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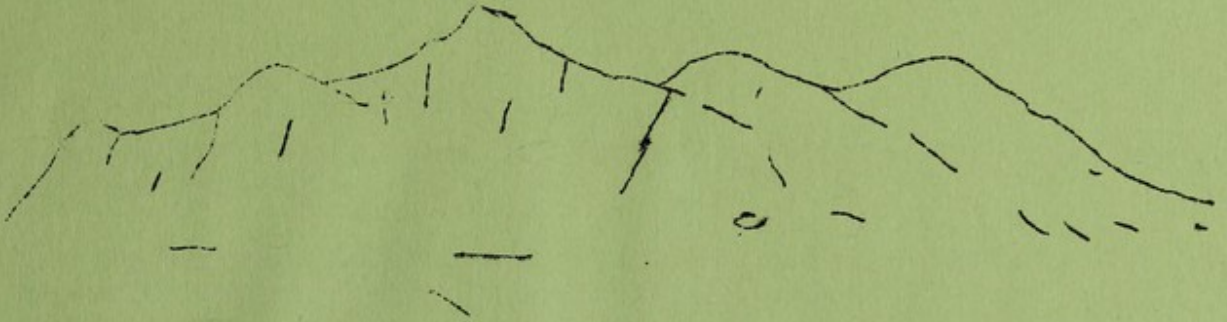
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DOLGELLAU RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL



"EIN BRAINT EIN BRO"

A N N U A L
H E A L T H R E P O R T

For the year 1970

.....

Medical Officer of Health

HUGH FRANCIS
M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.,

.....

Public Health Inspector

RONALD PUGH JONES
C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

.....

ILLINOIS STATE DISTRICT COURT

THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

VS.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS

IN THE YEAR 1970

Medical Director of Health

THE PEOPLE

M.D., Ch.D., D.P.H.

For the Health Department

RONALD FRED JONES

C.L.C.H., M.A.P.H.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER FOR 1970

To the Chairman and Members
of the Dolgellau Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Health Report for the year ended 31st December, 1970.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population in the Rural District was 6,510 a decrease of 500 over 1969.

There were 69 live births and no stillbirths compared with 78 live-births and one stillbirth in 1961. This gives a live birth rate of 10.6 per 1,000 population (11.1 in 1969, 11.6 in 1968). No infant under one year of age died in 1970, and no woman died in childbirth.

105 persons in the Rural District died during 1970. 53 of these deaths were from heart and circulatory disease and strokes. 24 of the deaths were due to cancer compared with 17 in 1969. There was no death from tuberculosis but one new case of non-pulmonary tuberculosis was notified.

I wish to thank the Public Health Inspector, the Surveyor, the Clerk and all the other Council Officials for their help during the year.

Finally I wish to thank all the Council Members for their interest and encouragement.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

HUGH FRANCIS,
DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER FOR 1970

to the Chairman and Members
of the Regional Rural Medical Council.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year ending
31st December, 1970.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid-year population in the
District was 6,210 in December 1969.

There were 19 live births and no stillbirths as against 15 live-
births and one stillbirth in 1969. The crude live birth rate of
30.8 per 1,000 population (31.1 in 1969, 31.8 in 1968). No infant
deaths were recorded in 1970, and no women died in childbirth.

107 persons in the District died during 1970. 55 of these
deaths were from heart and circulatory diseases and strokes. 23 of the
deaths were due to cancer compared with 17 in 1969. There was no death
from tuberculosis but one case of pulmonary tuberculosis was
reported.

I wish to thank the Public Health Inspector, the Surgeon, the
District and all the other Council Officials for their help during the
year.

Finally I wish to thank all the Council members for their
interest and encouragement.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

MR. P. WHITE,

DISTRICT MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

GENERAL STATISTICS

SECTION A.

Area of Dolgellau Rural District 1970	158,942	acres
Rateable Value	184,689	
Population (Registrar General's figures)	6,510	
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	1,726	
Number of inhabited houses (According to the Rate Books) at end of year	3,276	

VITAL STATISTICS

Comparability Factors

Births	...	...	...	1.35
Deaths	...	...	...	.88

BIRTHS

<u>Live Births</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	... ..	33	36	69
Legitimate	... ..	30	30	60
Illegitimate	... ..	3	6	9

<u>Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population</u>	- 10.6
1969 figures	- 11.1
Illegitimate Live Births (per 1,000 population)	1.39

<u>Still Births</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	... ..	nil	nil	nil
<u>Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population</u>	- nil			
<u>Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births</u>	- nil			

<u>TOTAL BIRTHS</u> (Live & Still)				
Live	-	33	36	69
Still	-	nil	nil	nil

DEATHS

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total	... ..	nil	nil	nil
Legitimate	... ..	nil	nil	nil
Illegitimate	... ..	nil	nil	nil

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births	-	nil
1969 figures	-	26
Deaths of Legitimate Infants Mortality (per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births)	-	nil
Deaths of Illegitimate Infants Mortality (per 1,000 illegitimate Live Births)	-	nil

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS</u>		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	... ..	nil	nil
Legitimate	... ..	nil	nil
Illegitimate	... ..	nil	nil

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK

				<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Total	....	....	....	nil	nil
Legitimate	....	....	....	nil	nil
Illegitimate	....	....	....	nil	nil
<u>Neo-Natal Mortality Rate</u>			-	nil	
<u>Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate</u>			-	nil	
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u>			-	nil	
<u>MATERNAL DEATHS</u> (Including abortion)			-	nil	
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u> (Rate per 1,000					
	Live Still Births		-	nil	
	1969 figures		-	nil	

<u>DEATHS</u>				<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Total number	....	....		51	54	105
Rate per 1,000 population			....		
1969 figures			-			

DEATHS FROM CANCER

Total number	....	....		15	9	24
Rate per 1,000 population			3.68			
1969 figures			2.4			

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS

Total number	....	....	nil
Rate per 1,000 population			nil
1969 figures			2.4

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 Technical Assistant.

(2) Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examination of water at the Public Health Laboratory Aberystwyth. Examination of milk for cleanliness, keeping quality tuberculosis and brucellosis at the Public Health Laboratory, Conway.

(3) Ambulance Facilities

There are four ambulances and one sitting case car situated at Dolgellau. Five full-time ambulance drivers are employed.

REPORT OF TUBERCULOSIS IN THE AREA

Year	Sex	Total	Rate per 1,000 population	1959 figures
1958	all	....	....	....
1957	all	....	....	....
1956	all	....	....	....
<u>PREVALENCE</u>				
Total number				
Rate per 1,000 population				
1959 figures				
<u>NEW CASES</u>				
Total number				
Rate per 1,000 population				
1959 figures				
<u>DEATHS</u>				
Total number				
Rate per 1,000 population				
1959 figures				

GENERAL NOTIFICATION OF TUBERCULOSIS IN THE AREA

(1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

The Medical Officer of Health,
The Public Health Inspector, and Technical Assistant.

(2) Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological examination of water at the Public Health Laboratory,
Analytical examination of milk for cleanliness, keeping quality,
phosphorus and potassium at the Public Health Laboratory, ...

(3) Examination Facilities

There are four examination and one visiting cases are situated at ...
Five full-time examination drivers are employed.

(4) Infant Welfare Clinics

At Corris Institute on the last Wednesday in each month.

At Dyffryn Ardudwy, Horeb Chapel Vestry on the 3rd Tuesday in the month.

At the Village Hall, Abergynolwyn on the last Friday in the month.

(5) Ante Natal Clinics: At Dolgellau Hospital on the 1st and 3rd Mondays in each month.

(6) Orthopaedic Clinic:

Held at the Dolgellau Hospital on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in each month.

(7) Tuberculosis Clinic: Held at Dolgellau and District Hospital on the 1st and 3rd Thursdays in each month.

(8) Immunisation: Immunization against Diphtheria, Tetanus, Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis measles and Smallpox is carried out in the Infant Welfare Clinics and by General Practitioners at their surgeries.

(9) Hospitals: One Hospital at Dolgellau.

(10) Infectious Diseases: Total number of Infectious diseases
(other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year:- 24

Scarlet Fever		Infantile Paralysis	
Bacillary Dysentery		Pneumonia	
Whooping Cough:	1	Infective Jaundice:	1
Measles:	22		

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES

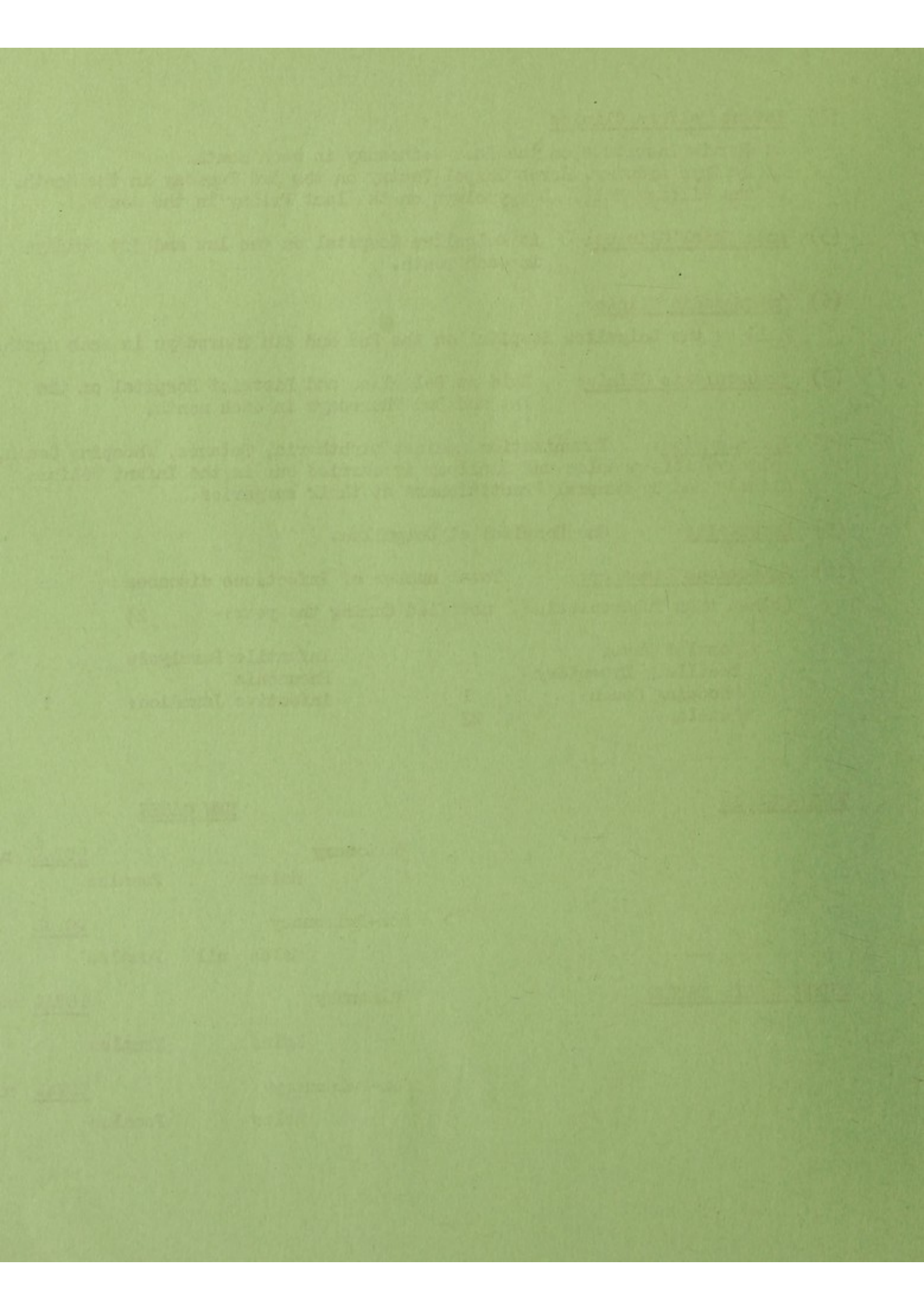
Pulmonary		<u>TOTAL</u>	nil
	Males	Females	

Non-Pulmonary		<u>TOTAL</u>	1	
	Males	nil	Females	1

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

Pulmonary		<u>TOTAL</u>	nil
	Males	Females	

Non-Pulmonary		<u>TOTAL</u>	nil
	Males	Females	



TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1970 in age groups

Age Periods	Respiratory		Non- Respiratory		Respiratory		Non- Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0								
1								
2								
3								
5								
10								
15								
20								
25				1				
35								
45								
55								
65								
75								
TOTAL				1				

THE TABLE

How Cases are handled during 1970 in the group

Year	Number of Cases	Number of Deaths	Number of Recoveries	Number of Discharges
1970	10	2	5	3
1971	12	3	6	3
1972	15	4	7	4
1973	18	5	9	4
1974	20	6	10	4
1975	22	7	11	4
1976	25	8	12	5
1977	28	9	13	6
1978	30	10	14	6
1979	32	11	15	6
1980	35	12	16	7
1981	38	13	17	8
1982	40	14	18	8
1983	42	15	19	8
1984	45	16	20	9
1985	48	17	21	10
1986	50	18	22	10
1987	52	19	23	10
1988	55	20	24	11
1989	58	21	25	12
1990	60	22	26	12
1991	62	23	27	12
1992	65	24	28	13
1993	68	25	29	14
1994	70	26	30	14
1995	72	27	31	14
1996	75	28	32	15
1997	78	29	33	16
1998	80	30	34	16
1999	82	31	35	16
2000	85	32	36	17
2001	88	33	37	18
2002	90	34	38	18
2003	92	35	39	18
2004	95	36	40	19
2005	98	37	41	20
2006	100	38	42	20
2007	102	39	43	20
2008	105	40	44	21
2009	108	41	45	22
2010	110	42	46	22
2011	112	43	47	22
2012	115	44	48	23
2013	118	45	49	24
2014	120	46	50	24
2015	122	47	51	24
2016	125	48	52	25
2017	128	49	53	26
2018	130	50	54	26
2019	132	51	55	26
2020	135	52	56	27
2021	138	53	57	28
2022	140	54	58	28
2023	142	55	59	28
2024	145	56	60	29
2025	148	57	61	30
2026	150	58	62	30
2027	152	59	63	30
2028	155	60	64	31
2029	158	61	65	32
2030	160	62	66	32
2031	162	63	67	32
2032	165	64	68	33
2033	168	65	69	34
2034	170	66	70	34
2035	172	67	71	34
2036	175	68	72	35
2037	178	69	73	36
2038	180	70	74	36
2039	182	71	75	36
2040	185	72	76	37
2041	188	73	77	38
2042	190	74	78	38
2043	192	75	79	38
2044	195	76	80	39
2045	198	77	81	40
2046	200	78	82	40
2047	202	79	83	40
2048	205	80	84	41
2049	208	81	85	42
2050	210	82	86	42
2051	212	83	87	42
2052	215	84	88	43
2053	218	85	89	44
2054	220	86	90	44
2055	222	87	91	44
2056	225	88	92	45
2057	228	89	93	46
2058	230	90	94	46
2059	232	91	95	46
2060	235	92	96	47
2061	238	93	97	48
2062	240	94	98	48
2063	242	95	99	48
2064	245	96	100	49
2065	248	97	101	50
2066	250	98	102	50
2067	252	99	103	50
2068	255	100	104	51
2069	258	101	105	52
2070	260	102	106	52
2071	262	103	107	52
2072	265	104	108	53
2073	268	105	109	54
2074	270	106	110	54
2075	272	107	111	54
2076	275	108	112	55
2077	278	109	113	56
2078	280	110	114	56
2079	282	111	115	56
2080	285	112	116	57
2081	288	113	117	58
2082	290	114	118	58
2083	292	115	119	58
2084	295	116	120	59
2085	298	117	121	60
2086	300	118	122	60
2087	302	119	123	60
2088	305	120	124	61
2089	308	121	125	62
2090	310	122	126	62
2091	312	123	127	62
2092	315	124	128	63
2093	318	125	129	64
2094	320	126	130	64
2095	322	127	131	64
2096	325	128	132	65
2097	328	129	133	66
2098	330	130	134	66
2099	332	131	135	66
2100	335	132	136	67
2101	338	133	137	68
2102	340	134	138	68
2103	342	135	139	68
2104	345	136	140	69
2105	348	137	141	70
2106	350	138	142	70
2107	352	139	143	70
2108	355	140	144	71
2109	358	141	145	72
2110	360	142	146	72
2111	362	143	147	72
2112	365	144	148	73
2113	368	145	149	74
2114	370	146	150	74
2115	372	147	151	74
2116	375	148	152	75
2117	378	149	153	76
2118	380	150	154	76
2119	382	151	155	76
2120	385	152	156	77
2121	388	153	157	78
2122	390	154	158	78
2123	392	155	159	78
2124	395	156	160	79
2125	398	157	161	80
2126	400	158	162	80
2127	402	159	163	80
2128	405	160	164	81
2129	408	161	165	82
2130	410	162	166	82
2131	412	163	167	82
2132	415	164	168	83
2133	418	165	169	84
2134	420	166	170	84
2135	422	167	171	84
2136	425	168	172	85
2137	428	169	173	86
2138	430	170	174	86
2139	432	171	175	86
2140	435	172	176	87
2141	438	173	177	88
2142	440	174	178	88
2143	442	175	179	88
2144	445	176	180	89
2145	448	177	181	90
2146	450	178	182	90
2147	452	179	183	90
2148	455	180	184	91
2149	458	181	185	92
2150	460	182	186	92
2151	462	183	187	92
2152	465	184	188	93
2153	468	185	189	94
2154	470	186	190	94
2155	472	187	191	94
2156	475	188	192	95
2157	478	189	193	96
2158	480	190	194	96
2159	482	191	195	96
2160	485	192	196	97
2161	488	193	197	98
2162	490	194	198	98
2163	492	195	199	98
2164	495	196	200	99
2165	498	197	201	100
2166	500	198	202	100
2167	502	199	203	100
2168	505	200	204	101
2169	508	201	205	102
2170	510	202	206	102
2171	512	203	207	102
2172	515	204	208	103
2173	518	205	209	104
2174	520	206	210	104
2175	522	207	211	104
2176	525	208	212	105
2177	528	209	213	106
2178	530	210	214	106
2179	532	211	215	106
2180	535	212	216	107
2181	538	213	217	108
2182	540	214	218	108
2183	542	215	219	108
2184	545	216	220	109
2185	548	217	221	110
2186	550	218	222	110
2187	552	219	223	110
2188	555	220	224	111
2189	558	221	225	112
2190	560	222	226	112
2191	562	223	227	112
2192	565	224	228	113
2193	568	225	229	114
2194	570	226	230	114
2195	572	227	231	114
2196	575	228	232	115
2197	578	229	233	116
2198	580	230	234	116
2199	582	231	235	116
2200	585	232	236	117
2201	588	233	237	118
2202	590	234	238	118
2203	592	235	239	118
2204	595	236	240	119
2205	598	237	241	120
2206	600	238	242	120
2207	602	239	243	120
2208	605	240	244	121
2209	608	241	245	122
2210	610	242	246	122
2211	612	243	247	122
2212	615	244	248	123
2213	618	245	249	124
2214	620	246	250	124
2215	622	247	251	124
2216	625	248	252	125
2217	628	249	253	126
2218	630	250	254	126
2219	632	251	255	126
2220	635	252	256	127
2221	638	253	257	128
2222	640	254	258	128
2223	642	255	259	128
2224	645	256	260	129
2225	648	257	261	130
2226	650	258	262	130
2227	652	259	263	130
2228	655	260	264	131
2229	658	261	265	132
2230	660	262	266	132
2231	662	263	267	132
2232	665	264	268	133
2233	668	265	269	134
2234	670	266	270	134
2235	672	267	271	134
2236	675	268	272	135
2237	678	269	273	136
2238	680	270	274	136
2239	682	271	275	136
2240	685	272	276	137
2241	688	273	277	138
2242	690	274	278	138
2243	692	275	279	138
2244	695	276	280	139
2245	698	277	281	140
2246	700	278	282	140
2247	702	279	283	140
2248	705	280	284	141
2249	708	281	285	142
2250	710	282	286	142
2251	712			

<u>CAUSES OF DEATH 1970</u>	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	-	-
Other Tuberculosis, Incl. Late Effects	-	-
Other Tuberculosis	-	-
Enterities and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	nil	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc. Oesophagus	-	-
" " Stomach	nil	2
" " Intestine	2	2
" " Lung, Bronchus	5	1
" " Breast	-	2
" " Uterus	-	-
" " Prostate	2	-
Leukaemia	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasm, etc.	5	1
Diabetes Mellitus	-	3
Avitaminoses, etc.	-	-
Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	1	nil
Anaemias	-	-
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.	-	-
Mental Disorders	-	-
Multiple Sclerosis	-	-
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	-
Hypertensive Disease	1	1
Ischaemic Heart Disease	15	8
Other Forms of Heart Disease	5	2
Cerebrovascular Disease	6	12
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	2
Influenza	-	2
Pneumonia	2	5
Bronchitis and Emphysema	-	1
Other Disease of Respiratory System	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	-	-
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	-
Cirrhosis of Liver	-	-
Other Diseases of Digestive System	1	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-
Hyperplasia of Prostate	-	-
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	-	-
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	-	-
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	-	-
Congenital Anomalies	-	-
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.	-	-
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	-	-
Symptoms and Ill-Defined Conditions	-	-
Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	1
All Other Accidents	1	5
Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries	1	nil
All Other External Causes	nil	1

FOOD HYGIENE

Food premises were inspected and advice given where required.

No. of Prosecutions

Nil

DOLGELLAU RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Health Department,
Victoria Buildings,
DOLGELLAU.

December, 1971.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Dolgellau Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Mrs Davies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour in conjunction with Dr. Hugh Francis, Medical Officer of Health to submit the section of the Annual Health Report dealing with the environmental health of the district for the year ended 31st December, 1970.

The year under review again showed progress in the environmental standard of the district particularly in the provision of sewerage facilities and it must be very gratifying to the Council to realise that most villages in the district now enjoy mains water and sewerage services. The need for the Arthog/Friog/Fairbourne sewerage scheme cannot be overemphasised and the Council will undoubtedly do its utmost to ensure that this major project will commence before April 1974.

It is still a disappointment to the Council that the comprehensive water scheme planned for the Mawddach area by the now defunct Joint Water Committee has still not been fully implemented by the Merioneth Water Board. Indeed, there is evidence to suggest that there is a growing need to provide the villages of Llanelltyd, Taicynhaeaf and Bontddu with an adequate and wholesome supply of water and it is hoped that the Water Board will see their way clear to proceed with a scheme at the earliest possible opportunity.

The implementation of the 1969 and 1971 Housing Acts has seen a steady but not startling acceleration of Housing improvements in the district but it is feared that if the Government are to adhere to the 'deadline' of 23rd June 1973 for the 75% grant, the desired effect is going to be missed in this area. The scarcity of building contractors interested in undertaking moderate schemes of improvement and renovation in the district is one major reason for the slow progress in this sector at the present time.

The improvement of the environment is becoming increasingly important and whilst this area cannot claim to be at the foot of the environment league several villages will undoubtedly benefit by the application of small general improvement areas.

DISCUSSION ON THE ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH REPORT

Health Department
Victoria Buildings
Wellington

December, 1971

to the Chairman and Members of the
District Health Council

Dear Sirs, Mr. Davis and Gentlemen,

I have the honor in connection with the Annual Health Report
of the District Health Council to thank the section of the Annual Health Report
dealing with the environmental health of the district for the year ended
31st December, 1970.

The year under review again showed progress in the environmental
improvement of the district particularly in the provision of sewerage treatment
works. It must be very gratifying to the Council to realize that most villages
in the district now enjoy clean water and sewerage services. The past
few years have seen considerable progress in the provision of sewerage services
and the Council will undoubtedly do its utmost to ensure that this
work will continue to progress during 1971.

It is still a disappointment to the Council that the comprehensive
water scheme planned for the district was not completed by the District
Water Committee and will not be fully implemented by the District
Water Board. Indeed, there is evidence to suggest that there is a growing
need to provide the villages of Havelock, Tekeo and Pongakani with
an adequate and reliable supply of water and it is hoped that the Water
Board will see their way clear to proceed with a scheme at the earliest
possible opportunity.

The implementation of the 1969 and 1971 Budgets has seen a steady
and continuing acceleration of housing improvements in the district and
it is hoped that the Government will continue to support the building of
new houses for the 1972 Budget, the desired effect is being achieved in
this area. The quality of building materials improved in
the past few years and the Government and the district
is one major reason for the slow progress in this sector at the present
time.

The improvement of the environment is becoming increasingly important
and while this was a major aim of the report of the environment
committee several villages will undoubtedly benefit by the application of
the general improvement scheme.

The problem of refuse disposal has yet to be solved and, although the Council have adopted on principle a scheme to erect a suitable type of incinerator to burn all the refuse of the district, progress with the acquisition of a site is still very slow.

There does not appear to be a general housing shortage in the district at the present time, and with the sad record of rural de-population taking place this is quite understandable. It is significant, however, that in many instances applications considered for re-housing by the Council reflect the many socio-medico pressures which appear to be becoming more apparent. Whilst it cannot be claimed that there is a real demand for a general house building programme the need for suitable elderly persons' accommodation cannot be over stressed and, no doubt, the Council will continue to give this very important aspect of housing its fullest support.

May I once again express my sincere thanks to the Council for their interest and support in tackling the many problems concerned with public health. The possibility of large scale mining operations in the district may bring with it environmental pollution problems which will demand your attention in the future. With the increasing emphasis on tourism we must also ensure that our standards do not diminish and the temptation to offer low quality accommodation, touring and camping sites and catering facilities must be resisted.

I am indebted to Dr. Hugh Francis for his support and advise, Mr. Llyr Jones, Technical Assistant for his loyalty and sense of duty, to Mr. B. Williams-Jones, Clerk to the Council, Mr. R. A. Roberts, Surveyor, Mr. M. T. Pritchard, Consultant Architect, for their advise and co-operation at all times. My sincere thanks are also due to the Council's administrative staff and last, but by far not least, to the outdoor staff for their faithful support and assistance.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

R. PUGH JONES

Public Health Inspector.

HOUSE IMPROVEMENTS

1970 gave the opportunity to assess the full implication and effect of the Housing Act 1969 and overall the picture cannot be claimed to have been as successful as the Council would desire. Even with the substantial national and local publicity, personal contact and the substantially increased grants available the response generally has been disappointing. In fact the number of applications for Improvement Grants was down by one on 1969 whilst there was only an increase of three application for Standard Grants during the same period. At the same time it is true to state that the increased grant has given far more scope for owners to carry out thorough and comprehensive improvement schemes and the 'end-product' is generally by far superior than heretofore.

I am most concerned about a certain category of dwelling that does not fall within the definition of improvement. This is the house that has already been provided with the basic amenities, with or without grant, and generally compares favourably with the twelve-point standard. The major defect is the house roof which in some instances requires complete renewal of timbers and slates. If the main objective of the Housing Act 1969 is to preserve the existing housing stock then in my opinion this item should be allowable as a proper improvement and not classed as a repair. Needless to say, one main side effect of increased grants is that property values and building costs have crept up considerably.

Applications for Discretionary Grants received during 1970	-	27
" " Standard Grants " " "	-	29
Discretionary Grant Schemes completed during 1970	-	10
Standard Grant Schemes " " "	-	20
Total Number of Discretionary Grant Schemes Completed 1949-1970	-	147
Total sum of Discretionary grants actually paid	£54,089:	15. 11.
Total number of Standard Grant Schemes completed 1959-1970		196
Total sum of Standard Grants actually paid	£35,474:	9: 3.

SUB-STANDARD HOUSING

Since 1957 the Council have dealt formally with 109 sub-standard dwellings most of which have been the subject of Closing Orders. During recent years 27 of these dwellings have been substantially renovated and improved and now provide useful units of housing accommodation. 17 houses have been demolished during the same period. It is estimated that there are about one hundred substandard houses remaining in the district but in many instances the only practical way of dealing with them is to defer action until the dwellings become vacant.

Two houses were the subject of formal action under the Housing Act 1957 during the year. Official undertakings not to re-let were accepted in both cases.

PURCHASE AND IMPROVEMENT OF HOUSES BY THE COUNCIL

The Council continued their policy of acquiring and improving tenanted properties. Unfortunately the improvement rate is slow but the end result is satisfactory. It is to be hoped that the attractive improvement contributions now available will be a means of accelerating the rate of improvement schemes during the next two years.

NEW COUNCIL HOUSE BUILDING

No new houses were built during the year.

PRIVATE BUILDING DEVELOPMENT

Private housing development continues to increase in certain parts of the district, particularly in the Llwyngwril, Fairbourne, Dyffryn and Talybont villages.

29 private houses were completed during the year and planning permission were granted for 56 houses.

PUBLIC CLEANSING SERVICES

REFUSE COLLECTION

There was no substantial change in the refuse collection service during the year. The paper sack system again proved very efficient and acceptable to the public. It is estimated that approximately 85% of the entire district enjoy a regular weekly collection of refuse whilst the service is available to the remainder on a two or three weekly interval.

There was again a marked increase in the volume of refuse collected particularly during the busy holiday period and it was necessary to employ one temporary employee for two months to assist the collection staff.

All licensed caravan and camping sites are given a regular weekly collection and there is marked tendency for operators to adopt the paper or plastic sack system of storage at their own cost. This of course results in a marked improvement in the environmental standard of the sites and assists the refuse collectors considerably.

The collection of pail closet contents ceased in the village of Brithdir during the year leaving Pennal village and about six dwellings in the Corris/Aberllefenni district to be serviced. It is encouraging to note that the number is diminishing rapidly and I look forward to the time when there will be no further call for this essential but outmoded service.

Special collections of bulky refuse and discarded household articles are regularly carried out. This service is greatly appreciated by the public and reduces the problem of illicit dumping.

REFUSE DISPOSAL

Two refuse tips were used during the year at Rhoslefain and Bontddu.

The Council considered the need to obtain a suitable tipping site to replace the Rhoslefain tip and negotiations commenced to seek a site near Garthangharad.

The disposal site at Bontddu continued to be used jointly by the Dolgellau Rural District Council and Barmouth Urban District Council. The useful life of this site is also reducing rapidly and the increasing bulk and nature of refuse is making control measures more difficult even though a considerable amount of money is spent on cartage of suitable covering material. Regular and effective spraying of the tip surfaces proved effective and fly infestation was kept at a very satisfactory low level.

TRANSPORT AND STAFF ENGAGED ON PUBLIC CLEANSING

1	-- 50 cu.yd. compression vehicle	(1970)
1	- 30 cwt open type vehicle	(1966)
1	- 26 cwt open type vehicle	(1966)
1	-- 35 cu.yd. compression vehicle (reserve and special collection	(1964)
1	-- Massey Ferguson Tractor (Refuse Disposal)	(1964)

Foreman - Vehicle maintenance, supervision, relief driver/loader and tip maintenance.

Driver/Loaders - Three

Loader - One plus one temporary during peak season.

There were no staffing problems during the year and generally the service ran smoothly. The increasing legislation now being applied to goods vehicles must lead to higher standards of maintenance of refuse vehicles. I am again indebted to the staff for their support in carrying out a very essential job of work which to say the least is burdensome and unpleasant.

LITTER

The Council undertake the collection of litter on behalf of the Highway Authority on an agency basis and this arrangement applies to all laybys and parking areas provided by that Authority. Arrangements for the storage and collection of litter within the confines of villages is the entire responsibility of this Authority. Adequate numbers of suitable paper and plastic sack receptacles ensure that generally the litter problem is contained within reasonable limits and a close liaison exists with the County Authority Officers to keep the problem under constant scrutiny.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The following villages are provided with adequate public conveniences:--

Abergynolwyn	Pennal	Bontddu
Llwyngwril	Dinas Mawddwy	Ganllwyd
Corris	Llanfachreth	Fairbourne (3)
Upper Corris	Llanegryn	Talybont Beach
	Dyffryn Ardudwy	

TABLE 1.1 - SUMMARY OF VEHICLE COLLECTION

(1970)	35 on 40. commercial vehicles	1
(1970)	30 on 40. open type vehicles	1
(1980)	35 on 40. open type vehicles	1
(1984)	35 on 40. commercial vehicles	1
(1984)	(rescue and special collection)	1
(1984)	(Heavy Transport Vehicle)	1
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Vehicle maintenance, registration, collection, disposal and

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FIELD OFFICERS

The following villages are provided with adequate public conveniences:

Alford	Alford	Alford
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Work on the erection of public toilets in Talybont village and Rhydymain was commenced during the year and the provision of conveniences in Brithdir and Arthog was under consideration.

The use of all the conveniences are free to the general public. Cleaning and caretaking of the conveniences is carried out by part-time employees and generally the standard of cleanliness is satisfactory. The damage caused to these establishments by vandals is to be deprecated and the work of making good damage and the inconvenience caused to the public is difficult to accurately ascertain.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

It is pleasing to record that 1970 saw further progress in the provision of sewerage and sewage disposal in the district. The Brithdir Scheme was virtually completed and work began on the long awaited Pennal contract.

Unfortunately, the proposed comprehensive scheme for Arthog - Friog and Fairbourne has met with several complicating issues and whilst the public health demands for the scheme are urgent it appears that due to matters beyond the Council's control further delay is inevitable.

Preliminary plans were investigated to provide a sewerage scheme for the village of Penmaenpool and to pump the sewage to the proposed new disposal works serving Dolgellau. It is also proposed to pump the sewage from Llanelltyd to the same works.

There may be some justification to consider the feasibility of pumping the sewage from Bontddu and Taicynhaeaf into the Dolgellau Sewage Disposal Works and thus provide one adequate disposal works for the upper Mawddach/Wnion area especially as there is already a need for treatment works at Bontddu.

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CARAVAN and CAMPING SITES

Number of Licensed Caravan Sites	-	59
Estimated total number of Caravans on licensed sites		3334

Regular inspections of the caravan sites during the holiday season did not reveal any serious breaches of the site licence conditions and no legal proceedings were instituted during the year.

For several years comments have been made in these reports on problems arising from camping and the need for better and more effective control. There are three main causes for these problems - the inadequate number of sites, the lack of control over existing sites and the popularity and increase in camping for the family holiday. This latter factor is so marked that the position has become serious during the summer months.

The need for suitable touring sites and adequate legislation to control tented camping sites is again emphasised and regardless of 'utopian views' to the contrary until these demands are met the indiscriminate parking of caravans and tents in road laybys and fields with the consequent public health hazards will continue.

FOOD PREMISES

Food Hygiene Regulations 1970: Food premises are inspected periodically and are usually found to be in a satisfactory state. No legal proceedings were instituted during the year. One case of unsound food was investigated.

Number and Class of Food Premises:

Public Houses	6	Greengrocery	2
Hotels & Resteraunts	18	Bakers and Confectioners	2
Cafes	12	Butchers	3
Clubs	3	Bakehouses	2
General Grocery	29	Ice Cream Retailers	34

Shops, Offices and Railway Premises Act 1963:

Number of Premises registered	43
Number of Premises inspected during the year (including re-visits)	37

CHARITY AND CHARITABLE TRUSTS

Number of Licensed Charities 1950
 Estimated Total Number of Charities
 on Licensed sites 1950

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Number and Class of Food Premises

2	Restaurants	2	Public Houses
2	Hotels and Guest Houses	18	Hotels & Restaurants
3	Canteens	12	Cafes
2	Refreshment	7	Clubs
34	Ice Cream Vendors	28	General Grocery

Food, Hygiene and Safety Premises Act 1963

Number of Premises registered 43
 Number of Premises inspected during the year (including re-visits) 37

WATER SUPPLY

The administration of the public water supply systems in the district is under the control of the Merioneth Water Board.

There were no drought conditions during the year. No major improvements nor extensions were undertaken in the district during 1970.

Estimated number of dwellinghouses connected to Public water supply systems	2,047
Estimated number of dwellinghouses on Private supplies	644
Estimated number on sub-standard or deficient water supplies	270

DETAILS OF WATER SAMPLING

PUBLIC SUPPLIES

<u>No. of Samples taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
42	35	7

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

<u>No. of Samples taken</u>	<u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory</u>
32	10	22

WATER SUPPLY

The administration of the public water supply system in the district is under the control of the Waterworks Board.

There were no changes in the public water supply system during the year. No major improvements or extensions were undertaken in the district during 1970.

Estimated number of employees
employed by public water supply system

2,047

Estimated number of employees
employed by private suppliers

604

Estimated number of employees
employed by sub-suppliers
of public water supply

270

NUMBER OF WATER SUPPLY

PUBLIC SUPPLIES

No. of supplies taken

42

Public supply

35

Private supply

7

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

No. of supplies taken

27

Private supply

10

Public supply

17

ANNUAL REPORT ON RATS AND MICE

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1970

	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	<u>Non</u> <u>Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	7	11
Number infested by rats	7	11
Number infested by mice	-	3
Total number of properties inspected for rats and mice for reasons other than notification	371	210
Number infested by Rats - Minor	135	69
" " " Mice - Minor	12	3

GENERAL STATEMENT OF THE CASE

THE PARTIES TO THE SUIT

Plaintiff

Defendant

That the plaintiff is a person of legal age and sound mind and is entitled to the same rights and privileges as other persons of legal age and sound mind.

That the defendant is a person of legal age and sound mind and is entitled to the same rights and privileges as other persons of legal age and sound mind.

That the plaintiff and the defendant are both citizens of the State of New York.

That the plaintiff and the defendant are both residents of the County of New York.

That the plaintiff and the defendant are both single persons.

That the plaintiff and the defendant are both of the same age.