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HEALTH REPORT
For the Year 1958

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REPORT ON THE PROGRESS OF THE WORK DURING THE YEAR 1900

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DOLGELLAU RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report of the District Medical
Officer of Health for the year 1958
TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
DOLGELLAU RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Health Report for the year ending 31st December 1958.

Once again there was a drastic fall in the population as estimated by the Registrar General from 9,900 in 1956; 8,670 in 1957 to 7,820 in 1958.

There was an increase of two in the number of live births as compared with the previous year and there was one fewer still birth, than in 1957, and an increase of two in the infant mortality figures.

There were 13 more deaths than in 1957 and once again the live births were below the number of deaths.

The number of cancer deaths showed an increase of two (cancer of the stomach 5, Cancer of Bronchus & lungs 2).

Diseases of the heart and circulatory system were the major causes of death (more than half the total of deaths) and in this group coronary disease increased from seven to nineteen.

There were no deaths from tuberculosis but the number of notifications of pulmonary disease increased from 4 to 9, the incidence being in the higher age groups. There were no notifications of non pulmonary disease.

The epidemics of whooping cough and measles, which occurred at the end of the previous year were carried on into 1958.

One case of pneumonia was notified.

A case notified as being poliomyelitis at the end of the year was ammended, in the new year. The cause was then ascribed to a different virus.

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

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District Medical
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SECTION A. GENERAL STATISTICS

Area of Rural District

Rateable Value 67,736

Population
(Registrar's General figures) 7,820

Sum represented by a Penny Rate 270. 1: 5

Number of inhabited houses
(According to the Rate Books)
at the end of year. 2.788

COMPARABILITY FACTORS

Births 1.30
Deaths 1.02

VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	55	45
Legitimate	50	39
Illegitimate	5	6

LIVE BIRTH RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION 12.68
1957 figures 10.84

STILL BIRTHS

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	2	1

STILL BIRTHS RATE PER 1,000 POPULATION 0.39

TOTAL BIRTHS (Live and Still) 103

Births (Live) 100

Births (Still) 3

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	1	2
Legitimate	1	2
Illegitimate	-	-

Infant Mortality (Rate per 1,000 Live Births)	30.00
1957 figures	10.63
Deaths of Legitimate Infants	
Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	33.33
Deaths of Illegitimate Infants	
Mortality (per 1,000 illegitimate live births)	NIL

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	1	2
Legitimate	1	1
Illegitimate	-	-
Illegitimate Live Births (per 1,000 population)		NIL

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion)

Total NIL

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Rate per 1,000 live and still births) (Death connected with childbirth and pregnancy 1957 figure.

NIL

DEATHS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total Number - 114	66	48
Rate per 1,000 population 14.58		
1957 figures 11.64		

DEATHS FROM CANCER

Total Number - 22	12	10
Rate per 1,000 population - 2.81.		
1957 figures - 2.31.		

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Total Number - NIL		
Rate per 1,000 population - NIL		
1957 figures - NIL		

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(1) PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY:

One Medical Officer of Health
One Public Health Inspector
One Surveyor

(2) LABORATORY FACILITIES:

Water analysis (Chemical) carried out by the Public Analyst, Chester.

Water (bacteriological) carried out by the Public Health Laboratory, Aberystwyth.

Milk (tests for cleanliness, for keeping quality and for tuberculosis) carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Aberystwyth. No charge is made on the L/A for these tests.

(3) AMBULANCE FACILITIES:

Four Ambulances stationed at Dolgellau. Transport for sick cases can easily and readily be obtained.

(4) INFANT WELFARE CLINICS

Held at: Dyffryn Ardudwy - once a month
Dolgellau - Wesleyan Chapel vestry every two weeks.
Abergynolwyn - at the Aelwyd building once a month.
Corris - at the Institute once a month.

(5) ANTE NATAL CLINICS

At Dolgellau Hospital - two a month.

(6) ORTHOPAEDIC CLINIC:

At Dolgellau Hospital - two a month.

(7) TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC:

Held at the Dolgellau Hospital twice a month.

(8) DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Arranged by the County Medical Officer of Health.
Immunisation of babies and young children is carried out at the Primary Schools.

(9) HOSPITALS:

One fully equipped hospital at Dolgellau.

(10) INFECTIOUS DISEASES:

Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year ... 78

Scarlet Fever	...	...	-
Bacillary Dysentery	...	...	-
Whooping Cough	...	...	11
Measles	...	...	66
Infantile Paralysis	...	...	-
Pneumonia	...	...	1

NEW CASESTUBERCULOSIS

Pulmonary - Total 9:	Males	7	Females	2
Non-Pulmonary - Total NIL	"	0	"	0

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

Total NIL.

Pulmonary	Total Nil.		
Non-Pulmonary	" "	Males -	Females -

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1958
IN AGE GROUPS

Age Periods	<u>New Cases</u>				<u>Deaths</u>	
	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Respiratory	Non-Respiratory
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0						
15	1					
35	1					
45	11					
55	11	1				
65		1				
75	1					

CAUSES OF DEATH

	M.	F.
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Cancer Stomach	1	4
" Lungs	2	-
" Breast	-	4
" Other sites	9	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	11
Coronary diseases, angina	14	5
Hypertension with heart disease	1	1
Other heart diseases	9	12
Other circulatory disease	6	3
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	2	-
Bronchitis	3	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	-
Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	6
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-
All other accidents	-	-
Diabetes	-	1
Suicide	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	-
	65	49

FOOD HYGIENE

Inspections of food premises were carried out and advice to food handlers was given.

No. of prosecution. NIL.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS 1948 & 1951

One person was removed under Section 47 as ammended by the 1951 Act (Removal without delay).

GENERAL

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

Houses - Public Health Acts	...	...	233
Houses - Housing Acts	...	...	194
Complaints investigated	...	...	16
Factories	...	...	3
Workshops	...	...	2
Infectious Disease Cases	...	...	NIL
Houses Disinfected	...	...	NIL
Petroleum Acts	...	...	23
Shops Acts	...	...	21
Interviews with Owners	...	...	71
Revisits to properties under notice or repair	...	...	74
Bakehouses	...	...	5
Butchers' Shops	...	...	2
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	14
Informal Notices served	...	...	23
Informal Notices complied with	...	...	10
Notice of Time & Place Issued	...	...	21
Houses Closed	...	...	24
Demolition Orders Made	...	...	NIL
Statutory Notices served, W. Act.	...	...	9

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED

Additions	...	...	2
Conversions into habitable dwellings	...	...	7
Extensive repairs (including rebuilding wall or roof, etc)	...	...	11
Reconditioning etc. (Hill Farming Schmes)	...	...	13
New Drainage Units	...	...	24
New Water Supplies	...	...	18
Houses connected to L.A. Water Supplies	...	...	23
do do to L.A. Sewer Schems	...	...	23
Conversion of Pail Closets to water carriage system	...	...	32
Repaired or made fit	...	...	5
Roofs repaired	...	...	17
Floors repaired, replaced, ventilated, etc.	...	...	12
Plastered walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	14
Windows replaced, repaired, made to open, etc.	...	...	12
Food Stores or ventilated cupboards provided	...	...	9
Stairs replaced or repaired	...	...	1
Fire-grates renewed (modern type), repaired or renewed.	...	...	12

SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED
continued

Chimney stacks renewed or repaired	...	3
External walls repointed	...	14
Eaves gutters renewed, repaired, etc.	...	8
Dangerous walls repaired	...	2
New Bathrooms	...	19

DRAINS, WATER CLOSETS AND REFUSE ACCOMMODATION

Obstructed drains cleaned	...	9
Obstructed W.C.'s cleaned	...	4
Drains repaired or reconstructed	...	11
Inspection covers renewed	...	3
W.C. Basins renewed	...	9

Other Nuisances:

Smoke	...	NIL
Animals kept (improperly)	...	1
Accumulations	...	NIL

SUMMARY OF WATER SUPPLIES

	Treated Water		Raw Water		Total
	Bacteriological		Bacteriological		
	S.	U.	S.	U.	
Council Schemes	64	10	-	2	76
Private Supplies	7	11	-	-	18
Hill Farming	7	11	-	-	18
Proposed Schemes	5	3	-	-	8
	83	35	-	2	120

NEW WATER SCHEMES

Waen Fach Extension

Llanegryn (Gibraltar Camp) Water Schemes

HOUSING PROGRESS

	Year	Traditional	Swedish	Total
Llanegryn	Pre-war	8	--	8
Dyffryn	1945	4	--	4
do	1947	--	8	8
Abergynolwyn	1947	12	--	12
Llanegryn	1948	8	--	8
Brithdir	1948	--	4	4
Llwyngwrl	1949	30	--	30
Talybont	1950	4	--	4
Bontddu	1951	8	--	8
Taicynhaeaf	1951	3	--	3
Dyffryn	1951	11	--	11
do	1952	7	--	7
Rhoslefain	1952	12	--	12
Llanfachreth	1953	7	--	7
Llanelltyd	1953	10	--	10
do	1954	9	--	9
Llanfachreth	1954	7	--	7
Arthog	1955	6	--	6
Llanelltyd	1955	4	--	4
Corris	1955	15	--	15
Llanelltyd	1956	3	--	3
Ganllwyd	1956	8	--	8
Llanelltyd	1957	3	--	3
		179	12	191
		--	6	6
		179	18	197

Private Enterprise Development

New houses erected	8	Camping Sites developed	11
Change of use	1	Other Developments	3
New garages	11		

OUTSTANDING SEWER SCHEMES

Extension Friog to Fairbourne			
Village of Arthog		Village of Brithdir	
" " Mallwyd (hamlet)		" " Rhydymain	
" " Aberangell		" " Dinas Mawddwy and Minllyn.	
Part village of Lower Corris		Part village of Upper Corris.	
Village of Talybont			

Rivers and Streams:

There are no industries in the district to pollute the rivers and streams but there are some careless individuals who insist on throwing tins and refuse into the streams. Warning notices are posted in some localities to cease this undesirable custom but it is difficult to achieve.

Refuse Collection:

The Council have provided a satisfactory covered lorry, the necessary staff and a number of refuse disposal sites and undertakes by direct labour the scavenging of the scattered built-up villages and houses en route throughout the 14 parishes, which involves approximately 360 miles per week. The scheme has now been extended to include the Parish of Pennal. Twice weekly collections are made in the Corris, and Llanegryn areas.

Smoke Abatement:

No action was taken in this respect during the year.

Swimming Baths and Pools:

There are no public nor privately owned swimming baths open to the public.

Eradication of Bugs:

No action was necessary during the year.

Meat and Food Inspection

Animals Inspected	Diseases	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Cattle 78	Emaciation	-	-	-	-
	Abscesses	-	-	-	-
Sheep 1256	Extensive Bruising	-	-	-	-
	Urticaria (Extensive)	-	-	-	-
Pigs 51	Diagnosis	-	-	-	-
	Fevered Condition	-	-	-	-
	Parasitic Livers	-	29	10	39

Other foodstuffs surrendered as being unfit for human consumption include the following:-

Tinned Meat	3 lbs.	Tinned Jam	14 oz.
" Crops	2 lbs. 3oz.	" Fish	14 oz.
" Fruit	4 lbs 15oz.	" Soups	15½ oz.
Meat & Sausage	63 lbs 6 oz.	" Milk	16 oz.

Ice Cream Premises:

Number of manufacturing retailers registered	NIL
Number of Retailers registered	33

Clean Food Campaign (Food and Drugs Act, 1938):

The model by-laws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938 and adopted by the Council are in operation and are having effective results.

Bakehouses:

These are small in number and subject to periodical inspection. They are kept clean and are limewashed or painted at intervals. There are no underground bakehouses.

Workshops:

These are few in number and small and part occupied by the owner. The sanitary provisions are on the premises or nearby.

PESTS ACTS, 1949-1952

	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Agricul- tural	All Other	Total
Inspections	70	2020	1153	354	3597
<u>Infestations:</u>					
Major	-	-	-	-	-
Minor	40	80	50	20	190
Mice (infestation)	2	15	39	14	70
	42	95	89	34	260

Conclusion:

The year 1958 brought further progress in improvements with major housing repairs, reconditioning and conversion of houses under the Hill Farming and Housing Act, which bring amenity to the District.

I am, Sirs,

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