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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MEETING 14th OCTOBER, 1935.

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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N. J. Frizelle,  
Secretary, Wexford County Council.

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The monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 14th October, 1935.

Mr. D. Allen, Chairman, presided, and there were also present Messrs. J.J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, C. Culleton, Wm. Cullimore, J. Cummins, M. Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella, T. McCarthy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Ml. Redmond, T. Redmond, Patk. Ronan, Myles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman, and J.E. Walsh.

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

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed:- £352. 16. 8, Salaries, etc.; £18445. 11. 6, Ordinary payments and transfers to Subsidiary A/c; £31990.5.0 transfers to Public Bodies.

#### THE LATE SIR THOMAS ESMONDE.

The Chairman said before commencing the business of the meeting he desired to propose a vote of condolence to Lady Esmonde and Sir Osmonde Esmonde in the death of Sir Thomas Esmonde, who was the first Chairman of the County Council and who, it was generally admitted, gave great service in the public life of the County Wexford. He proposed the following resolution:-

"That we deeply regret the loss of Sir Thomas Esmonde, the first Chairman of this County Council, and instruct our Secretary to convey to Lady Esmonde and Sir Osmonde Esmonde our heartfelt sympathy in their bereavement."

Mr. Corish seconded the motion.

The Secretary said that as the Chairman had stated Sir Thomas Esmonde was the first chairman of the County Council



and gave very great help to put county work on a business basis. His experience in Parliament and on public boards was a great asset in carrying out the duties of the County Council. The handsome seal which the Council have in use was his present. He was most kind and courteous to his fellow members and to the officials of the Council and took the deepest interest in the County during his long life. The Secretary on his own behalf and that of the County Council staff offered to Lady Esmonde and to Sir Osmonde Esmonde their deep sympathy.

The County Surveyor also paid tribute to the deceased after which the motion was adopted in silence.

#### SYMPATHY WITH RATE COLLECTORS.

A vote of sympathy was adopted to Collector Philip Doyle, Barntown, Wexford, in the death of his wife, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Corish, and to Mr. William Doyle, Rate Collector, Scullabogue, Newbawn, in the death of his father, Mr. Thomas D. Doyle, on the motion of Mr. Ml. Redmond, seconded by Mr. Cummins.

#### CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Meeting, 12th September, 1935 -      The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 12th September, 1935.

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

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

The minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

Payments.

Treasurer's advice Note for £3901 19 8d. was examined and signed.

Rate Collection.

The state of the rate collection to date was submitted as follows:-

Per Centage.

14.5	S. Gannon No. 6	525	18	11
11.3	W. Cummins	615	11	2
11.2	J.J O'Reilly	622	4	8
10.1	D. Kenny	475	11	7
10.0	S. Gannon No. 10	389	18	10
9.2	J. Cummins	534	13	5
8.4	A. Dunne	759	8	11
7.4	M. Kehoe	321	1	8
7.0	J. Curtis	386	4	5
6.9	J. Quirke	655	17	0
6.6	E.J. Murphy	332	7	6
6.5	P. Doyle	416	15	2
6.4	P. Nolan	531	3	1
6.0	W. Doyle	360	13	11
5.7	J.J. Sinnott	393	2	11
5.6	M. Murphy	225	16	0
5.2	P. Carty	247	7	10
4.6	J. Deegan	330	1	8
4.1	M. McCarthy	249	0	7
2.7	J. Flood	109	19	8
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~~Collectors~~  
The Rate Inspector said that the majority of the Councillors in Enniscorthy and Wexford Districts could have done better. Quite a number of them took money given them, but they did not go out to collect it.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"The Finance Committee are not at all satisfied with the progress which has been made by the majority of the Collectors. The Committee are certain that a great deal more money could have been collected with a very small amount of energy on the part of a number of the collectors. They do not agree that collectors who have not secured 7 per cent of their warrant are discharging their duty in a proper manner. Collectors, with a collection of under 7 per cent on the 12th September, 1935, are to be informed that the Finance Committee will arrange for a special meeting to deal drastically with collectors unless the most substantial improvement be reported to next meeting."

#### County Registrar and Office

##### Accommodation.

The following under date 4th September, 1935, was read from the County Registrar:-

"I urgently require further office and storage accommodation. I am directed by the Minister for Justice to apply to the Council for same. I will require for the present the two offices on my landing, at present occupied by the County Surveyor together with appropriate office equipment which I can arrange with the County Surveyor.

I shall be obliged if you will have the matter attended to at your earliest convenience."

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

That we point out to the County Registrar that when the County Hall was reconstructed a few years ago, he was given all the accommodation he required.



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Harbour Master, Kilmore.

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

That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction appointment of Patrick Kehoe as Temporary Harbour Master, Kilmore, salary £65, with 5 per cent Commission on amount of dues collected; to hold office until permanent appointment has been made and sanctioned.

Scholarships Schemes

Secondary and Vocational Scheme.

In connection with the application that Kathleen O'Regan, Ballybro, Taguat, should be allowed to become a day pupil of the Loreto Convent, Wexford, Dr. Thomas Wyse, Kilrane, wrote that if the application was granted it would be better for this student's health. She would have more out door life and the constant supervision of her parents.

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

That, in view of the recommendation of Dr. Wyse, the Finance Committee will not raise any objection to Kathleen O'Regan attending Loreto Convent, Wexford as a day pupil under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme on condition that the value of the scholarship in these circumstances be fixed at £30 per annum.

Mary E. Roche, Moneyhere, Davidstown, who was an unsuccessful candidate at last examination applied for £1 6s refund of expenses in attending the examination of which £1 was for her board and lodging and 6/- bus fare for herself and her mother.

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

That as Mary E. Roche secured the requisite 30 per cent of aggregate marks at the recent examination for award of secondary and vocational scholarships we hereby agree that she should be refunded expenses amounting to £1 3s. in



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University Scheme.

Under date 7th September, 1935, Mr. W.A. Murphy, Coolhull, Wellington Bridge wrote that he was the holder of a County Council Scholarship for the faculty of Agriculture 1934-35, but failed in three subjects in Part 1 of the Examination. He was however eligible to sit for the whole of the "First Examination" in June next so that a year would not be lost. He had been unable owing to illness, to attend lectures or practical work for part of the third term. He asked the Council to favourably consider the continuation of his scholarship in view of the recommendation from Professor Drew, Dean of the Faculty, and which he enclosed.

Mr. Drew recommended the continuation of this scholarship in view of the illness of Mr. Murphy.

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

"That in view of the recommendation of Professor Drew, we strongly recommend the County Council to agree to the continuation of the University Scholarship in Agriculture to W. A. Murphy, Coolhull, Wellington Bridge.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

The question of providing an extra guinea for the Assistant Surveyors for reporting as to the materials which were being provided for houses under the above Acts, and the manner in which the work was being carried out, was discussed and the meeting agreed that the payment could apply only to houses under the new scheme in contemplation, as, in the regulations which had been issued under existing schemes, no reference had been made to the liability of applicants for this payment.

A resolution to this effect was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Kinsella.

Under date 2nd September, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote ( H 140629 /35- Loch Garman) that the Minister had agreed to the following



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advances under the Acts:-

John Nolan, Ballymorgan, Ferns £60; John Bolger, Ballywoodrane, Blackwater £140 and Nicholas Downes, Scarawalsh, Ferns, £70.

Application for Compensation for Alleged Criminal Injuries.

Notification was received from James McCarthy, Ballycarney, Ferns of his intention to apply at the Circuit Court for £274 9s. compensation for the destruction of a dwelling etc. between the month of October, 1920 and the month of December, 1921: from Patrick Roche, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy, Hotel Boots, for appropriation of a Ford motor car in or about the month of June, 1920, for which a sum of £55 was claimed. Michael Stedmond, 2, Island Road, Enniscorthy, wrote claiming £25 damage to house by having walls and doors tarred and windows etc. broken.

It was decided to refer the three applications to the County Solicitor to oppose.

Local Taxation Office.

The Secretary reported that he had been notified by the Local Taxation Officer that it was not possible for the two temporary clerks employed for the filing of documents in the Taxation Office to complete the work within three weeks for which their employment was approved. In order to finish the work, it would be necessary to return the services of one clerk for a further seven working days, and of the second clerk for a further six working days. The Taxation Officer in the first instance had applied for three clerical assistants for the work for three weeks, but two clerks only had been allowed by the Committee.

It was decided that the employment of Messrs. J.J. O'Leary and Kevin Byrne be continued for a further seven days and six days respectively.



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Proposed demolition of Old County  
Courtthouse.  
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The County Surveyor stated he had received from Messrs. Sinnott and Co, Old Pound, Wexford, a tender for taking down the Old County Courthouse - £850 for total demolition and £554 down to eight feet.

Paul Murphy, Brownswood, Enniscorthy tendered at £197 10s. for total demolition.

The County Surveyor stated he believed that Murphy did not allow for the very high insurance percentage he would have to pay for workmen engaged on this class of work.

It was decided that the County Surveyor interview Murphy and ascertain if he is in a position to enter into a contract to take down the Old building having regard to all attendant circumstances.

Rev. J. Butler, O. C., Wexford, came before the meeting and asked, if at all possible, the Scouts who were in the portion of the old structure which was sound, should not be disturbed and that the contract for demolition should not cover this part of the building.

The County Surveyor said that a chimney at the back of the premises occupied by the Scouts would have to be taken down and the top stairs would also have to go.

Father Butler said that the Scouts did not require the stairs referred to, and they would be prepared to have the chimney put in order at their expense.

It was decided to await the result of the interview between Paul Murphy and the County Surveyor before coming to any final decision in the matter.

Mr. Kelly moved and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution:-

That Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, be directed to take action in connection with the closing of right of way at the back of the old Courthouse.



Ballyhack Harbour.

The County Surveyor said that he had been down at Ballyhack Harbour some time ago with the Engineer for the Office of Works and Mr. Cummins County Councillor, and the question of the ownership of the wall off the slip way came up. He (County Surveyor) had been in communication with the Waterford Harbour Commissioners in the matter, and the Secretary and General Manager of that body wrote under date 10th September, 1935, that the Harbour Commissioners, acting on the reports of the Engineer and Harbour Master, had no objection to the Wexford County Council erecting the wall on the boat-slip which was the property of the County Council, and as it did not interfere in any way with navigation.

Spar Dashing and Ryland Quarry.

Letter under date 23rd August, 1935, ( R /Rm /32) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), which was read stated that in the exceptional circumstances mentioned in the application of the County Council screenings from Ryland Quarry for spar dashing purposes might be sold to outside parties provided that there would be no loss to the Rates and, on the understanding that the case would not form a precedent.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Stopford and Turner, Anglesea Buildings, Anglesea St., Dublin, under date 2nd September, 1935, stating that Mr. Hall-Dare, the owner of Ryland Quarry, considered he should receive a royalty of 3/- per ton for screenings sold for spar dashing in addition to the royalty paid on the material raised for repair of roads.

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

"That we recommend the Council to agree to pay



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Mr. Hall- Dare owner of Ryland Quarry, 2/- per ton for screenings sold for spar dashing, and that £1 per ton be charged for this material.

"The Committee do not see their <sup>way</sup> to recommend that Mr. Hall-Dare should also receive amount paid for ordinary material for road repair in this matter."

Holidays of Mr. Ringwood, V. S. and Payment of  
Substitute.

Under date 31st August, 1935, Mr. Ringwood, V. S., Enniscorthy, wrote he had resumed work that day. He presumed the County Council would pay Mr. Mernagh for acting for him during his holidays.

The Secretary stated that copy of Mr. Ringwood's letter had been sent to the Department of Agriculture for their advice, but, up to the present no reply had been received.

Miniature Rifle Range, Gorey.

Under date 7th September, 1935, Captain C.S. Doyle, Wexford, Volunteer Force, wrote asking the permission of the County Council to use the Children's Play ground Gorey Garden city, for miniature rifle range practice by the Volunteers of the District.

It was decided to inform Captain Doyle that in the opinion of the Finance Committee it would be dangerous to the public to utilise the place mentioned in his application for rifle practice and, in consequence, the Finance Committee could not see their way to agree

Printing Abstracts of Accounts.

Two tenders were received for the Printing of three half years' Abstracts of Accounts of the County Council:-

"The Wexford People" tendered at £16 18s. and Redmond Brothers, Enniscorthy at £12 15s.

The latter tender, was, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, accepted.



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Income Tax Assessment for Harbour dues.

Income tax assessment for above for 1935-36 amounting to £2 5s. was received.

The Secretary stated that the Income Tax Inspector had been informed that the amount of harbour dues received by the Council were considerably less than the cost of maintaining the harbours - in fact they represented a very small proportion of the wages of harbour masters, and in consequence of these facts the Council would appeal against the assessment.

The Finance Committee approved of the action of the Secretary in this matter.

Dance Halls.

Under date 9th September, 1935, Mr. Fahy, District Justice, wrote stating that the views of the Council so courteously put, asking that uniform hours would be fixed for all public dance halls in the County would be given every consideration by him.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th September 1935, be received and considered."

DEFECTIVE GULLET AT OULART. It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly that Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, should furnish detailed report in the matter and that the legal aspect be referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor for advice.

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

"That the minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 12th September 1935 be and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING. 27th SEPTEMBER 1935 - Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, Court House, Wexford on 27th September, 1935 (Mr. Denis Allen, Chairman County Council) presided.

Also present: Messrs. Patrick Colfer, Richard Gorish, W.P. Keegan, J.P. Kelly, William Kinsella, Sean O'Byrne, and Miss O'Ryan.

The Secretary, Assistant Secretary, County Surveyor, County Solicitor and Rates Inspector were also in attendance. Minutes of last meeting were read and confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's advice note for £3491 - 13 - 6 (ordinary Payments) and £2795 - 7 - 6 (Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts Loan Account) were examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

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

	<u>Amount</u> <u>collected.</u>	<u>Percentage.</u>
S. Gannon No. 6	£749 - 14 - 2	20.7
E.J. Murphy	960 - 11 - 8	19
P. Carty	786 - 14 - 1	16.7
M. Kehoe	669 - 11 - 6	15.5
W. Cummins	830 - 6 - 2	15.4
J. J. O'Reilly	838 - 8 - 6	15.1
P. Nolan	1230 - 11 - 6	14.9
D. Kenny	643 - 0 - 0	13.6
W. Doyle	807 - 13 - 7	13.5
J. Cummins	767 - 13 - 0	13.3
S. Gannon No. 10	501 - 8 - 0	12.8
J. Quirke	1178 - 3 - 1	12.4
J. Curtis	640 - 3 - 5	11.6
P. Doyle	689 - 13 - 6	10.9
A. Dunne	975 - 1 - 1	10.8
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J. Deegan	612 - 8 - 5	8.5
J. Flood	273 - 1 - 4	6.9
M. McCarthy	372 - 5 - 2	66.1
	£14530 - 7 - 1	12.5



It was stated that Collector Sinnott was in bed ill for the past week.

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That any Rate Collector who has collected 50 per cent less than the highest percentage collected be summoned to the next meeting of Finance Committee, and unless the Committee ascertain he is in a position to offer a satisfactory explanation they will seriously consider the advisability of suspending him from office."

#### ALLOWANCES OF CREDIT NOTES.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly that Credit Note for 5s. 1d. be allowed Mrs. Mary Whitty, Tomgarrow, Ballycarney and a Credit Note of £2 - 17 - 6 be allowed to John Cogley, Soughane, Kilmore as both had paid their rates in full before the date for recognising Credit Notes had expired.

#### APPLICATION FORM - REBATE OF RATES.

An application was received from Mr. Richard Richards Artramont House, Castlebridge as to amendment of his unemployment form. Mr. Richards had been allowed abatement for three men, while he held he should have obtained allowance for ten men. According to the dates in his original employment form Mr. Richards was only entitled to the three men, but he contended now that his original form was inaccurate as to dates and also incomplete. He asked to be allowed rebate for ten men according to a new abatement form which he submitted.

It was decided that Mr. Richards' request be referred to the Rates Inspector to examine his books and also the Insurance cards of the workmen in respect of whom he claimed the allowance



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PART PAYMENT OF RATES.

Under date 26th September, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G 151193/35 Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to a continuance for the current year of the system of accepting part payment of arrears of Rates.

ARREARS OF RATES.

In connection with Rates due by John Doyle, Wilton, Bree, Mr. Corish said he had mentioned at a former meeting of the Committee that this man, who owed four years' Rates, was prepared to pay one year and in his (Mr. Corish's) opinion that was the most the Co. Council would be able to obtain.

Miss O'Ryan mentioned that Doyle had recently sold his farm for £300.

It was decided to refer this matter to the Rate Collector for information as to what steps had been taken by him to secure payment of the rates when the premises were sold.

LIGHTING OF NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Under date 13th September, 1935, the Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that his Urban Council submitted that as the Wexford Co. Council - in conjunction with Kilkenny Co. Council - owned and controlled New Ross Bridge the public lighting of the structure was a matter for the consideration of the Council.

In reply to this the Town Clerk of New Ross was informed that the Co. Council had no statutory powers to enable them to comply with the request of the Urban Council of New Ross as regards the lighting of the Bridge.

Under date the 18th September 1935 the Town Clerk,



New Ross wrote that Sec. I of the Bridges (Ireland) Act 1834 appeared to give adequate authority to the Co. Council in the matter.

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

"That correspondence from Urban District Council, New Ross as to the lighting of New Ross Bridge be referred to the Co. Solicitor for his advice."

#### SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

Under date 13th September, 1935, the Office of National Education wrote that a sum of £17. 12. 4 had been paid to Extern Examiners for marking 350 papers of candidates for award of scholarships under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme of Wexford Co. Council and <sup>s.d</sup> 2/4 proportion of Examiners' Expenses. The Co. Council had already agreed to refund these amounts.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That £17. 12. 4 be refunded Office of National Education in respect of fees paid Extern Examiners for marking papers, etc., of candidates who sat for examination in connection with awards for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships 1935."

In connection with programme and examination conditions for Award of Scholarships under Secondary and Vocational Schemes the Office of National Education wrote that, in view of representations submitted to the Department, following on the amendment in September, 1934 of the programme for National Schools it had been decided to make alterations in future programmes for examinations for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships so as to remove the obligation hitherto imposed on candidates of taking,



and of passing in, two additional subjects, as well as in Irish, English, Arithmetic and History and Geography.

Algebra, Geometry, Drawing, Rural Science and Nature Study and - for girls - Needlework will in future be optional. Should a candidate so desire he or she may take any one or two, but not more than two, of these subjects, and would receive credit for the total marks obtained in each optional subject presented, provided that at least 20 per cent. of the marks assigned to each such subject is obtained.

The regulations in regard to the obligatory subjects were also somewhat modified and the condition requiring candidates to "secure not less than 40 per cent of the aggregate marks assigned to Irish and English" had been removed.

The Council were requested to include the Programme of Examination and the conditions necessary for passing the examination as now amended in the Scheme for Secondary and Vocational Scholarships for 1936.

The Council would have to give an undertaking that they were prepared to refund to the Office of National Education their proportion of the amounts expended by the Department in respect of the fees and travelling expenses of Extern Examiners, and approval of the Scheme would be given only on the understanding that this undertaking will be given.

The following resolution as adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"The Finance Committee recommend the Council to give to the Office of National Education the undertaking that they are prepared to refund their proportion of the amounts expended for Extern Examiners in fees and travelling ex-



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penses in connection with examination for awards under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme."

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

"That the Council be recommended to request the Office of National Education to have scholarships awarded under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme on examination for the following four subjects only, viz, Irish, English, Arithmetic, History and Geography. That our Secretary submit to the Department a statement giving the reasons as to why, in the opinion of the Finance Committee, this change was necessary in their Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme for 1936 and for future years."


Margaret J. Collier, Bridgetown, Wexford, applied for 18/- expenses in connection with her attendance at recent Scholarship Examination under Secondary and Vocational Scheme. She had secured 412 marks and to enable expenses to be paid candidates were obliged to secure 330 only.

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

"That a sum of 18/- expenses incurred by Margaret J. Collier in respect of her attendance at recent Examination for awards of Scholarships under Secondary and Vocational Scheme be refunded in accordance with the provisions of the Scheme."

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

"That the application of James Kenny, 14 George Street, Gorey, for an extension of his University Scholarship for a further year to enable him to secure the Higher Diploma in Education be acceded to, provided he submits evidence that he has secured his B.A. degree."





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

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kinsella, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That subject to sanction of Department of Agriculture a further three months' sick leave be granted Mr. R. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., Wexford, as from 27th September, 1935, and that Mr. Frank Staples, M.R.C.V.S. act as his locum tenens at the same remuneration as has already been agreed to."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted letter from Michael McGrath, Storekeeper, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy who had received loan for erection of house under above Acts as to non-payment of £3. 2. Od. being three monthly instalments due to 31st August. He had given instructions that these instalments were to be paid when they became due and was surprised this had not been done. He was sorry for this and promised to send a payment on the following Wednesday - 11th September - and also to make arrangements for the regular payment of these instalments in future. As to non-occupation of the new house the Inspector, (Mr. Hogan), would not pass it until certain alterations in the roof had been made. He expected to have this work done soon.

Mr. Elgee said that the promise to pay the instalments had not been carried out.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Co. Secretary communicate with Mr. Hogan, (Engineer to the Department of Local Government and Public Health, Housing Section) and ascertain how this house stands as regards completion."

"That Mr. Elgee be directed to proceed against Michael McGrath if he fails to pay to the Wexford County Council instalments due on his house within 10 days from the date of



this meeting.

Michael O'Reilly, Bank House, Cahore, wrote that he would not be able to complete the erection of his house at Kilmichael unless he received a further £25 from the Co. Council.

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

"That the Co. Council be recommended to increase loan granted Michael O'Reilly, Bank House, Cahore, for erection of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts from £50 to £75 in view of report of Assistant Surveyor for the district."

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Keegan, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That loan to Margaret King, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, for erection of house at Edermine under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts be fixed at £180 as increased amount of £30 now applied for, is available owing to the fact that reductions of amounts applied for were made in other cases in view of reports of Assistant Surveyors as to the value of houses proposed to be erected."

#### POUNDS FOR LIVE STOCK.

The Co. Solicitor submitted letter from Secretary, Department of Justice under date 18th September, 1935, referring to the construction to be placed on the words "any substance or thing" in Sub-section 2 of Section 7 of the Pounds (Provision and Maintenance) Act 1935/<sup>which</sup> stated that nobody in that Department had any right to give an authoritative opinion on the construction of any of the Acts of the Oireachtas. If any question arose in future on the point raised the matter could be dealt with having regard to all the circumstances.

No Order.



CLASSIFICATION OF ROADS.

In connection with various references on Minutes of Co. Council and Finance Committee as to the classification of roads, the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That the Co. Surveyor arrange for a Conference with his Assistants with a view to preparation of a Scheme giving particulars of a revised classification of roads, and that the same be submitted to the first available meeting of the Finance Committee.

PROPOSED TRANSFER OF NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS TO CO. COUNCIL

Under date 26th September 1935, the following letter (R/RG 32) from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads), to the Co. Surveyor was read:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to inform you that directions are being given for the preparation of an order transferring the maintenance and construction of the New Ross Urban Roads to the County Council as from 1st April, 1936. At the same time a grant of £2,000 is being recommended towards the cost of a scheme for improvement of certain urban roads against the Councils provision of a £2,000 loan. As the Council have undertaken to have the scheme carried out under your supervision the Minister would be glad if you would take an early opportunity to go into the matter with the Town Surveyor."

After discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"The Finance Committee desire to point out that the letter to the County Surveyor is the first intimation the Council have received as to the proposed transfer. The Committee request that no Order should be issued in this matter until the County Council have been afforded an opportunity of offering to the Department their considered opinion as regards the proposal.

They also desire information as to how their future liability in the Order would contrast with present circumstances, more particularly as regards finance and supervision of Roads."



SANCTION OF SHORTHAND-TYPIST.

Under date 24th September, 1935 the following letter (G.155634/35-Loch Garman) was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 20th instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has sanctioned the appointment of Miss Cathleen Tobin as Shorthand Typist, for a probationary period of six months with remuneration at the rate of £90. per annum. At the expiration of Miss Tobin's probationary period you should submit proposals to this Department for her final appointment, with a copy of a certificate as to her fitness to carry out her duties. The Minister will then be prepared to formally appoint Miss Tobin on the terms and conditions set out in reply to queries furnished, one copy of which is returned herewith. The Certificate of Birth forwarded with your letter under reply is also returned."

APPLICATION FOR BROKEN STONES.

Application was received from Thomas O'Brien, Tullabeg Mills, Camolin, and 20 other Ratepayers for about 30 tons of broken stones for repair of lane from Tullabeg to the main road at Ballydaniel. It was claimed that about 100 persons constantly used the lane which leads to Mr. O'Brien's Mill.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. Kelly, to refer the matter to the County Surveyor.

HOLIDAYS OF MR. RINGWOOD M.R.C.V.S.

Under date 17th September 1935 the Department of Agriculture wrote (E.4765/35) that they would offer no objection to payment to Mr. T. A. Mernagh, M.S. for acting as substitute for Mr. F. S. Ringwood, V.S. during the latter's absence on leave from 20th August to 30th August, 1935, the rate of remuneration



not to exceed that normally paid Mr. Ringwood.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That in accordance with letter from Department of Agriculture under date 17th September 1935 (E.4765/35) Mr. Mernagh, V.S., Gorey, be paid at the rate of £90 per annum in respect of the ten days for which he acted as substitute for Mr. Ringwood, V.S., during the absence of the latter on summer holiday.

PUBLIC DANCE HALLS ACT 1935.

Application under above Act by Patrick J. Doyle for licence for Clonroche Hall was referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor.

RYLAND QUARRY.

In connection with the proposal of the County Council to dispose of material for spar dashing from Ryland quarry an offer of 2/- per cubic yard had been made to Mr. R. W. Hall-Dare from whom the quarry was leased.

Under date 24th September, 1935 the Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Messrs. Stopford & Turner, Agents for Mr. Hall-Dare, that the latter was not prepared to accept less than 2/6 per cubic yard for materials sold from the quarry for spar dashing.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the Co. Council be recommended to accept the offer of Mr. R. W. Hall-Dare agreeing to take 2s.6d. per cubic yard for material sold for spar dashing from Ryland quarry.

BUNCLODY STREETS.

Under date 25th September, 1935, Mr. J. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Town Improvement Committee, Bunclody, wrote that the Committee were disappointed with the statement of the Co. Surveyor and with the report of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor. They, however, noted with pleasure that it was proposed to



concrete the streets and hoped the proposal would not be too long deferred. The streets carried very heavy and continuous vehicular traffic - the town being astride the main route from North to South which was the main reason they were in such a bad way. For this reason, they dissented from the view of Mr. Ennis that other roads should, on the question of repair, take precedence.

As to the footpath on the right leading to the Catholic Church it was suggested Mr. Ennis should inspect it with a member of the Town Improvement Committee.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the Co. Surveyor arrange for a further inspection and report by Mr. Ennis in connection with the footpath in question.

#### TRANSFER OF ROAD FUNDS.

The following under date 21st September, 1935, to the Co. Surveyor, was received from the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads):-

"With further reference to your letter of 18th instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that having regard to the primary object of the Road Works Scheme, i.e., a programme of work (duly estimated) to be carried out in a financial year, the Minister cannot view with favour interference with a scheme at this stage of the year. Having regard, however, to the circumstances stated in your letter, the Minister will, on this occasion, raise no objection to the estimated balances on certain Main roads being utilised for the maintenance of other Main roads as indicated by you. The extra money should be regarded as coming from the savings over the year on all roads in the class. The original accounts should, therefore not be disturbed.

I am to point out, at the same time, that if the roads were



grouped as permitted by Article 49 of the Public Bodies Order the Minister's consent would be required only where utilisation of savings might be proposed for a particular group."

#### INSURANCE OF WORKMEN.

Under date 13th September, 1935 Mr. P. Ronan, Co. Councillor wrote relative to Insurance Card of Patrick Nolan, Station Road, Ferns. He finished road work with the Council on 2nd September. The Insurance Cards of the other men who had been employed with him had been sent to the Unemployment Exchange but Nolan's was not, with the result that he was deferred from drawing Unemployment Assistance which he needed very badly as he had a large family.

The Co. Surveyor submitted letter from Road Ganger who was at fault in not notifying the Co. Surveyor's Department of the fact that the man had ceased work.

In his letter to John Kennedy, Ganger, The Dell, Ballycarney, the Co. Surveyor pointed out that on the 13th of February last he had issued instructions to Assistant Surveyors and Gangers that notice should be sent in advance to his office of workers being discharged. This had not been done in Nolan's case nor in the case of several other workers who were discharged at the same time. In the case of the other workers the Exchange made application for their cards and the request was complied with. Though Nolan ceased work on 26th August it was only on 13th September that they asked for Nolan's cards and these were sent to Nolan on the 14th instant. It appeared, therefore, that Nolan was at a loss by this and he (County Surveyor) considered that Kennedy should make such loss good.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That in view of the default of John Kennedy, Road Ganger, The Dell, Ballycarney in not notifying the Co. Surveyor's



Department that John Nolan, Ferns, was about to be discharged, the payment of Unemployment Assistance to this man has been deferred and we hereby inform Kennedy that if any further similar complaint against him be substantiated he will be dismissed from the service of the Council. If Nolan has sustained any monetary loss by Kennedy's default in this matter the Co. Council should take steps to oblige Kennedy to make good such loss.

Under date 18th September 1935, Mr. P. Ronan, Co. Councillor wrote as to Unemployment Insurance Card of Edward Whelan, Ballylough, Ferns. He ceased working for the Co. Council on 26th August, and up to the date of Mr. Ronan's letter Unemployment Insurance Card had not been sent on and, in consequence of having a few Unemployment Stamps he was debarred from Unemployment Assistance. Mr. Ronan asked that this case and also the case of Patrick Nolan should be brought before the Co. Council until it was considered how to devise some means to prevent a recurrence of what had happened whereby little children were hungry "through carelessness of the paid servants of the Council."

The Co. Surveyor said that on the 25th of August last Unemployment Card was sent to Whelan, the very day on which notice of cessation of his employment had been received and from that day Nolan had never forwarded his book. On the 2nd September, his Department received this book from the Enniscorthy Unemployment Exchange with a request to affix any further stamps due on same. It was in the hands of the Exchange in the interval during which Whelan was taken back into Co. Council employment. If he had looked after his book everything would have been carried out in the ordinary way but nothing could be done until the book was available.

It was decided that the Co. Surveyor explain the circumstances to Mr. Ronan.



FEEES FOR VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

Under date 20th September, 1935, the Gas and Weights and Measures Section of the Department of Industry and Commerce wrote (40141) that as regards the proposal of the Co. Council that portion of the fees charged to traders for verification of weights and measures should be paid over to the Co. Council, such fees were chargeable and dealt with under Statutory authority and it was not, therefore, possible to accede to the request of the Council. The fees received in Co. Wexford are much less than the cost of administration of the Weights and Measures Acts in the County.

No order.

Alleged Offence under Food and Drugs Acts.

Under date 19th September 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (G.3948-35) that Mr. Edward Kenny, an Officer of the Department, acting on instructions under Section 2 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act 1899, purchased from Mr. Myles Kehoe (who trades under the name of Walter Sinnott) on 28th August 1935 at Castle Hill, Enniscorthy, a sample of butter, which, on analysis was found to contain 17.55 per cent of water while 16 per cent is the maximum amount of water allowable in a sample of genuine butter. It would appear that in this case an offence had been committed against the provisions of Section 6 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act 1875 and the Minister was desirous that proceedings should be instituted against Mr. Kehoe by the Co. Council.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor stated he had issued a summons against Mr. Kehoe.

PRINTING DRAINAGE RATE DEMAND NOTE BOOKS.

Only one tender, that of "The People", Wexford, was received for the printing of three books of Drainage Demand Notes for Sow Drainage area and three similar books for



Kilmanock area, amount £1. 8. 6.

The tender was accepted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer.

LOCAL TAXATION OFFICE.

Under date 19th September, 1935, (letter R/MT//209/32) the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that no objection was seen to retention of clerical assistance in Motor Taxation Office for the period (three weeks) mentioned in resolution of Finance Committee.

Under date 26th September 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/MT/209/32) that no objection would be raised to the employment in Motor Taxation Office of the Assistance referred to in letter from Co. Council under date 24th September 1935, subject to the maximum amount recoupable in respect of supervisory and clerical duties in connection with the work of motor registration and licensing.

PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

The Co. Surveyor read letter from Paul Murphy, Brownswood, Enniscorthy stating that when sending his estimate of £197.10.0 for above work he underestimated the amount of material to be removed with the result that the above figure would be very near the amount of wages alone. He did not provide for insurance of men, which for this class of work was very high. To enable him to carry out the work outlined by the County Surveyor he could not tender at a lower figure than £250.

The Co. Surveyor said he had finally decided not to interfere with the portion of the structure occupied by the Boy Scouts. He had discussed the matter with Father Butler and arranged to allow that section, with the exception of the chimney at the back to stand. Fr. Butler said the Scouts would do any necessary repairs to the chimney. The staircase would have to come down but it would be easy to put up an outside staircase. He was taking down the building to the level



of the cills of the main windows of the Courts and levelling the place. He (Co. Surveyor) believed that if he carried out the work by direct labour it would cost £250. There were other tenders, one at £350 reduced to £299 for partial clearance, and another at £850 for complete demolition and £554 for partial demolition leaving the boundary walls standing.

Mr. Corish proposed that the matter be handed to the Co. Surveyor to carry out the work by direct labour.

After further discussion Mr. Keegan proposed and Mr. Kinsella seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the tender of Paul Murphy, Brownswood, Enniscorthy, at £250 for demolition of old Co. Courthouse, according to specification of Co. Surveyor be accepted subject to the contractor entering into an agreement approved by the Co. Solicitor. That in the event of the Co. Surveyor finding any difficulty in arranging with the Contractor, the work be carried out by direct labour at a cost not exceeding £250.

#### SEWER IN ESMONDE STREET, GOREY.

Mr. Keegan complained that nothing had been done as regards the laying down of new sewer in Esmonde Street, Gorey, although the Co. Council had issued instructions some time ago to have the work carried out.

The Co. Surveyor said that a new sewer would cost £70 and the money was not available. Besides, he did not consider it advisable to change the sewer at all; he believed the old one would be effective when cleaned out.

Mr. Keegan suggested that the Co. Surveyor should make a further inspection of the place and the Co. Surveyor agreed.

#### OVERDRAFT.

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction extension of period of overdraft of £40,000 to Wexford Co. Council to 31st December, 1935."



The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th September, 1935, be received and considered."

APPOINTMENT SHORTHAND TYPIST - The Secretary reported that Miss Tobin took up duty on 30th September last.

BUNCLODY STREETS - Under date 10th October, 1935, letter was read from Mr. O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary Town Improvement Committee, Bunclody, asking what it was proposed to do in the matter of improving footpath and having inspection by Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor.

The latter said he knew what the committee wanted all right, but there was no use in inspecting a place if they could not do the work necessary, and they had no money to do anything.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. Ennis said he knew many footpaths in many towns that were quite as bad as the one in Bunclody.

Chairman - It isn't really serious? Mr. Ennis - I don't think it is. I was going to bring it into next year's road proposals.

Chairman - Tell them the matter is being seen to.

INSURANCE OF WORKERS - Letter was read from Mr. Ronan, M.C.C., that in view of the action taken by the Finance Committee and the explanation of the County Surveyor he considered no further steps should be taken as regards either of the cases mentioned by him, and the meeting accepted this suggestion.

DEMOLITION OF OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE - Col. Quin said it appeared rather funny to leave portion of the building standing.

The County Surveyor said that the portion of the building was an annexe at the side of the main structure, and of which it was partly independent.



The Chairman said when the old Court portion was demolished they intended to ask the Scouts for a nominal rent and enter into an agreement with them as to the tenancy.

SEWER IN ESMONDE STREET, GOREY. - Mr. Keegan asked if the County Surveyor had made any further inspection.

The County Surveyor said he had not. He was waiting for the matter to come before the County Council, as he did not know what action they would take.

Mr. Keegan said that a couple of months ago the County Surveyor agreed to put down a new sewer across the road, and also agreed to put a sewer at the top of the street. He said he would proceed with the work even if he took the money from the contingencies fund, and agreed it was a necessity. Now he came along and said it was not a necessity.

The County Surveyor said that the drain at the back of the wall was a matter for the sanitary authority. He admitted it was carrying the surface water. They could not do anything now as they had no funds and the Contingency Funds were depleted.

Mr. Treanor, in reply to Mr. Keegan, said that only for a "hold up" the channels would be laid as soon as possible.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 27th September, 1935, be, and are hereby confirmed."

MEETING. 11th OCTOBER, 1935. - Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of this meeting were submitted as follows:-



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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held on 11th October, 1935 in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford.

Mr. Denis Allen, Chairman County Council presided, and there were also present:- Messrs. Patrick Colfer, R. Corish, William Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £3381. 16. 2 was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION.

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

##### 1935/36 Rate.

	<u>Amount collected.</u>	<u>Percentage.</u>
E. J. Murphy	£1603 - 10 - 0	31.9
S. Gannon No. 6	956 - 5 - 10	26.4
J. J. O'Reilly	1351 - 0 - 9	24.3
M. Kehoe	1049 - 17 - 6	24.3
S. Gannon No.10	909 - 11 - 6	23.3
P. Carty	1088 - 13 - 11	23.1
P. Nolan	1824 - 8 - 5	22.0
P. Doyle	1332 - 5 - 2	21.0
J. Cummins	1189 - 13 - 10	20.6
D. Kenny	985 - 14 - 5	20.6
W. Cummins	1091 - 13 - 2	20.1
A. Dunne	1754 - 9 - 8	19.4
J. Curtis	1072 - 7 - 9	19.3
J. Quirke	1705 - 18 - 6	17.9
J. Flood	703 - 14 - 10	17.7
W. Doyle	1056 - 5 - 1	17.6
J. Deegan	1270 - 16 - 10	17.6
M. McCarthy	1033 - 1 - 1	17.0
M. Murphy	603 - 11 - 5	15.1
J. J. Sinnott	977 - 14 - 11	14.0
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	£23560 - 14 - 7	20.4
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GETTING IN THE RATES: The Chairman said that they had a big deficit in Rates owing to the large amount uncollected. Some Collectors should collect more of these rates by the end of the year than appeared to be warranted by their present rate of progress. The County Council would be obliged at some future time to collect what was outstanding which produced a condition of affairs difficult of solution. Rates owing to new works and improved social services were certain to go up. The good ratepayers were being mulcted in 9d or 10d in the £ annually as a result of the large amount outstanding. He asked the Committee to consider if the position could be improved in any way. Without finding fault with their Rates Inspector that official was of very little use as regards any practical steps to get in the Rates as his time was taken up with office work. A good deal of the clerical work done by the Rates Inspector could be carried out by a clerk, and the services of the Rates Inspector could be utilised to greater advantage in getting in the Rates.

The Inspector should report any Collector who was not doing his duty in an efficient manner. He could interview ratepayers and furnish fortnightly reports giving information as to his visits. Something should be done to relieve the Rates Inspector of the clerical work and he suggested that the Council should be recommended to appoint a clerical assistant.

Mr. O'Byrne said that the last Rates Inspector visited a considerable number of ratepayers and also carried out all the clerical work attached to the office.

In the course of the ensuing discussion the Secretary stated that the Rates Inspector had been appointed by the Board of Health to supervise the Cottage Rents Collection and neither he - though a "whole-time" officer of the County



Council - nor the Board of Health sought the permission of the County Council.

Miss O'Ryan and the Chairman said this was an oversight and would be remedied. It was at the suggestion of the Department of Local Government and Public Health to the Health Board that the latter appointed the Rates Inspector to deal with the Cottage rents.

The Chairman mentioned that the provisions of the Public Bodies Order relative to the appointment of Rates Inspector, while providing against embezzlement or misconduct, gave no assistance in the actual work of getting in the Rates. This was generally admitted and as a consequence the expectations attending the appointments of Rates Inspectors were not realised.

In reply to Mr. Corish the Rates Inspector stated that if relieved of the clerical work it would be sufficient for him to attend in his office for one day a week.

Mr. Corish proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Kelly and adopted:-

"That the County Council be recommended to employ a temporary male clerk to enable the Rates Inspector to devote himself in the main to outdoor work, viz, interviewing defaulting Ratepayers and accompanying Rate Collectors on their rounds etc., and thereby expediting the Rate Collection. We consider this appointment most necessary if any impression is to be made in reducing the amount of arrears of Rates."

"That as the appointment is urgently needed we suggest to the Council that the appointment should be made by the Finance Committee after receipt of approval of Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the proposal, and the issue of advertisement for applicants. That the appointment be continued up to the 30th June 1936 when the position should be reviewed. Minimum age limit, 21. That applicants for the position be subjected to a qualifying test by the members of the Finance Committee in English, Handwriting and Arithmetic, (including "long tots")."



No proposals were made regarding the remuneration to be attached to the position, viz, £2 and £2. 10. 0 per week.

On a show of hands five were in favour of £2. 10. 0 which the Chairman declared carried.

RELATED CREDIT NOTE. Mr. Daniel Scallan, Shilmore, Nether-town, Lady's Island applied for 4/2 on credit note.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That allowance of 4/2 be made to Daniel Scallan, Shilmore on foot of credit note."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That payment be made in the case of all credit notes furnished the County Council as from this date provided full amounts of Rates for year 1934-35 had been paid by 31st May last."

AMOUNTS DUE BY URBAN DISTRICTS.

The Secretary stated that on foot of Demands to March last the following amounts were due by the Urban Districts in respect of Demands to 31st March 1935:-

Enniscorthy owes £3324 (a full year).

New Ross owes £762 (a quarter).

Wexford owes £1606 (a quarter).

The Wexford Corporation had made substantial lodgments within the past few months.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-

"That Enniscorthy Urban District Council be called on to lodge, at once, a substantial amount on foot of County Council Demand to March last. Rural ratepayers are being mulcted in payment of Interest through the failure of the Urban District Council to lodge outstanding Instalments of the County Council Demand."



SCHEME FOR THE EMPLOYMENT OF MEN IN RECEIPT  
OF UNEMPLOYMENT ASSISTANCE.

The following was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

As directed by the County Council, I have in consultation with the Assistant Surveyors, gone into this matter and beg to report as follows:-

1. Any work undertaken under this Scheme, as regards my Department, can be carried out satisfactorily only during the Winter months, the reason being that the Gangers, who will in the main have to lay out and supervise the work, will be engaged during the Summer with gangs in Quarries, and on Spray Work, Improvement Grants and Special Works.

I suggest that a corresponding Scheme to deal with Summer work in connection with Agriculture should be devised.

2. The work must, within broad limits, be left entirely in the discretion of the County Surveyor, and he and his Assistants must be given a "free hand" both as regards the location and nature of the work. All work must be supplemental to, and entirely outside the normal scope of road maintenance under the "Road Works Scheme".

3. The number of days work required from each man should be calculated from the amount of "Assistance" received. I understand that a single man receives 6/- per week. This at the rate of wages allowed for Minor Relief jobs ( i.e. 24/-) works out at 3 days per fortnight. A difficulty arises in connection with married men whose "relief" varies up to 12/- per week. If married men are required to give work according to "relief" there will be great irregularity in the employment to be provided, and it will be almost impossible to arrange for same. Therefore, in the first instance, and as a mere tentative arrangement, I suggest that all able-bodied men in receipt of Unemployment Assistance be required to give work on three days each fortnight.

4. All tools, forms etc., required for the working of the Scheme should be provided by the County Council, and the increased clerical work at the Employment Exchange will be reduced to a minimum.

Now regarding the working of the Scheme:-

a. The Employment Exchange shall be furnished by the County Council with a supply of Cards (sample attached) and asked to fill in for each man on the Register his name, address, and official number. These Cards shall then be sent by the Exchange to the County Surveyor's Office.

The County Surveyor shall segregate the Cards according to Assistant Surveyors' Districts and Sections, and forward to the appropriate Assistant Surveyor.

b. The Assistant Surveyor shall arrange with each Ganger in his Area for a series of works, and the men to be employed on them. The Cards shall be distributed to the Gangers, who shall in the interval before commencement of work, get in touch with the men and notify them the date and place for starting work. The Ganger shall at this time hand each man his Card, and warn him that he must keep his Card safely, and produce it



for signature on completion of each fortnight's work. The Ganger shall requisition the Assistant Surveyor for the necessary tools which shall be specially marked, and kept safely by the Ganger in the tervals between work.

c. Each man shall have his Card "certified" by the Ganger, and shall exhibit it to the Exchange on attending to "sign on" and receive his pay. The Exchange shall mark the Card, and hand it back to the man, and deal with his pay accordingly.

d. On completion of each fortnight's work period the Ganger shall notify the men as to date and location of next job, and they shall attend there unless they have obtained work in the interval.

When a man ceases to be "unemployed" he shall hand to the Employment Exchange his Works Card, and the Exchange shall retain it until he again becomes "unemployed". The Exchange shall then reforward the Card to the County Surveyor who shall again take on the man for work."

The system of employment outlined in the Scheme met with general approval but on the question of remuneration Messrs. Corish and Colfer considered that the amount of payment for a day's work was inadequate.

The County Surveyor pointed out that he could only take the amount of allowance as he found it but he agreed that for this amount a man would not be able to keep himself in fit shape to perform a satisfactory day's work.

After a long discussion Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:-

"That the principle of the Scheme for the employment of men in receipt of Unemployment Assistance submitted by the County Surveyor be reported to the County Council for approval with the proviso that the Government be requested to supplement the allowance of Assistance in order to allow of County Council rate of wages to road workers being paid for the number of days worked under the Scheme.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF ROADS.

The County Surveyor submitted a report suggesting that following roads should, in any new classification agreed to by Department of Local Government and Public Health, be classified as main roads:-



Co. Bounds Barnadown - T.B. Gorey Dispensary, 10 miles.  
Courtown Pump - Turn Fahy's Cross thro' Blackwater, 23 miles.  
Main Road Camolin - Craanfor,  $4\frac{3}{4}$  miles.  
Wheelagower Crossroads - Turn Craan, 8 miles.  
C.B.Garryhasten - Turn Carrhill,  $5\frac{1}{4}$  miles.  
Doran's Crossroads - Main Road Ballinlug,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  miles.  
Main Road CastleEllis - Turn Tomnafinchogue,  $5\frac{1}{2}$  miles.  
Main Road Sparrowsland Bridge - The Leap,  $3\frac{1}{2}$  miles.  
Killinick - Carne Pier, 7 miles.  
Turn Kerlogue - Turn Ralphtown, 8 miles.  
Baldwinstown Crossroads - Wellingtonbridge thro' Carrig, 9.  
Turn Glenroe - Turn Wellingtonbridge, 4 miles.  
Ballinaboola Crossroads - Lump, Taghmon, 10 miles.  
Main Road 63 Horeswood - Gethard thro' Campile, 9 miles.  
Finger Post Slaught - Balliniry Crossroads, 9 miles.  
Fethard to Ballycullane through Saltmills, 6 miles.

Total mileage,  $124\frac{1}{2}$  miles.

The scheme was on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, recommended to the County Council for adoption.

It was suggested that the County Surveyor be requested to interview the officials of the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads Department) and explain in detail why the County Council considered the list of roads submitted by the County Surveyor should be moved into a higher classification.

The Chairman said at a future Finance Committee meeting the question of enhanced cost owing to the adoption of the scheme could be considered.

The County Surveyor said he believed the increased cost would not amount to very much. If the classification now suggested was agreed to, the Council could count on the 40% contribution for main roads from the Government and with the savings on other main roads he believed the increase on Rates would be small.



NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS.

Under date 1st October 1935 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R/RD/32) that where Urban Roads are affected by an Order under Section 24(3) of the Local Government Act 1925, the Urban District remains the area of charge for the expenses of reconstruction or maintenance.

The Chairman thought the County Surveyor might get in touch with New Ross Urban Council and ascertain their views as regards the scavenging, cleansing and lighting of the streets.

Mr. Corish proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That we recommend the County Council to arrange for a Conference between the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs. T. Redmond and J. E. Walsh and the County Secretary and County Surveyor with Representatives of New Ross Urban Council to consider the terms of the proposed Order to hand over New Ross Urban Roads to the County Council and to endeavour to settle provisions of draft agreement between the two bodies, which will deal with construction, maintenance, cleansing, scavenging and lighting New Ross Urban roads and also as to the duties of supervision by County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyor and Town Surveyor."

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be requested to take no steps as to the formulation of Order under Section 24(3) of Local Government Act 1925 until report of Conference has been considered by both bodies."

"That in the event of agreement being arrived at under this resolution we request the Department to embody it in their Order."

"That Conference be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford at 11 a.m. on Friday, 25th October, 1935."



LIGHTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE.

Under date 28th September 1935 Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor wrote that in his opinion the Bridges (Ireland) Act 1834 did not as was contended by New Ross Urban Council throw any responsibility on the County Council to light New Ross Bridge or to erect standards for lighting purposes thereon. If lighting was required it should be attended to by the New Ross Urban Council and not by the County Council.

It was decided to inform New Ross Urban Council that the County Council have been advised they are not liable for the lighting of New Ross Bridge.

PROPOSED FACTORY IN GOREY.

Under date 4th October 1935, Messrs. M. J. O'Connor & Co., Solicitors, Gorey wrote they had been asked by the Promoters of the proposed Factory in Gorey to ascertain if the County Council and the Board of Health would be willing to transfer to the New Company their interest in the Gorey Workhouse premises and under what conditions.

Under date 10th October, 1935, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor wrote that under the Provisions of the State Lands (Workhouses) Act 1930 the premises known as Gorey Workhouse would appear to be vested in the State and this being so the County Council had no power to deal with them.

If any dealings are to be made in connection with them the application of the promoters should be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

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

"That copy of letter from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, relative to proposal to acquire Gorey Old Workhouse premises for Factory be furnished County Board of Health.

INSURANCE ROAD WORKERS.

Under date, 7th October 1935, Mr. Roanan, County Councillor wrote that he had ascertained it was not the fault of



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any official of the Council that the Unemployment Insurance Card of Edward Whelan was delayed.

FURTHER REPRESENTATIONS FROM ROAD WORKERS.

Michael Cooney, Grange, Rathnure, wrote that he noted his application for re-employment as road worker was beaten on a vote at last County Council Meeting. It was not true as Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, stated at that meeting that he had a son-in-law working on the roads. His son was working on the roads but was a married man with five small children and lived more than five miles away. He could not give any contribution from his wages. As regards the statement that another son had a road contract, this was for maintenance of a mountain lane at £6 per annum. He further denied the statement of Mr. Ennis that he was not in the constant employment of the Council. He had been constantly employed until the area was transferred from Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, to Mr. Ennis, when the men were "knocked off" for a time, after which they were all taken back except Cooney. The latter claimed he had given to Mr. Cullen complete satisfaction as road worker for ten years and his dismissal was unfair as he had a wife and boy to support. He asked that his case should be reconsidered.

It was decided that this communication be referred to next meeting of Finance Committee to which Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, will be summoned.

Mr. Kelly said that last April a definite order had been made by the County Council that James Murphy, Courtnacuddy, should be taken on for work under the Council but this had not been done. There appeared to be no use in making orders so far as this Assistant Surveyor was concerned, as the orders were never carried out.

It was decided that this matter be considered at next Finance Committee meeting, Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, to



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be summoned to attend.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES.

UNIVERSITY. Under date 27th September, 1935, Miss Margaret O'Connor, a successful applicant for award of University Scholarship wrote from 124 Oakwood Court, Kensington, London, W.14 that having made her home in England she was not accepting Scholarship.

The Secretary stated that Dr. Coffey, in his report, having recommended the first four successful Candidates for Scholarships gave the following places:-

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| 5. | Cogley, Ellen, Tomfarney, Clonroche,   | 1147 marks. |
| 6. | Druhan, James M., Lady's Island.       | 1147 marks. |
| 7. | Forde, James A., Delta Cottage, Gorey. | 1139 marks. |
| 8. | Doran Jas., Palace East.               | 1121 marks. |

The report then stated candidates Nos. 5, 6, 7 & 8 coming next in order of merit may, if vacancies in awards in the case of the first four be considered for such vacancies, but No. 6 who is really in total ex aequo with No. 5 and in the distinctive character of his subjects, is deserving of being included in the first group.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded:-

"That Minute of Finance Committee relative to vacant University Scholarship be referred to County Council meeting of 14th October 1935 with a view to the selection for vacancy being made thereat."

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL. Mr. Dermot S. Fenelon, Secondary and Vocational Scholar wrote that he had held Scholarship in St. Peter's College, Wexford since 1932. This was the last year of the Scholarship and as he had not the facilities in St. Peter's he desired to have Scholarship transferred to the Christian Brothers' Schools, Joseph Street, Wexford, as he would there be able to prepare for his Matriculation examination.

Under date 10th October, 1935, the Department of Education



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wrote that they would not offer objection to the proposal to transfer the Scholarship held by Dermot S. Fenelon at St. Peter's College, Wexford to Christian Brothers' Schools, Wexford.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the transfer of Secondary and Voactional Scholarship of Dermot S. Fenelon, Ballycowan, Tagoat from St. Peter's College to Christian Brothers' Schools, Wexford."

SHORTHAND TYPIST - CO. SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The Secretary reported that Miss Tobin recently appointed to the above position had taken up duty on 30th September, 1935.

COURTOWN HARBOUR WEIGHBRIDGE.

Under date 1st October, 1935, the Harbour Master, Courtown Harbour, wrote that the Weighbridge was out of order and the probable cost of its repair would be £4 or £5. The Harbour Committee were of opinion that as the site on which the Office and Weighbridge stands would in the near future, be used for building purposes the spending of money on the weighbridge in present circumstances would be unnecessary. They asked for the decision of the County Council in the matter.

It was decided to refer this matter to the County Surveyor for inspection and report.

BLASTING OPERATIONS - BALLYMURRAY QUARRY.

The County Surveyor submitted from Mr. H. J. Frizelle, Solicitor, Slaney Place, Enniscorthy, the letter on behalf of Miss Tembleton, Ballymurray, pointing out that her house would undergo considerable risks in any large scale blasting at Ballymurray quarry which was quite close. On the 23rd



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July, 1934, attention had been called to this matter and Miss Tumbleton, who had living with her a Miss Redmond, who was an invalid and who could not leave the premises, objected to any large blasting operations in the quarry.

The County Surveyor said Miss Tumbleton's house was below the quarry and as stones from blasts had hit the building on previous occasions and as there was always the possibility of a similar happening he did not consider it would be right, particularly in view of the fact that Miss Redmond was an invalid, to continue blasts. He had instructed Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, to postpone blasting there until he (Co. Surveyor) would see what could be done. In the circumstances he would not carry out any blasting there for the present.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS.

Mr. Elgee, Co. Solicitor, submitted letter from Messrs. O'Flaherty & Sons, Solicitors, Enniscorthy, re applications of Patrick Scully and John Mullett for loans under above Acts. The loans were agreed to under first Scheme and County Council could not close off this Scheme until Mortgage deeds in these cases had been executed.

The delay in both cases arose from the difficulty of making title with the Land Commission.

#### ROSSLARE BURROW ROAD.

Mr. Ibar Murphy, Hon. Secretary, Rosslare Strand Fianna Fail Cumann wrote under date 4th October, 1935, that he was directed to call attention to the serious condition of the road leading to Rosslare Burrow. Nothing had been done with it for some time past and as a result, it was practically impassable, studded with pot holes and patches of shifting sand being highly dangerous to cyclists, several of them being thrown during the Summer. With the approach of winter the urgent necessity of putting this road into proper repair was apparent and the Cumann felt sure the County Council would have the work done at an early date.



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It was decided to refer this matter to the next County Council meeting.

STAIRCASE LEADING TO CO. SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Under date 10th October 1935 the County Surveyor submitted letter from County Registrar that when he was holding inquiries which happened almost daily it was at times impossible to hear what was being said owing to the traffic on iron stairway leading to the County Secretary's Office. A concrete staircase should be substituted or cork linoleum laid down to deaden the noise.

The County Surveyor agreed that the complaint made by the County Registrar in this matter was legitimate and said that at some future time he would recommend the substitution of a concrete stairway.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. O'Byrne seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to arrange for the covering of iron stairs leading to Co. Secretary's Office with rubber pads at a cost not exceeding £8.

SANCTION CONTINUANCE OF OVERDRAFT.

Under date 4th October, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G 161186-35 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the continuance of overdraft accommodation to the County Council at £40,000 to 31st December, next, Interest thereon to be paid at the agreed rate.

INSPECTION OF DREDGERS.

Under date 2nd October, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S. Loch Garman) that there was no objection to defraying the expenses of the County Surveyor in making an inspection of harbour dredgers.



DANCE HALLS APPLICATION.

Mr. Sean Sinnott wrote on behalf of St. Iberius Catholic Club, Common Quay Street, Wexford, that he intended applying for licence for their "Concert Hall" under Public Dance Halls Act 1935.

Application was received from David Daly as to licence for Public Dancing at Whiterock Social Club, Whiterock, Wexford.

Both applications were referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th October, 1935, be received and considered."

GETTING IN THE RATES - Mr. Colfer proposed the adoption of the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. Doyle strongly objected to the proposal. He did not see what power the Rates Inspector had to get in the rates greater than the powers of an ordinary Rate Collector. If Rate Collectors were minding their business there would be no necessity for any great supervision. Another Assistant would mean increased taxation which was quite high enough. If they had the Rates Inspector out through the country every day in the week he (Mr. Doyle) could not see how he could get in the Rates better than any Rate Collector who was discharging his duty as he should.

Col. Quin said that going round talking to people would not help very much in getting in the rates. The proposal would take from the responsibility of the Rate Collector and was making a new job from which no real return could be expected.

Mr. Sweetman held that owing to the large amount of arrears of rates it was necessary to have someone who would closely supervise the actual collecting done by the Rate Collectors.

Col. Quin said that the proposal was purely for the creation of another job.

Mr. Walsh said that the Rates Inspector was supervising the work of the Collectors by checking their books. The Rate Collectors had bonds, one against fraud and embezzlement and the other for the proper closing of the collection. By putting these bonds in force Rate Collectors could in present circum-



stances be made carry out their duties efficiently. If they did not do so the Council would be able to find suitable men to replace them.

The Chairman said that the anxiety of the Finance Committee was to try and make some real impression on the Collection and on the arrears. They saw that day that one Collector had secured over 30 per cent of his warrant, while another was down to 14%. The Finance Committee considered there was no reason why they should not all have 30% of the warrants collected, but at present it was not possible to test the explanations they made. There was really no co-ordinating authority between the County Council and the Rate Collectors. The provisions of the Public Bodies Order dealing with the appointment of Rates Inspector covered only fraud and embezzlement.

There appeared to be no machinery to visit the many derelict farms and places out of which no rates were forthcoming. To his (Chairman's) knowledge many of these places were being tilled and had cattle on them and there was yet no reports from the Rate Collectors. The Council were losing a good deal of money by not having someone to look closely into these matters. Col. Quin had stated this was a matter of providing a job but the Finance Committee absolutely denied this and if Col. Quin could devise, with their existing machinery, some better method for improving the collection, supervising the collectors and getting round to farmers, the Finance Committee would be very pleased and would not recommend any new appointment.

Col. Quin said that the Chairman's statement proved clearly that the Rate Collectors were not doing their duty.

The Chairman asked Col. Quin how he proposed to get over the difficulty.

Col. Quin. - Get other Collectors.

Mr. McCarthy said that the former Rates Inspector went round with the Rate Collectors and called on ratepayers.

The Chairman said that the Rates Inspector was supposed



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to carry out the duties prescribed by the Public Bodies Order which did not deal with visiting the collectors on their rounds or calling on Ratepayers. His main duties were to check the collectors' books and to fill up necessary returns.

Mr. Cummins failed to see why the present Rates Inspector would not carry out all the duties performed by the former holder of the position.

The Chairman said the Finance Committee wanted to get the best work possible out of the Rates Inspector and they did not consider doing office work was the best way to employ him. The Committee were of opinion he should be out with the Collectors; otherwise he was of very little use. The Rates Inspector stated that it took him four or five days every fortnight in checking the Collectors' Books and the remainder of the time went in office work. He (Chairman) felt that some change in the present position was essential in the near future. The proposal was in the nature of an experiment and the new man would not be retained unless results justified his continued employment.

Miss O'Ryan said that no one wished to have a new appointment if it could be avoided but the Finance Committee felt it was necessary that some test should be applied to the explanations given by several Rate Collectors as to why they could not obtain Rates from derelict farms and on other holdings. It was the only arrangement towards improvement the Finance Committee could think of, but if the County Council could suggest any better way of making the Rate Collectors do their work they should have it.

Mr. Kinsella opposed the appointment and considered the present Rates Inspector should be as well able to go round to ratepayers as his predecessor.

Mr. Masterson, Rates Inspector, in reply to queries said he might have one or two days per week to go round the country. He considered, however, much more time should go to this work, which was the reason he applied for assistance. He was ap-



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pointed in December last. He had visited a couple of backward areas.

Col. Quin held this was the business of Rate Collectors, and any one of them not doing it should be kicked out.

Mr. Doyle thought that the two days per week which the Rate Inspector said he had available would be sufficient for visiting; in fact he (Mr. Doyle) thought one day would be ample.

The Rates Inspector dissented. The very fact of his going round had a very definite effect in speeding up the collection.

Col. Quin said this showed that the Rate Collectors were not doing their duty. If the Inspector used what available time he had in going round it would "ginger up" the Collectors.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed that consideration of the recommendation be adjourned for a month. One or two days per week for visiting should be quite enough.

The motion was not seconded.

The Chairman said they were at a very critical period now and unless something special was done to expedite the collection a large amount of Rates would not be paid. If they had the Rates Inspector in the country for four days the results would justify the expenditure by a hundred fold. The cost of the new clerk would be only about £150 per year and if the Rates Inspector was out every day in the week the salary would be saved in a week or two.

Mr. Sweetman proposed:- "That we confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee in respect of the appointment of a temporary clerk to help in carrying out the office work in Rates Inspector's Office, etc. with the amendment that the appointment remain in force only up to 31st March 1936."

Mr. Corish seconded and said that too many Collectors were assuming that Rates in a number of cases were uncollectable, and if the Council had the Rates Inspector investigating these and other difficult cases he believed the Council would be convinced that the employment of temporary clerk to the end of next finan-



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cial year would be justified. And if they were pleased with the results then they might make the appointment permanent. The Rates Inspector would not be able to keep a firm hold on the Collecotrs by having only one or two days in the week to look after them, and he should be in a position to pay surprise visits to any part of the County.

Mr. Doyle said that a man with local knowledge of the various districts and the ratepayers in them would be more suited to the position than the Rates Inspector.

Mr. Colfer and Kelly withdrew their motion in favour of that of Mr. Sweetman.

After further discussion a poll was taken with the following result:-

FOR MR. SWEETMAN'S PROPOSAL:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Keegan, Kelly, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. - 12.

AGAINST:- Messrs. Bowe, Cummins, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth and Walsh. - 10.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

Mr. Doyle handed in the following:- "I will move at the meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 11th November 1935 that the resolution adopted at meeting of 14th October, 1935, agreeing to the appointment of a temporary Assistant for clerical work in Office of Rates Inspector, etc. be rescinded and that the Rates Inspector be directed to utilise any of his time not required for office work in superintending Rate Collectors and investigating and reporting on the condition of Derelict Farms and of other holdings on which a large amount of Rates is due.

AMOUNTS DUE BY URBAN COUNCILS - Under date 12th October, 1935, letter was read from the Town Clerk, Enniscorthy, that steps were being considered in regard to discharging the entire liability for demand to date. He expected to have definite arrangements made to meet demand in future. The



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treasurer was prepared to advance the money when sanction by the Department was received, and he was taking up the matter with them.

The Secretary said that on that morning he had recieved a cheque from the town clerk for £1,612. 6. 4, but the Ennis-corthy Council still owed a simiilar amount to March last, so that even with that payment they were not in as good a position as Wexford or New Ross. Those two urban districts owed a quarter up to March last.

Mr. O'Byrne - I don't think there should be any of last year's due. I think we should call upon them to lodge the whole amount of last year's rate.

On the proposition of Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to ask the Urban Councils to lodge the whole amount. Mr. Kinsella seconded the motion.

UNEMPLOYMENT SCHEME FOR MEN - Mr. Colfer proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution:-

"That scheme for employment of men in receipt of unemployment assistance as submitted by the County Surveyor, be as recommended by Finance Committee, approved by the Council."

Replying to Mr. Kinsella, the County Surveyor stated that he did not see why there could not be some arrangements made in connection with having such work as the cleaning of drains carried out. If the scheme, as now presented could be operated satisfactorily it could be extended in the summer to do such work as the cleaning of drains and small rivers.

Mr. T. Redmond suggested that work such as repairing breaches in river banks should be carried out. He saw on the previous day two or three hundred acres of marshy land at Camb-lin near New Ross which was flooded. If such lands could be included in the scheme it would be very useful work.

County Surveyor - We would not be able to do a big job like that. Under the scheme we could carry out the cleaning of small drains and small rivers under road bridges which were choked. We cannot compel the landowners to do them, and we



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cannot do them except under a minor relief scheme.

The scheme was unanimously adopted.

TRANSFER NEW ROSS URBAN ROADS TO COUNTY COUNCIL - Mr. J.E.

Walsh stated he objected to act on the proposed committee for the conference, as he was solely opposed at the meeting of the urban council to the handing over of control to the County Council. He would be prepared to reconsider the matter if some means could be devised by which the urban council could obtain machinery for the upkeep of the streets.

Mr. Corish said it was understood by the Finance Committee that the New Ross Urban Council passed this proposal unanimously. At the meeting of Finance Committee he made the proposition, but he thought it was beneath the dignity of the ancient borough of New Ross to ask the County Council to take over the maintenance of the streets. If that were suggested in Wexford he would have fought it strenuously. The New Ross Urban Council should reconsider the matter. It was no harm for the Urban Council to seek the assistance of the County Council, but he was thinking of the dignity of the Urban Council.

Mr. T. Redmond said he wished to explain the circumstances as to how the matter originated. After the Local Government elections in 1934, and at the first meeting of the New Ross Urban Council, as a result of complaints made by residents and ratepayers, the Streets Committee were instructed to make an inspection of the streets with the town surveyor. All the streets were bad at the time, and as a result of the inspection certain streets were recommended for reconstruction. The cost was estimated at £5,400 and the scheme was sent to the Department with a request for £2,500. A reply was received stating that if the Urban Council considered themselves incapable of maintaining the streets they should hand them over to the County Council. The Urban Council did not agree to that, but held that with the assistance of the county council they would



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be able to maintain the streets. After considerable correspondence and discussion the Department agreed to give a grant of £1,500 on a scheme of £4,000 conditional on the work being carried out by the County Surveyor. The Urban Council would not agree, and were very slow about handing over the upkeep of the streets to the County Council. As the Urban Council had not machinery at their disposal the Department were asked to increase the grant to £2,000. During the deluge in June the remaining portion of the surface of the streets was washed away, and the Urban Council asked the Department to send down an inspector. Mr. Courteney of the Department visited New Ross, and the Urban Council was not aware that he came or had gone until he had left the town. Subsequently the Council asked the Department to receive a deputation on the strength of Mr. Courteney's report. The Department decided to receive the deputation, and the representatives of the Council went to Dublin for that purpose. The officials of the Department pointed out to the deputation the good work which had been done in other towns by handing over the streets to the County Council. The chief of the Finance Department stated that if the deputation acted on Mr. Courteney's advice he would recommend the Department to increase the grant to £2,000 on the condition that the upkeep of the streets be handed over to the County Council as from April 1st, 1936. The deputation reported the result of the interview to the Urban Council, who again discussed it at great length, and with one dissentient agreed to accept the condition. No member of the Council wanted to hand over the streets, but as the streets were in such a bad condition they did not want to run the risk of losing the grant.

Mr. Walsh said that his objection was to the condition stipulated in the allocation of the grant. It meant that the streets of the town became vested in the County Council and that the Urban Council would lose control of several matters affecting



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the town which would be very detrimental to it. In his opinion the best way to deal with the matter would be to have an arrangement by which the Urban Council could retain control of the streets and not lose any of their existing powers. If the proposal of the Department were carried out it would mean that the urban council would not have any voice in grants and other important matters affecting the urban administration.

Ald. Corish - Can't you agree to have the conference with an open mind?

Chairman - You can't, because the Act of Parliament is against it. We are not going into that conference for that purpose or for the purpose of encouraging the Urban Council to hold on to the streets. We are going into the conference in the light of the Minister's letter.

Mr. T. Redmond - This is not going to cost the county council one penny. The cost of upkeep will be borne by the rates of New Ross.

Mr. Walsh - The cost will be borne by the Urban Council, but the Urban Council and the people of New Ross will not have control over the work, and to that I strongly object.

Chairman - We have not the slightest interest in bringing about a conference of that kind. That is a matter for the Urban Council and the L.G.D.

Mr. Redmond - This recommendation has come from the Department - it is the child of the Department. The Department gave us the money on certain conditions.

Chairman - We are taking it for granted that that order will be put into force. That is why we are going into conference.

Mr. Redmond - That's so. Mr. Keegan - We are doing all the work of the conference at the moment.

Mr. Doyle - If the County Council refuse to take over the roads-

Chairman - They can't refuse. Mr. Doyle - They can make a protest. By this scheme we are going to increase the work



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of our officials. I think we should leave the work to the Urban Council.

Chairman - We should facilitate the Urban Council to have the streets improved. I understand the County Council can pass a resolution to have the roads handed back to the Urban Council.

Mr. Redmond - And the Urban Council can do the same thing.  
The recommendation was adopted.

LIGHTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE - Mr. Redmond said that the bridge was the property of the County Councils of Wexford and Kilkenny and the New Ross Urban Council were not supposed to light other people's property.

The Chairman said if there was no bridge there the people of New Ross would not be satisfied.

Mr. Walsh said the best thing they could do would be to take over the lighting when they were taking over the streets.

The County Surveyor said he would object very strongly to take over the lighting of the bridge.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES - The following resolution was moved by Col. Quin and seconded by Mr. Doyle:-

"That vacant University Scholarship be awarded James M. Druhan."

Miss O'Ryan proposed and Mr. Ronan seconded the following:-

"That vacant University Scholarship be awarded Ellen Cogley."

Miss O'Ryan said of the four scholarships awarded this year three went to boys and one to a girl. As the latter had dropped out she considered the vacancy should go to a girl.

Mr. Doyle said it was evidently the opinion of Dr. Coffey that Druhan should receive the scholarship.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Cogley:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. - 11.

For Druhan:- Messrs. Bowe, Cullimore, Doyle, Gibbon,



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Kinsella, McCarthy, O'Byrne, Quin, Smyth, Sweetman and Walsh. - 11.

The Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Miss Cogley and declared her selected.

Mr. Doyle said he would move at next meeting that the resolution awarding the Scholarship to Miss Cogley be rescinded.

Mr. O'Byrne said they should protest against remarks being made regarding any student by University Authorities. If one mark extra had been given to either of these students it would have been easy to settle the matter.

Miss O'Ryan - If the totalling of the examiners' marks gives the candidates the same marks, you don't expect a man of Dr. Coffey's standing to add a mark? He could not do it.

Mr. O'Byrne - But the papers having been marked in such a way, he should not have made a comment one way or the other.

Mr. Doyle - I don't think there was very much respect for his opinion at all, when you have gone against it.

Chairman - We will discuss it again.

Miss O'Ryan - We have certainly every respect for the man's integrity.

Chairman - But when he didn't do the examination, he had no right to make comments.

The discussion ended.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS - Under date 17th September, 1935 (148,210-35 Loch Garmain) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote requesting to be informed if the Council had endeavoured to obtain the loan of £10,000 under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts in the open market.

The Secretary said that Monaghan Council decided that they would only borrow over a period of twenty-five years, and they could not get an application from anyone to supply the money, and if the Monaghan Council could not get anyone at



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twenty-five years, where were Wexford County Council going to have a chance of getting money over thirty-five years?

Mr. Kelly - We tried the open market before and didn't get any application.

ROSSLARE BURROW ROAD - Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said there was not very much in the complaint. A day's work would put the whole matter right. As a result of the recent wet weather the whole area got into bad condition with pot-holes.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

The following resolution was then adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th October, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed."

#### ROSSLARE SEWERAGE SCHEME.

The following motion - copy of which was issued to the Council on 10th September, 1935, - stood in the name of Mr. Corish:-

"That the County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £6,000 (six thousand pounds) for the purpose of providing a sewerage scheme for Rosslare, repayment of same to be chargeable on the Rate raised by the County Council under the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act."

In moving his motion, Mr. Corish said they expected to get at least £3,000 or possibly more as a free grant from the Government. Rosslare was growing in population and popularity and its present condition from a sanitary point of view was a monument to the criminal neglect of county administration. The estimated annual repayment of the loan would be £540 of which £270 would be charged to the County Fund out of the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act and the other moiety on



the district. It was proposed that the townlands directly benefiting should contribute at the rate of 6d. in the £. When the Council adopted the present motion the County Board of Health would fix the townlands which would immediately benefit.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. Kinsella objected to the levy on the County.

Mr. Doyle would not agree with the motion until he knew exactly how the area of charge was to be arranged. They wanted to have the list of townlands which according to the Scheme were going to benefit definitely enumerated. He moved "That the motion standing in the name of Mr. Corish consenting to the Board of Health borrowing £6,000 for a sewerage scheme at Rosslare be adjourned until the names of the townlands directly benefiting and which were to bear a 6d. rate in the £. had been furnished to the Council."

Mr. Kinsella seconded.

The Chairman said what the Board of Health had in mind were townlands in which the people would connect up with the sewerage.

Miss O'Ryan said the Board intended when the Scheme was to be proceeded with to prepare a map and survey of the district, in connection with the townlands, inside what would be known as the Rosslare Strand Area. They could not, however, do this without the assistance of the Engineer.

Mr. Doyle said in Wexford Rural area they were paying 3d in the £. for a water supply at Rosslare. It was 2½d. and he could not understand how it developed to 3d. In addition to that they were paying for pumps galore.

The Chairman pointed out that until they knew definitely what townlands would be linked up with the system, the information sought by Mr. Doyle could not be given. The townlands linked up with the water at present would be charged with 6d. in the £. Would that information be sufficient for Mr. Doyle?

Mr. Doyle said not, as the water scheme was serving a



number of people along the whole route.

Mr. Cummins deprecated the statement that one heard at the Council from time to time, as to raising of  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £. in order to make the county more prosperous. The majority of the ratepayers were under £12 valuation and not one of them would object to any progressive movement such as that proposed. The cry of a  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £. should be given up, because it was not genuine. He hoped they would have 100 more pumps because they wanted proper water supply and everything like it.

Mr. Doyle referred to the remark of Mr. Corish as to the ineffectiveness of County Administration. He was aware that for the past 40 years they never had any outbreak of disease in Rosslare.

Miss O'Ryan said that this occurred through the goodness of God. If she lived as near to Rosslare as Mr. Doyle, she would be thoroughly ashamed of seeing sewerage running down the open road, and if they permitted that sort of thing, they should resign in a body and ask someone to succeed them who would be prepared to look after the health of the people.

Mr. Doyle said he was not opposed to the sewerage scheme in any way nor to the  $\frac{1}{2}$ d. in the £. but he certainly considered that details of the townlands which were to pay this large sum of 6d. in the £. should be given.

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

For:- Messrs. Bowe, Doyle, Gibbon, Kinsella, O'Byrne, Smyth and Walsh. - 7.

Against:- Messrs. Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Keegan, Kelly, O'Ryan, M. Redmond, T. Redmond, Ronan, Sweetman and the Chairman. - 13.

Mr. McCarthy and Col. Quin (2) were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared motion carried.



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WATER SUPPLY - CLONATTIN ROAD.

The following motion, which had been circulated to the members of the County Council on 10th September 1935 stood in the name of Mr. Roanan:-

"That the County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £900 (nine hundred pounds) for the purpose of providing a Water Supply for Clonattin Road, Gorey, repayment of same to be chargeable on the Rate raised by the County Council under the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act."

By request on the part of Mr. Ronan consideration of the motion was adjourned for two months.

APPOINTMENT - HARBOUR MASTER, KILMORE.

The following applications were received for the above position:- James Duffy, Ballinagran, Killena, Gorey; William Joyce, Templeudigan, Ballywilliam and Patrick Kehoe, Kilmore Quay, who has been acting temporary Harbour Master for the past two years.

Col. Gibbon proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Culleton:-

That Patrick Kehoe, Kilmore Quay be appointed Harbour Master at Kilmore Quay. Salary, £65 per annum with five per cent commission on collection of dues; duties to be as drawn up by County Surveyor dated 10th October, 1935, and supplied to applicants for the position.

Mr. M. Redmond proposed the election of William Joyce.

Mr. T. Redmond seconded.

Duffy was not proposed.

A poll was taken with the following result:-

For Kehoe:- Messrs. Bowe, Colfer, Corish, Culleton, Cullimore, Cummins, Doyle, Gibbon, Keegan, Kelly, Kinsella, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Ronan, Smyth, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman.- 18.

For Joyce:- Messrs. M. Redmond and T. Redmond. - 2.

Col. Quin and Mr. McCarthy (2) were not present when poll was taken.

Kehoe was declared elected.



Under date 30th September 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G159029-35 Loch Garman) approving of the draft advertisement for the position and stating that application for the sanction of the Minister to the appointment of the person selected should be made.

#### ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT

Under date 15th September, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote S.G.O./201/35 stating that the following allocation for road improvement grant had been agreed to:-

1.	L.29.	Gorey-Wexford. About 3 miles south of Gorey towards Ballycanew. Strengthen, widen and surface with macadam and grout with Cutback Bitumen. Length about $1\frac{3}{4}$ miles	... £ 2,000
2.	L.29.	Gorey-Wexford. About 9 miles south of Gorey near Monamolin. Works as in No.1. Length about one-third of mile	... £ 500
3.	L.29.	Gorey-Wexford. About 4 miles north of Wexford, beyond Castlebridge. Work as in No. 1. Length about 1 mile	... £ 1,300
4.	L.29.	Wexford-Kilmore Quay. About 10 miles south of Wexford, commencing to the south of Kilmore Village and on towards Kilmore Quay. Work as in No.1. Length about 2 miles.	... £ 2,000
5.	L.30.	Enniscorthy-Kilkenny. About 7 miles north West of Enniscorthy at Wheelagower Cross. Work as in No. 1. Length about $\frac{3}{4}$ mile.	... £ 900
6.	L.33.	Ferns-Carlow. About 2 miles to West of Ferns at Tombrack Cross. Work as in No. 1. Length about $\frac{1}{2}$ mile.	... £ 900
7.	L.159.	New Ross-Ballyhack. At Whitechurch Cross. Work as in No.1. Length about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles	... £ 2,000
8.	T. 8	Enniscorthy-Wexford. At Ferrycarrig Bridge. Divert road and thus remove dangerous corner.	... £ 750
9.		Wexford Urban. Resurfacing roads and footpaths as approved.	£ 874
Total			<u>£ 11,224</u>

The conditions governing the grant were also enclosed.

Col. Gibbon objected to the expenditure of £750 for the cutting of a new road at the back of the Castle at Ferrycarrig



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in order to ease the existing dangerous corner there.

The proposal would destroy the scenery.

The County Surveyor disagreed with Col. Gibbon and said that the new road would really improve the scenery at the place.

Col. Gibbon stated that on a previous occasion when the same proposal was introduced members of the County Council objected and the project was dropped.

The County Surveyor stated that when about three years ago it was proposed to employ portion of the Relief Grant for the construction of the proposed road, objection was made, and undoubtedly some members of the Council were influenced by what Col. Gibbon stated, about the danger of interfering with the old castle and causing disimprovement of the view.

It was then decided to split up the money amongst a lot of scattered works all over the County, as the money was provided as a Relief Grant. The corner at the Castle was one of the most dangerous in the County; in fact he was almost run down there himself by buses on a couple of occasions. The work would not interfere with the old tower because instead of standing out on a peninsula it would be on an island, while it would be an advantage to have a straight road which gave a view right down to the bridge.

Col. Gibbon said that the corner at the Enniscorthy side above that of the Castle was much more dangerous.

The County Surveyor said in regard to the corner referred to by Col. Gibbon it was proposed to lower the wall and put up a railing.

Col. Gibbon proposed that the £750 allocated for corner at Ferrycarrig Castle should be spent in improvement of the second corner.

Mr. Doyle seconded.

The Chairman agreed with the County Surveyor that the proposal he made dealt with one of the worst corners in the whole county.

Mr. Doyle held that the fact that the corner was dangerous



made motorists drive at a reduced speed. The proposed easement would in his opinion make the corner more dangerous.

Miss O'Ryan - What about strangers coming into the County for the first time?

Mr. Doyle pointed out that there were danger signals for the guidance of such people.

Mr. Keegan referred to the fact that when driving around there recently it was only the extra skill of the driver which prevented a serious collision with a bus.

In the course of further discussion the County Surveyor stated in reply to Mr. Kinsella that he would give an absolute guarantee that in the making of the new piece of road no interference would be caused to the Castle.

The Chairman decided to take a show of hands on the proposal of Col. Gibbon when it was found it was supported by three members only.

Mr. Cummins and Mr. Colfer complained that although for some years past the Council were receiving £11,000 for Road Improvement Grants, New Ross was always on the £2,000 mark, and they did not consider this a fair proportion of the money.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the Grant was not allocated according to areas but according to the best scheme for improvement of the roads. The allocations would work out as follows:- Gorey, £2,500; Enniscorthy, £3,100; Wexford, £2,000; New Ross £2,000, which with the £750 for corner at Ferrycarrig and £874 for Wexford Urban streets made up the total. Enniscorthy district was nearly double the size of the others and had also many more main roads.

The Chairman said the Grant was given them by the Local Government Department without any reference to the Council. The Department acted on the recommendation of the County Surveyor entirely.



Mr. T. Redmond asked how it was New Ross was always down on the £2,000 mark.

The County Surveyor said that there were more main roads improved in New Ross area than in any other area.

Mr. Ronan pointed out that if they were to follow the suggestions of Messrs. Cummins, Colfer and T. Redmond as to the division of the grant in areas, they would have to take into consideration the proportion of Main Roads in each district, and also the number of main roads in each district which had been improved.

After further discussion Mr. O'Byrne proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Sweetman:-

"That this Council approve of the allocation of the Main Road Improvement Grant as set out in letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health - 16th September 1935 (S.G.O/201/35)."

Passed.

Mr. T. Redmond moved that the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) be requested to agree that of the amount set aside for New Ross area - £1,000 should be spent on the Fethard-New Ross Road, and the balance on Ballyhack-Whitechurch Road.

Mr. Colfer seconded and the proposition was adopted.

#### MARRIAGE GRATUITY - MRS. MEAGHER.

Under date 12th September 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G145989-35 Loch Garman) that the gratuity allowable to Mrs. Meagher on the basis of one-twelfth of her average annual salary for the three years previous to her retirement would amount to £23. 16. 8 and on receipt of formal resolution of the Council granting this amount and copy of Marriage Certificate the Minister would consent to the payment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:-



"That marriage gratuity of £23. 16. 8 be granted Mrs. D. B. Meagher (nee Killeen) on her retirement from the service of the County Council and that application be made to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for his sanction to this payment."

#### SCHOLARSHIP AWARDS.

Under date 18th September 1935, the Office of National Education wrote (Trg 12-F.37739) approving of the awards made by the County Council under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, 1935.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Under date 19th September, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (G.3637-35) that the following samples of butter had been taken up in the County and found by the County Analyst to be genuine:- Enniscorthy 3; Ferns 3; Bunclody 4, and Gorey 4.

#### RATE COLLECTORS' DUTIES.

Mr. Culleton said that a farmer in Mayglass who had received his demand note for Rates had been directed by the Rate Collector to pay the amount at an office in Wexford. It did not suit the Ratepayer in question to go to Wexford, and he wished to know if it was not the duty of the Rate Collector to call for the amount.

The Secretary said it was the duty of Rate Collectors to call on ratepayers.

After some discussion the following resolution was adopted:-

"That the question of the manner in which Rate Collectors are actually collecting rates be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration regarding the issue of a general recommendation to Collectors."



ROAD MATTERS.

KILMUCKRIDGE STREETS - A number of residents wrote that the street of Kilmuckridge Village and adjoining roads were in a very unsatisfactory condition. They asked that the roads be steamrolled and tarred. There was an unlimited supply of material in Tinnacree quarry and this would make for economy if utilised for the repairs mentioned.

Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, reported that there was plenty of room for improvement on the roads in his district at Kilmuckridge. The Road through the street was subjected to a good deal of traffic and sufficient work could not be done with the money allocated at present. If funds were available steamrolling and tarring would make a proper job, and this work was really necessary in parts.

The County Surveyor said he would bring into next year's Road Works Scheme a better price for these roads. There could be no question of using tar at this season. The roads were repaired with gravel and the bottom loosened up with the dry weather. He was considering having their maintenance carried out by ordinary macadam in the future.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That the County Surveyor be requested to submit to next meeting of Finance Committee an estimate as to the cost of putting the street of Kilmuckridge Village and adjoining roads in proper repair."

BALLYCONNIGAR LANE - Memorial signed by a number of rate-payers etc. asked the County Council to have Ballyconnigar Lane put into repair. At present some repairs were being done at the junction of the lane with the main road. The lane was dangerous to traffic while there was a big increase in the number of visitors who used the lane as a short cut to the seafront.

On the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Keegan, it was decided that this lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme Grant.



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CORRAGH LANE - Memorial was received from ratepayers of the districts of Johnstown, Abbeydown, Corragh, Ballinastraw, Coolmeelagh, Ballyshonogue, Drumderry, Gurteen, etc. asking for repair of Corragh Lane. Only part of the work was done and the balance was about one-third of it. Many ratepayers had no other means of access to their lands and had perforce to endanger life and limb to get to their homes.

The County Surveyor stated that the lane had been scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme Grants and that was all that could be done.

CARLEYS BRIDGE ROAD - Particulars were submitted by Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, which he had furnished the Department of Local Government and Public Health in connection with the repair of above road. To have the work carried out in "Cut-Back Bitumen" with the necessary drainage would cost £2150.

No reply had been received to the present from the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

The County Surveyor said that the question of the repair of road had been before the Council some time ago and the Department asked for the particulars given by Mr. Ennis, as they were applying for a Relief Grant. It was not a main road but there was a great deal of traffic on it.

The Chairman proposed "That the County Secretary again communicate with the Department of Local Government and Public Health and ask them to provide a Relief Grant in view of the fact that the road serves two factories."

Mr. Sweetman seconded and the proposal was adopted.

SEWER AT CAIM - Mr. Lawlor, M.C.C. wrote that Fr. Murphy, C.C., Caim, called on him and complained of the state of an open "shore" outside Caim Catholic Church. Fr. Murphy stated that during the time of the late Council it was decided that sewer should be piped and covered in. People going to and from Mass had to wade through the water and some old people were unable to do so.



The County Surveyor said that years ago the Enniscorthy District Council put down a concrete channel - 15 or 18 inches wide and three or four inches deep. If a pipe were put in the gateway it would become choked and the place was sure to get into a worse condition than if left as it is. Nothing could be done at the place at the moment.

No order.

KILLOWEN LANE - Mr. D. Somers, Killowen, Gorey, wrote that representations for the repair of above lane had been made to the County Council about twelve months ago but nothing was done. It was at present impassable and would get worse during the winter. It would not take much to do the work of repair and it would be a great convenience to the people living in Island and Bannpark districts.

The County Surveyor said that this lane had been sent forward for a Minor Relief Grant, which is all that the Council could do in the matter. Mr. McLaughlin of the Office of Works said it would be an absolute impossibility for his Department to provide relief grants for the couple of hundred lanes which had been recommended. He (Mr. McLaughlin) said they could all be sent on and the Department would make a selection of half dozen or a dozen from the list.

ABBEYDOWN QUARRY - The Moyacomb Fianna Fail Cumann forwarded resolution asking the County Council to take over the working of quarry at Abbeydown which was only about half a mile from the main road Bunclody-Carnew which was being re-constructed with material from Ryland Quarry.

If there was a good road to within about 150 yards of Abbeydown the expense of developing the excellent stone there would be small.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said that in present conditions it would not be an economic proposition for the Council to open this quarry. If there was an enormous grant given for road improvement in the district he might think of it but present



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circumstances would not warrant its opening by the Council.

No order.

DANGEROUS CORNERS - A number of ratepayers in the district and merchants of Enniscorthy town forwarded representations as to the removal of dangerous corners on the main road from Enniscorthy to Blackwater viz:- (1) At CastleEllis Church; (2& 3) Near Kelly's, CastleEllis and (4) Crosshue.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said he was carrying out the work of easement at the corner at CastleEllis Church. The second corner at Kelly's was not so bad.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Keegan that the question of easing the four corners at CastleEllis and Crosshue be referred to the County Surveyor for report.

TOMHAGGARD WORKERS' QUERY - Mr. Culleton said that some unemployed men from the Tomhaggard area wanted to know why they did not get employment at some particular work being carried out there, and they asked him to raise the matter. It was he who brought up the matter of the special work, and they expected that the unemployed men there would get employment when the work commenced. He understood that the work was being carried out and that some of the men had not been employed.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said there was really not much in the matter. They depended on such works to make up eight months' work for men who were so-called permanent men. They depended on odd jobs to make up the period for them, and they planned their works accordingly. Recently there was a grant of £20 for the improvement of a road, and the work was more or less offered to the Tomhaggard men, and three were working on it at present. He thought it would be a mistake to do special works with new men.

Mr. Culleton - Is it a fact that some of those men who made the complaint are now working at Whitecross?

Mr. Birthistle - Two at least, and perhaps three.



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Mr. Culleton - That ought to set matters right.

#### BALLYHACK HARBOUR

The County Surveyor reported that he had been down some time ago with an engineer of the Office of Works and Mr. Cummins at Ballyhack Harbour. The question of the ownership wall off the slipway was discussed. He had been in communication with the Waterford Harbour Commissioners, and the secretary and general manager of that body wrote on September 10th stating that his body had no objection to Wexford County Council erecting the wall on the slipway which was the Council's property, and did not interfere with navigation.

Mr. Cummins - What position are we now in?

The County Surveyor said that Mr. Doyle, Department engineer, was down, and he (County Surveyor) gave him particulars as to what should be done with an estimate of the cost at £300. When he went into the details he increased the estimate to £344.

Mr. Cummins - Could there be anything done to hurry on the work? The fishing season is now over and the fishermen are practically idle. Now would be a good time to get the work done.

The Chairman proposed and Mr. Cummins seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the Department of Fisheries be requested to expedite consideration of scheme for the improvement of Ballyhack fishing harbour."

#### FORD-OF-LYNG.

Col. Gibbon asked if there were any reports in regard to the progress of work at the Ford-of-Lyng.

The County Surveyor said they had started work above the bridge, and it was going on satisfactorily.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, said that the work, considering weather and everything else, was very satisfactory so far. Already they had reduced the water level at Bally-



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garvey by two feet, and there was a great improvement in the area, although they had barely started. The job was going to take a long time. A good deal of the labour they got from the Exchange was not the best, and he thought they would have to see about getting at least three of the old hands back there to expedite the work.

Col. Gibbon said he had wanted to know if the delay in commencing the work, and the exceptionally bad weather, would prevent the money from going far enough.

Mr. Birthistle said he believed that, despite bad weather and everything else, they were going to do a good job.

#### COMPLAINTS, ETC. OF ROAD WORKERS

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Sweetman:-

"That complaints of Road Workers, representations as to employment on roads and applications for repair of lanes be dealt with in the first instance, by the Finance Committee which will submit reports in these matters to the County Council."

#### POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

"That renewals of licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Mrs. Anastasia O'Donnell, Taghmon and Patrick J. O'Connor, North Main Street, Wexford."

*J. Allen*

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