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### C.I.E. LORRY AND MOTOR IN COLLISION

A COLLISION between a C.I.E. lorry and a private car at Doon Cross, Broadford, East Clare, had a sequel at the local Court when Albert Bennett, 15 McDermott Ave., Jamesboro, Limerick, was charged with dangerous driving. Justice Hurley found the charge proved but reduced the charge and dismissed it under the Probation Act.

The Justice said that the defendant was very honest in admitting that he was wrong in stopping at the sign. It was hard to say, he added, what part was played in the causing of the accident by the cyclist who acted cowardly in not remaining at the sign but he must have had something on his conscience.

Continuing, Justice Hurley said "I cannot pass on without comment on the maintenance of the lorry by C.I.E. One would expect they would have the machine in better condition."

Mrs. Eithne Hennessy, solicitor (Mr. D. G. O'Donovan) for the C.I.E. said she would have the Justice's remarks conveyed to the Company.

**THE POINT OF IMPACT.**  
Guard S. Keane said that there was a stop sign 95 feet from the junction. Both drivers agreed to the point of impact. The defendant could not have a full view until he was twelve yards from the junction. The private car was badly damaged but the lorry suffered very little from the collision.

To Mr. T. E. O'Donnell, solr (for defendant) witness said that he had since located the cyclist. There was a C.I.E. depot almost at the junction and he believed that defendant was to stop there.

**OTHER WITNESSES.**  
Timothy Hogan said he was driver of the private car. He was travelling from Limerick to Ballykeane and as he approached the junction at about 25 m.p.h. he saw a man on a bike in front of him. Witness was almost at the junction when he saw the lorry, which slowed down and witness thought it would stop. After the collision the defendant spoke of the man on the bike and said he went around him.

Donald McKenna said he was riding his bicycle home from work when he heard the noise of a vehicle and he slowed down. The lorry was travelling and did not sound a horn or stop. Witness turned down left and came back to the main road again.

He was behind the lorry when the crash took place. He was frightened and did not stop when the defendant called to him.

To Mr. O'Donnell, witness said he could have got killed if he had crossed the junction. Witness gave no indication of which way he was going.

**DEFENDANT EXAMINED.**  
Defendant, in evidence, said his speed at the time of the crash was about 7 m.p.h. He was about to stop at the horn and had slowed down. The cyclist gave no sign of what he would do and cut around the right side of the lorry. Witness looked in the mirror to see if he got around the lorry alright. The accident occurred while he was driving for 30 years, and had the 5, 10 and 15 years Road Safety medals. He admitted that he should have stopped at the sign.

Supt. Devine said that when Guard Keane examined the lorry after the accident he found that the u-bolt was missing.

Justice Hurley allowed £3 8s. 4d. expenses against the defendant.

**Meeting Adjourns As A Mark Of Respect**  
The monthly meeting of the Limerick Mental Hospital Committee held last Saturday was adjourned as a mark of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Patrick O'Connell, B.C. who had been a member of the Board for many years.

The adjournment was proposed by Rt. Rev. Monsignor Moloney, P.P., V.F., who paid a tribute to the personal qualities of the late Mr. O'Connell.

### HOPING TO RETAIN CHAMPIONSHIP



Mr. Bob Hamilton, Moylish Road, Ballynanty, Limerick, pictured to-day with his champion pigeon, "Moylish Boy" and three of the cups which he has won with his racing pigeons. This afternoon one of his birds is expected to win the Coleraine Race Cup, of which Mr. Hamilton is the present holder.

### Exciting Pigeon Race Concluded In Limerick To-Day

**SILENTLY, gracefully and almost unknowingly 78 Limerick racing pigeons concluded a race from far-away Coleraine, in the North of Ireland, late this afternoon, and were clocked into their owners' lofts here. They were competing for an attractive silver cup held by last year's winner of the race, Mr. Bob Hamilton, 16, Moylish Road, Ballynantybeg, in a race in which over 200 pigeons took part. The result will be known to-night.**

Last Friday the 78 Limerick racing pigeons were sent by train to Coolraime and the race began early to-day and it was expected that it would take five hours to complete. Two Limerick clubs, namely the Riverside Flying Club and the City Flying Club, had entries in the race, which is the last major event of the current season.

They were competing with clubs from Mallow, Dungarvan, Waterford, Cork, Thurles and Clonmel.

**HOLDER OF CUP.**  
Winner of the cup last year was Mr. Bob Hamilton, who this year entered six of his 80 pigeons. Gancier 32-year-old Bob is a keen fancier and although he has only been interested in the hobby for three years, has the splendid record of having won 12 first prizes and four seconds. He might well be described as champion racing enthusiast of Limerick.

At his home to-day he was awaiting with excited anticipation the incoming pigeons, wondering whether he would retain the cup again this year. He told our reporter that he was keen and he expected a thrilling finish. When asked how the finish would be known he explained: "Every owner who has an entrant has an automatic time clock in his pigeon loft and this would automatically clock him in the finishing time of the birds. The birds flew non-stop from Coolraime, which is a distance of nearly 200 miles; but this is not surprising when one takes into account that stamina is one of the remarkable features of racing pigeons."

### U.S. PRESIDENT UNABLE TO VISIT DUBLIN

**THE American Ambassador in Dublin to-day received information that President Eisenhower would not be able to stop at Dublin on his way back to America, as his schedule of appointments would not permit it.**

The information was sent by an American Senator, V. Amuso, who is staying in Dublin at present. He had sent a telegram to President Eisenhower inviting him: "to shake hands at Dublin Airport with President de Valera and meet the only American-born head of a State outside the U.S.A."

An official at the Embassy in Dublin said to-day that President Eisenhower had arranged to have lunch with the President of Iceland on his way back and had a strict schedule to keep.

To-day President Eisenhower bade farewell to Scotland and took off from Prestwick en route for Washington.

### The Chalice For Padre Pio

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")  
Dear Sir—Through the medium of your widely circulated paper I would like to inform the public, and to draw attention to the fact, that 99 per cent. of the subscriptions which I am receiving for the chalice and ciborium of which I have the great honour of presenting to Padre Pio on behalf of the people of Limerick, has been donated by the working class people, of which I feel proud in being alone to the City of Limerick and County, but to all parts of Ireland. Some of these people, who could ill afford to give, but what they did give they gave it with a big heart. And what better way could these good Catholics place their troubles before God than through the medium of the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass, celebrated by Padre Pio using the chalice and ciborium which they are sending him? These are the people of whom I will speak of to the people of Limerick for their prayer in a special way for their intentions. These are the people who are the very foundation of our Faith and the real backbone of our country.

### Re-Opening Of "Feasts Of Music" In "Little Flower" Hall

(To the Editor, "Limerick Leader")  
Dear Mr. Editor—Knowing that you are interested in true culture, I am confident you will do your utmost to make space in your Limerick Leader for the following letter to music-lovers. Thanking you in anticipation.

That the Little Flower Hall, in Limerick, is the centre of culture (strict interpretation of the word), goes without saying. It came as no surprise, therefore, to have been asked from several of our cultured class when the feasts of music in the Little Flower Hall were about to begin, if I could read their relief when I was able to inform them that all would be back to normal on the nights of

### Accident Described "As A Kind of Mystery"

**AN accident was described in the Court this afternoon by a defendant as a mystery to him.** As a result of the accident, he carried a short distance on the bonnet and injured.

The defendant in question was Peter Fagan, Mill Road, Corbally, and he was charged with dangerous driving on July 11 between St. Mary's Church and O'Dwyer's Bridge at 11.45 p.m.

Supt. J. B. O'Neill, prosecuting and Mr. J. J. Sexton, solr., appeared for the defendant. Olive Cannon, a nurse, stated that on the date in question she was walking along the road between St. Mary's Church and O'Dwyer's Bridge at about 11.45 p.m. She was accompanied by Alphonsus Hilton who was walking inside her with a bicycle. She heard the noise of a car coming behind her and stepped behind her companion. Next thing that happened was that she was struck, and remembered no more. She was taken to hospital.

**ON THE BONNET.**  
Alphonsus Hilton, 27 Cross Roads, Thomonogue, said that when the girl stopped behind him the next thing he observed was the girl sailing past him on the bonnet of a car.

Peter Goodwin, Rathlawn, Rhyebogue Avenue, Corbally, said that he was driving his car in the opposite direction. He saw the boy and girl walking and he was passing them when he heard the impact. The girl was taken to hospital.

Guard John Hickey said that he examined the defendant's car and found a big hole in the windscreen. He also discovered a comb and an earring, the property of Miss Cannon, in the car.

Defendant, in evidence, said that the car was a fairly steep incline where the accident occurred. He did not notice the girl or her companion as he was watching on-coming traffic. He had his lights dimmed.

In reply to his solicitor, the defendant said that there was a haze of rain at the time and the accident was a "kind of mystery" as far as he was concerned.

Cross-examined by Superintendent O'Neill, defendant said that he did not see the girl on the bonnet of his car at all.

Asked to account for the presence of the comb and the earring in the car, defendant said he could not do so, although he would not suggest that they had been placed there.

Questioned by the Justice as to why he did not see the girl on the bonnet of his car, defendant said that he could not say why.

The Justice remarked that the defendant did not appear to have good eyesight and should not be driving at night time.

**FACTS QUITE CLEAR.**  
He added that the facts of the case were quite clear. The girl was taken along on the bonnet and was thrown off. She was very fortunate to be alive. The outstanding factor of the case was that the defendant did not see the girl and her bicycle and was even now not sure whether she was there. The defendant, however, was a perfectly honest witness but he doubted very much if he should be driving at night and if he was not able to do so he would certainly be a menace to everybody. The evidence seemed to indicate that there would have to be a conviction for dangerous driving and he would impose a fine of £4.

Supt. O'Neill said that there were no previous convictions but there were £5 expenses. The Justice ordered the defendant to pay £5 expenses and said that in view of the fact that there was no previous conviction there was no reason to endorse a defendant's licence.

Mr. David Punch, solr., held a watching brief for an interested party.

Thomas F. Dillon, North Circular Road, Limerick, was fined £3 for

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