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### NEWCASTLE WEST TOWN SUB-POSTMASTER'S DEATH ESTIMATE

Newcastle West Town estimate for the services of the year ending 31st March, 1948, provides for a total expenditure of £2,328 10s. 9d., while estimated receipts amount to a total of £1,851 10s. 0d. The principal items of estimated expenditure are:—Housing of the working classes, £1,120; Allotments Scheme, £287; Schools Meals, £17; and other purposes, £904. Receipts are accounted for under the following headings:—Housing of the Working Classes, £1,008; Allotments Scheme, £287; School Meals, £8 10s., and Other Receipts, £548. The proposed town rate for the ensuing year is 2/1½d.

### FATAL HEART ATTACK

While watching a film at the Arcadia Cinema, Kilkee, Mr. M. J. Byrne, manager of the local branch of the National Bank, had a heart attack and, although taken to his residence, where he received medical attention, he died within a few hours.

An inquest was not considered necessary.

A native of Knockane, Co. Limerick, he was aged 54 years, unmarried, and was manager of the Falls Road, Belfast, Branch, National Bank, before coming to Kilkee over a year ago. His sister and other relatives reside at Rathmines, Dublin.

The death (writes our Bruff correspondent) occurred during last week of Mr. Maurice Irwin of Athlacca, who was for many years, sub-Postmaster at Athlacca, Post Office. The late Mr. Irwin was a member of a well-known farming family, and took a sympathetic view of the National Movement, which he assisted in every way. He was a well-known and prominent hurler, and in the early twenties was a member of the then well-known Dromin and Athlacca hurling team. Very popular and highly esteemed by all, he carried out his duties in Athlacca efficiently and courteously and his demise at a comparatively early age caused deep regret over a wide area. He leaves a widow and large young family to mourn his passing.

There was a large and representative attendance at his interment at Athlacca

### NEWPORT OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE

At a meeting of the Newport Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, Mr. Michael Casey, P.C., Vice-Chairman, presiding, it was unanimously decided to appoint Rev. S. O'Rahilly, C.C., Chairman, to replace Rev. Father O'Dwyer, C.C., recently transferred to be C.C., Templemore. Sixteen claims for the old age pension were made, and they were all passed.