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DESTRY RIDES AGAIN
Last Friday afternoon the members of Waterford County Council met to consider a motion proposed by the Minister for Local Government to increase the rate of 14.87 adopted by them on March 19 because it was inadequate and to strike a new rate which would be sufficient to meet the Council's financial commitments in full for the coming year.

Within three-quarters of an hour the preceding evening a series of changes with the Council standing in defiance of the Minister having refused to revoke the rate they had already adopted.

The meeting is fully reported elsewhere in this issue and readers will be able to see for themselves the turn about of events and how the final decision was reached.

In regard to the issue as to whether a simple majority or two-thirds majority would be required to pass the resolution I personally feel that Mr. Keane was correct in his stand that in accordance with the Council's Standing Orders a majority of two-thirds was required.

It is no secret that the Council has been divided on this issue since the motion was passed by a simple majority in 1968 and the Minister has been asked to divide on this issue.

WHAT THE MINISTER SAID
Guest speaker at the Annual Dinner of Junior Chamber Dungarvan last Friday night was Mr. Noel Lemass, T.D., Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister for Finance and for the occasion he chose to speak on the prospects which may expect from Ireland's eventual entry into the European Economic Community.

Because Waterford is a seaborne county with much of its southern sea fisheries located off our shores the Junior Cabinet Minister probably chose to dwell on the concern that is being expressed by those engaged in sea-fishing on the implications which membership of the E.E.C. will have for this industry. He stated that the Government shared the concern being felt about that part of the Community's recently introduced common fisheries policy which provides for equality of access to the fishery waters of each member State by fishing vessels of the other member States.

He went on to point out that the Minister for Foreign Affairs had repeatedly, in negotiations with the Community emphasised the necessity to safeguard our fishing industry and fishing stocks. But he did not expand on this to any great extent, merely stating that we should not allow this aspect of the common fisheries policy to divert our attention from the credit side of the benefits available from the policy such as the expansion of exports.

I think that, perhaps, Mr. Lemass was being rather naïve in expecting us to accept this or else he was just following the official pitch of side-stepping the issue. All those who have any knowledge of sea-fishing know that practically fished out all their traditional fishing grounds and are only waiting for the barriers to go down before they really descend on Irish waters and denude our rich fisheries in the same way. Up to the present they appear in force every winter off our coasts for the

TEMPORARY MATERNITY UNIT TO BE PROVIDED AT DUNGARVAN DISTRICT HOSPITAL

DECISION OF REGIONAL HEALTH BOARD.
At a meeting of the South-East Regional Health Board held in Kilkenny last Thursday it was unanimously agreed that as a matter of extreme urgency a 4-bed maternity unit be provided as a temporary measure in the ground floor of the District Hospital in Dungarvan. The decision was the first concerning any hospital made by the new board.

The meeting had before it a notice of motion in the names of four former members of the Waterford Health Authority, now independently representing the County and City on the Regional Board. Mr. P. G. McQuillan, Chief Executive Officer submitted a very comprehensive report to the meeting which traced the history and controversy which has surrounded this problem for years.

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The report stated: "Dungarvan is the county town for County Waterford and holds the headquarters of the County Council, the former Waterford Health Authority, the Court House and other Public Offices. It has a population of about 6,000 people and is divided into two Dispensary districts, served by Doctors O'Connell and McCarthy. There is one public Health Nurse serving both Dispensary areas jointly. The Board's Midwife at Ring district Mrs. Power also carries on a private practice in midwifery in Dungarvan town. Because of pressure of other duties the Public Health Nurse who was formerly a Jubilee Nurse does not now practice Maternity work and in fact Mrs. Power is the only practising Midwife in the town."

"The Board's Institutions in the town comprises St. Joseph's (County Home) with 220 Geriatric beds and St. Vincent's (District Hospital) with 36 beds. Dr. McCarthy is Medical Officer to both these Institutions and carries on a surgical practice as well in the District Hospital. Because of lack of surgical facilities the Minister for Health has been pressing for some years to have the surgery practice discontinued and this step is seen as inevitable by all concerned."

"The facilities for in-patient maternity services in town formerly comprised two private Nursing Homes and a small unit in St. Joseph's. This Unit was as small as two beds when it was closed in 1969 at the request of the Matron because she could not recruit sufficient Maternity Nurses to do the night work in it. At that time the turnover in the Hospital was 45 patients per annum. The total number of births in the town is of the order of 200 plus per annum and in the catchment district of the Hospital something over 400 per annum. The two private homes in the town have now closed down, one because of lack of support and the other for another reason. For a little over twelve months now there have been no in-patient services for maternity available in the town."

When she'd say to myself, "You can court with the best of them."
When I'd say to Herself, "Sure I'm better than gold."
When she'd say to myself, "You're as wild as the rest of them."
And I'd say to Herself, "Truth, I'm time enough old!"

USEFUL EXPERIMENT
The C.E.O.'s report then stated: "The immediate problem is that there are now no beds at all for maternity patients in Dungarvan and this should be remedied. If it can be done at a reasonably small expense then it probably doesn't

matter what the demand is for these beds at present as for a small expense the amount of the demand will quickly become apparent. The former Waterford Health Authority tried several solutions to the short term problem and met opposition from either the Department of Health or local opinion on each one. The Department does not want maternity services provided at St. Joseph's (County Home). The view taken by the Department is that it is inappropriate to involve moving Geriatric patients upstairs and creating some element of fire risk, and that infection risks are from experience too high. They are in favour of providing temporarily for maternity beds in the District Hospital using the space which might be made free by the discontinuance of Dr. McCarthy's surgery practice there and using the Theatre as a Labour Ward. The Board's Dental Surgeon in West Waterford does not want to lose the Theatre which is convenient for doing dental work which requires anaesthesia, but this may be solved in some other way. The local opinion appears to be that the building of St. Vincent's is unsuitable of its nature for a maternity service combined with a medical service especially where so many of the medical patients are elderly. There is certainly merit in this view and if maternity is to be put in the District Hospital at all it should be only for the shortest time possible. Even then it is hard to see how it could be done by the Board or at least there would be a minimum service available in the interim period between the closing of the Nursing Homes and the provision of proper maternity services which themselves must rank fairly highly in the Board's priorities for investment. The most recent suggestion to the Health Authority was to use the ground floor male ward of St. Vincent's temporarily for maternity beds. It would accommodate four beds and with some structural improvements would also provide for a nursery and milk room. This is not a good solution because of the noise factor, remoteness from the toilet and the labour ward and the need to provide for seven male patients now in that ward, either elsewhere in St. Vincent's, or in St. Joseph's, or elsewhere. However it is one solution and because it can be done quickly it is the one that I would endorse. This could be a Unit in which patients could avail of the services of their own doctor and in which the Board would provide only the nursing and hotel services required. This would in itself be a useful experiment as it is the pattern of service which is likely to be in maternity units in towns of the size of Dungarvan in the future. There is sufficient funds available in the current estimate to provide for the work now in hand. Any improvement in the maternity service is subject to the Board being able to recruit enough Nurses with maternity qualifications to provide the service."

HOSPITAL WILL NOT CLOSE
In conclusion the report stated: "I have not had the opportunity of meeting the local doctors on this problem yet but they have met the local officials of the Board frequently over a long period. I have discussed the problem with the County Manager, Mr. O'Connor, and the Board's staff in Dungarvan and I have met the Matron of St. Joseph's and of St. Vincent's and some local people. I have read the file and newspaper reports and minutes of discussions on the maternity services in the past. It is a problem of some complexity on which there are very different points of view taken and I confine myself in this report to endorsing

the recommendation for a short term solution, inadequate as it is, and an undertaking that all the relevant facts will be assessed and presented to the Board for a decision on the development of hospital services in Dungarvan and particularly maternity services.

"There has been some fear expressed locally that any change in the present arrangements in the District Hospital is the beginning of the end of the District Hospital in Dungarvan. It has been stated time and again by the County Manager that this is not so and as this is the first time that the problem was raised before the new Board it should again be emphasised that the objective of the Board is to improve medical care in Dungarvan and that there is no question whatever of the District Hospital being closed. The immediate problem is one of providing quickly for expectant mothers in Dungarvan town and District and this is the problem with which this report is concerned. The bigger problem of the development of Health Services in Dungarvan for the town and surrounding area will be the subject of separate report and consideration by the Board at another meeting."

HIGH PRIORITY
Mr. McQuillan told the members of the Board that the new Maternity Unit would be in operation in about two months. He added that the question of a new maternity hospital for the town would be given high priority by the Board.

SPRING FANFARE DREW BUMPER HOUSES
Last week-end's production of "Spring Fanfare" by the Dungarvan Musical & Choral Society drew packed audiences on each of the five nights from Friday to Tuesday on which it ran at the Friary Hall, Dungarvan. The Show was a gay, sparkling extravaganza of music and song and entertainment which was received with apparent pleasure and much appreciation by all who saw it.

All the talent was local with the exception of the sole visiting artist, Mike Williams, Waterford, whose comedy mime act was an outstanding hit.
The Show was produced by Kevin Byrne, Dublin and the Musical Director was Mrs. Gerlie Morrissey.

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COUNTY BOARD MEETING

A strong complaint about the County Board meeting held in Dungarvan recently...

YOUTH CONVENTION

The County Youth Convention held in Dungarvan on Saturday...

WATERFORD WIN

Waterford minor selectors were pleased and very impressed with the performance of the team...

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LAST SUNDAY'S RESULTS

Waterford 0-1, Ring 0-3, Ardmore 0-2, etc.

NO CONTEST AS ABSEYDIE TROUNCE EIRE OGE

Vicious Clash in U.21 Championship Game

Abseydie (4-4), Eire Oge 0-2. As the former world heavyweight champion would say - this was a no contest affair.

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Soft Goals Cost Dungarvan

Ardmore were more than flattered by their nine points victory over Dungarvan...

SLOWED THE PACE

This was quite evident early in the second half when Abseydie...

LOST THEIR SPARKLE

Ardmore who looked until the second half as though they were invincible...

FOR EIRE OGE

Beck Par Moore, Joe Whelan, Martin Sandford, Chris Walsh and Martin Walsh.

SCORES-ABSEYDIE-A. Barron

40, M. Fives (2-1), B. Lynch (3-2), D. Connors, and N. Cashin (2-1).

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Obituary

MR. P. MCGARRY

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LEGAL ADVICE

In reply to questions by Mr. Walsh, the Chairman...

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Co. Council Defies Minister On Rates Issue

VOTING PROCEDURES QUESTIONED

A difference of opinion as to whether the resolution passing the 1972 rate required a two-thirds majority or merely a simple majority...

At the outset, the following report was submitted to the meeting by Mr. J. G. Dowling, County Engineer...

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REFERENCE TO IRISH ENTRY TO E.E.C. AT DUNGARVAN JUNIOR CHAMBER DINNER

There could hardly be anyone in this country who would not support efforts to expand our economy to that the national aims of full employment...

INDUSTRIAL PROSPECTS

Referring to industrial prospects, Mr. Lemass stated that membership of the E.E.C. would also enhance the attractions of Ireland as a location for new industries.

CONCERN ABOUT FISHERIES

"Concern is being expressed by representatives of our fishing industry," said Mr. Lemass.

NEEDS REVISION

Commenting on the position of Mr. Coffey said: "Reckoning such as we are experiencing must be the concern of everyone, whether they be tenants of Council houses...

PRESIDENT'S ADDRESS

The outgoing President, Mr. T. P. Ryan, prefaced his address by stating that this marked the swan song of his appearance in public as President of Junior Chamber Dungarvan.

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