







Matters of Controversy

ROADWORKERS' WAGES

To the Editor of Dungarvan Leader

Dear Sir—Councillor Curran in his letter which appeared in your issue of the 12/3/60 presumes to reply to a letter of mine in a previous issue, but instead he started off on a completely new trend.

Perhaps Mr Curran would like to tell us why he picked the Co. Cork roadworkers wages of £6.18.6d. per week for the Kerry £6.18.6d. or South Tipperary £6.3s.6d. surely if Mr Curran had taken the interest of the roadworkers at heart he would have made an effort to bring their wages up to the highest rate in the adjacent Counties and not the lowest.

In the conditions of the roadworkers in the Waterford Co. Council have improved in recent years. It is a fact that the Union activity and not through any action of Councillor Curran. Councillor Curran states that there was no vote raised in the Trade Union against heavy machinery, etc. But there were men protesting to the Officials and in Aid of the unnecessary use of heavy machinery.

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No application for a wage increase for roadworkers was brought to the meeting and the Council Manager explained that Road Services did not include a budget sum for an increase. A discussion ensued and particulars were submitted by the County Engineer.

The following resolution was adopted: Proposed by C. M. Curran and resolved that the County Council should increase the wages of roadworkers in the County from £6.18.6d. per week as from 1st January, 1960.

This clearly shows that it was the Estimates Committee of Co. Council which took the lead in giving an increase to the roadworkers and that subsequent happenings were merely a case of "anything you can do I can do better."

Great play has been made about the fact that the Council had certain modifications in the Estimate presented by County Engineer. This happens every year not only in Waterford but in the case of each County Council in the country. It is of interest to note that the proposals by the Co. Engineer were not in fact proposed at the meeting. May I again point out that the sum made available for Road Services—£290,220.

As an effort has been made to misrepresent my attitude in connection of the workers I wish to state my policy in this regard. Since I was elected to the Council in 1951 I have endeavoured with a fair measure of success to promote progress such as roadworks, building, afforestation, rural electrification, etc., with a two fold object in mind—(1) to provide necessary amenities for the community, (2) to provide employment. I feel that

Tallow and Round About

ALD. KYNE AND PRESSURE GROUPS

To the Editor of Dungarvan Leader

Dear Sir—In last week's issue of your paper you published a statement by the N.F.A. committee on a speech I made in Waterford when proposing the Institute of Public Administration.

I wonder if the N.F.A. were aware that in my speech I stressed the point that whether the N.F.A. was a pressure group, a union, or any other group, it should be open to all who were interested in the public duties of the Council.

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LENTEEN PASTORAL

DIocese of WATERFORD AND LISMORE

Appal to Youth

And may I address a special word of greeting and encouragement to the young men and young women the grown up boys and girls of the Diocese. The birth of each one of you, my dear young friends, was an occasion of great rejoicing and gladness in your home "for joy that a new child was born into the family. And when each one of you was brought back home after being christened in the Church mother kissed you and said, "I am glad that you are here."

There are many things in the world which are good and which are beautiful. There are many things in the world which are good and which are beautiful. There are many things in the world which are good and which are beautiful.

St. Patrick's Day—The Feast of the National Apostle was observed with due solemnity in the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore. Large numbers approached the altar rails at 5 a.m. Mass and again at 11 o'clock.

IMOKILLY NEWS AND VIEWS

Churchtown-South Muintir Na Tire

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Waterford and Lismore—Once again I avail myself of the Lenten Pastoral to refer to the Diocese of Waterford and Lismore. The Lenten season is a time of reflection and prayer, a time when we should examine our lives and seek to improve them.

FOXES WITH TWO TAILS—A suggestion made by the County Council at last Saturday's meeting of the Co. Waterford Committee of Agriculture that the subsidy for the destruction of foxes might be reduced from the present figure of £140 was declined.

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WATERFORD LADIES EAST AND SOUTH CORK COMMENTS

WIN SHIELD FOR CHORAL SINGING

Increases To Ministers And T.D.'s

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At the outset Miss Kathleen O'Brien, President of the Waterford Ladies' Choral Society, welcomed the audience and announced the order of business for the evening. The choir then performed a variety of songs, including "The Rose Tree" and "The Waterford Ladies' Choral Society." The performance was most impressive and the choir was well received.

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