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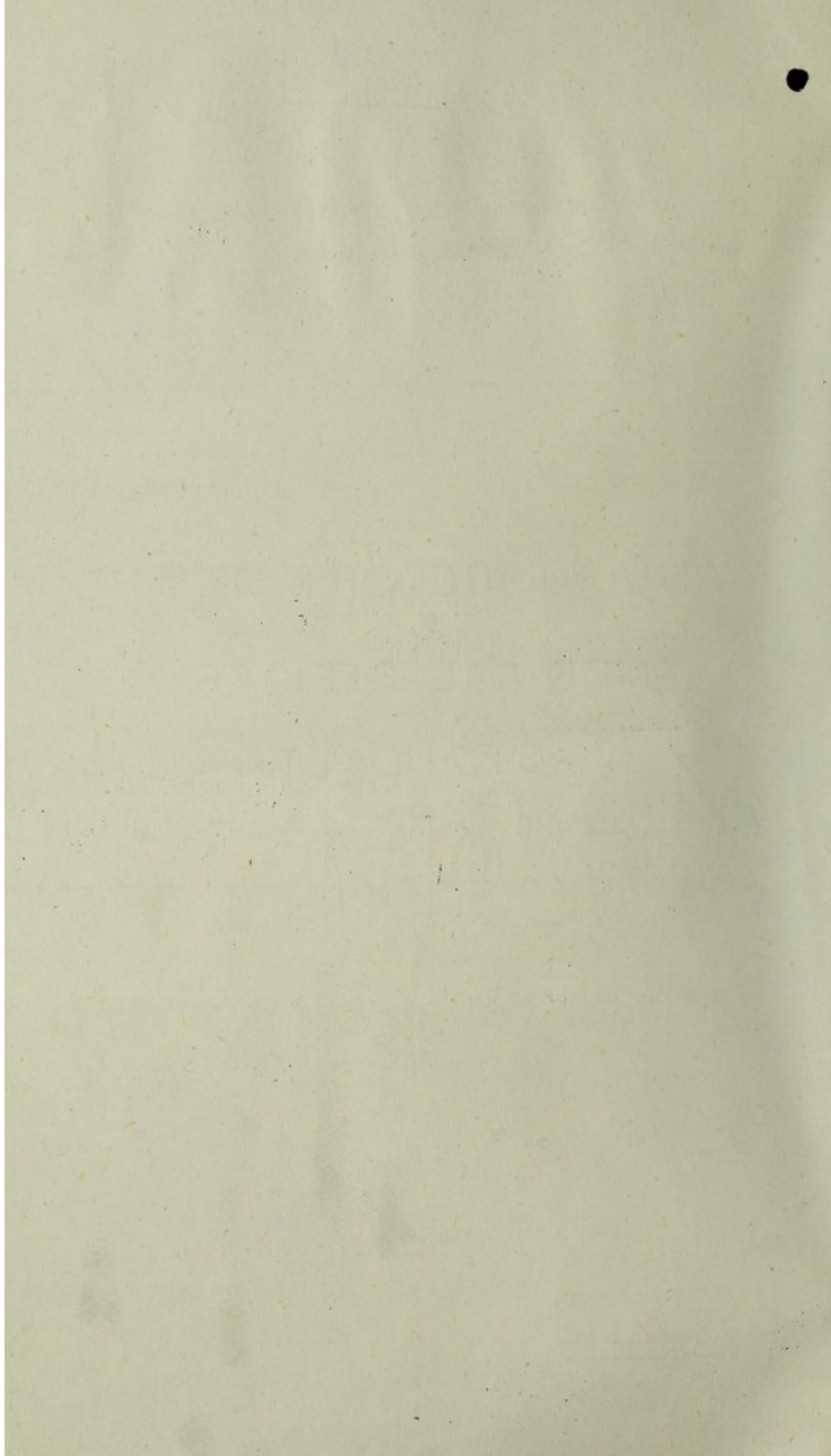
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER
OF HEALTH
AND SANITARY INSPECTOR
1941.



COUNCIL OFFICES,
BRYNMAWR.
NOVEMBER, 1942.



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To the Chairman and Members of the Brynmawr
Urban District Council.

Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my fifth Annual
Report upon the Sanitary circumstances of the District,
the health of the people and the work of the Public
Health Department, during the year 1941.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid
year population of the District is 6773.

Mr. M.T. Parry relinquished his position as
Sanitary Inspector in January and Mr. D.T.Jones was
appointed Sanitary and Meat and Foods Inspector in
April, 1941.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Members
of the Council for their helpful consideration and
co-operation in all matters affecting Public Health.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

S.N. Chopra.

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Brynmawr has always been the dormitory town for the adjoining mining areas and the depression in these districts has had its effect on the Urban District, but the establishment of War time Industries has absorbed most of the men and women who were formerly unemployed.

It is impossible to keep records for Overcrowding purposes for this reason, and it is hoped that provision will be made in our plans for post-war reconstruction for dealing with the housing shortage in districts such as ours which do not attract the speculative builder, with the result that the whole of the burden of providing additional houses falls on the Local Authority.

The exposed position of the area has the effect of making dampness in houses a serious problem and this dampness is the cause of a considerable number of cases of rheumatism and respiratory diseases. A large percentage of the working class dwellings in the district are badly in need of reconditioning or repair and whilst owners of the property referred to are being prevailed upon to put their property in repair, the bulk of the work will have to be left until the cessation of hostilities, when there will be a supply of labour and materials available. However, in the meantime, every effort is being made by our Sanitary Inspector in this direction.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1941, according to the Rate Books was:- 1770.

The Rateable Value of the District is £20154.

The Product of a Penny Rate for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1941 is £49.13. 6d.

Rates in the £.

General Rate	19s. 6.
Water Rate.	1s. 0.
Total.	£1. 0. 6.

SECTION A

WATERSHEDS AND RIVER COMMISSIONS

1911-12

The following table shows the number of persons employed in the various departments of the Commission during the year 1911-12. The total number of persons employed was 1,234.

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Extracts from the Vital Statistics.

Birth Rate.

Live Births Legitimate - Total 113. Males 60 Females 53.
 Illegitimate- Total 7. Males 3 Females 4.

Showing a BIRTH RATE per 1,000 of the Estimated population of:- 16.6, as compared to 12.4 in 1940.

Still Births:- Total 3. Males 2. Females 1.

Legitimate:-
Total 3. Males 2. Females 1.

Illegitimate:-
Total Nil.

Death Rate.

The number of deaths during the year was:-

Total 106. Males 65. Females 41.

Being a DEATH RATE per 1,000 of the Estimated resident population of:- 15.6.

Maternal Death Rate.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes:-
Puerperal and Post-abortion Sepsis - Nil.
Other Maternal Causes - 1. Total 1.

Infantile Mortality.

Deaths of Infants under one year:-

Legitimate Total 9. Males 5. Females 4.
Illegitimate Total 1. Males 1. Females Nil.
Total 10. Males 6. Females 4.

Death Rate of Infants under one year:-

All infants per 1,000 live Births:- 98.

Deaths from Cancer:- 9. Males 4. Females 5.
Deaths from Whooping Cough:- Nil.
Deaths from Measles:- Nil.
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under 2 years):- Nil.

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General.

Infectious Diseases reported were:-

Scarlet Fever	5. Measles	76.
Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fever-	Nil. Pneumonia	31.
Whooping Cough.	31. Cerebro Spinal Fever	1.
Diphtheria.	5. Puerperal Pyrexia	Nil.
Erysipelas.	1. Ophthalmia Neonotorum	Nil.
Small Pox.	Nil.	

SECTION B.

Laboratory Facilities:-	Monmouthshire County Council, Public Health Department, Newport.
Ambulance Facilities:-	No change.
Nursing in the Home:-	No change.
Clinics and Treatment Centres:-	No change.
Hospitals, Public and Voluntary:-	No change.

SECTION C.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

(1) WATER The District is supplied with water from the Reservoir on the Llangattock Mountain, which is fed from the upland gathering grounds. When the need arises, this supply is augmented by pumping a supply of water into the Reservoir from the Clydach Springs, by means of a Blackstone Engine which pumps 12,000 gallons per hour.

Frequent samples are taken from each source of supply for bacteriological and chemical examination and all results have been satisfactory.

General

The following information is for your information:

- 1. The first item is a list of names.
- 2. The second item is a list of names.
- 3. The third item is a list of names.
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SECTION D.

Housing Statistics.

Public Health.

1. Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.	
(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for Housing Defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts).	466.
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.	766.
(2) (a) Number of dwellings (included under sub head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under Housing Consolidation Regulations, 1925.	40.
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose.	96.
(3) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so injurious or dangerous to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	
(4) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive to those referred to under the preceding sub head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	250.
2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of Formal Notices.	
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or its Officers.	8.
3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year.	
(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in which notices were served requiring repairs.	13.
(2) Number of houses in which defects were remedied after the service of Formal Notices.	
(a) By owners	10.
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners.	2.
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.	
(1) Number of dwelling houses in which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	141.
(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of Formal Notices.	
(1) By owners.	4.
(2) By Local Authority in default of owner.	2.

SECTION 1

General Information

1. Name of the

1. Inspection of the building was made on the 1st day of May, 1911. The building is a two-story structure, built of brick, and is used for the purpose of a school.

2. The building is situated on the corner of Main Street and 1st Avenue.

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- (c) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936.
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|---|-----|
| (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made. | - |
| (2) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders. | - |
| (3) Number left standing pursuant to Circular 1866. | 28. |
- (d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.
- | | |
|---|----|
| (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made. | 2. |
| (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenements or rooms having been rendered fit. | - |
4. (a) Housing Act, 1936. Part (iv) - Overcrowding.
- | | |
|---|-----------|
| (a) 1. Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year. (Unable to keep records owing to evacuation). | |
| 2. Number of families dwelling therein. do. do. | |
| 3. Number of persons dwelling therein. do. do. | |
| (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year. | as above. |
| (c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year. | 3. |
| Number of persons concerned in such cases. | 15. |
| (d) Particulars of any cases which dwelling houses have become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding. | Nil. |
| (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer may consider it advisable to report. | Nil. |
| (f) Influx of evacuated persons made this a problem of major importance during the year. This problem still continues. | |

Eradication of Bed Bugs.

Council Houses.	Infested - Nil.
Other Houses.	Infested - 31. Disinfested - 31.

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SECTION E.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply.

31 Visits have been made to cowsheds and Dairies during the year and improvements have been effected at two farms. 47 samples of milk were taken and submitted for analysis, 13 of which were satisfactory. In the case where unsatisfactory samples were obtained, the matter was taken up with the milk vendors and with the producers, through the Sanitary Inspectors of the Districts in which the milk was produced.

Meat and Other Foods.

The Heathcote Abattoir, which has been taken over by the Ministry of Food for the duration of the War, serves the whole of the meat supply for the five Urban Districts of Abertillery, Abercarn, Blaenavon, Nantyglo and Blaina and Brynmawr, and a large proportion of our Sanitary Inspector's time has to be devoted to Meat Inspection as a 100% inspection is being maintained.

The following is a table showing the number of animals killed and inspected at the Heathcote Abattoir, together with particulars of meat condemned:-

	Cattle.	Calves.	Sheep.	Pigs.
No. of animals killed and inspected.	2426.	1142.	33,712.	1,088.
Whole carcasses condemned for diseases other than T.B.	5.	----	23.	3.
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned except T.B.	542.	----	2,373.	6.
Percentage of the number inspected affected by diseases other than T.B.	22.5.	0.	7.1.	0.8.
Whole Carcasses affected by Tuberculosis.	24.	-	-	3.
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned for T.B.	481.	4.	-	61.
Percentage affected by T.B.	20.8.	0.3.	0.	5.8.

CHAPTER I

THE HISTORY OF THE UNITED STATES

The history of the United States is a story of growth and development. It begins with the first settlers who came to the continent in search of a new home. These settlers were faced with many challenges, including a harsh climate and a lack of resources. Despite these difficulties, they persevered and built a new society. Over time, the United States grew from a small colony into a powerful nation. This growth was the result of the hard work and sacrifice of many Americans. The story of the United States is a story of hope and achievement.

THE FOUNDING OF THE NATION

The founding of the nation was a difficult task. The founders had to create a new government from scratch. They had to decide on the structure of the government and the rights of the citizens. The process was long and contentious. There were many disagreements and debates. However, the founders were determined to create a new nation. They succeeded in creating a government that has lasted for over two centuries. The founding of the nation was a great achievement and a source of pride for all Americans.

The following is a list of the names of the founders of the nation. These men played a key role in the creation of the United States. Their names are: George Washington, John Adams, Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, Alexander Hamilton, and Benjamin Franklin.

NAME	BIRTH	DEATH	OFFICE
George Washington	1732	1799	President
John Adams	1735	1826	President
Thomas Jefferson	1743	1826	President
James Madison	1751	1836	President
Alexander Hamilton	1755	1804	Secretary of the Treasury
Benjamin Franklin	1706	1790	Secretary of the Board of Trade

SECTION F.

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and other diseases.

During the year the Public Health Department of the Urban District Authority made arrangements for the intensive immunisation of the children. Accordingly the Medical Officer of Health attended all the schools and, with the help and co-operation of the School Nurse (Nurse King) and the District Nurse, the majority of the school children were immunised. There still remains the problem of getting hold of the children under 5. Intensive propaganda and canvassing is still being carried on, with the hope that mothers will co-operate and bring their children for immunisation.

The Council was anxious to facilitate every possible means of assisting the public of Brynmawr in the matter.

Number of children, who at 31st December, 1941, had received a full course of immunisation:-

Age under 5 years	-	216.
Age 5 years and over, - but under 15.		887.

Percentage of child population immunised.

Estimated population of children at 30th September, 1941.

Age under 5 years.	Age 5 years and over, but under 15.
545.	1,075.

Estimated percentage of child population who had received a complete course of immunisation:-

Age under 5 years.	Age 5 years and over, but under 15.
39.6%	82.5%

The incidence of infectious diseases was not high and in spite of the war conditions, the health of the general public is very good.

SECTION 2

Views of the Board of Directors
of the American Association of
University Professors

During the year the Board of Directors
of the American Association of University
Professors has been engaged in a study
of the conditions of the profession and
the needs of the country. The Board
has held many meetings and has received
many suggestions from its members and
from the public. It has also conducted
extensive research into the various
problems of the profession and has
prepared a report on its findings.

The Board believes that the profession
is in a position to make a valuable
contribution to the country if it is
able to meet the needs of the public
and to maintain its standards of
conduct.

The Board has therefore adopted the
following principles as a guide for
its action:

- 1. The profession should be open to all
persons of ability and integrity.
- 2. The profession should be self-governing.
- 3. The profession should be able to
select its own members and to
determine its own standards of
conduct.

The Board believes that these principles
are essential for the profession to
fulfill its duty to the country.

The Board has therefore recommended
that the American Association of
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Notifiable Diseases other than
Tuberculosis during the year
1941.

Diseases.	Total Cases Notified.	Total Deaths.
Small Pox.	nil.	nil.
Scarlet Fever.	5	nil.
Diphtheria.	5	nil.
Typhoid Fever.	nil.	nil.
Paratyphoid Fever.	nil.	nil.
Puerperal Pyrexia.	nil.	nil.
Pneumonia.	31.	6.
Cerebro Spinal Fever.	1.	1.
Erysipelas.	1.	nil.
Whooping Cough.	31.	nil.
Measles.	76.	nil.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases.						Deaths.					
Respiratory.		Non Res.		Total.		Respiratory.		Non Res.		Total.	
M.	F.	M.	F.	Respiratory.	Non Resp.	M.	F.	M.	F.	Respiratory.	Non Resp.
3.	3.	1.	3.	6.	4.	4.	2.	Nil.	4.	6.	

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Yours faithfully,

S. N. Chopra.
Medical Officer of Health

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