

HURLER INJURED: JURY DISAGREE

By LEADER REPORTER

A CIRCUIT Court jury in Limerick failed to agree on a verdict, after a 2½-hour absence in the case of two brothers each accused of assault...

Placing not guilty to common assault on Mr Dunne on 27th September 1987 at Catherine Street was Thomas O'Donoghue (27) of 83 Lenihan Avenue, Prospect, Limerick.

Both were remanded on bail to 13th March next by Judge Kevin O'Higgins. Appearing for the State was Mr Michael McMahon, BL, instructed by Mr Michael Murray, state solicitor.

Plasterer Thomas Dunne (29), single, self-employed plasterer, Adare, told the court that on the date in question he went into Chawke's pub in Adare where he had four pints.

He then went to Kerin's pub, where he had three or four more pints, before leaving at 10.50 p.m. to go to the Noel Edward pub.

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Cross-examined by Mr. Brennan, witness said he did not see a blow at any person. Michael Dillon, who accompanied the last witness, said he had one pint in Adare, three in Kerin's pub in Limerick, and one in the Noel Edward.

"I saw two people who I did not know on the taxi, who were in Catherine Street. I got a slip on the side of the car from the second person I was passing, and I fell to the ground," said witness, who added that the next thing he saw was Tom Dunne lying on the footpath with blood coming from his mouth and nose.

Put to witness by Mr. Edwards that he attempted to intervene in an argument, witness replied: "I did not."

Witness said that the injured party was admitted to the intensive care unit, but later transferred to Cork Regional Hospital. Replying to Mr. Nix, witness agreed that the injury could have been caused by a fall.

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John Barragry told the court that as he left Flannery's pub and went towards the taxi rank, he saw an argument outside O'Connor's butcher shop.

Later, while in the taxi, his attention was drawn to a man lying on the ground, whom he later went to assist. Cross-examined by Mr. Nix, witness agreed that he said in his statement that two people approached that part of the street where two people were.

Det Gd P. J. O'Sullivan said that on Monday, 5th October 1987, he went with Det Gd Peter Acton to Paul O'Donoghue's home and brought him to Henry Street station, where he made a statement. Det Noel Daly said that on 5th October 1987, he called on Thomas O'Donoghue at his home, who later made a statement at Henry Street Station.

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Thomas. He had a pint or two at the Noel Edward pub and then went to Gullivers and later again to the Oyster, having a couple of pints in each.

Argument

At about closing time, he and Catherine Street when they had an argument.

As they did so, a man approached them from a white van, across the road, and made a blocked blow but the man took another swipe at Tom and he (witness) hit him.

Another man came over, and his brother hit him, the man falling backwards, hitting his head. They became nervous and ran up the street. It was only later, when they saw an account of the incident in the Limerick Leader, with a picture of Thomas Dunne, that they realised what had happened.

Cross-examined, he agreed that Dunne had hit him first. Thomas O'Donoghue, in evidence, said that he had one to two pints at the Noel Edward pub, and he fell back on his head and got an awful bang.

Cross-examined, he said he got for him and his brother first. In the pub, he met Michael Dillon, a neighbour, and they decided to go to the Noel Edward pub, where they arrived at 8.10 p.m. and parked in Catherine Street.

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Gaeilscoil O Doghair, Newcastle West on stage during their performance.

Limerick stars in Slogadh successes

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

AT THE regional finals of Slogadh Gael-Linn '89 in Ennis at the weekend it was the youngest competitors (the under 7 category) who stole the show.

Scoll Christ Ri, Caheravrin, Limerick, turned up trumps again with their musical drama.

In the musical competitions there was an enjoyable display from the F.C.J. Limerick in the orchestra competition and also in the action verse competition.

The next stage for Slogadh will be Slogadh Naisianta '89 which will be held in Ennis for the second year running, from March 29-April 2. The following list of entries will be taking part:

Musical Drama: U. 7, S.N. Bhaile Uí Charthaigh, Newmarket-on-Fergus, Co. Clare; Gaeilscoil O Doghair, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.

U. 9: S.N. Ath a' Mhuilinn, Castletroy, Limerick; Scoll Christ Ri, Caheravrin, Limerick; U. 12: S.N. Chathair Laighlin, Cathair Leagain; S.N. Bhaile na Caili, Inis, Co. Clare.

Drama: U. 9, Scoll na mBrathaire, Inis, Co. Clare; Gaeilscoil Mhichil Cioisog, Inis, Co. An Chlair.

U. 12: Scoll Chorp Christ, Moyross, Limerick. Action Verse: U. 7, Gaeilscoil O Doghair, Newcastle West, Co. Limerick.

U. 15: F.C.J. Convent, Limerick. Storytelling: U. 7, Micheal O Cuilleainn, Gaeilscoil Mhichil Cioisog, Inis, Co. An Chlair.

U. 9: Damien O Cathasaigh, Gaeilscoil Mhichil Cioisog, Inis, Co. An Chlair. U. 12: Oisín Mae Diarmada, C.C.E., An Croisín, Co. Clare.

Orchestra: U. 18, Clochar F.C.J., Luimneach.

Non-Performance Competitions—Photography: U. 15, Labhras O hIldeasaigh, Scoll Villiers, Limerick; Eadaoin Ni Chearnaigh, Scoll Villiers, Limerick.

U. 9: Ross Mac Comnara, Lissycasey, Ennis, Co. Clare; U. 15: Doire Mac Comnara, Lissycasey, Ennis, Co. Clare; Tara Mac Comnara, Lissycasey, Ennis, Co. Clare.

U. 15: Michelle Ni Ghormain, Scoll Mhuire, Ennistymon, Co. Clare. U. 18: Máirín de Brun, Colaiste Fhlannainn, Ennis.

U. 21: Maire Ni Fhoinnfhachain, Lissycasey, Co. Clare. Song and Dance: U. 12, S.N. Toinn a'Tairbh, Cappamore, Co. Limerick; U. 15: Scoll Phobail Chaimin Naofa, Shannon, Co. Clare; Clochar F.C.J., Luimneach.

U. 18: Meanscoil Mhuire, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary. Dance Drama: U. 18, Scoll Mhuire, Ennistymon, Co. Clare. Pop Group: U. 18, Nenagh Technical School, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

U. 15: Grupa na Sallaiceach, North Circular Rd., Limerick. Variety Singing Group: U. 9, Scoll Cheoil O'Brien Vaughan, Ennis, Co. Clare.

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Harmony Singing Group: U. 15, Scoll Mhuire, Ennistymon, Co. Clare. U. 18: Scoll Mhuire, Ennistymon, Co. Clare.

Irish Choir: U. 9, Scoll Christ Ri, Caheravrin, Limerick; Cor Chiarain, An Ghealmhoinn, Limerick.

U. 12: Presentation School, Limerick; S.N. Toinn a'Tairbh, Cappamore, Co. Limerick. U. 15: Cor Scoll Mhuire, Ennistymon, Co. Clare.

U. 18: Cantoiri na Boirne, Ennistymon, Co. Clare; Clochar F.C.J., Luimneach. U. 21: Cor Non Nobis Domine, Shannon, Co. Clare.

Liturgical Choir: U. 12, Ballynacally N.S., Ennis, Co. Clare. U. 15: Clochar F.C.J., Luimneach. U. 18: Clochar F.C.J., Luimneach.

Traditional Instrumental Group: U. 7, Broadford, Co. Clare. U. 12: Ballynacally N.S., Ennis, Co. Clare. U. 18: Scoll Mhuire, Ennistymon, Co. Clare; Nenagh Technical School, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

U. 26: Colaiste Mhuire Gan Smal, Luimneach. Celli Band: U. 12, Banna Ceili na hInse A, Killeenora, Co. Clare; Banna Ceili na hInse B, Killeenora, Co. Clare.

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U. 21: Banna Ceili Naomh Fhachtna, Killeenora, Co. Clare. Traditional Set: U. 9, Set Naomh Mhuire, Ruadhan, Barefield, Ennis, Co. Clare.

U. 12: Set Naomh Fionnbarra, Barefield, Ennis, Co. Clare; Set Naomh Damien, do.; Set Naomh Eoin, do.; Set Cill Mhuire, Sixmilebridge, Co. Clare.

U. 15: Sixmilebridge Set, Co. Clare; Set Naomh Gearoid, do.; Set Naomh Mhuire, Lissycasey, Co. Clare; Set Naomh breandán, Barefield, Co. Clare; Set Bhaile Artuile, Nenagh, Co. Tipperary.

U. 18: Set Naomh Pdraig, Barefield, Co. Clare; Barefield, Co. Clare; Set Naomh Breandán, do.; Set Eire Og, do.; Set Bhaile na Ruadhain, do.

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U. 26: Set Lissycasey, Ennis, Co. Clare. Gd Sgt Michael Dunlevy, of Rathkeale station, replying to Mr Michael McMahon, BL, instructed by State solicitor, Mr Michael Murray, said that on 31st March 1988, the accused was in Rathkeale, where he had five or six pints of beer and set out home at about 5.30 p.m.

On his way home, he said, accused passed by his former home, a Council pre-fab which was unoccupied, and went to look at it. It was tenanted by an uncle, who had left it three months previously to enter hospital. It measured 22 feet by 10 feet.

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'SET FIRE TO BED IN UNCLE'S HOUSE'

By LEADER REPORTER

A 48-YEAR-OLD bachelor from Croagh, Co Limerick, set fire to a bed he was lying on in an uncle's home.

However, Judge Kevin O'Higgins decided to adjourn the case to 13th March, so that a medical report could be furnished on the accused.

Anthony Costello (48), single, of Newport, Croagh, pleaded guilty to setting fire to a house at Ballymacave, Croagh, the property of Limerick County Council and Francis Costello, with intent to injure them, on 31st March 1988.

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Accused was a man "quiet in himself", who had never before come under the unfavourable attention of the authorities. He had a drink problem, and he had no place to stay except with another household.

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TRAGIC DEATH OF SR MARY PHILOMENA

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

WHEN NEWS reached the Hanly family that their sister Sr Mary Philomena (Peggy Hanly), had been killed by a car the previous night as she returned from church, they were left stunned and shocked.

There was the unbelief that one who was so careful in traffic was now a victim of a passing car at a pedestrian crossing. Telephone calls from Longenton, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, throughout the day only confirmed the reality of the accident.

Sr. Mary Philomena, Peggy, was born on July 9th, 1920, in Moig, Aiskeaton, the second child of a family of eight. At an early age she entered the Convent of Mercy, Ahlinck, Northumberland, and on January 27th, 1940, she made her first profession.

She went on to teacher training at the Convent of Mercy Training College, Hull, and for eight years taught at the Catholic Primary School, Ahlinck. In the autumn of 1952 she transferred to the Catholic Primary School, Crook, Co. Durham.

In his impressive homily, Father Conaty paid tribute to Sister Philomena's lively faith, her deep prayer-life, her undoubted loyalty to her Order, the Church, her family, relatives and friends, indeed to all whom she ministered to.

It was, above all, her graciousness that enabled her to tread gently through life, see quickly other's needs, patiently lend a helping hand, be a first-class teacher and usher in God's presence wherever she happened to be.

As a handicapped person at the graveside said: her life was its own testimonial and it had known Sister Philomena was to have loved her, admired her and respected her. While she will be sorely missed one can only appreciate the goodness and love that went forth from her and to say with St. Paul: "I give thanks to my God in every remembrance of you."

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evening at which there was a large attendance of family, relatives and friends. Twenty members of the immediate family were present at the removal of the remains to Longenton Church on Thursday night and at the funeral Mass next day. Sisters of Mercy from the many communities came in their hundreds to bid farewell to a much beloved fellow-member; a large number of diocesan priests and Pallottines, hundreds of parishioners from Crook, Ponteland, Ahlinck and Longenton were in attendance.

The chief celebrant was her brother, Father William Hanly, Provincial of the Pallottine Fathers, and the homilist was Father Sean Conaty, parish priest of Longenton.

It was a beautiful liturgy as the entire congregation eagerly participated in the singing of some of Sr. Philomena's favourite hymns. She was buried in a nearby cemetery.

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Car 'was being driven unsteadily'

By LEADER REPORTER

A MAN WHO drove with a urine-alcohol concentration of 329 units, and whose driving was determined to be careless, was fined £350 with a year's disqualification and double endorsement at Kilmallock court.

Justice Joseph Mangan observed that if the defendant, Edward Dundon, 3 St Munchin's Terrace, Brurea, should try to recover his licence within the year, it would be the court's fervent wish that a previous conviction from 1983 should be brought to light at that time.

Sergeant Michael Curran, in evidence, said that he was operating a checkpoint at midnight on August 4th last, and saw the car 100 yards away. It was being driven unsteadily, he said, and the car accelerated away as it passed.

Mr John Waters, solicitor, said that the defendant had been involved in a serious accident on a previous occasion.

For careless driving, a £50 fine, a year's disqualification and endorsement was imposed. For the drink-related charge, a £300 fine, with a year's disqualification and endorsement was decided upon.

'Hospital only at 60 per cent capacity' CROOM Orthopaedic Hospital is only working at 60% of its capacity, Councillor Michael Healy claimed at a Mid-Western health board meeting.

But the appointment of an anaesthetist which could increase the level of activity in the operating theatres at Croom by at least 10%, has been held up because the new Comhairle na nOspidale hasn't been appointed.

Mr Denis Doherty, CEO, said that the appointment had to be referred to the comhairle, which had yet to be appointed. "It is urgent," he told the board, "that we get our anaesthetic cover up to full complement."

He agreed that the orthopaedic unit at Croom was not functioning to full capacity at present. "The budgetary situation is what prevents us from getting what is required," he said.

As for an anaesthetic cover was concerned, he said, the board was looking at all its requirements in Limerick at the moment, including full co-ordination with St John's Hospital.

No licence Philip O'Sullivan, No 1, Gortkinnillock, was fined £10 at Bruff court for not having a current driving licence.



Taking part in the Slogadh regional finals, students from Laurel Hill and their group "Feadaniolair," Whistle of the Eagle, before going on stage in St. Flannan's College.

Convent school to be tourist hostel

£100 total

Patrick Knight, Lord, fined a total of £100 at the local court. He was fined £20 for not displaying a current tax disc and £110 for parking on a double yellow line on October 7th last, and £50, and £50 respectively for identical offences on October 26th.

By LEADER REPORTER THE OLD convent school, St. Anne's, in Killaloe, is to become a tourist hostel.

The building, run as a secondary school by the Sisters of Mercy, until the opening of the new Community College at Clonsilla, is to be open in May as a hostel providing an initial 34 beds.

The venture is the brain child of the Killaloe Development Co-Op, founded in 1985, to provide jobs in East Clare. Sr. Margaret Lee, secretary, said that the society recognised the need for more tourist accom-

modation in the scenic lakeside town. The new hostel will have 64 beds when finally completed. The society has already created nine jobs in East Clare—three in knitting and sewing, three in light engineering, one in management and two on the town's new pitch and turf course.

Preparations are now in hand for a grand hall at £50 a head in the Lakeside Hotel on March 16th. MC will be Sean O'Doherty from Limerick, and music will be by the Dave Moyhinan Orchestra. A benefit auction is also planned for February 26th.

The co-op committee members are Sean Sullivan, chairman; Sr. Margaret, secretary, and committee, Tim Moloney, Robin Sinclair, Gerard McKeogh, Brendan Foley, Mary Gibbons and the manager of the co-op, Martin Fitzgerald. Kevin O'Farrell of sailing fame, is also involved.