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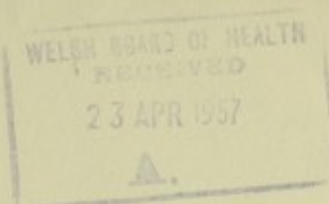
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DOIGELLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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

FOR THE YEAR 1955.



Medical Officer of Health.

EVAN RICHARDS, M.R.C.S., IR.C.P., D.P.H

Sanitary Inspector & Surveyor

PHILLIP VAUGHAN DAVIES, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.



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TO:

THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE DOLGELLEY URBAN
DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr Chairman, Mrs Rees and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Health
Report for the year ended 31st December 1955.

The health of the population remained generally
good. Deaths were 8 more than in the previous year and
there was one less live birth.

Once again there was no Tuberculosis mortality
and there were two fewer deaths from cancer.

Tuberculosis notifications were one fewer than
in the previous year.

Fourteen cases of Food Poisoning were notified
and occurred amongst a party in transit through the district.
Investigation showed that these were due to faulty food
handling practice.

The population figure shewed a return to the
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District Medical Officer of Health.

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DOLGEHLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

SECTION A.

Area of Urban District in Acres	1,127
Rateable Value	£11,984.
Population (Registrar General's figures)	2,510
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£45.18.8
Number of inhabited houses (according to the rate Book) at end of year	1,015

Comparability Factors.

Births	1.02
Deaths	0.95

VITAL STATISTICS.

Nett Births (Live and Still)	37
Births (Live)	36
Births (Still)	1

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population	14.34
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Live Births.

	<u>Males</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Total	19	17
Legitimate	17	17
Illegitimate	2	Nil.

Illegitimate Birth Rate (Percentage of Total Live Births) - 0.79

Deaths.

Total Number	36
	<u>Males</u> <u>Females.</u>
	14 22
Rate per 1,000 population	14.34
1954 figures	11.07

Deaths of Infants under one Year.

Total	1
	<u>Males</u> <u>Females</u>
Total	1 Nil
Legitimate	Nil Nil
Illegitimate	1 Nil

Infant Mortality (Rate per 1,000 Live Births)	27.78
1954 Figures	Nil

Deaths of Legitimate Infants Mortality(per 1,000 Live Births)	Nil
Deaths of Illegitimate Infants Mortality per 1,000 live births)	27.78

GENERAL STATISTICS

SECTION A

Area of Urban District in acres
 Municipal Value
 Population (Registered voters & licensees)
 Sum represented by a Penny Rate
 Number of inhabited houses (according to
 the Rate Book) at end of year
 1,127
 21,984
 2,810
 265,128
 1,018

Corporation Statistics

Baths
 Baths
 1,000
 0.00

VITAL STATISTICS

West Births (Live and Still)
 Births (Live)
 Births (Still)
 27
 28
 1

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Population 14.34

Live Births

Infants	Infants	Infants
19	19	19
19	19	19
Nil	Nil	Nil

Infants still born (Percentage of Total Live Births) - 0.79

Deaths

Total Number
 19
 19
 19

Rate per 1,000 Population
 1984 figures
 14.34
 11.09

Deaths of Infants under one Year

Total	Infants	Infants
1	1	1
Nil	Nil	Nil
Nil	Nil	Nil

Infant Mortality (Rate per 1,000 Live Births)
 1984 figures
 27.78
 Nil

Deaths of Infants under one Year (per 1,000 Live Births)
 1984 figures
 27.78
 Nil

Deaths of infants under 4 Weeks.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Total	1	Nil
Legitimate	Nil	Nil
Illegitimate	1	Nil

Maternal Mortality.

Deaths connected with childbirth and pregnancy Nil

Deaths from Cancer

Total	4
Rate per 1,000 population	1.59

Deaths from Tuberculosis.

Total	Nil
Rate per 1,000 population	Nil

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA.(1) Public Health Officers of the Authority.

One Medical Officer of Health.

One Sanitary Inspector holding appointment of Sanitary-Inspector-Surveyor.

(2) Laboratory Facilities.

Water and milk samples. Public Health Laboratory, Aberystwyth.
Chemical analysis of water. The Public Analyst, Chester.

(3) Ambulance Facilities.

County Council Ambulance Depot situated in Dolgelley
3 ambulances.

(4) Infant Welfare Clinics.

Held twice monthly at the Wesleyan Chapel Vestry.

(5) Ante Natal Clinics.

Held twice monthly at the Dolgelley Cottage Hospital.

(6) Orthopaedic Clinic.

Held twicemonthly at the Dolgelley Cottage Hospital.

(7) Tuberculosis Clinic.

Held twice monthly at the Dolgelley Cottage Hospital.

(8) Diphtheria Immunisation.

Carried out by the County Medical Department
Babies and young children immunised at Infants'
School.

Estimated infant mortality rate

Female	Male
1	1
1	1
1	1

Estimated mortality

Deaths connected with childbirth and pregnancy

Deaths from tuberculosis

1	1
1.5	1.5

Deaths from tuberculosis

1	1
1	1

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

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One Medical Officer of Health
One Sanitary Inspector
Inspector-Surveyor

(2) Laboratory facilities

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Chemical analysis of water. The Public Analyst, Chester.

(3) Ambulance facilities

County Council ambulance depot situated in Delph
2 ambulances

(4) Infant welfare clinics

Infant welfare clinics at the following places:

(a) Delph

Infant welfare clinics at the following places:

(b) Delph

Infant welfare clinics at the following places:

(c) Delph

Infant welfare clinics at the following places:

(d) Delph

Infant welfare clinics at the following places:
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(9) Hospitals

One fully equipped Cottage Hospital.

(10) Infectious Diseases.

Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year	15
Scarlet Fever	Nil
Bacillary Dysentery	Nil
Whooping Cough	Nil
Measles	1
Infantile Paralysis	Nil
Food Poisoning	14

TUBERCULOSIS.New Cases.

Pulmonary	Total 2
	Males 1 Females. 1
Non Pulmonary	Total 1.
	Males Nil Females 1.

Tuberculosis Deaths.

Pulmonary	Total Nil
	Males Nil Females Nil
Non Pulmonary	
	Total Nil.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality during 1955 in age group

Age Periods	<u>New Cases</u>		<u>Deaths</u>		<u>Non-Respiratory</u>	
	Respiratory		Respiratory		Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0						
1						
2						
5						
10						
15						
20						
25	1	1				
35						
45						
55				1		
65						
75						
Total	1	1		1		

CAUSES OF DEATH 1955.

	M.	F.
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Cancer Stomach	-	-
" Lung	-	-
" Breast	-	-
" Othersites.....	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	4	5
Coronary disease, angina	-	-
Hypertension with heart disease	-	3
Other heart diseases	2	5
Other circulatory disease	3	3
Influenza	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-
Bronchitis	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-
Ulcer of Stomach and duodenum	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.....	1	2
Motor vehicle accidents.....	1	-
All other accidents	1	-
Suicide	-	-
Other malignant & llymphatic neoplasms.....	1	2
TOTAL	14	22

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

No action found necessary during 1955.

CAUSES OF DEATH 1955

Y.	M.	
-	-	Tuberculosis Primarily
-	-	Acute Polyomyelitis
-	-	Cancer Stomach
-	-	" Lung
-	-	" Breast
1	-	" Other sites
5	5	Vascular lesions of nervous system
-	-	Cerebral lesions, benign
3	-	Hypertension with heart disease
3	3	Other heart diseases
3	3	Other circulatory diseases
-	-	Influenza
-	-	Pneumonia
1	-	Bronchitis
-	1	Other diseases of respiratory system
-	-	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum
-	-	Gastritis, enteritis and diverticula
-	-	Nephritis and nephrosis
3	1	Other defined and ill-defined diseases
-	1	Motor vehicle accidents
-	1	All other accidents
-	-	Encephalitis
2	1	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms
14		TOTAL

FROM 1. A. BILSON, OCT 1955

No action found necessary during 1955.

GENERAL.HOUSING.

During the year 1955 eight new dwellings of the 3 bedroom type were constructed by the Council on the Ardd Fawr Estate, these were let to tenants previously living under unsatisfactory conditions.

One new private dwelling was completed and occupied during the year.

During the latter part of the year the Council decided to proceed to acquire the property Bryntirion in Mount Pleasant Road with a view to its conversion into 3 housing units.

Housing Act 1949, Section 20. as amended by Housing Repairs & Rents Act 1954.

Four schemes by private owners ranking for grant under the above acts were completed during the year and grants were paid totalling £777.

Two of the schemes provided for improvement to existing occupied dwellings, and two were in respect of conversions to provide additional units of accommodation. In all four cases grants were made at the rate of 50% of the approved cost.

Particulars of other action taken

Defects or nuisances found	91
Number abated	79
Number of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal notice	17
Defects not abated are due to inherent defects in old premises	

Proceedings under the Public Health Act.

Statutory Notices served NIL.

Proceedings under Housing Acts.

No. of properties regarding which notices of Time and Place were served under Section 11	3
Voluntary undertaking not to relet accepted	1.
Relat subject to repairs and conditions	2.

During the year an application was received to occupy a vacant dwelling in respect of which notice had been served and voluntary undertaking not to relet had been accepted in 1953.

In view of the shortage of housing accommodation the Council allowed the dwelling to be re occupied by a specified tenant for a limited period of 3 years subject to repairs being effected and other conditions being complied with.

Housing Management.

The Council's Housing Estates are maintained by direct labour and maintenance works and painting were carried out during the year as necessary.

During the year 1955 eight new dwellings of the 3 bedroom type were constructed by the Council on the 4th and 5th streets. These were let to tenants previously living under unsatisfactory conditions. One new private dwelling was completed and occupied during the year.

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Housing Act 1949, Section 20, as amended by Housing Repairs & Maintenance Act 1955.

Four schemes by private owners ranking for grant under the above Act were completed during the year and grants were paid totalling £177.

Two of the schemes provided for improvement to existing occupied dwellings, and the other two were for conversion to private residential units of accommodation. In all four cases grants were made at the rate of 50% of the approved cost.

Responsibility of other bodies

21	Defects in buildings found
10	Number reported
17	Number of dwellings repaired
17	In accordance with local notices
	Defects not covered and the
	relevant defects in the

Provision made for the Public Health Act

Sanitary District Survey

Provision made for Housing Act

1. of properties reported which are in need of repair or which are in need of improvement
2. of properties reported which are in need of repair or which are in need of improvement
3. of properties reported which are in need of repair or which are in need of improvement
4. of properties reported which are in need of repair or which are in need of improvement
5. of properties reported which are in need of repair or which are in need of improvement

During the year an application was received to occupy vacant dwelling in respect of which notice had been served and authority undertaking not to let had been accepted in 1955.

In view of the shortage of housing accommodation the Council allowed the dwelling to be occupied by a qualified tenant for a limited period of 3 years subject to repairs being effected at other conditions being complied with.

Housing Management

The Council's Housing Estates are maintained by direct labour and maintenance work and painting were carried out during the year as necessary.

In the case of the Council's pre war housing estate at Ardd Fawr no abnormal maintenance is found to be necessary, however in the case of the post war housing more especially in the case of Ffordd-y-Felin and Ffordd Heulog a number of serious defects are becoming apparent and maintenance costs on these estates show an upward trend.

Refuse Collection and Disposal.

Twice weekly collections of household refuse continued to be made throughout the year, the Council continued to tip at the site leased at Cood Ffridd Arw.

During the year the tip was fenced and enclosed from the main road and some 275 trees were planted along the frontage to the main road and on faces upon which tipping had ceased; access to the tip is now allowed for the dumping of trade refuse free of charge for specified hours on Wednesdays and Thursdays of each week.

Verminous Premises.

Two dwellings were disinfested during the year by the Council's Staff.

Public Conveniences.

The Council continued to provide Public Conveniences for both sexes at Cae Marian and a urinal for males only near the County Hall. These are cleansed daily by the Council's Staff and part time female help is engaged for the Ladies Conveniences.

Sewerage.

The sewerage system of the town has functioned satisfactorily; during the year a major defect in the new sewerage on the Council's housing site at Ffordd-y-Felin was discovered and rectified, this defect was the cause of many blockages reported upon in the previous year's report and no trouble has been experienced subsequently.

The main sewerers have been periodically inspected and test baited for rodent infestation with negative results.

Meat and Food Inspection.

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
Whole Carcasses	2	-	3	2	7
Part Carcasses	1	1	3	1	6
Heads	2	1	-	1	4
Organs various	2	1	12	1	16

Diseases

	Beasts	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total.
Emaciation	1	-	3	-	4
Abscesses	-	-	1	2	3
Extensive bruising.	2	-	7	-	9
Urticaria (Extensive)	-	-	-	2	2
Dropsy	2	-	-	-	2
Fevered Condition	2	3	7	1	13

Food and Drug Act 1938.

The following foods were surrendered, inspected, condemned and removed for destruction during the year.

218 tins assorted Fruits	61 tins of Evaporated Milk.
157 tins assorted vegetables.	3 tins Grapefruit Juice
53 tins meat	13 tins Soup.
52 tins Fish	1 Jar Calf Foot Jelly.
3 Jars Mushroom Ketchup	1 Jar Salmon Spread.
4 tins Tomatoe Juice.	

Water Supply.

The supply during 1955 has been adequate both in quantity and quality, supplies were not restricted at any time despite the very low rainfall during July, August, September and October.

The rainfall for the year amounted to 54.01 inches compared with 96.84 for the previous year.

During the year the bulk of the supply for the town was drawn from Llyn Cynwch and the supplementary source in the Deer Park was but little used other than to meet covenanted supplies to the Nannau Estate properties.

During the year every precaution was taken against pollution by the placing of notice boards, and regular inspecting of the lake and its catchment area and by frequent bacteriological sampling.

During the year bacteriological samples were taken as follows:-

Llyn Cynwch (Source)	17
Supplementary Source (Deer Park)	15
Consumer Taps	19
Private supplies	6

The chemical analysis of the water as taken during the year was as follows:-

Sample of Water received on 28.6.55.

Llyn Cynwch.

In parts per Million of Water -

Total Solid Matter in solution	80.0
Nitrogen in Nitrates	0.25
Nitrites	---
Chlorine in Chlorides	12.0
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate in 4 hours at 80°F	1.10
Free and Saline Ammonia	NIL
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.5
Lead, Copper Zinc	NIL
Microscopical Examination of Sediment	Minute amount of sand.
Temporary Hardness	15.0
Permanent Hardness	10.0
pH Value	7.0

The above chemical analysis is satisfactory.

(Signed) Harold Lowe M.Sc., F.R.I.C.

Public Analyst.

During the year regular inspection and testing of mains took place with a view to detecting leakage; in general the mains are free from leakage but a large number of leaks on service pipes were detected, these were rectified by the Council or by the owners as appropriate in each case.

Milk Supply.

Dealers licenced to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	1.
Persons licenced to carry on the trade of Milk retailers.	2.

Ice Cream Premises.

Manufacturing Retailers registered	NIL
No. of retailers	5

Rodent Control.(12 months ending 31st March 1956)

No. of Properties inspected.

Local Authority	6	}	830.
Dwelling Houses	586		
(inc Council Houses)			
All other(inc. Business premises)	231.		
Agricultural	7.	}	

No of properties found infested	39
Treated by Local Authority	39
Notices served under section 4	2
No of block control schemes carried out	2

Factories.

No of premises registered under the Factories Act	51
No inspected re:cleanliness	20
No inspected re:sanitary cleanliness	28
No inspected re:means of escape in case of fire	3
Defects found	2
Defects remedied.	2

During the year 1934, inspection and testing of milk took place with a view to ascertaining the quality of the milk and to ascertain whether or not the milk was fit for human consumption. The results of the inspection and testing are given in the following table.

1. The milk was found to be of good quality.
2. The milk was found to be of fair quality.

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