensive Care at the Regional Hospital. They are Maurice McCarthy (50), 156 Lynwood Park, 5-year-old Paul Mulally, son of Francis Mulally, of 16 Plassey Avenue, Corbally; who is in Barrington's Hospital intensive care and Alphonse Ryan (72) of 35 Hennessy Avenue, Paul O'Shea (28) of 43 Bengal Terrace, Stephen Casey (12) of Naughton's Lane, Henry Street.

Two were in intensive care in Barringtons: John Dillon (31) of 20 Canon Breen Park, Thomongate and Francis Mulally (36) of Plassey Avenue, Corbally.

Four people were, by 8 a.m., discharged from hospital, three from Barrington's. The latter three were: Joe Roche, 149 Lawn Way, John Carew Park, Fergus Pierce, 7 Singland Crescent, Garryowen, and Gerard Dillon, 4 Castletroy View, Garryowen.

Discharged from the Regional Hospital was Joseph Barriscale, of James' Court, Ennis Road.

The following are the injured still detained at the Regional Hospital: Peter McNamara (36) 6 Singland Crescent; Pat Cunningham (21) 20 Ballygrennan Road, Ballynanty Beg; John Malone (27) 2 Singland Court, Garryowen; Fran Mulally (11), 16 Plassey Avenue, Corbally; Stephen Crawford, (43) 42 Henry Street, Limerick; Thomas Bourke (24) 14 Greenhills, Garryowen; Joseph Dillon (27) 6 Arlington Villas, Mulgrave Street; Brian O'Donovan (16) 10 Willow Court, Kennedy Park, Adrian Lipper (23) son of former Mayor Michael Lipper, 11 Greenhills Road, Garryowen; Patrick Dillon (71) 45 Fairgreen; Tony Morris (33) Friarstown, Grange, Co. Limerick; Mark Mulally (10) 7 Sarsfield Avenue, Garryowen; Michael Ryan (33) 2 Rostrevor Close, Glenmore, Caherdavin; Myles Kavanagh (24) 3 Keating Street, Pennywell; John Waters (35) 44 Fairgreen; Pat Mulally (9) 7 Sarsfield Avenue, Garryowen; Dan

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