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-M. O'HIGGINS

STEEP INCREASE IN HEALTH BUDGET

Salaries And Medicine Costs Main Reasons

The budget for the County and City Health Services for the coming financial year which was considered at a special meeting of the Waterford County Council in Dungarvan last Friday reached a record of £1,278,220, an increase of £241,214 over last year. The break down in this huge total had been examined by the Authority's Estimates Sub-Committee before coming before last Friday's meeting, but they admitted they were unable to estimate the total health charges. The provisional estimate which was adopted by 7 votes to 4 at the meeting was about £1 million for a total rate of 28.6 in the £ and will mean an increase of 5.6 in the County Rate and 5.7 in the City Rate.

At the outset Mr. J. Power (Corporation) proposed that the County Council should be asked to contribute to the Health Services but Mr. N. Walsh said that he did not think it should be passed as quickly as that. As a member of the Estimates Sub-Committee he explained that as first submitted to them the estimate of £1,278,220 was a gross figure and that the County Council would not be less than 10 per cent more.

Mr. Walsh then went on to explain that after discussing the matter for three hours the members of the Estimates Committee found they could not reduce the figure, but decided to spread the payment of the £1,278,220 over a period of 3 years in order to bring down the rate increase to 3.7. We have this said Mr. Walsh "because drastic situations need drastic remedies."

Mr. P. Brown, Mayor of Waterford, Chairman, congratulated the members of the Estimates Sub-Committee for all the work they had put in. There was nothing to do now but to accept the recommendations he said.

SALARIES AND MEDICINES

Mr. D. Madden, who was Chairman of the Estimates Committee, said that for three days he had personally checked and cross-checked the estimate and that it could not be reduced. The main causes for the increase were salaries and medicines. He said that the County Council had to pay for the salaries of the staff and for the medicines used in the hospitals. He said that the County Council had to pay for the salaries of the staff and for the medicines used in the hospitals. He said that the County Council had to pay for the salaries of the staff and for the medicines used in the hospitals.

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CHRISTMAS MESSAGE FROM CO. COUNCIL CHAIRMAN

Now that we are again celebrating the festive Christmas, I desire to extend to the people of County Waterford my cordial greetings. I also express to my colleagues on the Waterford County Council, and the associated public bodies, and to the Council's officials, my very best wishes for their devoted service to the community during the past year and my personal appreciation of the support and help I have received from them in my capacity as Chairman of the County Council.

It is a pleasure to pay tribute to the splendid work which the voluntary organisations continue to perform for the community in so many useful spheres, and to the excellent service rendered to the public by our local Press.

On your behalf, the Waterford County Council heartily extends a cordial welcome to our new Bishop, Most Reverend Dr. Russell, whom Pope Paul VI has appointed as successor to the late revered and beloved Bishop Cahalan, whose passing we mourned earlier this year. We all join in wishing our new Bishop every success and happiness.

At a time like this, I would like to draw attention to the plight of our less fortunate brethren, the poor, the sick and the aged, and to feel the importance of expressing the greatest care and concern in an effort to prevent even the slightest road accident.

I also extend to all my very best wishes for a happy and prosperous New Year. Beannacht na Nollag libh go dtuair.

CHARLES CURRAN,
Chairman,
Waterford County Council
Christmas 1965.

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Lismore And District News - Cricket Draw The result of the Lismore Cricket Club Christmas Draw was as follows: 1st prize, hamper value £12 by J. O'Brien, Ballinacree, Lismore. 2nd prize, hamper value £8 by J. O'Brien, Ballinacree, Lismore. 3rd prize, hamper value £6 by J. O'Brien, Ballinacree, Lismore. 4th prize, hamper value £4 by J. O'Brien, Ballinacree, Lismore. 5th prize, hamper value £2 by J. O'Brien, Ballinacree, Lismore.

Lismore And District News - Soccer The local club has decided to run a 5-a-side soccer tournament in the near future and plans are well advanced for this event. Already there are some teams participating and it is expected that the tournament in the series will be played this coming Sunday.

Lismore And District News - Badminton The local Badminton Club has now closed for the Christmas holidays and will re-open on January 2nd, 1966.

Lismore And District News - Lismore Banquet on Tuatha The Annual General Meeting of the above was held on Monday, December 13th, Mrs. Leo presiding. The reports of the Hon. Secretary, Miss N. O'Sullivan and the Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. P. O'Kelly-Lynch were read and adopted unanimously. The following officers were elected: President, Mrs. D. Lee; Vice-president, Mrs. P. Bickey; Hon. Secretary, Miss N. O'Sullivan; Hon. Treasurer, Mrs. P. O'Kelly-Lynch; International Officer, Mrs. E. O'Connell; Federation Delegate, Mrs. V. O'Donoghue; Press, Correspondent, Miss M. O'Connell; Committee, Mrs. J. O'Sullivan, Mrs. M. Hyland, Mrs. P. Van der Meer, Miss D. Dwyer, J. Dwyer.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Proposed Vocational School at Kilmacthomas

A Chair, The County Waterford Vocational Education Committee are aware of widespread discontent with the conditions in building the proposed Vocational School at Kilmacthomas. They feel that it is in their and the general interest to appoint the people publicly of the present position. Accordingly, at their meeting held on 14th December, 1965, they instructed me to release for publication the latest letter on this matter from the Department of Education. The publication of this letter, they trust, may help to allay any misgivings which people may have formed as to the enthusiasm of the County Waterford Vocational Education Committee towards this project.

SEAN O'LUAGHA, Chief Executive Officer, An Rulín Oideachais, Brúnaigh Ghleann Oideachais, Tralee, Co. Kerry.

With the object of ensuring that avoidable duplication will not in future occur, and that the fullest and best use will be made of available resources, the Minister has decided that all proposals for the provision of additional facilities for post-primary schooling must be considered in the light of a general survey of the existing provision throughout the country for post-primary education, and the requirements which must be met in particular areas. When the results of the survey have been assessed, it is considered, some amendment may be necessary to the amount and type of accommodation proposed for Kilmacthomas Vocational School, and planning may have to be revised accordingly. (Signed) SEAN O'NEILL, Minister for Education.

KEEP DEATH OFF THE ROADS DRIVE WITH CARE

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