

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 14th DECEMBER, 1934.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,  
Secretary, Wexford Co. Council.

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The Monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th December, 1934.

Mr. Denis Allen, (Chairman), presided. Also present Messrs. J.J. Bowe, P. Colfer, J. Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, J. Cummins, M. Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, W. Kinsella, James Lawlor, T.J. Maylor, T. McCarthy, S.O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Patrick Ronan, Thomas Redmond, Michael Redmond, M. Smyth, M. Sweetman and J.E. Walsh.

The Co. Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and the five Assistant Surveyors of the County Council were also in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £10,836:16:9d was examined and signed.

#### PROTEST AGAINST CHANGE OF DATE OF MEETING

In connection with the change of monthly meeting of County Council from 10th to 14th December, 1934, by directions of the Chairman the following under date 5th December, 1934, was read from Col. Quin, Co. Councillor:-

"Your letter re change of time for Council meeting received. I think it is most uncalled for to change the time of the meeting like this. It should only be done by the whole County Council. It is inconvenient for me personally and I would like to protest most strongly against it."

Mr. Doyle said that complaints had been made to him about the alteration of the meeting. It was an inconvenience to other members as well as Col. Quin. For instance, it was an inconvenience to himself. He thought the changing of a meeting was a job for the whole Council and not for the Chairman or individuals.

The Chairman said he was approached by some members who asked if it would be possible to have the meeting fixed for



some other day instead of Monday as they wished to attend a meeting at New Ross on Monday at which the Minister for Industry and Commerce was to be present.

Mr. McCarthy said he had no objection to facilities being granted to members of the Council who wished to attend any function on the occasion of the visit of a Minister to the County, but he agreed with Mr. Doyle that a fixed meeting of the Council ought not to be changed without the consent of the Council as a whole, and he doubted that the Chairman had any power to change the date of a meeting. According to their Standing Orders there was a fixed meeting to be held on the second Monday of the month, and no Standing Order could be changed except in accordance with conditions laid down in the Standing Orders.

Secretary - Of course it is also understood that the Chairman can call a meeting at any time.

Mr. Cummins contended that the Chairman had no authority to change the meeting.

Mr. Walsh thought it was mentioned at a meeting of the Health Board that Mr. T. Redmond and himself would be at the meeting in New Ross.

Mr. Doyle - The matter has been aired now, and I am quite satisfied.

Mr. T. Redmond - How many members of the Council have been inconvenienced by the postponement of the meeting?

Mr. Cummins - Everyone here; here is one.

Mr. Corish - The Chairman did his best to oblige everyone.

The Chairman said it might convenience any group of members at any time to have a meeting postponed, and if it could be done he thought it should be done at all times. At least four members of the Council mentioned the matter of a postponement to him. Mr. Walsh was the first to ask him if anything could be done, and Miss O'Ryan, Mr. T. Redmond and



Mr. Corish mentioned the matter to him also.

Mr. Doyle - I thought the whole Council appealed to you, and instead of that there were only four out of the twentyseven and the County Council had not even an invitation to the thing.

Mr. Keegan said that the ten members of the Finance Committee could not be inconvenienced by attending on Friday as they would be there that day anyhow.

After further discussion the matter dropped.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 16th NOVEMBER, 1934:- The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on the 16th November, 1934.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, Co. Council, (presided) also Messrs. P. Colfer, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor, Co. Solicitor and Rates Inspector, were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4197:6:6d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF: The following shows the condition of the Rate Collection to 16th November, 1934:-

<u>Name of Rate Collector</u>		<u>Percentage 1934/35</u>
		<u>Rate Lodged</u>
		<u>15/11/1934.</u>
1.	S. Gannon (No.6)	43.4
2.	J. Curtis	40.5
3.	E.J. Murphy	40.2
4.	M. Kehoe	39.8
5.	W. Cummins	32.5
6.	P. Carty	32.3
7.	J. Flood	31.9
8.	J. Deegan	31.1
9.	D. Kenny	30.7
10.	P. Nolan	30.4
11.	P. Doyle	30.0
12.	J. Cummins	29.8
13.	M. McCarthy	29.7
14.	S. Gannon (No.10)	29.5
15.	A. Dunne (No.15)	29.4
16.	J. Quirke	29.2
17.	W. Doyle	27.4
18.	M. Murphy	26.9
19.	A. Dunne (No.13)	26.0
20.	J.J. Sinnott	19.7
Average...		31.5

As compared with the corresponding period last year the Collection was 2.2 per cent behind.

Particulars of arrears of Rate collected to 16th Nov. 1934 were also submitted. The total amount was £1861:0:10d.



ALLOWANCE ON RATE PAID:- The Secretary stated that Mr. A.H. Boxwell 6, Utility Gardens, West Road, Dublin, in returning claim form for abatement of rate on Agricultural land had included a holding the property of his son, who was a minor and who held under a Will which had been produced. Mr. Boxwell now asked that the Council should allow the difference between the amount of Supplementary and the amount of primary Grant which his son would have received were it not for the mistake.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That a sum of £2:6:3d the difference between the amount of Supplementary Grant for relief of rates on agricultural land, and the amount of the Primary Grant, be allowed Mr. A.H. Boxwell, 6, Utility Gardens, West Rd., Dublin, on behalf of his son, a minor."

POUNDAGE ON CREDIT NOTES:- Under date 9th November, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. 24/19/34) that in some Counties Credit Notes had not been utilised, the abatement for agricultural grant having been shown on the Demand Note and, in these Counties, poundage as heretofore, would be paid only on the net sums collected and lodged. The Minister had decided that a uniform practice should be followed and poundage paid only on the net rates collected irrespective of the method by which the several allowances are given. Collectors, therefore, would not be paid poundage on any of the allowances whether shown on the Demand Notes or given by way of Credit Notes.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his decision refusing to agree to the payment of poundage on amount of credit notes to the Rate Collectors of Wexford Co. Council. The Collectors have small Poundage fees and as they will have a certain amount of trouble in regard to credit notes we consider the Minister should agree to this request."



"CUT" IN COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE :- Under date 9th November, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that with regard to the request of the Co. Council as to restoration of the ten per cent reduction of poundage on the first moiety and arrears of the 1933/34 Warrant in view of the fact that over six months elapsed between the earliest date 15th November, 1933, on which a Collector lodged the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears, and the latest date, 18th May, 1934, and that only one-third of the Collectors had lodged by the 1st March, 1934, the Minister could not agree that a reduction of poundage should not be made. He was, however, prepared to revise his decision contained in the Department's letter of the 8th June, 1934, to the following extent:- "That Poundage to the following Collectors who lodged in the months of February and March, 1934, shall be at the normal rate less 5 per cent viz. M. McCarthy, P. Nolan, S. Gannon (No. 6 and No. 10) J. Deegan, J. Cummins, J.J. O'Reilly, D. Kenny, A. Dunne, M. Kehoe, J. Curtis and P. Carty.

This communication means an increase of £49:14:5d to the Collectors whose names appear in the letter of the Department.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in reference to Department's letter of 9th November, 1934, (No. G.132503 & G.137103) we point out to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health that in certain areas in County Wexford the method of Farming does not allow of early payment of first Moiety of Rates and in consequence we are of opinion that poundage withheld in respect of 1933/34 Warrant should be paid to Collectors especially when the Collectors are making a determined effort to get in rates and arrears. If the Minister can see his way to agree to the request of the Co. Council in this matter it would be a great encouragement to the Collectors to leave no stone unturned to secure a satisfactory collection for 1934/35."



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### URBAN DISTRICT DEMANDS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That Enniscorthy Urban District Council be called on to transfer to the County Council without delay the balance of Demand of the Co.Council for year 1933/34."

### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 10th November, 1934, (H.149403-1934 Loch Garman) that the Minister for Finance had sanctioned the loan of £10,000 from the Local Loans Fund to the Wexford Co.Council for the purposes of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, the loan to be repaid on the annuity system within 30 years with Interest at the rate of  $4\frac{3}{4}\%$  per annum. The Deed of Mortgage would be prepared by the Commissioners of Public Works. Application for sanction to the making of individual advances by the Council should be made on the specified forms.

Miss O'Ryan was in favour of dividing the loan into four equal divisions for the four districts of the County. The aim of the Co. Council was to help people all over the County to build as many houses as possible.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Co.Council be recommended to allocate £2,500 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for each of the four districts of the County. That if any of the said districts is not prepared to take advantage of the full amount the balance be allocated to other districts as the Co.Council shall determine."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That 25% of the loan under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be allocated by the 31st December, 1934, 25% by the 28th February, 1935, and the remaining 50% by the 31st March, 1935. That a period of six months be allowed for



"proof of Title where this period in the opinion of the Finance Committee appears essential."

"That our Secretary advertise for applications: only those from persons who have been residing in the Rural Districts of the County for the past twelve months will be entertained up to the 31st March next.

"Applications for unallocated amounts for each district from persons residing in Urban districts and who wish to erect houses in Rural Districts will not be accepted or considered until after 31st March 1935."

In the case of John Hackett, Clonmines, Wellingtonbridge, to whom a loan of £175 had been sanctioned, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote that as requested by the Secretary he had asked Mr. Hackett if he intended proceeding with the building of his house but so far had not received a reply. The Mortgage in this case was completed on 11th November, 1933.

Mr. Colfer said that the delay in this case was caused by the difficulty of securing tradesmen. When they were available Mr. Hackett would proceed with the building.

It was decided to adjourn further consideration of the matter to enable Mr. Colfer, M.C.C., to have an interview with Mr. Hackett.

In the case of Ellen Casey, Ballinamona, Foulksmills, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, reported that the house was almost complete but Mrs. Casey was not availing of £25 the second instalment of the loan in her case.

The Secretary also reported that the following advances which had been approved of would not be availed of:-

W. Orr, Haheenmoor, Killena, £50; P. Grant, Busherstown, Ballymitty, £50; Myles Byrne, Ballynahallen, Gorey, £140, and Mrs. O'Callaghan, Rosslare, £130. Total £395.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the sum of £395 from first loan of £10,000 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts



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"which has not yet been taken be re-allocated."

#### DRAINAGE AT ROSSLARE STRAND

The Co. Surveyor said he had been down in Rosslare that day and found that the drainage of a number of houses there were emptying into a road drain constructed to take off surface water only. Sewage was now being discharged into this drain constituting a nuisance at the end of the road from the railway Station.

The County Surveyor was requested to forward for consideration a Statement in this matter to the County Board of Health.

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL CASES

Notification was received from the District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, that he would make application at Enniscorthy District Court on 29th November, 1934, for an Order under Section 17 (4) of the School Attendance Act 1926 for the committal of Patrick Vardy (11 years and 8 months) and Liam Murphy (12 years and six months) to an Industrial School.

Mr. Gregory, District Court Clerk, Wexford, wrote that application would be made at Wexford District Court on 21st November, 1934, for the committal of Richard Singleton, Wolfe Tone Villas, Wexford, to an Industrial School.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Keegan and adopted, Mr. Colfer dissenting:-

"That the Government Department concerned be requested to inform the Wexford County Council if steps are at all times taken to see that parents make the contribution fixed by the District Court towards the cost of the maintenance of Children committed to Industrial Schools; and if, when the circumstances of the Contributors improve, any attempt is made to secure a higher contribution."



ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURIES

Application for £5:2:8d compensation for cutting telegraph wires at Ferns and Killila was received from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

Miss E.A. Poole, Ballyowen, Gorey, wrote she was applying for £20 for injury to a bullock; G.V. Maher, Ballinkeele, Enniscorthy, applied for £20 for damage to cottage windows, frames etc.

Referred to County Solicitor to defend.

ILLNESS OF MR.R. MALONE.V.S.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture and to the production of Medical Certificate a further three months' leave of absence as from 22nd November, 1934, be granted Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., Mr. Staples, M.R.C.V.S., to continue to discharge the duties in Mr. Malone's district in the meantime.

COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following was submitted from the meeting of the County Council held on 12th instant:- "That the recommendation of Courtown Harbour Committee in respect of repair of Harbour Master's Office, Store and Dwelling-house be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration."

Mr. Keegan said he did not know what repairs could be done at the moment or whether Mr. Murphy was to be Harbour Master or Crane-driver. He was on probation in the position for three months.

The Co.Surveyor - The driving of Crane is in addition to his duties as Harbour Master.

Mr. Keegan said it was believed that the Harbour would develop and if so he would not advise the Council to spend



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money on the present house occupied by the Harbour Master as it would be in the way of any development. It would be much cheaper to build a new house than to repair the existing structure. They should wait until the harbour was cleaned out.

The Co. Surveyor said all he intended doing was to make the house water-tight.

Mr. Keegan said that the Harbour Committee would have brought the matter of this house and the Weigh-house before the Council twelve months ago but he was informed rightly or wrongly that the lease of the two places was almost up.

The Co. Surveyor said that so far as he knew the Harbour Master's house belonged to the Council but the Weigh-house did not. He did not know this until he had examined records which the late Lord Courtown allowed him to inspect and from which he had made a copy of the plan of the harbour and its appurtenances.

Mr. O'Byrne said it appeared as if the former Lord Courtown had retained at the harbour anything that was of any good. In his opinion the Council had only a lease of the Harbour Master's house and the weighbridge.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Councillors representing Gorey County Electoral Area be appointed a Committee to define, with the assistance of the Co. Surveyor, the area and boundaries of Courtown Harbour and to report to the Co. Council the particulars of property owned by them at said harbour."

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and the Chairman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That only essential repairs to Harbour Master's house at Courtown Harbour be carried out for the present."



WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE AT  
NEW ROSS

In connection with report from Sergeant Connor (3836) as to lack of accommodation for Weights and Measures Work at New Ross, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, was requested to report to the Finance Committee (1) In what manner the present office selected by a previous Inspector at New Ross was unsuitable and (2) why examination of Weights and Measures could not be carried out in New Ross Courthouse since similar work was carried out in the Courthouses of Gorey and Enniscorthy.

TURF AT KILTEALY

The following resolution adopted at a public meeting at Kiltaly was referred to the Finance Committee from the County Council meeting of 12th November, 1934:-

"That this meeting again calls the attention of the County Council to the fact that very large areas of excellent turf exist in the neighborhood of Kiltaly and accordingly requests the Council to press forward their claims for grants under the Minor Relief Scheme sufficient to fully develop these natural resources."

The Secretary stated that a former meeting of the County Council had adopted a resolution that if the people of Kiltaly would agree on one particular road the Council would do what was possible in the way of securing a grant for its repair and reconstruction. At the meeting of the Co. Council on 12th Nov. 1934, Mr. Bows, Co. Councillor, said it was not possible to secure agreement on the point.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That copy of resolution as to the development of the turf bogs in the neighborhood of Kiltaly be furnished the Turf Director, Hume Street, Dublin, (Department of Industry and Commerce) and ascertain from him if anything can be done for the development of turf in the district



"The Co.Council and Finance Committee are anxious that the wishes of the local people in this matter should be met and a grant provided to make the necessary road to the bogs. The Finance Committee are informed that practically unlimited quantities of turf are available in the District."

#### ROAD AT CARLEY'S BRIDGE

A long letter was read from Mr. George R. McIlhagga, Managing Director, Irish Cutlery Company, Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy, complaining of the state of the road leading from Ross Road, Enniscorthy, on to the New Ross Road, through Carley's Bridge and Tomduff. The factory had at present 70 workers and expected by the end of the year to have 120. This factory would prove advantageous to the town of Enniscorthy and district with resultant benefit to the County and the writer considered it would show at least that the Co.Council took an interest in this particular area if they would see that the road in question used by the employees of the factory was put into a proper state of repair. The traffic on the road had trebled and it was being used by heavy lorries delivering to the factory. As it was very hard to negotiate, it entailed severe strain on horses and drivers.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that this was a hilly rough road which with the present amount allowed for maintenance could not be improved. To put it into the condition which Mr. McIlhagga expected would mean steam rolling and a good deal of heavy filling. While the Co.Council had so many third-class roads of much greater importance in a bad state it would hardly seem right to spend a great amount on this road the traffic on which had not trebled since the opening of the Factory. And he did not admit that the people employed there had any difficulty in getting to their work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the question of repair



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"of old road in Carley's Bridge and Tomduff be scheduled for consideration when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote has been received for Enniscorthy area."

LANES ETC. CRAAN, KILBRANNISH, MANDORAN & KILLANURE.

A long Memorial, extensively signed, was received complaining of the deplorable and dangerous condition of roads, lanes and bridges in the above districts. They were impassable in Winter and if the necessary improvements are not carried out serious loss to life and property was inevitable. Children attending Kilbrannish National School were during the Winter months prevented from attending by the state of the river and the bridges over it.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that the roads, lanes, and bridges, complained of were not in charge of Wexford Co. Council. In his opinion this memorial should have been sent to the Carlow Co. Council.

Mr. Colfer proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution:- "That copy of report of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, relative to Roads, lanes and bridges in Craan, Kilbrannish, Mandoran and Killanure, be furnished Rev. J. Quigley, CC. Kilmyshal, Clohamon."

NOOK BAY ROAD.

John Murphy, Nook Bay and twenty other ratepayers wrote asking the Co. Council to consider the dangerous condition of the road at Nook Bay, Arthurstown. This Winter's tides would make it impassable for traffic as the bank abutting the road is being eaten away.

The Co. Surveyor said he had a proposal in this year's Road Works Scheme to deal with this road.



### PLANTING TREES AT GOREY BRIDGE

Mr. Michael Naughter, T.C., Bridge, Gorey, wrote asking the permission of the Co. Council to plant ornamental trees at Gorey Bridge.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, wrote that permission might be given as the road was very wide with an unfenced mill stream at one side.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That in view of report of Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, the Co. Council be recommended to grant permission to Mr. Michael Naughter, T.C., to plant ornamental trees at Gorey Bridge, trees to be planted to the satisfaction of Assistant Surveyor."

### CHAPEL LANE, CRAANFORD.

Memorial was read from Rev. D.A. Kavanagh, P.P., Craanford, and sixteen other ratepayers requesting the Co. Council to put into a proper state of repair the lane called "Chapel Lane" leading from Craanford Village to the residence of Walter Dalton, Island Upper, Craanford.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, reported that the residents kept the lane trimmed and widened, and the drainage in order, but it was not possible to maintain the surface on account of the scarcity of suitable road material in the locality. The lane was very much used by persons going to Church and School in Craanford. He considered that about forty cubic yards of broken stone from Gorey Hill Quarry would put the lane into passable order.

Referred to the County Surveyor.

### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Richard O'Leary, Hon. Sec., St. Helen's Fishermen's Association wrote submitting memorial signed by himself and 34 others as to improvement of St. Helen's Harbour, which had fallen into decay for the last 50 or 60 years. The previous Co. Council were unanimously in favour of the improvement of the Harbour but the



project fell through.

The Co.Surveyor said he had furnished an estimate for the renovation of the harbour for £750 which would have satisfied everybody locally but the Government held that a good job could not be done for less than £1250.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "We recommend the County Council to again approach the Government with a view to securing a grant towards the cost of improving St.Helen's Harbour. That Mr. Allen (Chairman Co.Council) be requested to wait on the Fisheries Department to put this request before them."

#### CAMOLIN FOOTPATHS

Mr.M.J. O'Sullivan,National Teacher,Camolin, wrote calling attention to the neglected and unsatisfactory condition of the footpaths in the village of Camolin especially that on the left hand side of the road in the direction of Ferns.

Mr. Treanor,Assistant Surveyor for the District, reported that he was submitting recommendation as to these footpaths for new works (Road Works Scheme). He considered that the case had been rather over-stated by Mr. O'Sullivan.

#### ROAD AT CAMOLIN PARK.

Mr. James Hendrick,Camolin Park,Camolin, wrote complaining of the deplorable state of the road at Camolin Park and in respect of which he had written the Co.Council last year. The Camolin Park ratepayers are very anxious about it at the moment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That the question of improving Camolin Park Road which is a private thoroughfare be considered when money under Minor Relief Schemes Vote be available.

#### SLIPPERY ROADS - NEW ROSS DISTRICT

New Ross Development Association wrote complaining of the roads entering the town for horse traffic. During the past few



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weeks several serious accidents had occurred particularly on Ferry Mountgarrett Hill. Many farmers had been compelled to transact their business in other centres. This results in great loss to the town which it could not afford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That we request the Department of Education (Technical Instruction Branch) to arrange for some demonstrations by their Experts on the "flat" shoeing of Horses for Ferns and New Ross Districts."

The Co.Surveyor said he had screenings put on the hills adjoining New Ross town. He was talking to Mr.Walsh, County Councillor, recently and he was quite satisfied that as much as possible had been done, except at one small place past Cherry's Brewery and that would be done.

Mr.Colfer said he had been into New Ross for several fairs recently and he did not see any horses slipping.

The matter dropped.

#### MILLQUARTER LANE

An application was received from Rev.E.Kehoe, C.C., and Mr.Nicholas Dempsey, N.T., Monaseed, petitioning the Co.Council to provide a small sum, say £10 per annum, for the maintenance of this lane which had been repaired under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

It was decided that the Co.Surveyor submit this application for consideration to the Roads Works Meeting.

#### RATHDUFF LANE

An application was received from Robert Rowe and Simon Doran, asking that the Co.Council allow a small sum to keep this lane in repair as it was now in a good condition having been repaired under Minor Relief Schemes Vote. It would be a pity to allow it to go to ruin again.

It was decided that the Co.Surveyor submit the application for consideration to annual Road Works Meeting.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th November, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

ALLOWANCE ON RATE PAID:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to declare that under Section 3 of the Rates on Agricultural Land (Relief) Bill 1934, the holding No 45 - Tacumshane E.D., rated in the name of Mr. A.H. Boxwell is a "trust" holding held by Mr. A.H. Boxwell for his son Harvey Boxwell, Jnr., a minor, and that the said holding be regarded as in separate occupation from the holdings of Mr. A.H. Boxwell."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS:- The Secretary submitted to the meeting the following draft advertisement which embodied the recommendations of the Finance Committee:-

"The Wexford County Council invite applications for loans under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts for houses to be erected by approved applicants, who have resided in the Rural Areas of County Wexford for a period of at least twelve months.

"Application Forms may be obtained from the Undersigned.

"Each selected applicant must reside in house for which a loan has been obtained for a period of at least three years.

"Twenty-five per cent of the money available for each District will be allocated by 31st January, 1935, a further 25 per cent by 28th February, 1935, and the balance by 31st March, 1935.

"Should any Rural District not take advantage of the full £2,500 allocated, the Council will, after 31st March, 1935 apply the unallocated amount to other Rural Districts.

In the event of the total sum (£10,000) not being required by applicants from rural districts, the Co. Council



"will at a later date, consider applications for any sum available from residents in Urban areas, who intend to erect houses in a rural District.

"Loans approved are liable to be cancelled unless selected applicants are in a position to show clear title to plots on which it is intended to build within six months from date on which loan has been sanctioned by the County Council.

"Advances will only be granted for houses which have been approved for Government Grant by Housing Officer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health. The Housing Officer for Enniscorthy and Gorey Areas is Mr. Michael Jordan, B.E. 5, Rathfarnham Road, Terenure, Dublin, and for New Ross and Wexford areas, Mr. Robert Murphy, 20 John Street, Enniscorthy.

"For a house valued up to £250, the maximum loan will not exceed ninety per cent of the market value of house as certified by Assistant Surveyor, The maximum amount however, will be granted only in exceptional cases. As a general rule loans will be limited to the difference between the value of the house and the amount of the Government Grant. For a house valued at over £250 and up to £500, the maximum loan will be 90% of the first £250 and 50% of the balance over £250. For instance for a house valued at £350 the maximum loan would be £275.

"Loans will not be granted for houses valued at more than £500.

"All legal expenses and valuers' fees are payable by applicants.

"Repayments of advances (Principal and Interest) must be made monthly or at such other period as may be fixed by the County Council.

"The annual repayment for 35 years (to cover Principal and Interest) for each £100 borrowed will be £6:5:6d."

Mr. McCarthy said that one of the recommendations of the



Finance Committee would practically rule out all Urban residents who wished to build houses in the rural area. He moved the following :- "That the reference in proposed advertisement for applicants under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts being confined to residents in Rural Districts until after 31st March, 1935, and then allocating only the amount unapplied for by Rural area applicants to Urban applicants be deleted and that the Scheme be administered on the same lines as obtained to the present."

He (Mr. McCarthy) contended that the number of houses which would be built by rural applicants would be very few and it should be remembered that people who might be anxious to build in Urban areas could not get suitable sites.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Miss O'Ryan said that numbers of people from the Urban areas, particularly Enniscorthy, had built villages around the town and were creating difficulties as regards water and sewerage for the Co. Board of Health.

Mr. Kelly said he had applications ready to lodge with the Co. Council from 43 people, the majority of whom resided in the Urban District of Enniscorthy. They were applying in the hope that the scheme would be administered in the same way as last year. They should not put anything in the way of people who wanted houses and it was evident from the applications already dealt with that farmers would not take advantage of the scheme.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the Urban Districts could build houses for their own residents under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, and could also utilise other Housing Acts which applied entirely to Urban Districts. The Finance Committee made the recommendation which was embodied in the advertisement as regards Urban applicants, because they found Urban applicants leaving houses erected by their own Local



Authority and starting to erect houses in the rural areas. It was unfair to the agricultural community to give money for houses for Urban residents. The £10,000 loan would be taken up by the small farmers and the Co.Council should not take away tenants from houses erected by an Urban Authority.

The Chairman said that up to the 31st March next they were considering applications only from rural applicants. They were not doing justice to the town of Enniscorthy to give this money to people who were putting houses in the rural area in a haphazard fashion and creating problems for the Board of Health. If Enniscorthy town wished later to extend its boundaries they would find a lot of houses erected haphazard and in consequence of this they would find the Co.Council had done great damage and the Co.Council would be altogether wrong if they encouraged such a procedure. If they provided portion of their money for houses to be built by Urban residents in the rural area where they could live cheaper and be free of town rates, they would not be acting fairly to the farmers and labourers of the rural districts who were responsible for the repayment of the loan, and who should have first claim on it. According to Mr. Kelly he had 43 applicants ready to apply - the majority from Enniscorthy Urban - and this would eat up a very large portion of the loan which would be most unfair to the rest of the County.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr.Ml. Redmond seconded the following motion:- "That the recommendations of the Finance Committee regarding the administration of Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be confirmed."

After further discussion a poll was taken on Mr.McCarthy's motion with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Kelly, Mayler, McCarthy and Walsh. (4).

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Connors, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Doyle, Gibbon, Keegan, Kinsella, <sup>Lawler</sup> ~~Mayler~~, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, M.Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Smyth, Sweetman and the Chairman. (19)



The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem.con:-

"That all references to applicants residing in Urban areas as eligible for loans appearing in draft advertisement under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts submitted to this meeting be deleted unless as regards such applicants as have at this date a substantial portion of their houses in course of erection in rural area. That the Assistant Surveyors be requested to furnish report in this connection as soon as possible to the Finance Committee of the Council. That as regards Enniscorthy district, Messrs. Kelly, McCarthy and Sweetman make an inspection with Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, of the houses in the neighborhood of Enniscorthy town which are at present in course of erection and submit a short report to the Finance Committee.

"That in the event of more than six applications of this nature being received the Finance Committee will again bring the matter before the Council."

Under date 10th December, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.165742-34 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the making of additional advance of £20 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. T. Moran, Clonee, Camolin, in respect of house which he has in course of erection.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th Nov. 1934, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MINUTES OF MEETING OF 30th NOVEMBER, 1934:- The Minutes of Meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th November, 1934, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 30th November, 1934.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman Co. Council) presiding, also Messrs. W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Co. Surveyor and Rates Inspector were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3845:3:2d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The state of the Rate Collection to date was submitted as follows:-

<u>Collector's Name</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>1934/35 Rate at 29/11/34</u>
S. Gannon (No.6)	47.8
M. Kehoe	45.0
J. Curtis	45.0
E.J. Murphy	44.4
P. Carty	41.1
J. Flood	38.0
J. Deegan	37.5
W. Doyle	37.3
D. Kenny	37.1
S. Gannon (No.10)	36.8
W. Cummins	36.3
P. Doyle	36.0
P. Nolan	35.6
M. McCarthy	35.5
J. Cummins	34.9
M. Murphy	33.8
J. Quirke	33.6
A. Dunne (No.15)	33.3
A. Dunne (No.13)	31.0
J.J. Sinnott	27.1
	<u>Average 37.3</u>

The Collection showed a decrease of 4% as compared with the corresponding period last year.

In connection with the arrears carried forward into current Warrant the following shows the percentage collected:-



<u>Collector's Name</u>	<u>Percentage of arrears collected..</u>
J. Flood	33.1
J. Deegan	30.1
P. Carty	24.0
D. Kenny	21.3
P. Doyle	19.1
E.J. Murphy	18.0
J.J. O'Reilly	17.1
J. Curtis	16.5
J. Cummins	14.5
M. Kehoe	14.0
M. McCarthy	14.0
M. Murphy	12.8
A. Dunne (No.15)	12.1
W. Cummins	11.6
J.J. Sinnott	11.5
J. Quirke	10.6
S. Gannon (No.10)	8.9
W. Doyle	8.1
P. Nolan	4.8
S. Gannon (No.10)	4.8

The Chairman stated that the amount of arrears collected was only £2390:15:8d. with an outstanding balance of £15,351:9:8d. This certainly could not be regarded as satisfactory. He then proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the attention of Rate Collectors be called to the small amount of current rate and of arrears which have been lodged to date. In view of recent interview of the Finance Committee with the Collectors, the Committee expected that progress would have been considerably in advance of that reported to the present meeting. The Committee are not at all satisfied with the amount of the collection and would remind collectors of the decision of the Committee to take drastic steps against any collector who fails to realise his duties and responsibilities."

POUNDAGE FEES TO RATE COLLECTORS:- Under date 23rd November, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.155550/34) - Loch Garman Fa):-

"Adverting to your letter of the 16th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he thinks the County Council should not commit themselves to the view that the Rate Collectors cannot be expected to close their warrants by the 31st March, 1935. So far as the first moiety and arrears are concerned he would be prepared to consider proposals for the payment of poundage fees at the rate of 7d. in the case of any Collector who lodges the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears on or before the 31st December next. Beyond this the Minister is not at present prepared to go by giving



"undertakings in advance with regard to poundage on the second moiety."

The Chairman said the Co.Council had already made an order that Rate Collectors should lodge the first moiety and arrears by the 31st December next, so that the decision of the Minister in the matter would not appear to be unreasonable.

RATES INSPECTOR:- Under date 23rd November, 1934, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.155552/34 Loch Garman Fa) acknowledging receipt of letter of 16th November, 1934, in regard to the appointment of Mr. John James Masterson as Rates Inspector.

ALLEGED ABSENCE OF WORKMEN  
FROM DUTY

At the meeting of the Co.Council on 12th November, 1934, a resolution was adopted that Mr. Ronan, County Councillor, secure a written statement in connection with the alleged absence of Owen Doyle and Peter Doyle from their work at Ryland Quarry, and that a written statement be obtained from these two men; both documents to be referred to the Finance Committee who were empowered to summon any of the parties concerned to their meeting if they considered this course necessary.

Mr. Ronan, M.C.C., forwarded a statement signed by Laurence Doyle, (Cottage) Ballyprecus, that he was drawing Owen Doyle's oats to James Freaney's haggard on the afternoon of Tuesday, September 11th, 1934, and that Peter Doyle was also drawing corn from his father's field with the writer, while Owen Doyle (Ganger) was making the rick in Freaney's haggard on the same date.

Mr. Ronan, M.C.C., also forwarded a signed statement from Walter Timmons and Andrew Doyle that Peter Doyle was assisting all day at the threshing at Mr. Mr. J. Doyle of Ryland on Thursday, 20th September, 1934.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, submitted statements from Owen Doyle (Ganger) and Peter Doyle (his son) workman, in



Ryland Quarry.

Owen Doyle stated he worked all day on the 11th September for the Co.Council and Peter Doyle worked all that day in Ryland Quarry. On the 20th September (the day the granulator left Quarry) Peter Doyle worked all day at Ryland Quarry. On the 24th September, he (Owen Doyle) went to Ryland Wood Quarry in the morning and saw Peter Doyle working there. He then went to Curraduff Quarry - about seven miles away - where there were more men working. He did not know that Peter Doyle left Ryland Quarry and paid him for the day as he had his time marked in the morning.

Peter Doyle wrote that he worked all day on the 11th Sept. and on the 20th September, 1934, in Ryland Quarry. On the 24th September he meant to go to James Murphy's threshing but the morning was "half" wet so he went to work at the quarry. At about 10 o'clock the weather cleared and he went to work at the threshing. The Ganger (Owen Doyle) had then left the quarry and the writer thought he knew he was at the threshing. He (Peter Doyle) did not know he was paid by the Co.Council for that day's work as his wife received his Pay Orders and only gave him what he wanted out of them.

Mark Fitzhenry wrote that Peter Doyle was working in Ryland Quarry with him the whole of the two days that Philip Dunne was absent.

Aidan Nolan, Henry Hagan and Laurence Doyle wrote that Peter Doyle worked all day in Ryland Quarry on the day the granulator left.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for the District, said he saw Owen Doyle (Ganger) on the 11th September about dinner time working on a road seven or eight miles from Ryland Quarry. He believed that Walter Timmins and Andrew Doyle the men who alleged that the Doyles were absent on the 20th September were mistaken as to the date of the threshing. It was admitted that



Peter Doyle left the Quarry on the 24th September for the threshing at James Murphy's.

Miss O'Ryan said the best thanks of the Council were due to Mr. Ronan for having brought this case forward.

Mr. O'Byrne considered that Peter Doyle should have reported his absence from the quarry on the 24th September to his father who was the ganger.

Mr. Keegan considered there was no reason why Peter Doyle should be further employed by the Council.

Mr. Ennis mentioned he was satisfied that Peter Doyle did not know he was paid for the 24th September but the Chairman and Mr. Keegan were not prepared to accept this explanation.

Mr. Ennis further pointed out that Owen Doyle had drawn in his corn on the 3rd September for about 1½ hours in the morning and was paid for that day. Of course on the other hand he had worked over-time on very many occasions.

The Chairman said the principle behind this was entirely wrong. These men were paid for part of a day on the 3rd September and Peter Doyle was paid for the 24th September although he did not work the whole time for the County Council. The Finance Committee could not countenance such a procedure.

Miss O'Ryan said that notice should certainly have been given to Mr. Ennis of the absence of Peter Doyle from work on 24th September.

After further discussion it was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That further consideration of the matter be adjourned to next meeting of the Finance Committee for verification of the dates on which threshings stated to have taken place on 11th and 20th September, 1934, in connection with the complaint as to the absence of Peter Doyle and Owen Doyle from Ryland Quarry were actually carried out."

It was also decided that Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor for



"the district, be requested to obtain evidence in respect of the dates of these threshings."

#### LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE

In connection with the request of the Co. Council to the Department of Local Government and Public Health to pay from the Road Fund £1 per week to Mr. Donohoe, substitute for Mr. Richards, Local Taxation Officer, during the four weeks Summer holiday of the latter, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 19th November, 1934, (MT 209/32) that the Minister had no authority to agree to any increase in the maximum amount notified to the County Council as recoupable in respect of supervisory and clerical duties in regard to the work of motor registration and licensing.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in view of the communication from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) under date 19th November, 1934, (MT209/32) we recommend the Co. Council to pay from its own funds £1 per week to Mr. Donohoe, Clerical Assistant Co. Council Office, for the period during which he acted as substitute for the Local Taxation Officer during the Summer holiday of the latter."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

In connection with the unexpended balance of old loan of £10,000 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, viz: £395 applications were received from Patrick Scully, 4, St. Johns Villas, Enniscorthy, for new house at Blackstoops, and W.G. Peare, 36, St. Johns Villas, Enniscorthy, for new house at Bellefield, for a loan of £180 in each case. They were prepared to pay the old rate of Interest.

The Chairman said it was strange that these applicants were leaving new houses recently erected by the Enniscorthy.



Urban Council to take advantage of the loan of the Co.Council to erect cheaper houses. It was a procedure that required very close examination as it was unfair to the Urban District Council to take their tenants and to the rural workers to grant loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to people in receipt of Urban wages, until the needs of the rural workers had been met.

Mr. Kelly pointed out that the men in question were unable to pay the 10/- per week rent of the houses in which they were living. Under the old grant no restrictions had been made as to applications between Urban and Rural workers. He was convinced that no injury was been done to the Urban Council because the applicants would not be able to continue as tenants of houses the rent of which was 10/- per week and there would be large numbers applying for the houses in Enniscorthy urban area as soon as they were vacant. He then proposed the following resolution:- "That the applications of Patrick Scully and Wm. G. Peare, both of St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, for loan of £180 each under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be recommended to the Co.Council for acceptance contingent on both applicants furnishing proper title to sites etc."

Mr. Kinsella seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Thomas Moran, Clonee, Camolin, applied for an additional loan of £20.

Mr. Ronan, Co. Councillor, wrote recommending the application and pointed out that Moran had borrowed £80 but in doing so he had not taken the expenses into account. It cost him £12 to take out administration and as the expenses ran up to £20 he would be unable to finish the house unless the Council advanced an additional £20.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That as £20 extra loan applied for by Thomas Moran of Clonee, Camolin, is available from the old loan of £10,000 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts we



"recommend the County Council to agree to his application."

#### ENNISCORTHY COURTHOUSE

Under date 21st November, 1934, Richard Whelan, Caretaker, Courthouse, Enniscorthy, wrote applying for coal and light for his apartments in the Courthouse as he believed that privilege was enjoyed by the other caretakers of the Courthouses in the County.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Messrs. Treanor and O'Neill Assistant Surveyors for Gorey and New Ross districts respectively, be instructed to furnish report as to allowance made to caretakers of the courthouses of Gorey and New Ross in the matter of coal and light."

#### SLIPPERY ROADS NEAR NEW ROSS TOWN.

Under date 28th November, 1934, the following was read from Mr. J. S. Barry, Town Clerk, New Ross:-

"I am directed by the New Ross Urban District Council to again draw the attention of the Wexford County Council to the slippery condition of the surface of the roads leading into New Ross and to request that immediate steps be taken to remedy the Council's repeated complaint in a satisfactory manner. Horse traffic is now impossible and the townspeople are anxious that the Christmas trade should not be hindered. The Council request that a sufficient margin of the roads should be left for horse traffic.

"I am to add that as your Council's attitude has not been satisfactory on this matter my Council trust you will see the equity of their request now."

The Co. Surveyor said he had found that chippings put on the sides of the roads would be all right but of course they would not remain. He would again have the sides sheeted with chippings.

Mr. Keegan said a serious accident almost took place in Esmonde Street, Gorey, last week. Owing to the street being covered with clay to a depth of three inches a girl fell off a bicycle.

The Co. Surveyor said that he found generally with slippery roads tar grouted stones at one side and having a sealing coat not fully tarred would help horse traffic considerably but the



remedy was not lasting.

It was decided to refer the condition of road in Esmonde St., Gorey, and also a second road at the top of Gorey Town to the County Surveyor.

The latter said that Mr. Ennis Assistant Surveyor, had provided chippings on one road and the men with horses using the road had spread the chippings at the side.

#### KERLOGUE QUARRY HUT

Under date 28th November, 1934, the following was read from Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor:-

"I wish to report to you that some person or persons broke open the Quarry Hut at Kerlogue and stole therefrom 1 lb. gelignite and four or five detonators.

"The occurrence must have taken place on Saturday night the 24th instant, or in the early hours of Sunday the 25th instant. It was discovered by the Ganger, Frank Quinn, the Faythe, Wexford, who in the course of a walk visited the quarry on the Sunday afternoon.

"He informed me of the occurrence about 6 o'clock p.m., I instructed him to report to the Civic Guard Authorities. He did so, and the matter is being investigated."

No order.

#### DAMAGE TO WALL AT BALLYDANIEL BRIDGE

The following under date 28th November, 1934, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"Last March I reported to the Council damage done to this Bridge by a lorry going through the parapet, and I was authorised to have repairs carried out. We were unable to find out the owner of the lorry, and, consequently, we have not been able to recover the cost. The repairs have been carried out, out of the money allocated for the Road, and I now find that this Account is short, and I shall be glad to have the cost of the repairs, £17, transferred to the Road Account out of the Contingencies Fund."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That a sum of £17 cost of repair to Ballydaniel Bridge, Camolin, be as recommended by the Co. Surveyor, withdrawn from the appropriate Contingencies Fund."



### SICK LEAVE MACHINERY OVERSEER

The Co. Surveyor applied for authority to pay wages of Mr. Wm. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, during nine days absence on sick leave and for which a medical certificate had been furnished.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That £7:10s. be paid to Mr. W. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, for nine days absence on sick leave with doctor's Certificate."

### TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM ROAD ACCOUNTS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That subject to sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health, transfer of £60 from Road Account 18M to 16M as recommended by Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, be agreed to."

### SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 27th November, 1934, (No. F. 37739) the Office of National Education, wrote forwarding copy of programme of examination for Co. Council scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools. Modifications had been made in this programme to bring the syllabus into conformity with the programme for National Schools.

The Secretary stated that the following changes had been made in the syllabus:-

Marks in Irish had been increased by 100, 50 for oral and 50 for written examination. An oral test was not now provided for examination in English, but the total marks - 200 - would be allocated to the written test in the subject.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. O'Byrne that the Co. Council be recommended to adopt the revised syllabus for examination furnished by the Office of National Education for Scholarships under Secondary and Vocational Scheme."



UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Miss Johanna Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross, University Scholarship Holder, wrote that she was residing with her Uncle in Dublin and if the rule that all female University students should reside in hostels was made obligatory she would have to abandon her scholarship. Her father was only an Agricultural Labourer.

On the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Kelly, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the County Council be recommended to allow Johanna Cooney, University Scholarship Holder, to reside with her Uncle at 23, Larkfield Park, Kimmage, Dublin. That a provision be inserted in the syllabus of University Scholarship Scheme when next being printed, that for the future all female University students must reside in approved University hostels."

Mr. O'Byrne dissented.



The following resolution was proposed by Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 30th November, 1934, as submitted to this meeting be received and considered:"

**RATE COLLECTION:-** The following is the state of Rate Collection up to 14th December, 1934, excluding arrears:-

<u>Collector's</u> <u>Name.</u>	<u>Percentage collected</u> <u>1934/35 Rate.</u>
S. Gannon (No.6)	55.9
J. Curtis	50.2
M. Kehoe	47.2
E.J. Murphy	46.6
S. Gannon (No.10)	46.1
J. Cummins	46.1
P. Carty	44.6
P. Nolan	44.2
D. Kenny	42.4
J. Deegan	41.5
J. Flood	41.3
W. Doyle	40.8
W. Cummins	40.6
A. Dunne (No.15)	40.0
P. Doyle	39.2
J. Quirke	37.4
J.J. Sinnott	37.3
A. Dunne (No.13)	37.0
M. McCarthy	36.9
M. Murphy	35.8
Average...	42.1

The amount showed a decrease of 1.8 per cent as compared with the corresponding period last year.

In regard to arrears £2944:19:11d had been collected leaving outstanding £14,797:5:5d.

The Secretary stated that by directions of the Finance Committee the resolution of the Committee expressing dissatisfaction with the progress of the collection had been sent to each collector.

The following under date 11th December, 1934, (Circular 119-34) as to the Rate Collection was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed to inform you the Minister observes that, whilst there has been a marked improvement in the rate collection since the end of September it is still in a number of counties very far from satisfactory and is not improving



"at the rate it should. There can be no doubt that there is an inexcusable failure on the part of many ratepayers to fulfil their obligations, but the disparities in the results achieved by the different collectors within a single county where conditions would not vary much as between one part of the County and another, point to the conclusion that the failure of the ratepayers is due in some measure to collectors too readily acquiescing in default and to a disinclination on their part to use their powers to collect rates with which the law invests them.

"Where a collector has not already lodged a sum equivalent to the first moiety and arrears he should be called on to do so not later than the end of the present month and warned that, if he does not comply, the Council will require evidence that he has used every means in his power to get in the rate.

"If it is made plain to the Collectors that they have the fullest support of the Council in taking all necessary steps to bring defaulters to a sense of their obligations and that the Council will not tolerate dilatory methods the Minister feels assured that the position will improve.

"Copies of this letter should be sent immediately to every collector who has not lodged the equivalent of the first moiety and arrears."

The Secretary stated that copy of this Circular letter was sent to each Rate Collector on the 12th December, 1934.

The Chairman said that the Circular was on all fours with the instructions issued by the Finance Committee to the Collectors as to lodging first moiety and arrears by the end of the present month. They would have the Rate Collectors in attendance at the next ordinary meeting of the Finance Committee.

ALLEGED ABSENCE OF WORKMEN FROM DUTY:- It was decided to adjourn consideration of this matter until the Finance Committee had completed their investigation and furnished report.

SLIPPERY ROADS NEAR NEW ROSS TOWN & FERNS:- In connection with Minutes of Finance Committee dealing with this matter, letter was read from Town Clerk, New Ross, under date 13th December, 1934 that his Council considered that the work mentioned by the County Surveyor as useless expenditure and they were dissatisfied.

Under date 12th December, 1934, the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee forwarded letter from Department of Education (T.I.B.) stating that the latter were prepared to make the necessary arrangements for



Lectures on the flat shoeing of horses in Ferns and New Ross districts by the Department's Farriery Instructor. To have the minimum interference with the Instructor's class arrangements information was requested by the Department as to the places and dates of lectures to suit local convenience etc.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That our Secretary consult with the Chief Executive Officer as to arranging for Lectures on the flat shoeing of horses for tarred road traffic. The Co.Council will make provision for insertion of advertisement of the fixtures in the three local papers."

Mr. T. Redmond said the following three "inclines" were very dangerous:- from Nolan's Kiln to Camblin, Brandon Well, and the hill near Cherry's Brewery. He had received several complaints of accidents, particularly at the hill up from Cherry's Brewery, within the last few months. In regard to the statement that the money for what was done was useless he did not think that was the opinion of the New Ross Urban Council, though it might be the opinion of certain members, but they were of opinion that certain dangerous spots had not been touched at all. He knew that certain parts of the roads had been treated and he did not know that there were any complaints about those parts since. Certain dangerous spots had been treated, and the complaints made to him were that other dangerous spots had not been treated yet.

Mr. Walsh said that three places were still very bad and he did not think the flat shoeing of horses would overcome the place at Cherry's Brewery. At the Brewery there was a kind of camber on the road, and it was very high in the middle, it was nearly impossible to drive a horse down it at all. There was a lot of traffic on that road and chippings got thrown all around. It was impossible, no matter how they shod horses, to get them down that road on a wet morning, and it was worse when the weather was frosty.



The Chairman said he thought the Council were agreed that something should be done with those roads leading into New Ross and they should give the Co. Surveyor instructions that further improvements be made there.

The Co. Surveyor said that what they had done in regard to chippings was only a temporary measure. It might last for a week or a month, but it was not going to last for any length of time; it depended on the amount of traffic and other circumstances. But from time to time as money allowed, they were treating the sides of the roads with rough stuff not sealed up too smoothly. They had done the sides of the Rosslare road, and the style of work done gave a grip, and it was the only thing to do. They would have to do something like that at Cherry's Brewery, and he proposed doing it as soon as money was available, but in the meantime all they could do was spread the chippings.

Mr. Connors said that in regard to Ferns road he got a horse shod according to instructions, and he could not keep him on the road. It was impossible to travel the road especially by the Palace. He wanted the Co. Surveyor to say definitely if he was going to do anything with that road. He had seen men going through the Palace Lawn trying to get home with their horses.

The Chairman said he believed that there was a grievance about the road at Ferns. He would say that about a mile outside Ferns was the worst place, and he suggested that the County Surveyor take some steps there also.

Mr. Keegan said that there were bad places in Gorey too. He suggested that when they had only a limited amount of money they should try to do something with the bad spots such as those mentioned in New Ross and in Ferns, and the upper and lower parts of the Main Street of Gorey. The only bit of industry in the North of the County was the brickworks and there were nine or ten horses there every day, and he thought



the Chairman would agree that if there were any frost it would be impossible for horses to cart bricks over the bottom and top of the Gorey road.

The Co.Surveyor said that the Department suggested that instead of using pure bitumen they should use a tarbitumen compound which they said was not as slippery, also using, of course a coarser grade of chippings. That was what they proposed to do on the sides of all those roads, not to make them smooth at the side, at all, but leaving the stones showing up.

Mr. Ronan said he agreed with Mr. Connors that it was impossible to get along on the road from Ferns to Camolin. There had been several accidents there - shafts broken, etc. He would like to know what was going to be done?

Co.Surveyor - It is a question of money.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said there had been some talk about the roads in October, but he could not possibly tar them since owing to the weather. The reason the hills were slippery was that they had not been tarred for five or six years.

Chairman - I think tar will never keep them rough.

Mr. Ronan - There is too much tar on them.

Mr. T. Redmond suggested that the spot at Cherry's Brewery should be done at once. It would not cost very much.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor said that the place at Cherry's Brewery would have been attended to only for the weather. For some time back it was impossible to use tar.

The Chairman proposed:- "That the Co.Surveyor be given a general direction to deal with hilly spots on tarred roads on which farmers' horses cannot travel and make provision for these in next year's Road Estimate." Mr. Corish seconded and the resolution was adopted.

Mr. Kelly said that he had been speaking to Mr. Carty an expert Horse Shoer who had a Certificate for Farriery



from the Department of Technical Instruction, and he said the cause of horses slipping was that they were improperly shod, ~~He~~ said he was prepared to shoe a horse for any member, and if the animal slipped afterwards he could not charge anything.

TRANSFER OF MONEY FROM ROAD ACCOUNTS:- Under date 4th December, 1934, the Department of Local Government & Public Health wrote (RM/32) that the Minister would not raise any objection to the transfer of the £60 from 18M to 16M.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, £40 be transferred from Section 24C to Section 23C."

Under date 8th December, 1934, Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, wrote that Roads No. 583 and 584 were in a very bad condition and asked that a sum of £50 should be transferred from Contingencies Fund for their repair as otherwise they would be very badly damaged.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health a sum of £50 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund for repair of Roads No. 583 and 584 Sec. 26C. as recommended by Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor."

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, wrote under date 1st. December, 1934, that <sup>on</sup> Road 211 (Mullawnreagh Lane) as a result of excessive traffic caused by carting material from Ballyregan quarry to grant work at Ballyedmond for improvement of Gorey-Ballycanew - Wexford Road, the surface had been badly cut up, £15 would be required to put it in a passable condition but this could not be taken from money for the road section.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health a sum of £15 be withdrawn from the appropriate Contingency Fund for repair of Road No. 211."



SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:- The following under date 30th November, 1934, re above Scheme was read from Office of National Education:-

"Referring to the alterations in the Scheme for 1935 submitted for the consideration of the Department by your Council, I am to forward the following observations which it is desired to offer in regard thereto:-

" (1) Revision of Clause regarding the means of parents.

"It is considered that the Council's proposal is one which would lead to many difficulties in practice. It is of great importance that the conditions under which candidates are eligible to compete for the awards should be clearly stated, and in the circumstances, the Department is unable to approve of the suggestion now made. If the Council so desire, however, consideration will be given to proposals for the modification of the existing "means" conditions.

"(2) Age Limit of 13 to 14 and Extension of Scholarships.

"The Department's opinion is that, where possible, it is desirable that Councils should provide scholarships of sufficient duration to enable the diligent student to complete a course of secondary education and obtain the Leaving Certificate, and a five year scholarship would, accordingly, be required to meet the case of the younger student. The proposal to confine the competition to candidates between the ages of 13 and 14 does not commend itself on general grounds, as it would lead to a certain waste of time in the case of suitable pupils who would be thus prevented from commencing their secondary education and, in the case of this scheme, where difficulty has been experienced in attracting sufficient candidates, it would have the additional disadvantage of still further limiting the number of competitors. If, however, the Council does not see its way to the extension generally of the duration of the scholarships, the Department will welcome the proposal to continue scholarships (and presumably bursaries) for a fifth year in cases of outstanding merit.

"(3) Passing of Intermediate Certificate with Honours on or before end of third year.

"This clause should read -

"A Scholarship holder who does not pass with Honours, the Department's Intermediate Certificate Examination at or before the end of the third year, shall not, as a rule, be eligible for a further renewal of the scholarship."

"The Department agrees that this condition need not be strictly enforced in the case of awards made before the date of the adoption of the regulation, provided that cases of renewal continue to be subject to the conditions laid down in the ninth paragraph.

"In addition to these matters, the Department considers it desirable to advert to certain other clauses of the existing scheme:-

"(a) Exclusion of Urban Areas -

"It would appear from paragraphs 3 and 4 that awards



"are confined to pupils who reside in the rural districts of the County.

"The 1923 Act gives authority for placing the cost of the scheme on the County at large and if this is done in the case of County Wexford, it seems inequitable, on all grounds, that students, otherwise eligible, should be deprived of the opportunities of securing a scholarship and it is possible that the exclusion of pupils residing in the urban areas has been responsible for the difficulty experienced in attracting a large number of candidates. It is suggested that the restriction be deleted. The existing limitation to £15 of awards in the case of pupils living within two miles of a Secondary School should dispose of objections, which may otherwise arise, to giving students in towns an unduly generous scholarship.

"(b) Interpretation of Opening Paragraphs -

"In view of the difficulty, which arose in connection with the 1934 awards, in the interpretation of the opening paragraphs, the Department considers that the ambiguity of the present clauses should be removed. With a view thereto and having regard to the various other points mentioned above, I am to suggest an alternative version of paragraphs 1 to 6 as shown on the attached schedule; it is desirable that the existing paragraph 6 should be deleted as, once the means qualification has been specified, all pupils who comply with the requirements should be eligible.

"(c) Existing Clause 13.

"In view of the measure of success which attended the introduction of this clause in 1934, the Department has no objection to its continuance if proposed for 1935.

"(d) Existing Paragraph 21.

"Alterations have been made by the Department in the terms of this paragraph, which is common to County Schemes as a whole, and the paragraph should now read:-

"A candidate who uses Irish instead of English in answering the examination in any subject other than Irish, English and Drawing, may obtain excess marks in the subject. In the case of History and Geography, and Rural Science and Nature Study, excess marks not exceeding 10% of the total marks gained in the subject, may be scored, and in the case of Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Needlework, excess marks not exceeding 5% of the total marks gained in the subject, may be awarded, provided that in each case the candidate has answered wholly in Irish."

"(e) The revised Programme should be inserted in Appendix 1.

"(f) It is suggested, for convenience in reference that the paragraphs should be numbered in the printed scheme.

"With regard to the terms of existing Clause 12, I am



"directed to remind the Council that, should the holder of a scholarship secure a pupil-teachership or entrance to a Preparatory College, the matter will be open to full consideration by the Department.

"The Department will be glad to receive the Draft Scheme for 1935 as soon as your Council has had an opportunity of considering the amendments suggested in this communication."

**SCHEDULE - Re-draft of Opening Clauses of Scholarship Scheme.**

"(1) The Wexford County Council will, for the year 1935, offer six scholarships, each not exceeding £50 in value, tenable for four years, and three bursaries of the value of £15 each, also tenable for four years. Three of the scholarships shall be reserved for boys and three for girls, subject to the condition that, in the event of there being insufficient qualified candidates available amongst either the boys or the girls, the Council shall have the power, if they so desire, to award the remaining scholarships to the candidates who come next highest in the order of merit list and who are eligible, under the terms of paragraph 3, for the award of Scholarships.

"(2) Competition for both scholarships and bursaries is limited to children whose parents or guardians reside in the County of Wexford and (insert here whatever restrictions as to valuation and/ or income may be approved).

"(3) (a) Competition for scholarships is limited to pupils whose cases comply with the conditions of Section 2, and whose place of residence is two miles or more from an approved secondary school.

(b) Competition for bursaries is limited to pupils whose cases comply with the conditions of Section 2 and who reside within a radius of two miles from an approved secondary school.

(c) In the event of the total number of qualified candidates eligible for the award of Scholarships (boys and girls) being less than the number of scholarships offered, the Council may, if they so desire, award an additional bursary for each scholarship remaining unfilled.

"(4) A student to whom an approved secondary school is accessible from his or her ordinary residence owing to convenient railway or other means of communication, shall not be eligible for the award of a scholarship of greater value than £30 per annum."

After considerable discussion the following scheme was agreed to on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly and it was decided it should be submitted to the Department of Education for approval:

**SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES - SECONDARY & VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS  
1935.**

(1) "The Wexford County Council will, for the year 1935, offer six scholarships, each not exceeding £50 in value, tenable for



"four years, and six bursaries of the value of £15 each, also tenable for four years. Three of the scholarships shall be reserved for boys and three for girls, subject to the condition that, in the event of there being insufficient qualified candidates available amongst either boys or girls, the Council shall have power, if they so desire, to award the remaining scholarships to the candidates who come next highest in the order of merit list and who are eligible, under the terms of paragraph 3 for the award of Scholarships.

"In cases of outstanding merit, scholarships and bursaries may, with the approval of the Minister for Education, be continued for a fifth year.

"(2) Competition for both scholarships and bursaries is limited to children whose parents or guardians reside in the County of Wexford and, in respect of applicants from rural areas who are rated on a valuation not exceeding (a) £120 in the case of families with six children or more; (b) £110 for families with four or five children; (c) £105 two or three children; (d) £100 one child.

In the case of applicants from Urban districts, the means of the family with number of children as at

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| (a) | must not exceed | £360 | per annum from all sources;      |
|     |                 |      | six children or more.            |
| (b) | "               | "    | £310 Per annum from all sources; |
|     |                 |      | four or five children.           |
| (c) | "               | "    | £270 per annum from all sources; |
|     |                 |      | two or three children            |
| (d) | "               | "    | £226 per annum from all sources; |
|     |                 |      | one child.                       |

"Children referred to in paragraph 2 must be under 18 years of age.

"(3) (a) Competition for scholarships is limited to pupils whose cases comply with the conditions of Section 2, and whose place of residence is two miles or more from an approved secondary school.

(b) Competition for bursaries is limited to pupils whose cases comply with the conditions of Section 2 and who reside within a radius of two miles from an approved secondary school.

(c) In the event of the total number of qualified candidates eligible for the award of scholarships (boys and girls) being less than the number of scholarships offered, the Council may, if they so desire award additional bursaries up to the value of scholarships remaining unfilled if there are sufficient applicants for bursaries qualified.

(d) Children whose parents or guardians are in the opinion of the Council able to provide for Secondary Education shall not be eligible for the award of Scholarships or bursaries.

"(4) A student, to whom an approved secondary school is accessible from his or her ordinary residence owing to convenient railway or other means of communication, shall not be eligible for the award of a scholarship of greater value than £30 per annum.



"(5) The question of a Candidate's eligibility under this clause shall be determined before the date fixed for the examination.

"(6) Candidates admitted to the Examination shall not afterwards be rejected on the ground of their parents' "means" save in exceptional circumstances and with the approval of the Minister for Education.

"(7) Renewals of Scholarships and Bursaries will be made each year by the Council, but such renewals are subject to the receipt of reports as to conduct and progress of the holders which are accepted as satisfactory by the Council and by the Minister for Education. A scholarship holder, who does not pass with Honours, the Department's Intermediate Certificate Examination at or before the end of the third year, shall not, as a rule, be eligible for a further renewal of the Scholarship.

"(8) Scholarships and Bursaries shall be awarded in order of merit on the results of an Examination conducted by the Minister for Education. This examination shall be partly oral and partly written, and shall be held in Easter Week.

"(9) The examination shall be confined to candidates whose age on 1st August, 1935, is not more than 14 years.

"(10) Scholarships under this Scheme are not to apply to candidates holding pupil teacherships or places in Preparatory Colleges.

"(11) Candidates who attend the Examination and secure not less than 30 per cent of the gross marks allotted to the six subjects in which they were examined will be refunded the necessary expenses incurred in attending the Examination.

"(12) Every candidate for award of Scholarship or Bursary must fill up a Special Entry Form to be obtained from the Secretary, County Council, County Hall, Wexford, and which must be accompanied by:-

- (1) Certificate of Birth or Baptismal Certificate  
(Certificate will not be returned).
- (2) Certificate of Poor Law Valuation.
- (3) Statutory Declaration as to means of family.
- (4) Testimonial of Character from Teacher or School  
Manager.
- (5) Medical Certificate of Health.
- (6) Recommendation as to character signed by  
applicant's clergyman.

"(13) No Entry Form will be received after 5 o'clock p.m. on Friday, 1st March, 1935.

"(14) In the event of any dispute or difference arising in connection with the Scholarships or Bursaries, or with the holders thereof, or candidates therefor, the decision of the County Council subject to the approval of the Minister for Education shall be final and binding.

#### SUBJECTS OF EXAMINATION:

"(15) The following shall be the subjects of examination:  
(a) Irish; (b) English; (c) Arithmetic; (d) History and Geography; (e) Algebra; (f) Geometry; (g) Drawing; (h) Rural Science or Nature Study; (k) Needlework.



"(16) Candidates must answer in the first four of these subjects, and in any two, but not more than two, of the remaining subjects.

"(17) To be eligible for the award of a Scholarship, a candidate must secure not less than 30 per cent in each of the essential subjects: (a) Irish; (b) English; (c) Arithmetic (d) History and Geography, and not less than 50 per cent of the aggregate marks assigned to these subjects and not less than 40 per cent of the aggregate marks assigned to Irish and English.

"(18) A candidate must also obtain 40 per cent of the aggregate of the maxima in two of the subjects - Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Rural Science or Nature Study and Needlework, and not less than 20 per cent. in each of the two subjects selected.

"(19) A candidate who uses Irish instead of English in answering the examination in any subject other than Irish, English and Drawing, may obtain excess marks in the subject. In the case of History and Geography, and Rural Science and Nature Study, excess marks not exceeding 10% of the total marks gained in the subject, may be scored, and in the case of Arithmetic, Algebra, Geometry and Needlework, excess marks not exceeding 5% of the total marks gained in the subject, may be awarded, provided that in each case the candidate has answered wholly in Irish.

"(20) The Programme in each of the above subjects will be the sixth Standard Primary School Programme, with such modifications as may be found in the Appendix herewith.

"(21) An approved school shall be such school, either extern or residential for the giving of secondary education or the giving of instruction or training in agriculture, forestry, trade, commerce, domestic economy, teaching or any other subject of a vocational character as may be approved of by order of the Minister for Education.

## APPENDIX 1.

### Syllabus of Examination

"In all subjects the programme of the Examination for Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools is the programme prescribed for Standard VI. pupils in the official programme for National Schools, subject to such alterations therein as are set out in the "Revised Programme of Primary Instruction" (issued in September, 1934) and to such further modifications as are mentioned below:-

#### 1. OBLIGATORY SUBJECTS.

- (a) Irish (300 marks)  
       Oral (150 marks)

- (1) General Conversation.
- (2) Reading with explanation.
- (3) Recitation, with explanation, of 100 lines of poetry.

Written (150 marks)

- (1) Composition and letter writing
- (2) Suitable exercises in grammar.

- (b) ENGLISH

Written (200 Marks)



"(1) Composition and letter/writing.

(2) Suitable exercises in Grammar.

(N.B. There will be no Oral Test in English.)

(c) Arithmetic (200 marks).

(d) History and Geography (200 marks).

(History - 100 marks; Geography - 100 marks).

11. OPTIONAL SUBJECTS (Any two may be taken by candidates).

(e) Algebra (100 marks)

(f) Geometry (100 marks)

(g) Drawing (100 marks)

(h) Rural Science or Nature Study (100 marks)

"Primary Schools' Programme. Boys - Syllabuses A. and B. Rural Science or Syllabuses A and B. Nature Study. Girls - Syllabuses C. and D. Nature Study.

"Note: Girls who have studied Syllabuses A. and B. of either Rural Science or Nature Study may take the examination papers for boys on these syllabuses.

(k) Needlework (100 marks)

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Lawlor:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 30th November, 1934, be and are hereby confirmed except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MAINTENANCE OF LANES

The Chairman said that applications had been before the Finance Committee in regard to Millquarter and Rathduff Lanes which had been repaired under Minor Relief Scheme to have the Co.Council responsible for their future annual maintenance. He thought they should make public pronouncement that they were not going to take over any more lanes. Wexford Co.Council in proportion to its area had a greater Road mileage than any other County and they should not increase it.



PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME*been*

In connection with above Scheme which had circulated to the Members the Secretary said the County Surveyor's Estimate for 1935/36 amounts to £102,415, an increase of £46,660 on allocation for 1934/35, which was £55,755. The County Surveyor's original estimate last year was £91,519. The County Council last year made an unsuccessful effort to have a reduced amount allocated. The Local Government Department notified the Council that, unless a satisfactory allocation was made, Road Maintenance Grant (amounting to £11,605 on estimate adopted) would be withheld. The estimate adopted last year included £3,049, non-recurrent expenditure.

Col. Gibbon proposed:- "That Provisional Road Works Scheme be referred back to the County Surveyor to allocate for the maintenance of all roads in the County a sum of £45,000."

Miss O'Ryan said that the County Surveyor's estimate was for keeping the roads in a perfect order but financially they could not afford to do that. She proposed:- "That the Road Works Scheme be referred back to the Co. Surveyor and that a sum of £55,755 be allocated as expenditure on all roads on the same basis as for financial year 1933/34."

Mr. Sweetman seconded.

Col. Gibbon said that if Miss O'Ryan's proposal covered all road expenditure of every kind he would accept it and withdraw his own proposal.

Mr. Corish, on behalf of the labour Party, also accepted Miss O'Ryan's proposal.

Mr. Cummins said there was not a farmer satisfied with the condition of the roads at the moment. For the past eight years the Council had reduced the Co. Surveyor's estimate during that period by £400,000. If the Co. Surveyor was there as an engineer and was doing his duty, as he (Mr. Cummins) was



sure he was, and if he made an estimate how could they conscientiously, without going into the figures, cut down that estimate by 50 per cent? He would ask the Co. Surveyor could he give good service in the County if that were done.

In reply to Mr. Keegan, the Secretary said that last year's estimate was £91,519.

Mr. Keegan said that according to what they were told from meeting to meeting things were getting worse, but last year Col. Gibbon proposed £30,000, while he now proposed £45,000. He must think the farmers were in a stronger position this year.

Mr. M. Redmond - A great many farmers have been appealing to me for better service on the roads - clamouring for better roads. I propose that the estimate for the coming year be £60,000.

Mr. Corish - I second that; I think it is reasonable.

Miss O'Ryan said that the trunk roads required only maintenance. Everyone would admit that the roads of the County had been improved out of recognition during the past ten years. The survey staff of the Council were getting over these year by year and after a few years more they would have really no bad roads.

The Chairman said that the Council should also keep in mind that they would have other large estimates from the Board of Health. In regard to the Board of Health there was not the least doubt that as years went on - and perhaps this year - there would be an increase and he thought, a justifiable increase, as they were providing better social and health services for the people, and he thought it was better to spend money on those services than on roads. A lot of money had been spent on roads in recent years, and the roads were tolerably good at present. He believed that the roads compared favourably with the roads of other Counties, if they were not better. He thought the amount of



money spent last year would be sufficient to keep them in good repair during the coming year, and if they had extra money to spend, which he believed they had not, there was no doubt that the health services would tend to increase. There would be a charge for housing, water, and sewerage services, and they should keep that in mind when striking money for roads. It was all very well to have first-class, splendid roads, but still they did not give the service to the people that expenditure in other directions would give. Expenditure on houses, water and sewerage was more justifiable than on roads. It was their duty to keep the roads in fair repair, and he thought they could do that within last year's estimate, and he thought that was as far as they should go.

Mr. M. Redmond said it was not with any great pleasure, that he proposed an increase, but he had in mind that there was a considerable increase in traffic owing to the carriage of beet at present. The road leading to one particular loading station - Palace East - was very bad at present. He understood that the material for that road had run out, and it would be impassable in a week.

The Chairman said there was no reason why the County Surveyor could not provide higher tonnage on roads on which there was a lot of traffic, and reduce the tonnage on roads on which there was a small amount of traffic.

Mr. Keegan said that the £11,000 or £12,000 they got each year in grants was eaten up by the main roads, which were already overdone in his opinion. They tried to get most of the money in grants to the by-roads, but they were told that they could not.

The Chairman said that they got relief grants for the by-roads.

Mr. Keegan said the relief grants would never make up the by-roads - some of them anyhow. They should be allowed to spend some of the £11,000 or £12,000 on the by-roads. If



they wanted to develop the country, and grow beet, tobacco, and everything else, the farmers on the by-roads must get roads, and he thought it was time to have the money turned over to the by-roads.

Col. Gibbon said they should pass any resolution they agreed on as to a figure and let the Co. Surveyor put up a scheme as to the amounts to be spent on each road. The County Surveyor should get credit for endeavouring to keep the roads in the best possible condition and no one in the County was more capable of deciding the amount of money to be spent as between one road and another.

The Co. Surveyor said that the matter of the maintenance grant was important. They got back forty per cent of the maintenance cost on the main roads only; they could not get any grant in respect of county roads. If they took money off the main roads and put it on the third class roads they would forfeit that forty per cent. For instance, last year, when the Council decided to grant the £55,000 it was conditional on their getting the same amount of maintenance grant as in the previous year, and consequently they had to keep the expenditure on the main roads the same as the previous year. There was no doubt that the main roads had been very much improved. The trunk roads, as had been remarked, were practically all done, with the exception of a couple of miles. There were 296 miles of main roads, 1,242 miles of County or third-class roads and 431 miles of contract or fourth-class roads - a total of 1,970 miles. A few extra miles taken over brought the total to about 1,978 miles in the County. Recently at the instance of the Local Government Department the County Surveyors met the Department officials and discussed the question of grants in the future, and at present he had in preparation a scheme of works suitable for doing under grants.



The first jobs they did were the trunk roads. The link roads had not been done yet, except in a few cases, and the idea was to complete those and also to take up the more important of the third-class roads on which the traffic had increased on account of beet and for various other reasons. The scheme they had put before the Department was not going to come into operation at once. The Department wanted a list of important works that the council could take up during the next four years, and they proposed, as money was available for grants, either for relief or out of motor taxation, to have schemes ready from which they could select works in areas where there was a good deal of unemployment. The result would be that during the next year they would undoubtedly get some money on the County roads. Already, in two years, several thousands of pounds had been given in grants for County roads, and they had done some pieces of these roads. There was a piece from Murrintown on to Sleedagh, and part of the Curracloe road and several others. The idea was that in the course of four years they would get over the worst sections. He suggested, with all due apology to the Council, that if they had the same money as last year on the main roads they would then get the same maintenance grant - forty per cent - and if they added £5,000 to the third-class roads, which were in some cases, going back, particularly where there was a good deal of beet traffic, and put the amount for the roads in round figures at £60,000 instead of £55,700 they would be able to carry on. In addition there was a question of doing the sides of roads so as to make them safe for horse traffic.

Mr. Doyle said he would have seconded Col. Gibbon's proposal for £45,000 if he thought there would not be unanimity in agreeing to last year's figures. There would be a very marked increase in the estimate for the County Board of Health and possibly in the estimates for the other subsidiary bodies. They had £16,000 uncollected rates, the bulk



of which would fall on the ratepayers who were paying and trying to pay continuously. He considered that £12,000 of the uncollected rate was a dead letter. There were also increases for the County Home. The £3,000 non-recurrent expenditure should satisfy the Co. Surveyor for the extra work he wished to have done on the third-class roads. Although the amount allocated last year for the roads was in his opinion outside the capacity of the ratepayers he thought they would have unanimity in adopting it; otherwise he would have seconded the proposal for the £45,000. There were various increases over last year's expenditure of which they were not aware at present and there was the £5000 per annum for the harbours of New Ross and Wexford. The farmers in his district were not like those in Mr. M. Redmond's district crying out for an increase in their rates.

Mr. M. Redmond said that the farmers in his district were not crying out for increased rates, but when they were paying their rates they wanted good roads and were entitled to them.

Mr. T. Redmond said that the farmers in his area were crying out for what was their right - good roads. The roads were certainly not showing any improvement in his area. In New Ross area roads which were a few miles from Main roads were almost impassable. Three miles of the Campile road to the Hook, the road leading to Campile Railway Station, and from the Cross of Aclamon into Fethard and several others he could mention, were in a very bad condition.

The Chairman said that in stating that the roads had improved he spoke generally. He thought anyone would agree that in the last ten or fifteen years there had been an improvement. There was a number of back roads that, possibly were not in the state of repair that they would like, but they were tolerably good and passable at the moment. There were some areas in which there was extra traffic in regard to beet, and



if the roads concerned were brought specially to the notice of the County Surveyor he thought he should give them special consideration. The rest of the roads could well do with the expenditure on them last year.

Mr. M. Redmond questioned if it were possible for the Co. Surveyor to give proper attention to the roads with the amount of money at his disposal.

The Co. Surveyor said that something was done out of Grant money on the Campile road and on Fethard road beginning at Slaughter Cross. He admitted that the middle section was very bad.

The Chairman said there was no advantage in discussing the condition of individual roads at this stage.

Mr. Colfer agreed with Messrs. Redmond in regard to the roads referred to. When he raised the question of these roads he had always been met with the cry - "Where is the money to come from". The roads were very bad - nearly all the roads around the Hook, and from Kilmore up <sup>to</sup> around Campile. £5,000 extra had been mentioned - they would want that amount in that area to keep the roads in passable order. There was no use in saying that they could refer the matter to the Co. Surveyor later on, because they would have no money to do the work.

Mr. M. Redmond then withdrew his motion.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to a query said that the figures allocated for road maintenance for the past three years were the same as the figure in Miss O'Ryan's motion.

Mr. Colfer proposed that a sum of £65,000 be provided for road maintenance for next financial year as a number of roads would require special treatment running to a figure of £10,000 at least.

Mr. Cummins seconded.

A poll on this motion resulted as follows:-



FOR:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Kelly, Thomas Redmond and Ronan. (7).

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Doyle, Gibbon, Keegan, Kinsella, Lawlor, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, Smyth, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman. (16).

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

The proposal of Miss O'Ryan that the amount allocated for road maintenance for next financial year be the same as for 1934/35 was then put and passed, Mr. Cummins dissenting.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following motion which was passed nem. con:- "That the amount spent on improvement works or on special works be divided equally between the four districts of the County."

Mr. Smyth objected to tar spraying on the Ballycanew-Gorey road. The Co. Surveyor said that the road was being finished rougher than before. If they did not put some sort of bitumen or tar on the surface, the roads would have pot holes right off.

Mr. Smyth said they could see this road getting smoother every week.

The Co. Surveyor said that he had discussed the question with the Assistant Surveyors and he suggested that if they got any money for spraying they should use it almost exclusively on putting in roughened side surfaces.

Mr. Keegan referring to the Ballycanew road, said that if they did not protect the middle of the road with some kind of tar the money would be wasted.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That £1000 be set aside for special works in each of the four districts of the County."

Further consideration of the road scheme was adjourned to next monthly meeting of the Council to be held on 14th January, 1935.



SANCTION OF RATE COLLECTORS

The following under date 12th December, 1934,  
(No.G.155527/34) was read from the Department of Local  
Government and Public Health:-

"In reply to your letter of the 16th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the permanent appointments on a part-time, non-pensionable basis of the following temporary Rate Collectors who have rendered satisfactory service during a probationary period:-

John Flood	(District No. 9)
Denis Kenny	( " No.14)
Maurice Kehoe	( " No.18)"

RATE INSPECTOR

The Secretary reported that Mr. J.J. A. Masterson, Rate Inspector, took up duty on 13th December, 1934.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the continued employment, up to and including 22nd December, 1934, of Mr. J.J. O'Reilly, who has acted as Temporary Rates Inspector pending permanent appointment. The County Council consider this course advisable in order to allow of the handing over by Mr. O'Reilly at the various checking centres of the accounts of each Collector to Mr. J.J.A. Masterson, the new Rates Inspector, who took up duty on 13th December, 1934."

BALLYHACK HARBOUR

Mr. Cummins referred to the necessity for doing something at Ballyhack Pier so as to give the fishermen a chance to get in and out. The work would give a lot of employment. He suggested that Mr. Corish and the other T.D.'s for the County should interest themselves in the matter.

The Chairman proposed that the Co. Surveyor be instructed to make an inspection of the harbour and report to the Council



and that, if he recommended that money be spent on it, the Council approach the Government for fifty per cent of the grant.

Mr. Cummins seconded the Chairman's proposition which was passed.

#### FLOODING AT FORD-OF-LYNG

Col. Gibbon asked if it was a fact that during the last week the flooding at the Ford of Lyng, Ballybro, and also higher up, was not a bit better than before work was carried out there. The flooding was as bad, or almost worse than ever before, and some of them who knew the place had pointed this out when the conference with the representatives of the Slob Commissioners was held.

Mr. Doyle said he could bear out Col. Gibbon that the flooding had not abated one whit. He admitted that the weather was very bad for the last ten days, but even previous to that the flooding was caused just as quickly at Ballybro as before the drain was done at all. He thought it would be necessary to clean the river from Ballybro down to where it had been done. During the past fortnight Ballygeary had suffered more than any other place in the Barony of Forth. Water had been up to three feet high in the houses. It was even worse there than at Ballybro at the moment.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that, as the Council were aware they had dug a canal from Rathdowney Bridge to the Spill-way and it was a very great success except during the last week, during which the rain was abnormal. Certainly flooding was not quite so bad. The land was never at any time inundated except at the lower end of the canal, which was not complete yet, and could not be completed until next Summer. He agreed with Mr. Doyle's remarks that the drainage in that area would not be completely remedied until they completed the scheme from Rathdowney bridge to Ballybro.



With regard to flooding at Ballygeary, it was probably caused by a drainage scheme they carried out there last year. He visited the place on the previous Friday night and there was a very increased volume of water. He thought a road culvert would cure the flooding, and he had made arrangements to do that as soon as possible. He believed they could remedy the conditions around Ballybro to a very great extent if they could have the drainage scheme from Rathdowney to Ballybro. The Council should insist on getting a contribution from the Slob people to finish the scheme as the people there were in a bad way and he thought another £200 would finish the project.

The Co. Surveyor said he understood the job was to be on a fifty-fifty basis, £200 from the Board of Works and £200 from the Slob Company. They had received the £200 from the Board of Works and spent it on the drain from Rathdowney Bridge to the Spill-way. It appeared that although the Slob people had lodged their £200 with the Board of Works only £50 of it had been spent as it appeared according to the agreement the Slob people could not spend money for work above Rathdowney Bridge. It would take roughly something about £50 to complete the canal and they should be able to spend the balance above the bridge, but apparently the Slob people will not agree to any of their money being spent above Rathdowney Bridge. The only thing open to the Council would be to apply for another Government Grant to do this Section. The flooding at Ballygeary was accentuated by the minor Relief Scheme work carried on lower down. They wanted now to do the middle as the two ends were done. The system would never be absolutely satisfactory as the outlet was tidal and there must be ponding back of the water through high tides at the outlet.

Col. Gibbon said it was understood at the Conference that if the work agreed to was not satisfactory the Slob people would carry out other work and would consider what steps were to be taken to deal with any flooding which was continuing.



He contended that the attention of the Slob commissioners should be called to the fact that the flooding was continuing in the most serious manner in spite of the fact that the canal had been improved at the lower end. In their interview with the Slob people the latter's Engineers held that if the drain was cleared from the bridge down to the Spill-way it would obviate the flooding and in the agreement which they came to it was specified that if this clearance was not sufficient the attention of the Slob people was to be called to it and they were to remedy the flooding. There was nothing at all about not going any further. They were to have come on again and considered the matter.

The Co.Surveyor said that the Board of Works agreed with the Slob people but he (Co.Surveyor) disagreed. The major portion of the flooding was outside the Slob Company's area. They went some distance above Rathdowney bridge but that did not carry them to Ballybro - in fact it was but a short distance. The major portion of the section was always over high water mark, which was why he suggested applying for a Grant.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Councillors for Wexford Co. Electoral Area confer with the Co.Surveyor as to what they consider most advisable to be done in connection with the flooding at the Ford of Lyng and at Ballygeary and report to the next meeting of the Council."

#### NEW MEMBER OF COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That as recommended by the County Wexford Library Committee, Rev.W.B.Furlong, Rector, Bannow, be appointed a member of Co.Wexford Library Committee."



WEEDS & AGRICULTURAL SEEDS  
(IRELAND) ACT 1909

The following motion stood in the name of the Chairman:-

"That the resolution adopted by Wexford County Council at their meeting on 12th November, 1934, in connection with the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909 be rescinded and that the following be adopted instead:-

"That we the Co. Council for the County of Wexford hereby consent to an order being made by the Minister for Agriculture declaring that throughout the County of Wexford all plants of the following species - Thistle, Ragwort, Coltsfoot, Dock and Charlock are noxious weeds, for the purposes of Part 1. of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909."

Mr. Doyle contended that the only portion of the motion which was in order was the rescinding of the resolution already adopted.

After discussion the County Solicitor held that the motion was in order but advised it should be considered in two sections (1) as regards the rescinding of the resolution already adopted and (2) defining plants which were to be regarded as noxious weeds.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture under date 27th November, 1934, (L.5008/34) that the resolution already adopted by the Council did not conform to legal requirements, as it did not state the area of operation of the order or the names of the weeds which it was desired to include therein. A member of the Council should give notice of motion to be placed on the Agenda for next meeting proposing to rescind the resolution already adopted, and asking the Council to agree to a fresh resolution on the lines of the draft furnished by the Department.

The Chairman then moved the following:-

"That the resolution adopted by Wexford Co. Council at their meeting on 12th November, 1934, in connection with the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909 be rescinded."

The resolution was seconded by Mr. Colfer.



The motion was adopted on a show of hands, 18 voting in favour.

The Chairman then moved the following:-

"That we the County Council for the County of Wexford hereby consent to an order being made by the Minister for Agriculture declaring that throughout the County of Wexford all plants of the following species viz., Thistle, Ragwort, Coltsfoot, Dock and Charlock, are noxious weeds for the purposes of Part 1. of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act 1909."

Mr. Sweetman seconded.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR THE RESOLUTION:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Redmond (Thomas), Redmond (Michael), Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (13).

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Cummins, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, Smyth and Walsh. (9).

Mr. John Connors (1) did not vote.

Chairman declared the motion carried.

#### VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS

In connection with the proposed erection and equipping of Rural Schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Sheilbaggan, the following motion stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the decision of Wexford Co. Council at their meeting of 12th November, 1934, to agree to the raising of loan of £3500 for the erection of Rural Schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Sheilbaggan, provided amount of said loan was repaid from the funds of Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee be rescinded and that the Co. Council of Wexford hereby agree to be responsible for the repayment of said loan from their own funds."

Miss O'Ryan said that she had moved ~~the~~ previous resolution embodying the provision that the amount of the loan was to be repaid from the funds of the Co. Wexford Vocational Education



Committee owing to a misunderstanding, as at the time she did not realise that under her resolution it would have been impossible to have obtained any grant from the Department of Education as a contribution towards the loan. She wished to add to her resolution words which would bring it within the purview of Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act 1930.

On the advice of Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, it was decided that the motion as it stood in Miss O'Ryan's name down to the word "rescinded" should be put.

Mr. Kelly seconded and the motion was adopted.

Miss O'Ryan then moved the following:- "Provided the Department of Education agree to contribute one half the annuity payable by the County Council for 35 years in repayment of loan which will be obtained from Office of Public Works.

"That the amount of said loan be transferred as a Grant to the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee in pursuance of Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act 1930, the Grant to be utilised by that Committee for the purpose of the erection and equipment of Vocational Education Schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shelbaggan."

Mr. Kelly seconded the resolution.

Mr. Sean O'Byrne said that a rate of 2½d was raised for the Vocational Education Committee who had power by the Act to demand 3d in the £. Instead of asking for an increase on the 2½d this year they request the Council to raise this loan. If they decided to raise the loan themselves, the full repayment would fall on the rates.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

**FOR:-** Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Meyler, Ronan, McCarthy, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman. (17)

**AGAINST+** Messrs. Connors, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler and Smyth. (6).

The Chairman declared the motion adopted.



In connection with the raising of loan for the three schools in question letter under date 30th November, 1934, (No.10184-34) from the Department of Education (T.I.B.) to the Chief Executive Officer, Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee was read. This communication pointed out that if the Committee's Vocational Education Fund was responsible directly or indirectly for the repayment of any portion of the loan the latter would not be a Grant from the Council in accordance with the terms of Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act 1930 and accordingly no refund from State sources could be made in respect of the payments of such loan.

Letter under date 7th December, 1934, (S.161413/34 Loch Garman (Pg) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health. This pointed out that if the purpose of the loan was to make a grant to the County Wexford Vocational Education Committee to be utilised for the purpose of erection and equipping of three schools in question, the resolution of the Council should be framed accordingly. If it was the intention of the Council not to bear any proportion of the loan charges, the latter could not be raised under Section 51 (4) of the Vocational Education Act 1930.

Miss O'Ryan then moved:- "That the Co. Council of Wexford hereby agree to be responsible for the repayment of said loan of £500 for the erection of rural schools in Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shelbaggan, from their own funds, provided the Department of Education agree to contribute one half the Annuity payable by the County Council for 35 years in repayment of the loan which will be obtained from Office of Public Works.

"That the amount of said loan be transferred as a grant to the Co. Wexford Vocational Education Committee in pursuance of Section 51 of the Vocational Education Act 1930, the Grant to be utilised by that Committee for the purpose of the



"erection and equipment of Vocational Education Schools at Adamstown, Kilmuckridge and Shelbaggin."

Mr. O'Byrne seconded the motion which was adopted.

#### OFFICES FOR CO. BOARD OF HEALTH

The following motion in the name of Miss O'Ryan and which was circulated to the members of the Council on 6th November, 1934, was moved by her and seconded by Mr. Kelly:-  
"That the Wexford Co. Council agree to the borrowing of £3000 by Co. Wexford Board of Health for the purposes of providing at County Hall, Wexford, offices for that body."

Mr. Doyle said that at the last meeting of the Board of Health it was agreed to build a new hospital instead of the old one, at the Co. Hospital site or very near to it. If this decision materialised surely there would be lots of buildings at the present Co. Hospital which would be available and suitable for offices. Or was it the intention of the Co. Board of Health to scrap these buildings and throw them down?

The Chairman said it was not decided where the new hospital was to be built. It might be on a new site altogether.

Mr. Doyle - What are you going to make of the old buildings that you will have on your hands. Have you not enough buildings for the establishment of offices without spending £3000 on new ones.

Mr. Corish pointed out that the Council had already directed the Co. Surveyor to prepare plans for the new offices. In consequence of the lack of accommodation the clerical staff of the Co. Board of Health could not attend to their duties as they should. This was not their fault but arose entirely through lack of accommodation.

Mr. Doyle said that the Board of Health had agreed to spend £70,000 on a new hospital and he wished to know what they were going to do with the old buildings?



Miss O'Ryan - That will be a matter for the Board of Health to decide.

Mr. Doyle - Is it possible that no room could be found in these large hospital buildings as they are to-day for offices should they become vacant owing to the erection of a new hospital.

Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution:- "That consideration of proposed loan of £3,000 for erection of offices for Co. Wexford Board of Health be adjourned until the latter body has given a final decision relative to the position of the new County Hospital.

Mr. Bowe seconded.

After further discussion a vote was taken with the following results:-

FOR COL. GIBBON'S PROPOSAL: Messrs. Bowe, Connors, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Smyth and Walsh. (10).

AGAINST:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Ml. Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (13)

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

*Then* motion on Miss O'Ryan's proposal was then passed without dissent.

The Co. Surveyor in reply to a query said he had prepared plans of the new offices and had forwarded them to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for sanction.

#### WAGES OF ROAD AND QUARRY WORKERS.

The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Kelly:-  
"That the wages of Road and Quarry workers on the regular staff be increased to 35/- per week for a week of 47 hours".

Mr. Kelly withdrew the motion.



SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

The following motion of which he had given previous notice was moved by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the motion passed at last meeting of Wexford County Council refusing application of £10 per year to Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, be rescinded and that he be now paid that amount in respect of extra work which he has to perform regarding the maintenance of the Sow Drainage District."

He added the following words to the motion but subsequently withdrew them:- "That payment be made retrospective as from 1st April, 1934."

Mr. Colfer seconded the proposal as it originally appeared on Agenda paper.

A vote was then taken on the motion with the following result:-

**FOR:-** Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, Lawlor, O'Ryan, Ml. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. (13)

**AGAINST:-** Messrs. Day, Connors, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Smyth and Walsh. (10)

Mr. Kelly then moved the following which was seconded by Mr. Colfer and adopted:- "That the annual payment of £10 to Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, for extra work in connection with maintenance of Sow Drainage District run as from 1st January, 1935, and that said amount be included in the Drainage Maintenance Rate for this district."

MR. R. MALONE, M.R.C.V.S.

The following motion stood in the name of Mr. Corish:- "That in the event of Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., Wexford, agreeing to retire from office as Veterinary Inspector, the Department of Agriculture be requested to sanction payment of an ex-gratia Grant of £100 to him."

In moving this motion Mr. Corish said that Mr. Malone



was a very old servant of the Council but unfortunately as he was not a whole-time officer he would not legally be entitled to superannuation. They should make representations to the Department of Agriculture with a view to obtaining this small ex-gratia grant of £100 for an old and faithful servant.

Mr. Cummins seconded the resolution which was adopted.

#### TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING BILL

Under date 14th November, 1934, Circular letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health which accompanied copies of Town and Regional Planning Act 1934, and Regulations thereunder was read for the meeting. Statutory rules and Orders were also dealt with as well as circular from the Department (No. 114/34) under date 14th November, 1934.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Kelly seconded by Cpl. Gibbon:- "That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the procuring of copies of Regional and Town Planning Act and also statutory rules and orders thereunder, with the summary of the provisions of the Act, for each member of this Council, in order to afford the fullest information, when the question of adopting a planning scheme comes up for consideration."

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Sweetman seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That a Conference between Representatives of the County Council and of the three Urban District Councils of this County be held in connection with the provisions of the Town Planning Act and with a view to submitting recommendations to the four local Authorities concerned. That our Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Urban Districts of Enniscorthy and New Ross and the Corporation of Wexford asking if they would be prepared to appoint three delegates to meet a similar number of delegates from the Co. Council to deal with this matter."



### ADVERTISING CONTRACT FOR YEAR

Quotations were received from "The People", "Free Press" and "Echo" Newspapers for the insertion of the advertisements of the Co.Council and Co.Committee of Agriculture for the year 1935, at £110 each.

The Secretary stated that this was the figure which had obtained for several years and the advertising for this year had shown a very considerable increase.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Corish the following resolution was adopted:- "That quotations from "The People", "Free Press" and "Echo" Newspapers for the advertising of the County Council and Co.Committee of Agriculture for the year 1935 at £110 each be and are hereby approved."

### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

The Secretary reported that there had been received £4776 under Road Maintenance Grant 1934/35 and £880 under the Road Improvement Grant for the same year from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

### NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT.

Under date 29th November, 1934, No. 23411/34, the Commissioners of Public Works forwarded copy of circular issued by them on 30th December, 1930, (No. 18917/30) as to the appointment of a Local Advisory Committee in regard to National Monuments.

The Secretary stated that a Committee had been appointed a considerable time ago but it had been very difficult to secure a meeting lately. The members were Rev. T. Byrne, P.P., Piercestown; Senator Kathleen A. Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown; Seumas Doyle, The Bungalow, Ballycarney, Ferns; Michael Cloney, Dungulph Castle, Fethard-on-Sea, (deceased) E.R. Orpen, Monksgrange, Killanne, Enniscorthy.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That Very Rev. Canon Cloney, P.P., Templetown, be appointed a member of Co. Wexford



"National Monuments Committee vice his brother,  
Mr. Michael Cloney, deceased.

"That our Secretary arrange for a meeting of this  
Committee after the Christmas holidays."

#### COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING

Under date 4th December, 1934, the following letter  
(No. 24536/34) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"We have received a letter dated 17th October from  
the Co. Surveyor asking for an extension beyond 30th November  
of the period during which the grant allocated out of the  
Vote for Relief Schemes in aid of improvements to this Harbour  
will be available. The dredger "Fag-an-Bealach" is at present  
engaged at another harbour.

"We are advised that dredging on the south-east coast  
after the end of October is both risky and costly and that  
it would probably be more satisfactory if the dredging  
required at Courtown Harbour be postponed till early next  
Summer. We suggest therefore, that your Council should defer  
the hiring of the Dredger until that time and, should they  
agree, the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance  
has expressed his willingness to recommend that any unissued  
balance of the grant already offered to your Council out of  
the Vote for Relief Schemes should be made available for the  
year 1935/36.

"In the event of the hiring of the Dredger being  
postponed until next Summer, we shall refund to your Council,  
if desired, the sum of £324 which was lodged to our credit in  
September last. It will of course be understood as regards  
the future that the hire charge will have to be paid to us  
again before the dredger can be despatched.

"We suggest that your application for the hire of the  
vessel next year should be made well in advance of the time  
when she is required in order that the necessary formalities  
as regards hiring agreement, etc., may be completed in good time.  
Meanwhile we shall communicate further with you regarding  
certain difficulties which may have to be encountered in the  
execution of the work and shall send you a draft of the formal  
agreement setting out the terms on which the hiring will  
probably be made so that the preliminaries may be satisfactorily  
arranged by the time the vessel may be required."

Mr. Keegan considered it unfair to the local people that  
the Commissioners of Public Works had not sent their dredger  
to Courtown when it had completed its work at Arklow Harbour  
only a few miles away. As regards hiring the dredger next  
year the Co. Council should avoid interfering with the fishing  
industry or with the summer season at Courtown.

After discussion the Chairman proposed and Mr. Corish  
seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-



"That the Office of Public Works be informed as regards their letter of 4th December, 1934, (24536/34) that the Wexford Co. Council is prepared to hire the dredger "Fag-an-Bealach" for work at Courtown Harbour to be started not later than May, 1935, and will make any necessary arrangements which the Commissioners of Public Works consider essential in this connection.

"That in view of the fact that Council are working on overdraft accommodation they desire that the £324 should be returned to them."

#### POISONS & PHARMACY ACT LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That provided no objection be received from the Garda Síochána, renewal of licence under P<sup>o</sup>isons and Pharmacy Act 1908 issue to Laurence Power, Shelbourne Co-operative Agricultural Society, Ltd., Campile."

#### SEAL OF MORTGAGES SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Keegan and resolved:-

"That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Ten Thousand Pounds proposed to be advanced by them to us under The Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 1899 to 1908 &c."

Proposed by Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Keegan and resolved:-

"That inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them this day executed by this Council, but prefer to receive the same by Instalments as occasion may



"require, It is Resolved, that the Requisition for each advance shall be intimated to the said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for the time being, countersigned by the Secretary, and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners and that all such advances shall be lodged to our account in the Wexford Branch of the National Bank."

ERECTION OF TELEGRAPHIC LINE  
NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

In connection with the objection raised by New Ross Urban Council ~~and~~<sup>to</sup> erection of telegraphic line at New Ross Bridge, letter under date 27th November, 1934, (W.L.33) was read from the Office of the Engineer-in-Chief, Department of Posts and Telegraphs, pointing out that no poles were being erected on the bridge. The way leave consent granted by the Council on the 14th instant, concerned the erection of one pole which it was intended to place close to the wall of a coal yard adjacent to the bridge and in a position agreed to by the Assistant Surveyor for the District, Mr. O'Neill.

The Secretary stated he had forwarded copy of this letter to the New Ross Urban Council and received a reply from them in which they asked that a map of the proposed erection would be submitted to the Urban Council before a decision was arrived at.

Mr. Walsh said the objection by the Urban Council was to having the pole outside the Coal yard but if it were inside the objection would be withdrawn. He proposed:- "That the Engineer of the Post Office be requested to confer with Mr. Shortall, Urban District Surveyor, as regards erection of telegraph line (the situation of which is in dispute) at Rosbercon, New Ross."

Mr. T. Redmond seconded the resolution which was adopted.



ERECTION OF PETROL PUMP.

Mr. T. Doyle, Duncannon, wrote asking for permission to erect kerb-side Petrol Pump.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That application of Thomas Doyle, Duncannon, for erection of Petrol Pump at his premises be agreed to provided the tank is outside the Council property, that said pump be erected to the satisfaction of the Co. Surveyor or District Surveyor and that applicant pays stipulated fee."

CO. REGISTRAR & OFFICE ACCOMMODATION

The following under date 6th December, 1934, was read from the Co. Registrar:-

"On the 16th April last, now nearly nine months I applied to you for further accommodation. I wrote you again on 22nd May and 11th October about the matter. Nothing has been done to provide me with accommodation. I shall be obliged if you will bring the matter again before your Council and ask for an immediate and definite reply. I have refrained from bringing the matter before my Department, but I must do so unless the accommodation is provided."

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, said he was, as directed by the Council, obtaining the advice of Counsel as regards the responsibility of the Co. Council to provide accommodation for Co. Registrar and if so to what extent.

EMPLOYMENT OF HAULIERS

Mr. Culleton raised a question as to why three carters in Lady's Island district viz:- Peter Doyle, Harriestown, Wm. Tobin, Kilrane and John Carr, Ballywitch, had not been employed while haulage on a relief scheme was done by lorry.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, stated that Doyle with a Jennet and car could bring a small load only and



would earn practically very little at the available rates. He had been offered employment on the road at 24/- per week but refused it stating he was not going to do any work but carting.

Wm. Tobin applied for carting with Daniel Hore, The Bing, Kilrane, on 30th November. They were directed to start work on 3rd December, 1934, but on that day they met the ganger and told him they would not start unless they were paid 2/- per load. As he (Mr. Birthistle) considered the price excessive the men were not taken on. It had been necessary to employ the lorry in order to prevent the men on the Kilrane job being idle.

Mr. Culleton expressed himself satisfied with Mr. Birthistle's statement.

Chairman - The Council can, I think, accept the explanation

#### RELIEF WORK

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (RU32) offering £200 from Relief Schemes Vote 1934 for the carrying out of road works for the relief of unemployment in the immediate neighborhood of small towns and villages so that each man would secure one payment before Christmas.

He (Co. Surveyor) did not know what work could be undertaken except drainage in the neighborhood of the small towns and villages, the work to be started early in the following week.

Mr. Keegan - You got £200 for the whole County!

Co. Surveyor - Yes.

Mr. Keegan - Tell them to buy sweets with it.

Mr. Walsh moved that the £200 be allocated equally for the areas of the five Assistant Surveyors to be spent on drainage and similar work in the neighborhood of small towns and villages.

The Chairman seconded the motion which was adopted.



DISMISSAL OF WORKMEN

The following resolution was received from Liam Mellows Fianna Fail Cumann and Ballycarney Fianna Fail Club:-

"That we call on the Co.Council to rescind the resolution on the Minutes of the Council giving the County and Deputy Surveyors power to dismiss a Council Workman without first bringing the charge he has against the workman to the notice of the Members of the Council."

The Secretary stated that Surveyors have power of suspension only and each case must be considered by the Council before the suspension is confirmed or removed. If suspension is made permanent the man goes out of employment; if suspension is not confirmed he is re-instated and receives his wages for the time he was suspended; or he may be re-instated and his wages during his suspension forfeited as Council decides.

No order.

The following resolution was received from Ballycarney Fianna Fail Club:- "That Mr.Ennis,the Deputy Surveyor,be requested to reinstate immediately, two employees of the Co.Council,James Jordan of Munfin area and Michael Doyle of Bunclody area,whom he dismissed some time ago."

Mr. Ronan said he understood that Doyle and Jordan were not working.

Mr.Ennis,Assistant Surveyor,stated he had no work for the men. If an order were made by the Council to employ them he would comply with it.

Mr. Ronan referred to circumstances under which he alleged Jordan and a man named Patrick Kenny were dispensed with from employment by the Council. Those men refused to load lorries.

Mr. Ennis - That is untrue; I deny it.

Mr. Ronan - If I have not the right to speak I will sit down.

Chairman - You have the right.

Mr.Ronan - If Mr.Ennis is boss here I do not want to be here. I will not let Mr.Ennis or anyone else interrupt me.

Proceeding Mr.Ronan said there had been agrarian trouble in



the district in question and the men referred to refused to load lorries. Some time afterwards all the men were dismissed. Some of them were taken back and a couple were kept out, one of whom, Paddy Kenny, was now dead. Kenny's wife and children were hungry. Jordan had been idle practically all the time since. He had seven children. Mr. Ronan then proposed that Doyle and Jordan be reinstated.

The Chairman seconded.

Mr. Ennis denied that the men were dismissed because they refused to load lorries. This was absolutely untrue.

Mr. Ronan - I did not say they were dismissed. I said there was agrarian trouble there, that those men refused to load lorries and that some time after all the men were dismissed

Mr. Ennis - You implied it.

Continuing, Mr. Ennis stated that he had a certain number of men employed some of whom were in regular employment and others only in the winter. He kept on two of the latter more or less against the Co. Surveyor's orders as he was not supposed to get any stones broken in the winter. When the money for the roads was cut down he did not require the same number of men and some of them had to go. He absolutely denied that Jem Jordan was dismissed. He would leave out the other men, the late Pat Kenny who was also referred to. He had no particular objection to taking Jordan on but he thought he should have the right to decide who are the best and most efficient men for the Council. He had a brother of Jordan's employed in his area at the present time. Ten years ago, the Co. Surveyor and he came to a place where they found one of the workmen leaning against the ditch. The man who said he was tying his bootlace was obviously idling. At the present time to the best of his judgment Jordan was working for the Forestry Department and had insurance stamps to his credit. He (Mr. Ennis) had been accused of "sacking" him on political



grounds. He did not do any more than deny it; nobody whose opinion he valued believed it. He did not care about the others. The matters now referred to happened two or three years ago.

The Chairman said this matter was going on for three or four years. It started, he understood when some men refused to load a particular lorry. It came before the Council when he was not a member. At that time the Council did not take any action. A short time after the refusal to load the lorry, men were "laid" off and were not re-employed since. At the time the men were laid off they had been in constant employment of the Council for eleven years. They had young families and there was general dissatisfaction in the area over that particular incident. The two men who were laid off had the largest families and one of them had a very good National record in the years of the trouble. In fact, one of the best men in the County was "laid" off. They were not dismissed or suspended by the previous council and it was only right that the present council should reinstate Jordan and Doyle.

Mr. Ennis said he had the late Patk. Kenny re-employed and tried to get Jordan work since and he did not come for that work.

Mr. Walsh said he understood the attitude of the Council was that such matters were to be left to the surveyors. He did not agree that Mr. Ennis would make a statement in which he did not believe.

Miss O'Ryan - The men should be given to understand that if they have a grievance that they have a right to appeal to the Council.

Mr. Walsh - I did not suggest they had not at any time.

Mr. Meyler - We have our officials and we should, at least, trust them. I gather from the discussion that those men refused to obey the orders of the surveyor. Why should we override that.



Chairman - They were not dismissed for that reason.

Mr. Ronan said Jordan was working for the Forestry Department but it would be for a couple of months only.

The Chairman said the Council would be redressing a grievance by reinstating the men.

Mr. Meyler said that from the trend of the discussion there seemed to be something very fishy about the matter. The previous council did not take any action.

Miss O'Ryan - Surely you did not expect the last Council to give them a sympathetic hearing?

Mr. Meyler - The last Council was as good a body of people as you could get.

Miss O'Ryan - On what score?

Mr. Meyler - On any score; they were straight.

As an amendment Mr. Walsh moved and Mr. Kinsella seconded:-  
"That the resolution relative to re-instatement of James Jordan and Ml. Doyle as workers of the County Council be referred to Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor."

On a show of hands three voted for the amendment and six against.

The other Councillors had left the meeting.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost and on the motion of Mr. Ronan being put it was adopted nem.con.

#### ROAD MATTERS

A large number of applications relative to repair of lanes etc. was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

#### SAVINGS CERTIFICATES.

Letter was read from the Central Savings Committee, Dublin, stating that the sales during the month of September in County Wexford were £335. Already invested £257,175, making a total of £257,510. The repayments to the end of the month were £88,487, leaving a balance invested of £169,023. The gross sales represented an investment of £2:13:9d per head of the Co. Wexford



population. The number of Savings Associations working in the County was 108.

ABLE BODIED AND UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT

The following resolution from Clare Co. Committee of Agriculture was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kinsella, seconded by Mr. Lawlor:-

"That the Government be requested to draft a Scheme whereby able-bodied persons, who are in receipt of Unemployment Benefit will be employed on some reproductive work, such as Reafforestation, Drainage, etc., and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to all Co. Councils and Committees of Agriculture in An Saorstát."

BOUNTIES ON CATTLE EXPORTS

The following resolution from Co. Clare Committee of Agriculture, was, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Lawlor, referred to the Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture, for consideration:-

"That now is an opportune time for the Government to reconsider the whole question of the payment of Bounties on cattle exported from An Saorstát with a view to ensuring that the farmers of the Country who raise the cattle get full benefits from such Bounties."

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