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6th NOVEMBER, 1933

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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING 6th NOVEMBER, 1933

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County Hall,
WEXFORD.

N.J. FRIZELLE,
Secretary, Wexford County Council

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 6th November, 1933.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman (presiding); also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Michael Hickey, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin and Myles Smyth.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor, Rates Inspector and five Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

DEATH OF MR. SHANNON.-

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING

Mr. Corish said that since their last meeting, their colleague, Mr. James Shannon had passed away. Everyone would agree that Mr. Shannon was a very popular member and would be a great loss to the Council and a loss to the people, not alone those whom he directly represented - the working class - but also the general body of the ratepayers in the County. It would be admitted that Mr. Shannon always did his best for those he represented and for the Council as a whole, and he was always in constant attendance at the meetings of the Council and of every other Board of which he had the honour to be a member. He (Mr. Corish) felt certain that everyone sympathised with Mr. Shannon's wife and child in their bereavement that came so suddenly, and he thought it only fitting that the meeting stand adjourned to do honour to his memory. He, therefore, moved that they extend their sympathy to Mrs. and Miss Shannon in the bereavement caused by Mr. Shannon's untimely death, and that the meeting adjourn as a mark of respect to his memory.

Mr. Cummins seconded and endorsed every word that

Mr. Corish had said. He thought an adjournment was the least mark of respect they could pay to the memory of Mr. Shannon, who was a great loss to his family and to the Council.

Col. Quin said he was in Scotland when he heard of Mr. Shannon's death, and was very shocked and surprised. He was very proud to call Mr. Shannon his friend. Mr. Shannon was one of the finest men he knew and he was as straight as a die as far as he (Col. Quin) knew him, and was honest with everyone. He thought Mr. Shannon was a man whom they could be proud to call an Irishman.

Mr. O'Byrne said that Mr. Shannon and himself had spent a lifetime working together. It was a shock to see one of their comrades pass away, especially as Mr. Shannon seemed to be the healthiest of the Councillors and one who would be the last to go. His death was certainly a sad blow for his wife and daughter.

Miss O'Ryan said she had always admired Mr. Shannon's tremendous loyalty to duty and the interest he took in the welfare of the people he represented. She regarded his death as a great loss to the country.

Mr. Jordan said that the more he saw and knew of Mr. Shannon the more he respected him. He found him very straightforward and honourable - a man whose word one could always trust. Not only was he a great representative of labour but he represented all the people in his district - it did not make any difference who they were or what their politics. When he had a chance of doing a good turn to people opposed to him in politics, if they were deserving cases he was just as anxious to help them as he was to help those who agreed with him. He thought that that was a grand feature in the character of a public man, and no matter how hard the Labour party might try they would find

it very difficult to get a man to replace him.

Col. Gibbon expressed his deep sympathy with the relatives of Mr. Shannon. He felt Mr. Shannon's loss to the Council very greatly. He was one of the members with them for a very long time, and he was a man they would miss.

The Secretary said that on his own behalf and on behalf of the staff, he had, at the meeting of the Co. Committee of Agriculture, expressed his appreciation of Mr. Shannon in his dealings with the County staff in all matters in which they were concerned. They recognised to the full the kind and courteous manner in which he treated officials at all times. They deeply regretted his death, and sympathised most sincerely with his relatives.

Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, said he had a great regard for Mr. Shannon, and the news of his death came as a shock to him.

The Co. Surveyor said he came in contact with Mr. Shannon over and over again in connection with works in his department, and he certainly found him most keen in getting improvement works carried out, and, as Mr. Jordan had mentioned, Mr. Shannon brought forward all cases regardless of political or other differences.

The following was read from Mr. T. McCarthy, Co. Councillor:-

"I regret I cannot be at County Council meeting on Monday as I would like to have associated myself with resolution of sympathy with the relatives of the late Mr. Shannon. Mr. Shannon was a particularly good type of public representative and whilst the interests of the party which elected him were his first consideration, he actually worked for all the people. He possessed plenty of commonsense and his chief object as a Councillor was to

"treat everybody fairly and be tolerant towards others who differed from his point of view. He was indefatigable in his efforts to promote necessary works in his own district and his loss there will be keenly felt. Being unable to be present I would ask you to convey to the Council my appreciation of Mr. Shannon's worth as a public representative and his loyalty as a friend."

The Chairman, in putting the motion, said he had known Mr. Shannon on all the public Boards probably as long as anyone else in the room. He endorsed all that had been said about Mr. Shannon by the different speakers. Mr. Shannon and himself were wonderfully fast friends during the time they spent together in the Dail. He always knew Mr. Shannon as a generous, honest man, well-meaning in every way.

The resolution was then adopted in silence.

It was decided that adjourned meeting should be held on 27th November, 1933.

Michael Doyle

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Secretary, Wexford County Council

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A meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 27th November, 1933.

Present:- Mr. M. Doyle, Chairman, presiding; also Messrs. James Armstrong, John Brennan, James Cline, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Culleton, John Cummins, Timothy F. D'Arcy, James Gaul, Col. C.M. Gibbon, James Hall, Michael Hickey, Michael Jordan, William P. Keegan, Thomas Maylor, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col.R.P.W. Quin and James E. Walsh, and Patrick Hayes.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £26989:3:8d were examined and signed.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Mr. Cummins proposed and Col. Gibbon seconded the following resolution:-

"That Mr. M. Doyle, be re-elected Chairman of this County Council to hold this position until his successor has been appointed and has taken office."

There being no other proposal Mr. Doyle was declared re-elected.

He thanked the Members very heartily for the honour conferred upon him and for the confidence reposed in him by his colleagues. He would carry on the business in the future as in the past.

ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Hickey:- "That Mr. J.E. Walsh, be re-elected Vice Chairman of this Council to hold the position

"until his successor has been appointed and has taken office."

Mr. Walsh returned thanks for his re-election. He congratulated Mr. Doyle on his re-election and for his very careful attention to the business of the Council. The Chairman was ably assisted by his fellow-members and in his (Mr. Walsh's) opinion the business of the Wexford County Council was transacted as well as that of any other Council in Ireland.

THE LATE MRS. QUIRKE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colloton seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That we offer our heartfelt sympathy to Mr. James Quirke, Rate Collector, in the death of his young wife. We deeply condole with him in his bereavement."

The vote was supported by several Councillors and by the Secretary.

PROPOSED CO-OPTION OF CO. COUNCILLOR

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Cline:- "That co-option of Member of this Council vice Mr. James Shannon, deceased, be adjourned to next meeting of Co. Council to be held on 11th December, 1933."

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF

FINANCE COMMITTEE

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th October, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 12th October, 1933.

Mr. James E. Walsh, (Vice Chairman Wexford Co. Council) presided and there were also present:- Messrs. T. McCarthy, John J. Culleton, James Hall, Sean O'Byrne and James Shannon.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6298.9.1d was examined and signed.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 7th October, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (H.109875/33 Loch Garman (Pc) wrote agreeing to increase to £180 from £150 the amount of loan to be made to Mr. Joseph Darcy, in respect of a house at Railway Road, Gorey.

Under date 10th October, 1933, (H.111437/33 Loch Garman) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote agreeing to loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to John Ryan, Aughnaclappa, Caim, £70, and Thomas Foley, Kiltrea Bridge, Enniscorthy, £70.

Under date 10th October, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (H.111039/33 Loch Garman) wrote agreeing to loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to the following:-

<u>Michael Admond Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.</u>	<u>£180</u>
<u>James Doyle, Whitewell Cross Roads.</u>	<u>£ 70</u>
<u>Wm. Sheil, Scarawalsh, Clovass Road.</u>	<u>£150</u>
<u>Michael Wickham, Tomnalossett, Enniscorthy.</u>	<u>£125</u>

The Secretary stated that when Mortgages in these cases

had been signed, instalments of the Loan, certified for payment by the Assistant Surveyors, would issue in each case.

The following payments were made to applicants for loans and to Valuers:-

	£.	s.	d.
(Applicant) William O'Leary, Summerhill, Enniscorthy.	31	9	0
(Valuer) R.J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)	1	1	0
(Applicant) Martin Breen, Gurrawn.	11	9	0
(Valuer) Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)	1	1	0
(Applicant) John Lawlor, Ballyhyland.	23	19	0
(Valuer) Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)	1	1	0
(Applicant) Daniel Tomkins, Esmonde St., Gorey.	27	14	0
(Valuer) Thomas Treanor, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)	1	1	0
(Applicant) Michael Ryan, Clonattin, Gorey.	23	19	0
(Valuer) Thomas Treanor, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)	1	1	0
(Applicant) Wm. Willoughby, Barnadown, Gorey.	31	9	0
(Valuer) T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)	1	1	0
(Applicant) John & Annie Redmond, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.	48	19	0
(Valuer) Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)	1	1	0
(Applicant) James Nolan, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy.	41	14	0
(Valuer) Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)	1	1	0
(Applicant) John & M.E. Fortune, Esmonde St., Gorey.	88	19	0
(Valuer) T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)	1	1	0
(Applicant) Elizabeth Phelan, Courtown Harbour, Gorey.	148	19	0
(Valuer) T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)	1	1	0
(Applicant) Thomas Roche, Kilcloran, Camolin.	125	12	6
(Applicant) Maurice Foley, Ballyhyland, Killanne.	48	19	0
(Valuer) Thomas Cullen, Assistant Surveyor. (Fee)	1	1	0
(Applicant) James Molloy, Ballykerogue, Campile.	90	0	0
(Applicant) Nicholas Whelan, Dunbrody, Campile.	90	0	0
(Applicant) Robert Keegan, Prospect, Gorey.	47	10	0

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: Under date 9th October, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote as follows (Circ. No. 104/33):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to express his grave concern at the lamentable state of the rate collection apparent from returns showing the position at the close of the half-year ended 30th ultimo. At this period, granted efficient collection, the proportion of the entire year's

"collection lodged should have amounted to one-half, but in no County has one-third been reached and the general position is that less than one-eighth of the rates have been collected. This position is discreditable alike to County Councils, their collectors, and the ratepayers themselves. Economic conditions were difficult last year when the proportion collected at this stage amounted to one-fifth. In the preceding year the proportion was one-fourth while the year before showed a collection of over one-third. The retrogression disclosed cannot but reflect on all parties concerned.

"County Councils are not merely spending bodies, the main source of their income is from rates and their most important duty is to see that the rates necessarily levied are promptly collected. The published reports of the proceedings at meetings of many county councils show that many Councillors appear from their public utterances more disposed to excuse ratepayers in default than to stress their obligations to meet their civic debts. Utterances of this character are quite inconsistent with the functions for which Councillors are elected. They discourage ratepayers and rate collectors. The Minister wishes to emphasise that it is the duty of each and every County Councillor both by personal example in prompt payment and by direct encouragement to ratepayers to assist in the early collection of rates.

"The position of County Secretaries in this matter is that they are the responsible executive officers of the various Councils and as such are responsible to see that the rates are properly collected and that the Rate Collectors properly perform their duties. In this portion of their duties neither County Secretaries nor Rate Collectors can be lawfully interfered with by Councils. Should Councils or Councillors purport to instruct their officers to refrain from taking all due steps to secure prompt payment of rates County Secretaries are obliged under Section 61 of the Local Government Act, 1925, to warn the meeting

"that the Councillors in question may be held responsible at audit for any subsequent loss.

"Each County Council should thoroughly examine the rating position and take all steps necessary to bring about an improvement. On the one hand they should issue public notices to ratepayers calling for the immediate payment of rates and pointing out the serious consequences that would be entailed by curtailment of civic services should this become necessary by lack of financial accommodation. On the other hand they should examine scrupulously the manner in which their officers are attending to the collection. The Collectors should be required to show when all demand notes were issued, how long after they received their warrants and what subsequent steps they have taken to collect the rates. Delay in the issue of demand notes should be dealt with by disciplinary action. The Rate Inspectors should be called upon to exercise the utmost energy in their supervision and to bring to light forthwith any cases of slackness on the part of Collectors. The Inspectors should report at frequent intervals as to the manner in which the Collectors are proceeding and showing what supervision they themselves are exercising. Particulars of the number of inquiries made by the Rate Inspectors from ratepayers appearing in arrear should be given and whether as the result of such inquiries the Inspectors are satisfied or not with the work of the Collectors."

The Chairman said that from published statements of rates collected in Counties appearing in the Daily Press, Wexford was high up and he believed that the Circular letter of the Department did not apply to them.

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

"That the attention of the Department of Local Government

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"and Public Health be drawn to the fact that as regards their Circular letter of the 9th October, 1933, No. 104/33, the Finance Committee desire to point out that the amount of rates lodged to date is in advance of the sum lodged at the corresponding period last year. Considering the state of the Country we believe that the Ratepayers have made a surprisingly good response to the demands of the Rate Collectors. The Finance Committee and the County Council are doing everything in their power to keep the rate collection on a businesslike basis."

PERSONAL BOND OF RATE COLLECTOR: Mr. John Flood, Clonroche, Collector (No. 9 District) wrote offering as his Personal Sureties, James Flood and John Cullen, both of Tominearly, Clonroche. Although they could not produce Banker's references they were both substantial farmers.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following recommendation:- "That the County Council be recommended to accept James Flood and John Cullen, Tominearly, Clonroche as personal securities for Rate Collector John Flood (No. 9 District)"

RESOLUTION FROM UNITED IRELAND PARTY: The following resolution forwarded from Tagoat Branch of the United Ireland Party had been referred from Co. Council meeting of 9th October, 1933, to the Finance Committee:-

"That the Co. Council abstain from drastic action in the collection of Rates until at least the New Year. By that time people will have a chance of getting Beet Returns and a better market open for oats." No order.

DISCOUNT ON SMALL DWELLINGS: Mr. Joseph Cummins wrote asking for refund of £1.18.9d overlodged amount in connection with discount on Small Dwellings. This had occurred through a clerical error on the part of the Rate Inspector.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Culleton:- "That amount of £1.18.9d overlodged by J. Cummins, No. 8 District, in respect of Discount

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"for Small Dwellings be refunded to him."

APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE: Mr. James Quirke, (No.1 District) wrote that acting as Hon. Secretary to the County Rate Collectors Association, he had been instructed to apply for poundage on rates collected to date, as the Collectors found it very difficult to carry on owing to lack of funds.

Mr. Hall proposed and Mr. McCarthy seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That application for payment of poundage by Rate Collectors be considered at first Finance Committee meeting to be held after close of present month."

COMPENSATION FOR ALLEGED

CRIMINAL INJURIES

Application for compensation for Criminal Injury was read from Jeanie King, Coolamurry, Davidstown, for wearing apparel and furniture - £80; and from John Dunne, Ballybrennan, Bree, - burning of hay £6.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor obtain all evidence possible in connection with these applications and appear to oppose the claims at the circuit Court.

APPLICATION INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL

Mr. Leacy, N.S.P.C.C., wrote he intended to apply at Wexford Children's Court on 18th instant, for the committal of Catherine Kelly, Kiltra, Bannow, to St. Michael's Industrial School, Wexford. This child born on 7th April, 1923, was illegitimate. The father who subsequently married the mother died in June last. The mother was destitute and unable to support the child and in addition the child was at present living in immoral surroundings. Application would be made under Section 58 (1) (H) Children's Act 1929.

Mr. O'Byrne stated that if the facts were as represented he considered the application should not be opposed and the meeting fell in with this suggestion.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL
SCHOLARSHIP EXAMINATION

Mr. Noel Anglim, Riverview, Arthurstown, who sat at the recent examination and who secured over 40% of marks, wrote for a refund of his expenses incurred in attending the examination amount £1.11.6d.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Shannon seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That in accordance with the provisions of Scheme for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships, a refund of £1.11.6d expenses incurred in attending the examination under this Scheme by Master Noel Anglim, Riverview, Arthurstown, be refunded to him."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

Under date 10th October, 1933, Mr. John Dunphy, University Scholar, wrote applying for extension of his University Scholarship for a further year in order to obtain the Higher Diploma of Education. This Degree was essential for those desiring to enter the teaching profession. He had passed the B. Comm. Examination with Second Class Honours.

The Secretary stated the following was an extract from the University Scholarship Scheme:- "Students for the Higher Diploma of Education will hold Scholarships for four, instead of three years, to enable them to secure this Diploma."

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall, the following resolution was adopted:- "That in conformity with the provisions of University Scholarship Scheme, the Scholarship awarded to John Dunphy, 21 Convent Hill, New Ross, be available for the forthcoming Academic year to enable him to secure the Higher Diploma of Education."

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th October, 1933, be received and considered."

THE MINISTER AND RATE COLLECTION: The Secretary stated that he had furnished each Councillor with copy of the Circular letter of the Department of Local Government and Public Health (No.104/33 - 9th October, 1933) as to Rate Collection.

In reply to query he said that the amount of Rate lodged represented 39.19 per cent of the year's Warrant. At the corresponding period last year the percentage of Warrant collected was 42.84 showing a decrease of 3.65 per cent.

The Chairman said that although the percentage was lower they had more money in.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That this Council inform the Ministry for Local Government and Public Health that in their opinion the Rate Collection is doing very well in view of economic conditions."

Mr. Hickey thought the circular a most insulting one. Instead of putting the blame on the Rate Collectors and the Council, the ~~blame~~ blame should have been put on the people responsible. They all knew the state of the country and the difficulty to pay rates seeing that the ratepayers could not get one half of what they got twelve months or two years ago for what they had to sell. When the ratepayers could not get their markets restored they could not obtain money to pay annuities or anything else. There were men telling the people that there had been conspiracies in the country, and when challenged about them they were not able to prove anything.

The Chairman said he did not think they should introduce politics. He had no objection to any comments on the circular but they should not wander away from the terms of the circular.

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The County was doing well. As Mr. Hickey stated it was not the fault of the people if some of them were not paying their rates which, he regretted to say, was due to the fact that they had not the money.

Miss O'Ryan said that as the Chairman had accepted the remarks of Mr. Hickey they should not let them go unchallenged. The circular under discussion was sent to all Councils and no blame was being attached to any Council that was doing its duty fearlessly and honestly. She submitted that in the cases where rate collections were not better the right people to blame were the Co. Councillors. Fortunately, in Wexford County the rate collection was better than last year. If Councils were not able to get in the rates and to see that the public services were carried out they should resign office and let people take their place who were prepared to do the work. They had an excellent body of collectors in Wexford and they were very glad to see that some of the inducements being held out were not being yielded to. A lot of the blame had to be placed on the people themselves. She had instances in her mind of people who said that they could pay rates but would not do it. Those who were not in a position to pay the rates were to blame themselves, as they were not breaking up their soil and trying to make money. They wanted to stick to a policy which was dead and gone for ever.

Col. Gibbon referred to a report in a daily newspaper of that day in which it was stated that the Minister for Local Government had decided to obtain special reports from Counties where the collection of rates had fallen below normal. The article also stated that in Meath where the collection was held to be not satisfactory all collectors were submitted to a searching examination last week. The inquiry revealed no evidence of a "no rates campaign" but went to show that the farmers of Meath were very hard hit by the economic war and

that money was very scarce. Miss O'Ryan stated that the farmers were not doing their job and not taking advantage of the times, He would like Miss O'Ryan to tell them what the people were to do with their black oats. There were hundreds of tons of black oats in the hands of the people, and if they could not sell their corn how could they pay rates? A very large number had the best intentions in the world, but they had not the money. The prices of cattle were also very poor and they were being sold at a loss of £4:5s. a head. It was not due to the English demand, though they were told that the English market was gone. The British Government was stopping £6 a head and the sellers were getting a subsidy of 35/-. That meant that the English farmer was buying Irish cattle, the sellers of which were losing at the rate of £4:5s. a head. Next year Wexford County which had done so well with beet would be worse off as there would be a loss of £5 a statute acre on the crop when this year's price was compared with the figure fixed for next year.

Col. Quin said he understood Miss O'Ryan to state that people told her that they had the money but would not pay rates. If there were such people it was the duty of the members to make known the names of such people to the Council and have them prosecuted. It was very easy to make vague statements which had very little foundation.

Miss O'Ryan said that Col. Ginnon had made a terribly dishonest statement when he suggested that the farmers could not grow black oats at present prices. What about wheat, white oats and beet? If Col. Gibbon and others gave up the growing of beet there would be twenty-five applicants for every acre. Butter and eggs were selling to-day at prices that were better than had been prevailing for many years. Sheep and pigs were also realising steady prices and farmers were getting feeding stuffs at lower prices than heretofore. She denied that she ever made vague statements, and the Council could rest assured that

if she obtained any information about non-payment of rates she would pass it on to the Council.

Mr. W.P. Keegan said the debate would tend to hamper the rate collection and provide excuses for people not to pay the rates.

The Chairman said he certainly disagreed with Miss O'Ryan's statement. Every member of the Council was aware that the receipts of the farming community, no matter what phase of agriculture they engaged in, were ^{not} anything like what they had been.

Mr. Hall said that to-day anyone who employed labour was unable to make agriculture pay the expenses. At the last fair in Enniscorthy he sold sheep at a loss of 10/- a head. He received no bounty, and if he did he had to pay it back.

The Chairman said that the statements from all the Rate Collectors made to the Finance Committee went to show that there was not a "no-rates Campaign" in this County.

The matter dropped.

PERSONAL BOND OF RATE COLLECTOR: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Brennan:-
 "That, as recommended by Finance Committee Messrs. James Flood and John Cullen, both of Tominearly, Clonroche, be accepted as Personal Securities for John Flood, Rate Collector (No. 9 District)."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th October, 1933, and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved."

The Minutes of meeting of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 26th October, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, on 26th October, 1933.

Present: Messrs. James Hall, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

Mr. McCarthy was moved to the chair on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5490.1.3d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

The state of the Rate Collection up to 25th October, 1933, was submitted as follows:-

<u>Collector</u>	<u>Percentage of Current Rate collected</u>
1. E.J. Murphy	40.0
2. Sean Gannon (6)	40.0
3. John Curtis	35.0
4. Patrick Carty	33.3
5. P. Nolan	32.1
6. S. Gannon (10)	32.0
7. W. Cummins	31.1
8. Maurice Kehoe	30.8
9. J. Cummins	28.1
10. W. Doyle	26.8
11. A. Dunne	25.8
12. J. Quirke	25.5
13. M. McCarthy	25.5
14. D. Kenny	25.4
15. J. Deegan	24.7
16. J.J. O'Reilly	24.3
17. J. Flood	22.0
18. P. Doyle	20.3
19. J.J. Sinnott	18.0
20. M. Murphy.	16.1
	<u>28.0</u>

As compared with 3rd November, 1932, there was a drop in the collection of 7.5 per cent.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Rate Collectors be directed to inform this Committee of the steps taken by them in the cases of ratepayers who are able to pay the first moiety of current year's rates but who failed or neglected to

"do so. That reports from Collectors on this point be considered at next meeting of this Committee."

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction an extension of period of present overdraft accommodation of £40,000 to 31st March, 1934."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 16th October, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Housing Department) wrote (H.112016/1933 - Wexford Co. Council) approving of loan of £100 to Patrick Fanning, Moneycross Upper, Gorey.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, wrote that the titles of Denis Brennan, Springmount, Killanne and of William Sheridan, Lucas Park, Enniscorthy, to the plots on which they proposed erecting houses under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts were in order.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:- "That Co. Council be recommended to agree to issue of loan of £145 to Denis Brennan, Springmount, Killanne, and of loan of £140 to William Sheridan, Lucas Park, Enniscorthy, under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

MOTOR HIRE - MACHINERY OVERSEER

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That payment of eleven Guineas for Motor hire from 8th September, 1933 to 27th September, 1933, be made to W. Murphy, Machinery Overseer, covering portion of period during which body of new lorry was under construction.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 26th October, 1933, and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby approved."

The Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th November, 1933, were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 9th November, 1933.

Present:- Messrs. James Hall, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3616:14:11d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF:- The following state of the Rate Collection to 8th November, 1933, was submitted:-

<u>Name of Collector</u>		<u>Percentage of current Rate excluding arrears.</u>
	£. s. d.	
1. E.J. Murphy	2734: 3: 4	47.2
2. S. Gannon (6)	1513:17:11	44.5
3. J. Curtis	2606: 6: 7	42.1
4. M. Kehoe	1958: 4: 5	41.1
5. P. Carty	2077: 4: 4	30.3
6. W. Cummins	1784: 1: 1	35.8
7. P. Nolan	2674:10: 7	35.6
8. J. Cummins	2063: 9: 7	35.4
9. S. Gannon (10)	1378: 5: 2	35.3
10. W. Doyle	1732: 5: 3	35.0
11. J. Deegan	2609:12: 8	31.3
12. M. McCarthy	1881: 1: 9	31.2
13. D. Kenny	1635: 9: 5	31.0
14. A. Dunne	2577:18: 6	30.7
15. J.J. O'Reilly	1869: 2:11	30.1
16. J. Flood	1298:11: 4	30.0
17. J. Quirke	2547:10: 7	29.7
18. P. Doyle	1668: 1: 2	26.2
19. J.J. Sinnott	1568:18: 3	24.7
20. M. Murphy.	987:13: 9	24.3
	<u>£39166: 8: 7</u>	<u>33.7</u>

These figures showed a drop of 5.3 per cent as compared with corresponding period in 1932.

EXPLANATIONS FROM RATE COLLECTORS:- At the meeting of Finance Committee on 26th October, 1933, the following resolution was adopted:- "That the Rate Collectors be directed to inform this Committee of the steps taken by them

"in the cases of Ratepayers who are able to pay the first moiety of current year's rates but who failed or neglected to do so."

All Rate Collectors with the exception of Patrick Carty had replied to this resolution.

The following is a summary of reply from Collector in each case:-

J. CUMMINS: No one refused to pay; had served forty-nine Six Day Notices.

W. CUMMINS: Served Six Day Notices; only about six or seven Ratepayers concerned.

J. CURTIS: Handed to Solicitor names of ratepayers who are in a position to pay and have not done so.

JOHN DEEGAN: No refusal from anybody able to pay. Serving Six Day Notices on those who he considered able to pay.

P. DOYLE: Same explanation as M. Kehoe.

W. DOYLE: No refusal from Ratepayers except one - Richard Richards, Artramont. Had served him with Six Day Notice. Handed the matter to Solicitor. Other ratepayers were doing their best to pay.

ART DUNNE: No attempt to evade or defer payment. Ratepayers were anxious to pay. Farmers depend on sale of cattle or oats; cattle were unsaleable and there was only a limited market for oats. All able to pay had paid except Earl of Courtown and Reps. Lady Errington and payment would be made in these cases when Estates had been administered.

J. FLOOD: Had called a second time on practically all ratepayers and had received definite promises to pay in most cases. Where promises would not be carried out he would take legal proceedings.

SEAN GANNON: Had served Six Day Notices on nearly all defaulting ratepayers. Very hard to say who was able to pay. (Read letter from Col. Bryan.)

M. KEHOE: Had served Six Day Notices on all considered able to pay. After that would communicate with Solicitors.

D. KENNY: Six Day Notices on all he considered able to pay. But people were not able to sell their cattle or corn. Men at Gorey Fair on the previous day were prepared to sell their cattle at sacrifice prices but could not get a buyer. Thought Ratepayers were doing their best.

M. MCCARTHY: Doing his best not easy to decide who was really able to pay. People had promised to pay when they received their beet cheques, and there was no use in taking them by the neck. If he got Decrees he would be no better off as decrees obtained last year had not been executed and he had been obliged to lodge £35 of his own money to close his warrant and had not seen a penny of it yet. He did not see what redress Collectors had. He suggested the Finance Committee or Co. Council would appeal to ratepayers to pay up as had been done in Clare and other Counties. This might help the Collectors.

E.J. MURPHY: Where he failed to collect he had served Six Day notices. He had only £193:3:2d outstanding on first moiety.

M. MURPHY: In the case of anyone able to pay he had served Six Day Notices. He had lodged decrees with the Sheriff for last year's rates and wished to know what about them?

P. NOLAN: Very hard to judge "who's who" in the matter of payment. He had served Six Day Notices on defaulters and would proceed further by summons to Court if they did not pay. He had decrees for something like £500 and could not get a shilling of it. He wished to know where he stood as regards these decrees. He had been forced to lodge money out of his own pocket last year to close his warrant. A number of ratepayers believed no one would buy stock which had been seized for rates and they would have to be returned to the owners as happened in previous cases.

J.J. O'REILLY: It was very difficult to be certain that a particular person was in a position to pay. Cattle could not be sold even at a sacrifice and oats which in the past had paid the September rate would not make money at from 5/- to 5/6d per barrel. He had served twenty-five Six Day Notices, which he would follow up.

J. QUIRKE: Had served Six Day Notices on Ratepayers considered able to pay. Had decrees against several others since last March and who were able to pay but could not get them executed. If this were done it would help the collection very much.

J.J. SINNOTT: Believed every ratepayer was doing his best to pay, in fact they had their cattle in every fair. Farmers lived out of cattle in this district. He enclosed letter from Major Bryan, Upton. He had placed the collection of this item in the hands of his Solicitors.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Collectors be instructed to take the necessary steps to have decrees

"which they have obtained for Rates executed."

POUNDAGE: Application from Mr. J. Quirke, Hon. Secretary, Co. Rate Collectors' Association, for payment of Poundage to Collectors on amounts collected submitted to meeting of Finance Committee on 12th October, 1933, and adjourned to present meeting was considered.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That Department for Local Government and Public Health be requested to approve of payment of full poundage for Collectors' lodgments to 30th November, 1933, to all Rate Collectors who lodge 50 per cent of current warrant by 7th December, 1933, (excluding arrears).

RATE COLLECTOR RESIDING IN HIS DISTRICT: Letter from Rate Collector P. Carty (No. 20 District) as to permanently residing in his district which was considered at meeting of Finance Committee on 3rd August, 1933, and adjourned for three months was considered.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That consideration of letter from Collector P. Carty as to residing in his district be adjourned until the close of Warrant for current year

OVERDRAFT

The Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote under date 2nd November, 1933, (G.125244/1933 - Loch Garman Fa) asking in connection with the sanction of overdraft what steps had been taken to recover from the Urban District Councils the sums due on their Demands in respect of the financial year ended March, 1933, The Co. Council should not allow these Demands to get into further arrear.

The Secretary stated that Enniscorthy Urban Council owed £1440:7:2d (half year) and Wexford Urban Council £1533:4:6d (one Quarter). In respect of Demands for year ended

31st March, 1933, New Ross Urban Council had paid Demand for that year in full.

None of the Urban District Councils had made any payment on current year's Demands.

It was decided that Urban District Councils be requested to lodge the outstanding instalments of Demands as soon as possible.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 3rd November, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.117695-33 Loch Garman) sanctioning the proposal of the Council to advance £100 on loan to Edward Dwyer, Ballyoughna, Killena, under above Acts.

The following resolution was adopted:- "That the Co. Council be recommended to approve of the following loans under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

£150 to Michael Fox, Ballyorrlil, Marshalstown.

£120 to Maurice O'Neill, Cherryorchard, Enniscorthy, and

£150 to John Murphy, Bellefield, Enniscorthy.

ANNUAL MEETING OF CO. COUNCIL

Under date 6th November, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (Circ. No.F.109/33) forwarding copy of Order dated 17th October, 1933, and made in pursuance of the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Act, 1931, revoking the previous Order of 30th August, 1933, and appointing the 15th July, 1934, the last day mentioned in the Statute for the holding of local Elections. In consequence of the provisions of this new Order the year 1933 is now a year in which a triennial election is not held and the duty devolved on the County Secretary to convene the annual meeting of the County Council in accordance with the provisions of Section 11 of the Local Elections Act, 1927.

The Secretary read the last mentioned section for the meeting.

It was decided that the date fixed for next meeting of the Council viz. 27th November, 1933, at 10.30 a.m. was the earliest convenient date for holding the annual meeting of the Council.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, brought before the meeting Report of Co. Analyst showing that a sample of whiskey taken by the Gardai at the shop of Mrs. Elizabeth W. Reid, Duncannon, contained 7.8 per cent of excess water and that a sample of whiskey taken by the Gardai at the premises of Mrs. Susan Heery, Duncannon, contained 3.6 per cent excess water.

It was decided that Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, take Court proceedings in each case.



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Cline seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 9th November, 1933, be received and considered."

EXPLANATIONS FROM RATE COLLECTOR:

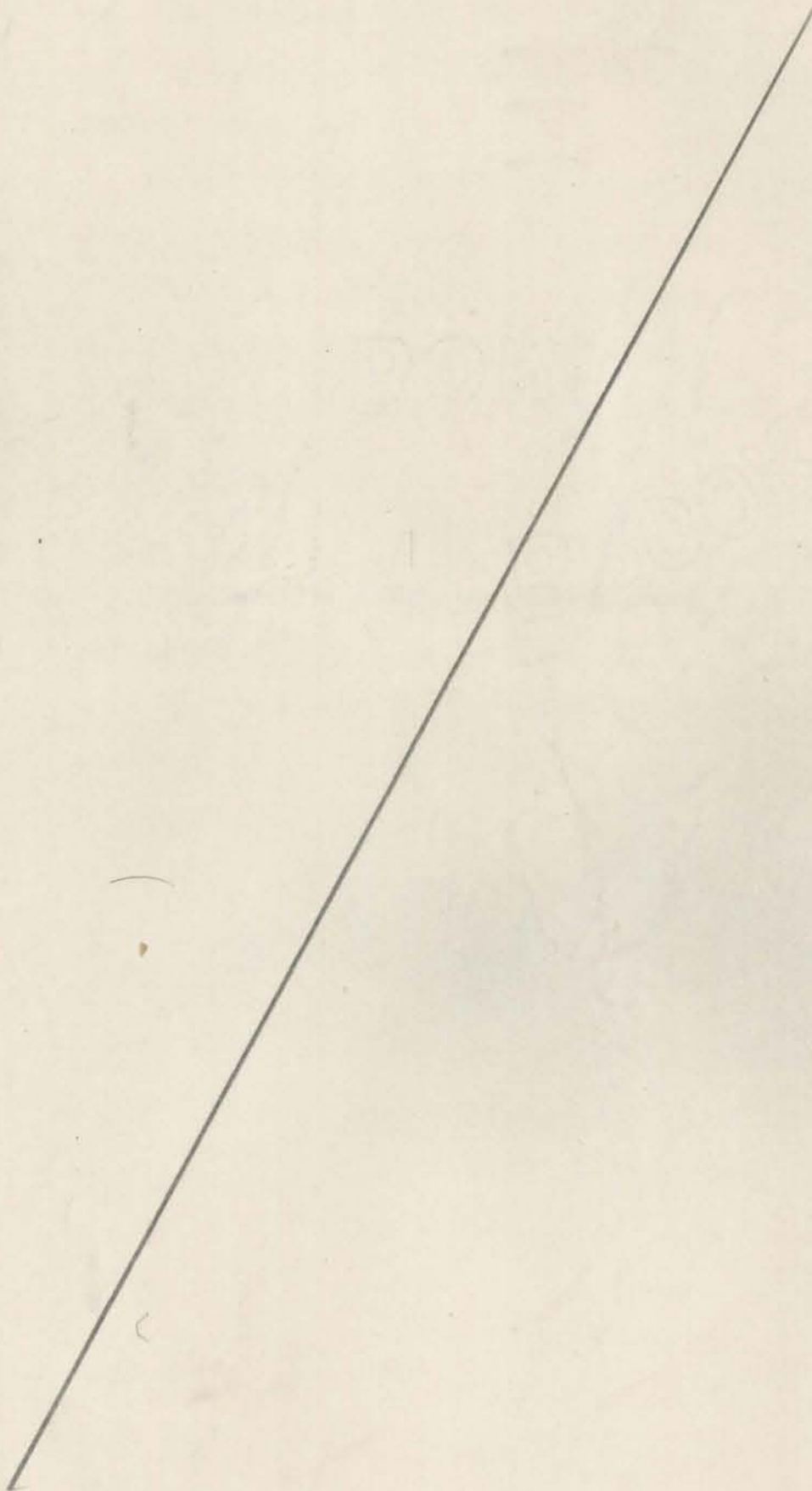
Collector P. Carty, District No. 20, wrote that ratepayers in his district who were able to pay had ~~not~~ paid up very well lately. In cases where rate was not paid he had served Six Day Notices and would take legal proceedings thereon immediately.

POUNDAGE: Letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 15th November, 1933, (G.131482/1933, Loch Garman, Fa) pointing out that interim poundage was not payable to Rate Collectors until the requirements of Article 101 (1) (a) had been complied with.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Gaul:- "That Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction payment of Poundage fees to Rate Collectors on their lodgments up to 30th November, 1933, provided they lodge a sum equivalent to 50% of their Warrants (excluding arrears) by 31st December, 1933. The Minister agreed to a similar proposal as a special concession last year, and unfortunately the position of rate payers generally has not improved since then. A number of Collectors have no other source of income and it would entail hardship in certain cases if remuneration were not paid before Christmas."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee meeting held on 9th November, 1933, and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed, except in so far as same have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

Finance Committee Minutes in respect of meeting held on
23rd November, 1933, were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 23rd November, 1933.

Present: Messrs. J.J. Culleton, J. Cummins and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The chair was taken by Mr. O'Byrne on the motion of Mr. Cummins seconded by Mr. Culleton.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3902:19:2d was examined and signed.

The remainder of the business was adjourned to next meeting.

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Clince seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 23rd November, 1933, and as submitted to this meeting be and are hereby confirmed."

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS:- The following letter under date 18th November, 1933, (F.34927) was read from the Department of Education:-

"I am directed to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 28th August last, with which you enclosed a copy of a report of a meeting of the Scholarship Committee held on the 26th idem. The various suggestions put forward in that report have now received the consideration of the Department, and in reply I am to say that the examination papers set for the scholarship examination are not too difficult and are not beyond what should be expected from a well taught boy or girl of the sixth standard, who would be likely to benefit by a secondary education.

"In connection with the award of scholarships to Pupil Teachers and to Preparatory College Students, I am to refer you to this Department's correspondence on the subject with your Council on 23rd July, 1932, 14th December, 1932, and 23rd December, 1932, and to say again that should any such case arise it will be open to full consideration by the Department.

"With reference to the date for holding the scholarship examination it has been found that Easter week is generally regarded as the most convenient time for the examination.

"I am to add that no objection will be offered by the Department to the proposal to refund the expenses incurred in attending the scholarship examination to those candidates

"who though unsuccessful in winning a scholarship, secure not less than 30 per cent of the gross marks allotted to the six subjects in which they are examined, provided that the County Council has sufficient funds at its disposal for the purpose. In accordance with the terms of the regulations governing the award of scholarships a Council may be permitted to make provision for the payment, out of the Council's funds, of some or all of the necessary expenses of candidates who attend the examination and secure not less than 40 per cent of the gross marks allotted to the six subjects in which they were examined. The reduction to 30 per cent sought by your Council is being allowed as an experiment this year in order to see whether the competition will be thereby improved.

"The syllabus for 1934 is the same as that approved for 1933, and a copy of it is enclosed for your information.

"A draft copy of the scholarship scheme which your Council proposes to have for 1934 is awaited."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That Scheme for year 1934 for Scholarships tenable in Secondary and Vocational Schools in conformity with letter from Department of Education (18th November, 1933 - F.34927) be approved by this Council and submitted to that Department for sanction."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME:- Patrick Sheehan to whom a University Scholarship had been awarded wrote under date 12th October, 1933, that as he had accepted a call to St. Patrick's Training College for Teachers, Drumcondra, Dublin, it would be inconvenient for him to accept University Scholarship. He asked that the Scholarship should be held over for two years when he would have completed his training.

The Secretary stated he had pointed out to Mr. Sheehan that the resolution of the Council awarding him scholarship provided that if he were unable to avail of it in the current

Academic year the scholarship should go to the next candidate in order of merit and who, in the opinion of the University Authorities was qualified to receive University instruction.

The next candidate on the list was Johanna Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross. When the University Authorities were communicated with as regards her eligibility a letter was received from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, under date 16th October, 1933, stating that Miss Cooney's total marks at the Leaving Certificate Examination (1083) were sufficient to qualify her for award of Scholarship but that as she failed in Mathematics at the same exam, with 212 pass marks out of 600 she should apply to the Registrar, National University, to know whether this mark (35%) would be accepted as an equivalent to a Pass in Mathematics for the purposes of Matriculation.

Miss Cooney had applied and had been informed that the 35% mark was accepted as an equivalent to a Pass in Mathematics for the purposes of Matriculation.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That University Scholarship be awarded Miss Johanna Cooney, Ballykelly, New Ross."

Under date 12th October, 1933, Rev. J. Burke, 18, Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin, Dean of Residence, University College, Dublin, wrote recommending that Ml.F. O'Keefe, a Co. Wexford University Scholar, who had failed the B.A. (Hons.) Examination should on his work and conduct be given another chance.

The following under date 15th October, 1933, was read from Mr. O'Keefe:- "

"Since my Dean of Residence informed me that you are willing to place an application for the renewal of my scholarship before your Committee, I venture to make that application.

"The examination was a distinct departure from those of previous years and although I did my utmost I failed by a very small margin to reach the Pass standard.

I intend to do the B.A. again next year in addition to the Higher Diploma, but, not having the private means to remain in Dublin to attend lectures, I would beg of the Co. Council to gravely consider my application."

The following under date 25th November, 1933, was read from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"I have now looked into the application of Mr. O'Keefe, for a further extension of the Term of his Scholarship.

"The position is, that Mr. O'Keefe failed in one of his Arts Examinations last year, and then applied for an extension of his Term which application was granted by the Council on the undertaking given by Mr. O'Keefe that he would complete his Course and take his Degree this year.

"He has again failed to pass his Examination, and has now applied for a further extension to enable him to obtain his Degree and higher Diploma of Education.

"In my opinion, the Council has no power to grant this further extension inasmuch as Mr. O'Keefe has failed to complete his Arts Course and, it is only in cases where such Arts Course has been completed, that the Council are, under the Scholarship Scheme, entitled to extend the Course for a further year to enable the Student to take out his higher Diploma for Education."

Mr. Gaul said he would propose that Mr. O'Keefe be given a further year's extension of his scholarship if the proposal could be considered in order but the chairman pointed out that in view of Mr. Elgee's opinion there was the risk of surcharge in the event of the Council acceding to Mr. O'Keefe's request.

It was decided to inform Mr. O'Keefe that the Council

could not, in view of the opinion of their legal adviser, agree to the extension of his scholarship.

COMMITTAL OF CHILDREN
TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS

Mr. Keegan stated that in June last two children - John Fanning and Thomas Fanning, aged 4½ and 7 years respectively, who resided at Fairview, Gorey, had been committed to Rathdrum Industrial School. Since then the mother re-married and in view of that he proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Hall and adopted:- "That the Co. Solicitor be instructed to re-open the case of the Fanning children recently committed to Rathdrum Industrial School in view of the altered circumstances of their mother."

COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne and seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That, as recommended by Courtown Harbour Committee, the name of Captain Kearon, Tomsilla, be added to this Committee vice that of Mr. John O'Byrne who has resigned."

The Courtown Harbour Committee wrote recommending that four Standards and lamps be erected at quay-side at Courtown Harbour, cost not to exceed £4.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution:- "That as recommended by Courtown Harbour Committee the Co. Surveyor procure four lamps and Standards for the lighting of Courtown Harbour Quay side, cost not to exceed £4."

Passed.

APPOINTMENT OF FOOD & DRUGS INSPECTOR

GOREY DISTRICT

The following resolution was proposed by Col. Quin ~~and~~ seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:- "That Garda Thomas Lynch, Gorey, (7822) be appointed ex-Officio Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts etc. vice Garda Hugh Doherty, (1445) transferred to Camolin."

COUNTY COUNCIL ELECTIONS

Under date 12th October, 1933, letter was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Circ.105/33) that the Minister had given directions for the issue of Order appointing 15th July, 1934, as the date for the holding of Elections for Members of Local Authorities. The Minister also intended as soon as possible to introduce legislation which *inter alia* will alter the basis of local representation.

PAYMENT OF ROAD WORKERS

The following under date 11th October, 1933, (R/RM/32) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With further reference to your letter of 18th ultimo, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he is unable to accede to the request of Wexford County Council for reconsideration of the decision regarding the Council's proposed arrangements for payment of road workers. The Minister would be glad if you would, if necessary, explain the whole position to the Council."

The following under date 4th November, 1933, was read from Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor:-

"Referring to our interview as to this matter, (payment of Road Workers), this morning I have now looked into same

"and I find, that under the Public Bodies Order there are two methods open for payment of the Road Workers by the County Council, viz:-

(1) By individual Pay Orders

(2) By Pay Clerks.

"The County Council had appointed the Road Gangers as Pay Clerks, but the Local Government Department will not recognise them as Pay Clerks under the Order, and the County Council then appointed the Assistant Surveyors as such Pay Clerks, and this proposal was also turned down by the Local Government Department, so that the only course now open to the Council is, to issue individual Pay Orders, or to appoint some definite persons as Pay Clerks under the Order.

"In my opinion, the latter proposal would be very expensive, as I think it would be necessary to appoint at least three such Clerks in order to deal with the matter efficiently, and this being so, the only course open to the Council is, to issue Pay Orders to each individual Worker, as if this course is not adopted the Auditors will probably have something to say on the matter when auditing the Accounts."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. D'Arcy, seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That in order to provide the necessary temporary clerical assistance to allow of individual Pay Orders being transmitted to Road and Quarry workers, we hereby set aside a sum of £50 for one year, the Co. Secretary to employ the necessary assistance at 1/- per hour as occasion arises. This arrangement is to remain in force for the year as an experiment."

MARRIAGE GRATUITY

MRS. MURPHY, LATE POULTRY INSTRUCTRESS

The Secretary, Co. Committee of Agriculture, reported that on the 6th September, 1933, a resolution was adopted granting Mrs. Murphy, late Instructor in Poultry Keeping, £100 as a marriage gratuity.

Notice of motion from Mr. D'Arcy to annul this award was considered at the meeting of Co. Committee of Agriculture on 23rd October, 1933, and defeated.

The following under date 27th October, 1933, (G.122214/1933 Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, forwarding the decision of the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture to grant a marriage gratuity to Mrs. Murphy and to state that the proposal should be submitted for approval to the Wexford County Council as that body will be liable for payment and the Minister would wish to learn that the County Council are in agreement before giving his decision. I am to state that the sums set out in sub-Section 4 of Section 44 of the Local Government Act 1925, are over-riding maxima and that it is consequently open to the Committee as in this case to fix any lesser sum as gratuity that they may consider adequate."

In reply to Mr. O'Byrne the Secretary said that according to her service Mrs. Murphy could be granted a gratuity of £221:10s.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Corish seconded the following resolution:- "That we hereby confirm the award of £100 as marriage gratuity to Mrs. Murphy, late Poultry Instructor to Co. Wexford Committee of Agriculture, and

"agreed to by said Committee at their meeting on 6th September, 1933."

A poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Hayes, Keegan, O'Byrne and O'Ryan. (11)

AGAINST:- Messrs. Brennan, Culleton, D'Arcy, Gibbon, Hickey, Jordan, Meyler, Quin, Walsh and the Chairman. (10)

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

SEEDS AND FERTILISERS SUPPLY ACT, 1933

The following under date 11th November, 1933, (Circ.No.89A/33) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to my circular letter of the 31st March last and to transmit for the information of the County Council the accompanying copy of the above-mentioned Act (Seeds and Fertilisers Supply Act 1933) which has validated the schemes for the supply of seeds and fertilisers undertaken by County Councils in the early part of this year in accordance with the instructions issued by the Department.

"Special attention is directed to the terms of Section 4 of the Act. It will be noted that recoupment of loss incurred in connection with the scheme can only be entertained after certification by the Minister that such loss is irrecoverable. No such claim can arise before the year 1935/36 in view of the provision made for the levy of sums unpaid at the expiry of the time originally fixed with the poor rate for 1934/35. It will then moreover be necessary to prove that such sums cannot be recovered from the recipients' sureties."

PERMANENT APPOINTMENTSHORTHAND TYPIST

The following under date 18th October, 1933, (G.116800-1933 Loch Garman Se) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 13th instant, and to state that he sanctions Miss Killeen's appointment as Shorthand-Typist on a permanent basis."

COMBINED PURCHASING ACT 1925

Under dates 19th October, 1933 (S.116801/33 Loch Garman) and 18th November, 1933, (S.87932/33 Ilgh-Trachtala) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote asking for payment of £153:10s. amount assessed on Wexford County Council under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925, for financial year ended 31st March, 1933.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That Pay Order for £153:10s. amount assessed on Wexford County Council under Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925, for year ended 31st March, 1933, issue in favour of Department of Local Government and Public Health, this payment being made under protest, as we consider the transactions under the Act are not value for the cost which it entails."

USE OF SAORSTAT COAL

Under date 15th November, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health, (Trade Department) wrote as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government

"and Public Health to draw your attention to the terms of contract for the supply of Saorstat Coal which appears on page 115 of the Official List of Contractors.

"From representations made to this Department by some of the Contractors concerned it would appear that sales of this commodity to Local Authorities are not as satisfactory as they might be, more particularly in the areas within easy reach of the Collieries.

The Minister would be glad to know that every possible effort is being made by the Local Authorities to utilise Saorstat Coal with a view to co-operating with the Government in its endeavour to create a demand for employment.

"Any suggestions by your Committee to promote this object will be much appreciated by the Minister."

The Co. Surveyor stated as far as his Department was concerned they used Kilkenny Anthracite Coal in the furnace of the County Hall for heating and also in the stoves of the other three Court Houses, as he believed this was an economic proposition speaking as a user of Kilkenny coal for the past forty years. This was as much as they could utilise of it up to the present. Lately he saw some reference to the use of steam coal and he had arranged with the Machinery Overseer to have a trial lot. He doubted if it would be satisfactory for engines because many years ago he had tried Anthracite coal in a roller and found, although he could get up steam in the yard when the roller was stationery, as soon as he moved out the coal dropped through the fire bars. However he would report later on, as to the result of the trial.

The Chairman said they could inform the Department that they were meeting the wishes of the Ministry as far as possible in the matter.

AUDIT OF CO. COUNCIL ACCOUNTS

The Secretary read notification from Mr. Healy, Auditor, Department of Local Government and Public Health, of his intention to open the Audit of the Accounts of the Council to the 31st March, last, at 11 o'clock a.m. on 12th December, 1933. Advertisement as to the Audit had appeared in the three local papers.

ROAD GRANTS

The Secretary reported that under date 10th October, 1933, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) had forwarded (S.G.L/32) to the Treasurer £1632, instalment of the allocation of £14,062 Road Improvement Grant.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES

Under date 7th November, 1933, the office of Public Works wrote forwarding copy of the first list of Minor Relief Works approved for County Wexford. Acting on the general consent which the Council gave last year that the Co. Surveyor should undertake the supervision of these works he had now been asked to arrange to put in hands as early a date as possible the works in the list now furnished.

The Co. Surveyor stated that in practically all cases reductions of the amounts suggested by the Council had been made by the Office of Public Works. The following are the particulars:-

ENNISCORTHY DISTRICT:

Garrynisk Lane, reduced from £200 to £100.

Knocktober Lane, reduced from £150 to £120.

Marshalstown Lane, reduced from £125 to £100

Ballyprecus and Ryland Upper, reduced from £350 to £150

GOREY DISTRICT:

Clologue, reduced from £50 to £40.

In this district £100 had been set aside on the application of the Land Commission for repair of Tomcoyle, Tinnabaun and Rathpierce Lane.

Knockbrandon Upper and Millquarter, reduced from £160 to £100.

NEW ROSS DISTRICT:

Ballyhack, reduced from £130 to £100.

Gorteens, reduced from £100 to £60.

Rathumney, reduced from £70 to £50.

Yoletown, reduced from £100 to £80.

Garrycullen, reduced from £200 to £70.

WEXFORD DISTRICT:

Ballinruan, £50; agreed to.

Bannow, reduced from £80 to £60.

Mountcross and Bridgetown, £40; agreed to.

Nemestown, reduced from £70 to £50.

Ballygrangans, reduced from £60 to £50.

Milltown, £40; agreed to.

Gurteenminogue and Fardystown, reduced from £100 to £80.

Ballygerry, £50; agreed to.

The total amount included in this list represented £1,490.

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That the Co. Surveyor add to his present list for repair under Minor Relief Scheme, the road from Cahill's Corner at Cullenstown to the Street."

The Co. Surveyor said that in the case of Ballyprecus (Enniscorthy) one man had refused to sign to allow of the necessary land being taken.

Mr. Armstrong said he believed this difficulty would be got over.

The Co. Surveyor said that one man had also refused as regards Clologue.

Mr. Hayes said that the branch to Ablintown in connection with Fardystown Lane had not been included.

The Co. Surveyor said he believed he would have sufficient money left after doing the other portions to deal with the Ablintown Branch.

Mr. Corish said that they should see that the £300 which the County Surveyor had been informed was set aside for the Boira Drainage did not come out of the Relief Grant; otherwise there would be very little left for the rest of Gorey District. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. O'Byrne and adopted:- "That the Office of Public Works be requested to provide the £300 set aside for improvement of Boira Drainage as a special grant. Special representations had been made by the County T.D's. to the Minister in this connection and it was always understood that this Grant would not be set against amount of usual Minor Relief Scheme Grants for repairs of lanes etc."

Miss O'Ryan said that in the list submitted from the Board of Works there was no work for Taghmon district in which the incidence of unemployment was acute.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Office of Public Works be requested to furnish as soon as possible the full list of works to cover the entire amount allocated under Minor Relief Schemes Vote in view of the large number of unemployed in the rural districts of the County."

Mr. Cummins said that some attempt should be made to get a grant to have the docks of their Southern Harbours cleared out. In Ballyhack the fishermen were idle as they could not get in or out of the harbour. The late Mr. Shannon, when a T.D., believed he would have secured a Grant for the purpose indicated. The Minister for Agriculture was now the Minister for Fisheries and they should call his attention to the necessity of having the Southern Harbours cleared out. He proposed a resolution to that effect which was seconded by

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Mr. Colfer and adopted.

Mr. Armstrong proposed and Mr. Clince seconded the following resolution which was adopted nem con:-

"That in case it be found impossible to proceed with Bunclody lane, representations be made to the Board of Works to allow ^{of} the amount to be spent on the repair of Corah Lane."

Mr. Colfer said that the grant for Garrycullen Lane had been cut down from £200 to £70. The latter sum would not "do the ditches".

The Co. Surveyor said he would spend the amount allocated to the best advantage.

In connection with repair of Ballymotey Lane, Rev. J. Furlong, C.C., Ballagh, and Rev. R. Browne, C.C., Glenbrien, wrote that if this lane were put in repair it would be a decided advantage to the general public as well as to the local people. It was impossible to even walk the lane in Winter or in wet weather in Summer. It connected two important roads - from Enniscorthy to Oulart, and from Enniscorthy to The Ballagh.

The Co. Surveyor said that an allocation for repair of this lane had been made some time ago, but as one of the men concerned refused to assign the necessary land to the Council the work could not be carried out.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Culleton seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That the Ballymotey Lane be scheduled for repair under next Grant from Minor Relief Schemes Vote and that Fathers Browne and Furlong be informed that unless the necessary land is assigned to the County Council to allow of the lane being widened etc. it will not be possible to carry out any repairs."

On the motion of Mr. D'Arcy seconded by Mr. Brennan the following applications for repair of lanes were scheduled for repair ~~from~~ next allocation under Minor Relief Schemes:-

Three Roads in Bannow (Cullenstown portion).

Old Road from Tubberneering to Ballygullen.

Owenstown lane, opposite Rathmacknee Churchyard to Owenstown.

Clonmines Lane, Wellingtonbridge.

Lane from Furlong's, Yoletown, Ballycullane, to the main
Road from Yoletown to Taylorstown.

Kilbride Lane, Ramsgrange.

Wm. Butler, Ballyellis Corner, wrote asking the Council to repair Ballyellis Lanes as there were twelve men in the district unemployed.

Referred to Co. Surveyor for report.

SOW DRAINAGE DISTRICT

Under date 13th November, 1933, the following letter (11986/33) was read from the Office of Public Works:-

"Further to our letter of the 16th July, 1932, and subsequent correspondence we beg to inform you that the approved works in the above-named district have now been completed at a cost of approximately £5,000, which has been borne by the Vote for the Relief of unemployment. The district was inspected on the 11th ultimo by Mr. Barry, County Surveyor and Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, in company with our Engineer, Mr. Phillips.

"In order that the advantages which have been gained by this expenditure may be preserved it will be necessary for your Council to make adequate arrangements for the future maintenance of the district."

Col. Gibbon pointed out that as the Co. Council would be responsible for the collection of the rate necessary to repay the old loan, he proposed they should invite a deputation from the Trustees of the Sow Drainage Area to attend the Co. Council or that the Co. Council ~~to~~ appoint a Committee to meet the Drainage Ratepayers and ascertain if they were satisfied with the work which had been carried out. It would

be too late later on when they were striking the rate to deal with any difficulty which might arise.

Mr. Brennan seconded.

The Co. Surveyor said he wrote to Mr. Mernagh who had taken a very prominent part in having the new work carried out and asked him to notify any other of the drainage ratepayers of his visit to the area. He met two Mr. Mernaghs at his inspection and they were perfectly satisfied with the work. Mr. Cullen, who was much annoyed at the manner in which his drains had been left under the previous work was now also perfectly satisfied. There was, in fact, only one criticism about the work, that of Mrs. Stafford, who complained that the drain on her land did not receive attention, but, as a matter of fact this drain was not included in the original scheme. As regards the actual work generally there was no complaint whatever and he (Co. Surveyor) was satisfied it was a first rate job. During the first year there would be a good deal of maintenance. The banks had slipped in places and had been repaired but it was natural to expect that there would be further slipping which was inevitable. This would cause a heavier expenditure for maintenance than would be incurred in a normal year.

The resolution of Col. Gibbon was then put and passed.

The Chairman proposed that the following Committee meet the Drainage Ratepayers in Glenbrien School, day and hour to be arranged by Co. Surveyor and Co. Secretary:-

Messrs. James Clince, John Colloton, John Doran, M. Jordan, Thomas McCarthy, James Hall, M. Smyth, R. Corish and Col. Gibbon.

Mr. Brennan seconded the resolution which was passed.

In connection with the collection of Drainage Rate the following letter was read from Collector W. Cummins, (No. 11 District):-

"In reply to your letter of the 18th instant I beg to report that I have served all Demand Notes in connection with the River Sow Drainage Rate, but so far I have received no payment.

"I fear there will be much difficulty in collecting this rate as the majority of the people rated told me that they had no intention of paying, the rate being too high in these hard times, and besides they consider they are not getting sufficient benefit for the sums demanded. In fact many of them maintain that the work carried out on this river is no benefit whatever to them.

"I would be glad to be informed of my position as regards this collection. If I am obliged to close inside a specified time I am not prepared to undertake the collection because I believe it would be an impossibility. Many of the people rated are unable to pay their Poor Rates and consequently there will be little chance of getting another rate. So far I do not know the amount of the warrant or any other particulars, and as I have been concentrating on the Poor Rate Collection for some months past I have been giving little attention to the Drainage Rate."

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD

Under date 7th October, 1933, the Irish Land Commission wrote (A.&R. 34436/33 Estate of I.L.C. (W.H. Foster) Co. Wexford Rec. No. E.C.4198) regretting they could not grant the £500 requested for the construction of Camolin Park Road, unless this road was maintained by the Co.Council and a sum of not less than £1000 spent on its construction.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Keegan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That on the understanding that £500 is provided by the Office of Public Works towards the cost of laying down new road in Camolin Park, the Co. Council are prepared to guarantee to build up

"this road year by year to meet with the wishes of the County Surveyor and will also agree to be responsible for its future maintenance."

ROAD MATTERS

Mr. Hickey said that the road from Old Ross to New Ross was in a scandalous condition, and positively a danger to the public.

Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, for the District, said that the workmen were engaged spreading material on this road from 21st November.

Mr. Hayes called attention to Mill Race from Mr. Furlong's to the Cross of Sleadagh. The gullet was broken down and the road would be flooded later on.

Col. Gibbon said the present gullet was blocked and in any case it was not big enough to carry off the water.

Referred to Co. Surveyor.

Mr. Corish pointed out that the Tourist Development Association had written some time ago asking for recommendations of the Council as to what roads in connection with Tourist Traffic could be brought to the attention of the Government for a Grant towards repair. It was up to the Council to take some action in the matter.

Mr. Gaul suggested that the road from Curracloe to Fahy's Cross should be brought to the attention of the Tourist Development Association and his suggestion was accepted.

John Cheevers, Horeswood, Campile, forwarded the following resolution from Horeswood Branch Irish Labour Party:-

"That we the Members regret the delay on the part of the Co. Council not taking any action with regard to memorial of twelve months ago relative to the deplorable condition of Road 701 - Contract County Road - from Horeswood Church to the Main road at Dunbrody, with branch to Campile in Ballykerogue

and also Road 789 (Direct Labour County Road) from the Main road in Grange to the turn at Campile Bridge and branch; We strongly appeal to the Co. Council apart from the condition of the roads to give grant in aid of un-employment.

The Co. Surveyor said that there was no money available at the moment to improve the condition of these two roads.

Mr. P.J. Gleeson, Roseville, New Ross, wrote under date 19th November, 1933, as to the condition of road from Nash turn to Arnestown Cross. It had been recently patched with a few load of dressing mainly the scrapings from the dykes. Outside his door was a sea of mud and some of this had been splashed over his entrance door to a height of four feet. He could not leave his yard if a motor was passing without having his clothes destroyed. The County Council need not be surprised if they had a claim for damage to clothing. He paid all rates and taxes and claimed that he was entitled to the road outside his door in proper condition without having to try and undo the mess made by the workers of the Co. Council.

Mr. Walsh said that this road from Nash turn to the Cross of Knockmullen and from that to Arnestown was in a bad condition. The centre of the road was four inches below the sides. A few loads of stones would make a good job.

Referred to Co. Surveyor.

TELEGRAPHIC LINE

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. Clince:- "That this Co. Council have no objection to the erection of overground telegraphic line from Clonmore Railway Bridge to Bree Post Office as proposed by Department of Posts and Telegraphs."

TENDERS COMMITTEE MEETINGS

ROADS AND WORKS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Col. Quin:- "That Tenders Committee meetings be held as follows:-

Gorey Courthouse, Saturday, 17th February, 1934, 12 o'clock.

Enniscorthy Courthouse, Tuesday, 20th February, 1934, 12 o'clock.

New Ross Courthouse, Thursday, 22nd February, 1934, at 12.30.

Wexford County Hall, Saturday, 24th February, 1934, at 11 o'clock.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Gaul seconded by Col. Quin:- "That Messrs. Armstrong and Hall be appointed extra members of the Enniscorthy Tenders Committee as a number of Roads for which Contracts for maintenance are to be considered lie close to the residences of these Councillors."

GOREY COURTHOUSE

Sean Connolly, Hon. Secretary, Gorey Branch Gaelic League, wrote applying on behalf of his branch for the use of Gorey Courthouse for Concert and Feis on St. Stephen's night. There was no other hall in Gorey and the branch had no other means of raising funds for the upkeep of the Gaelic Hall in which Irish classes were held.

The following resolution was proposed by Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the Gorey Branch of the Gaelic League be afforded the use of Gorey Courthouse for St. Stephen's night for Concert and Feis on condition that they be responsible for the premises while in their possession and that these are given up in a clean and tidy condition."

Col. Quin proposed:- "That the Gorey Branch of Gaelic League be afforded the use of Gorey Courthouse for 26th December, 1933, provided they pay £1 for same."

This was not seconded and the resolution of Mr. O'Byrne was passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

HOLIDAYS OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following under date 25th November, 1933, was read from Secretary, County Board of Health:-

"I am directed by the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance to inform you that at their meeting on Monday, 20th instant, annual leave of four weeks was granted, subject to the approval of the Wexford Co. Council, to Dr. C. Bastible, Co. Medical Officer of Health. Dr. J.W. Roche, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., will act as substitute and the leave will date as from the 19th prox. Please bring the matter before the Co. Council for their approval. The remuneration of the substitute will be at the usual rate of £10:10s. per week and vouched travelling expenses."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Brennan:- "That Dr. C. Bastible, Co. Medical Officer of Health, be granted his annual leave of four weeks as from the 19th prox., Dr. J.W. Roche, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H., to act as locum tenens at ten Guineas per week with vouched travelling expenses. This proposal is to be subject to the approval of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

NO. 7 RATE DISTRICT

APPLICATION FROM COLLECTOR DEEGAN

John Deegan, Temporary Collector for No.7 District, wrote under date 7th October, 1933, applying for permanent appointment. He pointed out that he had acted as temporary Collector for the past four years and also from 1922 to 1924. He had, during his tenure of office, carried out his duties to the best of his ability and to the satisfaction of the Council. If appointed permanently he would endeavour to give the same satisfaction as heretofore.

Mr. Cline proposed and Mr. Hall seconded the following resolution:- "That John Deegan, Temporary Rate Collector, be appointed permanent Rate Collector."

"for No. 7 Rate District, subject to the sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health."

Col. Quin proposed:- "That permanent Collector for No. 7 District be appointed through advertisement and examination."

This proposal was not seconded and the resolution was put and passed, Col. Quin dissenting.

FERRYCARRIG BRIDGE

In connection with Bus Traffic over above, correspondence was read between the County Surveyor and I.O.C. in view of the re-opening of Ferrycarrig Bridge.

The Co. Surveyor warned the Bus Company they could not continue using road via Killurin, Deeps Bridge and Kyle Cross unless they were prepared to pay for the strengthening of the surface etc.

The Bus Company wrote they had been petitioned by the people to continue via Killurin and asked if they could continue to use this route if not daily, at least on three days per week.

On the 15th November, 1933, they wrote that as permission was not forthcoming for such use they were reverting to the main road between Oylegate and Wexford.

In connection with the contract for repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge the following recommendation of the Finance Committee was confirmed at the meeting of Co. Council on 9th October, 1933:-

"That as no explanation is forthcoming from the Contractor for repair of Ferrycarrig Bridge as to his failure to carry out his promise to have the bridge open for traffic by 1st October, 1933, we recommend the County Council to hold him responsible for any expenditure incurred between the 1st October and 1st November, 1933, in connection with this matter."

Letter was read from the Contractor under date 19th October, 1933, declining to accept any responsibility in the matter of expenses incurred between 1st October and 1st November, 1933. In accordance with the terms of his Contract he was responsible to the Council's Engineers and the matter raised by the Council should be dealt with by these Engineers.

The Consulting Engineers wrote under date 3rd November, 1933, that the six months provided as the period during which the Contract should run expired on 16th August, but owing to extra work and delay which were occasioned to the Contractor by the peculiar formation of the rock he was entitled to a further three months for official completion.

The Chairman said it was evident from the decision of the Consulting Engineers that the Contractor could count on having up to the 16th November, 1933, to finish the work.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Glince seconded by Mr. Hall:- "That the County Council assume responsibility for the payment of salary to Captain Harvey, Clerk of Works, Ferrycarrig Bridge, up to 25th November, 1933, in view of the decision of Consulting Engineers as to date when Contract for repair of the structure should be regarded as terminated."

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH

NEW MEMBER

Under date 17th November, 1933, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote that in accordance with Article 7 of the Second Schedule of Local Government Act 1925, Mr. M. M. Roche having been absent from the meetings of the Board for not more than three months was disqualified from Membership.

The Secretary said he had written to Mr. Roche about the matter, and Mr. Roche had replied stating that owing to

pressure of business, and also as attending Enniscorthy meetings involved a journey of sixty miles each time, he was reluctantly compelled to resign from the Board.

Col. Quin proposed the appointment of Mr. O'Byrne to fill the vacancy as there was only one member representing Gorey District.

Mr. Armstrong seconded.

Mr. Jordan said the representation of the districts on the Board was:- one from Enniscorthy, two from Gorey, three from New Ross and four from Wexford. As the people of the town of Enniscorthy had been complaining for a long time that they had no representation on the Board he proposed the appointment of Mr. McCarthy.

Mr. Clince seconded.

Col. Quin withdrew his proposition as he considered it only fair that the vacancy should go to Enniscorthy district.

Mr. Mayler proposed and Mr. Hickey seconded the appointment of Col. Gibbon as he was the nearest member to Mr. Roche's area.

Mr. O'Byrne said there were seven members on the Board from South Wexford and only three from the North of the County.

A poll as between Mr. McCarthy and Col. Gibbon was taken with the following result:-

FOR Mr. MCCARTHY:- Messrs. Armstrong, Clince, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gaul, Hall, Jordan, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin and Walsh. (13)

FOR COL. GIBBON:- Messrs. Brennan, D'Arcy, Hayes, Hickey and Meyler. (5)

Col. Gibbon, the Chairman and Mr. Keegan (3) did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr. McCarthy elected.

DEDUCTIONS FROM GRANTS IN RESPECT OF
LAND ANNUITY ARREARS

Circular letter was read from the County Councils General Council reiterating previous statements that the Grants which had been withheld for the past ten years would be repaid to Co. Councils from time to time by the Minister for Finance, who would announce the method of repayment when introducing the Budget. In the ordinary course this money would be paid in instalments over a period of fifty years, but Mr. Aiken, (Minister for Defence) promised in the last Dail debate that it would be made available in a much shorter time.

The Chairman stated that there was great dissatisfaction about this matter, and he asked the press to specifically publish the synopsis of the circular.

Col. Gibbon said that at the present time the annuities were being paid three times. By that he did not mean that the amounts of the annuities were multiplied by three, but the farmer was paying his annuity in three different ways; firstly the annuity, and indirectly twice in British duties on stock and agricultural produce, and on extra rates which he had to meet by reason of the default of other ratepayers.

Mr. O'Byrne said the General Council of County Councils asked for information from the whole Saorstát and he wished to compliment their Secretary on the elaborate and correct details which he furnished, in relation to Co. Council loans with a view to formulating a scheme for the funding of same in cases in which Interest was payable at more than 4%.

ANNUAL MEETING
GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS

Notification was received from the County Councils' General Council that the annual meeting would take place on the 12th December, 1933.

BUNCLODY DISPENSARY LANDS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Hall, seconded by Mr. Brennan:-

"That all that and those that part of the Lands of Newtownbarry, known as "Hospital Lands" containing 17a.2r.3lp. Statute Measure or thereabouts situate in the Barony of Scarawalsh and County of Wexford, at present vested in the Wexford County Council as Successors in Title of the Enniscorthy Rural District Council be transferred to and vested in The Board of Health, and Public Assistance for the County Health District of Wexford."

REPORT OF CO. ANALYST

It appeared from the Report of the County Analyst that the total number of samples analysed during the quarter to 30th September, 1933, were:-

Foods 103

Drugs 45

Waters 6

Total..... 154

One drug and three waters were condemned.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT

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

"That the several proposals for payment for Roads and Works as appearing on Form 22 and certified by the Co. Surveyor and ordinary payments, be, and are hereby, approved, subject to the modifications and other orders noted thereon and initialled by the Chairman of this Meeting."

NEW COUNCIL CHAMBER

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

"That this Council hereby approves of the large room in West Wing now under reconstruction being used in future as a Council Chamber when the necessary repairs have been carried out."

KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA

Under date 9th October, 1933, a memorial signed by all Kilmannock Drainage Ratepayers was read asking that in view of the present depression and their inability to pay their drainage rates, the Council should allow them to clean their own drains in the future to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

The Co. Surveyor pointed out that practically the full amount of the drainage rate was applied to the repayment of the loan. As for maintenance, this year he had spent £10:19s. He considered it more advisable, in view of the small amount of expenditure for maintenance, that this should be carried out by one man, and not have a number of men doing little patches here and there.

It was decided to call the attention of the drainage ratepayers to the observations of the Co. Surveyor.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Hall the following resolution was adopted:- "That Co. Surveyor be empowered to proceed against the following Road Contractors should they fail to carry out work under their Contracts to his satisfaction:-

Myles Sunderland, Kilcorral, Castlebridge, Roads Nos. 440, 443, 448, 561.

Wm. Rochford, Templenacrow, Palace. Road No. 601.

