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## BEHIND THE SPOTLIGHT with PENSMAN

### THE NIGHT WATCHMAN'S LAST SHOUT

The last shouts of the Night Watchman calling the hours of darkness through the streets of the Old Bore were heard on Tuesday night, May 4th 1909. That was the last occasion on which this old custom was practised as I gathered from a report of a meeting of the Dungarvan Urban Council held on that date.

The move to end the custom was started by a letter to the Council by a Mr G F Power, who stated that there had been no diminution of the watchman's vocal powers. Seemingly the matter had been the subject of a previous complaint, as Mr Power in his letter stated that the night was made hideous by such shouting which was a great annoyance inflicted on the sick and young. He asked that an end might be put to the custom which he held fills no place in the times of the present century.

The letter was supported by Mr Thomas Power who said that the custom had already been stopped in Clonmel, but Mr William Stack objected stating that the application was ridiculous and that an order had been made to have the passage of the hours shouted out at night. Mr Stack added: "If a man is sleepy he will sleep and the watchman must shout." Several of the other members of the Council at the time agreed that there was no need for the watchman's call and the Council decided that the hours should be more so for the last time was heard. Twelve o'clock and all is well. An era in the old life of Dungarvan had closed.

### A PINT FOR 2d.

They were the good old days of which we now hear so much about I thought as I read a notice published in 1909 by a then well-known licensed premises in Waterford which invited customers to come in and sample Bass's Ale at 3d per pint, finest quality Lager at 2d per bottle and a creamy pint of Beer at the popular 2d.

In the market prices of the same period I saw that butter fetched 8d per lb, hay and straw sold for 5s a ton, potatoes were available at 4d and 6d per stone and eggs could be bought for 8d per dozen.

A pair of first grade chickens could be got for 6/-, while in the fish line mackerel and herrings were returned at a penny a piece.

Fowling fans will be interested to know that cartridges could be got at 6/10d, per 100 at that time, while house proud owners will feel sorry for themselves on reading that very best quality paints any shade only required 4d per lb in those times.

Undoubtedly wages might have been small then in comparison to modern grades but then prices were also ridiculously low when placed side by side with what we now have to pay.

Who will deny that they were not the good old times?

### TRADITIONAL MUSICIANS

Dungarvan will be the centre of a hosting of traditional musicians on Sunday May 2nd when the newly-founded Comhaltas will call together all the players of traditional musical instruments and singers of the Province of Munster.

A general invitation has gone out from a provisional committee to all musicians to this gathering at which arrangements will be made to establish further branches of the Comhaltas in Munster while there will also be recitals given and a general social evening winding up with a Ceili. Every guest who intends to be present at this historic hosting and who possesses a musical instrument from a harp to a tin-whistle is requested to bring it along with him so there will be a variety of music as well as instruments.

The aims of the Comhaltas include the promotion of Irish traditional music in all its forms the restoration of playing the harp and uilleann pipes

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Primary Leaving Cert. Standard  
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### BOXING

#### SHEEHAN FOR SENIOR CHAMPIONSHIPS

N Sheehan, will take part in the Irish Senior Championship on Thursday 25th March in Dublin. We are more hopeful than confident of him winning out however, he will go down fighting and give a good account of himself. He will be meeting very tough opposition in International representative and former Irish Champion John McNally who is in the featherweight class this season. This is his position in earnest and indeed we know that Sheehan won't fall for want of trying. Good luck Noel.

The younger members of the club are looking forward to the 4th April, when nine or ten of them will be in action and we expect each and everyone to do his best and as this will be the last season some of them will be eligible for the Youths' class we know that all will make a great attempt to wind up the season as Munster Champions.

The following are the juveniles who will represent the Club—M Woods, S Tobin J Groty N Veale, M Delaney, M Lyons M Reardon, E O'Brien, F Curran & Groty.

Owing to the fact that some of the boxers who were to have come for the Tournament to be held at the end of the month now find that they will be unable to come until later, the Tournament has been put off until next month.

A special meeting of the Club will be held on Sunday next 21st March, after last Mass. All members are asked to attend—Amateur.

### TALLOW HURLING CLUB

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PRIZES—£20

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#### PUBLIC HEALTH SECTION

## ANTI-DIPHTHERIA CAMPAIGN

### PARENTS! SAVE YOUR CHILDREN FROM DIPHTHERIA

WHAT DIPHTHERIA IS—  
Diphtheria is a dangerous infection which causes great loss of life amongst children from the age of 9 months.

The disease generally starts in the throat or nose and the poison formed there gets into the blood, the poison may cause death in a few days, or if the child recovers it may leave him/her with a weakened heart, damaged kidneys and/or paralysis.

Diphtheria is practically painless, therefore children do not complain in the very early stages, when treatment is of most use and consequently the result is very often serious, if not fatal.

#### DIPHTHERIA PROTECTION IS ABSOLUTELY SAFE—

Young children are not upset by the treatment. No serious or lasting ill-effects arise as a result.

#### HAVE YOUR CHILDREN PROTECTED—

Immunisation Clinics are held monthly in your local Dispensary. Treatment is free for all. Full particulars may be obtained from your local Medical Officer.

No child will be given the course of treatment under the Scheme until the parent or guardian has first given his/her consent in writing on the prescribed form, procurable at the Dispensary.

#### PARENTS ARE ADVISED—

To have every child between 9 months and 16 years protected against Diphtheria. The method is simple and harmless and is the only one available to them for guarding their children against this disease.

A Combined Injection against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough is recommended.

(Issued by the Health Department of the Waterford County Council).

### DUNGARVAN U.D.C.

#### VICE-CHAIRMAN ANXIOUS TO SPEND PUBLIC MONEY—Says Councillor

#### SEWERAGE EXTENSION AT ABBEYSIDE

Mr N Kelly Vice-Chairman presided at a meeting of the above held on last Friday night. Also present were Messrs J Keane, T McCarthy, P Casey, R Walsh, Mr E Deery, Town Clerk.

Water Supply  
After short discussion and on the proposition of Mr Walsh, seconded by Mr McCarthy the Council passed a resolution recommending that water be extended to Mr Casey's new bungalow at Youghal Road as they felt that he was entitled to the same facilities as obtained in other cases.

Abbeyside Sewerage Extension  
Further to their application for an extension of the sewerage to the New Line, Abbeyside Mr V O'Brien and Messrs E O'Brien & Sons Contractors came before the meeting and said that 12 months ago they first made this application to drain twelve houses. It has now been completed but so far nothing had been done. He said that since they started they had built 21 houses which were realising about £200 in rates now and which would be paying £600 when the remission period of 7 years was over, while when all the houses they intended building were completed £1,800 would be realised from them in rates in view of all this he felt that he should like to ask the Council to extend the sewerage to the houses at that end of the month now find that they will be unable to come until later, the Tournament has been put off until next month.

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### Abbeyside Hurling Club

#### ANNAL COLLECTION (House To House)

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### Co. Waterford Vocational Education Committee

#### New Act Gives Power To Increase Rate Demand

#### Tributes To Late Tomas de Bhal

Ven Archdeacon Power P P VF Chairman presided at the monthly meeting of the above held in Dungarvan on Monday last. Messrs M O'Hara T O'Faolain T McCarthy M Creagh N Kelly M Hart J Ormond TD, D Leahy and N Walsh were also present in attendance.

The CEO stated that the credit balance in favour of the Committee at the close of last month was £2419 8s 2d. From this would have to be deducted the payment of £876 5s 2d salaries for the current month and £724 11s 2d for sundry payments, making a total of £1869 16s 4d for the month. The CEO stated that the credit balance at the close of the financial year would appear considerable but from this would have to be deducted £200 for the de-mountable school which would be ready next month and a sum for the repairs of the school at Dungarvan so that in actual fact the credit balance would not be greater than originally anticipated.

Increased Rates  
The Department approved of an increase to 8/- an hour in the case of 3 part-time teachers of Irish to bring them up to the same scale as all the others.

Power To Increase Rate Demand  
Referring to the Vocational Education (Amendment) Act 1953, the CEO stated that the only person which affected their Committee was that after the 1st April 1954 the ceiling of the maximum demand which the Committee could make on the County Council would be raised from 10d to 15d in the pound. The demand which the Committee were this year making was 7d, he said.

The Act was noted.

Inspector's Annual Report  
The annual report for the educational scheme for County Waterford in 1952/53 stated that results generally were very satisfactory. Total enrolments at all centres were 1352 as compared with 1406 in the previous year.

The report, among other things, stated that the lead given by the Committee in the purchase and erection of de-mountable schools had been followed by a number of other Committees throughout the country.

The Chairman stated that the report was very satisfactory.

Nominations  
It was decided that Mr John Fahey, the County Council's nominee should also represent the Committee at the Annual Meeting of the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance Ltd.

Scholarships  
Applications from four girls, students at Cappoquin school, for nomination for scholarships in Hotel Cookery, Institutional and Household Management were approved.

The interviews it was stated would also be held in Dublin, and on those would result the whether the candidates were

### Swimming Pool Caretaker

It was decided to advertise for tenders from persons who might consider taking over the running of the Swimming Pool for the summer months.

Repairs  
The question of repairs to No 44 and 62 Congress Villas was deferred to the estimates presenting.

On the proposal of Mr Walsh the Engineer was asked to report on the cost of repairing the door of Mr Fitzgerald's house at 16 Mitchell Terrace.

Water Supply At Skeeharrie  
A report from the Engineer stated that it was proposed to supply the pipes servicing this supply.

Boxing  
The Engineer reported that the cost of placing rings to hold a boxing ring on the stage at the Town Hall would be £5.

The Council agreed to give the Boxing Club permission to put in the rings if they did so at their own cost.

Duties of Acting BS  
On the proposal of Mr Walsh the Council agreed to appoint the Co Manager for the duties and the new Acting Borough Surveyor (Mr P Walsh B Tour-nore) and they held that they should include the preparation of plans for small housing schemes in the town.

Harbour Dues  
A report from the Harbour Master stated that the amount of dues collected for the month of February was £18 2s 10d.

Ballinacourty Lights  
The Harbour Master reported that the repairs to the above had now been carried out and arrangements were being made to supply the lamp-lighter at Ballinacourty, Mr Hogan with a 10-gallon container for oil.

With regard to the proposal to increase the lamp-lighter's wages the Clerk stated that he was presently in receipt of £38 10s 0d a year.

To Mr Casey the Clerk said that Mr Hogan had made no application for an increase but the matter arose when Mr Liam Morrissey had come before a previous meeting.

Mr Casey asked what right Mr Morrissey had to raise such matters and said that these things should come through members of the Council or the Harbour Master. As the man in question had made no application himself he proposed that they take no action in the matter.

Mr Kelly said that Mr Hogan had made representations to him and he proposed that they increase his salary to £42 a year.

Mr Casey—Not since the Grand Jury was abolished have I ever seen anyone so anxious to give a copy of the local milk Vice-Chairman.

Finally it was agreed to await observations from the Co Manager on the matter.

Other Matters  
The Harbour Master was deputised to consult with local Milk Power and Chocolate Grub producers concerning a proposal to increase export dues.

Further protest was lodged at the Department's refusal to supply a copy of the report on the inspection of the harbour carried out by the Board of Works Engineer last year.

Sympathy  
Votes of sympathy were passed with the relatives of the late Mr P Ryan the sister of the late Mr M Tobin with the Burke family Abbeyside the Phelan family Ballyneety, the Kennedy family Ballinacourty and with Mr M Hasset, on their recent bereavements.

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