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Breconshire County Council

Annual Report

OF THE

Medical Officer of Health

For the YEAR 1944.

BY

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BRECON

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**TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BRECONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

I have the honour to submit to you my Thirteenth Annual Report on the Vital Statistics and Sanitary Conditions of Breconshire for the year 1944.

The death rate for the year was 12.12 compared with 11.6 for England and Wales and 13.18 for the County in 1943.

The Birth Rate for Live Births was 17.87 compared with 17.6 for England and Wales and the Birth Rate for Still Births was 0.53 compared with 0.5 for England and Wales, the corresponding Birth Rates for the County in 1943 being Live Births 15.96 and Still Births 0.84.

The Infantile Mortality rate for the year was 42.73 compared with 46 for England and Wales and 42.35 for the County in 1943.

Several new features appear in this year's report and when the paper restrictions are removed it is hoped to include many other items.

The number of deaths of Mothers during childbirth was 4, giving a rate per 1,000 total births of 4.14 compared with 1 death and a rate of 1.11 in 1943. The rate for England and Wales for 1944 being 10.34.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

W. F. W. BETENSON,

County Medical Officer of Health.

County Health Offices,

Watton, Brecon,

14th November, 1945.

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MEDICAL OFFICERS OF HEALTH IN THE COUNTY.

Brecon Urban ; and Rural ;	}	Dr. T. C. R. George, Guild Hall, Brecon.
Builth Urban ; and Rural ;		
Hay Urban ; and Rural ;		
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban :		
Brynmawr Urban :		Dr. S. N. Chopra, Dunedin House, Alma Street, Brynmawr.
Crickhowell Rural :		Dr. T. R. Sutherland, Brynrhos, Crickhowell.
Vaynor and Penderyn :		Dr. T. H. Stephens, 25, Victoria Street, Merthyr Tydfil.
Ystradgynlais Rural :		Dr. Glyn M. Jones, Tanywern Lane, Ystalyfera.

SANITARY INSPECTORS IN THE COUNTY.

Brecon Urban :	Mr. H. T. Jones, Steeple Lane, Brecon.
Brynmawr : Urban :	Mr. Eli Thomas Hall, M.S.I.A., Council Offices, Brynmawr.
Builth Wells Urban :	Mr. Douglas D. Lloyd, Builth Wells.
Hay Urban :	Mr. Wm. D. Morgans, Hay.
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban :	Mr. Rhys Williams, Irvon Crescent, Llanwrtyd.
Brecon Rural :	Mr. W. L. Pritchard, County Hall, Brecon.
Builth Rural :	Mr. John Evans, Bryneithyn, Erwood.
Crickhowell Rural :	Mr. E. R. Morgan, Pentwyn, Gilwern.
Hay Rural :	Mr. Garfield G. Evans, Tower House, Talgarth.
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural :	Mr. S. P. Harris, M.S.I.A., A.R.S.I., 25, Victoria Street, Merthyr Tydfil.
Ystradgynlais Rural :	Mr. W. Emlyn Jones, M.R.S.I., M.I.S.A., Council Offices, Ystradgynlais.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (Acres)	...	469,281
Population (1931 Census)	...	57,775
" (1939 Census)	...	54,357
" estimated to middle of 1944	...	52,350
Rateable Value (1st April, 1944)	£282,177	0s. 0d.
Sum represented by a 1d. rate, 1943/44	£1,141	5s. 11d.

NURSING ARRANGEMENTS.

Table of Nursing Associations carrying out part-time duties for the County Council showing grants paid, and Salaries of Nurses in 1944.

Name of Association.	Annual Grants paid by County Council.			
	Nurse's Salary. £.	School Nursing. £.	Health Visiting. £.	Midwives Acts. £.
	E. J.			
1. Abercrave	270/220	—	107	107
2. Beulah (Llwynmadoc)	210	45	45	146
3. Brecon (Llanspyddid)	270	45	45	146
	J. C.			
4. Brynmawr	310/220	—	—	444
5. Builth Wells	340	52	52	168
*6. Bwlch	—	—	—	20
7. Cefn Coed	270	—	93	93
8. County Nursing Association	260	—	—	407
	T. P.			
9. Crickhowell	270/290	94	90	259
10. Defynock	270	45	45	144
11. Erwood & Llyswen	310	47	47	152
12. Glynfach	—	—	—	5
13. Hay & Cusop	310	53	53	110
	E. J.			
14. Llanelly (Clydach and Darenfelen)	270/270	59	59	185
15. Llangorse	270	40	40	128
16. Llanigon & Glasbury	310	47	47	152
17. Llanwrtyd Wells	310	47	47	152
18. Llanwrthwl	270	34	34	52
19. Newbridge-on-Wye	270	24	24	32
20. Talgarth	310	47	47	152
	D. J.			
21. Ystradgynlais	310/220	—	25	352
Totals	...	679	900	3406

NOTES.—*Discontinued from 30/9/1944. The Abercrave, Cefn Coed, and Ystradgynlais Associations do no School Nursing, and the Brynmawr, Bwlch, and Glyfach Associations perform work under the Midwives Acts only. The County Nursing Association provides the Relief Nurse in return for grant. Where two sets of figures are given in column (2) two Nurses are employed — the initial of the surname of the Nurse is given above the salary.

FOR INFECTIOUS DISEASES.—Generally speaking the above arrangements suffice for the nursing of infectious cases in the

separate districts. Arrangements have been made for the admission of Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia cases to the Tydfil Lodge Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, at £3 3s. per week. Serum for Puerperal Fever is supplied to Medical Practitioners.

MATERNITY SERVICES.

1.—Supervision of Midwives—

Fifty-two Midwives notified their intention to practice in the County, 2 to leave the County and 1 resigned, and 1 temporarily resigned. Of these 44 were residents and 8 reside outside the County, but take cases within the County. Of these—

- 7 were resident in Institutions,
- 10 were in independent practice,
- 31 were attached to District Nursing Associations,
- 3 were County Council whole-time employees, and
- 1 is employed by the County Nursing Association as relief nurse.

Notification of Births—

The following notifications of births were received during the year:—Live Births 838, Still Births 22, making a total of 860.

These births were notified by:—

County Council Midwives	...	74
District Nurse Midwives	...	517
Private Midwives	...	77
Hospital and Institutional Midwives	...	187

and in addition 5 notifications were received from Doctors, making a total of 860.

Notifications received from Midwives during 1944—

335 Forms of sending for Medical Aid were received:—294 for mothers and 41 for children.

An analysis of the causes given for summoning medical aid is given below:—

FOR THE MOTHER:

Eclampsia	...	—
Toxiæmia of pregnancy	...	22
Miscarriage, Abortions, actual or threatened	...	15
Contracted Pelvis	...	5
Hæmorrhage, ante and post partum	...	9
Prolonged obstructed labour and inertia...	...	80
Prolapse of cord	...	—
Malpresentation or malposition	...	14

Other illnesses during pregnancy	...	12
Retained or adherent placenta or membranes	...	4
Ruptured perineum	...	95
Unsatisfactory condition of mother	...	—
Twin pregnancy	...	2
Pyrexia	...	23
Phlebitis	...	—
Placenta Prævia	...	2
Premature Labour	...	2
Albuminuria	...	—
Breech	...	8
V. Veins	...	1
Vaginal Discharge	...	—

FOR THE CHILD:

Still Birth	...	3
Premature or feebleness	...	6
Deformity or abnormality	...	5
Eye affections	...	8
Other conditions	...	6
Pemphigus	...	—
Skin condition	...	4
Illness of Infant	...	9
Fœtal Distress	...	—

MIDWIVES ACT, 1918—Section 14.

No. of cases in which General Practitioners claimed payment in respect of Medical Aid Forms...	124
Total amount of Claims paid	... £307 1s. 6d.

Breaches of Central Midwives Board Rules.—No breaches of the rules occurred in the year.

2.—Complicated Maternity Cases.—No Maternity Wards are yet provided or subsidised by the County Council. There is a maternity ward in the County War Memorial Hospital at Brecon, one each in the Crickhowell War Memorial Hospital, and Builth Cottage Hospital. A scheme is in operation for the admission of Complicated Maternity Cases to the following:—Brecon County War Memorial Hospital, Builth Wells Cottage Hospital, Crickhowell War Memorial Hospital, Nantyglo and Blaina Hospital, Cardiff Royal Infirmary, Penrhiwtyn Infirmary (Neath), Rheanfa Nursing Home, Swansea, and Tydfil Lodge, Merthyr Tydfil.

The above institutions, with the exception of the three latter, are Voluntary Institutions.

During 1944 the following cases were dealt with under the Scheme:—

Brecon—18. Builth—5. Penrhiwtyn—41. Tydfil Lodge—9. Cardiff Infirmary—4. Nantyglo and Blaina—6. Crickhowell—6. Brecon P.A.I.—2. Hay P.A.I.—3. Gwaunfarren—18. Swansea General Hospital—Nil. Llanfrechfa—1.

No arrangements are made for the admission to hospital of normal maternity cases, other than for Evacuees, for whom special arrangements have been made at Gwaunfarren Maternity Home, Merthyr, and Llanfrechfa Grange Maternity Home, Nr. Caerleon, both institutions being run by the Government.

3. Obstetric Surgeons.—The Services of Consultant Obstetric Surgeons are available, as follows:—

Dr. J. Lloyd Davies, Granville, St. James' Crescent, Swansea (Telephone: Swansea 1874), for the Areas of Builth and Llanwrtyd Wells Urban, and Brecon (Defynock), Builth and Ystradgynlais Rural.

Dr. R. G. Maliphant, 49, Cathedral Road, Cardiff (Telephone: Cardiff 7473), for the Areas of Brecon, Brynmawr and Hay Urban, and the Rural Districts of Brecon (Llangorse and Merthyr Cynog), Crickhowell, Hay, Vaynor, and Penderyn.

As reserve.—Dr. Arwyn Evans, 6, Cathedral Road, Cardiff. (Telephone—Cardiff, 428).

During the year, 16 cases were examined as compared with 11 in 1943.

4. Maternity and Nursing Homes.—There are no Maternity Homes in the County registered under the Midwives and Maternity Homes Act, 1926. One Nursing Home is registered under the Nursing Homes Registration Act, 1927.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

Two Cases of Ophthalmia Neonatorum were notified in the year with the following results:—

Vision unimpaired	... 1
Removed from the district	... 1

5. Health Visiting.—The Health Visiting Service in the County consists of 4 whole-time Health Visitors who also do School Nursing, and 20 part-time Health Visitors and School Nurses

Particulars of the number of visits paid to mothers and babies are to be found in Table VII appended.

6. Clinic and Treatment Centres, Maternity and Child Welfare—

The following Table shows the Maternity and Child Welfare Centres in existence in the County during the year:—

Centre and Place of Meeting.	Day and Time of Meeting.
1 Abercrave—Miners' Welfare Hall ..	2nd Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
2 Brecon—Watton Chapel Schoolroom ..	3rd Friday in month at 2 p.m.
3 Brynmawr—School Clinic ..	1st Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.
4 Builth Wells—Park House, Park Road, Builth Wells ..	1st Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
5 Cefn Coed—School Clinic ..	1st and 3rd Monday in month at 2 p.m.
6 Clydach—Welfare Hall ..	2nd Thursday in month at 2 p.m.
7 Colbren—Miners' Welfare Hall ..	2nd Monday in month at 2 p.m.
8 Crickhowell—Senior School ..	2nd and 4th Thursday in month at 1.30 p.m.
9 Cwmtwrch—Miners' Welfare Hall ..	4th Wednesday in month at 2 p.m.
10 Darenfelen—Welfare Hall ..	2nd Thursday in month at 1.30 p.m.
11 Defynook—Reading Room, Sennybridge ..	3rd Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
12 Hay—Wesley Hall, Oxford Road ..	4th Thursday in month at 10 a.m.
13 Llanwrtyd Wells—War Mem. Institute..	1st Friday in month at 2 p.m.
14 Penderyn—Nebo Schoolroom, Hirwaun ..	4th Monday in month at 2 p.m.
15 Talgarth—Town Hall ..	4th Tuesday in month at 2 p.m.
16 Ystradgynlais—School Clinic ..	1st and 3rd Thursday in month at 2 p.m.

7. **Ante-Natal Clinics.** — Ante-Natal Clinics are held as follows in the same premises as for Maternity and Child Welfare Centres, with the exception of Brecon (see below).

1. Abercrave.—2nd and 4th Tuesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
2. Brynmawr.—1st and 3rd Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
3. Cefn Coed.—1st and 3rd Mondays, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
4. Hay.—4th Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
5. Ystradgynlais.—1st and 3rd Thursdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
6. Brecon.—3rd Friday, 10 a.m. to 12 noon, at The County Health Offices, Brecon.
7. Builth.—1st Tuesday in month, 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

8. Ante-Natal Scheme.

During 1944, 157 examinations were made under this scheme.

- 148 First Examinations;
- 5 Second Examinations;
- 1 Third Examination;
- 3 Post-Natal Examinations;

at a cost of £51. 4s. 9d., compared with 209 examinations in 1943 at a cost of £58. 15s. 0d.

9. **Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers, Illegitimate Infants, and Homeless Children in the District.**—No provision is made by the County Council.

10. **ORTHOPÆDIC WORK.** — The treatment of Orthopædic cases is undertaken and the services of Mr. Parker, Prince

of Wales' Hospital, Cardiff, are available. An orthopædic sister, Miss Ivy B. Leefe, is also engaged as a Part-time Officer.

Table shewing Cases referred to Orthopædic Surgeon.

CENTRE. DATE OF EXAMINATION.	Brecon 28/7/44	Ystradgynlais 31/7/44	Totals
1. Number of Children called up for examination ..	37	31	68
2. Number of children Present and Examined ..	36	26	62
3. Number found not to require Treatment ..	7	—	7
4. Number found to require Domiciliary or Clinic Treatment ..	27	24	51
5. Number found to require Hospital Treatment ..	2	2	4
6. For X'Ray ..	—	—	—

DAY NURSERIES AND SCHOOL CLINICS.—At present there are no Day Nurseries in existence in the County. The County Council have, from 1st January, 1943, taken over the War-Time Nursery at Brynmawr. (Taken over by Education Committee as a Nursery School from 1st April, 1945).

TUBERCULOSIS.—The Treatment of Tuberculosis in the County is carried out by the Welsh National Memorial Association to King Edward VII, and Table VI appended shows the work of the Association in the County during the year, 1944. Table V shows the number of cases notified on Form "A" during the year.

The Time Tables of the Tuberculosis Physicians are as follows:—

A.—Dr. N. T. K. Jordan, Brecon—

Name and Address of Clinic	Dates of Attendance.	Times.
2. Bulwark, Brecon ..	Every Friday	.. 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and by appointment
Haulybryn, Castle View, Builth Wells	1st and 3rd Mondays	.. 12 noon to 1 p.m.
Brynrhos, Crickhowell ..	2nd and 4th Thursdays	.. By appointment
Adelina Patti Hospital, Craig-y-nos	Every Wednesday	.. 1 p.m. to 3 p.m.

B.—Dr. J. Glyn Cox, Merthyr Tydfil—

For Cefn, Vaynor and Pontsticill Patients		
Courtland Terrace, Merthyr Tydfil	Mondays and Wednesdays	2 p.m.
For Penderyn and Hirwain Patients.		
42, Cannon Street, Aber- dare	Mondays and Thursdays..	10 a.m.

C.—Dr Prosser Evans, Neath—

For Pontneathvaughan.

107, London Road, Neath Mondays Wednesdays and 10 a.m. to 12 noon
Thursdays

Tuberculosis Maintenance Scheme of Allowances to Patients (266T).

Number of cases given allowances under this Scheme during the year :—

Ordinary Maintenance	...	14
Discretionary	...	...
Special	...	6
Total	—	20

Total Expenditure during the year ... £885 8s. 4d.

AFTER-CARE OF TUBERCULOSIS PATIENTS.

Number of cases who received assistance under the County After-Care Scheme during the year ... 11

Total Cost of Grants made in the year ... £197 11s. 11d.

VENEREAL DISEASES.—The Breconshire County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea, for the treatment of these cases. The figures relating to patients treated at this Institution and others during 1944 are as follows:—

1. Number of persons dealt with for the first time and found to be suffering from:—

		Swansea.	Hereford.
Syphilis	...	6	1
Soft Chancre	...	1	—
Gonorrhœa	...	7	3
Conditions other than Venereal	...	14	—

2. Total number of attendances of all patients residing in the area—Swansea, 210. Hereford, 90.

3. Aggregate number of "in-patients days" of all patients residing in the area:—

Swansea: 33. Hereford: Nil.

VENEREAL DISEASES (Defence Regulations 33B).

	Males.	Females.
1. No of cases in respect of whom Form 1 was was received	...	2
2. No. of the above in respect of whom two or more forms were received	...	1
3. No. of those in 2 above who were—		
(a) found	...	—
(b) examined after persuasion	...	1
(c) served with Form 2	...	—
(d) examined after service of Form 2...	...	—
(e) prosecuted for failure to—		
i. attend for and submit to medical examination.	...	—
ii. submit to and continue treat- ment	...	—

**HOSPITALS PROVIDED OR SUBSIDISED BY THE LOCAL
AUTHORITY OR BY THE COUNTY COUNCIL.**

1. **Tuberculosis.**—See pages 8 and 9.

2.—**Hospitals for Children.**—None other than 4 beds provided at Brecon County War Memorial Hospital.

3. **Fever and Small Pox.**—Two Isolation Hospitals—one at Brecon with accommodation for 11 beds, and one at Hay for 8 beds.

Small Pox.—Arrangements have been made with Aberdare for beds at Fedw Hir Hospital.

4. **PUBLIC INSTITUTION HOSPITALS.** — Three — one at Brecon, one at Hay, one at Llangattock.

5. **MENTAL HOSPITAL, TALGARTH.**—Accommodation for Males and Females.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

St. John's Red Cross other than for infectious cases.

LABORATORY WORK.

Arrangements made with Clinical Research Association, and use is also made of the free service at Emergency Laboratory, Aberystwyth.

SANITARY ADMINISTRATION.

Carried out by Local Sanitary Authorities.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACT.

Duties carried out by Inspector of Weights and Measures.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1929.

The following Poor Law Institutions are maintained by the Crunty Council:—

<i>Institution and Medical Officer.</i>	<i>Areas served.</i>	<i>Master.</i>
Brecon .. <i>Dr. D. Leonard Lees, Cantrre Selyf, Brecon</i>	Brecon Borough .. Brecon Rural Vaynor Ystradgynlais	Mr. J. P. Davies
Hay .. <i>Dr. W. W. Wilson, Broad Street, Hay</i>	Hay Urban .. Hay Rural Builth Urban Builth Rural Llanwrtyd Urban	Mr. A. H. James
*Llangattock .. <i>Dr. J. L. Morgan, Ashfield, Crickh'Il</i>	Brynmawr Urban .. Crickhowell Rural	Mr. T. R. Howells

*This Institution is taken over by the Military for the duration of the War, and cases from Brynmawr Urban and Crickhowell Rural districts are admitted to the Brecon Institution.

The work in connection with the above Institutions and Poor Law Relief comes under the Public Assistance Committee and the respective District Committees. The Public Assistance Officer is Mr. G. D. Rees, Watton Mount Offices, Brecon.—Telephone, Brecon 175.

The County of Brecon comprises one area for Public Assistance, divided into the following Relief Districts:—

<i>District.</i>	<i>Medical Officer.</i>	<i>Relieving Officer.</i>
1. Brynmawr & Llanelly Hill	Dr. S. N. Chopra, Dunedin House, Alma Street, Brynmawr. Dr. Farrington, Clydach House, Gilwern.	Mr. D. G. Jones, Trafalgar House, Brynmawr.
2. Crickhowell	Dr. J. L. Morgan, Asbfield, Crickhowell.	Mr H. C. Powell, Bank Buildings, Crickhowell.
3. Vaynor and Penderyn	Dr. S. Bloom, 16, Church Street, Merthyr Tydfil. Dr. B. Thomas, Moylegrove, Hirwaun. Dr. S. McClure, Bodfeddyg, Glynneath. Dr. D. J. Jones, 36, Union Street, Dowlais.	Mr T. Lewis, Frondeg, Cefn Coed.

<i>District.</i>	<i>Medical Officer.</i>	<i>Relieving Officer.</i>
4 Ystradgynlais	Dr. Glyn M. Jones, Tanywern Lane, Ystalyfera.	Mr G. Williams, Council Offices, Ystradgynlais.
5. (a) Brecknock	Dr. D. Leonard Lees, Cantre Selyf, Brecon.	Mr L. W. James, 13, The Watton, Brecon.
(b) Defynnock	Dr. James Powell, Hill Crest, Sennybridge.	} Dec. Do. 1945
6 Hay and Talgarth	Dr. R. F. Jayne, Park View, Talgarth.	Mr M. Hughes, Imperial Buildings, Talgarth.
	Dr. W. W. Wilson, Broad Street, Hay.	
	Dr. H. W. Powell, Pemberton House, Hay.	
7 Builth	Dr. S. H. Pugh, Maesycoed, Builth Wells.	Mr W. E. Davies, Brynstone House, Builth Wells.
	Dr. G. P. Driver, Tyn-y-Berllan, Builth Wells.	

VACCINATION. — The following lists shew the Public Vaccinators and Vaccination Officers engaged.

A.—Public Vaccinators, and Districts covered—

- 1 Dr. D. Leonard Lees, Cantre' Selyf, Lion Street, Brecon. Brecknock Urban and Rural (Merthyr Cynog and Llangorse) and Public Assistance Institution.
- 2 Dr. Sennybridge.—Brecknock Rural (Defynnock).
- 3 Dr. G. P. Driver, Tyn-y-Berllan, Builth Wells.—Builth and Llan-wrtyd Urban and Parts of Builth Rural.
- 4 Dr. S. Bloom, 16, Church Street, Merthyr Tydfil.—Vaynor Rural.
- 5 Dr. S. N. Chopra, Dunedin House, Alma Street, Brynmawr.—Brynmawr Urban.
- 6 Dr. Benjamin Thomas, Moylegrove, Hirwaun.—Penderyn Rural.
- 7 Dr. R. F. Jayne, Park View, Talgarth.—Hay Rural.
- 8 Dr. T. R. Sutherland, Brynrhos, Crickhowell.—Crickhowell Rural and Public Assistance Institution.
- 9 Dr. Glyn M. Jones, Tanywern Lane, Ystalyfera.—Ystradgynlais Rural.

- 10 Dr. S. H. Pugh, Maesycoed, Builth Wells.—Llanwrthwl and Parts of Builth Rural.
- 11 Dr. S. McClure, Bodfeddyg, Glynneath.—Ystradfellte Rural.
- 12 Dr. H. W. Powell, Pemberton House, Hay.—Hay Urban and Part of Hay Rural.
- 13 Dr. W. W. Wilson, Broad Street, Hay.—Hay Rural (Llanigon) and Public Assistance Institution.
- 14 Dr. Farrington, Clydach House, Gilwern.—Crickhowell Rural (Llanelly).

B.—Vaccination Officers, and Districts covered—

- 1 L. W. James, 13, The Watton, Brecon.—Brecknock and Defynock.
- 2 H. C. Powell, Bank Buildings, Crickhowell.—Crickhowell.
- 3 D. G. Jones, Trafalgar House, Brynmawr.—Brynmawr and Llanelly.
- 4 W. E. Davies, Brynstone House, Builth Wells. — Llanwrtyd, Llanwrthwl and Abergwessin.
- 5 G. Williams, Council Offices, Ystradgynlais.—Ystradgynlais (Higher and Lower).
- 6 William Walsh, 18, New Road, Dowlais.—Vaynor.
- 7 Thomas Lewis, Frondeg, Cefn Coed.—Ystradfellte and Penderyn.
- 8 M. Hughes, Imperial Buildings, Talgarth.—Hay and Talgarth.
- 6 D. J. Pugh, Abbotsford, Builth Wells.—Builth.

MENTAL DEFICIENCY ACTS.

Number of Mental Defectives ascertained to be dealt with:—

	Males.	Females.	Total
(a) Under Order—			
(1) In Institutions—			
Under 16 years of age	...	—	—
Aged 16 years and over	...	6	18
24			
(2) On Licence from Institutions—			
Under 16 years of age	...	—	—
Aged 16 years and over	...	1	—
1			
(b) Under Guardianship—			
Under 16 years of age	...	—	—
Aged 16 years and over	...	—	—
(c) On Licence from Guardianship—			
Under 16 years of age	...	—	—
Aged 16 years and over	...	—	—
(d) In Places of Safety—			
Under 16 years of age	...	—	—
Aged 16 years and over	...	—	—
(e) Under Statutory Supervision	...	31	25
			56

(f) **Patients Certified in the year—**

Under 16 years of age	...	—	—	—
Aged 16 years and over	...	—	—	—

CHILD LIFE PROTECTION.

No. of persons receiving children for reward at the end of the year	...	4
No. of children being nursed for reward at the end of the year	...	4
No. of children who died during the year	...	Nil.

CANCER.—During the year, 93 deaths were recorded, giving a death rate of 1.77 per 1,000, as compared with 84, and a death rate of 1.57 in 1943.

BLIND.—A scheme for assisting Blind Persons has been adopted.

Blind Persons.

A—County Pensioners granted in the year	..	22
B—New cases added to the register in the year	..	20
C—Cases examined in the year and found not blind		7

Blind Persons on register and number of same in receipt of a County Pension, in the districts at the end of 1944.

District.	Number of Blind Persons on County Register.			Number of Blind Persons in receipt of a County Pension.
	Male	Female	Total	Total.
Brecon Urban	10	10	20	10
Brynmawr Urban	12	11	23	14
Builth Wells Urban	...	1	1	1
Hay Urban	1	1	2	2
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban	...	...	...	..
Brecon Rural	7	11	18	6
Builth Rural	4	3	7	4
Crickhowell Rural	15	8	23	12
Hay Rural	5	5	10	3
Vaynor & Penderyn Rural	7	7	14	3
Ystradgynlais Rural	13	24	37	17
Totals	74	81	155	72
Totals 1943	73	79	152	77

BRECONSHIRE AIR RAID PRECAUTIONS—CASUALTY SERVICES

- A.—*First Aid Posts*— One at Brecon War Memorial Hospital.
- B.—*Mobile Units*—*Three.* One at Brecon.
One at Brynmawr.
One at Ystradgynlais.
- C.—*Light Mobile Units*—*Eight* Based on Brecon Mobile Unit:
Located at:—
Brecon (2).
Talgarth.
Hay.
Builth Wells.
Llanwrtyd Wells.
- 1 Based on Brynmawr Mobile Unit:
—Located at:—
Crickhowell.
- 1 Based on Ystradgynlais Mobile Unit:—Located at:—
Abercrave.
- D.—*Rescue Service*—*8 parties of 7 men each.* 2 parties at Brecon.
2 parties at Brynmawr.
2 parties at Ystradgynlais.
1 party at Hay.
1 party at Builth.
- E.—*Ambulances*—*Eleven.* 3 at Brecon.
3 at Brynmawr.
3 at Ystradgynlais.
1 at Hay.
1 at Builth.
Of these, 8 are full time—2 at Brecon, 2 at Brynmawr, 2 at Ystradgynlais, 1 at Hay, 1 at Builth.
- F.—*Cars for Sitting Casualties*—*Five.* 1 at Brecon.
1 at Brynmawr.
1 at Ystradgynlais.
1 at Hay.
1 at Builth.
- G.—*Gas Cleansing Centres and Units*—*Four.* 1 Fixed Centre at Brecon First Aid Post and 3 Mobile—1 each at Brynmawr, Ystradgynlais and Talgarth.

H.—Upgraded First Aid Points.—
Ten.

Wesleyan Mission Hall, Llanfaes,
Brecon.
Tyclyd, Sennybridge.
Church Hall, Crickhowell.
Public Assistance Institution, Hay.
Church Hall, Llanwrtyd.
Ysgol-y-Graig School Clinic, Cefn
Coed.
Ambulance Hall, Near Abercrave.
Temperance Hall, Near Gwys
Station, Upper Cwmtwrch.
*Town Hall, Talgarth.
School Clinic, Park House, Park
Road, Builth Wells.
*The two last mentioned points are
not yet in operation as they have
not been equipped.

I.—First Aid Points.—Eighteen.

Gibson's Buildings, Talybont-on-
Usk.
Pavilion, Welfare Ground, Bryn-
mawr.
Council Yard, Brynmawr.
Welfare Hall, Clydach.
Welfare Hall, Llanelly Hill.
Church School Room, Gilwern.
Police Station, Hay.
Broad Street, Builth Wells.
Alexandra Hall, Llangammarch
Wells.
Memorial Institute, Llanwrtyd
Wells.
96, High Street, Cefn Coed.
39, Field Street, Cefn Coed.
c/o P.C. Evans's House, Penderyn.
Memorial Institute, Pontsticill.
Council School, Colbren.
Council School, Penrhos.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

The following table gives the figures of children immunised :—

District.	Percentage of Child population immunised on 30th June, 1944	
	Age 1 to 5	Age 5 to 15
Brecon Urban and Rural, Builth Urban and Rural, Hay Urban and Rural, and Llanwrtyd Wells Urban	78.3	88.4
Brynmawr Urban	97.1	97.7
Crickhowell Rural	65.3	98.0
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural	92.7	74.0
Ystradgynlais Rural	98.9	98.6

(The above figures are supplied by the Welsh Board
of Health).

Table I.—Vital Statistics for Various Districts for 1944.

Name of District.	Population estimated to the middle of the year.		Births				Nett Deaths belonging to the District				Deaths of Mothers			
	Live Births		Still Births		At all ages		Under 1 yr of age		Puerperal Sepsis	Other puerperal Causes	Total	Rate per 1000 Births		
	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number	Rate	Number.	Rate per 1000 Live Births				Puerperal Sepsis	Other puerperal Causes	Total	Rate per 1000 Births
Brecon Urban ..	4926	18.6	2	0.4	77	15.6	7	76.0	..	..	..	..	..	8.3
Brynmawr Urban ..	6281	17.9	7	1.1	67	10.6	3	26.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Builth Wells Urban ..	1631	14.1	..	..	20	12.2	1	43.4	..	..	..	..	..	..
Hay Urban ..	1420	20.4	..	0.7	24	16.8	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Llanwrttyd Wells Urban ..	912	5.4	1	1.0	11	12.0	1	200.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Brecon Rural (Devynock & Llangorse)	5190	20.2	2	0.3	71	13.6	6	57.1	..	..	..	..	..	..
Merthyr Cynog ..	1790	20.6	..	..	21	11.7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
Builth Rural ..	3869	17.3	..	..	33	8.5	1	27.0	..	..	..	..	..	..
Crickhowell Rural ..	6526	15.3	4	0.6	83	12.7	5	50.0	..	..	..	..	..	9.6
Hay Rural ..	3535	17.5	2	0.5	39	11.0	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	15.6
Waynor and Penderyn Rural ..	5071	17.3	6	1.1	66	13.0	7	79.5	..	..	..	..	..	..
Ystradgynlais Rural ..	11200	19.1	3	0.2	123	10.9	9	41.8	..	..	..	..	..	4.5
Brecon County ..	52350	17.87	28	0.53	635	12.12	40	42.73	2	2	4	4	4	4.14
England and Wales..	..	17.6	..	0.50	..	11.6	..	46	..	..	..	..	..	10.34
Brecon County, 1943	52350	15.96	45	0.84	702	13.18	36	42.35	..	1	1	1	1	1.11

Table II.—Vital Statistics.
Causes of and Ages at Death during the Year, 1944.
WHOLE COUNTY.

CAUSES OF DEATH.	All Ages	Ages					
		Under 1 year	1 and under 5 years	5 and under 15 years	15 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 and over
ALL CAUSES—Males ..	331	26	8	3	31	87	176
Females ..	304	14	4	3	29	72	182
Total ..	635	40	12	6	60	159	358
1 Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
2 Cerebro-spinal Fever ..	2	1	1	..	..	..	..
3 Scarlet Fever ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
4 Whooping Cough ..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..
5 Diphtheria ..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
6 Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	11	..	..	..	6	4	1
7 Other Forms of Tuberculosis ..	7	1	..	..	4	2	..
8 Syphilitic Diseases ..	2	1	..	..	..	1	..
9 Influenza ..	6	..	..	..	..	1	5
10 Measles ..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..
11 Ac. Polio-myel. and Polio-enceph :	..	..	..	..	..	..	..
12 Ac : Inf : encaph : ..	2	..	..	..	..	2	..
13 Cancer of buc. cav : and oesoph (m), uterus (f) ..	10	..	..	..	1	2	7
14 Cancer of Stomach and duodenum	23	..	..	..	1	7	15
15 Cancer of Breast ..	8	..	..	..	1	4	3
16 Cancer of all other sites ..	52	..	..	1	5	20	26
17 Diabetes ..	9	..	..	..	..	5	4
18 Intra-cranial vascular lesions ..	59	..	..	..	..	15	44
19 Heart Disease ..	172	..	..	..	9	33	130
20 Other Dis : of Circ. System ..	22	1	..	..	1	4	16
21 Bronchitis ..	29	..	..	1	..	8	20
22 Pneumonia ..	19	7	2	..	..	5	5
23 Other Respiratory Diseases ..	12	..	..	..	2	5	5
24 Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ..	7	..	..	..	2	4	1
25 Diarrhoea, under 2 years ..	3	1	2	..	..	..	..
26 Appendicitis ..	3	..	..	..	..	3	..
27 Other Digestive Diseases ..	15	1	1	1	1	4	7
28 Nephritis ..	20	..	..	..	2	11	7
29 Puer : and Post-Abort : Sepsis ..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
30 Other Maternal Causes ..	2	..	..	..	2	..	..
31 Premature Birth ..	17	17	..	..	..	..	..
32 Con : Mal : Birth Inj : Infant Dis :	9	7	..	1	1	..	..
33 Suicide ..	5	..	..	..	3	2	..
34 Road Traffic Acc ..	9	..	..	..	6	..	3
35 Other Violent Causes ..	10	1	3	1	1	1	3
36 All Other Causes ..	86	1	2	1	10	16	56
Totals, 1943 ..	702	36	16	16	77	157	400

Table III.—Vital Statistics.

Causes of Death in the Separate Districts of the County during the year 1944.

Causes of Death.	URBAN					RURAL						TOTAL	
	Brecon	Brynmawr	Builth Wells	Hay	Llanwrtyd Wells	Brecon		Builth	Crickhowell	Hay	Vaynor and Penderyn		Ystradgynlais
						Devynock & Llangorse	Merthyr Cynog						
1 Typhoid & Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2 Cerebro-spinal Fever...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	2
3 Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4 Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
5 Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6 Tub. of Resp. System	...	2	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	2	3	11
7 Other Forms of Tuberculosis	2	3	1	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	7
8 Syphilitic Diseases	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	2
9 Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	...	...	...	1	2	6
10 Measles	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
11 Ac. Polio-myelitis and Polio-encaph:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12 Ac: Inf: encaph:	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2
13 Cancer of buc. cav: and oesoph (m), uterus (f)	3	...	...	...	...	2	...	...	2	1	2	...	10
14 Can. of Stom. and duodenum	2	3	1	1	...	2	...	...	3	2	5	4	23
15 Cancer of Breast	2	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	2	1	8
16 Cancer of all other sites	8	4	1	1	1	2	2	5	4	5	5	14	52
17 Diabetes	1	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	3	...	1	1	9
18 Intracranial vascular lesions.	9	6	1	5	2	4	4	2	4	1	6	15	59
19 Heart Disease	22	18	9	5	2	16	5	9	28	8	11	39	172
20 Other Dis: of Circ: System...	2	...	1	1	...	2	...	1	6	3	1	5	22
21 Bronchitis	2	6	...	...	1	7	...	1	2	2	4	4	29
22 Pneumonia	...	4	...	...	1	2	1	3	1	1	2	4	19
23 Other Respiratory Diseases...	...	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	1	6	12
24 Ulcer of Stom. or Duodenum	2	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	1	...	7
25 Diarrhoea, (under 2 years)	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	1	3
26 Appendicitis	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	3
27 Other Digestive Diseases	1	2	2	...	...	3	...	1	1	1	2	2	15
28 Nephritis	4	3	1	...	...	5	...	...	4	...	1	2	20
29 Puer: and Post-Abort: Sepsis	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	2
30 Other Maternal Causes	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	2
31 Premature Birth	4	...	...	...	1	4	...	...	2	...	2	4	17
32 Con: Mal: Birth Inj: Infant Dis:	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	1	3	9
33 Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	2	1	1	5
34 Road Traffic Acc.	...	...	...	2	1	...	1	1	2	1	1	...	9
35 Other Violent Causes	3	1	...	1	...	1	...	1	1	...	...	2	10
36 All Other Causes	6	6	2	6	1	13	2	6	15	10	11	8	86
Totals	77	67	20	24	11	71	21	33	83	39	66	123	635
Totals, 1943	58	101	39	28	16	62	27	44	92	36	72	130	702

Table IV.—Notifiable Diseases, 1944.

DISTRICT	Small Pox	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Enteric Fever	Catarhal Jaundice	Pneumonia	Acute Poliomyelitis	Erysipelas	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Encephalitis Lethargica	Puerperal		Scabies	Measles	Whooping Cough	Malaria	Dysentery	Cerebro Spinal Fever	TOTALS
											Fever	Pyrexia							
Brecon Urban	..	12	3	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	21
Brynmawr Urban	..	21	2	..	..	18	..	1	..	..	..	..	..	10	24	..	..	..	77
Builth Wells Urban	..	3	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	2	9	..	..	..	14
Hay Urban	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7	..	..	..	..	9
Llanwrtyd Wells Urban	..	7	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	7
Brecon Rural	..	11	1	..	..	1	..	1	..	..	1	1	..	..	..	..	..	..	15
Builth Rural	..	2	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	..	1	..	..	..	8
Crickhowell Rural	..	5	2	..	..	33	..	..	..	1	..	1	..	26	47	..	..	2	117
Hay Rural	..	9	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	4	..	..	..	..	13
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural	..	4	8	..	..	2	..	..	..	..	..	..	..	5	6	..	..	..	25
Ystradgynlais Rural	..	37	14	..	..	5	..	..	1	1	..	4	..	6	4	..	..	..	72
Totals	..	113	30	..	..	64	..	3	2	3	..	6	..	60	95	..	..	2	378
Total, 1943	..	81	60	..	1	51	1	9	1	..	..	8	1	335	30	..	..	12	591

1 Lobar Pneumonia

Table V.—Tuberculosis.

Summary of Notifications during the period from 1st January, 1944, to 31st December, 1944

Age Periods		Notification on Form A.										Total Notifications (All Ages).
		Number of Primary Notifications.										
		0 to 1	1 to 5	5 to 10	10 to 15	15 to 20	20 to 25	25 to 35	35 to 45	45 to 55	55 to 65		65 and upwards
Pulmonary—Males	...	3	1	...	3	1	2	6	3	2	3	24
Females	...	2	2	2	5	3	8	4	..	1	...	27
Non-Pulmonary—Males	...	1	2	1	1	1	...	...	..	...	...	6
Females	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	4
Totals...	...	1	7	4	2	10	5	11	4	3	3	61
Totals—1943	...	...	1	5	8	15	18	6	2	4	2	61

Table VI.—Tuberculosis.

Welsh National Memorial Association.

Summary of Results of Treatment, etc., during 1944.

YEAR	Number of New Cases examined during the year, including Contacts.	Number found to be definitely suffering from		Extent of Residential Treatment				Results of Treatment (Condition at time of Discharge).								
		Pulmonary	Other than Pulmonary	In Institutions on 1st January, 1944.	Admitted during the year	Discharged during year.	In institutions on 31st December, 1944.	Sanatorium (Pulmonary Cases)			Hospital (Pulmonary Cases)			Hospital (Non-Pulmonary Cases)		
								Quiescent	Improved.	No Material Improvement	Quiescent	Improved	No Material Improvement	Quiescent	Improved	No Material Improvement
1944	655	52	5	44	68	56	52	7	9	1	4	27	4	1	3	...
1943	632	46	8	43	63	56	44	9	9	3	4	15	5	2	5	4

These figures are furnished by the Welsh National Memorial Association.

Table VII.—Showing the Work of the Health Visitors during the Year, 1944.

DISTRICT	Pre-Natal Visits		First Visits		Re-Visits		Special Visits		Other Visits					Totals
	First Visits	Re-Visits	To Infants under one year	To Children one to five years	To Infants under one year	To Children one to five years	To Infants under one year	To Children one to five years	Still-Births.	Tuberculosis	Mental Defectives	Blind	Others.	
Brecon Town and Country—whole time	2	..	114	15	301	272	6	1	3	127	17	133	12	1003
Brynmawr	4	..	45	4	557	587	1	..	1	115	7	141	..	1462
Vaynor and Penderyn	..	..	38	3	267	423	1	..	4	105	6	64	4	915
Ystradgynlais	..	..	59	1	554	374	..	..	2	203	50	336	25	1604
Abercrave	43	171	39	5	351	199	..	..	..	48	4	84	..	944
Beulsh (Llwynmadoc)	21	149	16	2	187	190	3	4	..	5	2	11	..	590
Brecon (Llanspyddid)	34	143	3	2	27	182	2	4	..	29	10	11	..	447
Builth	33	68	37	2	331	330	28	18	..	42	3	18	..	910
Cefn Coed	7	1	11	..	97	120	3	..	..	73	9	28	..	349
Crickhowell	30	67	36	2	371	415	86	33	2	37	3	67	2	1151
Devynock	30	76	55	..	365	1116	..	6	3	46	..	39	..	1736
Erwood and Llyswen	2	..	4	..	164	228	..	..	..	10	..	12	..	420
Hay and Cusop	21	37	27	51	349	163	17	11	1	22	3	24	..	716
Llanelli (Darenfelen)	18	51	26	4	233	221	14	21	2	84	6	29	..	709
Gilwern and Clydach	14	9	15	3	218	282	..	..	..	28	2	54	..	625
Llanigon and Glasbury	19	12	22	..	240	250	13	5	1	25	3	24	..	614
Llangorse	4	23	10	2	48	66	..	..	..	11	2	2	..	168
Llanwrthwl	4	22	4	..	29	90	..	..	..	12	..	..	..	161
Llanwrtyd Wells	24	112	20	1	159	203	..	..	1	36	..	8	..	564
Newbridge-on-Wye	4	29	2	..	23	303	..	..	..	22	..	1	..	384
Talgarth	49	104	54	1	388	265	..	..	..	38	3	25	..	927
Ystradgynlais	15	17	132	41	330	333	3	1	7	..	..	..	..	879
County Relief Nurse	1	50	6	..	53	29	..	..	..	38	..	3	..	180
B&Joh	2	..	6	..	56	104	..	..	..	8	2	16	..	194
Talybont and Llanfrynach (S.M.T.)	24	2	99	217	3	24	2	38	..	409
Totals, 1944	381	1141	805	141	5797	6952	177	104	30	1188	134	1168	43	18061

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