

MINISTER OPENS ARDS HOSPITAL EXTENSION

IN TACKLING THE TWO PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF THE increased cost of the hospital services—infantile and expanding services—great care must be taken to ensure that Northern Ireland's not unlimited resources are distributed to the best advantage, the Minister of Health and Local Government, Mr. J. L. O. Andrews, declared to-day.

He was speaking at the opening of new buildings at Ards Hospital, Newtownards.

Mr. Andrews referred to the loss which the area had suffered through the death of Mr. Thomas Baul, chairman of North Down Hospitals Management Committee.

Each new hospital project, he said, was a monument to the patient perseverance and thoughtful planning of the management committees and the Hospital Authority and to the Government's liberal policy in capital expenditure on hospitals over the last five years. It was the third major addition to the facilities at Ards Hospital since the Government took over the financial responsibility for the running of hospitals in 1948.

FIRST-CLASS

The additional accommodation provided by the three new buildings would bring the standard in almost all departments of Ards Hospital up to that required in a first-class modern area hospital.

The Hospital Authority was most anxious to see the hospital services improved, not only in the North Down area, but in every part of the Province, but its difficulty was that it had to cope with the demands of 29 other equally enthusiastic hospital management committees in allocating available resources.

The Authority had not only to hold the balance between various demands for capital improvement, but must have an eye to the more important aspect of providing the money to meet the day-to-day cost of running services which the capital improvements represented.

Hospital running costs had risen steadily since 1948 and were continuing to rise.

Settlement announced

AFTER a jury was sworn in the High Court, Belfast, to-day before Lord Justice Curran, a settlement was announced in a claim and counter-claim action which arose out of a road accident at Newtownards, Ballymoney, on November 7, 1956.

The plaintiff, John O'Neill, butcher, William Street, Ballymoney, claimed for damage done to his motor car by a lorry owned by Frank Patton, contractor, Ballymoney, who had died since the accident.

The defendants were Mrs. Molly Patton, widow, and administrators of Frank Patton's estate, and John Anderson, Leaside, Newtownards, Ballymoney, driver of the lorry.

The claim for damage to the motor car and the counter-claim for damage to the lorry.

Plaintiff was awarded £225 damages on the claim and was given judgment against defendant on the counter-claim with costs to be taxed as agreed.

Mr. Ambrose McDermott, Q.C., and Mr. J. Wilson (instructed by Mr. James Ballantine) were for plaintiff, of Mr. E. W. Jones, Q.C., and Mr. J. Boyle, for the defendants.

U.S. READY TO LAUNCH SATELLITE

UNITED States scientists were reported ready and waiting to-day to fire their country's first artificial satellite into space.

A spokesman for project "Vanguard" said yesterday the three-stage rocket was on the launching site at the Air Force missile test centre at Cape Canaveral, Florida. Its final stage is to carry a six-inch satellite to a height of altitude of between 200 and 300 miles and send it into orbit.

Major factor is the weather. Spokesmen said ideal conditions for the firing would be a still day, with winds of not more than 15 miles an hour, though it would still be possible to launch even in the firing if they were as strong as 25 miles an hour.

The winds remained strong during the night, and it was stated that Wednesday seemed a likely day for the launching.

Unofficial observers clearly saw the crane of the Vanguard rocket from nearby beaches. Last night a red beacon shone at its top and two white lights were at its base as it stood outlined against the sky.

Ulster potato stand should catch all eyes

NORTHERN Ireland's seed potato trade, worth more than £1,500,000 a year, has a striking shop window in a stand arranged by the Ministry of Agriculture at the Smithfield Show which opened at Earls Court, London, to-day.

Samples of 18 varieties of Ulster potatoes are on show, seven of them raised by Mr. John Clarke, Glaxanoora, Newcastle Co. Antrim, a noted producer of fresh varieties.

Representatives of about 20 Northern Ireland merchants are expected at the show from tomorrow. The stand, doing business with growers in Britain and many overseas countries.

Of the 83,000 tons of seed exported in 1956-57 about 57,000 tons were sold abroad, the remainder being bought by growers in Great Britain.

Figures available at the Ministry's stand also show that about 200 tons were shipped for human consumption in England and Wales, and about 15,000 tons exported abroad.

A further 64,000 tons were processed in Northern Ireland factories and 7,000 tons sent for processing in Eire. The total tonnage represented a cash value for Northern Ireland of well over £2,000,000.



A BUSY MARKET SCENE IN THE HEART OF BELFAST

The Law Courts and the headquarters of the Belfast Fire Brigade form an imposing backdrop to a busy scene at May's Market which every week sees an influx of farmers and traders from all over Northern Ireland. A few hours frantic selling and thousands of tons of produce—enough, perhaps, to feed a city—change ownership. The market presents a modern scene. Notice the absence of horse and cart and the number of new, streamlined cars. Agriculture is highly mechanised to-day and the farmer is not going to be bothered with an old 'jalopy' for travelling about in when he is accustomed to up-to-date, powerful machines on his farm.

DUBLIN MEN FINED FOR DAMAGING RADIO CAB

FIVE TAXI MEN APPEARED in the Dublin District Court to-day on remand on charges arising out of the unauthorised taking of a radio cab between 5 and 8 a.m. on November 15.

The men were Sean Kavanagh (30) and Edward O'Brien (34), taxi owners; James O'Brien (42), brother of Edward; Roman Farrell (28) and Joseph Scully (21), all taxi drivers.

They were further charged to-day with damaging the cab to the extent of £9 15s. All the men pleaded guilty, and were each fined a total of £4 and ordered to pay compensation of £3 7s 6d each.

Dublin Hire Cars, Ltd. is a firm operating in Dublin under the control of a Belfast firm. Det-Inspector E. Garvey said that on the night in question a party for a Dublin doctor who was departing for the United States was attended by the defendants. Afterwards they went into the street and 'phoned for a radio cab.

The cab arrived shortly afterwards and the five men got in. When they came to Talight, about three miles away, the driver was directed to turn up a side road and after about a mile was told to pull up.

ORDERED OUT

The men then ordered the driver out of the cab and they drove it away. The cab was subsequently discovered parked in a Dublin street.

The Inspector said the men thought they had a grievance with regard to radio cabs, which, it was alleged, picked up fares along the streets.

Mr. M. Good, solicitor for the defendants, said that within recent times the competition from radio cabs had developed practices which his clients alleged was not fair.

The men felt they had a grievance and they decided to do what they did. They now regretted it. In imposing the fines, Justice K. Heekin said that even though the men might be passing through a difficult time it was his duty to see that the law was maintained.

Arab jailed for assault

MOHAMED Achmed Mohamed Aly, a 46-year-old Arab seaman from the S.S. Dimitris, now berthed at the Pollock Dock, Belfast, was sent to prison for two months at the Custody Court to-day when convicted of assaulting the chief officer, P. Tomlinson.

The assault was stated to have taken place on board the ship on Saturday night.

Mr. V. Gresson, who prosecuted on behalf of the Belfast Harbour Commissioners, said his instructions were that since the vessel had left Ards, Aly had been a constant source of trouble.

Mr. K. Papadimitriou, Belfast agent for the owners of the ship, acted as interpreter during the hearing of the case, as Aly speaks no English.

Germans want to buy British atomic plant

WEST GERMANY'S biggest electricity company announced to-day that it was interested in buying a £38,000,000 British atomic power plant.

A spokesman for the company, Rheinisch-Westfälische Elektrizitätswerke of Essen, said the only real consideration was whether an atomic power station could generate electricity as cheaply as coal.

The company owns vast deposits of German brown coal. The spokesman said that his firm has been interested in buying a 200 megawatt atomic power plant

Boy seriously ill after 80 feet chimney fall

WILLIAM MCINALLY (16), of Saracen Street, Glasgow, who fell 80 feet inside a chimney stack at Glasgow yesterday, was still seriously ill in Glasgow Royal Infirmary to-day.

He has pneumonia—believed to have been caused by inhaling soot. But the same soot saved his life by breaking his fall. McInally lay inside the chimney injured for two hours before other youths heard his cries for help.

Firemen and police had to smash down a two-foot thick wall and break into the chimney to release him. It is thought he climbed an iron ladder from the roof to the top of the chimney and then lost his footing.

Two boys, aged 13 and 14, who were alleged to have been in the building at the time McInally fell down the chimney, appeared at Glasgow Central Juvenile Court to-day, accused of housebreaking with intent to steal.

They were remitted to the Sheriff and ordered to be detained for four days in the remand home.

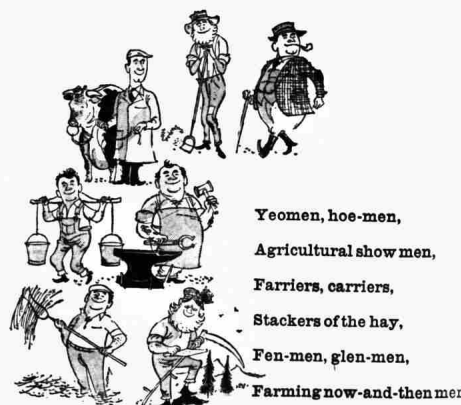
Driver fined for speeding

JAMES K. MORRISON, 21 Ravenhill Park, Belfast, was fined £5 and had his licence endorsed at Whiteabbey Petty Sessions to-day, for driving a motor vehicle in excess of the maximum permitted speed of 30 miles per hour at Whiteabbey on November 11.

District Inspector R. G. N. Speers said Morrison, before he had been stopped by the police, was travelling 48-49 miles per hour.

Robert Young, 19 Crosby Way, Andersonstown, Belfast, was fined £8 for being dangerously and recklessly on November 3. He was also fined 10s for having a defective hand-brake.

John Davey, The Tongue Lough, Kilroot, Carrickfergus, was fined 20s for refusing to pay a U.K.A. bus conductor in respect of fare from Belfast to Carrickfergus on September 6. He was similarly fined for being drunk and disorderly on the same date.



Yeomen, hoe-men,
Agricultural show men,
Farriers, carriers,
Stackers of the hay,
Fen-men, glen-men,
Farming now-and-then men,
Ditchers, pitchers,
All are sure to say—

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...FINEST QUALITY FARM FUELS



A hot Milk drink at bedtime makes him whistle a happy tune at 5 o'clock in the morning

Tom O'Neill is a healthy, happy man. See him early in the morning or at the end of a long day—he's always the same. 'Tireless Tom', the other drivers call him.

Tom's job takes him on many a long run. He drives by night and by day, in fog and rain, through busy streets, up winding roads, down narrow lanes. Eyes glued to the road ahead for hour upon hour. And yet it never seems to take a feather out of him!

What keeps Tom O'Neill so cheerful? What gives him so much energy?

Even at the end of a long and arduous journey Tom is ready to help unload his lorry—unlike some of the other drivers, many of whom complain of tiredness even before they start the day. Such tiredness is often endured unnecessarily.

Tom O'Neill has always made a habit of taking a hot milk drink before he goes to bed. Doctors recommend bedtime milk. It provides the night-time nourishment the body needs. Because milk is not only a very digestible food, it is the most complete food there is. A hot milk drink soothes you, brings you deeper, health-giving sleep. You wake refreshed and sparkling. That's how bedtime milk gives you daytime energy.



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