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MEETING, MONDAY, 11th SEPTEMBER, 1939

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County Hall, WEXFORD.

Jamos Z. Walsh.

N. J. FRIZELLE, Secretary Wexford County Council.

The monthly meeting of Wexford County Council was held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, on 11th September 1939.

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

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

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The vote, which was spoken to by Mr. Redmond and supported by the County Secretary, was adopted in the usual manner.

The Chairman returned thanks.

THE LATE MRS. DOYLE, SCULLABOGUE

A vote of condolence to Mr. William Doyle, County Council Rate Collector, in the death of his mother, was adopted on the motion of Mr. Michael Redmond, seconded by Mr. Colfer.

The Secretary offered his personal sympathy to Mr. Doyle.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES OF FINANCE COMMITTEE

MEETING 18th AUGUST 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 18th August, 1939:

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS.

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4426. 15. 7. was examined and signed.

RATE COLLECTION.

STATE OF: The following is the state of the rate collection to 18th August, 1939:-

No.	Name of Collector	Percentage of Warrant Collected.
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The average at the corresponding period last year

was 4.8. per cent.

It was decided to inform Collectors W. Doyle, J.M. Curtis, M. McCarthy, P. Doyle, P. Carty and M. Kehoe that the Finance Committee expect to see a very substantial improvement by next meeting of Finance Committee in the amount of their lodgéments.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF TRACTION ENGINE

The following under date 18th August, 1939, was read from the County Surveyor:-

"I shall be glad if you will bring before Finance Committee at their Meeting on to-day the following matter.

At the present time our Grant Work is being delayed for lack of engine to run our stonebreaker. Normally we expected to hire an engine as we would require it, but owing to the Thrashing Season now coming in this is not now possible. I have had offers of two good quality steam engine through Messrs. Marshall, and the Machinery Overseer, Mr. Murphy, has seen both of these machines over in England. I also have the reports of the Insurance inspections which are satisfactory. I now ask for authority to purchase one of these engines, and the cost will be covered by Machinery Revenue Account. The price of the engine, including carriage, amounts to £450. I will have full particulars at the meeting.

Mr. Murphy's expenses (for inspecting these machines) a mounts to £7. 15. 6., and I have put same on Pay Sheet for to-day, and ask for sanction for amount."

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said that the Council had six traction engines and these were engaged practically all the year.

The Chairman said the more money they put into machines the less they had in the Road Fund for materials and labour.

The County Surveyor said they had been told by the

Department of Local Government and Public Health they should have a sufficient amount of machinery to meet their requirements, and it looked as if Grant and Relief works had come to stay.

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The Chairman said this was doubtful.

The County Surveyor mentioned that they had eight stone breakers and they had ten rollers. The latter were all working. Mr. Ennis had three, Mr. Birthistle, three, and Mr. Treanor and Mr. O'Neill had two each. All the stock they had in the quarries was now used up] and they were working (so to speak) from hand to mouth.

The Chairman pointed out that as the cost of the machine would come out of the Road Fund it would have the effect he had pointed out - cutting down materials and labout by the amount spent on the machine.

The County Surveyor said that if they did not provide machinery it would have to be secured on a hireage basis which was not satisfactory. Most of their own equipment was employed for nine or ten months of the year. They had put up the rate for the hireage of Road Plant when they procured the Deisel Rollers and the momey had accumulated.

Mr. O'Byrne said they should not lose sight of the Chairman's point that the momey for machines was utilised at the expense of the upkeep of roads.

The County Surveyor said the quotation for the traction engine which he submitted was reasonable and arose because people in England were giving up traction engines in favour of tractors.

The Chairman mentioned that the Minister would not allow threshing engines on the roads unless the wheels were rubber shod.

In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor said the

engine proposed to be purchased would be used for taking breakers round the county and for use in quarries.

The Chairman said they should guard against having too much machinery. They purchased a lorry sometime ago and they had to employ a driver for it and there was also the cost of upkeep and depreciation all at the expense of the Road Fund. They need not be too certain that the Government would continue the present system of Road Grants.

Mr. O'Byrne proposed and Mr. Colfer seconded the following recommendation which was adopted :-

"That, the **County Council** be recommended to approve of the application of the County Surveyor to purchase traction engine at £450 and also to pay £7.15.6. expenses of Mr. Murphy, overseer, incurred in inspecting the traction engines referred to in County Surveyor's letter of the 18th August, 1939."

EMPLOYMENT OF LORRY DRIVER.

Mr. Kelly said that the County Surveyor had lately employed a lorry driver named Roche. A number of people had been with him (Mr. Kelly) to complain that the post was not advertised.

The Chairman said that several people had also complained to him, and pointed out that Roche was in a job when he was appointed by the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said the man was employed from week to week the same as any road worker.

The Chairman said he never interfered with the discretion of the County Surveyor in a matter of this kind; in fact in his opinion the less interference they had with the County Surveyor the better it would be for administration.

The County Surveyor said that Roche was a very good mechanic, and understood the working of Deisel engines and rollers. No man was appointed to County Council work unless he was well recommended and that the answers to the enquiries

made as to his capacity etc., were satisfactory.

Mr. Keegan said it would be well for people to know that in these matters the County Surveyor had full control.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITIONS ACTS.

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

"That, in view of the value of house effected by John Byrne, Pearst Street, Gorey, at Gorey Corporation Lands, as set out on certificate of Assistant Surveyor, which has been forwarded to the Department, we request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to accede to request of County Council that the amount of loan for this borrower be increased to £315 in liew of £185, sanctioned by the Department on 19th May, 1938, (H.14715/38, Loch Garman). That it be pointed out to the Minister that a Government Grant under Housing Acts is not payable to Mr. Byrne in respect of the newly erected house, as house was not completed within period for which grant was payable."

DEPARTMENT OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT AND PUBLIC HEALTH & PAYMENT OF FEES FOR GRANT WORK IN URBAN AREAS.

Im reference to application of the County Council approving of the resolution of New Ross Urban Council that Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, should be paid fees in connection with road work carried on in New Ross Urban Area through the medium of Government Grants, the following letter under date 8th July, 1939, (R/ES/32) was read from the Road section of the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"With reference to your letter of the 4th instant I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that he has nothing to add to his letter of 21st ultimo on the question of fees for Surveyors in respect of work on roads in Urban areas."

OLD AGE PENSION SUB_COMMITTEE NO. 5

The following under date 8th August, 1939, was read from Mr. Thomas McCarthy, 11, Rafter Street, Enniscorthy, a member of No. 5 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee:-

"I have been requested by the Enniscorthy and Kiltealy Old Age Pensions Committee to inform you that at a meeting held on the 5th inst. the matter of the absence of the Clerk (Mr. Jasper Whitty) was discussed and it was decided that I should officially acquaint you of the fact and ask for further instructiona as to the course to be adopted."

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

"That, the Department of Local Government and Public Health be requested to furnish replies to the following queries forwarded by County Secretary on the 11th August, 1939:-

- Can the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee take any steps as regards the position of Mr. Whitty as their Clerk?
- 2. Can the Sub-Committee appoint a temporary Clerk without advertisement to carry out the duties of Clerk temporarily?"

Mr. McCarthy said that he was attending to the Clerk's work in the meantime.

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

At last Finance Committee meeting application was read from John O'Brien, Tagoat, for transfer of the Scholarship under above Scheme held by his son, John O'Brien, from St. Peter's College, Wexford, to Christian Brothers College, Cork, where the boy could attend as a day pupil.

The Finance Committee decided to ask Mr. O'Brien why he wished for the transfer.

Mrs. O'Brien attended at County Council's Offices on 17th August, 1939, and explained that by making the proposed

transfer they believed the boy would have a much better chance of obtaining some position as the Christian Brothers, Cork, prepared their boys for Vlerical Posts. The boy could live in Cork with his brother.

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

"That, John O'Brien be allowed to transfer his scholarship from St. Peter's College, to Christian Brothers, Cork, subject to the consent of the Department of Education, and to the payment of amount of Bursary, £15. instead of Scholarship, as the boy intends to become a day pupil in Cork."

ARDAMINE LANE.

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

"That, Ardamine Lane be reported to the Office of Public Works for repair under Minor Relief Schemes Vote."

GARRYMILE LANE.

Applications under date 14th August, 1939, was received from Mr. Francis Cullen, Garrymile, The Ballagh, Enniscorthy, for repair of above lane.

The application was referred to the County Surveyor for report.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATIONS.

Under date 14th August, 1939, the Inspector, County Wexford and District Branch of the National Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Children, wrote that he intended applying to Childrens' court at Wexford on 23rd August, 1939, for the committal of Margaret Tyndall, Centenary Place, Gorey, aged 3½ years to St. Michael's Industrial School. The mother was dead and the father unemployed.

Referred to Solicitor.

The following under date 15th August, 1939, was read from Mr. Denis Corish, District Court Clerk, New Ross:-

"I have been informed that applications will be made at New Ross District Court, of 22nd inst., for the committal to St. Aidan's Industrial School, New Ross, of the following children:-

Elizabeth Nugent, born on the 23rd June, 1933, daughter of Patrick Nugent of Newbawn.

The child's mother is dead and the father is unemployed. Margaret O'Neill, born of 17th September, 1929, daughter

of the late Owen O'Neill, of Ballylane, New Ross. The widow is unable to support her.

Application will also be made for the Committal to Artane, Industrial School, of James O'Neill, born on the 10th March, 1926, brother of Margaret O'Neill, above.

Plezse let me know if your Council will object to the committels."

It was decided that in the above and in all other future cases the County Solicitor would communicate with Local Councillors and Home Assistance Officers to obtain information as to the circumstances of the children and their parents or guardians.

BLASTING IN QUARRIES.

It was decided that further consideration of the position of Assistant Surveyors relative to blasting in quarries be considered at the meeting of the Council in November next.

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

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"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 18th August 1939 be received and considered."

PROPOSED FURCHASE OF TRACTION ENGINE: The following, under date 9th September 1939, was read from County Surveyor:-

"I beg to notify you that owing to the refusal of the Ministry of Industry and Commerce to allow entry of the Traction Engine duty free, the cost of same will be somewhat beyond the figure formerly notified by me to the Finance Committee. My original estimate was £450 and now with the duty it will amount to £475. I shall be glad if you will have this figure amended at County Council meeting on Monday next."

The County Surveyor said it was essential they should have the traction engine as soon as possible. Mr. Cullen (Assistant Surveyor) had a hired engine working at Ballybuckley and it was being taken away this week. Without replacement the grant work in the area would be held up. All their machinery with the exception of one Roller was working. This roller would be repaired immediately.

Mr. R. Doyle said that it would be possible for ten months of the year to hire engines.

The County Surveyor said hiring of engines was not satisfactory and was more costly than if the Council employed their own engines. Their entire machinery was fully employed for ten months of the year and their Compressor plant had until lately been employed continuously for two years.

The proposal to purchase the traction engine was approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Mr. Corish at £475 - to cover cost and import duty.

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

"That the County Surveyor make further representations to the Departments of Local Government and Public Health, and of Industry and Commerce as to non-enforcement of import duty on traction engine purchased by the County Council exclusively for the work of Raod Maintenance and point out that the work in question could be regarded as of national importance."

It was also decided that the County Surveyor furnish the Chairman (Mr. Allen, T.D.) and the Vice-Chairman (Mr. Corish, T.D.) with full particulars as to the proposed employment of the traction engine on County Council work.

EMPLOYMENT OF LORRY DRIVER: Mr. Corish asked if the County Surveyor had taken any steps to ascertain if any other man as well as Roche was available. It was, to say the least of it, preculiar that a man should be taken out of a job by the County Council while idle men were available.

The County Surveyor said that some other man could take over Roche's former job.

Mr. Kelly said that people in Enniscorthy had complained to him and said it was not fair that Roche should be taken out of a job. Also that a position carrying £3 per week should be advertised and be open to conpetition. There was a number of competent lorry drivers idle.

The County Surveyor said he regarded Roche as the most suitable man for the position and he was well recommended.

Mr. Corish said that in the case of an ordinary road worker the County Council had established a rule that no man could be taken from a farmer to work on the roads. He (Mr. Corish) was of opinion this rule should apply all round.

The Chairman said that if an unemployed man was available

and suitable he should get preference.

The County Surveyor said he saw Roche dismantle one of their Deisel engines and from the manner in which he carried out that work he (County Surveyor) was convinced that he was really the man the County Council wanted.

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Col. Quin held that in matters of this kind they should not interfere with the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor said that outside of excellent references which he had Roche was appointed on his merits as a suitable and capable man. Recommendations of men from County Councillors asking that they should be given employment were considered but not until it was ascertained that the men recommended were equal to the job.

The Chairman said it would appear from the discussion that the County Surveyor had taken on a first class man and this was to the advantage of the Council.

Mr. O'Byrne said there was a rule that the Council would not take a man out of employment.

Miss O'Ryan said that rule really applied to unskilled labour. If the job had been advertised Roche would probably have secured the post.

Mr. Keegan proposed and Col. Quin seconded the following resolution which was adopted:-

"That all future appointments of employees in connection with the work of Road Maintenance be left in the hands of the County Surveyor."

PAYMENT GRANT FEES URBAN DISTRICT: The Chairman said that the County Council had made three attempts to get the Department to agree to the payment of fees for grant work in New Ross Urban area and failed. Unfortunately in this matter a very large number of officials, viz., Town Surveyors, Town Clerks,

etc. were concerned and the Department were not prepared to concede the principle that fees should be paid for work carried out on roads and streets in Urban Areas by means of State Grants.

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The County Surveyor said that the work in question was in addition to the ordinary work which had been carried out by Mr. O'Neill before the County Council took over the streets of New Ross. As regards the point that a small mileage was concerned he (County Surveyor) believed that Mr. O'Neill had more work and more supervision in the Urban area than for 40 miles of Rural Roads.

Mr. T. Redmond said that Mr. O'Neill had satisfied everybody in the manner in which the streets of New Ross Urban Area had been maintained and it was unfair that he should be deprived of the small amount of remuneration involved.

The Chairman suggested that the New Ross Urban Council should again approach the Minister in the matter and this was agreed to.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 18th 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 altered or amended by resolution adopted at this meeting."

MEETING 1st SEPTEMBER 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 1st September 1939.

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

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

The Minutes of last meeting were confirmed.

PAYMENTS

Treasurer's Advice Note for £4560. 10. 11d was examined and signed.

THE LATE MR. MICHAEL O'GORMAN

Resolution of condolence to the Chairman (Mr. Allen) in the death of his father-in-law, Mr. Michael O'Gorman, Ballybawn, Rathnure, Enniscorthy, was adopted on the motion of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Miss O'Ryan.

The motion was supported by Mr. Kelly. The Secretary offered his personal sympathy. The Chairman returned his thanks for the vote.

THE LATE DR. WALSH, NEW ROSS

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

"That copy of the following letter from Mr. J. E. Walsh, County Councillor, in reply to vote of condolence to him in the death of his father, Dr. Walsh, Airmount, New Ross, be inserted on the Minutes of the day:-

Will you please convey to your Finance Committee my deep appreciation of their kind vote of sympathy on my father's death.'"

RATE COLLECTION

STATE OF: The following shows the state of the Rate

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Collection to date:-

Name of	Percentage of
Collector	Warrant Collected
 S. Gannon W. Cummins D. Kenny J. J. O'Reilly A. Dunne J. Flood J. Flood J. Deegan J. Quirke J. Curtis J. J. Sinnott P. Nolan J. Cummins W. Doyle E. J. Murphy P. Doyle M. McCarthy P. Carty M. Kehoe 	11.5 10.9 10.9 10.0 9.5 9.1 8.9 8.7 8.6 8.4 7.9 7.0 6.3 6.2 6.2 4.9 4.1 3.3

Average 8.1

The Secretary stated that as compared with the corresponding period last year there was an improvement of .3 per cent only.

The Chairman said that it was the experience of the Finance Committee after five years that if the first molety of Rate was not collected by the end of December it was never got. The Committee could see from the Return that the same Collectors were consistently month after month at the bottom of the list.

He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by Miss O'Ryan and adopted:-

"The Finance Committee are disappointed that the collection does not show a bigger percentage collected than obtained last year. They expect large lodgments all round by next Finance Committee; otherwise they will be compelled to recommend the County Council to take drastic action in the case of some Collectors."

RATES ON BALLYNASTRAW - MOYACOMB E.D.: Under date 30th August 1939 the following was read from Mr. James Robinson (Solicitor for Wards of Court in Eire), 119 Stephen's Green, W. Dublin, as to Rates due on the holding of William Noblett (a ward) at Ballynastraw, Moyacomb E.D.:-

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"I have received a demand from your Rate Collector for £39. 19s. 7d arrears of rates due on the above ward's holding at Ballynastraw, and regret that I have no money in hands out of which to pay these rates.

I am informed, however, that there are a number of cattle and horses on the lands, and I have written to the Rate Collector suggesting that these should be seized. The lands have not been let for some time, and any stock on same belongs to trespassers."

It was decided that copy of letter be forwarded Rate Collector John Deegan for his observations.

The Committee are of opinion that practically all the land described as derelict is being systematically grazed and the Rate Collectors should make a careful investigation into all such holdings and take appropriate action to secure payment of the arrears of Rates.

PROPOSED APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER-ADVESOR

The following resolution adopted by County Board of Health on 21st August 1939 was read:-

"That, in view of the very large property now controlled by the Board in houses, hospitals and dispensary residences, and in view of the probably further housing and hospitalisation activities of the Board, we feel that it is essential to have a competent person to act as Engineer-Advisor to the Board of Health and to control and co-ordinate the Board's housing activities. We recommend the Board to request the County

Council to appoint an Assistant County Engineer who would be Assistant to the County Surveyor. The person to be appointed should have a wide knowledge and experience of all phases of house erection and repair."

Miss O'Ryan said there was great necessity for the proposed appointment. There was a huge amount of the people's money invested throughout the County and a much closer supervision of all building schemes by the various subsidiary bodies of the Council was required. The Board of Health had a very large number of cottages on hands erected or to be built and increasing every year; then, they had two district hospitals in hands, a sanatorium, County Home, and plans were in preparation for a County Hospital. Then the Mental Hospital - a very large building - had never so far as she knew, been examined by an expert. If they had a man such as proposed, the people of the County would save a good deal of money and their property would be fully secured and looked after. The necessity for such an officer as referred to in the resolution was really urgent.

Mr. Corish supported the motion. There was lack of co-ordination in policy relative to building in different areas and for which the officials could not be blamed. He (Mr. Corish) considered they would save money by the appointment.

The County Surveyor expressed himself in favour of the proposal.

The Finance Committee adopted the following resolution: -

"That in accordance with the request of the County Board of Health, the County Council be recommended (subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health) to appoint an assistant to the County Surveyor. Salary £450 rising by increments of £20 to £550, with

with locomotion expenses up to £150 per annum. Person appointed must possess a degree in engineering and have practical experience in housing and building construction. He will be under the control of the County Surveyor and his duties will include acting as Engineer-Advisor to the Board of Health and Public Assistance, the Committee of the Mental Hospital and any committees appointed by the County Council. Age limits 25 to 35 with five years extension in the case of applicants who have been in the service of local authority in a similar capacity."

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APPOINTMENT OF CLERICAL ASSISTANT

Under date 18th August 1939 the following letter (No. G.4508/9/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health relative to proposed appointment of Ckrical Assistant:-

"Adverting to your letter of the 5th instant regarding the appointment of a Chrical A saitant, I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to state that it is not clear whether the duties to be performed will include such as can be done only by a person having a knowledge of Shorthand and Typewriting. It has been noted that the County Council have already on their staff a Shorthand Typist and a Typist, and unless there are special circumstances it would hardly appear to be necessary to recruit another Officer who although designated a Chrical Officer would be required to obtain qualifications in Shorthand and Typewriting.

It is desirable therefore that the duties to be carried out by the new appointee should be considered in a general way for the purpose of deciding what will be the nature of the position. The conditions now adopted generally for posts as Clerical Officers do not include a provision that the

appointee may be required to acquire a knowledge of Shorthand and Typewriting and it is accordingly recommended that this condition should not be applied if a Clerical Officer is required. If, however, what is required is a Shorthand Typist who will also be required to do a certain amount of Clerical work, the position could be designated as that for a Female Clerk Typist.

Draft conditions for both these Grades are enclosed and set out the salaries etc. which are now generally adopted for the posts. In connection with the residential qualifications, the post should be open to persons ordinarily resident or the children of parents ordinarily resident in the County on 1st April, 1939. It would be difficult to justify the exclusion of persons or the children of persons who are ratepayers for the year in which the appointments are to be made.

The further views of the local authority on the conditions will be awaited."

The following are the draft of conditions of appointment of Junior Clarical Officer as furnished by the Department:-

"Wexford County Council

VACANCY FOR JUNIOR CLERICAL OFFICER

Conditions of Appointment

1. The appointment is whole-time and permanent.

2. <u>Salary</u>: £100 a year for two years or until the officer reaches 20 years of age, whichever is the longer period. The officer will then be placed on £120 a year, increasing, subject to satisfactory service, by annual increments of £7. 10. 0 to £150, thence by annual increments of £10 to £190 a year.

3. Age Limits: Candidates must be not less than 16 or more than 20 years of age on the 1st September, 1939. The maximum age limit will not apply to existing temporary officers of the

Council who have had not less than two years temporary service on 1st September 1938.

4. Duties: The duties will be such as may be assigned to the Officer by the Secretary of the County Council.

5. The appointment will be made as the result of a competitive examination, the subjects for which shall be :-

Obligatory Subjects:

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	Irish (Oral and Written)	300 marks
	English	300 "
	Arithmetic (including tots)	300 "
	History and Geography	300 "
pt	ional Subjects: (One group only can	be taken)
	Algebra and Geometry	200 marks
	Book-keeping, Shorthand and Typewriting	200 "

Typewriting

The standard of examination where applicable will be that of the Intermediate Certificate. In Book-keeping, Shorthand and Typewriting a good commercial standard will be required. The pass mark will be 50% for Irish and 331% of the maximum for the remaining subjects. Failure to attain this standard in any of the optional subjects will not debar a candidate from appointment, but the marks obtained in these subjects, if below pass standard will not be reckoned in the total. The candidat ate who passes in every subject, and who obtains the highest aggregate marks will, sbject to satisfactory evidence as to age, health and character, be appointed to the post. In the event of two or more candidates obtaining the same aggregate marks, the order of merit will be decided by the marks obtained in Irish.

The appointment will be subject to the sanction of the 6. Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

A t the end of the second year of service the Secretary 7. of the County Council will be required to satisfy himself as © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES

to the officer's fitness and give a certificate as to the officer's conduct and capacity.

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8. Candidates must have been ordinarily resident or the children of persons ordinarily resident in County Wexford on 1st April, 1939.

9. A female officer appointed to the post will be required to resign on marriage and to inform the County Secretary one month previous to her marriage.

Candidates will be notified in due course of the date and place of examination.

Canvassing is strictly prohibited.

Applications in the form below should reach the undersigned not later than the morning of the 1939.

An examination fee of seven shillings and sixpace should accompany the application.

N. J. Frizelle.

Secretary.

APPLICATION

To: The Secretary, Wexford County Council, County Hall, Wexford.

I desire to enter as a candidate in the examination for a Junior Clerical Officer in the Offices of the Wexford County Council.

I enclose the examination fee (7s. 6d).

Address.....

Date.....

The following are the conditions of appointment of Female Clerk-Typist as furnished by the Department:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL

Appointment of Female Ckrk-Typist

CONDITIONS OF APPOINTMENT

1. The post is whole-time and permanent.

2. <u>Salary</u>: £90 a year until two years have been served or until the officer reaches 20 years of age, whichever period is the longer and then £100 a year increasing by annual increments of £5 to £120, increasing by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £140 a year.

3. A ge Limits: Candidates must be not less than 17 and not more than 24 years of age on 1st September, 1939.

4. <u>Duties</u>: The duties will be typing and shorthand typing work and such clerical work of a simple character as may be assigned to the officer.

5. The appointment will be made as the result of a competitive examination, the subjects for which shall be

Irish	(Oral	and	Written)	300	marks
Engli	sh			300	n
Arithm	netic			150	
Shorth	nand			500	11
Typew	riting			500	

The standard of the examination except in Shorthand and Typewriting will be that of the Sixth Standard National School Programme. In Shorthand and Typewriting a good commercial standard will be required. In order to qualify candidates must obtain at last 50% of the maximum marks allotted to Irish Shorthand and Typewriting and at least 331% of the maximum marks allotted to each of the other subjects. The candidate who passes in every subject and who obtains the highest aggregate marks will, subject to satisfactory evidence as to age, health and character, be appointed to the post. In the event of two or more candidates obtaining the same aggregate marks, the order of merit will be decided by the marks

obtained in Irish.

6. The appointment will be subject to the sanction of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

7. At the end of the second year of service the Secretary of the Wexford County Council will be required to satisfy himself as to the Officer's fitness and give a certificate as to conduct and capacity.

8. The person appointed will be required to resign on marriage and to notify her marriage to the County Secretary immediately on its taking place.

9. Candidates must have been ordinarily resident or the children of persons ordinarily resident in County Wexford on 1st April, 1939.

Candidates will be notified in due course of the date and place of examination.

Canvassing is strictly prohibited.

Applications in the form below should reach the undersigned not later than the morning of the 1939.

An examination fee of five shillings should accompany the application.

N. J. FRIZELLE.

Secretary Wexford County Council.

APPLICATION

To: The Secretary, Wexford County Council, County Hall, Wexford.

I desire to enter as a candidate in the examination for the post of Clerk-Typist in the offices of the Wexford County Council.

I enclose the exemination fee (five shillings).

Signature.....

Address.....

Date

It was decided that the vacancy should be filled by the appointment of a Junior Clerical Officer.

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The Finance Committee directed that the following observations regarding proposed appointment be sent to the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

The Committee cannot see their way to accept any changein the age limits 17 - 25 on the 1st April last or in the proposed salary of £90 rising by increments of £5 to a maximum of £150.

As regards the proposal that the appointee during the year of probation should obtain qualification in shorthand and typing the Finance Committee are strongly of opinion that all Junior Officers should be obliged to qualify in these subjects. At present with only one shorthand-typist in the County Council Offices, delay is occasioned when a good deal of typing has to be carried out. This is not, however, quite sufficient to warrant the appointment of another shorthand-typiets.

The other conditions set out in the draft for the appointment of Junior Olerical Officer including the provision that the candidates must be ordinarily resident or the children of persons and ratepayers ordinarily resident in the County on the 1st April last, are accepted.

AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS ACT 1939

The following under date 26th August 1939 (No. 2/52675) was read from the Department of Defence:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Defence to point out that Section 12 of the above Act which was enacted on the 26th July 1939, provides that it shall be the duty of each schememaking local authority to prepare and submit to the Minister for Defence a scheme of air raid precautions which shall contain provisions in respect of such matters as may be prescribed by regulations made by the Minister. Section 11 of the Act provides that every Council of a County, the Council of a County Borough, and the Council of any Urban Area

included in the schedule to the Act, shall be a scheme-making local authority.

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I have to enclose a copy of regulations made on the 24th August 1939, by the Minister for Defence with the concurrence of the Minister for Finance, as to the matters to be contained in air raid precautions schemes. Printed copies of this regulation will be on sale in due course. Meantime, I am to direct your attention to paragraph (1) - paragraph 4(c) in the case of a County Council - of the regulations, and to request that your Council will immediately make such arrangements as may be required in connection with the lighting in highways, streets and public places in your functional area, as will enable such lighting to be discontinued forthwith on receipt of an instruction to that effect from this Department.

Arrangements for the extinction of public lighting should not involve the discontinuance of the supply to consumers for domestic or power purposes.

I am to direct that you will notify the Minister without delay of your proposals in the matter, and furnish him, if possible, with a rough estimate of any expenditure which may be involved."

The regulations in detail were read for the meeting.

The following order was adopted: -

"The Wexford County Council through the Finance Committee will co-operate in every possible way with the Department of Defence, in the matter of precautions against Air Raids. The Committee request the Department if at all possible to submit an appropriate draft or skeleton scheme and desire to know what amount of money will be available from State Funds towards the cost of such scheme.

Further they understand that the Wexford Corporation have asked Defence Department to arrange for one of their

officials to attend a conference with a Sub-Committee of the Corporation. The Finance Committee point out they would be glad to avail of the opportunity of being present at such a conference.

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As copies of the Act are not yet available the Committee do not feel in a position to make definite suggestions at the moment but, will, of course, carry out any directions they may receive from the Department.

The recommend to the County Council that the arrangements in connection with necessary precautions should be put into commission with the Finance Committee in conjunction with the County Secretary, County Surveyor, County Medical Officer of Health and Secretary County Board of Health."

SCHOLAREHIP SCHEMES

<u>GENERAL</u>: The following report of Sub-Committee was submitted and approved on the motion of the Chairman seconded by Miss O'Ryan:-

WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Sub-Committee appointed by the Council to consider generally the provisions of the Scholarship Schemes, met in Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on 18th August, 1939.

Present:-

Mr. D. Allen (Chairman County Council) presiding; also Messrs. R. Doyle, Sean O'Byrne and Miss O'Ryan. Messrs. Corish and McCarthy did not attend.

The Secretary to the County Council was present.

The following represents a normal year's expenditure on all Scholarship Schemes:-

University	•••	•••	£840
Secondary & Scholarships	Vocatio	nal	1,200
do.	Bur	saries	360
			2,400

In addition to these the following scholarships are awarded by the County Committee of Agriculture:-

Glasnevin Co.	Llege (2)	£50	
Provincial School	Ls (boys)(6)	£120	
Girls Ramsgrange	School (4) Gross Total		£2,650

UNIVERSITY:

The following table shows cost of these Scholarships for the past five academic years with amount contributed by Urban Districts on a valuation proportion of the total cost of the Scholarships. In addition, there is shown for each year the amount paid to students from Urban Districts in respect of these Scholarships. It will be noted that for the five years the contribution from the Urban D istricts

amounted to £489. 8. 0. and the actual value of Scholarships paid to Urban Students in the same period amounted to £1265.13. 9.:-

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6/37	770.,	0.	0.	685.	0.	0.	85.	0.	0.	210;	0.	0.
57/38	840.	0.	0.	748.	0.	0.	92.	0.	0.	210.	0.	0.
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From this tab. .. will be seen that the Urban Contribution was only 39% of the amount awarded to students in Urban Areas.

The Sub-Committee point out that to the Scholarship fund (proper) the Urban Areas contributed for the five years a a shade over 10% and the Rural Areas 90%, while the incidence of scholars showed that the residents of Urban districts with the children of those residing in Rural areas who did not derive their means of livelihood from the land accounted for 60% of the Scholarships and the children of those who could **ola**im to be making a living from the land, gave a percentage of 40%

The Sub-Committee believe the County Council should make such re-adjustment in the University Scholarship Scheme as as will enable the children of actual farmers and Agricul-'tural workers to derive a greater benefit from this Scheme if not a benefit entirely commensurate with their contribution.

They spent a considerable time in considering this particular point, and as a result recommended the following:-That three University Scholarships only be provided, two of which are to be confined to the children of parents who derive their means of living mainly from agriculture, 1.c. farmers and agricultural workers, and who reside in the rural area of the County. These Scholarships are to be awarded strictly in order of merit.

To be eligible to compete for a University Scholarship the income of the family -

- Must not exceed £396 per annum from all sources six children or more;
- (b) Must not exceed £340 per annum from all sources four Or five children;
- Must not exceed £297 per annum two or three children;
- (d) Must not exceed £248 per annum one child.

The children of parents or guardians with a liquid capital holding of £600 per child will be regarded as ineligible to compete for University Scholarship.

The Sub-Committee recommend that valuation limits be dropped as they provide no reliable test as to means of warents or guardians to provide their children - without subsidy from the County Council - with a University Education.

Mr. O'Byrne was in favour of the original proposal of the Scholarship Committee, viz - that two University Scholarships only should be provided.

As regards extensions of Scholarships, the Sub-Committee are of opinion that such extensions should apply only to scholars who desire to secure the Higher Diploma in .Education.

They leave the matter of retaining the provision of a Remearch Scholarship to the decision of the Council.

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Except the relevant changes as to dates etc. the Sub-Committee recommend no further amendment in the University Scholarship Schome.

PRIMARY:

As regards Primary Scholarships this Scheme was recas' a few years ago when an allocation of six Bursaries was earmarked for students who reside within two miles of a Secondary School. Thes? Bursaries are tenable for four years and are valued at £15 each so that the annual cost of Bursaries is £360 (24 at £15). Students from Gorey Town are eligible to compete for them, although Gorey Town Area. is part of the rural area. (Six Scholarships which are valued at £50 each for four years are provided annually. These Scholarships can only be competed for by students from the rural area and who reside over two miles from a Secondary School. The total cost of these Scholarships per annuil is £1200 (24 at £50)). The annual cost of the scheme is therefore - for Bursaries confined to students from the Towns and those students from the rural districts who live within two miles of a secondary school. £760 and for Scholarships £1200, the latter being confined to students from rural districts who reside beyond two miles from a Secondary School.

The annual contribution of the Urban District Councils to the Scheme is about £170 roughly 50% of the cost of the Bursaries.

The Sub-Committee recommend the provision of six

Scholarships of £40 each for two years, the two successful candidates securing the highest marks to be granted extension Scholarships of £40 each for two further years. Three of these Scholarships are to be confined to the children of parents who derive their means of living "mainly" from Agriculture and who reside in a rural area.

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In cases in which successful candidates have facilities by rail, bus, or cycle to attend Secondary School the Committee recommend that in no case should the reduced scholarship exceed £25 per annum.

With regard to Bursaries the Committee recommend that four Bursaries of £10 each be awarded to be tenable for two years, the student who secures the highest marks at Intermediate Examination after these two years to have Bursary extended for a further two years.

Also that success, candidates residing within a three mile radius of a Secondary School should be eligible for Bursaries only.

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

"That £180 the amount of savings for 1940 made under the two direct Scholarship Schemes of the County Council be handed over to the County Committee of Agriculture to be utilised for the award of Scholarships tenable at Agricultural Schools".

The Chairman said he would hand in notice of motion to move the adoption of the various recommendations to be considered at the September meeting of the Council.

N.J. Frizelle,

Secretary, Wexford County Council.

County Hall, Wexford.

RESULTS OF EXAMINATION FOR NEW UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS: The results of examination for award of four University Scholarships were submitted from University College, Dublin, under date 30th August 1939.

The following is the report of Dr. D. J. Coffey, President of the College:-

"The competition with 27 candidates is very good. The best candidates are shown in the first sectional list as follows:-

 Doyle John (Quay Road, Duncannon) (Engineering)(1536 Marks)
 Sheil Hubert, 5 Pearse Street, Gorey. (Engineering) (1377 Marks).
 Kelly Edward, 10 Grattan Terrace, Gorey. (Engineering) (1335 Marks).

4. & 5. Doyle Bridget Teresa, Drinma, Rosslare. (Science) (1324 Marks).

Duggan Annie Mary, The Leap, Enniscorthy. (Arts or Commerce) (1324 Marks).

6. Murphy Winifred M., Richmond Terrace, Wexford. (Science) (1319 Marks).

7. Breen Sarah M., 24 McCurtain St., Gorey (Arts)(1316 Marks)

8. Barry Francis Patrick, Millview, Coolcots (Agriculture) (1301 Marks)

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

"That, in accordance with report of the President of University College, Dublin, the County Council be recommended to award University Scholarships to the following:-

- 1. Doyle John, Quay Road, Duncannon.
- 2. Sheil Hubert, 5 Pearse Street, Gorey.
 - 3. Kelly Edward, 10 Grattan Terrace, Gorey.
- 4. Barry Francis Patrick, Hillview, Coolcots.

The latter secures his Scholarship by virtue of the following provision in University Scholarship Scheme:-

"Agricultural Scholarships will be awarded to successful

candidate in examination irrespective of place obtained by him in results, provided he be recommended by University Academic Council for award of Scholarship on marks obtained. If there I be more than one Applicant for Agricultural Scholarship it will be awarded to the candidate obtaining the highest marks."

Under date 23rd A ugust 1939, the Very Rev. President, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, recommended the renewal of Scholarship to Patrick J. Corish, Ballycullane. This student, the President wrote, had dome extremely well in the first University Examination obtaining First Class Honours in Greek and Latin and Second Class Honours in English.

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

"That, in view of report of Very Rev. President of Maynooth College, University Scholarship to Patrick J. Corish be renewed for year 1939/40.

Under date 30th August 1939, the following was read from Mr. Gerald Coffey, Baldwinstown, Wexford:-

"Having fulfilled two years of my University Scholarship in Agriculture Professor Drew recommends that it is highly desirable for me to take the Practical Aggiculture Course (s) as a resident student in Albert Agricultural College, commencing October 1939 (terminating August 1940).

I shall be obliged if you will grant the suspension for one year of the existing Scholarship to enable me to take this course.

The fee for this course is £25 (Twenty Five Pounds), and I would esteem it as a favour if your Council would agree to cover the expense of same."

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

"The Finance Committee recommend that the University Scholarship in Agriculture awarded to Gerald Coffey, Baldwinstown, be held over for year 1940 to enable him to avail of course in Practical Agriculture at Albert College, Glasnevin, Dublin, as a resident student.

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As regards application that the County Council pay £25, the fee for this course, the Finance Committee have no power to offer any recommendation seeing that payment of this fee does not come within the provisions of the University Scholarship Scheme!

SECONDARY AND VOCATIONAL SCHEME: Under date 22nd August 1939, the following was read from Mr. John O'Brien, Tagoat, Wexford, in connection with his application to have his son's scholarship transferred from St. Peter's College, Wexford, to Christian Brothers, Cork:-

"I got your letter and I see that the Finance Committee has consented to allow my son, John, to transfer his Scholarship to Cork from Wexford, and that the amount offered is £15, therefore dis-allowing me £35.

I wish to make it clear that he has no advantages to gain by the change on the purely educational basis and in no way have we any fault whatsoever to find with the local college.

It is just this way. The great difficulty of getting positions by young men with college training is becoming very apparent, and is much talked of; the amount of unemployment which exists among these, and the fact that many have to do with jobs in which their education is wasted and is indeed a handicap to them have caused many to leave the country.

I am naturally anxious to keep my boy in the country and to get a reasonably suitable start for him in accordance with the education which your Council has so kindly provided for him; and I am assured your Committee would be anxious that the boy's education might not be a loss to the country and that he

would be able to remain at home. I am practically certain that if my boy can complete his course in Cork, where he has relations and connections, he will be placed in a suitable position and so get a good start.

In thanking the Committee for their consideration in the past I am unwillingly forced to ask the Committee to reconsider their decision, on the amount £15 which they propose to give me.

I respectfully ask them to allow me the full value of the scholarship £50, in view of my limited means. I am a postman. The school fee is £16 and I would also have to pay £1 per week for his board and lodging besides buying all his school books."

It was decided to point out to Mr. O'Brien that under the provisions of the Scheme, the County Council are not empowered to pay a higher sum than £15 per annum in the case of a nonresident student under their Secondary and Vocational Scholarship Scheme.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION ACTS

In connection with proposed increase of loan to John Byrne, Pearse Street, Gorey, the following under date 28th August 1939 (H.18269/4/1939 - Loch Garman) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"I am directed by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to refer to your letter of the 21st instant, and to state that he would be prepared to sanction an increased advance of £300 under the Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts to Mr. John Byrne in respect of a house at Gorey Corporation Lands in lieu of an advance of £185 already sanctioned in the Department's letter (H.14715/38) of the 19th May, 1938, subject to collateral security being provided for the amount of the advance in excess of 70% of the ownership. The security in this case should be for the sum of £55 and should be retained

by the County Council until 40% of the advance has been repaid."

Mr. Elgee stated that the proposal of the Department could be met by an additional mortgage for £55 and he would communicate with Mr. Warren, Solicitor for John Byrne, in the matter.

INDUSTRIAL S CHOOL APPLICATION

In connection with report from County Solicitor under date 23rd August 1939, as to committal to Industrial School of Margaret Tyndall, Centenary Place, Gorey, it was decided that the County Secretary interview the District Justice in the matter.

OLD A-GE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE NO. 5

In connection with position of Clerk to above Committee, the following under date 21st August 1939 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 11th instant; and to state that, having regard to the circumstances in which Mr. Whitty has relinquished the discharge of the duties of Clerk of Enniscorthy and Kiltealy Old Arge Pension Sub-Committee, as referred to in your letter, the Minister considers that the S-ub-Committee should formally remove him from the postion, in accordance with the provisions of Section 7 of the Old Age Pensions Committees (Clerks) Order, 1932. As soon as this has been done, and the Minister's consent obtained thereto, as required, you should proceed to advertise the vacancy, in accordance with Section 5 of the abovementioned Order and the Order of 1936.

In the meantime, the Sub-Committee may make a temporary appointment without advertisement. A form of queries is attached for completion in respect of the person whom it may be proposed to employ as temporary Clerk " © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES Mr. McCarthy - member of the Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee - stated that the Sub-Committee did not intend to make a temporary appointment of Clerk. They were having a meeting on the 2nd September and would then deal with the communication from the Minister as to the removal of Jasper Whitty from office.

EXTENSION OF OVERDRAFT

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

"That the Minister for Local Government and Public Health be asked to agree to extend period of overdraft to the maximum amount of £30,000 to the end of December 1939."

INCREMENT TO MR. O'KENNEDY, COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE

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

"That, as from 13th August 1939 increment of £7. 10. 0 salary to Mr. S. C'Kennedy, County Surveyor's Office, be agreed to, making his present salary £193. 10. 0d."

BALLINCASH LANE

The following report under date 31st August 1939 was submitted by the County Surveyor:-

"On 18th Alugust, the Committee appointed to inspect above Lane - the Chairman, Messrs. O'Byrne and Keegan, met at the Tinnock end on the Main Road. Father Doran of Oulart with the County Surveyor and Alssistant Surveyor (Mr. Cullen) were also present.

The first section, about 220 yards is an existing Laneway which can be made good with very little expense. Beyond this, leading down to the stream, for a length of about 160 yards, there is an existing narrow Lane which it would be inadvisable to attempt to improve. All this place, and © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES across the bog and river up to the old Laneway through Ballincash would require to be 14id out as a new road in its entirety. Local people have marked out this line by cutting a sod along the side. This length is about 350 lineal yards of which about 50 yards or so is through a bog and would require special treatment. The old Laneway through Ballincash coming out on the County Road No. 411 is in or about 800 yards long, and would require to be included in any proposal for a new road so as to comply with the Act. It will not be necessary to do much repair on this Lane at the present time, but the Council should understand that if they embody it in any proposal the responsibility for its maintenance will lie on them.

The Chairman pointed out to Father Doran, who represented the local people, that there were numerous somewhat similar cases of demand for new roads throughout the County, and unless this work could be carried out at a reasonable cost and exceptional cause for its adoption be shown it could not be undertaken. The County Surveyor was directed to go fully into details as regards cost of proposed work and figures are attached herewith.

First section in Tinnock and small repair on Ballincash Lane itself £ 30. 0. 0d

NEW ROAD: -

 440 cubic yards bottoming
 @ 10/- ... £220. 0. 0d

 220 cubic yards Broken Stone
 @ 13/6d ... £148. 10. 0d

 Special Treatment over Bog
 ... £ 10. 0. 0d

 Culvert over River
 ... £ 20. 0. 0d

This Estimate pre-supposes that the local people remove the sod from the site of the road and build up necessary mound fences therewith.

The saving in length from the Northern end of New Road coming out on Ballincash Lane in travelling to Oulart is 1³/₄ miles. Oulart is 2 miles from Tinnock Cross on Main Road." © WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL ARCHIVES Mr. Eally intimated his intention of serving notice of motion that Ballincash Lane be taken over by the County Council as a Public Road.

ROAD INSPECTION

The following under date 30th August 1939 (to the County Surveyor) was read from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for Gorey District:-

"I beg to report that I met Mr. Bolger, M.C.C., by appointment on 29th August and we travelled over roads referred to by him at County Council meeting.

On inspecting the work done at picking and levelling sides, where high, during past few years it was agreed that this class of work was very advantageous. As more of this type of repair is necessary and also Summer attention to drainage and weeds, it was agreed to recommend that if possible two extra men be employed in each section from 1st April to 1st September to do all drainage work which it is not possible to have done at present during ordinary Winter work.

It was also recommended that if possible a Roads Rural Relief Grant should be applied for Road through Craanford Village as this Road is very heavily trafficked and liable to damage during heavy storms of rain."

It was decided to refer this report to the County Surveyor to take such steps as he may consider advisable, but without exceeding the amount allocated for the roads in question.

MAIN ROAD IN ENNISCORTHY URBAN AREA

The following, under date 26th August 1939, was read from Enniscorthy Urban District Council:-

"With reference to the recent report of Mr. W. F. Barry, County Surveyor, and previous correspondence relative to the surface of the road from Enniscorthy Bridge to Templeshannon corner (O'Reilly's), I am directed to send you the following

resolution passed by the Council at its last meeting :-

"That, as/the carters have discontinued the practice of throwing sand on the main road between Enniscorthy Bridge and Templeshannon, the County Council be now requested to carry out the improvements necessary to render the road surface more suitable for the passage of horse-drawn vehicles."

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Referred to County Surveyor.

EMPLOYMENT OF TEMPORARY TYPIST

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

"That Miss Teresa Roche, John Street, Wexford, be appointed Temporary Shorthand-Typist for two weeks beginning 21st August 1939 and terminating on 2nd September 1939, remuneration to be at 25/- per week."

The following under date 28th August 1939 (G.24285/39) 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 21st instant and to state that he has sanctioned the appointment of Miss Teresa Roche as Temporary Shorthand-Typist for a period of two weeks during the absence of Miss K. Tobin on annual leave. The remuneration will be at the rate of 25/- per week."

TEMPORARY CLERICAL ASSISTANT

The following under date 28th August 1939 (G.4508/10/39) was read from the Department of Local Government and Public Health:-

"Adverting to your letter of 21st instant 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 continued employment of Mr. Laurence Cleary as temporary Clerical Assistant for a further period of one month from the 22nd instant pending the making of the permanent appointment."

APPLICATION - ERECTION OF SMALL SHOP

The County Surveyor submitted the following application from John Fortune, The Avenue, Gorey, under date 19th August 1939:-

"I desire to obtain your permission to erect a timber structure 10' x 8' (to be used as a small shop) in a line with the front wall between my premises and the public road.

Would you please give the matter your early attention."

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It was decided to inform Mr. Fortune that the Finance Committee recommend the County Council to refuse his application. It was also decided that Mr. Elgee, County Solicitor, inform Mr. Fortune, that on no account could the Finance Committee agree to his request.

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

"That the Minutes of Finance Committee in respect of meeting held on 1st September 1939 ber eccived and considered." <u>APPOINTMENT ENGINEER-ADVISOR</u>: Col. Quin said he understood the the appointment was to be a separate one - something like the M.O.H. - and not under the County Surveyor.

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Secretary - He must be under the County Surveyor.

The Chairman said that the Officer appointed would XXX be an assistant to the County Surveyor but would be the responsible officer to the Board of Health for housing, drainage and sewerage and all such matters.

Miss O'Ryan said she had stated the matter very fully, she thought, at the Finance Committee meeting - that there certaindy was great necessity for such an officer, because she supposed the worst economy of all was when they had property, not to mind it. The salary of the officer should be saved in the year if they got the proper return, as it were, from his supervision. They had property, she supposed over a million. Each engineer had his own ordinary work to do, but then they wanted co-ordination and if they had a fully qualified man to go around fun time to time and lay out a programmed of the amount of work that was to be done, she thought it would work out better. As the officer would be appointed by the Council, he naturally would have his work just the same as the Medical Officer of Health, but at the same time their chief engineer was the County Surveyor and he should be left in control. There was a question as to whether they should make the appointment now or wait for a very short time just to see how matters went. The same amount of money might not be released by Government and raw materials might not be got. Certainly, the necessity for the appointment was there, but it would be for the Council to consider whether

they should make the appointment that day or leave it over for a short time.

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Mr. O'Byrne agreed that the appointment was necessary and desirable, but since the committee met things had changed a good deal and the possibility was that they would not have many grants to spend or a lot of building to do, and he suggested that they adjourn the motion for, say, six months.

The Chairman suggested that they adjourn the making of an appointment for twelve months or until normal times.

Miss O'Ryan proposed the confirmation of the minutes of the Finance Committee and Mr. O'Byrne seconded.

Secretary - And Miss O'Ryan further proposes that no appointment be made for six months.

Miss O'Ryan did not agree with a suggestion that the making of the appointment be postponed until the conclusion of the War.

Mr. Ronan a ggested that no definate time be stated.

The Chairman held that at this stage it would not be advisable to agree to adjourn the appointment to any particular date. The County Council could when the time was opportune fix a suitable date. No doubt there was justification for the appointment of such an officer. They had almost 4,000 cottages, valued at £200 each at least. That would be £800,000. In addition they probably would have another £800,000 worth of hospitals, mental hospitals and vocational schools - a big lot of public buildings all over the County. The Health Board felt there was justification for the appointment. The man was certainly needed to guide the Health Board and look after their property in a proper manner, but in view of the uncertain condition of affairs all over the world he thought they should postpone makegany appointment for the present.

This was agreed to.

<u>AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS</u>: The Secretary stated that the resolutions of the Finance Committee in this matter were sent to the Department of Defence which forwarded a telegram on 8th Spetember 1939 modifying the lighting regulations to allow of one fourth the normal lighting and promising that a letter would follow but that letter had not arrived, and in view of that he (Secretary) did not think it necessary to call the Finance Committee together again especially for the purpose of the A.R.P. Scheme.

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Chairman - We cannot do anything more.

Mr. Corish said that the Department of Defence had notified Wexford Corporation that they were unable to send anyone to confer with the Corporation on A.R.P. The Town Clerk and himself visited the Department of Defence on Thursday and got an idea of what was required to be done. There would not be the same urgency in the rural areas as in Wexford, but Rosslare Harbour was a very vulnerable point, and something should be done about it. The Town Clerk of Wexford would be glad to give the County Council any information they needed and to co-operate in any way. The Corporation was getting the fire brigade service supplemented, and getting another engine free from the Government. It would be possible for the County Council to get a fire fighting appliance free from the Government for Rosslare Harbour.

Chairman - We should try to have fire-fighting appliances always available apart from whether there was war or anything else.

Mr. Corish suggested that when the fire fighting appliances were provided the Finance Committee should be called together to arrange for recruiting men for fire fighting. The appliances provided by the Government were trailer pumps that were carried by lorry, and they were of

the Merryweather type, which was the best made.

The Chairman mentioned that the County Council was responsible for the towns of Enniscorthy, Gorey and New Ross for A.R.P., and they should ask for three fire appliances and to place one at each of these centres, and one at Wexford to cover the south of the County.

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On the proposition of Mr. O'Byrne, seconded by Miss O'Ryan it was decided to ask the Government to supply three trailer fire pumps free for A.R.P., the centres at which appliances were to be definitely placed to be considered at a later date. <u>SOHOLARSHIP SCHEMES</u>: Mr. Corish proposed that the matter be deferred to the next meeting and that in the meantime the scholarships committee be called together to discuss the proposed changes in the schemes which he regarded as revolutionary. It would be only right to give the educational authorities' representatives on the Scholarship Committee an opportunity of considering the changes. There might be a possibility of reaching some agreement.

The Chairman said the County Council was the most important body and they should decide on what they wished to be done. The Scholarships Committee were set up to advise the County Council.

Miss O'Ryan - They can only make representations in moving the adoption of the report.

Chairman - And we need not adopt their recommendations at any time.

Miss O'Ryan, in moving the adoption of the proposals of the Special Scholarships Committee, said that the reason for the proposed change was that now more than ever there is need for educating the farmers' sons to get all possible value out of the land to feed the people. Farmers, big or little, have not so much

money to spend on education of their children, and besides that, boys and girls become very useful on the farm after they leave school. This county has to compete in the open market with other countries and there was need for the most up-todate methods being sdopted on the land. This was not a time when the ratepayers could be asked to put up more money for agricultural scholarships. Under the proposed scheme, for every £1 provided for agricultural scholarships by the County Council the Department of Agriculture would also put up £1 and the Council would have twice as much money to spend on agricultural scholarships as if they had spent it on ordanazy scholarships. Out of twenty students who had availed of the County Council University Scholarships in the past five years, she did not think there was one at the present time contributing to the upkeep of the County Wexford by rates, rent or anything else. If this money had all been spent on agricultural scholarships, the boys and girls would have gone back to the land to add to the wealth of the country as a whole. The County Council would be saving £180 a year on the direct scholarship scheme and they would get £180 from the Department to supplement that, making £360, and the students who would get benefit from the agricultural scholarships provided by that money would come back after a year at an agricultural school and be masters of their own trade. there would be 18 of these agricultural scholarships each year. If, at the end of one year it was found that there was any real hardship occasioned by the change, the County Council could revert to the old scholarship system.

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Mr. Doyle seconded.

Mr. O'Byrne said the county would benefit more from two students who got agricultural scholarships than from one who got a University scholarship.

Mr. Corish - I think it is a pity to embark on such a scheme without consulting the educational authorities. T agree that agriculture should get more scientific attention than at present and that there would be a benefit from the agricultural scholarships. In years gone by there was not quite the same necessity as now, owing to the fact that so many European countries are now competing with us on the British market. But, at the same time, I think we should not interfere with the University Scholarships, because they are an incentive to every secondary school pupil to look forward to. Secondary schools in urban areas in the County are going to suffer considerably and when the schools suffer the pupils will suffer under the proposed scheme. There are large numbers of pupils from rural areas in twom schools. In Wexford Christian Brothers' schools three of the six pupils who entered for University scholarships this year were rural pupils and the pupil who got an agricultural scholarship was a rural pupil. The Christian Brothers - I have their authority for saying this - have always been very keen on getting their rural pupils to enter for agricultural scholarships. Regarding the agricultural scholarships, was it suggested that a pupil could gain a scientific knowledge of the subject in twelve months? I think such pupils would be unable to find their feet in the college in such a time. It would take them twelve months to settle down in the College. If a son of a labourer or small farmer won such a scholarship, what incentive was there for him to continue in agriculture was there any provision to enable such a boy to put into and practice the education he acquired at an agricultural college what was the reaction of the Department?

The Secretary said the agricultural scholarships were not

intended to secure scientific farmers but to put boys and girls in touch with scientific knowledge. The Department's period for such scholarships was twelve months.

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Mr. Corish said the change would cause a decline in the secondary schools in the County and the secondary schools were against the change. Would it be possible to continue the four University Scholarships and divide them equally?

The Chairman said that the Scholarships Committee had previously recommended that the University Scholarships could be reduced from four to two.

Mr. Corish - There again the dice is loanded against the urban areas, because they only get one scholarship out of three.

Chairman - I think that is in accordance with what they are contributing.

Mr. Corish - You might as well take Oylegate, Castlebridge or Murrintown and say that they should only get scholarships in accordance with what they contribute. The urban areas are contributing all they are asked to contribute. I don't think it is fair to drive a wedge between the rural and urban areas in the matter of education. I am opposed to this scheme and I proposed that it be deferred until the Scholarships Committee consider it.

Mrl Colfer seconded.

The Chairman said it was quite plain that the rural areas were contributing to the education of the children in the urban areas without getting anyting out of it themselves. Every country in the world is spending more and more on educating its farmers and this country must do likewise. That was the fundamental basis of the whole recommendation, which would provide additional scholarships for agriculture. The urban authorities got away fairly well in the last five years. The rural areas had contributed £4,000 out of the

£4,400 spent and had received very small return. Urban people had the advantage of secondary schools all the time over the rural children. It was only fair that the boys and girls in rural areas should get some advantage from the money their parents provide. He recommended the Council to adopt the scheme because it was sound from the rural point of view and did not cuase any injustice to the urban areas. The urban areas would be getting more than they were contributing under the new scheme. Rural areas would still be contributing to a small extent to the education of urban children. There was no question of driving a wedge between the rural and urban areas. It was simply a matter of providing more funds to make better farmers.

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Miss O'Ryan remarked that out of 32 students that got scholarships over a number of years only five were children of parents who derived their living solely from agriculture.

Mr. Doyle said the Finance Committee found that a lot of the money laid out for scholarships brought no benefit afterwards to the people of this country, as the students had to go to other countries to get occupations. He thought the new scheme was an admirable one.

Mr. Smyth also agreed with the new scheme, and said the children living five miles from a secondary school had no chance of getting a scholarship under the old scheme.

On the suggestion of Mr. Corish, a resolution was passed that children of parents, such as postmen and railwaymen, who were eligible for tenancy of a labourer's cottage, be qualified to sit for the agricultural scholarships to be provided for children of farmers and farm labourers.

The amendment to adjourn the new scheme for a month was defeated on a show of hands, all the members voting against it except Mr. Corish and Mr. Colfer. The new scheme was then

adopted Mr. Corish and Mr. Colfer not voting.

The Chairman said the decision to put the Scholarship Schemes in force was contingent on money being available.

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ROAD INSPECTION: Mr. Bolger said they found no road, with the exception of a quarter of a mile at Mr. Warren's place at Ballyduff on which the water was no running out on the road. Mr. Treanor informed him that there was no money for summer drainage, and that was what was wanted. Anyone with commonsense knew that when leaves and sand collected in an inlet and the water could not get in, the result was that water ran along the road.

The Chairman drew attention to the Finance Committee's decision and Mr. Bolger said he was satisfied.

ENNISCORTHY MAIN ROAD: The County Surveyor said in his opinion the condition of the road was sufficient for the traffic. He saw a fairly good horse with reasonable load having no trouble in passing over the road.

It was decided that the Enniscorthy Urban District Council be informed that the County Surveyor did not consider it feasible to comply with the request of this Council. If, later, it is found to be a serious matter, the County Council can further consider it. At present, it must remain in abeyance.

ERECTION OF SMALL SHOP: The County Surveyor submitted the following letter under date 7th September 1939 which he had received from Mr. Fortune:-

"In reply to my application to you for permission to erect a small shop here I have now received a letter from the County Council to the effect that they will not agree to my request in any circumstances. May I point out that this

decision will inflict considerable hardship on me, if adhered to, as it will deprive me of the means of making a livelihood. I did not intend to erect a structure that would have been unsightly or an obstruction to the view of the roadway, and the distance from the centre of the road to the position in which I intended erecting it is exactly 40 feet. In addition I would inform you that there is a very definite want for the business I intended conducting in it, and if you would be kind enough to come here and see the place for yourself I feel sure you would have no objection.

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May I therefore suggest that you pay a visit here or get your Deputy Surveyor to view the place, as the erection or non-erection of this structure is a very serious matter to me!

It was decided on the motion of the Chairman that the matter be referred to County Surveyor and to Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District.

Mr. Treanor said the structure was an ornamental kiosk and was not in any way unsightly.

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

"That Minutes of Finance Committee of 1st September 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."

NOTICES OF MOTION

LOAN £19,000: The following motion circulated to members of the County Council on 26th July 1939 stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan:-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Monday, 11th September 1939

at 10.30 a.m., Official Time:- That the WExford County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £19,000 (Nineteen Thousand Pounds) for the purpose of defraying expenditure on the provision and equipment of the District Hospitals at New Ross and Gorey and the Fever Hospital at New Ross."

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In moving her motion, Miss O'Ryan said that the County Council had already agreed to this loan which was included in the amount for the hospitals referred to in the motion as well as the cost of providing a Fever Hospital in Wexford which was the subject of a subsequent motion which she would move later on.

Mr. Corish seconded.

In reply to Mr. Doyle the Chairman said the Government provided 70% of the cost of hospitals up to a certain figure. The entire cost of the Sanatorium at Brownswood had been provided from Government funds.

Miss O'Ryan said that so far no County money had been spend for any hospital.

The motion passed nem. con.

LOAN OF £1164: The following motion stood in the name of Miss O'Ryan. (It was circulated to members of the Council on 26th July 1939):-

"I hereby give notice of my intention to move at meeting of Wexford County Council to be held in County Council Chamber, County Hall, Wexford, on Monday, 11th September 1939 at 10.30 a.m. Official Time:- That the Wexford County Council consent to the borrowing by County Wexford Board of Health and Public Assistance of £1,164 (One Thousand, One Hundred and Sixty-Four Pounds) towards the cost of providing a Fever Hospital at Wexford."

In moving her motion, Miss O'Ryan pointed out that the

County Council had already agreed to agree to the loan for Wexford Fever Hospital.

Mrl Corish seconded the motion which passed nem. con.

TOWN AND REGIONAL PLANNING (AMENDMENT) ACT ETC.

Letters under date 13th July 1939 (Cir.S.82/39) and 31st August 1939 (Cir.No.85/39A) were submitted to the meeting.

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

"That our Secretary request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to furnish for distribution to members of Wexford County Council 30 copies of Letter (Cir. S.82/39) and that our Secretary be further directed to purchase 30 copies of Summary of the Provisions of the Town and Regional Planning (Amendment) Act 1939 for distribution to the Councillors with the Circular Letter from Department of Local Government and Public Health."

WEXFORD BRIDGE

Mr. Corish asked what stage had been arrived at in connection with the soundings for the new bridge over the River Slaney at Wexford.

The County Surveyor said that the borings at the boathouse end at the existing bridge had gone down 152 feet and did not reach any sound foundation, not to mention rock. It had not reached even a hard bed of gravel.

Mr. Corish - What is holding up the existing bridge?

Mounty Surveyor - At the old site opposite the courthouse we came on rock 46 feet below the road surface of the old abutment and went through the rock, but at 51 feet we met rock again and we are drilling through it. There must have been a crevice in it. We will go on with the boring there for another bit.

Mr. Corish - How long is this to go on?

The County Surveyor replied that he intended to make a report to the Finance Committee to see what steps should be taken. Unless they had some definite result from these two borings to go on all that they had done would be thrown away.

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Mr. Corish said every member of the County Council knew the terrible inconvenience caused by the obstructions on the existing bridge, especially for funerals going across. He thought a resolution had been passed regarding the preparation of plans or something like that.

County Surveyor - We require something definite in the way of boring results first.

Mr. Corish - Is there no way of speeding it up? Something will have to be done very soon.

Chairman - If the war goes on the bridge will remain as it is.

Col. Quin - How has the old bridge lasted so long? It has been in first-class condition for sixty years and if there is only sand and mud down there why is it that it was not carried away the week after it was built? How did it last without any foundations?

The County Surveyor said that when piles are driven into stiff clay they would bear a certain amount of weight held up by skin friction. In the course of years that skin friction would increase. The bridge was originally designed for very light weight. If superstructure was good it was all right for a two-ton load. The new bridge would have to comply with the Ministry for Transport regulations and bear 10 ton's weight of a vehicle.

Mr. Corish - If there is no new bridge to be built for the next five or ten years are we still to have the zig-zag course for traffic on the present bridge? It is terrible.

Could we not have a straight course for light vehicles. I am not an engineer but I am of the opinion that you get a heavier impact from a vehicle twisting and turning across the bridge than if it ran straight across.

The County Surveyor said lorries were off the bridge altogether and the obstructions were on to control the speed of ordinary motor cars. Vibration had decreased enormously since the obstructions were placed on the bridge.

Chairman - The County Council has already decided to go on with the building of the bridge, and when boring is done County Surveyor will give us a report. The Government have said nothing yet.

The County Surveyor said he proposed to bore three holes at each of the two sites, one on either bank and one in the centre at each site. None of them were finished yet.

Mr. Ronan - The war will be over before you get it done. The matter dropped.

WALL AT KILANERIN, GOREY

Col. Quin asked what authority Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor, had to give permission for the erection of a wall in front of a house in Kilanerin. The wall was within thirty feet of the centre of the road and was in front of one of Mr. Esmonde's houses. Mr. Esmonde said he knew nothing about it. The wall was on part of the village square, and it interfered with the amenities of the place.

The Chairman said the matter that was objected to was a railing put up outside a door. There was a very wide street at this point of the village - 80 feetwide probably.

The County Surveyor said the new wall was behind the line of the adjoining fence.

Mr. Corish said the Act was designed to prevent light and visibility being interfered with. There was no inter-

ference in these respects.

Col. Quin said this obstruction was within 15 feet of the centre of the road. The wall was two feet high and there was a railing 18 inches high on top.

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The County Surveyor read the following report under date 9th September 1939 from Mr. Treanor, Assistant Surveyor for the District:-

"When carrying out Improvement Work in Kilanerin making kerbs and paths a resident of Village asked me to allow a small wall and ornamental railing to be erected in front of house. As this house is about fifteen feet from the side of the road and as the place where this wall and railing to be put up was well inside of road fencing adjoining, I gave permission to have it done as it could not (when erected) be considered in any way as an obstruction, but rather an improvement, and it leaves a path of six feet width between wall and roadway. Colonel Quin spoke to me about this when he saw wall and I am now reporting the matter."

The Chairman said he saw the place a week previously and he would not regard the wall as an obstruction. It was an improvement. The County Surveyor would inspect and report.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT LICENCES 1908

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

"That licences under Poisons and Pharmacy Act 1908 be issued the following:-

NEW: William Armstrong, Templeshannon, Enniscorthy. Paid 10s . (Garda make no objection in this case).

RENEWAL4 Edward Redmond, The Harrow, Ferns.

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