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The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was beld in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th August 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also,
Messrs. M. Bolger, Patrick Colfer, Richard Corish, John Day,
Raymond Doyle, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, William Kinsella,
Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin,
Michael Redmond, Patrick Ronan and Myles Smyth.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for the following were examined and signed:- £317 (Ordinary Salaries) and £1569. 5. 0 (Payments to Contractors for maintenance of Roads and Works.

STRIKING RATE - KILMANNOCK AND SOW DRAINAGE AREAS

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

"That we hereby strike Rate for Sow Drainage Area for financial year ending 1st March 1940, 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 be raised towards cost of maintenance of Sow Drainage Area; said amount to be levied on the persons named in the abovementioned Charging Order or their Successors in Title, in the same proportions as the amounts leviable under the Charging Order."

"That we hereby strike rate for Kilmannock Drainage Area in respect of financial year ending 1st March 1940, in accordance with amounts entered on Charging Order of Commissioners of Public Works, dated 19th January 1927, as amended by said Commissioners of Public Works under date 16th May 1934, No. 9/94/34, amount £83. 7. 10d, said amount to be levied on the persons named in the Charging Order as amended, or their successors in Title."

"In addition that sum of £40 be raised towards cost of Maintenance of Kilmannock Drainage Area, said amount to be levied on the persons named in the Charging Order or their successors in title in the same proportions as the amounts leviable under the said Charging Order."

APPOINTMENT TO COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE

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

"That Senator Patrick Kehoe, Glencarrig, Enniscorthy, be appointed a member of County Wexford Library Committee vice Mr. Patrick Tobin, resigned."

CONFIRMATION FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES

MEETING 7th JULY 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 7th July, 1939.

Present:- Miss N. O'Ryan, Messrs. P. Colfer, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

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

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, the Chair was taken by Miss O'Ryan.

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £5832. 1. 11d was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTORS

The following letter, under date 24th June 1939, from Mr. John M. Curtis, Rate Collector, was read:-

"At a meeting of Collectors held yesterday I was instructed to send in the following to the County Council. As it would be a great hardship on us if payments were made only twice yearly we ask that the following scale be adopted:— lst payment when 60% of lst moiety plus arrears applicable to 1938-1939 rate is collected, payment in full; 2nd payment in full when 50% of year's Rate plus 1938/39 arrears is collected; 3rd payment in full when 75% of year's Rate plus arrears applicable to 1938-1939 rate is collected; 4th payment when collection is closed.

We request the County Council to ask Local Government
Department to place the Collectors who are not pensionable
on a pensionable basis. We also ask that poundage and fees
for Voters and Jurors be paid without delay."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, to request Mr. Curtis to state dates by which various percentages must be lodged in order to qualify for poundage, so that scheme may be considered by County Council before being recommended to the Department of Local Government and Public Health for approval.

The Assistant Secretary stated that the following seven Collectors were whole-time pensionable officers:Messps. J. Quirke, J. Cummins, W. Cummins, J. J. O'Reilly,
J. J. Sinnott, E. J. Murphy and J. M. Curtis.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that the County Council be recommended to agree to the following Collectors being placed on a whole-time pensionable basis, and that the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the proposal:- Messrs. W. Doyle, P. Doyle, M. McCarthy, P. Nolan, Sean Gannon, J. Deegan, J. Flood, D. Kenny, Art Dunne, Maurice Kehoe and Patrick Carty.

MR. STEPHEN HAYES - EX-CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The following letter, under date 29th June 1939, No. G.4508/7/39, was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 16th instant on the subject, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he sanctions the retention of Mr. L. Cleary as temporary clerical assistant for a further period of one month from the 22nd instant with remunderation at the rate of £3 per week. Before the expiration of current sanction the staffing position should be examined and if the services of a permanent clerk are in fact considered necessary proposals should be submitted in connection with the permanent filling of the vacancy. Until a decision on the matter has been arrived at the Minister

will not be prepared to consider proposals for continued temporary assistance.

I am to add that the Medical Certificate submitted by Mr. Hayes is regarded as adequate and to request that the enclosed query form be completed in respect of the proposed grant of a superannuation allowance to Mr. Hayes and returned to this Department."

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCarthy it was decided that terms for appointment of Clerical Assistant to replace Mr. Hayes be considered at next meeting of Finance Committee.

Mr. Colfer handed in the following notice of motion regarding proposed superannuation allowance to Mr. Hayes:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on Monday, 14th August 1939, that superannuation allowance be granted to Mr. Stephen Hayes, former Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices, who has resigned his position on the grounds of ill-health and that the amount of superannuation allowance payable be fixed at said meeting."

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

The following letter, under date 4th July 1939, which had been forwarded by Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, to Mr. John Murphy, Kellystown, Adamstown, was submitted:-

"I am in receipt of yours of yesterday enclosing the Receivable Order in respect of your Land Commission payments. I notice that there are five persons returned as Owners of the Holding, and this being so, I do not see how, in any event, the County Council could accept a Mortgage from you in respect of the Loan which they might make to you under the above Acts.

Apparently the Lands have not yet been vested in you by the Land Commission, and accordingly, you have not

sufficient Title to warrant the Council making any Advance at all to you, and this being so, the matter of your Application can be considered as rejected. I return your Receivable Order."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, to adjourn further consideration of the matter until next meeting, Mr. Colfer, M.C.C., to make inquiries in the meantime as to the possibility of satisfactory title being obtained by the applicant.

The following letter, under date 30th June 1939, from Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, was read:-

"Referring to the List which I submitted to you herein on the 20th instant and to your Queries raised thereon, I now give you hereunder the required information:-

No.	32 on List	John O'Connor	Received no Reply.
No.	12	James Wyse	do.
No.	19	L. Cogley	do.
No.	27	T. Casey	No further reply received from Messrs. Colfer - Cannot certify Title until Holding is vested.
No.	49	M. Kirwan	Form not yet received. Have again written as to same.
No.	50	J. Murphy	do.
No.	30	Mrs. M. J. Doyle	Received no reply.
No.	28	Richard Redmond	do.
No.	33	Martin Doyle	Mr. Doyle called on 27.6.39 to know amount available for him - Wrote him as to this on the 28.6.39 and am awaiting his reply."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that the County Solicitor notify the following applicants by registered post that the County Council had cancelled the amount provisionally allocated in each case:-

John O'Connor, Glentubber	£.
Thomas Wyse, Grange	100
L. Cogley, Bree	190
T. Casey, Newbawn	50
Mrs. M. J. Doyle, Gurteen	200
Richard Redmond, Goolbawn, Ferns	145.

It was further decided, on the motion of Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that these amounts be provisionally re-allocated to new applicants at next meeting of the Finance Committee.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS 1936 AND 1939 TEMPORARY INSPECTOR WILLIAM CARTY:

The following letter, under date 4th July 1939, was read from Mr. William Carty, Temporary Warble Fly Inspector:

"I have to inform you that owing to illness I will not be able to carry out my duties under Warble Fly Order until further notice."

No order.

TEMPORARY INSPECTORS AND HOLIDAYS (EMPLOYEES) ACT 1939: The following letter, under date 14th June 1939, which was forwarded to the Department of Agriculture, was read:-

"In reference to above Act, I have to state that Warble Fly Inspectors in this County worked as usual on Whit Monday, 29th May, 1939 and I would be glad to be informed if it will be in order to allow each Warble Fly Inspector, who worked at least 150 hours for the five weeks immediately preceding 29th May, 1939, a day's leave with pay for the Feast of Corpus Christi (8th June 1939). None of the Inspectors carried out any duties on the last mentioned date.

It is unlikely that the County Council will decide to pay Inspectors 1th days' wages for their work on Whit-Monday, 29th May, 1939, and I would be glad to have the Department's approval of a day's leave in lieu with pay at normal rate

being granted to the Inspectors under the above-mentioned Act."

Under date 26th June 1939, the Department of Agriculture (L.350/39) replied as follows:-

"With reference to your letter of the 15th instant in regard to the question of payment of remuneration to temporary Inspectors J. Morrissey and W. Carty for the period of their suspension, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he regrets he cannot see his way to reconsider his decision in the matter as conveyed to you in this Department's letter of the 26th ultimo.

As regards the question of the effect of the operation of the Holidays (Employees) Act, 1939 in the case of the temporary Warble Fly Inspectors, referred to in your letter of the 14th instant, I am to state that as the matter appears to be in order, the Minister will offer no objection to the proposal contained in the second paragraph of that letter."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that each Warble Fly Inspector be paid one day's pay in respect of Feast of Corpus Christi (8th June, 1939), a prescribed Church Holiday and which will replace public holiday on 29th May, 1939, on which Inspectors worked.

The following letter, sent to the Department of Agriculture, on 1st July 1939, was submitted:-

"In reference to Holidays (Employees) Act 1939 - Section 10, Sub-Section 3 - I have to inform the Department that the County Council propose to allow each Warble Fly Inspector one day's pay in respect of the first 30 days of continuous employment since 1st March 1939 and one additional day's pay in respect of each subsequent 60 days continuous employment subject to the approval of the Department.

As regards continuous employment, none of the Inspec-

tors work on Church Holydays as it is the custom in this County to close down work on such days. In view of this, I would be glad to be informed if it will be correct to regard as continuous employment a 30 days' or 60 days' period during which a Church Holyday intervenes and on which day no duties were performed."

The following reply, under date 5th July 1939, No. L. 350/39, was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to advert to your letter of the 1st instant in further reference to the question of the application of the Holidays (Employees) Act, 1939, in the case of temporary Warble Fly Inspectors during the current treatment period and to state that the Minister considers that the matter is one in which the Local Authority might consult their Legal Adviser."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCarthy, that the County Council Solicitor be requested to advise the Countil as to the appropriate "holiday pay" payable to each Warble Fly Inspector and also to the temporary Rate Staff.

ENGINEER'S HOUSE - MENTAL HOSPITAL

Under date 30th June 1939, the following letter was read from Dr. C. B. Molony, Resident Medical Superintendent, District Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy:-

"With reference to the Gunty Council's resolution and correspondence regarding loan for building of Engineer's House I beg to forward the following relative copy of Notice of Motion which was handed in at meeting of the Committee of Management on the 20th instant:-

"That as an alternative to building a new house for the Engineer sufficient additional accommodation with garden be added to his present house."

This motion will come before the Committee at meeting

on the 17th proximo."

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TRAVELLING EXPENSES - ACTING CO. MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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The following letter from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 5th July, 1939, No. P.H.6349/5/39, Loch Garman, was submitted:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th ultimo and I am to state that the Minister has approved of an increase in the limit of the vouched travelling expenses of Dr. MacDonald to £300 per annum in respect of the period from 1st November 1938 to 24th April 1939, during which he carried out the duties of the County Medical Officer of Health."

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, that Dr. MacDonald, Acting County Medical Officer of Health, be paid travelling expenses at the rate approved by the Department in the above communication:

PAINTING OF NEW ROSS BRIDGE

The County Surveyor stated that he had agreed to accept one surety from Mr. Michael L. Stokes, Contractor for the painting of New Ross Bridge, viz., Mrs. Margaret Fitzgerald, North Street, New Ross. When he was inviting tenders, he did not specify that Sureties were required.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided to accept one surety, viz., Mrs. Fitzgerald, for bond being entered into by Mr. Michael L. Stokes, 13 Quay, Waterfordfor the painting of New Ross Bridge.

BLASTING OPERATIONS IN QUARRIES

The County Surveyor stated that the Assistant Surveyors were at present re-considering this matter and that memorandum on the position would be submitted by him to the Finance Committee in due course.

SUPPLIES - FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Requisition for the following supplies for ex-officio Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts was received from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Wexford:

8 Bottles of Ink; 17 Balls of Twine; 24 lbs. of
Sealing Wax; 11 Gross Butter Jars with screw caps; 13½
Gross Milk Bottles; 231 Cardboard boxes for butter jars;
257 Cardboard boses for milk bottles; 18½ Gross Corks for
milk bottles; 75 Sheets of Blotting Paper; 539 Sheets of
Foolscap; 479 Envelopes for Foolscap; 1494 Envelopes for
butter jar samples; 572 Sheets of Brown Wrapping Paper;
12 Cash Receipt books; 515 Tie-on labels for parcels;
3150 Adhesive Labels for samples taken; 94 Wax Tapers; and
3 Fountain Pens.

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman, that the various supplies requisitioned be ordered with the expection of the fountain pens which the Finance Committee cannot see their way to supply.

DRAINAGE AT BLACKSTONE, DUNCORMACK

The following memoraal, dated 3rd July 1939, in connection with above, was read:-

"We, the undersigned tenants, wish to draw your attention to the following matter:-

For the past few Winters and last Winter in particular we have had great difficulty in reaching our Lands and Premises on account of the flooded state of the Road. The Road we refer to is in Blackstone and is known as the Sea Road. Last Winter some of us had the flood at our kitchen doors and for three months the road remained flooded.

Some time ago the Assistant County Surveyor came here and we understood at that time that something would be done with the road, but so far no steps seem to have been taken

in the matter.

We now trust you to be good and kind enough to have the road repaired as soon as possible.

Thanking you in anticipation, we are,

Respectfully Yours,

(Signed) Thomas Kelly, Blackstone, Duncormack; Anastasia Cleary; John Furlong; John Harpur; Margaret Devereux; James Jordan; Denis Goff; Bridget Murray and Anna M.Breen! Referred to County Surveyor for report.

MINOR RELIEF SCHEMES VOTE

The following applications under Minor Relief Schemes
Vote were submitted:-

LANE AT BALLINGUANE: "We, the undermentioned residents of Ballinruane hereby make application to have lane leading from Mr. Samuel Elme's gate at Ballinruane to Mr. James Whelan's house at Ballinruane repaired. This lane is used by us, and it connects two minor roads and if in repair would be a very short way to Ballycullane village. There are two houses also on this lane, and in Winter it is impossible for occupants of these houses to get in or out with cars, or even to walk on it.

(Signed) James Whelan; Francis Cullen; Mary Whelan;
Mary Browne; Samuel W. Elmes; Samuel Elmes; James Kehoe;
Richard Murphy and Philip Conway."

LANE AT CAMROSS: (This application was submitted by Miss O'Ryan, M.C.C.):- "The lane leading to our home is in a dreadful state of repair; all winter it is impossible to get in or out. It leads to three homes that priest and doctor must get through. There is a sick person so that the priest has to suffer to get there so often. Father Kelly will tell you how bad it is and Doctor O'Leary. It is the first grant I ever asked of you and I'm asking in the

interest of all concerned. It is used to get to Mass and School and by five more ratepayers.

Will you please get it done for us. You never turned a deaf ear to a bad case and I hope you will see to this lane. John Gorman, Poulpeasty, will tell you how we are suffering here. I know you will help us.

Truly Yours,

(Signed) James Kavanagh, Camross, Taghmon."

It was decided that both application be listed by the County Surveyor under Minor Relief Schemes Vote.

PIPE UNDER FERMS - CARNEW ROAD

The following letter from J. Henry Poole, Ballybeg House, Ferns, was read:-

"I would be much obliged, if, at the next meeting of the County Council, you could obtain permission for me to put a water pipe across the Ferns-Carnew road, on Slieve Bhui Gap, immediately above the cottage occupied by Edward Murphy. There are 22 Irish acres across the road and not a drop of water on them except when the springs open.

I need hardly say that if the County Council will facilitate me in this matter, I will do the job in a safe and proper manner."

It was decided, on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. Colfer, to grant the necessary permission to Mr. Poole, subject to the surface of the road being restored to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

DUNCORMACK ROADS

Report in connection with above was submitted as follows:-

"A Committee, consisting of Miss O'Ryan, County Surveyor and Mr. J. F. Birthistle, Deputy Surveyor, visited Duncormack on Friday, 23rd June, and there met a deputation of the

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local people, Messrs. Parle, Furlong and Roche.

The Deputation pointed out many dangerous corners in the vicinity which required lowering or widening. The desirability of such work was admitted, but it was pointed out to the Deputation that funds, as at present, would not permit of such work being put in hands.

The bad condition of the surface of a number of the roads was referred to, and in this case also, the money allowed for maintenance does not permit of further improvement.

The Deputation stated that the recent schedule of Main Road L.128A - from Carrick to Duncormack, via Coolseskin, was not the proper line having regard to the incidence of traffic. They stated the road through Carrick Village and via Coolishal to Duncormack was the proper route, as it carried most of the traffic. The Surveyors stated that this was their original recommendation, and they thoroughly agreed with the Deputation that this line should now be substituted for the present route and continued via Ambrosetown to Tullicanna Cross roads on L.159. The Road from Duncormack to Baldwinstown via Rathangan will then be classified as a County road.

Mr. Rochford, Belgrove, was interviewed re the removal of a projecting ruined house on the Johnstown road leading to Duncormack Station. Mr. Rochford would give no decision but promised to think the matter over.

Mr. Parle agreed to the lowering of wall at his Mill premises turning on to Johnstown Road. This work will be carried out at a subsequent date when funds permit.

The Committee recommended that the hedges should be lowered at several other corners during coming Winter if arrangements can be made with the adjoining landowners.

The Deputation were unanimous in requesting the

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lowering of a fence at corner of entrance to Railway Station. An endeavour will be made to deal with a short length of this. Alderman Corish who was also appointed to this Committee was unfortunately unable to attend." On the motion of Mr. Colfer, seconded by Mr. Kelly. the report was approved, the Department of Local Government and Public Health to be requested to approve of the proposal in connection with the re-classification of the roads as follows :-Village to Duncormack via Coolishal instead of road from

1. Classification as main - the road through Carrick Carrick to Duncormack via Coolseskin, the latter road to be classified as a County Road.

2. Road from Duncormack to Tullicanna Cross (at Duncannon Main Line) via Ambrosetown, to be classified as a main road instead of road from Duncormack to Baldwinstown via Rathangan, the latter road to be classified as a County Road.

TINNACREE QUARRY

A deputation consisting of Messrs. William Smith and James Leary, Kilmuckridge Fianna Fail Club, and P. Dempsey, Kilmuckridge Labour Party, attended in connection with opening of Tinnacree Quarry.

The County Surveyor stated that there was a very bad roadway (repaired under Minor Relief Scheme) to the quarry. .

The deputation stated there was a large number of unemployed men in the area, and, if the quarry was re-opened it would give much needed employment. The quarry had been worked last year. At the present time there would be no difficulty in machinery being brought to the quarry. The roadway was quite passable except in very bad weather.

The County Surveyor stated he was making arrangements © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

with the Assistant Surveyor to start work in the quarry in the near future. He advised the members of the deputation to see Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, who was expected in the County Surveyor's Office that day as regards the probable date when work would begin.

As regards employment on road from Ballygarrett towards Courtown, the deputation were informed that for Relief Grant work on this road, men from Ford Electoral Division would be included for employment along with men from Ardamine, Ballygarrett and Cahore.

CAHORE - POULDUFF FORESHORE

The following resolution from Kilmuckridge Branch Irish Farmers Federation, was read:-

"That this meeting protests against restrictions being placed on farmers hauling gravel and sand for their own use from the seashore, especially in parts which are building such as Tinneberna, Morriscastle and Ballinoulart, and request the County Chuncil to remove restrictions from these parts if already placed on them."

The following reply furnished to Mr. Aidan O'Connor, Branch Hon. Secretary of the Federation, under date 28th June 1939 was approved:-

"I have the resolution of your Branch of Farmers:

Federation as to farmers taking gravel etc. from Cahore
Poulduff foreshore and which I will submit to next meeting of Finance Committee.

The restrictions to which resolution refers were not imposed by the County Council but by the Department of Industry and Commerce. The County Council never asked for them, never wished for them and it is very much against their interests they are imposed.

The first intimation the Council had in the matter was a letter referring to the imposition of these restrictions,

to the County Surveyor from the Department of Industry and © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

Commerce.

The matter was raised by Mr. Myles Smyth at last meeting of my County Council and if you will refer to the newspaper report you will understand that your protest should be addressed, not to the County Council, but to the Department of Industry and Commerce."

INSURANCE CLAIM - DAMAGED DENTURES

The following correspondence was submitted:
From County Surveyor to County Secretary under date 30th

June 1939:- "As directed by the County Council I wrote to

Insurance Company to have this man's claim reconsidered, and

now enclose you copy of reply received from them, and also

copy of my letter to Mr. Lawlor."

From Insurance Company to County Surveyor under date 26th

June 1939:- "With further reference to your letter of the
16th instant and following our recent conversation on the
telephone you are of course aware, that no liability attaches
to the Council under Workmen's Compensation Act in this
matter as the accident did not incapacitate the man from
working.

The cost of replacing the man's dentures could not of course come within the Public Liability Policy as in the first place there was no negligence on the part of the Council, and secondly the Public Liability Policy excludes claims by Employees.

The Ocean are however prepared to consider favourably an ex gratia payment but are not prepared to pay £12. If Lawlor is prepared to accept the sum of £5 in the spirit in which it is offered and the Council appreciate that such a payment is purely sympathetic, and outside the scope of the Council's Policies they would be agreeable to pay that sum.

We await the favour of your advices."

From County Surveyor to Mr. Luke Lawlor, Ballinavary,
Bree, under date 30th June 1939: "I have to inform you
that, at the request of the Wexford County Council, I made
further representations to the Insurance Company covering
us in this matter. The Insurance Company distinctly
disclaims all liability, either under Workmen's Compensation
or Public Liability Policy. The Company is, however,
prepared to offer an ex-gratia payment of £5 to you. I am
asked by the Company to request you to state if you will
accept this purely sympathetic payment, and if so the
Company will deal with the matter."

The offer of the Insurance Company was considered satisfactory by the meeting.

PALLAS BRIDGE OVER RIVER BANN

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter which he had received from Mr. William Lee, 21 Main Street, Arklow, under date 27th June 1939:-

"Further to my letter of 13th instant in reply to yours, asking me to rebuild bridge at Pallas, I have gone carefully into the matter and am advised that as I have darried out the works in accordance with the Plans and Specification, I have no liability in the matter. And therefore cannot accept any responsibility for the rebuilding or repair of the bridge in question."

Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, stated he was obtaining Counsel's opinion and, as soon as it was available he would submit it to the Finance Committee.

MACHINERY YARD

The following letter, under date 6th July 1939, was read from Mr. Mertin O'Leary, 9 Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy, who had been acting as temporary storekeeper at Machinery Yard since 17th April 1939:-

"I beg to inform you that I was appointed Storekeeper at the Machinery Yard for three months. I find I have been treated very unfair by Mr. Barry. I was kept out of the position for five weeks when he sent for me for an interview. his attitude to me on that occasion was if I did not chuck it I would have to be chucked; that did not surprise me as I could see by the attitude of the officials at the yard. I got very little help with such an undertaking as the stocktaking, was very heavy. It would be impossible for me to take by myself having no last years stock sheets, and engine parts not marked to guide. I could see there was no system to work on. I went back several occasions after hours to try and get in touch with the place in the short space of time. I would like the members to give this letter their full consideration. I have held positions of trust in many parts of Ireland and always proved satisfactory and never was taken short at any time."

Copy of Mr. O'Leary's communication was being forwarded to the County Surveyor.

No Order.

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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 7th July 1939 be received and considered."

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE: In reply to Mr. Corish, the County Surveyor said that the painting contract at New Ross Bridge was proceeding slowly; the weather had been against it.

In reply to Mr. Ronan the County Surveyor said that Contractor was using Harrington's non-corrosive paint which was very good but fairly expensive.

In further reply to Mr. Corish the County Surveyor said he did not believe the Wexford Paint Manufacturing Firm made the class of paint required on this job.

CAHORE-POULDUFF FORESHORE: Mr. Smyth said that a number of local people were under the impression the County Council had something to say to the issue of the Order.

Mr. Ronan said he believed a question had been asked in An Dail and it was stated in reply that the Government had not made the Order.

Chairman - The Order was made under the Foreshore Act under which the Department of Industry and Commerce have the right to prevent or licence people to remove material at any time.

Secretary - All foreshores are owned by the State.

TEMPORARY STOREKEEPER, MACHINERY YARD: The following under date 12th August 1939 was read from County Surveyor:-

"With reference to the letter, dated 6th July last, from Mr. Martin O'Leary, and addressed to the Chairman and Members of the County Council, I beg to emphatically repudiate Mr. O'Leary's statement that he was unfairly treated.

As a matter of fact, I personally and all the workers in the yard, gave Mr. O'Leary every possible assistance. I retained him in the job (which as the Council were aware was on probation for three months) nearly up to the full extent of the period, in the hope that it might possibly enable him to carry on, but the stock—taking was delayed beyond any reasonable period, and the Forms were not properly filled up. The Machinery Pay Sheet, on one occasion, at least, had to be entirely re-written. Generally, I found that though Mr. O'Leary was apparently anxious to carry on he was not equal to the job, and I had no alternative but to recommend his being relieved."

Mr. Corish did not think it was wise to appoint as successor to Mr. O'Leary the next man on the list - the runner up for the position, Michael Kirwan, 49 St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy.

Mr. O'Byrne was of opinion that when the services of Mr. O'Leary were dispensed with the position should have been advertised.

The County Surveyor said that the present storekeeper was on a week-to-week basis, the same as any ordinary road worker. He had been employed in his (County Surveyor's) office previously and had proved himself very capable. He was doing the work at the Machinery Yard in a satisfactory way and he (County Surveyor) believed the men were quite satisfied.

Mr. Corish asked would the position be permanent.

The County Surveyor said it would be on the week-toweek basis as already explained.

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that copy of the County Surveyor's letter be furnished Mr. Martin O'Leary.

The Chairman said that the Finance Committee and the last County Council meeting gave the County Surveyor power to make a suitable appointment to the position and the County Surveyor explained that this had been done. The meeting, he believed, would look on the action in the matter as quite in order.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 7th July 1939, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 21st JULY 1939: The Minutes of this meeting were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 21st July 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman), presiding; also,
Miss N. O'Ryan, Messrs. P. Colfer, Rl Corish, W. P. Keegan,
John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy and Sean O'Byrne.

The County Solicitor and the Assistant Secretary were in attendance.

Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4910. 2. 3d was examined and signed; also Treasurer's Advice Note for £1002 payment to County Wexford Vocational Education Committee.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: Return of Rate Collection showed that a sum of £1606. 8. 6d has been lodged as compared with £128. 12. 11d for the corresponding period of last year.

DERELICT HOLDING - JOHN SULLIVAN, SHANAHONA, OWNER: The following letter from the Department of Lands (Forestry Division) under date 19th July 1939, No. 8398/F, was read:-

"I am desired to inform you that the Department have had under consideration the acquisition of the holding of John Mullivan in the townland of Shanahona, Co. Wexford, containing 68a. 3r. 28p., for State forestry purposes. The lands appear to be unused and have lain derelict for years and there are substantial arrears of Land Purchase Annuities on the holding. The Department would be glad to receive particulars as to arrears of rates outstanding and in the event of the holding being purchased for State forestry purposes, the minimum sum which the County Council would be prepared to accept in satisfaction of their claim for rates.

For your information I am to state that the sum which would be required to discharge the lands from Land Purchase Annuity is in excess of their maximum valuation for forestry purposes."

The Assistant Secretary stated that arrears of rates outstanding to 31st March 1939 amounted to £37. 15. 1d. Current year's rate is £10. 10. 11d.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, it was decided that application be made to the Department of Lands (Forestry Division) for the full amount of the rates outstanding on the holding.

PART PAYMENT OF RATES: Under date 18th July 1939, the following letter, No. G.18270/2/39, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, was read:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 30th ultimo on the subject I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to the continuance for the current financial year of the existing arrangements for the acceptance of part payment of arrears of Rates."

REMUNERATION RATE COLLECTORS CHECKING ABATEMENT FORMS:

Under date 14th July 1939 the following letter, No. G.20697/

39, from the Department of Local Government and Public Health, was read:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 8th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he will raise no objection to the Poor Rate Collectors being remunerated in the current financial year in respect of services in connection with rate relief to occupiers of Agricultural Land at rates not exceeding those sanctioned in Circular Letter of 19th September, 1934 (No. 24.18.34)."

In connection with the following applications which were cancelled as applicants did not reply to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, regarding title, it was decided to re-allocate amounts at this meeting.

Loans Cancelled:

N. C.	John O'Connor, Glentubber	£. 100
	James Wyse, Grange	100
	L. Cogley, Bree	190
	Richard Redmond, Coolbawn	145
	J. Murphy, Kellystown, Adamstown	200
	T. Casey, Newbawn	150
		885
	Reduction in amount of loan required by J. Murphy, Ballysimon	_90
	Total	£975.

New Applicants:

The following new applicants submitted application forms for the £975 available:-

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James Canavan, Effernogue, Ferns, Carpenter	£. 245
John L. Kickham, Clonhaston, Enniscorthy, Traveller	270
Mrs. Margaret Grannell, Craheen, Enniscorthy Farmer	170
Edward Kehoe, Raheenduff, Oulart. Traveller	225
Patrick Byrne, Kilbride, Courtown Harbour. Farm Labourer.	200
William Dempsey, Mill Lands, Gorey. Labourer	200
John Hanstock, Ballinatray, Courtown Harbour. Small Farmer.	100
Samuel Johnston, Barnadown, Gorey. Retired Farmer	225
Annie McCarthy, Corecannon, Inch. Farmer.	150
Laurence Murphy, Belcarrig, Ballycanew. Blacksmith.	200
Michael Walsh, Arklow, Wellingtonbridge. Farmer	155
Thomas Howlin, Gardimus, Ballycogley. Farmer	100

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Patrick O'Keeffe, Mulrankin, Bridgetown. Beet Loading Agent

£200.

The following amounts were provisionally allocated, subject to the sanction of the County Council and Department of Local Government and Public Health, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly:-

Thomas Howlin, Gardimus, Ballycogley	100
Patrick O'Keeffe, Mulrankin, Bridgetown	200
Michael Walsh, Arklow, Wellingtonbridge	155
Mrs. Margaret Grannell, Craheen, Enniscorthy	170
Annie McCarthy, Corecannon, Inch	150
John Hanstock, Ballinatray, Courtown Harbour	100
Edward Kehoe, Raheenduff, Oulart	100
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Total £975.

It was also decided that William Dempsey, Mill Lands, Gorey, be recommended to apply for a labourer's cottage.

APPLICATION FOR RE-INSTATEMENT OF LOAN: Alderman Corish referred to the case of Mrs. M. J. Doyle, Gurteen, Inch, whose loan was cancelled at last meeting. Permission of the Land Commission had now been obtained by Mrs. Doyle's Solicitors. It was expected that title would be ready in a very short time.

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Mr. McGarthy, it was decided that £200 provisionally allocated to Mrs.

M. J. Doyle, Gurteen, Inch, be re-instated.

JAMES KENT, ROCHESTOWN: Above applicant, who had been provisionally approved for loan of £170 was not yet in a position to submit particulars of title, as it was a subdivision case in which certificate of Land Commission was required.

Mr. Elgee stated it would be a very considerable time before this would be available.

The Chairman considered that perhaps it would be

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advisable if Mr. Colfer suggested to this applicant that he should make application to the Credit Corporation and in the meantime the County Council would not cancel amount provisionally allocated in case the applicant should require the amount in the event of his not being able to obtain advance from the Credit Corporation.

INSURANCE OF HOUSES: The meeting considered that policy of £20,000 to cover the Council's interest in houses erected under Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts was quite ample to meet all possible contingencies.

On the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan it was decided that no increase be made in the amount of the palicy.

ARREARS OF INSTALMENTS: It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Kelly, that statement be presented to Finance Committee, giving particulars of arrears of instalments outstanding on 31st August and each succeeding month and that the present collection system be continued.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS 1936 AND 1939
REPORTS OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS: The following reports of
four of the Veterinary Inspectors were submitted:FROM MR. F. STAPLES, V.S.: "Yours of 15th instant re
Warble Fly Treatment. From my observations of cattle shown
on the local fairs and visits to farms in the Wexford
district, I believe that the treatment carried out during
the last three years has definitely considerably reduced the
number of infested cattle in the Wexford Area and the cattle
found infested during the present year were very slightly
affected as in comparison with former years.

The three inspectors in the district worked their areas very efficiently, the only complaints they had to © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

make we be that cattle brought into the district from other Counties showed much more infestation than the locally bred animals."

FROM J. LYNCH, V.S., NEW ROSS: "In accordance with terms of appointment, I hereby report on working of above Order for current season.

Slow progress is being made. This will continue unless Inspectors are given further powers. They should have been given Detention Notices at the beginning of the Season. They were not received until end of May and even then the threat of serving same speeded up the dressings.

I have nothing further to say only to emphasise the remarks I made last year i.e., while dealers can purchase warbled cattle with impunity progress must be slow.

Denmark is reputed to have got rid of the pest in three years. Conditions here are very different but it should be possible to achieve the same result here in six years.

I now wish to refer to the suspension of Inspectors.

I consider this was unfortunate and unwise and had a very prejudicial effect on the work. In my opinion neither case deserved suspension.

The more essential part of the duties were done satisfactorily, viz., visits, inspections and instructions.

I rather expected that your Council would ask my opinion and that the Department would have consulted me before suspending these Inspectors. I should be at least as well qualified to know as any other, whether these Officers were doing their duty satisfactorily or not.

If I cannot be relied on to give an impartial opinion, then I am not qualified to hold office as supervisor."

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FROM F. W. TAYLOR, V.S., NEW ROSS: "I beg to submit my report of the working of the above Order during this season. The Order which came into force on the first of March and expired on the seventh of July has been carried out in a very satisfactory manner by the Inspector. In no case, in my area, has any ill result been noticed due to the dressing of infested animals. The stock owners all seem to approve of the Order and are willing to carry out the Inspector's directions. Unfortunately, the Inspector was ill from the first of May until May the fifteenth for which he sent in a medical certificate to the County Council Secretary. This caused some dislocation of the arrangements but even with this handicap the vast majority of infested stock has received four dressings. Warble infestation is still preve alent. There is no diminution in the number of animals which requires dressing, but there is a marked improvement in another way, namely, the number of warbles found in each affected animal is considerably less than in previous years.

I append a list of owners called on by me during the session.

March 28th. Mrs. Keogh, Ballyleigh, had not dressed yet. Will do so immediately.

Mrs. Frennan, Ballyleigh. Dressed.

James Walsh, do. Dressing to-day.

Pat Donovan, do. Dressing on Monday.

John Fogarty, Ballinabanogue. Applying second dressing next week.

P. Hickey, Knockmullen. Second dressing on Monday.

William Gannon, Arnetstown. No. Warbles.

April 20th John Keogh, Lacken. No Warbles.

Thomas Kelly, do. Applying 2nd Dressing.

Tim Keogh, do. No Warbles.

May 26th Thomas Keating, Ballygalvert. Applied three dressings.

Mrs. Condon, Donard. Applied three dressings.
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May 26th. P. Kavanagh, Donard. No Warbles.

Thomas Deacon, Milgarrow. Applying 3rd Dressing

Pat Flynn, do. No Warbles.

A. Kelly, do. Applying 3rd Dressing

June 20th Michael Bolger, Coolback. Applying 4th dressing next week.

Mary Bolger, Coolback. No. Warbles.

John Murphy, Ballycohare. Applying 4th Dressing

Pat Murphy, do. Applying do. do.

J. Redmond, do. do. do. do.

Mary Lynch, do. No Warbles.

John Murphy, Whitemoor. Three dressings applied.

T. Furlong, do. No Warbles.

J. Cullen, do. No. Warbles.

P. Quigley, Lacken. Has dressed three times and will apply the 4th next week.

Pat Murphy, Corcoran's Cross. No. Warbles.

M. Nolan, The Maudlins. No Warbles."

FROM F. S. RINGWOOD, V.S., ENNISCORTHY: "In connection with the above Order the percentage of cattle infested with warbles in Areas 1, 2 and 4 has decreased considerably, but there is still a very high percentage of Infested Cattle in No. 3 Area.

In Areas 1 and 2 I advised the Inspectors at the beginning of the season to notify a number of owners by post cards the day they would call and by doing so the Inspectors saw a lot of the cattle being dressed and this is, I am afraid, the only way that the Order will be successfully carried out.

It would appear that a number of owners are careless about the way they apply the wash.

If cattle owners took notice how well cattle that have been freed from the larvae, improved in condition, compared with those that were still infested with live larvae, they

would see that it would be to their own interests to properly carry out the dressings.

In addition to checking the weekly returns from the Four Inspectors in my district and forwarding them to County Council, the following items will show my supervision. 1939.

March 1st Instructed the Four Inspectors re working of Order.

- " 6th Interviewed D. Creane.
- 13th Surprise Visit in No. 2 Area.
- Held P.M. on cow at Pat Kane's, Kilanure, Bunclody, alleged to have died as result of dressing for Warbles.
- " 28th Surprise visit No. 1 Area.
- " 29th Inspected Cattle at Clonhaston, not dressed.
- 31st Surprise visit No. 3 Area. Gave Inspector instructions re Clonhaston Cattle and found error in his book.
- " 31st Inspected Blackwater Fair.
- April 3rd Surprise visit No. 4 Area and interviewed Inspector re Blackwater Fair.
 - " 6th Surprise visit No. 1 Area.
 - " 7th Surprise " No. 2 "
 - " 18th Surprise " No. 3 " . Inspector not making enough visits per day.
 - 19th Interviewed Levingstone, Clone, re cattle returned as not dressed and got them done.
 - " 27th Arranged to take D. Creane to Blackwater Fair owing to illness of W. Brien.
 - " 28th Took D. Creane to Blackwater Fair.
- May 2nd Surprise Visit No. 2 Area.
 - 8th Interviewed W. Brien re Scallan's Cattle.
 - " 10th Surprise Visit No. 1 Area.
 - " loth " " No. 2 ".
 - " 12th Interviewed D. Creane.
 - " 16th Interviewed J. Walsh.
 - " 22nd Surprise visit No. 2 Area.
 - " 23rd " No. 4 Area.
 - " 23rd Interviewed D. Creane.

May 26th Surprise Visit No. 3 Area.

June 5th Interviewed J. Walsh.

" 5th Interviewed W. Brien.

7th Surprise visit No. 2 Area.

" 13th " No. 4 Area.

" 17th " No. 1 Area.

" 21st Interviewed J. Walsh.

" 27th Surprise visit No. 1 Area.

28th # # No. 2

" 30th " No. 4 "."

It was decided that copies of the reports be furnished to the Department of Agriculture.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE - MR. J. LYNCH, VETERINARY INSPECTOR

The following under date 13th July 1939 from J. Lynch,

New Ross, making application for leave, was read:-

"I propose taking a course of treatment from 16th to 26th instant inclusive. I hope that is in order.

I have arranged with Mr. Taylor to do duty in my absence."

Under date 20th July 1939, the following letter, No. L. 2630-39, was read from the Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of the 14th instant, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that, subject to the concurrence of your Local Authority, he will offer no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S. as substitute for Mr. J. Lynch, Veterinary Inspector for duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the South New Ross District, during the absence of Mr. Lynch on leave from the 16th to the 26th instant, with remuneration at the same rate as that normally paid to Mr. Lynch."

It was decifided, on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by the Chairman, that leave of absence be granted to Mr. J. Lynch, Veterinary Inspector, New Ross, from 16th to 26th

July 1939 and that Mr. F. W. Taylor, Veterinary Inspector, New Ross, be remunerated at the rate of £2 per week for acting as substitute for Mr. Lynch for the period.

HOLIDAYS (EMPLOYEES) ACT 1939 - WARBLE FLY INSPECTORS AND TEMPORARY RATE CLERKS.

The following report from Mr. J. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, under date 11th July 1939, was submitted:-

"I have now looked into the question of the Liability of the Council to pay the above one days pay in lieu of Holidays.

The Section of the Act bearing on the matter is Sec.10 Sub. Sec.(3)(b) which provides "where a Non Domestic Worker has been in the employment of a person during not less than one month in an employment year and has worked not less than 150 Hours in such month, the Employer shall pay to the Worker in respect of the first month for which he has worked for not less than 150 hours a sum equivalent to one days pay".

The definition of month according to the Act is, any period of thirty consecutive days.

There is no clause in the Act providing for the event of a Church Holiday occurring during the month of thirty consecutive days, nor is there any provision in respect of Church Holidays in the Act except in so far as reference is made to them where provision is made for the transfer of Public Holidays to Church Holidays, but this provision does not affect the position of the Warble Fly Inspectors and Temporary Rate Clerks."

by Mr. O'Byrne, that Warble Fly Inspectors and Temporary
Rate Clerks be paid one day's wages in respect of each
consecutive 30 days' employment and also in respect of each
succeeding 60 days' consecutive employment. That, in view
of Mr. Elgee's opinion, Church Holtday will be considered to

have broken consecutive period of days except where Church
Holiday is substituted for a Public Holiday in which case
consecutive period of days will not be broken through Church
Holiday intervening.

It was also decided, on the motion of Mr. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. O'Byrne, that Warble Fly Inspectors who worked on 29th May (Public Holiday) be granted one day's leave with pay for Church Holiday, Feast of Corpus Christi.

VACANCY FOR CLERICAL ASSISTANT

It was decided that terms and conditions for appointment of new clerical assistant be agreed to at next meeting of Finance Committee.

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT 1926

Under date 12th July 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health forwarded copy of Order (No. 13418/1939) made by the Minister, assessing £213. 18. 9 under the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 in Wexford County in respect of the year ended 31st March 1939.

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

"That, in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health, under date 12th July 1939, the County Council be recommended to issue Paying Order for £213. 18. 9d, amount assessed on Wexford County under the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act 1926 in respect of the financial year ended 31st March 1939."

LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

Under date 17th July 1939, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (S.13113/39) forwarding copy of Order made by the Minister, assessing £183. 6. 10d on Wexford County under the Local Authorities (Combined

Purchasing Act 1925, in respect of the year ended 31st © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

March 1939.

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

"That, in accordance with letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 17th July 1939, No. S.13113/39, the County Council be recommended to issue Paying Order for £183. 6. 10d, amount assessed on Wexford County under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925, in respect of the year ended 31st March 1939."

COUNTY SURGEON'S RESIDENCE

The following letter from County Board of Health, under date 7th July 1939 was read:-

"I beg to inform you that at the meeting of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 19th June last, the following letter was received from Tr. M. O'Brien:-

'I have to report that two of the chimneys of my residence (Rose Park) are in a very bad condition of repair.

The chimney from kitchen is cracked, and leaking and I am told in danger of falling on the road.

I would be glad if the Board would consider the Matter.

The Board directed that this matter be referred to the County Council with whom Dr. O'Brien had the tenancy Agreement."

It was decided that the County Board of Health be informed that resolution of County Council, adopted at meeting of 5th May 1924 (when Rosepark was purchased) stated that Dr. O'Brien was to be responsible for repairs to the premises, Rosepark, Wexford, purchased by the County Council as a residence for him as Surgeon of the County Hospital.

The resolution of 5th May 1924 was sent to Dr. O'Brien at the time and notification was duly received from him that he accepted the terms thereof.

RENEWAL OF SECONDARY SCHOOL SCHOLARSHIPS AND BURSARIES

On the motion of Mr. Corish, seconded by the Chairman, it was decided that Secondary School Scholarships and Bursaries be renewed for 1939/40 as follows:-

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Christian Brothers' Schools Gorey.			Value £.	
Peter La	awless	4th Year	30	
Patrick	J. Brennan	2nd Year	15	
St. Louis Convent	Monaghan.			
Maire O	Brien	4th Year	50	
St. Louis Convent	Carrickmacros	s.		
Mary B.	Power	3rd Year	50	
Good Counsel Colle	ege, New Ross.			
Donal O	Donnell	3rd Year	50	
Laurence	e J. Doyle	2nd Year	50	
Kieran	C. O'Regan	2nd Year	50	
Blackrock College	Dublin.			
Thomas 1	P. Cullen	4th Year	15	
Loreto Abbey, Gore	ey.			
Annie K	ennedy	2nd Year	50	
Anne Do	ran	3rd Year	15	
Loreto Convent, Wexford.				
Elizabe	th Devereux	4th Year	50	
Annie F	oley	4th Year	50	
Elizabe	th Ronan	3rd Year	50	
Mary E.	Devereux	3rd Year	50	
Angela	McCormack	2nd Year	50	
Margare	t M. Doyle	2nd Year	50	
. Annie D	onovan	3rd Year	15	
St. Peter's College, Wexford.				
John A.	O'Brien	4th Year	50	
William	F. Doyle	4th Year	50	
John J.	O'Neill	3rd Year	50	
Edward	Ruttledge	4th Year	15	
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Christian Brothers' School, Wexford.

With the Party of					
	Patrick J. O'Regan	3rd Year	30		
	Patrick Sinnott	2nd Year	30		
	Timothy T. O'Leary	4th Year	15		
	Laurence J. McCrudden	3rd Year	15		
	William F. Ryan	3rd Year	15		
	Peter McDonald	3rd Year	15		
	Michael McCarthy	2nd Year	15		
Christian	Brothers' Schools, Enniscorthy,				
	Samuel Jordan	4th Year	15		
	Michael A. O'Hanlon	4th Year	15		
	Patrick McGarrigle	2nd Year	15		
	Felix J. Murphy	2nd Year	15		

It was decided that question of renewal of bursary awarded to Maurice Treacy, Christian Brothers' Schools, Enniscorthy, be postponed as satisfactory explanation had not been given for this boy's absence from school for practically the entire school year 1938/39.

James P. Hendrick 2nd Year

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SEATING ACCOMMODATION, JURY BOX, COUNTY COURTHOUSE

The following report from the County Surveyor, under date 21st July 1939, was read:-

"I inspected seats at the Theatre Royal, Wexford, and I do not think that they would be satisfactory. I accordingly got into communication with Messrs. Hilton Brothers, Lombard Mills, 74 & 75 Townsend Street, Dublin, and have now got a quotation from them of a chair (The Galway Minor) which, I believe would be entirely suitable, covered in Rexine leather cloth. I enclose copy of their letter, and also their catalogue, which shows a sketch of the chair, and explains the matter."

Letter from Messrs. Hilton Brothers, Limited, Lombard Mills, 74 & 75 Townsend Street, Dublin, to the County

Surveyor, under date 19th July 1939, was read as follows:-

"We are obliged for your kind enquiry of the 18th inst.

We enclose a copy of our tip-up chair catalogue. We would suggest a suitable chair for the Jury Box in the County Courthouse would be our 'Galway Minor' chair as illustrated. Possibly the most suitable covering would be a good quality Rexine leather-cloth.

This chair is very strongly made and is assembled on Dublin made cast iron standards of considerable strength. We think that polished timber arm rests would be most suitable to match the chairs, covered in leather-cloth. Our price for twelve chairs 18" wide, complete with all necessary cast iron standards as described above, with seats automatic tip-up is 26/10d each.

Alternatively chairs as described above, but covered in a crushed mohair velvet as quality sample enclosed, any shade desired, with covered sponge rubber arm rests 28/4d each.

These prices are for chairs free on rail Dublin.

Should you not consider this design suitable we can manufacture tip-up chairs to any specification you care to give us, and would be only too glad to make you up a sample."

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, to accept quotation for 12 chairs covered in Rexine leather cloth at 26s. 10d each.

PLATE, OLD WEIGHBRIDGE, COURTOWN HARBOUR

The following from the Chairman of the Courtown Harbour Commissioners, under date 4th July 1939, was read:-

"At a meeting of the Commissioners held on above date, it was decided to request you to lay the following recommendation before the next meeting of your Council.

That the plate of the obsolete weighing bridge be removed and the cavity filled up and cemented over, also that the two large stones be removed, as they are very

dangerous to traffic being on side of the public road."

Referred to County Surveyor.

WEXFORD BRIDGE

The following report from Mr. J. Elgee, County Solicitor, under date 15th July 1939 was read:-

"You will recollect that at the meeting of the County Council held on the 12th June last Draft Bye Laws which it was proposed the Commissioner of the Garda should be asked to make under Sections 147 and 149 of the Road Traffic Act, 1933, dealing with the passing of Vehicles over the above Bridge, were submitted to the Council for their consideration, and same were duly approved of by them.

I then submitted same to the Local Government Department for their approval, and on the 8th instant., I received a letter from them stating, that the Minister was advised that it would not be within the Power of the Commissioner of the Garda Siochana under the Sections referred to, to make Bye Laws such as those proposed, and stating that the matter should be dealt with under Section 158 of the Act.

Under Section 158 above referred to the Council may, by Notices in the prescribed Form placed on the approaches to the Bridge, prohibit any Vehicle from passing over the Bridge at, or at a speed exceeding the speed specified in such Notices.

I have, after consultation with the County Surveyor prepared and send you herewith the Draft of a Notice to carry into effect the wishes of the Council as set out in the Bye Laws, already approved of, and I will be glad, if you would bring this Notice before the next Meeting of the Finance Committee for their consideration."

The following Bridge Notice, prepared by Mr. Elgee, was approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

WEXFORD BRIDGE

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT, 1933

BRIDGE NOTICE

NOTICE is hereby given by the County Council of the County of Wexford in pursuance of Section 158 of the above mentioned Act, that no Mechanically Propelled Vehicle, with the exception of Mechanically propelled Vehicles used for Private or Hackney Purposes, without a Trailer, having seating accommodation limited to five Persons including the Driver, or Mechanically Propelled Vehicks used for Hearses is permitted to pass over this Bridge.

The Said Mechanically Propelled Vehicles used for Private or Hackney Purposes, or as Hearses passing over the said Bridge shall do so at a speed not exceeding Five Miles per Hour.

No Horse Drawn Vehicle which with its load (if any) weighs more than Two Tons is permitted to pass over this Bridge, and any Horse Drawn Vehicle under that weight passing over the said Bridge shall do so at a speed not exceeding Five Miles per Hour.

Any person driving any Vehicle over this Bridge in Contravention of this Notice is liable on Summary Conviction to a Fine not exceeding £20, and the Owner of the Vehicle is liable in Damages for any Injury occasioned to the said Bridge.

Dated this day of 1939.

BY ORDER.

PAINTING NEW ROSS BRIDGE

In connection with point raised by Mr. T. Redmond, M.C.C., at last County Council meeting, the County Surveyor appointed Mr. John Lanigan, Bewley Street, New Ross, as Clerk of Works for the painting of New Ross Bridge at remuneration of £3. 10s. per week.

Approved on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. McCarthy.
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CLAIM. LUKE LAWLOR - DENTURES

The County Surveyor submitted the following letter he received from Luke Lawlor, Ballinavary, Bree, regarding offer of Insurance Company of £5, ex-gratia payment:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th July 1939 in which you state that the Insurance Company disclaim all liability regarding my claim for compensation. There must be some mistake or error on the part of the County Council. As a result of the accident there were four of my own teeth in the front of my mouth had to be taken out, and two dental plates replaced which cost me the total sum of £12. If the Insurance say that they are not liable, there must be some misunderstanding between the Insurance Company and the County Council. Someone must be responsible. All I want is really what the accident cost me."

Under date 18th July 1939, the Insurance Company wrote as follows in reference to Mr. Lawlor's communication:-

"We thank you for yours of the 17th instant enclosing copy letter received from this man and same has our attention. As already advised, however, unless Lawlor is prepared to accept the figure mentioned, namely £5 in ex gratia payment there is nothing further that we can do regarding the matter. We shall be glad, therefore, to hear from you in due course, whether or not, Lawlor is prepared to accept this offer, when we will give the matter our further attention."

No Order.

SLIPPERY CONGRETE ROAD - ENNISCORTHY BRIDGE

It was decided, on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Corish, that the following report from the County Surveyor, under date 18th July 1939, be furnished to Enniscorthy Urban District Council:- "On the 4th instant by direction of the Enniscorthy
Urban District Council, Mr. McDonald, Town Surveyor, interviewed me in my office in regard to the above matter. I
pointed out to him that the Council had already dealt with
this and I did not believe that they would re-open the matter
until the Urban Council had taken steps to prevent the
scattering of sand on the concrete. On the eve of the 4th
instant I myself saw a heavily laden cart, horse drawn,
making up the slope over the bridge without undue difficulty.
In this case the load must have been 25 cwts. at least excluding the cart, and the horse was of good quality. I understand there are only four or five carters making any
complaint about this slippery roadway."

FLOODING AT BLACKSTONE, DUNGORMACK

In reference to memorial submitted to last meeting of Finance Committee, regarding flooding at Blackstone, Duncormack, the following report from Mr. J. F. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor, under date 21st July 1939, was read:-

"I wish to state that I examined this place thoroughly on 20th October 1938 and interviewed the local people who complained re same.

The public road is subject to occasional flooding on the lower end adjoining the Embankments, in bad weather and over Springtides. This however is not the flooding complained of and is unavoidable owing to low lying nature of the land.

The flooding which causes the real hardship occurs on a private lane just off the public road. To alleviate the hardship it will be necessary to raise this lane for a short stretch, and to clear up the waterways leading to and from same. A short stretch of this waterway runs parallel to the public road, the blance is through the lands owned by the local people, and a short stretch adjoins the embankment.

repair it. It is beyond their means. It is impossible to live in such a place unless they get Government help and these people pay rates and taxes to keep the road to other people's doors, but if things go on they will be neither able to pay rates or rent, on account of such a bad way to County road. They are cut off from all the advantages people who

The following people live on this lane: - Leonards, Kavanaghs, Kavanaghs, Kavanaghs, Doyles, Condrens."

PROTRUDING WALLS - GOREY TOWN

live near road have.

The following letter from Mr. John Fortune, The Avenue, Gorey, under date 14th July 1939, was referred to the County

Surveyor for report to next meeting of Finance Committee: -

"I understand that representations have been made to your Council to the effect that the boundary wall between my premises and the public road is encroaching on the public highway; I would inform you that this wall is erected on the foundation of the old ditch fence which is on my property, and is not encroaching in any way on any other property.

If, however, your Council consider that more space is necessary for a pathway at this point, I am willing to give them this space, provided they are prepared to bear the cost of the taking down of the existing wall, and the erection of a similar wall. I think this is a reasonable offer, as I am sure the Council do not expect me to go to an expense that I cannot afford.

Would you please being this matter before your Council at their next meeting and let me hear."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 21st July 1939 be received and considered."

WEXFORD BRIDGE: Mr. Corish asked if there was any reason why the tortuous snake-like route over the New Bridge at Wexford should be continuied as at present or if the obstructions at the bridge could not be removed.

Mr. Kinsella said he got as much hardship as anyone driving across the bridge but the obstructions were a good idea because they kept people from driving too fast.

Mr. Corish said that the impact of a car turning and twisting through the obstructions had a worse effect on the structure than any effect of speed at straight driving. The obstructions to funerals were awful. It was disgraceful the way funerals had to twist through the barriers.

The County Surveyor said that he had inspected Youghal bridge and found that Mr. Bowen, the County Surveyor of Waterford, had hit on the only effective way of keeping traffic under control on that bridge, which was in a bad way, and he then adopted the same method for Wexford bridge.

With regard to the borings that are being carried out to ascertain the nature of the river bed at the present bridge and opposite Wexford Courthouse, the proposed alternative site for the bridge that is to be built, Mr. Kinsella asked if the County Surveyor could give them any information about the work and of the cost of the borings.

County Surveyor- There seems to be no bottom at the place. We are paying the contractor at so much a foot according to the depth of the boring. The time he takes with the work does not cost us money because we do not pay by the time. The borings have gone down 100 feet below the deck of the bridge and they have found no bottom. They are

going through mud and dirty sand and water.

Mr. Corish - In view of the fact that they have gone down so far without coming to rock, I think they should do some boring opposite the old site.

County Surveyor - There is a second outfit and it will be starting at the Courthouse site to-day. We got nothing but mud and gravel close to the present bridge and we went down 100 feet under the deck.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 21st July 1939, as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

FENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING - 4th AUGUST 1939: The Minutes of Finance Committee for this date were submitted as follows:-

The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 4th August 1939.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also,
Messrs. P. Colfer, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas
McCarthy, 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 £5451. 9. 9d was examined and signed.

THE LATE DR. W ALSH, AIRMOUNT, NEW ROSS

A vote of condolence was adopted to Mr. J. E. Walsh, County Councillor, in the death of his father, Dr. Michael Walsh, Airmount, New Ross, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly.

The Secretary expressed his own personal sympathy with Mr. Walsh in his bereavement.

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of the Rate Collection to 4th August 1939:-

No.	Name of Collector	Percentage of Warrant Collected.
1. 2. 3. 45. 7. 8. 910. 112. 113. 114. 115.	J. Deegan J. Flood P. Carty P. Doyle M. McCarthy	6.7 5.3 4.6 4.4 4.1 4.0 3.7 3.4 3.0 2.9 2.6 2.5 2.1 1.5 Y COUNCIL ARCHIVES

17. J. Curtis 18. M. Kehoe

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Average 3.4%.

The average at the corresponding period last year was 1.8 per cent.

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

"The Finance Committee desire to impress upon Rate Collectors the necessity for pushing forward the Collection with all diligence. They feel that unless this be done the same difficulty as arose in previous years with regard to closing the collection, and payment of Collectors' poundage will arise. Unless active steps are now taken by the Collectors to get in the Rates the delay will certainly have a damaging effect upon the collection."

APPLICATION FOR REFUND OF RATES: Under date 31st July 1939 Mr. A. John B. Boyd, Kiltra House, Wellingtonbridge, wrote:-

"Rate No. 15a Kiltra - Mrs. Dora Boyd - is on a house which has been in Ruins for nearly 20 years, so will you please have it struck off your list and will you let me know how I put in a claim for a refund of Rates."

It was decided to inform Mr. Boyd that the Finance Committee have no power to make refund of rates in the circumstances.

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE: Mr. John M. Curtis, Hon. Secretary
Rate Collectors, wrote that as regards payments of poundage
the Collectors requested the Council to agree to the
following:-

First qualifying date 30th November - 60% of first moiety and arrears applicable to 1938-39 arrears to be collected - payment of full poundage.

Second qualifying date 15th December 1939 - 50% of year's
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closed. Balance of Poundage.

The following Order was made:- "That, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health interim payments of Poundage to Rate Collectors be made for the same periods and on the same bases as obtained for Rate Collection of 1938-39."

The Chairman said the Finance Committee could not see their way to allow the collection to drag on for the whole year.

INSURANCE OF TEMPORARY RATE COLLECTORS ETC.

The following under date 20th July 1939 (7895/36) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health (National Insurance Section) :-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the letter from this Department of the 16th June requesting payment of arrears of National Health Insurance contributions due for certain Rate Collectors and Sheep Dipping Inspectors and I am to request payment without delay of the arrears of contributions to the amount of £111. 12. 8d as therein stated.

I am also to request payment of the arrears of Unemploy ment Insurance contributions for the same officials amounting to £171. 15. 9d, particulars of which were furnished you by Mr. Leahy, Inspector, with his letter of the 17th April 1939.

I am to add for your information that the question of the insurability of Sheep Dipping Inspectors was raised in the case of a Sheep Dipping Inspector employed by the

Kilkenny County Council. The Minister for Industry and Commerce gave a formal decision that the employment was insurable under the Unemployment Insurance Acts. In an appeal by the County Council it was decided by the High Court of Justice that the Minister's decision was right

and the appeal was dismissed."

The following letter forwarded by Department of Industry and Commerce, Employment Exchange, House 5, Upper Castle Yard, Dublin, to the Secretary County Councils' General Council, under date 17th July 1939 (E.B.234456) was read:-

"I am directed by the Kinister for Industry and Commerce
to refer to your communications of the 19th May and 9th June
last relative to a claim for payment of arrears of Unemployment Insurance contributions made by an Inspector of
National Health Insurance on the Secretary of the Wexford
County Council in respect of the employment of part-time
Rate Collectors and Sheep Dipping Inspectors. In reply I
am to inform you that since the employment therein of the
persons involved has been and continued to be employment
within the meaning of the Unemployment Insurance Acts
contributions thereunder are compulsorily payable in respect
thereof and there is no legal power to waive or forego payment of them or of any other contributions which are properly
payable under the general provisions of the Acts.

I am to explain that apart from the Minister's responsibility under the provisions of the Acts, the workers themselves are given independent legal remedies under Section 24 of the Unemployment Insurance Act, 1920, which enables them to recover from the Employer the equivalent of any benefit they may lose by reason of the employer's failure to pay contributions required by the Act to be paid, and the Courts have in many cases at the instance of employed persons given

substantial decrees against employers under this Section.

In the circumstances it will be appreciated that the Minister as custodian of the Unemployment Fund and as guardian of the workers' interests under the Acts has no alternative to requiring that the contributions due in this case are duly paid."

The following under date 1st August 1939 was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:-

"I have now had an opportunity of discussing this matter with Mr. Leahy, the Local Inspector, and he tells me that he is never asked by his Department for a recommendation as to what allowances should be made to insured Persons, but merely to give his opinion as to whether they were in a position to pay or not.

In the case of the Cow Testing Associations he pointed out that these Associations were composed of a large number of Farmers, and if proceedings had to be taken, they would have had to be taken against all the Members, which would entail the payment of a fairly large amount for costs, and it was only to obviate the necessity of proceedings, and the consequent expense, that the Department agreed to accept a lesser amount for Stamps than the full amount due.

In the case of the County Councils, and other public Bodies, the facts as mentioned in connection with the Cow Testing Associations do not arise, and no allowances are or can be made to them.

This being so, I see nothing for it but that the full amount of the claim as made should be paid."

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

"That we recommend the County Council to pay the demand for arrears of insurances of "part time" Rate Collectors and Lay Sheep Dipping Inspectors, viz., £111. 12. 8d (National Health Contributions) and £171. 15. 9d (Unemployment

APPOINTMENT OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

In connection with the resignation of Mr. Stephen
Hayes as clerical assistant in County Council Office, the
following under date 28th July 1939 (G.4508/8/39) was read
from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 22nd instant and to state that he has sanctioned the retention of Mr. L. Chary as temporary clerical assistant for a further period of one month from the 22nd instant on the terms already approved."

In connection with filling the vacancy for the post, the following draft advertisement was approved, on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by the Chairman and was recommended to the County Council for confirmation:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

APPOINTMENT OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Applications are invited for the whole-time permanent post of Clerical Assistant.

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

Age Limits: 17 to 25 years on 1st April, 1939.

An entrance fee of 5/- will be payable by candidates.

Candidates must be natives of County Wexford or have been ordinarily resident, or the children of persons ordinarily resident in the County since 1st April 1934.

The appointment will be made as the result of a competitive examination to be held by the Local Appointments Commissioners, and the candidate who obtains the highest place, if suitable in respect of age, health and character, will be appointed subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health. A female appointee will be required to resign on marriage. The person

appointed will be regarded as being on probation for a period of 12 months from the date of taking up duty, and in the event of unsatisfactory service the appointment may be terminated with the consent of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health at any time during that period.

Application forms and particulars may be obtained from the Secretary, Wexford County Council, County Hall, Wexford.

Latest date for receiving completed application forms
to be fixed when preliminaries have been arranged with
Department of Local Government and Public Health and Local
Appointments Commission."

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

"That, in connection with examination to be held by
Local Appointments Commissioners for Clerical Assistant for
Wexford County Council the Intermediate Education standard
be fixed, subjects to be as follows:- Irish, English,
Arithmetic, History and Geography. The successful candidate will be required to qualify in Shorthand and Typing
during the year's probationary period.

That the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be sought to these proposals of the Finance Committee and to draft advertisement for the position

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEMES

UNIVERSITY: The following under date 18th July 1939 was read from University College, Dublin:-

"The following are the results of the recent examinations of students holding scholarships from your Council in this College during Session 1938-39:-

James N. Anglim

Passed the First University Examination in Agricultural Science Part I.

Renewal recommended.

Thomas P. J. Boowne Passed the First University Examination in Engineering. Renewal recommended.

Una M.O Coroidin Passed the First University Examination in Arts obtaining Second Class Honours in English. Renewal recommended.

Gerald Coffey Passed the First University Examination in Agricultural Science Part II with First Class Honours in Zoology and Rural Science and Second Class Honours in Botany and Agricultural Geology. Renewal recommended

John Flynn Passed in Irish Subsidiary Subject for the B.A. (Hons.) Degree Examination. Further report after the Degree Examination in Autumn.

Anne Hickey Passed in Mathematics Subsidiary Subject for the B.Sc. (Hons.) Degree Examination.
Further report after the Degree Examination in Autumn.

John P. Kehoe Passed in Greek Subsidiary Subject for the B.A. (Hons.) Degree Examination. Further report after the Dgree Examination in Autumn.

James J. Meyler Passed the Third University Examination in Mechanical and Electrical Engineering with First Class Honours, also passed the First University Examination in Science.

Renewal recommended.

A report for the following students will be forwarded after the Autumn Examinations:- James Doran, Peter Doman and Robert A. Scanlon."

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

"That, as recommended by University College Authorities, Dublin, under date 18th July 1939 and subject to confirmation by County Council renewals of University Scholarships to the following be approved: Messrs. J. H. Anglim, Thomas P. J. Browne, Una M. Crean, Gerald Coffey and James J. Meyler."

PRIMARY & SECONDARY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME: Under date 1st

August 1939 (Trg.2/51575) the Office of National Education
forwarded Results of examination for award of Scholarships
and Bursaries under above Scheme.

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

"That, in accordance with Results of Examination under

Primary and Secondary Scholarship Scheme furnished by Office of National Education, the following candidates be (subject to the approval of County Council) awarded Scholarships:
Boys: 1. O'Donnell Francis Kevin, The Fort, Duncannon (728 Marks) (Small School).

2 Wall James, & Irish St., Bunclody. (699).

No other successful male candidate eligible for
Scholarship.

Girls: 1. Blake Alice, Kilmore Quay (738) (Small School).

2. Kelly Anne Teresa, Ralphtown, Bridgetown (729).

McCormack Margaret Mary, Drimma, Rosslare Strand (703),

and as no male candidate is eligible for Third Scholarship provided under the Scheme we recommend it be awarded to the next eligible female candidate, viz., Anne Mary Keating, Kilmore Quay with 660 marks.

And we further recommend also in accordance with Results of said Examination furnished by Office of National Education that Bursaries be awarded the following:-

- 1. Carty Matthew Francis, 6 Upper Bride Street, Wexford. (779 Marks).
- 2. French Sean, Shannon Hill, Enniscorthy (752).
- 3. Murphy Michael Joseph, Carley's Bridge, Enniscorthy(709)
- 4. Underwood Thomas Joseph, 67 South Main Street, Wexford (707).
- 5. Nolan Laurence, 6 Redmond St., Enniscorthy (698).
- 6. O'Gorman Frances M. T., The Hills, Wexford (641).

NEW CLAUSE IN SCHEME: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. McCarthy:-

"That the following clause be inserted at Section 12 of the Scheme of Scholarships in Secondary and Vocational Schools "Each candidate must indicate on the Application Form his selection of optional subjects. Any alteration he desires to make in his selection subsequent to forwarding the application form must be hotified to the Secretary of the County Council before 1st March 1940. On the day of examination no candidate will be allowed to take a paper in an optional subject unless he has given notice not later than the 1st March 1940 of his intention to take such paper."

APPLICATION FOR CHANGE OF SCHOOL: The following under date 25th July 1939 was read from Mr. John O'Brien, Tagoat:-

"My son, John A. O'Brien (who won a County Council Primary Scholarship) has been a boarder in St. Peter's College, Wexford, for the last three years. I now wish to change him to a Christian Brothers' College in Cork.

Will you please let me know if there will be any difficulty about the transfer of the money. He would attend the College as a day pupil and board with relatives."

It was decided to ask Mr. John O'Brien for the regson why he wished to have scholarship for his son transferred from St. Peter's College to Christian Brothers' Schools, Cork, and that consideration of application be deferred pending receipt of this information.

APPLICATION EXTENSION OF SCHOLARSHIP: The following under date 2nd August 1939 was read from Mr. John Kevin O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche:-

"I wish to apply for an extension of a year to my
Primary Scholarship. I entered for a University Scholarship
and did the Leaving Certificate last June. I did the
Leaving Certificate after four years in St. Peter's College
where the usual course is five years. I am only seventeen
and half years of age, which is also young to/the Leaving
Certificate. I am also too young to do Civil Service
Examinations or Army Cadetship or most Examinations which
would qualify me for a suitable position in life and conseqeuntly the Leaving Certificate was the only examination

which I did this year. Therefore, I think that if I could obtain an extra year in St. Peters I would be able as regards age to do any examination. If I obtain the University Scholarship this year, I should not need the extension."

The following under date 3rd August 1939 was read from Rev. M. Murphy, P.P., Cloughbawn, Clonroche:-

"John Kevin O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche, Co. Wexford, has been enjoying one of your Primary School Scholarships for the past four years in St. Peter's College, Wexford. He has entered this year for your University Scholarship. He is only 17½ years old and has gone through the full course of studies in St. Peters in those four years where other boys would take five years. Being so young, he may not be quite equal to securing the University Scholarship this year. If you would extend his Scholarship for another year he would be better qualified - of course, if he succeed this year he will not need it. I ask you to help him in that way, otherwise his four years' work will not qualify him for any lucrative position.

His Superiors in the College can speak for him while under their care. I can speak for him while home on vacation and as far as I have been able to observe his moral character; is excellent."

Mr. Kelly proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following resolution:-

"That the application of John Kevin O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche, for a year's extension of his scholarship under Primary and Secondary Scholarship Scheme be agreed to."

After discussion the following was agreed to by the majority of the Committee:-

"The Finance Committee cannot see their way to establish a precedent by agreeing to the application of Mr. John K.
O'Leary, Ballyboro, Clonroche, for a year's extension of his

BALLINCASH LANE, OULART

The following under date 1st August 1939 was read from Fr. J. M. Doran, C.C., Oulart:-

"Some time ago the question/continuing Ballincash Lane to the main road at Monavulling was before your Council. I have been approached by some of my parishioners about this matter and it has been suggested that a deputation from this district what on your Council. Accordingly, I hope it will be convenient for your Council to receive this deputation at next Friday's (4th instant) Finance meeting about 3 p.m."

Fr. Doran and Dr. Dunphy, Culart, attended as a deputation.

Fr. Doran said he had been approached by a number of people who would be greatly convenienced if about 400 yards of this lane could be reconstructed. There were 12 families directly concerned. The lane ran parallel to the Main Road between Enniscorhty and Oulart. It would be necessary to run the new section of lane through fields ## the property of Messrs. Isaac W. Rath, Ballincash and Owen Kinsella, Tinnock, Oulart.

Fr. Doran handed in letters from both agreeing to give free the necessary amount of land for reconstruction of lane provided the legal costs of transfer of land be paid by the Council. The length of proposed road through these fields would be approximately 375 yards. The new lane would save a number of people at least three miles of a detour.

Dr. Dunphy supported the proposal and pointed out that at present the lane was practically impassible.

The following extract from Minutes of Finance Committee of 17th February 1939 was read:-

"The County Surveyor said it had been already pointed out that to comply with the wishes of the deputation that waited on the Finance Committee some time ago as to reconstruction of Ballineash Lane would take £650. He did

not see what could be done as regards this application unless the County Council were satisfied to take over the lane as a public road." At above meeting, Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Kelly seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-"That application for repair of Ballincash Lane be recommended to the Office of Public Works for inclusion in list for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote." The County Surveyor said it was not found possible to secure a grant under Minor Relief Schemes Vote as the necessary number of unemployed men to qualify for the grant were not in the district. He also pointed out that the proposal now made by Fr. Doran would bring one section to a dead end and to have reconstruction legal the lane should be repaired from road to road. The Chairman proposed and it was agreed to that the County Council be recommended to appoint a Committee to visit Ballincash Lane and report thereon. PROPOSED ERECTION OF HOUSE FOR MENTAL HOSPITAL ENGINEER The following under date 24th July 1939 was read from Dr. Thomas J. Conlon, Acting Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Enniscorthy:-"Adverting to previous correspondence regarding Loan to build House for Engineer I beg to transmit the following relevant minute which was made at meeting of the Committee of Management on the 18th instant:-"Loan to Build House for Engineer. In accordance with notice of motion, Mr. O'Byrne moved and Mr. Smyth seconded:- "That as alternative to building a house for the Engineer sufficient additional accommodation and garden be added to his present house". Mr. O'Byrne said the house in which the Engineer lived was, if small for his family, quite a good one, and if a © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

kitchen and two rooms overhead were added ample accommodation would be provided, while a garden at the back which could easily be added would remove the objection as regards proximity of house to the patients exercise grounds.

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Mr. Keegan held that the locality of the house was unsuitable and could not be made right in the manner suggested by Mr. O'Byrne, neither would the house accommodate the Engineer's family by the additions mentioned. He also held Mr. O'Byrne's motion was not in order and consequently not an amendment but as a reply from the Mental Hospital Committee to the County Council's resolution ———"referring back for further consideration the proposal of the Committee to build a house for the Engineer", proposed:—

"That the Committee adhere to the terms of the resolution which was passed at meeting on the 18/4/39 requesting the County Council to obtain a loan of £900 for the purpose of building a house for the Engineer in accordance with plans submitted Messrs. McDonnell and Dixon and approved of by the Department of Local Government."

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Motion passed by seven votes to three.

On a question raised as to members of the Committee voting for proposal to build house as members of the Committee and voting against it as County Councillors, Mr. O'Byrne said there was no vote taken at meeting of the County Council, there was only an agreed recommendation to refer back for further consideration. But, having investigated the matter in accordance with recommendation of the County Council he would vote against proposal to borrow the money next time."

Mr. Keegan said that he still held the position of the existing house was unsuitable for a young family and was still of opinion that a suitable house could be erected for £600. A number of Councillors were probably not aware that the Mental Hospital Committee employed two permanent brick-

layers or masons and if he (Mr. Keegan) was not mistaken a third tradesman. He suggested their services should be utilised to build the house for the Engineer even if they had to be provided with some help. Probably, since the estimate for £600 was prepared, building materials had gone up in price and he accordingly proposed the following:-

"That the County Council be recommended to agree to the advancement of loan of £700 for erection of house for Engineer of Mental Hospital."

Mr. Kelly seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne said that he and Mr. Smyth had been appointed to inspect the house at present occupied by the Engineer and they did not think (before they saw it) that it was so good. No doubt, it was small for the family of the present Engineer but with the expenditure of £150 or £200 ample accommodation could be provided. The house was put in its present position so that the Engineer would be always within call. The report of Mr. Smyth and himself recommended that a garden would be attached to the house which would keep the children clear of the recreation ground of the patients.

Mr. Keegan said that if a new house was provided for the engineer his present dwelling could be occupied by an attendant.

Mr. McCarthy pointed out that a previous engineer who occupied the house for a long number of years brought up a family in it.

Mr. Colfer disagreed with Mr. O'Byrne's views. The Engineer should have a house in keeping with the Mental Hospital buildings and this would not be the case with a patchwork house.

Mr. O'Byrne denied there was anything in the shape of patchwork as regards the extension of the existing house.

62 The Chairman said if a new house was to be built there would be a certain amount of trouble in securing the loan and satisfying the Department of Local Government and Public Health in the matter whereas if it was a matter of reconstruction the work could be paid for out of ordainary revenue and as no sanction would be necessary they could start right away. After further discussion Miss O'Ryan proposed and the Chairman seconded - as an amendment to Mr. Keegan's motion:-"That the letter from Mental Hospital Committee relative to erection of house for their engineer under date 24th July 1939 be referred to the County Council for consideration." On a show of hands four voted for this proposal and three against. The Chairman declared it carried. On being put as the substantive motion it was adopted without dissent. ROAD AT BANNOW NEW SCHOOL The following under date 12th July 1939 was read from Secretary, County Board of Health:-"I attach herewith extract from Minutes of Proceedings of the Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance on the 19th June last in connection with the school recently erected at Bannow. I am directed by the Board to ask you to repair or improve the gullies as it is within the province of the County Council." The following is the extract from Minutes of County Board of Health meeting of 19th June:-"The Office of National Education wrote in connection with the school recently erected at Bannow, stating that the Department feared that some road gullies adjacent to the premises, which were not in proper order, might affect the © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

carry out some small improvement at Bannow School and also on roads fronting Churches. The Council had agreed long since that this work should be done.

BACK CHANNELS AT MILEHOUSE, ENNISCORTHY

The following under date 26th July 1939 was read from Mr. R. J. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor:-

"There are back channels at places marked A.A. The people in the new houses are covering in these. It is very important that this should not be done.

I think you should get in touch with the Secretary of the Health Board.

The channels are of course covered over at the various entrance gates. This is quite in order. It is the continuous covering which is wrong. The whole place would eventually silt up."

It was decided that the County Surveyor communicate with the Board of Health in the matter.

ANALYST'S REPORT

Report of County Analyst for quarter ended 30th June 1939 was submitted. It appeared the total analyses for the period were 324 - Foods 267; Drugs 51; Waters 6. The number adulterated were 5 Milks, 1 Butter and 1 Buttermilk.

2 Waters from Board of Health, one from well at Monachee and the second at Ramsgrange (both forwarded by the Board of Health) were condemned.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

District Superintendent, Garda Siochana, Gorey, reported that a sample of whole milk taken up by Garda Riordan from John Kinsella, William Street, Gorey, was found on analysis to be defincient of 12.66 of the minimum amount of fats which it should contain. Kinsella was not a free milk supplier.

Referred to County Solicitor for appropriate action.
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TINNACREE QUARRY Under date 19th July 1939 the following was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-"In connection with Tinnacree Quarry, I beg to state, that, except where Grant work is possible, demand for material from this quarry is very low. I can, however, give some employment at hand breaking, and will, when men approach me on the matter, make an offer of this class of work to them." BLASTING OPERATIONS IN COUNTY COUNCIL QUARRIES It was decided that consideration of the position of Assistant Surveyors in connection with blasting operations in County Council quarries be deferred to next Finance Committee meeting. DANGEROUS CORNERS - OYLEGATE DISTRICT Mr. Owen McCoy, Hon. Secretary, Oylegate Branch of Irish Labour Party, forwarded the following resolution for consideration:-"That we respectfully call the attention of the County Council to dangerous turnings at Ballinaslaney, Garrynisk and Coolnaboy Crossroads entering out on the Wexford-Enniscor thy Concrete Road. There was a very serious accident at Coolnaboy Cross recently." The County Surveyor was instructed to include these corners for consideration in next year's Provisional Road Works Scheme. KILMANNOCK DRAINAGE AREA The following under date 2nd August 1939 was read from Mr. N. J. Murphy, Kilmokea, Campile, Hon. Secretary to Local Drainage Committee, relative to Rate for above Area:-"At a meeting of the Marshland owners of above area held last evening, it was decided to ask the County Council to get the Main Drain cleaned up by contract, and strike a Rate © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

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was adopted, owing to the failure of Mr. Corcoran, Nash, to pay his portion of the cost of last year's work, and as we have no power to legally enforce payment, we decided to let the Council deal with the gentlemen referred to.

The contract on the last occasion was for £10, but the contractor was short by the amount of Corcoran's portion.

There is not very much to be done on the drain this year, except about 300 yards on the upper reaches, so there should be no difficulty in securing tenders.

This year, another owner refused to co-operate with the general body, preferring to do the maintenance on his own portion of the drain individually, so we thought it better to refer the work to your Council for this year at least.

Regretting having to trouble you with this work, as the old arrangement was working satisfactorily but there was no other way of dealing with obstreporous persons or individuals.

The levy we adopted in the past was 2/- in the £ on the amount charged against each owner in the original Charging Order from Board of Works, which was very moderate."

It was decided to inform Mr. Murphy that the amount required for Kilmannock and Sow Drainage Bad been agreed to and it was not possible now to provide for any amendment as the period for the issue of public notice of Rate had expired.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

Under date 22nd July 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.21226/39 Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned the following loans:-

Richard Hennessy £100 for house at Greenane, Killanne.

Daniel Sheehan, £150 for house at Clohamon, Ferns.

Under date 3rd August 1939 the Department of Local

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Garmain) that the Minister was not prepared to sanction increase in loan of £175 to Arthur Doyle for house at Tomnalosset, Enniscorthy.

COMPLAINT AS TO EMPLOYMENT

Under date 31st July 1939 the following was read from Mr. O. J. Murray, Wexford Street, Gorey:-

"On behalf of fourteen workers employed in Gorey Hill quarry by Mr. Treanor, A.C.S., I am requested to put before you the conditions under which we are at present obliged to work. They are as follows:- On Wily the 12th we got notice to report for work at 1 p.m. Some of us only got notice at 12 that day and none before 10 a.m. Consequently a number of men worked that afternoon for five hours for 2s. 6d or 2d more than a day's pay from the Exchange. Furthermore, on each day since, which (number in all 14 to date) we have worked eight hours and 40 minutes per day from 8.20 a.m. to 12 noon and from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. contrary to "The Conditions of Employment Act" which allows only for an eight hour day or a 48 hour week, but as we are only given five days work per week we are working 40 minutes per day overtime for which we receive no pay, as 40 hours should fulfil our week. We/not work on Saturdays and are not paid for them, whereas the staff men who get a full week give this 40 minutes in lieu of Saturday afternoon which they get free with a full day's pay, while we are obliged to work it free gratis and for nothing. For this overtime which amounts to nine hours in all up to July the 28th, we claim 5s. 72d per man, also 2s. 6d per man for July the 12th when we were deprived of earning the full day's pay. 8s. 12d. These are the hours, 40 minutes per day for 12 days. Total 8 hours with one hour on July the 12th. Total 9 hours in all.

We approached Mr. Swords, our ganger, on this subject

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and were toled that those were his orders.

In conclusion, hoping our grievence will be redressed as soon as possible, otherwise, we will be obliged to take further action to achieve same.

I have also a complaint to make regarding myself. I was transferred to the Gorey-Camolin road to Ganger J. Byrne for to carry out spraying operations on 24th July 1939 but I was told to not report for work on Saturday by order of Ganger Swords although I was the only person on that job deprived of working the full week as I presume it did not come under the 5 day heading. Consequently, I hold that I should have been allowed to work on Saturday with the other road workers. We must all be under similar conditions in one job."

The following reply under date 3rd August 1939 was read from Mr. T. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

"Your copy of letter from workers Roads Rural Relief Schemes Gorey received to-day and in connection with which I deg to state that the hours of work per day as set out therein are as stated as I am not aware of any regulation dealing with special time for work under this scheme - the hours worked being same as in case of the other County Council Workers.

Murray's statement as to work on Clough Road (Spraying) is also correct. He was sent to this job as there were not enough men available to carry on, and his services should have been continued until the work finished on the following day (Saturday). As I was on holidays I only learned of this happening on my return the same day as work had been finished on this road."

It was decided that Mr. Murray be paid for the time claimed by him while engaged on spraying work - Gorey-Camolin Road and that the portion of his letter claiming 8s. 12d for extra time by the fourteen workers be referred to County WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR The following under date 29th July 1939 (W.5/5/35) was read from Department of Agriculture(Fisheries Branch) :-"I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to refer to previous correspondence relative to the suggested carrying out of certain improvements at St. Helen's Harbour, Co. Wexford estimated by the County Surveyor to cost £900 and to state as follows:-The approval of the Exchequer has now been obtained to the making of a grant from State funds of not more than onehalf of the total cost of the works proposed, subject to a maximum of £450, on the following conditions:-(1) That the Council have prepared and submitted to the Office of Public Works a detailed plan, based on present conditions at the harbour, with a specification and estimate for the works which it is proposed to carry out for a sum of £900. (2) That a joint inspection be then made by an officer of the Office of Public Works and the County Surveyor so as to reach agreement on the details of the works. (3) That the works be carried out by the County Council in accordance with the plan as approved by the Office of Public Works. (A) That the County Council accept responsibility for the maintenance of the works. (5) That payment of the State contribution will not be made until the Office of Public Works are satisfied that the works have been properly completed. The Minister would be glad to learn that the Wexford County Council is prepared to agree to these conditions, and, if so, the Council will no doubt have the necessary plan, specification and estimate prepared and forwarded to the Office of Public Works, 51, St. Stephen's Green, Dublin." © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

"The Chairman pointed out that the real difficulty in this matter was that St. Helen's Harbour was not scheduled, and owing to that fact, the Council were not empowered to spend money on its repair. It was - to his mind - a border line case and it was possible that no objection would be made to any expenditure which the Council might make in order to re-inforce the amount from the Department."

Continuing the Secretary said it was his duty to point out that there was the risk of surcharge for any expenditure on a non-scheduled Harbour.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to accept the offer of Government Grant of £450 for improvement of St. Helen's Harbour on the terms and conditions set out in communication from the Department of Agriculture (Fisheries Branch) under date 29th July 1939 (W.5/5/35)."

ROADS AT MARSHALLSTOWN PARISH CHURCH AND SCHOOL

The following under date 27th July 1939 was read from Rev. A. O'Brien, Marshallstown, Enniscorthy:-

"It is over a year ago since the County Council promised to repair the roads in the immediate vicinity of Marshalstown Parish Church and School.

. Would you kindly bring the matter up at their next meeting. Now would be favourable opportunity for doing the work as the plant is in the parish - at the Milehouse - and that would save the expense of transport."

Miss O'Ryan said the Council had agreed that the portions of roadway facing Churches should be laid in tar macadam and

the statement in the letter of Father O'Brien that the County Council had directed such work in the vicinity of Marshallstown Church was perfectly correct.

The County Surveyor said he was most anxious to carry out all work of this description but could not do so until the Council provided the money.

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

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to do what is possible to lay down the road facing Marshallstown Church in tar macadam and that he report to the County Council meeting what is the approximate cost."

LICENCING OF COUNTY COUNCIL EXPLOSIVE STORE

It was decided to recommend the County Council at meeting on 14th August 1939 to issue licence for Explosive Store of the Council.

ROAD GRANTS

EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES - WINTER WORKS, NEW ROSS URBAN: Under date 18th July 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that for road and footpath works to be carried out in the ensuing autumn and winter a grant of £1955 (subject to a local contribution of £270) was available on the usual conditions.

Referred to County Surveyor.

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT: Under date 12th July 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RGM/201/39) that a provisional allocation of 40% of upkeep for main road expenditure had been agreed to - amount £12703; total expenditure £31759.

to make such other Orders in respect of same as County
Surveyor considers to be most suitable for the maintenance
of roads in question:-

John Byrne, Main St., Gorey (Road 143) and Patrick Kinsella, Ramsfort, Park, Gorey (Road 1025)."

WEXFORD BRIDGE

In connection with the borings for foundation of New Bridge at Wexford the following was read from County Surveyor under date 1st August 1939:-

"I beg to inform you, for the information of the Council, that I put advertisements in the Dublin and local Press inviting Tenders for borings at Wexford Bridge. I received enquiries from three firms, and finally, quotations from two, namely, Messrs. R. J. Campbell and Company, 17, Merrion Row, Dublin and the Irish Boring Company, 23-25 Blackhall Place, Dublin. Both of these Firms are of standing, and I went thoroughly into the details of their prices with Captain Harvey and found that the Tender of the Irish Boring Company worked out more satisfactory. Accordingly, I have placed the work with the Irish Boring Company and it is now in progress."

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

"That the Finance Committee approves of the arrangement made by County Surveyor with the Irish Boring Company, 23-25 Blackhall Place, Dublin, in connection with borings for proposed new bridge at Wexford at the rates quoted by the said Boring Company under date 6th June 1939." X

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that up to the present the contractor had not reached the "hard".

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

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Notices issued under Section 158 of Road Traffic Act to regulate traffic over Wexford Bridge and that said notices be signed by County Surveyor."

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS

Sergeant Motherway, Garda Siochana, Castlebridge, wrote notifying his intention to apply for the committal to an Industrial School of William Cheevers, Barnahask, Curracloe, who was charged with larceny.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

The Inspector, National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children (Wexford Branch) notified his intention of applying to Court for committal to Industrial School of Vencent Fintan Black (Illegitimate), Ballinagee, Wexford, four years old; Margaret Connors, 8 years old and Mary Connors 6 years old, both of Coolhull, Carrig-on-Bannow (sisters). The mother is dead and relatives had provided for the four other children in the family. Applications to be made under Section 58(1)(B) Childrens Act 1908.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDERS 1936 AND 1939
The following under date 13th July 1939 (L.350/39) was
read from Department of Agriculture:-

"With reference to your letter of 4th instant relative to the proposed payment of a sum of £20 to Mr. T. A. Frizelle Accountant, in respect of clerical work performed by him in connection with the administration of the above-mentioned Orders during the past season, I am directed by the Minister for Agriculture to state that he is communicating with the Department of Local Government and Public Health in the matter."

The following under date 21st July 1939 (G.21099-39) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to the communication received in this Department from the Department of Agriculture regarding the payment to Mr. T. A. Frizelle, Accountant, in connection with the administration of the Warble Fly (Treatment of Cattle) Order 1936, and I am to state that he will raise no objection to the payment to Mr. Frizelle of a sum of Twenty pounds."

REPORT OF MR. T. A. MERNAGH, M.R.C.V.S.: The following report under date 1st August 1939 was submitted:-

"The working of the Warble Fly Orders 1936 and 1939 in my area for the year 1939 has shown good improvement on previous years. The Inspectors carried out their duties well, and any special instructions given by me were always promptly attended to. The slackers are now well known to the Inspectors, who pay special attention to them and they always go back to see that the cattle are dressed.

Re Cattle dealers, they gave a lot of trouble in the beginning of the year and we found in the first fairs that they had not their cattle dressed, excuse given being that they were only bought a couple of days, usually in the adjoining country. On this matter being reported to me I interviewed the persons in question and there was 100% improvement in the following fairs. I was in touch with the Inspectors in my area on an average twice weekly."

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 4th August 1939 be received and considered."

APPOINTMENT CLERICAL ASSISTANT: Col. Quin - Why reserve the position to the County? We are all Irish.

Chairman - The ratepayers are going to foot the bill.

Col. Quin - Get the best man.

Chairman - There are 95,000 people in the County
Wexford and 50,000 familes - 40,000 ratepayers, and we should
get a good clerk amongst them.

Col. Quin - But we're all Irish. Why should we talk about the people in the next County as foreigners.

Chairman - They are not foreigners. We are within our legal rights to confine it.

Mr. Corish - We are only doing what every other County is doing.

Mr. Kelly said £90 a year was very small if they were to get a good man. It was the lowest rate in Ireland.

Secretary - The Finance Committee have decided that a junior clerk be appointed.

Miss O'Ryan said she saw recently where an urban area in the County excluded candidates from rural areas for an appointment.

Secretary - The Chairman was against restricting this appointment to rural areas.

The Secretary said there was something at Wexford Corporation in connection with restricting a clerkship to the urban area.

Mr. Corish said it was mentioned but the majority of the Corporation appointed a rural person - a girl from Rathaspeck.

Regarding the recommendation that the examination be held by the Appointments Commissioners, Mr. Corish asked if there was any reason why that should be done. The County Council had little enough left in their own hands at present.

Miss O'Ryan - We will have to fill the job by competitive examination. They will only hold the examination.

Mr. Corish - But the Appointments Commissioners have a way of interfering in such matters.

Chairman - The appointment will be temporary for 12 months and if you are not satisfied you have twelve months in which to make a change.

Mr. Corish said many a poor candidate could not go to Dublin for the examination.

Mr. O'Byrne - We could have it held lecally.

Chairman - It would cost some money to bring examiners down.

Mr. Corish - They could send down the examination papers and appoint a local person to superintend the examination the same as the Technical examinations.

Col. Quin - We had some splendid examiners and we insulted them and they won't examine any more.

Mr. Doyle - What was the procedure in the past?

Secretary - The last appointment was made by examination by two local examiners.

Mr. Kinsella - You saw the cost in Offaly where the Appointments Commissioners charged £25. 10s. to appoint a junior clerk. Don't get us into the hole.

The Chairman said that from time to time exception was taken by local people to local examiners and it was not fair then to ask any local man to carry out the examination.

On the proposition of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr.

Kinsella it was decided to obtain examination papers from
the Appointments Commission and arrange for a local

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examination superintendent.

The Secretary was instructed to ascertain from Local Appointments Commissioners what would be the approximate cost of the examination and if they were prepared to send down examination papers to a local superintendent would take charge of them.

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction the conditions which the County Council have decided should govern the appointment of Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices."

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS: The Secretary stated that the proposals of the Scholarship Committee at last monthly meeting to reduce the University Scholarships from four to two and apply the money, viz., £140 to Agricultural Scholarships to be awarded by the Department of Agriculture (through the County Wexford Committee of Agriculture) had b been held over to ascertain if any objection would be made to it. Up to the present, there was no dissentient. Continuing, the Secretary said there was a great outcry that the County Council were not doing as much for agriculture in the matter of scholarships as they ought to do. Members of the Council, who were on the County Committee of Agriculture, would remember when the last list of competitors for scholarships was submitted at the County Committee, there was plenty of material by which they could supply the proposed new scholarships. They could easily get candidates up to 24 and 25 to sit for the examination. It was rather a drastic proposal, and to a certain extent a sort of The idea would be given a trial for any one year to see how many scholarships they would get for agricultural colleges.

Mr. O'Byrne - We are going to secure a benefit for the people by this, and I propose the adoption of the following resolution:- "That provisions of University Scholarship Scheme as obtained in 1938 be and the same are hereby agreed to with the necessary changes as to dates and with the exception of the following as recommended by Scholarship Committee:- That the number of University Scholarships be reduced from Four to Two and that the figures for Income and Valuation be increased by 10% in each case and that the money taken from University Scholarship fund be applied for Agricultural Scholarships."

Chairman - When do we adopt the Scholarship Scheme for 1940-41?

Secretary - Now, because you must have your curriculum and all your conditions prepared and submitted to the schools in the meantime. Really this is the latest period we ever adopted University Scholarship Schemes up to the present.

Chairman - We are committing ourselves a year ahead.

Mr. Corish - Heretofore, there were scholarships
without any stipulation.

Secretary - Now the idea is to have the two University Scholarships next year and to hand and to hand the amount for the two cut out of the Scheme over to the Agricultural Committee for Agricultural Scholarships on the condition that the Department of Agriculture will give similar amount. A number of people made representations that something more should be done for the rural community as regards scholarships for boys.

Miss O'Ryan - I think there should be something done, and Mr. Frizelle is on the right lines in suggesting that we should do more for the rural population. From the point of view of people living on the land it looks as if we are doing nothing at all for them compared with people living

within reasonable distance of urban schools. The total amount spent in University Scholarships for the past five years was £4,454. 13s. and of this figure the amount contributed by the rural area was £3,965. 5s. and the urban areas contributed only £489. 8s. so that four-fifths of the amount was levied on the land. Boys and girls in country areas where the bigger proportion of the money is put up, don't get the same facilities as the boys and girls in urban! areas. The system should not be continued without going into the matter and see if something more could be done for the people in the rural area. Proceeding, Miss O'Ryan said she thought the children of the hard-working farmer or farm labourer should have the opportunity of going to the top of the professions. She did not care how big a farmer was, the farmer who farmed intensively and put his money back inte the land and gave employment had not the ready money at the end of the year for his boy or girl as had the man who was in receipt of a regular salary. If they were cut out from University Scholarships they were going to have a country of professions run by others than by the people of the rural They had Professors who did not come from the country, and did not know about the economic life of the country and she believed the adoption of some such scheme as suggested would eventually reflect itself on the rural area.

The Secretary said if they did not want to cut down the University Scholarships they could give an extra £140 to the County Committee of Agiculture which would carry 14 agricultural scholarships without interfering with the others. It would leave four university scholarships as always.

Miss O'Ryan said they could give power to a Committee to deal with it.

Secretary - You could refer it to the Finance Committee.

Miss O'Ryan said they could consider a scheme whereby

the money would be equally divided between the boys and girls from the rural area, who derived a living from the land, and the urban areas.

Mr. Doyle asked if they would propose allocating to the rural areas an amount in proportion to their contributions.

Miss O'Ryan said of 32 students of the past five years who were either in receipt of or granted University Scholarships only ten were children of parents deriving a living from the land.

Mr. Keegan said they should have a Special Committee to deal with the matter because of its importance.

Chairman - Whatever change you make now will probably operate for some time to come.

Miss O'Ryan - We should go into the secondary scholarships on the same basis.

Mr. Keegan - Wouldn't these things be for a Committee to decide?

Miss O'Ryan - You have six scholarships and six bursaries in secondary schools and these bursaries are in urban areas. It is very doubtful if more than two of the students have anything to do with land.

Chairman - The argument is that people who pay rates on land get scarcely any return for this money paid in secondary and university education.

Mr. O'Byrne, having agreed that further consideration of his resolution be adjourned, it was decided on the proposition of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. R. Doyle that the following committee be appointed to consider the Scholarship Schemes:- Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Miss O'Ryan, T. McCarthy, R. Doyle and Sean O'Byrne.

BALLINCASH LANE: It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan, seconded by Mr. Kelly that the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs. Keegan and O'Byrne, with the County Surveyor, inspect and report as to what steps they consider should be taken relative to Ballincash Lane to meet in Oulart village at 5 p.m. on 18th Agust 1939.

"That the proposal made by Mr. O'Byrne at Finance Committee to provide additional accommodation to the Engineer's house at Mental Hospital, cost not to exceed £200, be adopted."

Mr. Redmond seconded and asked why should the County
Council spend £900 when it was the opinion of several
members that an addition which would be in every way suitable
could be made to the present house for about £150 or £200.

Mr. Corish asked would they be throwing good money after bad by spending the £150 or £200 and not putting up new house

Mr. O'Byrne said they could not dictate to the Mental Hospital Committee. He thought it was not necessary to borrow £900. Reasonable provision\$ could be made for a house extension at £200.

Mr. Smyth said it was stated the County Council members had at first agreed to the loan, and then went back of it. That was not so. They agreed to £500 and the estimate was riased to £900. The Land Commission was building houses for farmers at half that amount. When he agreed to the £500, he had not seen the house, but he now thought that it could be adequately improved by spending £200 on it.

Mr. Keegan said that he was sure Mr. Smyth and Mr. O'Byrne were quite fair and above board in what they had done. The Mental Hospital Committee agreed to provide a house at £600, but the Department raised the estimate to £900. The Management Committee was not to blame. The present engineer had a family of nine children and it was

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not right to have them so near the compound of inmates.

There was no hurry about the new house, and the Committee had tradesmen who could build the new house in a year or so. The existing house could be let to an attendant. The Department had held up the house for the past two years. A house with four apartments was not big enough for parents and nine children. Mr. O'Eyrne's suggestion to add to the present house might cost more than a new house in the end, as they had no estimate for the work. He proposed the resolution he had submitted at the Finance Committee that the Council agree to a loan of £700.

Mr. Kelly seconded.

The Chairman said they should leave it to the Committee's discretion, and ask them to reconsider the matter. The County Council could always veto the loan if the amount was too big.

Mr. Ronan said it was not the business of the County Council to direct the Mental Hospital Committee. Labourers' cottages cost £240, and a house twice that size or at about £600 should be big enough.

The Chairman said the Committee in a body should see the existing house and re-consider the matter. A loan of £900 would cost £54 a year to repay.

It was decided to refer the matter back to the Mental Hospital Committee to reconsider the position generally.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS: Mr. Kelly asked if the money available under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act was used up?

Secretary - That is correct.

Mr. Kelly - Is it the intention of the Council to raise any other loan?

Secretary - No.

Mr. Kelly - Why? We rased one £10,000 loan under

84 the Act and the previous Council raised two loans of £10,000. I think the Act worked out very satisfactorily and there are a number of people wanting loans who cannot get them. Chairman - We have actually raised £30,000 and we allocated most of it. Twelve months or six months ago there was very little demand for loans from the people they were originally meant for, such as small fermers. I think we have done our duty very well in the matter of housing. There: are many County Councils that did not raise anything under this Act. Mr. Kelly - That is their own fault. Chairman - In twelve months we hope to have a County Manager and it will be a matter for him then. Mr. O'Byrne - There is no grant available now. Mr. Corish - There are people becoming interested in the Act now that should have been interested before. The Chairman said it was quite possible by the 31st March next the Act would be changed, and when the new Bill became law it would be time enough to consider it. Mr. Kelly - I suggest that the public be informed that there is no money available under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. The matter dropped. EXPLOSIVE STORE: The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Ronan:-"That Explosive Store at Ballyboggan for the holding of mixed explosives utilised for the preparation of Road Material be licenced by County Council." On the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer, the following resolution was adopted:-"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 4th August 1939 as submitted to this meeting be, and the same are, hereby confirmed and approved except in so far as same may have been © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

PENSIONABLE BASIS FOR RATE COLLECTORS

The following motion, of which he had given previous notice, was moved by Mr. O'Byrne:-

"That the following Rate Collectors of County Council now employed on a non-pensionable basis be - (subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health) - placed on a pensionable basis, viz.:- Rate Collectors William Doyle, Philip Doyle, Michael McCarthy, Patrick Nolan, Sean Gannon, John Deegan, John Flood, Denis Kenny, Art Dunne, Maurice Kehoe and Patrick Carty."

In moving his motion, Mr. O'Byrne said it created a certain amount of dissatisfaction to have some Rate Collectors entitled to a pension and others not. If they agreed to the proposal it would not mean any financial loss to the Council and the proposal was recommended by the Finance Committee.

Mr. Michael Redmond seconded.

The Chairman said that they would save the contributions for National Health and Unemployment Stamps by the resolution, if adopted.

The proposal was adopted, Col. Quin dissenting.

SUPERANNUATION - MR. S. HAYES, EX-CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The following motion, which was circulated to the members of the County Council on 7th July 1939 stood in the name of Mr. Colfer:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on Monday, 14th August 1939, that superannuation allowance be granted to Mr. Stephen Hayes, former Clerical Assistant in County Council Offices, who has resigned his position on the grounds of ill-health and that the amount of superannuation allowance payable be fixed at said meeting."

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In moving his motion, Mr. Colfer said that Mr. Hayes had $18\frac{1}{2}$ years service and as he resigned owing to ill-health he (Mr. Colfer) asked the Council to add $1\frac{1}{2}$ years to his service so that he would obtain the amount of superannuation based on 20 years' service.

Mr. Corish seconded.

The Chairman said the Council would be only wasting their time in asking the Department of Local Government to agree to added service.

Mr. Corish said the request for added years' service might do more harm than good, more particularly in view of the fact that the Department had set their face against agreeing to this procedure for a long time past.

Mr. Kelly said the Department had agreed to added years in the case of an Attendant of the Mental Hospital.

Col. Quin was against the proposal for added service.

The Chairman said the Council were aware that a very large number of applications for added years' service had been turned down.

After further discussion Mr. Colfer's proposal was adopted.

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

"That superannuation allowance to Mr. Stephen Hayes, ex-clerical assistant County Council Offices be fixed at £66. 12. O represented by eighteen years' service and that the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to sanction this proposal."

TOWN PLANNING

Circular Letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (Circ.S.82/39) under date 13th July 1939 relative to the Town and Regional Planning (Amendment) Act 1939 with summary of the provisions of the measure, were

submitted.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Mr. Colfer, that consideration of the adoption of the Act etc., be deferred for the present.

ROAD MATTERS

MAINTENANCE OF BY-ROADS: Mr. Bolger asked if anything was to be done with by roads? He saw places where stones were no use unless they were prepared to spend £5 per perch on the middle of the road. From Camolin to Ballyduff there were tons of stones rolling around and stones going on the road at the present time. The one place where they were wanted was on the middle of the road. He was prepared to go around with the Assistant Surveyors and point out these things to them. There was no use putting stones on the sides of the roads to be washed away the next day by a heavy shower. The by roads would be a problem in the future and he thought something should be done with them. He was sure the Chairman had the same experience. He went on to refer to a road where, he said, there was only the one water-table and that was in the middle of it.

Chairman - We had this up at the last meeting and it was referred to County surveyor to see if Mr. Bolger's suggestion could be carried out.

Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor - What Mr. Bolger has told you is exaggerated very much. The roads are not nearly as bad as he says. They are in fairly good order.

Mr. Kinsella said Mr. Bolger had suggested a certain experiment over a certain distance.

Mr. Treanor - We are doing it every Winter.

Mr. Bolger - Put no stones on the roads and what money is spent on them spend it on scavenging.

Mr. Keegan - It boils itself down to this that Mr. Bolger is not satisfied with the system of road-making in his district. It is a question for Mr. Bolger and the

rejection of the proposal.

Mr. Corish - We had a proposal that time that the road be done from Ballycullane to Poulfur. Could the County Surveyor do anything on the road from Poulfur to the new line - what would it cost?

The County Surveyor said about £4000.

After further discussion Mr. Corish gave notice of motion that the County Council borrow £4000 for the reconstruction of this road, motion to be considered at October meeting.

Col. Quin said he understood they had decided to spend no more extra money on roads but to stick to the amount set out in the Road Works Scheme.

In reply to Mr. Corish, Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, said they had the breaker near this road last week and they were preparing material to fill the holes.

County Surveyor - That road used to be repaired with sea gravel and gravel won't stand modern road traffic.

Mr. Kinsella contended that the road from Enniscorthy to Curracloe was the worst in the County.

Mr. Keegan held that this unenvious distinction should go to the road from Path Lane to Ballymoney in Go ey district but Col. Quin said this road was not so bad as was stated.

ROAD AT KILLURIN: It was decided, on the proposal of Miss O'Ryan that the road passing the police barracks in Killurin off Glynn road to Main road be referred to County Surveyor for report.

COUNTY SCHEME

Under date 30th June 1939 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P/81/1939 - Ilgh) forwarding copy of Order made by the Minister on 2nd May 1939 amending and modifying the County Scheme.

Referred to County Board of Health and Public Assistance.
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(1) Repairs of Roads (Nos. 615, 618 and 633) between Kyle Cross and Castlebridge at a maximum cost of £250. (2) Repair of Road (No. 895) at Bannow New School at a . maximum cost of £120. (3) Repair of Road (No. 359) at Killanne Church, at a maximum cost of £170. (4) Repair of Road (No. 275) at Marshalstown R.C. Church and School, at a maximum cost of £200." The County Surveyor explained the necessity for urgency in each of the above-mentioned instances. NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT 1930 FERRYCARRIG CASTLE: Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, reported that he had not yet been able to get in touch with Lord Donaghmore who was believed to be the owner of this Castle which had been declared to be an Ancient Monument. COOLHULL CASTLE, BALLYCOGLEY: The following under date, 20th June 1939 (C.94/49/1/36) was read from Office of Public Works:-"With reference to your letter dated 9th instant, we beg to state that Coolhull Castle is in our view a National Monument within the meaning of the National Monuments Act 1930 and as such it is eligible for guardianship by the County Council." Miss Kathleen Browne, Rathronan Castle, Bridgetown, a member of Local Advisory Committee under National Monuments Act, wrote under date 13th July 1939 that one corner of the tower at Coolhull fell last winter and to save the remainder it would have to be repaired. Fr. Luke Wadding's father was born in this Castle and also his namesake the Bishop of Ferns It was decided on the motion of the Chairman, seconded by Miss O'Ryan, that the County Surveyor inspect and report as to the probable cost of carrying out work of preservation at Coolhull Castle. © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

In reply to your letter dated the 19th ultimo, we beg to state that the National Monuments Act, 1930, contains no provision for beasing a monument. Section 5 of the Act, however, provides for guardianship by Deed, in which case the monument remains vested in the owner for the time being, and the Deed is binding on every person thereafter claiming through and under such owner. The acceptance of gruardianship by the County Council would appear to meet the owner's wishes in this case."

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

"That the County Council (in order to meet the wishes of Lord Mountgarrett in the matter) hereby accepts the guardianship of Mountgarrett Castle and that the County Secretary arrange with the County Solicitor as to the necessary deeds etc. for vesting the guardianship of the structure in the Council."

RYLAND QUARRY

Under date 5th August 1939 Rev. Canon W. R. B. Fry, St. Mary's Rectory, Bunclody, wrote that the blasting at Ryland Quarry had evidently interfered with the stream providing water for his yard and field which caused very great inconvenience. He understood that it was contemplated to bring the water from Bunclody town to the houses at Ryland and if the County Council would have a gripe laid up to the Rectory yard he (Rev. Mr. Fry) would make no trouble about the water which had been taken from him by the blasting work at the quarry. He was sure the Council Council would not wish him to be without the water which he had enjoyed for over 30

years.

The County Surveyor said he was to see Canon Fry on the 17th August 1939 and he would make a report to the Council as a result.

AGREEMENT, IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

The following resulution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Corish seconded by Mr. Bolger:-

"That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association (Incorporated) fixing the amount of the Contribution to be made by the County Council to the Irish Tourist Association for the year commencing the 1st day of April 1939."

LICENCES POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT 1908

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

"That New Licence under Poisons and Pharmack Act 1908
be issued to Thomas Carr, Hollyfort, Gorey (licence to issue
when payment of fees has been made) and Renewals of thecences
to Henry Hill, Ballycanew; N. Tackaberry, Bunclody and Garrett
Byrne, Bree, Ballyhogue."

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT

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

"That the several proposals for payment - including proposals for payment to Contractors for maintenance of roads and works as certified by County Surveyor on Form 22 - be, and the same are hereby agreed to and that Pay Orders for same issue from this meeting."