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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

MONTHLY MEETING 9th SEPTEMBER, 1935.

M I N U T E S

County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford on 9th September, 1935.

Present; Mr. D. Allen, (Chairman) presiding, also, Messrs. J.J. Bowe, Patrick Colfer, John Connors, Richard Corish, Christopher Culleton, ~~William Cullimore~~, John Cummins, John Day, Michael Doyle, Col. C.M. Gibbon, W.P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella, T.J. Meyler, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R.P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thomas Redmond, Patrick Ronan, Meyles Smyth, Malachi Sweetman, James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £11,222;0:0 were examined and signed.

#### THE Late Mr. Michael T. Hickey, Garryrichard.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Col. Quin seconded by Mr. M. Redmond:- "That the following reply to vote of condolence on the death of Mr. M. T. Hickey be inserted in the Minutes of this Day's meeting.

"The family and sisters of the late Michael T. Hickey, wish to return their very sincere thanks for your kind expressions of sympathy tendered to them in their recent great loss"

#### The Late Mrs. Heffernan.

On the motion of Mr. Culleton, seconded by Mr. Kelly, a vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. J.F. Heffernan, "Free Press" Wexford, on the death of his young wife. The motion was supported by Col. Quin, Miss O'Ryan, the Chairman and County Secretary.

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DRAINAGE RATES.

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

"We hereby strike rate for Kilmannock Drainage Area in respect of year ending 1st March, 1936, in accordance with amounts entered on Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 19th January, 1937, as amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 16th May, 1934, No.9094/34, amount £83:7:10, said amount to be levied on the persons named in the Charging Order as amended, or their Successors in title.

That arrears amounting to £299:0:0 be carried forward for collection with drainage rate for year 1935-36.

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

"We hereby strike rate for Sow Drainage Area for year ending 1st March, 1936, in accordance with Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 16th January, 1929 and amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 22nd March, 1933, No. 4672.31, amount £263: 4: 4d to be levied on the persons named in Charging Order, or their successors in title. In addition, that a sum of £120: 0: 0 be raised towards cost of maintainance of Sow Drainage Area, said amount to be levied on the persons named in the above mentioned Charging Order or their successors in title, in the same proportions as the amounts leviable under the Charging Order.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th August, 1935, were submitted as follows:-

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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 16th August, 1935.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish, (Vice-Chairman, Co. Council), presiding, also, Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, J. P. Kelly, S. O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £6170:10:7d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

		£	s	d
1.	A. Dunne	277:	1:	4
2.	W. Cummins	263:	14:	5
3.	S. Gannon (No.6)	234:	10:	10
4.	J. Quirke	203:	19:	3
5.	P. Doyle	178:	3:	5
6.	J.J. O'Reilly	177:	1:	10
7.	J.J. Sinnott	147:	13:	10
8.	D. Kenny	135:	1:	5
9.	P. Nolan	124:	18:	6
10.	J. Cummins	98:	15:	0
11.	M. Murphy	67:	16:	0
12.	J. Deegan	67:	14:	5
13.	S. Gannon (No.10)	67:	1:	5
14.	E.J. Murphy	64:	1:	1
15.	W. Doyle	55:	6:	7
16.	J.M. Curtis	33:	16:	1
17.	P. Garty	9:	10:	7
18.	M. Kehoe	7:	9:	5
19.	J. Flood			Nil
20.	M. McCarthy			Nil.

The Secretary reported that Collector McCarthy, for whom Patrick Nolan had been acting as Deputy, had now left hospital and was resuming duty immediately.

It was also decided to ask Collector Flood for an explanation of his failure to make any lodgment of rate and inform Collectors M. Kehoe, P. Garty and Wm. Doyle, the Finance Committee are dissatisfied with their lodgments and expect that these Collectors will have substantial amounts collected before next meeting of Finance Committee.

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE:- Communications of following dates were read from Dept. of Local Government & Public Health relative to poundage of Rate Collectors, viz: 7th August, 1935, (G.128345/35 Loch Garman F), (G.128346/35 Loch Garman), 12th August, 1935, (G.121264/35 Loch Garman (Fa), and (G.121263/35 Loch Garman).

The Secretary stated that in view of these communications 15 Collectors had been paid full poundage on their Warrants except the following five who had been subjected to the following "cuts":-

				£	s	d	
J. Quirke	"Cut"	10%	(Amount):	9	13	3	
W. Doyle	"	10%	"	12	3	2	(1d reduction in Poundage)
W. Cummins	"	10%	"	4	11	9	
M. Murphy	"	5%	"	13	9	10	(2d " "
J. J. Sinnott	"	5%	"	3	5	10	
TOTAL				£43	3	10	

In letter of 12th August, 1935, the Minister instructed payment of bonus to Collectors J. Cummins & S. Gannon (No. 10).

On the motion of Mr. Keegan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne it was decided to make further representations to the Minister for Local Government & Public Health, asking him if at all possible to restore the amount of deductions from poundage fees in the cases of Collectors, J. Quirke, W. Doyle, W. Cummins, J. J. Sinnott and M. Murphy. The Finance Committee are confident that it was the large amount of arrears which it was impossible to collect that had been responsible for the backwardness of the collection in each case.

CREDIT NOTES:- In connection with application of Robt. Sinnott, Tomgarrow, Wells, asking for recognition of Credit Notes amounting to £6:7:11d on rates paid, the following letters were read from Mr. Sinnott, the ratepayer concerned, and from Mr. T. D. Sinnott, Secretary, Co. Board of Health and Public Assistance:-

"In reply to your letter of the 3rd inst. I have been supplying the Co. Board of Health with sand and gravel since 1933, and there was a balance due to me since the end of 1934, which would have enabled me to pay my rates within the prescribed period, I got a cheque about the end of June and was prepared to pay a year's rates but the rate collector would not allow me for Credit Note although the Health Board owed me the money that I owed the Co. Council. Consequently, I think I am entitled to my Credit, if not I lose £6:7:11d through no fault of my own."

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"With reference to yours of the 9th instant and enclosure, I beg to inform you that a certificate for £18:11:6d in respect of Mr. Robert Sinnott was received from Mr. Dunbar, Engineer, on the 26th June last. This certificate covered a large number of deliveries of sand. I have written Mr. Dunbar for an indication of the dates upon which each delivery was made and I will let you have these particulars as soon as I receive them."

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by the Chairman:- "That Mr. R. Sinnott be informed that the County Council had no statutory authority to extend the period for validity of Credit Notes."

PART PAYMENT OF RATES:- The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to allow the system of accepting part payment of rates which has been in operation for 1934/35 Collection to be continued for current Rate Collection."

DRAINAGE RATES:- It was decided that Drainage Rates should be struck at next meeting and that one year's maintenance for Sow Drainage System be included in Road Estimate.

#### LOST PAYING ORDER

Under date 5th August, 1935, Thomas Power, Great Island, Campile, wrote that Paying Order No. 5640, Subsidiary Account, amount £5:5:10d issued by Finance Committee of 19th July, 1935, had been lost.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Keegan:- "That Paying Order for <sup>£</sup>5:5:10d (No. 5640) Subsidiary Account, which has been lost by the Payee, Thomas Power, Great Island, Campile, be estopped and duplicate Pay Order for same be issued, the Co. Treasurer also to be informed."

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

Under date 12th August, 1935, the Secretary, Department of Agriculture, wrote (E. 1272/35):-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer

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"to your letter of the 15th ultimo and its enclosed Medical Certificate submitted by Mr. Malone, M.R.C.V.S., and to state that in view of the terms of that Certificate the Minister, will in the special circumstances, offer no objection to the employment of Mr. Staples as Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts in place of Mr. Malone for a further period of three months as from the date of Certificate in question i.e. the 9th ultimo."

#### VACANCY FOR SHORTHAND TYPIST

Under date 15th August, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.130679/35) as follows:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 7th instant regarding the proposed appointment of a shorthand-typist and to state that he considers the condition that candidates should be the children of parents or guardians who have resided in the County for five years is too restrictive, and sees no reason why the examination should not be open to the residents or children of the residents in the administrative County at some recent date, say 1st January or 1st April last."

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That in deference to the wishes of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, the Finance Committee agree that the position of Shorthand-Typist in County Council Office should be open to the residents and children of the residents in the County on 1st January, 1935.

"That our Secretary issue advertisements for the position on these terms and in conformity with the draft supplied by the Department of Local Government and Public Health."

#### RENEWALS OF SCHOLARSHIPS

On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, the following resolution was adopted:- "That renewals of Scholarship of £50 under Secondary & Vocational Scholarships be granted the following:-

Thomas Butler; Patrick Cousins; Alice M. Devereux;  
Bridget T. Doyle; Patrick Doyle; Kathleen Ennis;  
D. Fenelon and G.W. Fenelon.

In the last mentioned case the Scholarship was fixed at £30.

Edward Kavanagh; Mary T. Mulligan; Bridget T. O'Donnell;  
Margaret O'Leary; Eileen O'Neill; Kathleen O'Regan and  
E.F. Todd.

And that renewals of Bursaries of £15 each be awarded the following:- J.P. Brennan; P.J. Byrne; James Doran; Peter Doran;

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~~"Joseph Finn; Edward Kelly; Hubert Sheil and George Swords."~~

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr.O'Byrne seconded by Mr.Colfer:- "That renewals of University Scholarships tenable at University College,Dublin, be granted the following students:-

~~James J. Donnelly; Thomas Walsh; Johanna Gooney;~~  
~~W.A. Murphy; Nora O'Sullivan; Thomas Cullimore and~~  
~~James G. Delaney."~~

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 9th August,1935,the Department of Local Government (Housing Section), wrote (H.128344/35 Loch Garman) that the Minister sanctioned the following loans:-

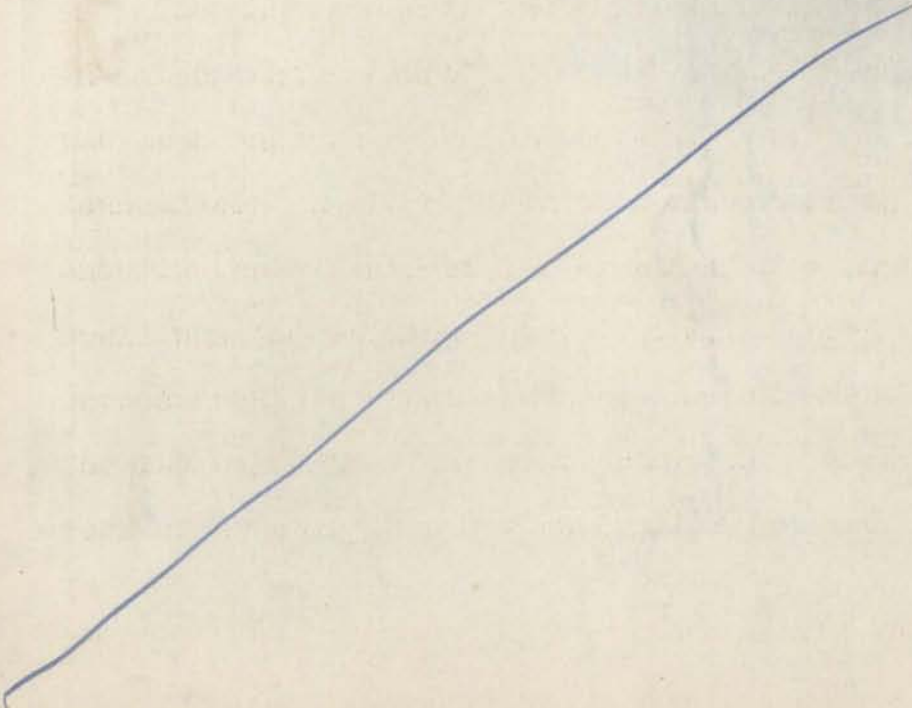
Mrs. Bridget Mangan,Glenbough,Screen, £160;  
Miss Margaret King,Oylegate Village, £180.

Mr. Kelly mentioned a case in Enniscorthy district in which, although the house under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts had been ready for occupation over six months ago, the recipient of the loan had not yet taken up residence. He understood that a sum of over £100 was due to the carpenter who had taken the contract for the erection of the house and now found it impossible to secure payment.

The Chairman said the contractor in question could seek for an attachment against the wages of the person who had obtained the loan and who appeared to be in good employment. County Councillors should explain to Contractors in the district when entering on a contract for erection of a house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, if they secured a contract from a person about to erect a house, an assignment would be honoured for the payment of the Contractor and a tradesman who took up the work of erecting a house under this Act would be secured.

PROPOSED ADOPTION OF POLLING PLACES

Suggestions as to changes in Polling Places were offered by Messrs. Ronan and Lawlor, and members present at meeting referred to inconvenience caused to voters in several areas which could be obviated if polling places were fixed for the voters of these areas in a different Electoral Division to that in which they resided. It was generally agreed, however, that if the principle of segregating townlands in any district Electoral Division was recognised, the list of Polling Places would become so detailed and complicated that instead of being a help to voters it would be more of a hindrance. In a matter of this description it was impossible to be able to meet the convenience of everybody. The Finance Committee felt that although some changes were desirable, if they were made it would be impossible to prevent others of such an acute character from also being brought under review, so that viewing the matter generally the meeting were of opinion it would be inadvisable to make any changes. They asked the Secretary to consider the various revisions which had been before the present meeting and see if anything possible could be done to meet the wishes of voters in a number of districts, and considered that their convenience on Polling day of Elections should be more fully met than was the case at present.



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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Miss O'Ryan:- "That the Minutes of the Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th August, 1935, be received and considered.

Rate Collection. The Secretary stated that £7,500 had been collected to date.

Illness of Mr. R. Malone. V. Sit was decided that the question of further sick leave to Mr. Malone was to be considered at meeting of Finance Committee to be held on 27th September, 1935.

Scholarship Schemes. The following report under date August 28th, 1935, was submitted from Dr. Dennis J. Coffey, President of National University, with result sheet of examination of 23 applicants for University Scholarships:-

"On marks awarded on the Leaving Certificate Table as here, the ten candidates with highest totals in their order are as follows:-

		Marks.
1.	Michael O'R. Hassett. (Rathronan, Bridgetown)	1470 <i>over</i>
2.	William J. Lambert (Sunnyside, Broadway)	1284
3.	Margaret M. O'Connor (Coolcots, Wexford)	1207 <i>golden</i>
4.	Martin Doyle (Rosbercon, New Ross)	1193 <i>left</i>

The first, second, third and fourth are recommended for Scholarships in that order.

		Marks.
5.	Ellen Cogley (Tomfarney, Clonroche)	1147
6.	James Druhan (Ladys Island)	1147 <i>fine</i>
7.	James A. Forde (Delta Cottage, Gorey)	1139
8.	James Doran (Palace East, New Ross)	1121

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Candidates Nos. 5, 6, 7 and 8 coming next in order of merit may, if vacancies in awards ~~in awards~~ in the case of the first four, be considered for said 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.

		Marks.
9.	Simon Bailey (Green Street, Wexford.)	1110
10.	Rosanna Furlong (Mulrankin, Bridgetown)	1095

These are also fair candidates.

The candidates, from the 11th, with 1044 marks to the 20th with 914, have no special distinction. From the 21st to the 23rd the marks fall from 873 to 464.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Bowe: "That as recommended by Dr. Coffey, President National University, the four scholarships provided under the University Scholarship Scheme of this County Council, be awarded the following:-

1. ~~Michael~~ Michael O'R. Hassett.
2. ~~William~~ William J. Lambert.
3. Margaret M. O'Connor.
4. ~~Martin~~ Martin Doyle.

That in the event of any of these candidates failing to avail of Scholarship, the next candidate in order of merit as per report of Dr. Eoffey, be selected for the vacancy."

Mr. Ronan proposed and Mr M. Redmond seconded the following resolution which was adopted:- "That as provided by the University Scholarship Scheme, the University Scholarship of William Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn, be extended for one year to enable him to obtain Degree of Higher Diploma in Education.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The Secretary stated that the County Solicitor had written to the man who had not paid the carpenter in connection with erection of house under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, Michael McGrath, Templeshannon.

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Enniscorthy, employed in Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy, that he should take steps to occupy the house erected under these acts without delay.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 16th August, 1935, be and hereby are confirmed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING. 30th August, 1935.

The Minutes of Finance Committee for 30th August, 1935, were submitted as follows:-

The Fortnightly Meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 30th August, 1935.

Present: Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding; also, Messrs. P. Colfer, R. Corish, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Wm. Kinsella and Miss O'Ryam.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

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

1.	A. Dunne	550	8	5
2.	J.J.O'Reilly	507	15	0
3.	J. Quirke	462	1	4
4.	W. Cummins	437	5	9
5.	J.J. Sinnott	348	2	1
6.	Sean Gannon (No. 6.)	342	11	11
7.	P. Doyle	324	14	5
8.	D. Kenny	300	18	3
9.	J. Cummins	234	6	6
10.	E.J. Murphy	213	18	6
11.	J. Deegan	211	17	2
12.	P. Carty	206	8	4
13.	P. Nolan	195	5	2
14.	W. Doyle	180	0	3
15.	M. McCarthy	155	11	8
16.	M. Murphy	137	13	8
17.	S. Gannon (No. 10)	125	15	8
18.	J.M. Curtis	119	1	5
19.	M. Kehoe	54	8	7
20.	J. Flood	53	6	1
TOTAL		£5,161	10	2

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The Secretary stated that Collector McCarthy returned some time ago from St. Vincent's Hospital, Dublin, to take up work but unfortunately, he had been obliged to return to the Hospital for further treatment.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'B Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That Collector P. Nolan be appointed Deputy Collector for Collector McCarthy (District NO.4) to act until the end of September, 1935.

Collector Flood, under date 22nd August, 1935, wrote that as regards the small amount of rates collected by him, that he was busy getting out demand notes and he did not get to call personally on many ratepayers. He did not expect to get much rates until after the harvest. He would do his best to see all likely "pays" within the coming week.

It was decided to inform Collectors who have less than £300:0:0 collected, that it is most imperative that Collectors should push forward their Collections in the most energetic manner. So far, Collectors who have set to work efficiently have made a good return and the Finance Committee are of opinion that the other Collectors could have done equally well. Should the Collectors, all round, fail to show a most substantial improvement by next meeting, the Finance Committee will be obliged to fix a definite percentage of lodgments at their next meeting. Any delay in proceeding energetically with the collection now will mean that the close of warrants will not be made without undue extensions of time. If the Collectors who are backward do not improve, they will be obliged to attend the Finance Committee to explain their dilatory methods, when drastic steps will be taken in the case of those who fail to satisfy the Committee

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

"That allowance as set out on foot of each claim Abatement Form in connection with Rates on Agricultural Land be and are hereby agreed to, the total number of claims being 3777 and the number of employees concerned, 7579 (2511 male relatives and 5068 male employees). The total Valuation on which abatement of rates will be made by reason of amount of employment afforded is £82,671."

Poundage to Rate Collectors. Under date 27th August, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G136970/35) that the Minister was not prepared to vary his decision as regards "Cut" in poundage to Collectors Quirke, W. Doyle, W. Cummins, J.J. Sinnott and Matthew Murphy.

It was decided to bring up this matter at the close of the warrants in respect of the first moiety and arrears for the current year.

Scholarship Schemes. Secondary and Vocational;

Under date 21st August, 1935, James A. Forde, Delta Cottage Gorey, holder of Bursary under above scheme, wrote asking for its extension for a fifth year.

Rev. Brother Lee, Christian Brothers' School, Gorey, also wrote under date 21st August, 1935, that he had recommended James A. Forde to apply to the Council for an extension for a fifth year of the Bursary which he had held for four. His passing with Honours in the Leaving Certificate before the age of 17 testified to the very satisfactory work done by him.

It was decided to explain to Mr. Forde that extensions of bursaries under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme only applies to bursaries awarded for the first time in 1935 and that the Council had no power to extend bursaries granted in any prior year.

In consequence, the Finance Committee are not in a position to recommend the Council to agree to Mr. Forde's request.

Under date 21st August, 1935, Mr. James Swords, North Parade, Gorey, wrote that his son George, who held a bursary from the County Council under Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme, had obtained a position under the Department of Posts and Telegraphs. It was decided to cancel the unexpired portion of bursary to this student.

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In connection with awards of Scholarships and Bursaries under this scheme, the successful pupils wrote that they had selected the following schools:-

Loreto Convent, Wexford.

Mary Anne O'Neill, Bushville, Tagcoat; Margaret O'Leary, Lady's Island; Margaret Donovan, High Street, Wexford; Mary A. Carroll, Streamstown, Tagcoat.

St. Louis Convent, Monaghan.

Elizabeth M. Carty, Donard, Clonroche;

St. Peter's College, Wexford.

Laurance Jordan, Ballyvelig, Cmapile; John K. O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche.

Christian Brothers, Wexford.

Edward Carty, Bride Street, Wexford; James A. Leeson, Parnell Street, Wexford.

Christian Brothers, Enniscorthy.

Matthew D. Treacy, Cathedral Street, Enniscorthy. Richard McConville, Station House, Enniscorthy,

Christian Brothers, Gorey.

John Breen, Cooleshall, Gorey;

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Dorish:- "That the Finance Committee approve of the schools selected by the successful candidates for Scholarships and Bursaries in 1935, as submitted to this meeting.

Public Dance Halls Act, 1935.

A notification of application to the District Justice for licences under above Statute was received from the following:- James Lawlor, Coolree, Ballendaggin. (St. Colman's Hall, Ballindaggin); Michael Spencer, Tara Hill, Gorey, (Hall at Ballymoney); Mrs. Elizabeth M. Wrixon, Main Street, Gorey, (Tara Hall Courtown Harbour); Michael Donohoe, Rosslare Harbour (Hall at St. Helen's) Nicholas J. Kelly Strand Hotel, Rosslare (Hall attached to hotel).

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Denis Lennon, Main Street, Bunclody (St. Aidan's Hall, Bunclody).

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That we suggest to the District Justice it would be an advantage if uniform hours are fixed for dancing in respect of Halls in County Wexford, for which licences are required under Public Dance Halls Act, 1935.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts: Under date 20th August, 1935 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H134339-35 Wexford C. C.) that the Minister had sanctioned the making by Wexford County Council of the following advances under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts:-

John Maddock, Coolseskin, Bannow	£180
Patrick Byrne, Coolbawn, Ferns	£ 180
Patrick Fortune, Monagrena, Monamolin	£200
William Doherty, Great Island, Campile	£100

Classification of Roads: It was decided to adjourn the question of the proposed revision of the classification of roads to next meeting of the Committee.

CAMOLIN PARK ROAD.

Under date 20th August, 1935, the Irish Land Commission wrote that the Commission have had the matter of construction of road through Camolin Park under consideration and were now prepared to contribute a sum of £600 towards the project, provided that the road is constructed and maintained by the County Council and that a sum of not less than £1,000 is spent on its construction.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Kelly:- "That County Councillors for Gorey County Electoral area be constituted a committee to visit Camolin Park Road and also the second road through Camolin Park on 6th September, 1935, at 3 p.m. (official time)

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for the purpose of considering the reconstruction and future maintainance of these thoroughfares and reporting to next meeting of the Council; that the County Secretary and County Surveyor accompany the Committee.

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

Under date 26th August, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (E4765-35) that no objection would be offered to the temporary employment of Mr. T. A. Mernagh, M.R.C.V.S., Gorey, as Veterinary Inspector under Diseases of Animals Acts and Bovine Tuberculosis Order in Enniscorthy District during the absence on leave for fourteen days as from 20th August, of Mr. F.S. Ringwood, M.R.C.V.S.

TRANSFER OF MONEY FOR ROADS.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That as recommended by the County Surveyor, the following transfers on Road accounts be agreed to subject to sanction of Minister for Local Government and Public Health:-

"From Main Road 35 to Main Road 34 (£50); From Main Road 57 to Main Road 34 (£30); and from Main Road 69 to Main Road 67 (£40).

SHORTHAND-TYPIST.

The references of the following candidates for the position of Shorthand-Typist in County Council Offices were examined and approved.

	Years.
1. Boyle, Kitty, Hollyville, Wexford	( 18 )
2. Busher, Ellen, Whiterock, Wexford	( 20 )
3. Gallery, Mary, 115 North Main Street, Wexford	( 20½ )
4. Hore, Nellie, Hill Street, Wexford	( 19 )
5. Leonard, Ellis, Bride Street, Wexford	( 18 )
6. Mahon, Elizabeth, Hill Cottage, Park, Wexford	( 24 )
7. Tobin, Cathleen M., Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy	( 25 )
8. Walsh, Mary, Coolcots, Wexford	( 19 )
9. Whelan, Ellen, St. John's Terrace, Wexford	( 19 )
10. Walsh, Peggy, Paradise Row, Wexford	( 24 )

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The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Corish:- "That the Secretary be empowered to employ temporary Shorthand-typist for the period up to day when the permanent official takes office, remuneration to be at the rate offered for permanent appointment.

UNIFORM FOR MESSENGER.

It was, after a discussion, decided that the consideration of procuring a uniform for Messenger of County Council be adjourned for the present.

CORONER FOR NORTH WEXFORD.

Under date 29th August, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G140029-35 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned a salary of £125 per annum being fixed for the post of Coroner for North Wexford, and enclosed statutory request for completion and transmission to the Local Appointments Commission.

Replies to queries in Statutory request were approved and it was decided to ask the sanction of the Council to these.

POUNDS.

Provision and Maintenance Act. 1935. The Secretary submitted precis of above.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer:- "That the Minister for Justice be asked if "substance of thing" referred to in Section 7 (2) of Pounds (Provision and Maintenance) Act, 1935, covers the maintenance of impounded animals.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Applications in connection with admission of the following children to Industrial Schools were referred to Mr. Elgee, Solicitor:- Mary Patricia and Catherine Teresa Doyle, Michael St. New Ross. Patrick MacDonald, Henry MacDonald and Elizabeth Mary MacDonald, Castlebridge, and Nancy Kehoe, Raheenduff, Adamstown.

MOTOR TAXATION OFFICE.

Under date 30th August, 1935, the Local Taxation Office† wrote that it would take an additional week for the two clerks employed in filing documents after audit, to complete the work. Since his previous application was dealt with the auditing of accounts for year ended March, 1935, had been completed and he wished to have all documents to date filed for future reference.

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

"That the employment of the two temporary clerical assistants in Local Taxation Office for a fortnight be extended to cover three weeks to enable all documents connected with Audits of Accounts being filed.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee, in respect of Meeting held on 30th August, 1935, be and are hereby confirmed".

#### CAMOLIN PARK ROADS.

The following report of Committee, appointed to inspect and report as to condition of above roads, was submitted:-

"The Committee appointed at last meeting of the Finance Committee to visit Camolin Park Roads met on 6th September, 1935, at Camolin.

Messrs Sean O'Byrne, P Ronan, John Connors, and Colonel Quin were in attendance.

The Chairman, Messrs Keegan and Smyth were unavoidably absent.

Mr Corish, Vice-Chairman, County Council, was detained in Wexford by other public business.

The County Secretary, the County Surveyor and Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, were present.

The Committee inspected the full length of the road and submit the following report:-

The road through Camolin Park, in reference to which the Land Commission propose to provide £600 if County Council furnish £400 and take over the future upkeep and maintenance, is 2.875 miles in length. For about a quarter of a mile at Camolin end, it is in fair condition but the balance will require heavy bottoming and resurfacing. It is possible to secure sufficient material for the former from a quarry within 30 yards of the road on the Department's property.

The County Surveyor after inspection agreed that his estimate of £1,000 for the surface work should stand but stated that this estimate did not include the fencing. About a mile and a half of this work at both sides would be necessary and,

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calculating this at 2/- per lineal yard, would run from £400 to £450. The question of inducing the Forestry Department to carry out the fencing or increasing the State grant by the expenditure under this head was discussed and it was decided to make representations on these lines to the Land Commission and to the Forestry Department in view of the great convenience the Government will be afforded by a properly constructed road through Camolin Park.

With reference to the future maintenance of the road, the Committee point out that the £25 or £30, estimated by the County Surveyor as the annual charge, assumes that the road would be called on to bear normal traffic only. If there should be at any time "extraordinary traffic" (as defined by Statute), caused through the action of the Department in felling any quantity of timber, the Committee are of opinion the repair of such damage should be effected at the Department's expense.

They recommend that, in any agreement made between the Department and the County Council in the matter, a clause should be inserted as to the liability of the Department to make good damage caused by extraordinary traffic.

The Committee also inspected the road adjacent to Camolin Park - branching on to main road from Camolin to Ballyduff. It is in very bad condition. They recommend that the application of the County Council for a grant under Minor Relief Schemes' Vote to improve this road should be renewed.

Colonel Quin dissented from the recommendations of the other members of the Committee on the grounds that the road through Camolin Park was a private road and that the enhanced convenience to the public would not justify the proposed expenditure".

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

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"That report of Committee, relative to reconstruction of road through Camolin Park, etc., be received and approved. That Copy be furnished Land Commission for consideration by that Department".

EMPLOYMENT OF GANGER AND ROAD WORKER.

The following report of Committee of Members of County Council, representing Gorey County Electoral Area, was submitted:-

"In accordance with the resolution of the Co. Council at their meeting held on 12th August, 1935, a meeting of the Members of the Council representing Gorey County Electoral Area was held in Gorey Courthouse on 17th August, 1935, for the purpose of considering with other matters the continued employment in the service of the Council of Patrick Byrne, Tara Hill, Inch, (Road Ganger), and James Doyle, Kilcavan, Gorey (Road Worker).

Present:- Mr D Allen (Chairman, Co. Council), presiding; also:- Messrs W P Keegan, Sean O'Byrne and J Connors.

The County Secretary, County Surveyor, and Mr Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the district, were in attendance.

The circumstances of the relations between Byrne and Doyle were fully gone into by the Committee after which it was decided to inform the Co. Council that in the opinion of the Committee Byrne should not be retained as Ganger but considered he might be employed as Carter.

As regards Doyle, it was ascertained he had worked only for eight and a half weeks for County Council for the past five years and, in consequence, the Committee did not consider any action necessary as regards his future employment as he was not a regular employee.

As regards complaint of Tara Hill Quarry Workers that the claims of those who had been in the employment of the County

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Council for a considerable number of years had been overlooked and new men taken on, it appeared from the statement submitted by Mr Treanor that the work had been fairly distributed between <sup>the</sup> two classes.

The Chairman said that the Council had for a long time upheld the principle that men who were a long time in the employment of the Council would be given any work going in their districts: this was the claim made by the men at Tara Hill Quarry who complained that, during the last three or four years, new men had been taken on to their disadvantage as the allocation of funds would not give the original employees work for even half the year. Additional men for the Gorey sections of road were only taken on for relief or for casual work.

Mr Keegan pointed out that a peculiar situation arose in Tara Hill as a number of young people from Dublin City were imported into the area and now, when they were grown up, it was found that work could not be provided for them.

Mr Treanor said there was only one man of the class referred to by Mr Keegan now in employment: he had weeded out the others. What Killed Tara Hill was that at one time they obtained 4000 cubic yards from this quarry and now they only wanted 400.

Mr Keegan said the Tara Hill men also complained that the roads out to Tara Hill were done by men from Gorey Town.

It was ascertained that eight of the workers at Tara Hill could be regarded as 'old' hands.

It was decided to recommend the Co. Council to instruct the Co. Surveyor to have the work at Tara Hill Quarry carried out by these eight old hands - who were longest in the Co. Council's employment - apportionment to be made by the Assistant Surveyor for the district. The question of having the local roads in the vicinity of Tara Hill attended to by the workers of the district was referred to the Co. Surveyor for favourable consideration.

In connection with dangerous wall at Esmonde St., Gorey, it was decided to await action pending the decision of the Co. Board

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of Health as to their responsibility in the matter."

On the motion of Mr Bowe, seconded by Mr Smyth, the following resolution was adopted, Mr Keegan dissenting:-

"That report of Committee re employment of Road Ganger Patrick Byrne, Tara Hill, Gorey, and James Doyle, Kilcavan, (Road Worker), and all matters arising therefrom be considered in Committee".

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr Cummins, seconded by Colonel Quin:-

"That the report of Gorey Committee re P Byrne and James Doyle, employees of the Council, be received and considered".

Rev George Dunne, C C, Castletown, attended and pointed out that, in his opinion, the £40 which had been paid by Byrne to Doyle as compensation for an alleged indecent attack on Doyle's wife was obtained through a "frame-up" and because Byrne went to wrong advisers. Byrne called at Doyle's on the morning the attack was supposed to have been made about Co. Council business. Doyle was not at home and Byrne stated he would be back at a certain hour in the evening. When Byrne called, Doyle was not in the house but, when he did appear, he accused Byrne of endeavouring to commit an indecent assault on his wife which Byrne denied then and now. At the time Byrne's wife, who suffered from a weak heart, was about to become a mother and, as Byrne feared she might drop dead if she were informed of the "frame-up" by the Doyle's, and as Byrne recognised that it would be one oath against two, he very foolishly agreed to pay the money. But he (Father Dunne) believed the whole story was a plant, concocted to frighten a very highly strung man. He (Father Dunne), knowing all the circumstances, appealed to the Council not to dismiss from their service a man who had given them 28 years' faithful service.

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Mr O'Byrne pointed out that the Gorey Committee did not concern themselves with the charge made against Byrne but felt that the work of the Council would suffer if he were continued as a ganger. The payment of the money to hush up any charge which the Doyle's might make lowered Byrne's status and the Committee believed he would not in the future be capable of controlling the men under him.

Mr Doyle said that, in the circumstances, he thought the matter should be left to the members of the Gorey County Electoral Area to settle.

Mr Sweetman was opposed to the Council entertaining the matter in any form. They were not concerned with what happened in a man's private life.

Miss O'Ryan agreed. Courts of Justice could be invoked if people had any private rights to be vindicated.

Mr Walsh agreed that the Council should not have touched the matter at all.

Mr Kinsella supported this view.

Mr Culleton did not consider it was fair to deprive Doyle of his employment because Byrne was a highly strung man which was the reason given at last meeting of the County Council for not employing Doyle.

The Chairman said the local Committee did not consider any phase of the question except the suitability of Byrne to continue to act as ganger. When Byrne placed himself in a false position by paying money to have the charge hushed up, the Committee arrived at the opinion that he would not, in the future, have efficient control over the men of his section.

Father Dunne said if he thought Byrne was guilty of the charge he would not be at the County Council meeting that day.

The Chairman said that Byrne had been with him and told him the same story as he told Father Dunne as his reason for paying the money. The question of his guilt or innocence

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was not considered by the Committee. His proposed change of employment caused a great outcry in the district and all sections of the community were opposed to such a course. He (Chairman) believed the matter should have been left in the hands of the County Surveyor, who, even at this stage, should take full responsibility for the employment or non-employment of these two men as he considered advisable from the point of view of the work on the roads.

After further discussion, Miss O'Ryan proposed and Colonel Quin seconded the following resolution which was afterwards withdrawn:-

"That the portion of report of Gorey Committee, relative to the cases of Byrne and Doyle, be referred to the County Surveyor".

Mr Sweetman proposed and Mr Walsh seconded the following:-

"That no action be taken relative to report of Gorey Committee as to employment of Byrne and Doyle".

Mr Corish proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following amendment:-

"That, in the light of the evidence received at this meeting, the report of Gorey Committee, in so far as it refers to the employment of Byrne and Doyle (Ganger and Road Worker, respectively), be not acted upon and that the matter be handed to the County Surveyor with instructions to dispose of it finally as he considers desirable".

On a show of hands, ten voted for this and four against.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

On being put as the substantive motion, it was adopted nem. con.

#### Employment at Tara Hill

As regards the portion of the report, recommending the employment of "old" hands at Tara Hill Quarry, etc., the adoption of the recommendation was proposed by ~~the~~ Mr Keegan

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and seconded by the Chairman.

Mr Doyle considered that all men unemployed in the district should have their claims to a share of the work considered. Why not give some of them, say, six months' work and a second set, six months. Changing the batch was not a bad thing at all. He was not in favour of stereotyping the employment of particular men and they might bind themselves down so that they would find it difficult to make a change even where necessary.

After further discussion, the Chairman took a show of hands. Six were in favour of the recommendation and five against.

The other members did not vote.

The Chairman declared the motion carried.

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## ROAD GANGERS AS LAND HOLDERS

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The following motion of which he had given previous notice stood in the name of Mr Ronan:-

"That the services of any Road Ganger or road worker who possesses 20, or more statute acres of land be dispensed with."

Mr Ronan in moving his motion said it came to his knowledge that men with 20 acres or more of land were employed as gangers. One ganger had admitted to him that he had paid £400 for a farm. The County Council should not be a party to this when men with large families were not able to find a day's work.

Mr Kelly seconded the motion.

Mr Sweetman asked Mr Ronan to amend his motion so that it would refer only to cases of employment of gangers in the future. A man might have 20 acres which would not be worth fourpence.

The County Surveyor said that only two gangers would be affected by the motion. It would not be fair to penalise a man who put into a bit of land what he had saved from his wages. It would be perfectly right not to employ a farmer as a ganger.

Mr Ronan said men who purchased farms should be able to live out of them, and make way for people who had no land, and really no means of livelihood.

The County Surveyor held that if they agreed to carry out Mr Ronan's proposal it would make people improvident. Such people generally put any savings they could make into a "bit of land". They would say to themselves "what is the use of saving when we are to be penalised for it."

Col. Quin asked what about a man with a shop who might make a great deal more annually than was obtained by the

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produce of 20 acres. Why should the Council pick on for dismissal the man who bought a few acres of land?

Miss O'Ryan did not believe it would be possible to make a hard and fast rule in the matter. A man might purchase a bit of land and be obliged to borrow the most of the money. But if a man had a holding out of which he could live he should not be allowed to take work from a poor man.

Mr Bowe said if they put it up to a man with 20 acres that he should give up his land or his position they would find he would sell the land.

Mr Keegan said a man in his district was allowed to sell his land and retain his position as ganger; that should not have been agreed to by the Council.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Col. Quin seconded that the matter be adjourned for a month the County Surveyor to lay all possible information as regards the persons affected before the Finance Committee.

Miss O'Ryan asked Mr Ronan if he would agree to add to "who possesses 20 acres or more " the words "or corresponding activities that bring in the same amount of money".

Mr Meyler proposed and Mr Bowe seconded as an amendment "That no action be taken."

The chairman said that if the members voted against the motion of Mr Ronan it would mean that no action would be taken, and he held it would be more satisfactory to take a straight vote on the motion as moved by Mr Ronan. He (chairman) held it would be most unfair to dismiss a ganger who by his thrift and industry was able to purchase a few acres of land. They should encourage such a man, and it would be very wrong for the Council to adopt a resolution which would bring about his dismissal.

Mr Doyle said that if his memory served him correctly when the matter was previously before the Council it was found

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That a couple of men only were affected. Mr Corish had moved a resolution which was adopted, and which provided that in future appointments of gangers the County Surveyor was to consider the ways and means of a man before he was employed.

The Chairman asked Mr Ronan what would he do in face of the opinions expressed by Councillors.

Mr Ronan said his motion was there, and the Council could do what they liked about it.

Mr Meyler said that a man who had no land might be better off than a man who had 20 acres particularly at the present time.

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

For:-Messrs Colfer, Culleton, Keegan, Kelly, M. Redmond, T. Redmond and Ronan - 7.

Against:-Messrs Bowe, Connors, Day, Gibbon, Kinsella, Meyler, O'Byrne, Miss O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, Sweetman, Walsh and the Chairman - 14.

Messrs Cummins and Corish were not present when poll was taken.

The Chairman declared the motion lost.

PROPOSED EMPLOYMENT OF MEN ON THE "DOLE"  
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The following notice of motion stood in the name of Mr Sweetman:-

"To discuss the possibility, with the Department of Local Government and Public Health to utilise those in receipt of unemployment benefit as extra workers on roads etc., this proposal not to involve the County Council in any financial responsibility as regards wages etc."

In moving his motion Mr Sweetman said that a good deal could be done to the advantage of the Country by getting these men into employment, and there was a possibility that

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for the money now paid them in the form of State and Home Assistance they could do useful work for the County Council. The present system was entirely wrong, and it was not only demoralising those who were receiving the dole, but also demoralising farm workers when they see people doing nothing receiving more than was paid them in wages. This had a very bad effect on men in employment. A man had a right in every civilised community to obtain work by which he could live, but the present system of keeping men in idleness was against the law of God, against Christianity - even against the law of nature - and the State which allowed it was shirking its duty. As the estimate of County Surveyor for repair of roads was 40% in excess of what the County Council had agreed to this was evidence that plenty of work could be carried out on the roads. Instead of a big scheme the men could be employed under their own gangers at cutting weeds and hedges, improving the view for vehicular traffic, improving footpaths in the neighbourhood of towns, minor drainage and incidentally drainage into lands, planting bulbs and rhododendrons etc. They could start such a scheme without any outlay except for tools.

Mr Kinsella seconded.

Men on the dole might be employed in easing bad road corners of which they had so many in the County. The gangers had little to do and should be readily able to carry out the supervision.

Mr Walsh agreed. The men could be usefully employed in repairing footpaths all over the County.

Col. Quin said that the experiment tried at the County Hospital by County Board of Health in the direction indicated by Mr Sweetman was not successful.

Miss O'Ryan challenged the statement. The men on Home Assistance had given invaluable service what was represented

by thousands of pounds. For their reputation she wished to say that they preferred to do work for the amount of Home Assistance than remain idle.

Col. Gibbon suggested asking the General Council of County Councils to set up a Committee to go into the matter and make recommendations to the Government.

Mr Kelly said he had an open mind on the question. The great majority of the men would prefer to be at work. They were receiving 6/- per week, but if it were proposed they should work for three days a week for this amount he strongly objected. They should be only asked to give what normal work was represented by the 6/- in fact a reasonable return for the money.

Mr Sweetman said he understood that some members of the Government were interested in seeing an experiment such as he proposed tried in one County, and for that reason it would not be advisable to ask the General Council of County Councils to formulate a scheme as the circumstances of the Counties were not alike, and, in several, road work was not as well organised as in Wexford.

The County Surveyor said he considered the Government had at the back of their minds something such as Mr Sweetman suggested. He believed that he and his Assistants would be able to draft a scheme which would absorb the men on the dole. They could undoubtedly do good and satisfactory work. For instance they could provide for the drainage of little streams adjoining roads and which they could not compel owners of land to clean up tho' they were injuring the Roads. These at present could be dealt with only by Minor Relief Schemes. Then they could improve corners and cut hedges. Farmers only objected to this work when they had to do it themselves. The money now paid out was of no advantage to the men who would be much better off working than doing nothing.

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Mr Culleton favoured any scheme that would absorb unemployed men, but not on a basis of 2/- per day. 80% of the unemployed would prefer to be at work. If Government formulated a scheme one of the provisions should be to provide a wage on which a man could live. If they went to the General Council they should recommend the latter to see that an adequate wage to allow a man to live on in decency and comfort was incorporated in any scheme.

Mr Doyle said what they really wanted was a scheme. The County Surveyor was satisfied that the proposal was feasible, and they should recommend the County Council to empower the County Surveyor and his Assistants to submit a definite scheme to next meeting of the Council. He was prepared to propose *a* resolution to that effect, and if the County Surveyor considered it necessary they could associate <sup>with him</sup> ~~when~~ a small Committee. It would be a wild goose chase to go further until they had a scheme in some detail.

Mr Thomas Redmond held that in any scheme the Urban Areas in which there was the greatest unemployment should be included.

Miss O'Ryan pointed out that the money for the dole was not paid out by the Department of Local Government. Some time ago they had been asked to formulate schemes for relief of Unemployment, and they had mentioned drainage, and the repair of lanes leading to farmers' places which were not under the control of the County Council. In any scheme which was adopted they would not have their ordinary regular workers interfered with.

The County Surveyor said that work which he had in contemplation could not be covered by the ordinary staff of the Council.

Mr Sweetman said the scheme would be one for the absorption of surplus labour.

The resolution was then put and passed.

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Mr Doyle proposed and Mr M.Redmond seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That the County Surveyor in conjunction with his Assistants be asked to formulate a scheme for the employment of men in receipt of State relief. That if considered necessary a small Committee be appointed to assist in the preparation of the scheme.

The County Surveyor suggested that the Assistant Surveyors discuss the matter with the Councillors in their Areas, and this suggestion was adopted.

#### APPOINTMENT OF SHORTHAND TYPIST

The Secretary submitted detailed report of Examiners (Messrs T.Fane and M.Redmond) as to examination for above position.

The following gives the placing of the ten candidates:-

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| 1. | Cathleen M.Tobin, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy | 359.825 | marks. |
| 2. | Nellie Hore, Hill Street, Wexford           | 359.15  | "      |
| 3. | Elizabeth Mahon, Hill Cottage, Wexford      | 348. 2  | "      |
| 4. | Mary Gallery, 115, North Main St, Wexford   | 346.55  | "      |
| 5. | Ellen Whelan, St.John's Road, Wexford       | 310.45  | "      |
| 6. | Peggy Walsh, Paradise Row, Wexford          | 301.625 | "      |
| 7. | Ellis Leonard, Upper Bride St. Wexford      | 293. 4  | "      |
| 8. | Ellen Busher, Whiterock, Wexford            | 291     | "      |

Mary Walsh, Coolcots, Wexford and Kitty Boyle, Hollyville, Wexford failed, the former in shorthand and typing and the latter in typing.

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

"That Cathleen M.Tobin, Bohreen Hill, Enniscorthy, be appointed Shorthand Typist in County Council Office, subject to the sanction of Department of Local Government and Public Health, and also subject to the production of birth certificate

that she is within prescribed age limits and to medical certificate that she is free from any physical defect or disease which would be likely to interfere with the discharge of her duties.

Salary £90 per annum increasing by annual increments of £5 to £150 per annum.

Appointment will be on a probationary period of six months,

# AUDITOR'S REPORT

Under date 6th September, 1935, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (A.142555/35) forwarding the following report of their Auditor on his Audit of the Accounts of the County Council:-

"I beg to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Wexford County Council, including County Library Committee, for the three half-years ended 30th September, 1933: 31st March, 1934: and 30th September, 1934. Certified copies of the Abstracts are forwarded herewith.

The following is a comparative table of the Rates raised for the three years 1932/33, 1933/34 and 1934/35:-

	<u>1932/33</u>		<u>1933/34</u>		<u>1934/35</u>	
	s	d	s	d	s	d
In respect of Roads	2	5	2	6 $\frac{3}{4}$	2	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
" " " County Services	2	10	2	5 $\frac{1}{2}$	2	6 $\frac{1}{4}$
" " " Poor Relief	3	0 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	2 $\frac{1}{2}$	3	2
" " " Health Dist. Charges		5		4 $\frac{3}{4}$		4 $\frac{3}{4}$
	8	8 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	7 $\frac{1}{2}$	8	7 $\frac{1}{2}$

The total Rate raised for each of the three years was practically uniform.

The uncollected balances of Poor Rate at 30/9/33; 31/3/34; 30/9/34; and 31/3/35 were, respectively:-  
£47,024.5.5; £53,703.2.6; £62,994.9.2; and £35,754.13.0.

The Urban District Councils are in arrears in respect of the 1934/35 Demands as follows:- Enniscorthy, £3,224.12.8; New Ross £1,528.3.6; and Wexford £4,014.7.6.

The arrears of uncollected Rates in respect of Kilmannock Drainage were at 31/3/1934, £236.18.0, and at 31/3/1935, £299.10.0.

The arrears on Sow Drainage at 31/3/1935 were £1,220.18.4, but a new arrangement has now been made in regard to the collection of these arrears.

At 30/9/1934, £3,049 remained unexpended out of the Loans

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of £10,000 received by the Council under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts, but disbursements since made have reduced the balance to £739.

During the half-year ended 30/9/1934, the Library Committee made a contribution, out of the Carnegie Grant received by them, of £400 to the County Council in respect of the erection of the new Library Premises.

The Council still holds a balance of £50 5% Compensation Stock received as compensation for the destruction of a Court House since reconstructed. In the circumstances, the sale of this Stock should be considered.

It is desirable that a more detailed ~~report~~ should be kept in respect of petrol consumption.

Application has been made for a transfer of Commercial Motor Policy, No. 200368, from the Library Committee's old motor van to their newly-purchased one. Otherwise, all Insurance Renewal Premiums of the County Council and the Library Committee have been paid to date."

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

"That as recommended by Auditor the £50 Compensation Stock be sold."

Proposed by Col. Quin, seconded by the Chairman:-

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to provide for detailed records of petrol consumption for the future as suggested by the Auditor."

Miss O'Ryan congratulated the Secretary and his staff and also the Rate Collectors on the satisfactory nature of the Auditor's Report.

#### SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

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Under date 16th August, 1935, the Department of Agriculture wrote (G.3637-35) that on 3rd August one of

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their Officers had obtained four samples of Butter at New Ross which were certified to be genuine by the County Analyst.

COURTOWN HARBOUR DREDGING OF BASIN

The following resolution adopted at last meeting of Courtown Harbour Committee was submitted:-

"We recommend that as there is no other means in view of cleaning out the inside harbour that the rails be extended to allow the crane to clear out a berth along by the Quay wall on the west side. As we have information to hand that Captain Kearon has purchased a vessel to start trade here."

The County Surveyor said that the proposal to extend the reach of the crane to carry out some dredging was feasible, but as they had arranged with the Office of Public Works ~~that~~ they should find out from that Department if they had any objection to the proposals to allow for it. Quite recently he had interviewed Mr Candy, the new Engineer of the Office of Works who explained that they had not forgotten Courtown, but they were experimenting with a new apparatus which they hoped could be successfully utilised at Courtown and other harbours. This apparatus would work in any weather. The Office of Works were not satisfied to send their dredger to Courtown as they thought tho' the inner bar was all right, the outer bar would not be capable of letting in the boat, and that it was better wait to see how far the new machine fulfilled promises made regarding it. It was on the Shannon for Electricity Supply Board engaged on somewhat similar work. If successful the Office of Works would acquire it and utilise it first at Courtown.

Col. Gibbon proposed and Miss O'Ryan seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) the County Surveyor be instructed to inspect the new type of harbour dredger at work

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on the River Shannon, and that his out of pocket expenses  
in connection with this inspection be allowed."

KILMORE HARBOUR MASTER.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Walsh:- "That in deference to the decision of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health in letter of 9th July, 1935, (G107662/35-Loch Garman) advertisements be issued in the three local papers for the position of Harbour Master at Kilmore.

CAHORE PIER.

The following report under date 7th September, 1935, was submitted by the County Surveyor.

"On 3rd instant, by appointment, I met Mr. Smyth, M.C.C., and a number of local fishermen at Cahore.

The proposed substitution of a jetty extension instead of a solid pier was considered. All the fishermen were of opinion that a jetty would in no way meet their requirements. Further, on examination of the plans of the former extension, I agreed that a jetty would be unsuitable. We then discussed the matter of cost etc., for a solid extension, and it was agreed that an over all width of 18 feet would be sufficient. The present pier head is 25. 10½ over all width, and this proposed reduction in width will allow of a material cut in the estimated cost. Moreover, if the work be carried out by Direct Labour several items of expenditure can be eliminated such as profit, double supervision, etc.

I estimate the cost of an extension of 90 ft. in length x 18 feet wide at £3,000.

If the County Council decide to go forward with the work and apply for a Grant I understand they will be required to put up part of the cost. On receiving instructions from the Council, I can, at once, prepare plans for this modified scheme, and forward same to the proper Government Department."

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Col. Quin proposed and Mr. Smyth seconded the following resolution:- "That the report of the County Surveyor relative to Cahore Pier be received and adopted and that the Council agree to provide 25% of the actual expenditure in carrying out scheme, provided the balance be made up by State Grant." Passed.

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR.

Miss O'Ryan asked if there were any information from the Department in regard to the proposed improvements at St. Helen's Harbour.

The County Surveyor replied that he had only received an acknowledgement of the receipt of the plans. He went down to the place several times, had gone into the details and was satisfied that a proper job could be done for £900.

On the proposition of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Ronan, it was decided that the Chairman should raise the matter with the chief engineer of the Office of Public Works.

FORD OF LYNG DRAINAGE.

The County Surveyor submitted letter from the Office of Public Works under date September 7th, 1935, stating that the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance had approved of a grant of £200 towards the cost of the work set out in a specification prepared by Mr. A.D. Delap and the County Surveyor. The grant was made on the condition that the full amount would be expended on the wages of workmen who were in receipt of unemployment assistance before recruitment.

The specification sets out that the work shall consist of the formation of drainage cuts from Rathdowney bridge to Ballygarvey bridge and such clearing up above those points as may be necessary to make the works effective and as the funds available may permit. The balance of the Slob Commissioners' contribution, viz, £150, was of course available for expenditure on the scheme.

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Replying to Mr. Doyle, Mr. J.F. Bir~~th~~istle, Assistant Surveyor, stated it was expected to commence the work within a fortnight.

PROPOSED DEMOLITION OF OLD COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

On the suggestion of the County Surveyor it was decided to refer this matter back to Finance Committee.

COMPLAINT OF ROADWORKER.

Under date 31st August, 1935, Michael Cooney, Grange, Rathnure, wrote stating that for ten years he was a regular quarry and road worker under Mr. T. Cullen, Assistant County Surveyor. Some time ago the district was transferred to Mr. R.J. Ennis, Assistant County Surveyor, and during the past three years he had only got about ten weeks' work. He was about sixty years of age and was as capable of working as ever. He was able to get about nine months' work in the year from Mr. Cullen and considered he was entitled to a share of the work in the area. He obtained five weeks' work at the stone-breaker this year, but nothing since, prior to which he was idle for six or eight months.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, reporting on the complaint stated that he had six men and a foreman working more or less constantly in the district and it would be impossible to afford employment to more. Any time extra men were required Cooney was taken among them. He went into all the circumstances before he arranged the men as they were in the section and in his opinion all the men employed required the work more than Cooney, who had a son and son-in-law among the men who were employed. Up to last year he had a small road contract which he (Mr. Ennis) thought was now in his son's name.

Mr. Ronan stated that Mr. Ennis's report was satisfactory. He was doing his best for the area.

Mr. Cullen, Assistant Surveyor, said that Cooney was a regular employee when working with him.

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Culleton seconded the following

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resolution:- "That Michael Cooney be re-employed as Road Worker at the earliest opportunity".

The Chairman said that the Council had upheld the principle that a regular employee, capable of carrying out work, should not be superseded by another man.

Mr Ennis said if he were to employ Cooney now he should discharge a man with six "soft" children. He had not sufficient money to employ Cooney otherwise.

Colonel Quin said that the matter should be left in the hands of the Assistant Surveyor for the District.

Mr Kelly then withdrew his motion and substituted the following:-

"That Michael Cooney be given a regular share of work as is given to other men in the area".

Mr Culleton seconded.

Mr Sweetman said that hundreds of men make the same application as Cooney.

Mr O'Byrne proposed that no action be taken in connection with complaint of non-employment of Michael Cooney.

Mr Sweetman seconded.

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

For:- Messrs Bowe, Connors, Day, Doyle, Kinsella, Meyler, O'Byrne, O'Ryan, Quin, Smyth, and Sweetman. 11.

Against:- Messrs Keegan, Kelly, M Redmond, Ronan and the Chairman. 5.

Mr Colfer (1) did not vote and the following were not present when vote was taken:- Messrs Corish, Culleton, Cummins, Gibbon, Thos. Redmond and Walsh. (6).

The Chairman declared the proposition carried.

When put as the substantive motion, it was adopted without dissent

#### STREETS OF BUNCLODY.

Under date 30th August, 1935, the following was read from Mr J O'Dempsey, Hon. Secretary, Town Improvement Committee, Buncloody:-

"At their meeting on 26th instant, the above Committee directed me to draw the attention of the Council to the deplorable condition of the streets of Buncloody. Littered, as

<sup>covered</sup>  
They are <sup>covered</sup> with loose stones especially the Main Street, they are in a worse state than by-roads and are a disgrace to the town. They asked a permanent man be employed to keep the streets of the town and the approaches thereto in a proper state of cleanliness. Another matter which they feel needs the attention of the Council is the present condition of the foot paths leading from the bridge to the Catholic Church.

The one on the left urgently needs repair, that on the right requires to be lowered between the old Cemetery Gate and the Convent gate as in its present condition it is dangerous to people, especially old people, stepping off it to the road. The roadway at these footpaths requires concrete water tables which would save ~~the~~ labour and dispose of ridding them of dirt, grass and weeds - a work which has to be carried out once or twice a year."

The following report on this communication was read from Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

(1) The Main Street has never been surfaced in any way, and gets very loose in dry weather. It has been dug up in recent years for water and sewage pipes. It is kept as well as the money will permit. I do not think there would be work for a permanent man. These Streets will have to be surfaced. This will be a big job. I think that the Enniscorthy-Kiltealy, Ferns-Clohamon and part of the Wexford-Gorey Roads would require to be more or less finished off first.

(2) The footpath on the left up to the Catholic Church is a gravel path. I intend to make it a tarred path sometime. There is no money for this at present.

(3) The footpath on the right up by the Catholic Church is a good flag path. You will remember inspecting it with me recently. It has been there for 25 or 30 years. I do not think it is unduly high over the road.

(4) The channels on this road by the Church are paved

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with small stones. it would be better, of course if they were concrete. At the same time if there was any money available it would be better to spend it in putting a decent surface on this same road further out towards Carnew."

The County Surveyor said it was contemplated concreting these streets when a Government Grant was available but the matter was not brought forward up to the present as the streets were broken up for water supply and sewerage schemes, and there was no use in laying down concrete to have it torn up. The proposal, however, would be brought forward as soon as feasible. As regards the footpaths that on the right hand side going up to the Church had been lifted by the Contractor for the Waterworks and he did not restore it properly until he was compelled; it was now a good footpath. The footpath on the left was an ordinary gravel footpath and when opportunity presented to secure tar chips, it would be improved.

It was decided to furnish the Bunclody Town Improvement Committee with a copy of the County Surveyor's statement and report of Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor.

#### APPLICATION UNEMPLOYED MEN'S ASSOCIATION.

The Secretary stated he received a letter from Taghat and Kilrane Unemployed Men's Association. Having read portion, which attacked Mr. M. Doyle, County Councillor, Miss OORyan stated that in view of its contents the Council should not have the communication read.

Mr. M. Redmond concurred, and a motion to mark the letter "read" was unanimously carried.

Mr. Ronan "Mark it "green" (laughter).

#### ROADS IN FETHARD DISTRICT.

The following, which was signed by 337 of the ratepayers of the South of the County and others, was read:- "We, the undersigned inhabitants and ratepayers of, and visitors to

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the popular seaside resort of Fethard, County Wexford, request the Wexford County Council to attend to the roads leading to and from the area of Fethard, which includes such interesting places as Bag-an-Bun, Hook, Tower, Grange Strand, Dollar Bay, Sand-Eel Bay, etc.

The County Surveyor said ~~times~~ <sup>the</sup> roads in this district were not good; they "ravelled" in the dry weather and it was impossible to keep loose stones off them, sweeping them made them worse.

No order.

#### APPLICATION FOR EMPLOYMENT.

Mr. Kelly, County Councillor, wrote under date 4th September, 1935, as to the case of a Roadworker, Martin Murphy, Rathduff, Killanne. This man was in a very bad way for work. He worked several times on the roads. Mr. Kelly enclosed letter from Rev. D. Hore, P.P., Rathnure, recommending that Murphy be given work. Miss O'Ryan submitted that it was not for the Council to consider applications from individuals, and she proposed that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor.

Mr. Sweetman seconded the motion, which was passed.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF ROADS.

The following, signed by eight motor owners and ratepayers, six Enniscorthy Merchants and twelve other Ratepayers was read:-

"We the motor-owners and ratepayers adjoining and using the roads leading from the Trunk Road at "Red Pat's" Cross to Galbally, respectfully draw the attention of the County Council to the fact that owing to the increased amount of motor and lorry traffic from St. John's Mills and the Enniscorthy Wholesale Merchants to Taghmon and South of the County, the roads mentioned, at present are deteriorating and are unable to bear the present heavy traffic.

We hope you will favour us with consideration at the forthcoming revision of roads and place the above roads among the second class link roads on the list."

Miss O'Ryan proposed, and Mr. Ronan seconded the following which was adopted:- "That the resolution from Bree and Gallbally ratepayers, etc., be referred to the Finance ~~Committee~~ Committee. We are of opinion that this Committee should raise with the Department of Local Government and Public Health the question of a general revision of the Classification of Roads. Since the first classification was adopted several roads in this County are bearing more traffic at present than roads included in Main and Link road class, and it is the opinion of this Council that somewhat similar circumstances obtain in other counties.

#### THE USE OF NO FRANGO WORK.

Mr. Culleton who asked at last meeting of the Council that the resolution of the Wexford Trades Council objecting to the use of "No frango" for building should be adjourned said that he had been speaking to some members of the Trades Council, who told him that the objection to the use of "No frango" had been withdrawn.

The County Surveyor submitted letter under date 6th September, 1935, from Francis Bolger, Branch Secretary, Operative Plasterers' Trades Society of Dublin, 32, East Essex Street, Dublin, stating that the fixing and finishing of all "No frango" work at the County Hall was to be carried out by the Plasterers only and under no consideration are any other tradesmen to infringe on the rights of the members of this Society.

The County Surveyor said he had forwarded Mr. Bolger's letter to the "No frango" people to get some definite arrangements made with the Trades Council as to what was to be done in the matter. Otherwise work might be held up for months.

The meeting approved of the action of the County Surveyor in the matter.

LINGSTOWN ROAD.

William Sempsey, Ballybrook, Ballycogley, Hon. Secretary Tomhaggard Branch Irish Labour Party wrote under date 4th September, 1935, asking when the work at Lingstown road would start and what would be done with the very dangerous corner at the Bargy Crossroads.

The County Surveyor said he had the work in hands.

KILCORKEY LANE.

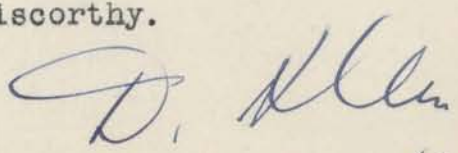
A memorial signed by seven ratepayers asked the Council to have the Kilcorkey Lane (Ballycanew) and which was at present in a very bad condition put into repair.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That Kilcorkey Lane be scheduled for repair under Minor Relief Scheme.

The County Surveyor said that he had shown to Mr. McLoughlin of the Office of Public Works, a list of lanes which had been already scheduled by the Council for repair under the Minor Relief Schemes Vote, and it was admitted it would be an impossibility to have them all done. Mr. McLoughlin said when the Office of Works received the list they would make a selection.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES.

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne:- "That New Licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908 issued to Stephen J. Doyle, 85, Main Street, Gorey, and renewal of licence to J.J. O'Malley Manager, Donohoe's Ltd., Enniscorthy.



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