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WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

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MONTHLY MEETING 14th SEPTEMBER 1936.

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MINUTES

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County Hall,  
WEXFORD.

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

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The Monthly Meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th September 1936.

Present:- Mr. D. Allen (Chairman) presiding; also, Messrs. J. J. Bowe, Patk. Colfer, John Connors, R. Corish, C. Culleton, John Day, Col. C. M. Gibbon, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Thomas McCarthy, Philip Murphy, Sean O'Byrne, Miss N. O'Ryan, Col. R. P. Wemyss Quin, Michael Redmond, Thos. Redmond, Patk. Ronan, Myles Smyth and James E. Walsh.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Notes for £1637. 2. 5d were examined and signed.

#### THE LATE REV. T. HORE, P.P., MONAGEER

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Corish that the following reply to vote of condolence to Rev. D. Hore, P.P., Rathnure, in the death of his brother, Rev. T. Hore, P.P., Monageer, be inserted on the minutes of the day:-

"Please convey to your Council my deepest gratitude for its expression of sympathy on the death of my brother, Very Rev. T. Hore, and I also wish to thank yourself for your kind appreciation of him."

#### THE LATE MR. JOHN SWEETMAN

Miss O'Ryan, in proposing a vote of sympathy with Mr. Malachi Sweetman, County Councillor, in the death of his father, the late John Sweetman, Drumbarragh, Co. Meath, said that Mr. Sweetman was a member of a great County Wexford family and like other great Wexford people, he



taught them the gospel of self-reliance. She was glad he saw a great many of the ideas for which he worked accomplished, and she hoped, before a great many years had passed, these ideas will be totally accomplished. They were all with her in expressing their sympathy with their esteemed colleague, Mr. Malachi Sweetman and other members of the family in their sad bereavement.

Mr. O'Byrne seconded Miss O'Ryan's proposition, and went on to say that the late John Sweetman always stood for the freedom of his country. He saw him a prisoner in 1916, and at Griffith's funeral. Mr. Sweetman was certainly a loss to the country and one whose record the people should be proud of.

The Secretary said that the late Mr. Sweetman was a life-long Nationalist who during the course of a very long life fought the battle of the tenant farmers in season and out of season. He was an outstanding man, who lived to a great old age, and kept the flag flying until he died in harness.

Alderman Corish and the Chairman associated themselves with the resolution which was passed in the usual manner.

#### THE LATE MR. AIDAN O'ROURKE

A vote of condolence in the sudden death of Aidan O'Rourke, St. John's Villas, Enniscorthy, first cousin of Mr. J. P. Kelly, County Councillor, was adopted to the latter on the motion of Mr. Colfer seconded by Mr. Corish.

The Secretary also offered personal sympathy to Mr. Kelly.

#### CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING HELD 14th AUGUST 1936: The following minutes of Finance Committee in respect of above meeting submitted as follows were approved on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer:-



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 14th August, 1936.

Present:- Mr. R. Corish (Vice-Chairman) presiding, also present, Messrs. P. Colfer and Sean O'Byrne.

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4614. 2. 9d was examined and signed.

#### OLD WEXFORD COURTHOUSE PREMISES

The County Surveyor submitted an application from James Barry, Tramore, to rent Wexford Old Courthouse site at £5 per week for the purpose of holding an amusement fair.

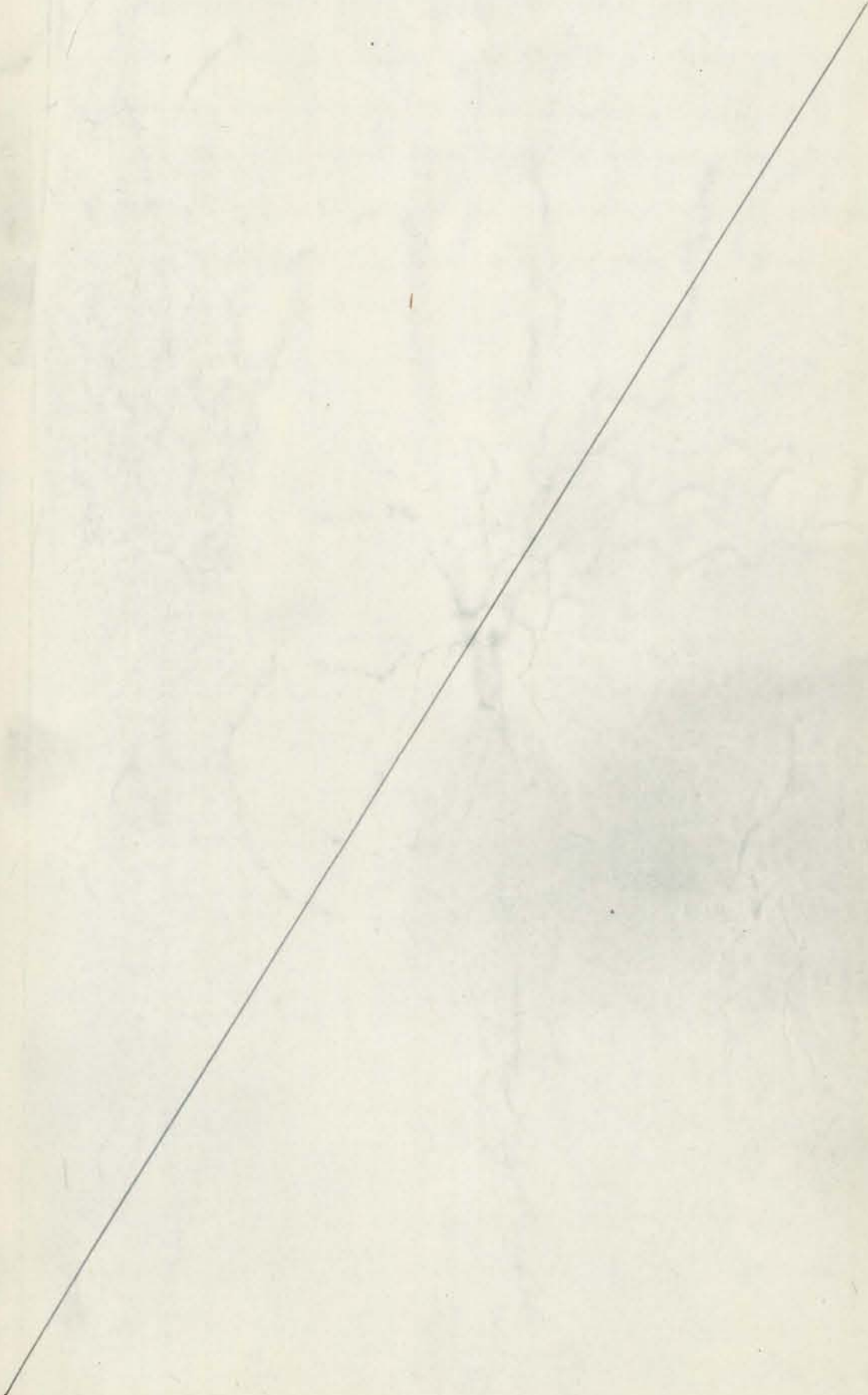
Mr. Elgee, Solicitor, pointed out that the letting might entail a demand for payment of rates and of Income Tax.

Having considered the matter, the Committee decided it would be unwise to accept the offer of Mr. James Barry.

The remainder of the business was, owing to the small attendance - consequent on Dail Election activities - adjourned to next meeting.



MINUTES OF MEETING 28th AUGUST 1936: The Minutes of  
Finance Committee in respect of above meeting were  
submitted as follows:-





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The fortnightly meeting of the Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 28th August, 1936.

Present:- Messrs. P. Colfer, W. Cullimore, W. P. Keegan, John P. Kelly, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4041. 8. 10d was examined and signed.

#### RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following is the state of Rate Collection up to date:-

S. Gannon	12.9
J. Deegan	10.0
W. Cummins	9.7
J. J. O'Reilly	9.6
J. Cummins	9.5
A. Dunne	8.6
D. Kenny	8.3
P. Doyle	7.8
J. Quirke	6.9
E. J. Murphy	6.9
J. Curtis	6.4
W. Doyle	6.1
M. Murphy	6.1
M. McCarthy	5.0
J. Flood	5.0
M. Kehoe	5.0
P. Carty	4.8
J. J. Sinnott	4.6
P. Nolan	<u>4.4</u>

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In reply to the Chairman, the Rates Inspector said that some of the Collectors could have done more: a number of them had not yet served all their demand notes.

The Chairman said these Collectors should be informed by Rates Inspector they must have all their demand notes served by the end of the month; in fact, this work should



not have been held over till now.

It was decided that Rates Inspector inform the following Collectors they must be able to show by next meeting a very substantial improvement in the amount collected; otherwise, the Finance Committee will be compelled to take serious action:- Messrs. M. McCarthy, J. Flood, M. Kehoe, P. Carty, J. J. Sinnott and P. Nolan.

PROPOSED NEW SYSTEM PAYMENT RATE COLLECTORS: In connection with proposed change in the method of paying their remuneration to Rate Collectors, after considerable discussion the following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by the Chairman:-

"That, in order to provide interim payments to Rate Collectors during collection period, we recommend the County Council to pay the Collectors on amounts calculated at 7d poundage on existing warrant as follows:- 60% to be paid monthly and the balance at the end of the collection period provided a certificate is furnished by the County Secretary that every possible step has been taken by the Collectors to recover all outstanding items, and that the Finance Committee and the County Council are satisfied in the matter."

PAYMENT OF POUNDAGE: Under date 6th August, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.157045-36 Loch Garman) that the Minister would on this occasion raise no objection to the payment of poundage at the rate of 7d in the £ to Collectors W. Cummins and M. Murphy in respect of second moiety warrants for 1935-36.



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PERSONAL SURETY OF RATE COLLECTOR: In connection with Bank reference relative to Edmond Crean, Ballyeland, Davids-town, proposed personal surety for Sean Gannon, Rate Collec-tor, this Collector wrote under date 27th August, 1936, that apart from his Bank Balance, Mr. Crean's property was value for at least £1000. He, therefore, asked the Finance Committee to reconsider their refusal to accept Mr. Crean as one of his personal sureties.

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

"That the County Council be recommended to accept Mr. Edmond Crean, Ballyeland, Davidstown, as personal surety for Rate Collector Gannon."

ARREARS OF RATES: The following under date 22nd August 1936 (G.17281-36-Loch Garman) was read from Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your communica-tion of the 19th instant, and to state that he has noted the intentions of the Council in regard to arrears of rates. A thorough investigation of the circumstances of the case should be carried out before relieving any occupier of his liability on foot of rates. The Council should, in every case, satisfy themselves that the Collector has made full use of his powers in regard to arrears not covered by a Court Order. Where there is a possibility of collection of any rate under the part-payment system, the Council would not be justified in declaring arrears irrecoverable. The current warrants and Demand Notes cannot, of course, now be altered and any decision the Council may now come to cannot be given effect to before the statutory meeting to be held in accordance with Article 102 of the Public Bodies Orders in April next.

In regard to the last paragraph of your letter, I am to request that a statement of the amounts collected during the last financial year in each District under the arrangement sanctioned in this Department's letter of the 26th September last, be now furnished."

The following Order was agreed to:- "That Rate Col-lectors be instructed to mark on printed sheets of irrecov-erable rates the items which, in their opinion, are absolute-ly irrecoverable. That the Rate Collectors' rulings be examined by the Finance Committee and the Collector concerned



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be summoned to meeting of Finance Committee to explain in detail his reasons for striking off any items in respect of which the Committee think there is any possibility of obtaining payment of any portion of the arrears."

COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

The following letter under date 19th August 1936 (P.H.167925/36 Loch Garman Ae) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th instant with regard to the question of the return to duty of Dr. C. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, and I am to state that the Minister considers that a certificate as to Dr. Bastible's fitness to resume duty should be furnished by the Medical Officer in charge of the nursing home in which Dr. Bastible was under treatment before the County Council allow him to resume duty."

The following under date 22nd August, 1936, was read from Dr. Richard R. Leeper, F.R.C.S.I., St. Patrick's Hospital, James Street, Dublin:-

"I am not in a position to express any opinion as regards Dr. C. Bastible's fitness for return to his duties."

The following under date 26th August, 1936, was read from Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health:-

"I received your letter of the 20th instant together with your enclosure of the 19th instant from the Department of Local Government and Public Health. I have forwarded your communication to my Solicitors, Messrs. D. & T. Fitzgerald, 30 Anglesea Street, Dublin, who are agents for Messrs. Le Brassau Oakley, London.

For the future address all communications for me to the above Solicitors."

Under date 26th August 1936, the following was read



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from Miss Browne, Clerk in the office of County Medical Officer of Health:-

"I have been directed by Dr. Bastible to inform you that he is resuming duty on the 1st September, 1936."

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

"That Mr. Elgee, Solicitor to the County Council, be instructed to inform Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, that he cannot resume duty in view of the fact that the Medical Certificate referred to in the letter of the Department of Local Government and Public Health under date 19th August, 1936 (P.H.167925/36 - Loch Garman Ae) is not forthcoming."

#### LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT 1925

Under date 12th August, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (12th August 1936 - S.104690-1936) asking for payment of £146. 13. 10d, amount assessed on Wexford County under above Act.

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

"That County Council be recommended to pay £146. 13. 10d amount assessed on Wexford County under Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act 1925, in respect of year ended 31st March 1936."

#### UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT

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

"That the County Surveyor submit to next meeting of Finance Committee particulars of the most useful works to be carried out under Unemployment Relief Grants."



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#### NEW ROSS URBAN DISTRICT AND ROAD GRANT

Under date 27th August 1936, the Town Clerk, New Ross, wrote that the Urban Council had decided unanimously to accept the Government Grant of £460 for repair etc. of New Ross streets and to provide a like sum by borrowing. The Council were arranging with the County Surveyor to meet them and discuss the expenditure of the £920.

#### FETHARD AND SLADE PIERS

At the last meeting of the County Council the following from Fethard Fianna Fail Cumann was referred to the Finance Committee:-

"The Cumann wish to bring under notice the very bad state of the harbours at Fethard and Slade and would like to suggest that the time is now opportune to apply to the Government for a grant for same."

It was decided that the County Surveyor should submit short report relative to the two harbours in question to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

#### ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR

Under date 21st August 1936, the Office of Public Works, Dublin, wrote that the Parliamentary Secretary considered that a grant from Unemployment Schemes Vote would not be warranted towards the cost of the improvement of St. Helen's Harbour in view of the unemployment position in the Saint Helen's area.

It was decided to request Messrs. Allen and Corish, T.D.s to point out how employment in the area would be helped and developed by the improvement of this harbour, and to use their best efforts towards having the improvement scheme outlined by the County Council carried out.



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COURTOWN HARBOUR - CHARGE FOR THE USE OF CRANE

Under date 20th August 1936, Mr. W. H. Kearon, Wave Crest, Arklow, wrote that the ship "Ivy P" was loading a cargo of slate powder at Courtown Harbour for Liverpool and would return with a cargo of coal. The employment of the steam crane would be necessary for discharging. The usual charge for this was 6d per ton and he was prepared to pay at this rate in connection with the discharge of coal cargo.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Keegan seconded by Mr. Colfer to accept the offer of 6d per ton for use of steam crane for this particular cargo, and that the Finance Committee recommend to the Council the charges for this and other matters at the harbour which, in their opinion, should obtain.

RAILWAY OVERBRIDGE RENEWAL

The County Surveyor submitted application from Acting District Engineer, Great Southern Railways, Waterford, as to carrying out renewal of overbridge 373 near 92½ miles (New Ross Branch) on a Sunday towards the end of September or beginning of October. The Engineer requested that the necessary steps for the closing of the road for possibly two or three days should be taken. Exact dates would be furnished later and the expense incurred in connection with the closing of the road would be borne by the Railway Company.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered to make the necessary arrangements for closing road to allow of renewal of Railway overbridge No. 373 (New Ross Branch)."

PROPOSED MOTOR PARKING PLACE AT BALLYMONEY, GOREY.

Representations made by residents of Ballymoney and district to establish a parking place for motor vehicles at an unused strip of land adjoining the road at Ballymoney and



which were before the last meeting of the Council were referred to the Finance Committee.

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

"That the County Surveyor arrange for a consultation as to the proposal to establish motor vehicle parking place at Ballymoney, Gorey, with Mr. Richard O'Brien and Dr. Cooke, as the latter claims the piece of land which it is suggested to use for the purpose is his property and that the County Surveyor report result of this conference to the Finance Committee."

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

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

"That the Rates Inspector submit to the Finance Committee a <sup>Six</sup> monthly report showing in the case of each house towards the cost of erection of which loan has been advanced by the Council, the amount of rent accrued and the amount paid to the last day of each month."

Under date 13th August 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (H.161700-36 Loch Garman) approving of an advance of £130 to Mr. Owen Hiney (Enniscorthy) under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts.

#### KILMORE HARBOUR - DUTIES OF HARBOUR MASTER

Under date 13th August 1936, the Secretary, Board of Health wrote stating that members of the Board had pointed out it was the intention of the County Council to include in the duties of Harbour Master for Kilmore Harbour the care-taking of the urinals on the pier.

It appeared that in the bond signed by Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, he was to be responsible for the sanitary condition of the Pier, the Harbour and its surroundings, and that when bond was signed urinals had been erected on the



pier.

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

"That Patrick Kehoe, Harbour Master, Kilmore, be informed that according to the terms of his bond with the County Council he is responsible for the sanitary condition of the Pier, and the Finance Committee have been advised that this includes the caretaking of the urinals."

CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT 1936

Report as to the employment of "young persons" and the responsibility of the County Council in regard to same was read from Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor. Having dealt with the various sections of the Act relative to the employment of this particular class, Mr. Elgee pointed out that the County Surveyor would have to obtain certificates of Birth of all "young persons" who are employed by him on road work to satisfy himself that the provisions of the Act have been complied with. This applied not only to workers employed directly under the Council but also to those employed by Haulage Contractors. In addition, special Time Sheets would have to be kept for all "young persons" employed.

It was decided to refer the report to the County Surveyor.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS - TAKING OF MILK SAMPLES

Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor, submitted letter under date 11th August 1936 from Chief Superintendent, Garda Siochana, in which he stated he had written to the Food and Drugs Inspectors in the County that when sampling milk sold by retailers they should call early in the day as requested by the Finance Committee, the latter holding that when samples were taken at a late hour the milk might have been drained of its fats.



APPLICATIONS COMPENSATION ALLEGED CRIMINAL INJURIES

Applications for compensation for alleged criminal injury were received from Charles McCarthy, Murrintown, for £171, burning of hay, straw and shed at Tagunnan on 4th August and from James O'Connor, Fardystown, Ballycogley, for £40 for destruction of Hornsby Binder at Tagunnan on same day.

Referred to Mr. Elgee, County Council Solicitor.

DANCE HALL APPLICATIONS

Applications were received for the following and referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor:- Tara Hall, Courtown; Bunclody St. Aidan's; Caim Schoolhouse; Clonroche Hall; Whiterock Social Club Hall, Wexford; St. Iberius Catholic Club, Wexford; Rosslare Strand Hotel; St. Coleman's Hall, Ballindaggin; and Kildavin Hall.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME

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

"That the National University Authorities be requested - if at all possible - to notify this Council of the names of any of their scholars who are absent from University Lectures. Two such students who recently obtained posts during the academic year did not notify the Council of the fact for a considerable time after they had abandoned their Scholarships. This complicates the payment of Scholars and in the circumstances the University Authorities are asked to notify the Council of the failure of any of their scholars to attend the University.

In connection with refund of £2 deemed to be due by J. M. Druhan, University Scholar, who had gone into Government service, letter was received from him that as his salary was small he was not able to make refund at present but would send on amount as soon as possible.

It was decided that Mr. Druhan be requested to refund



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£1 by the end of September and the second £1 by the end of October.

In connection with Agricultural Scholarship held by Gerard Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, his mother wrote under date 19th August 1936 that her son was then in attendance at Albert College, Glasnevin, Dublin, doing a three months' course in practical agriculture. She regretted that he failed in Mathematics and Physics, but had been granted the privilege of doing these subjects again next June at the close of his second year.

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

*Q* "That we recommend the renewal of University Scholarship to Gerard Lambert, Sunnyside, Broadway, contingent on qualifying in the subjects in which he failed at recent University Examinations."

CENTRAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE FOR CO. COUNCIL BUILDINGS

Under date 21st August, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.161701-36 Loch Garman) that as regards the installation of a central telephone switchboard it was considered that with the present extensions one outside line should suffice, and, as the number of calls would not occupy the whole time of an attendant, it was suggested that the person appointed should be required to do typing and general office work in addition to operating the exchange. Any appointment to be made must be as the result of open competitive examination. The Minister was not prepared to sanction the proposal to appoint Miss B. Moran.

In connection with the examination to be held the Minister was of opinion that the subjects and standard should be as set out for typists in the Department's circular letter of 25th May 1936 (69/36).

The Secretary read this circular for the meeting.



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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be requested to reconsider his decision as regards installation of telephone switchboard in County Buildings. This Committee is convinced that without a second outside line the saving of time anticipated by them in dealing with telephone calls will not be achieved. They also request reconsideration of the refusal to appoint Miss B. Moran as telephone attendant on a temporary basis. The Council desire to be in a position to know definitely that the proposed installation can be worked successfully before pledging themselves to the permanent appointment of attendant."

#### TELEGRAPHIC LINES

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

"That no objection will be offered to the placing of overground telegraphic lines by Post Office as follows:-

- (1) From existing line 290 yards east of Oulart School to Raheenduff Cross Roads, and
- (2) From Post Office, Castlebridge to Artramon House."

#### SHEEP DIPPING ORDER 1915

Under date 11th August 1936, T. Prendergast, Inspector under above Order, wrote that he never entered in his weekly diary the number of daily calls, but only the places at which dipping was actually carried out. Owing to the showery weather this year, people were seldom carrying out dipping on the appointed day.

This explanation was accepted.

Under date 22nd August, 1936, James Murphy, Inspector, wrote that he had been unable to work for a week owing to lumbago.

Under date 31st July, 1936, Mr. F. W. Taylor, M.R.C.V.S.



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New Ross, wrote that he had received for each week reports from Mr. M. J. Hennessy, Inspector, New Ross area.

WARBLE FLY (TREATMENT OF CATTLE) ORDER 1936.

Under date 13th August 1936, the Department of Agriculture wrote approving of the following payments to Veterinary Inspectors under above Order:-

F. S. Ringwood, Enniscorthy	£ 25
T. A. Mernagh, Gorey	25
F. Staples, Wexford	25
Joseph Lynch, New Ross	15
F. W. Taylor, New Ross	<u>10</u>
Total	£100.

OVERDRAFT

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction overdraft of £35,000 to 30th November 1936."

ROAD FUND ALLOWANCES

Under date 6th August 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (RGS - 201) that the Minister for Finance had approved of the recoupment from the Road Fund of the allowances to County and Assistant Surveyors in respect of last financial year at the rates which obtained in 1935-36 and on the conditions previously indicated.

BUNCLODY COURTHOUSE

The County Surveyor stated he was in negotiation as to the use of local Parish Hall for Court purposes.

BUNCLODY POUND

It was decided that the County Surveyor consult with County Registrar in connection with the use of existing Live Stock Pound at Buncloody.



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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee meeting of 28th August 1936 as submitted to this meeting be received and considered."

FETHARD AND SLADE HARBOURS: The County Surveyor said that £250 for each pier would take out the sand which was choking up each place and also cover the small amount of necessary masonry repairs.

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

"That a sum of £500 be spent on clearing silt from the Harbours of Slade and Fethard, the Government to provide a State Grant of £250 and the second moiety to be provided by the County Council."

ST. HELEN'S HARBOUR: The County Surveyor stated he would supply Messrs. Allen and Corish with full details as to the scheme adopted by the County Council in the matter.

MOTOR PARKING PLACE AT BALLYMONEY: The County Surveyor reported that as directed he went to Ballymoney and saw Dr. Cooke and Mr. O'Brien. They had a lengthened discussion on the matter. Dr. Cooke complained that the proposed parking place was part of a holding he purchased and Mr. O'Brien (acting on behalf of the local people) said it was a commonage. He (County Surveyor) pointed out to the people, who wanted a parking place that the County Council were not going to enter into the question if they were to be entrapped into a lawsuit, and that the position must be settled definitely beforehand. Dr. Cooke said he was prepared to allow them to use a part of the place which he still claims, and Mr. O'Brien did not seem agreeable to



that unless Dr. Cooke disclaimed all right to any part of the alleged commonage. It was really between them at the present time, and he (County Surveyor) did not know what the Council could do in the circumstances except to ask their Solicitor to have a search of the Land Commission Records to see if the place in question was registered in the name of Dr. Cooke. If so, he could give them title and they would have no more trouble about it.

Col. Quin asked were they going to spend money on a little place like that for parking.

The Chairman said it was necessary to have a parking place there in the summer where cars had no place to turn.

It was decided to adopt the County Surveyor's suggestion as to title.

KILMORE HARBOUR MASTER'S DUTY: In connection with the caretaking of the urinal at Kilmore Quay, Col. Gibbon stated he understood that this had not been erected when the harbour-master was appointed, and that a gentleman in a public capacity advised him not to take on the job of supervising it. The Board of Health offered £7. 10s. per annum to have the work done, but the harbour-master hesitated to take it on. Apparently the drain laid at the public convenience was badly designed. He further understood that the Board of Health engineer arranged with the harbour-master to have the work carried out for a month, the Board in the meantime to make alternative arrangements. The harbour-master wrote at the end of the month asking the engineer to go to Kilmore to see what arrangements could be made for the future. He (Col. Gibbon) understood that the engineer had not been to Kilmore since, and that nothing had been done to obviate the choking of the drain. There was a fisherman who was unemployed during the winter prepared to do the work for £7. 10s. provided that the accep-



tance of that amount did not interfere with his qualification to draw unemployment benefits. As regards his duties as harbour-master, Mr. Kehoe was very diligent. He kept the pier and slipways in excellent condition, supervised shipping, and never failed to light the pier. Some arrangement should be made to put some person in charge and to have more appliances provided.

Mr. Corish said that what the Board of Health had in mind was to appoint some person to take charge of the urinal on the pier under the supervision of the Harbour Master.

Chairman - It is quite clear from the bond that Mr. Kehoe signed he has full responsibility if the Council wished to insist on it. It is no encouragement to the Board of Health to provide such conveniences if they are allowed to remain in a scandalous condition owing to the reluctance of a local person like the Harbour Master in Kilmore to supervise the caretaking. He had been told it was part of his duty to supervise the caretaking of it.

Col. Gibbon said that the Harbour Master spoke to a member of the Board of Health when the blocks for the erection of the convenience were being assembled, and said he did not want to do the work, and he (Col. Gibbon) stated that the member of the Board of Health said that the Harbour Master need not carry out the work.

Chairman - According to the terms of his bond, the Harbour Master is responsible to carry out the supervision necessary in this matter.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 28th August 1936 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved except the recommendation as to proposals for varying payment to Rate Collectors to which we



The fortnightly meeting of Finance Committee was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 11th September 1936.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

#### PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4216. 18. 0 was examined and signed.

#### THE LATE MR. JOHN SWEETMAN

On the motion of Mr. O'Byrne seconded by Mr. Kelly, a resolution of condolence was adopted to Mr. Malachi Sweetman, County Councillor, on the death of his father, Mr. John Sweetman, Drumbarragh, Co. Meath, a life-long Nationalist, who, during the course of a long and active life, fought the battle of the Irish tenant-farmers in season and out of season.

The Chairman endorsed the resolution with which the Secretary also associated himself.

#### RATE COLLECTION

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

S. Gannon	16.5
E. J. Murphy	15.8
J. J. O'Reilly	14.2
P. Doyle	14.0
P. Carty	13.8
P. Nolan	13.5
W. Cummins	13.4
J. Cummins	12.7
D. Kenny	12.0
J. Quirke	11.9
J. Deegan	11.5
A. Dunne	11.4
J. Curtis	10.8



M. McCarthy	10.7
M. Kehoe	9.7
W. Doyle	9.2
M. Murphy	8.3
J. J. Sinnott	8.3
J. Flood	7.1

Average collected 11.8.

It was decided on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Keegan to point out to Collectors that although it was very close to the end of the financial half year, the amounts collected, even with the best Collectors, were far below the 50% mark which it was expected by the Public Bodies Order should be reached. Collectors who have less than 12 per cent of warrant collected are warned that the Finance Committee will certainly be compelled to take strong action against them unless they are able to show a very substantial improvement in the collection by next meeting.

PART PAYMENT OF RATES: Under date 2nd September 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.178930/36 Loch Garman) that the Minister would raise no objection to a continuance for the current financial year of the existing arrangements for the acceptance of part-payment of arrears of rates.

PROPOSED CHANGE IN METHOD OF RATE COLLECTORS' PAYMENT:

Under date 11th September 1936 the following letter was read from Collector P. Nolan, Hon. Secretary to County Wexford Rate Collectors:-

"At a meeting of Collectors held in Wexford today to consider suggestions for payment of Collectors, the following recommendation was suggested to be put before the Finance Committee:- That resolution already on Council's books that Collectors be paid poundage on each 10% of year's warrant after first 10% collected would be the best arrangement for payment to Collectors. It was also



decided that in view of increased agricultural grant for the last four or five years and the corresponding decrease in Collectors' warrants - which in some cases means a reduction of £60 per year - that Council recommend an increase of poundage by 2d in the £ to all Collectors."

The following deputation from Rate Collectors attended- Messrs. Curtis, M. Murphy and O'Reilly.

The latter acted as spokesman and held that the proposal from the Collectors would be more equitable to the Collectors than the recommendation of the Finance Committee to pay 60% of poundage in equal monthly instalments, and the balance provided Collectors closed their warrants satisfactorily. It would be a better incentive to the Collectors and he believed it would be better from the point of view of the Council as they would be paying on results.

In the course of the discussion, it was mentioned that when the proposal of the Collectors was previously agreed to by the County Council it had been turned down by the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

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

"That having heard the views of the Rate Collectors regarding the proposals of the Finance Committee to pay them 60% of the poundage on their warrant by way of salary, and the balance at the close of a satisfactory collection, we hereby recommend to the County Council for adoption the following proposal in lieu:- That Rate Collectors be paid in equal monthly instalments up to 75% of their poundage subject as regards each month to making satisfactory progress with their collection, payment of the 25% balance to be contingent on a satisfactory close of the collection in each case."

The deputation were satisfied with this proposal and agreed to withdraw the request for increased poundage fees.



COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND RETURN TO DUTY

Under date 19th August 1936 (P.H.167925/36 Loch Garman Ae) the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote that the Minister considered a certificate as to Dr. Bastible's fitness to resume duty as County Medical Officer of Health should be furnished by the Medical Officer in charge of the Nursing Home in which he was under treatment before the Council would allow him to resume duty.

Under date 22nd August 1936 Dr. Richard R. Leeper, F.R.C.S.I., St. Patrick's Hospital, James Street, Dublin, wrote:- "I am not in a position to express any opinion as regards Dr. Bastible's fitness for return to his duties".

Under date 22nd August 1936, Miss K. Browne, Clerical Assistant, Office of County Medical Officer of Health, wrote that she had been directed by Dr. Bastible to state he was resuming duty on Monday, 24th August, 1936.

Under date 28th August 1936 Dr. C. Bastible wrote from 2 Park Villas, Victoria Road, Cork, acknowledging receipt of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to production of medical certificate and enclosing certificate from Dr. Hamilton, X Ray Department, Mercy Hospital, Cork. He had not seen a medical man in Dublin for the previous six weeks. He intended resuming duty on 1st September. Any further communications might be addressed to his Solicitors, Messrs. D. & T. Fitzgerald, 30 Anglesea Street, Dublin, who were Irish agents for his London Solicitors. The certificate (undated) from Dr. Hamilton was as follows:- "This is to certify that Dr. C. Bastible has been under my care suffering from nasal catarrh and sinusitis for the past few days. He will, in my opinion, be fit to resume duty about September 1st 1936".

Under date 31st August 1936, Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, wrote to Dr. Bastible that the certificate from Dr. Hamilton did not cover the disability for which he had been



treated in St. Patrick's Hospital, James Street, Dublin, and pointed out that he was not authorised to return to duty until such time as the certificate mentioned by the Department of Local Government and Public Health in their letter to the County Secretary of the 19th instant had been furnished.

Under date 28th August 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (P.H.177185/36 Loch Garman) that the Minister considered the Wexford County Council should decline to allow Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, to resume duty unless they were fully satisfied <sup>by</sup> appropriate medical testimony that he is restored to health.

Under date 1st September 1936, the Secretary, County Board of Health, wrote that Dr. Bastible attended at the Office of the County Medical Officer of Health that morning and wrote letter, copy of which was enclosed.

The following is copy of letter from Dr. Bastible to Secretary, County Board of Health:-

"With reference to the P.S. of my letter of the 15th May last regarding remuneration for work done in the Venereal Diseases Clinic, I would be glad to know the decision of the Board of Health in this matter."

The following is copy of P.S.:- "In view of the fact that this Venereal Disease Clinic has taken up a good deal of my spare time since Dr. O'Connor's death, I wish to claim the remuneration which formally should be given to the Clinical Medical Officer."

Under date 3rd September 1936, Messrs. Kirwan and Kirwan, Solicitors, 1 Rowe Street, Wexford, wrote that Dr. Bastible had asked them to forward the following medical certificate from Dr. R. Thompson, Greenfield, Claremont Road, Ballsbridge, Dublin under date 2nd September 1936:-

"This is to certify that Dr. Bastible was under my care from the 25th June 1936 to the 24th July 1936 suffering



from a nervous breakdown. I saw him again on the 2nd September 1936 following a holiday and I consider that he is now fully recovered and able to resume his duty."

Under date 4th September 1936 the County Secretary forwarded this Medical Certificate to the Department of Local Government and Public Health and asked to be informed if Dr. Bastible might return to duty.

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

"That in view of the fact that no reply has been received from Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to medical certificate from Dr. Thompson submitted by Dr. Bastible, County Medical Officer of Health, the County Council are recommended to agree that Dr. Bastible can resume duty pending receipt of any instructions from the Department."

The following resolution from Board of Health adjourned from a previous meeting of the County Council was read, but it was decided to take no action thereon:-

"That the Board of Health have noted Dr. Bastible's absence from their meeting to-day and on former occasions; that they have considered his explanation as to non-inspection of schools unsatisfactory: that they disapprove of his action regarding attendance at the V.D. Clinic, which was a direct defiance to the Board's Order, and as his recent actions have not been such as to inspire confidence they recommend to the County Council and the Minister the suspension of the Schemes at present in operation and a general investigation by the Ministry's Inspectors of the working of the Department of the County Medical Officer of Health."



EMPLOYMENT SCHEMES VOTE

Under date 20th August 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote (R.W.203) that with a view to relieving Unemployment in rural areas and in or near non-urbanised towns, grants for roads and footpaths were available on condition that County Councils provided contributions equal to two thirds of the grant, viz., 40% of total cost of scheme. A grant of £3780 was available for Wexford to which must be added the local contribution of £2530 leaving a total of £6310. Schemes covering this amount should be submitted allowing £5000 for rural areas (including towns and villages with a population of less than 200) and £1310 to cover £960 for Gorey town and £350 for Buncloody. The grant was offered primarily for the employment of persons in receipt of Unemployment Assistance.

Under date 11th September 1936 the County Surveyor wrote that since last meeting of Finance Committee he had had a conference with the Assistant Surveyors as to above Scheme and they had gone very carefully into the distribution of proposed works. He submitted the following list, and would go more fully into detail at the Finance Committee meeting:-

1. RURAL AREAS

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| (a) | Riverchapel Village<br>D.E.Divisions - Ardamine  | £ 300 |
| (b) | Kilmuckridge Village<br>D.E.Division - Cahore  | £ 900 |
| (c) | Road 547 - Crosshue-Whittys Cross<br>D.E.Divisions, Castletalbot,<br>Castle Ellis<br>Ardcolm | £ 600 |
| (d) | Road 48 Tombrack<br>D.E.Divisions Tombrack<br>Ferns  | £ 400 |
| (e) | Road 38 - Milehouse<br>D.E.Divisions Enniscorthy Rural<br>Marshalstown                       | £ 500 |
| (f) | Road 483, Clonroche - Chapel<br>D.E.Divisions Clonroche<br>Adamstown,<br>Barronstown         | £ 300 |



(g)	Road 71 Barntown D.E.Divisions Carrick Forth	£ 1000
(h)	Roads 859,860 Churchtown and Slade D.E.Division Templetown	£ 1000
	TOTAL =	<u>£ 5000</u>
2.	Gorey Village Road 204 - From Main Road to New Factory D.E.Division Gorey Rural	£ 950
	Newtownbarry Village - Road 48 D.E.Newtownbarry	£ 350
		<u>£ 1300</u>

It was pointed out that on the figure of the Grant the contribution of Council should be £2520 not £2530.

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

"That we recommend the County Council to accept the proposals of the County Surveyor in connection with Employment Schemes Vote 1936-37 and that the contribution of the Council, viz., £2520, be raised by loan."

Under date 4th September 1936, the Town Clerk, New Ross forwarded copy of letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health (RW.203/19/Roads) stating that the loan of £460 proposed to be raised under this scheme by New Ross Urban District should be paid off within three years.

#### SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

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

"That the County Solicitor communicate with accepted applicants for advances under second loan raised by the County Council under above Acts and who have not - up to the present - made title, and inform them if they cannot have title submitted by 31st October 1936 loans must be cancelled and allocated to other applicants."

The following regulations as to loans under third scheme - Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts - were agreed to



on the motion of Miss O'Ryan seconded by Mr. Kelly and recommended to the approval of the County Council and the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

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

Should the full £1250 allocated for any Rural District not be availed of, the Council will apply the unallocated amount to other Rural Districts.

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

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

For a house valued up to £300 the maximum loan will not exceed 90% of value of House (excluding site value) less half the amount of Government Grant. For a house valued at £200 the maximum will be £180 less half the amount of Government Grant. For a house valued over £300 and up to £500 Loan shall not exceed 50% of the value of the house (excluding site value).

Location of house must be at least one mile distant from the Urban Boundary. The location and site of the proposed house must be approved by the County Surveyor to whom sketch plan must be furnished by applicant. Approval



will not be granted for the erection of a house on a site which will render any local authority liable for any expenditure in connection with sewerage or water supply.

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

Building must be completed within six months from date on which first advance on foot of loan is paid to applicant by the County Council.

Borrower must reside in house for which a loan has been obtained for a period of at least three years.

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

The County Council reserve the right to refuse an advance in any particular case in which they believe such action desirable and also to reduce the amount applied for when they are of opinion that this step is necessary in view of the attendant circumstances.

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

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

#### UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME

The following is the result of examination for award of University Scholarships as submitted by Dr. Coffey, President University College, Dublin, under date 29th August 1936:-

1. James J. Meyler, Blackhall, Glynn (Arts) 1987 Marks.
2. John P. Kehoe, Creacon, New Ross (Arts) 1665 do.
3. Mary E. Kelly, Ballymorris, Ballyhogue (Arts) 1402 do.
4. Anne Hickey, Westgate, Wexford (Arts) 1396 do.
5. John Flynn, Ballymaclare, Campile (Arts) 1346 do.
6. Jas. A. Forde, Delta Cottage, Gorey (Arts) 1339 do.



Marks.

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| 7.  | James Breen, 24 McCurtain Street, Gorey (Arts) | 1280  |
| 8.  | Margaret Hughes, Irish Street, Bunclody (Arts) | 1264  |
| 9.  | Johanna Egan, Fethard-on-Sea (Arts)            | 1180  |
| 10. | Edmond P. Rossiter, Broadway (Arts)            | 1164. |

Dr. Coffey wrote:- "First four recommended for Scholarships in order of merit. If any of these not available the 6th is very good.

The remaining candidates are in the order of merit above in Total Column list. The competition was excellent in quality and number and the five highest candidates are particularly recommended, but the following candidates, 6th to 10th are suitable for award if any further scholarships available."

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

"That Scholarships under University Scholarship Scheme for year 1936 be awarded to James J. ~~Meyler~~, John P. ~~Kelroe~~, Mary E. Kelly and Anne Hickey, and in the event of any of these candidates failing to accept scholarship, same be awarded to the following in the order in which they appear:- John Flynn, James A. Forde, James Breen, Margaret Hughes, Johanna Egan and Edward P. Rossiter, this being in accordance with the recommendations of the President, University College, Dublin."

INSURANCES ASSISTANT SURVEYORS

The County Surveyor said that Assistant Surveyors were bringing gelignite round in their motor cars and keeping it in their own premises and if there was an explosion there was no provision for compensation, except under the Workmen's compensation Act, and there was a doubt if they would even come in under that.

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



"That the County Surveyor be instructed to obtain definite quotations for personal insurance of Assistant Surveyors while conveying or handling gelignite or other material, the property of the County Council."

#### INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION

Notification from Sergeant Staunton as to applying to Wexford District Juvenile Court on 16th September 1936 for the committal of Thomas Farrell, 3 Charlotte Street, Wexford to an Industrial School pursuant to Section 58 of the Children Act 1908 was referred to Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor.

#### SANCTION OF OVERDRAFT

Under date 3rd September 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health wrote (G.178466-36-Loch Garman) that the Minister had sanctioned overdraft with the Treasurer of the County Council of £35,000 up to 30th November next.

#### CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT

The County Surveyor applied for two extra clerical assistants for the purpose of compiling workmen's cards rendered necessary under the provisions of above Act. As soon as the cards were brought up to date his regular staff would be able to keep them written up in future.

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

"That the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to the proposal of the County Surveyor for the employment of two extra Clerical Assistants from list of Rate Clerks for two weeks to prepare records which appear to be necessary under the Conditions of Employment Act 1936. Remuneration to be at the rate of 1/- per hour."



CENTRAL TELEPHONE EXCHANGE

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

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be asked to sanction the appointment of Miss B. Moran, Paul Quay, Wexford, as Telephone Attendant, salary 25/- per week, when central telephone exchange has been installed. We would point out to the Department that Miss Moran, from experience gained by her in Offices of County Board of Health, has a knowledge of the clerical work and while not attending to telephone can be usefully employed at filing etc. She possesses that descretion and tact which the Committee consider absolutely necessary for the post of telephone attendant. That the County Secretary in submitting this resolution to the Department of Local Government and Public Health set out in detail the educational and other qualifications of Miss Moran which make her a most suitable holder of the post of telephone attendant."



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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th September, 1936, be received and considered."

RATE COLLECTION: Miss O'Ryan considered the Rates Inspector should exercise more energy in endeavouring to push forward the Rate Collection.

The Chairman stated that besides checking the Collectors' Books, the Inspector should be in a position to suggest some method by which the Rate Collection could be improved.

Mr. O'Byrne said that, on a former occasion, the Rates Inspector said he had certain days which he could spare from the checking of the Collectors' Books and on which he would call on the more backward ratepayers.

The Chairman suggested that the Council should see if the Rates Inspector would make any improvement in the Rate Collection for the next three months. If there was no great improvement at the end of that period they should consider the position of the Rates Inspector.

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

"That the Rates Inspector be instructed to submit a monthly report to the Finance Committee setting out the names and addresses of the ratepayers called on by him each month and stating what action he proposes to take to see that the Rates are collected."

The resolution was put and passed.

UNEMPLOYMENT GRANT: Mr. Smyth said in their previous proposals for repair of village streets, Ballygarrett had been included and he believed something should be done for



it. He had no objection to the improvement of Kilmuckridge, but he did not think it reasonable that Ballygarrett should be passed over.

Mr. Corish said that more money would be available shortly and then Ballygarrett and other villages could be attended to.

Mr. M. Redmond raised the question of the improvement of Palace (New Ross) road, but the County Surveyor said the road was narrow and it would cost a very large sum to widen it.

The Chairman said the improvement of this road could be considered when the Road Works Scheme for next financial year was before the Council.

Col. Quin dissented from the proposal to allow £950 for reconstruction of road from Gorey to Factory at Gorey Old Workhouse Premises, on the ground that the money could be more usefully spent elsewhere.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 11th September 1936 be and the same are hereby confirmed and approved."

#### BORROWING OF £160,000 FOR LABOURERS' COTTAGES

The following motion which stood in the name of the Chairman was circulated to members of the County Council on 8th August, 1936:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at Meeting of Wexford County Council to be held on 14th September, 1936, that the Council consents to County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance raising loan of £160,000 (One Hundred and Sixty Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of providing 528 Cottages throughout the villages of the County."

The Chairman, in moving the motion, said he did so



formally as it had been already agreed to by the County Council at their meeting on 14th April 1936.

Mr. Corish seconded and the proposal was adopted nem. con.

#### NOTICES OF MOTION

(a) HOURS OF WORK: The following notice was given by Mr. Culleton:-

"That Road and other Employees of the County Council be placed on a 47 hour week basis commencing on a date to be fixed by the Council."

(b) BANTRY AND BLACKSTAIRS COMMONS: Mr. Bowe gave the following notice of motion:-

"That the Forestry Department be requested to take over Bantry and Blackstairs Commons for the purpose of planting with forest trees as the majority of persons rated for these Commons repudiate liability for the payment of rates."

#### ROADS AND HARBOURS

ROAD TRAFFIC ACT - (WEIGHBRIDGES ORDER): Under date 13th August 1936 the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) forwarded copy of Road Traffic (Weighbridges) Order 1936 made under Section 19 of the Road Traffic Act 1933.

ROAD GRANT: Under date 20th August, 1936, the Department of Local Government and Public Health (Roads) wrote that a payment of £1054 on foot of Road Maintenance Grant had been made to the Treasurer of the County Council.

GOREY-WEXFORD MAIN ROAD: Messrs. E. P. Crowe, John Hughes and George Doyle attended as a deputation from Monamolin Fianna Fail Club in regard to the improvement of the condition of Gorey-Wexford Main Road between Curratubbin and Ballinastraw.



Mr. Crowe, who acted as spokesman for the deputation, said they represented not only the Fianna Fail Club but all the ratepayers of the locality. About an Irish mile of the Gorey-Wexford road between Curratubbin and Ballinastraw was in a deplorable state. They came there to ask the Council to do something with it this winter, as the road had not been attended to, but very slightly, for the past ten years. Since the harvest commenced there were three binders broken on it. They did not want a first class road but one they could, at least, travel over.

Col. Quin said the road was not in a very good state.

The Chairman said there were some repairs carried out recently, such as filling pot-holes with sods but some weeks ago it was in a very bad state of repair.

Mr. Ennis, Assistant Surveyor, said they would be rolling this road with the exception of half a mile between now and next June. They had a grant to work on at present, and under a new grant he would like to expend all he could on it. He had  $6\frac{1}{2}$  miles of a road there to attend to, but he had 40 miles of main roads not done at all. They had to do the part of the road by Wells.

Miss O'Ryan said that something should be done to put the bad half mile into a passable condition.

Mr. Ennis said it was too bad. It would cost £200 to put even a foundation there.

Col. Quin said he had that day driven over this road in his motor car and if it was as bad as represented by some people this would not have been possible.

Chairman - There was filling done on it last week, but what will happen when a dozen lorries go over it? All these stones will be knocked out and will have the potholes again. Proceeding, the Chairman said he broke a spring of his car driving over this road.

Mr. Corish thought some preliminary work could be



done on the road this year.

Mr. Ennis said a roller would be going there on Thursday.

Chairman - The deputation can take it from us that the road will be looked after.

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

"That the County Surveyor be empowered, subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health, to expend a sum not exceeding £300 for the purpose of providing a proper foundation for three quarters of a mile of Road No. 29 adjoining Ballinastraw (Monamolin), said road to be fully reconditioned later."

ROADS AT BALLYMONEY, GOREY: Under date 12th September, 1936, Mr. R. Spencer, Ballymoney, Gorey, wrote calling attention to the bad condition of the following roads:-

1. Gorey to Ballymoney via Kilmurry Cross.
2. Ballymoney to Courtown - Gorey Road via Ballycomclore (new line).

Both roads were potholed and with large rolling stones due to the abnormal traffic of the past two months. They needed attention immediately. The County Surveyor and Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, were aware of their dangerous condition.

It was decided to refer the application to County Surveyor for report.

ROAD BREE VILLAGE - RED PAT'S CROSS: Under date 9th September 1936 an influentially signed memorial from motor owners and ratepayers using the road leading from Bree Village to Red Pat's Cross asked that it would receive attention and particularly the portion from Red Pat's Cross to Ballinadarragh Crossroads. This was in a shocking condi-



tion and was situate within half mile of St. John's Flour Mills and within three quarters of a mile of the town of Enniscorthy. It was approximately a mile long and should be resurfaced to enable it to bear the present heavy motor and lorry traffic.

Messrs. Kelly and McCarthy said that this road was in a very bad condition.

Miss O'Ryan said it was the worst road over which she ever travelled.

The County Surveyor said he applied for £980 and only £325 was allocated. All that was possible for the money had been done.

Mr. T. Redmond said he could mention a dozen roads in New Ross District as bad, if not worse, than that under discussion.

The Chairman said all that could be done was to endeavour to provide a bigger allocation for this road next year and the matter dropped.

SLIPPERY ROAD RANDALSTOWN-TENACRE CROSSROADS: Mr. Day stated that something should be done with the road from Randalstown to Tenacre Crossroads as horses could not travel on it with safety as it was so slippery.

Mr. Birthistle, Assistant Surveyor for the district, said that the road was surfaced with sea gravel which could not be regarded as slippery in the ordinary course. But, Mr. Day's complaint was justified and the road he referred to was slippery.

It was decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor with instructions to have the road put in a condition suitable for horse traffic.

RETAINING WALL AND PARAPET: Col. Gibbon stated that a parapet and retaining road wall at the holding of James Leary, St. Ivers, Broadway, had fallen into his field and



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he had no protection for his stock. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Mr. Corish and adopted:-

"That provided the County Surveyor is advised as to the responsibility of the County Council he be instructed to carry out the necessary repairs to retaining wall and parapet at the holding of James Leary, St. Ivers, Broadway, cost not to exceed £20."

DAVIDSTOWN LANE, ENNISCORTHY: Under date 11th August, 1936, Mr. James Brennan, N.T., Davidstown, Enniscorthy, wrote asking that the second branch of Davidstown Lane should be repaired and a bridge erected at one point as a stream across the lane flooded the travelling surface to a depth of from four to five feet after heavy rains. Stones for the repair of lane could be obtained free of cost from Mr. O'Shea.

Mr. O'Shea wrote in similar terms pointing out that the branch now sought to be repaired was used by children going to Davidstown School and also as a "Mass path".

The County Surveyor stated that part of this lane had been done under Minor Relief Schemes Vote and the present application was to finish the lane.

It was decided on the motion of Mr. Kelly seconded by Mr. Colfer that the application be scheduled under Minor Relief Schemes Vote for repair when money becomes available.

DREDGING INNER BASIN COURTTOWN: The Chairman, Courtown Harbour Committee, wrote that at a meeting of that body on 1st September 1936 it was decided to earnestly request the County Council to give instructions for the dredging of the inner harbour to be proceeded with without delay. A vessel was expected to arrive with a cargo of coal and she required safe berthage. It was also necessary to erect mooring posts as at present it was not possible to hold a vessel



under the crane when discharging.

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

"That the Chairman and Mr. Corish, T.D.s, be requested to call to the Office of Public Works and see what can be done to ensure a visit from Dredger to carry out the dredging of Courtown inner Harbour. It was now over 12 months since the County Council understood they would be able to secure machinery from the Office of Public Works to deal with this work.

That the County Surveyor be instructed to have the necessary mooring posts erected at Courtown Harbour."

CAHORE PIER: Under date 17th August 1936 the following (C.87/13/1/36) was read from Office of Public Works:-

"I am directed by the Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance to refer to previous correspondence on the subject of a grant from the Relief Vote towards the cost, estimated at £3000, of extending the pier at Cahore, County Wexford, and to say that he is not satisfied that a grant of one half this amount as suggested would be justified by unemployment figures for the area, particularly in the Summer months.

If the work can be executed in the Winter time when the unemployment figures are at a maximum he would be disposed to consider the recommendation of a grant of one third the cost of the work, or £1000 whichever is the lesser. Before doing so, however, he would like to have a copy of the County Surveyor's plan and specification with details of the estimate of £3000 segregated as between labour, skilled and unskilled, materials, supervision, etc."

The County Surveyor pointed out that when first proposed, the scheme was turned down and then the Government promised half cost whereas in their last letter this had been cut down to one-third.

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

"That as regards the proposed repair of Cahore Pier, the Council feel they made a generous offer in taking responsibility for 50% of the cost and they request the Department to allocate a similar amount. That the County



Surveyor furnish the Department with any information as to the Scheme which they require."

#### APPROVAL SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIPS

Under date 8th September 1936 the Office of National Education wrote (Trg.2/41241) approving - subject to all candidates complying with the requirements of Clause 3 and to the terms of the scheme generally being observed - of the list of candidates to whom the Council proposed awarding Scholarships and Bursaries.

#### AGREEMENT WITH TOURIST ASSOCIATION

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

"That the Seal of the County Council of the County of Wexford be affixed to the Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association (Incorporated) in connection with the payment by the County Council towards the Funds of The Irish Tourist Association for the year ending the 1st day of April 1937."

#### CONDITIONS OF EMPLOYMENT ACT - PIECE WORK

In connection with Section 19 Sub-Section 2 of above Act the following statement submitted by the County Surveyor was, on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan, approved and ordered to be sent to the Minister for Industry and Commerce:-

"With reference to the application of the County Council to the Minister for Permit to pay piece-work wages without complying with Section 19, subsection (1), I beg to submit the following particulars:-

1. Piece-work wages are paid usually only for the two following classes of work (a) Haulage of materials, broken stones and cement, tar and the like: (b) Handbreaking of road metal.
2. The rate of pay is agreed upon in advance, between the Surveyor and the worker, and in case of dispute or difference is settled by the County Council at Public Meeting.
3. The major portion of piece-work haulage is allocated by a Committee of the County Council at a Meeting at which tenders through advertisement are considered. The rate is at so much per cubic yard mile.



4. Handbreaking of road material is at so much per cubic yard, and varies in each locality according to circumstances, being approximately the rate at which machine breaking can be done. There is comparatively little of this in the County.

5. From time to time other classes of work are paid by piece-work, but this is unusual - Generally the work is paid for by day wages or is set as contract.

6. The system in force in this County up to the present has proved entirely satisfactory, and any alteration now will be of no advantage to the worker, who is thoroughly conversant with wages and conditions before he starts work!"

#### OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE

Under date 28th August 1936 application was read from Department of Posts and Telegraphs for permission to the erection of telegraphic line along the Ballycanew Road from Railway Station to Montague Cottage, Gorey.

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

"That the County Council will raise no objection to the erection of overhead telegraphic line from Ballycanew to Montague Cottage, Gorey, provided the work be carried out to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

#### RENEWAL POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCE

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

"That renewal of licence under Poisons and Pharmacy Act issue to Patrick Healy, 82 North Main Street, Wexford."

#### CINEMA LICENCE

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

"That Cinema Licence be issued Michael Donohoe for premises at Rosslare Harbour provided apparatus is placed in a permanent structure outside the building, and that he furnishes certificate of approval to the premises from the Garda Síochána."



PETROL PUMP LICENCES

The following resolution was adopted on the motion of Mr. Thomas Redmond seconded by Mr. Michael Redmond:-

"That two petrol pump licences issue to Messrs. Moran & O'Brien, Central Garage, South Street, New Ross, provided they furnish evidence of the approval of the Garda Síochána."

Letter was read from Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, stating he had no objection to the granting of the application.

Application was received from Laurence Williams and Sons, Taghmon, for licences for two petrol pumps in Main Street, Taghmon.

The Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, wrote that the Garda had no objection to the granting of the licences.

The County Surveyor said that he was in favour of the application.

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

"That two petrol pump licences issue to Laurence Williams, Taghmon."

INCREASED CONSUMPTION OF HONEY

The Committee of the Golden Vein Beekeepers' Association forwarded resolution suggesting that Wexford County Council, which are contributors to the Irish Tourist Association, would instruct their representative at the meetings of that body to press for the more general use of Honey on Hotel menus. From investigation it appeared that only one Hotel in the South had honey a regular item on the Menu. The Committee considered it should take equal place with Jam.

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Kelly to furnish copy of this resolution to Mr. Corish, T.D., the representative of the County Council on



Tourist Development Association, and to request him to do what he could to help the consumption of Honey. The Council believe that any steps taken in this direction would not only help a deserving industry, but, make for great improvement in the general health of the users of honey.

Signed... *D. Lewis Allen*... 12th Oct. 36....