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MEDICAL OFFICER'S  
ANNUAL REPORT

for the year 1950





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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR  
THE YEAR 1950.

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To the Chairman and Members of the  
General Purposes Committee,  
Llangefni Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Annual Report for the year 1950. This report is not as full as I should have liked it to be. It will be remembered that I commenced duty in December, 1950 and that there had been no qualified sanitary inspector employed by the Council during the year. I am grateful to my predecessor, Dr. W. Parry-Jones and to the Clerk of the Council for their assistance in compiling this report. The deficiency in the matter of the sanitary inspector was remedied early in the year 1951 by the appointment of Mr. Rosser Harries, and to him also I am grateful both for help in the preparation of this report and for his willing co-operation in many matters which have arisen since his appointment.

The vital statistics show no marked variation from those of the previous year. Adjusted rates for both births and deaths are given for purposes of comparison. These are explained in a footnote on page one of the report.

I am indebted to Mr. H.A. Thomas, County Food and Drugs Inspector for the figures relating to ice-cream sampling.

The incidence of infectious diseases during the year was low. Immunisation against diphtheria continued to be offered in the welfare clinic, schools and medical practitioners' surgeries. Vaccination against smallpox was carried out in the welfare clinic and practitioners' surgeries. The figures for immunisation and vaccination (including B.C.G. vaccination against tuberculosis) are quoted by kind permission of the County Medical Officer.

The Council continued to press forward with its housing programme. The ultimate abatement of overcrowded and insanitary living conditions is clearly the aim of this programme and, as my predecessor remarked in his report for the previous year, this is the greatest contribution any authority can make in the interests of public health.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking you all for the kind welcome extended to me on my commencing duty in Anglesey. My thanks are also due to the Clerk and Officers of the Council for their friendly co-operation.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

G.P. WALLACE

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres) ... ..	2,510
Population (Registrar General's estimate, Mid 1950) ...	2,157
Number of Inhabited Houses ... ..	634
Number of Council Houses ... ..	241
Rateable Value ... ..	£13,698
Sum produced by a penny rate ... ..	£56

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.

	Male	Female	Total.
Legitimate ... ..	26	17	43
Illegitimate ... ..	2	3	5
	—	—	—
	28	20	48
	—	—	—

The Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population was 22.2 (Rates for previous years were: 1947, 24.6; 1948, 20.9; 1949, 23.0.)

\* The Adjusted Birth Rate for 1950 was 23.5 (Birth Rate for England and Wales, 15.8)

Stillbirths. ... .. Nil.

	Male	Female	Total
	14	14	28

The Death Rate per 1,000 population was 13.0 compared with 13.9 in 1947, 10.9 in 1948 and 11.5 in 1949.

\* The Adjusted Death Rate was 12.0 (Death Rate for England and Wales 11.6)

Maternal Deaths. ... .. Nil.

Deaths under one year of age

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate ... ..	0	1	1
Illegitimate ... ..	0	1	1
	—	—	—
	0	2	2
	—	—	—

Infant Mortality per 1,000 live births = 41.7 (Rate for England and Wales 29.8. Rate for Anglesey County, 33.5)

Deaths under 4 weeks of age ... .. Nil.

\* The age and sex distribution of each district materially affects the death and birth rates and to counteract this the Registrar-General has issued figures for each local authority area known as the area comparability factors for the purpose of adjusting the local death and birth rates. The adjusted rates provide figures which can be more equitably compared with the national figures and with the similarly adjusted figures for other areas.

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES)

The following table shows the causes of death in the district. These figures have been supplied by the Registrar-General and are in accordance with the new International Classification of Diseases, Injuries and Causes of Death.

Causes of Death.	M.	F.
Tuberculosis, respiratory. ....	-	-
Tuberculosis, other. ....	-	1
Syphilitic disease. ....	-	-
Diphtheria. ....	-	-
Whooping Cough. ....	-	-
Meningococcal infections. ....	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis. ....	-	-
Measles. ....	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases. ....	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach. ....	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus. ....	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast. ....	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus. ....	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms. ....	3	-
Leukaemia, leukaemia. ....	-	-
Diabetes. ....	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system. ....	-	2
Coronary disease, angina. ....	4	1
Hypertension with heart disease. ....	1	-
Other heart disease. ....	2	3
Other circulatory disease. ....	3	1
Influenza. ....	-	-
Pneumonia. ....	-	1
Bronchitis. ....	-	1
Other diseases of respiratory system. ....	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum. ....	-	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea. ....	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis. ....	-	-
Hyperplasia of prostate. ....	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion. ....	-	-
Congenital malformations. ....	-	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases. ....	1	1
Motor vehicle accidents. ....	-	-
All other accidents. ....	-	1
Suicide. ....	-	-
Homicide and operations of war. ....	-	-
<b>ALL CAUSES</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>14</b>

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

Water Supply.

An adequate supply of water was maintained during the year. Seven samples of the treated water were taken during the year for bacteriological examination. Five were reported on as "satisfactory" and two as "unsatisfactory".

Of the total number of houses in the District, 624 are supplied by public water mains direct to the houses and 32 are supplied by means of standpipes.

## Water Supply (continued)

A new high-pressure main was laid in order to link up the eastern end of the town. This region is as a result receiving an adequate water supply.

A new pumping plant was installed to provide for a stand-by engine in case of mechanical failure.

## Drainage and Sewerage Disposal.

The Council's Consulting Engineers have been at work on the plans for a new sewage disposal works and it is expected that the proposals will be completed for submission to the Ministry of Health at an early date. Unfortunately, some delay was caused through protracted negotiations with the Milk Marketing Board who intended to construct an independent scheme but later decided to share the Council's disposal works.

In view of this delay and the urgency of providing for the needs of the County Council's new Home for the Aged, the Ministry, after representations made by Aethwy Rural District Council and the County Council, agreed to consider a subsidiary disposal scheme in advance of the main scheme, the former to discharge into the Council's disposal works.

During the year the old 12 inch sewer in the Bryn Cefni fields was replaced by a 15 inch sewer in readiness for the new disposal works.

A new sewer extension was constructed to provide main drainage from the Bron-y-Felin housing scheme

## Sanitary Inspection of the District.

There was no qualified Sanitary Inspector employed by the Council during the year, the work being carried out by Council employees in an acting capacity. No accurate record of inspections is therefore available.

## Factories Acts 1937 & 1948.

### Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health carried out by the Sanitary Inspector.

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupied Prosecuted.
Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	30	30	-	-
Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	3	3	-	-
Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	33	33	-	-

No Statutory defects were found.

## HOUSING.

At the close of the year the Council had completed the building of 110 permanent traditional houses and 24 permanent houses were in course of construction, this being the first instalment of a scheme for 78 permanent houses.

Overcrowding still exists in a number of houses. It is hoped that the further building of Council houses will eventually remedy this.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

### 1. Milk.

Number of milk distributors and dairy premises (other than dairy farms) 1.

### 2. Ice Cream.

Number of premises registered: 8.

(a) For the manufacture of ice cream 1.

(b) For the sale of ice cream. 7.

### Results of samples taken by County Food and Drugs Inspector.

Grade I	...	...	...	...	...	...	13.
Grade II	...	...	...	...	...	...	5.
Grade III	...	...	...	...	...	...	9.
Grade IV	...	...	...	...	...	...	7.

### 3. Slaughterhouses.

Number in District ... .. 1.

Meat inspection was carried out during the year by a veterinary surgeon.

Overleaf is a table which shows the records of slaughtering, inspection and condemnation in the slaughterhouse during the year.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle excluding cows.	Cows.	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs.
Number killed (if known)	563	143	248	3759	96
Number inspected	563	143	248	3759	96
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	39		30	30	9
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	207		21	183	28
<u>Tuberculosis Only.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	4		-	-	1
Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned.	12		-	-	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	2.2%	-	-	-	5.2%

FOOD PREMISES.

Description of Establishment	No. in District.
Cafes, restaurants and canteens.	5.
Bakehouses.	4
Premises registered for the manufacture of preserved food (section 14 Food and Drugs Act).	3.
Other Food Shops.	26.
Food Stalls and Vehicles	-
Food Factories	-

### Unsound Food.

Food condemned during the year as unfit for human consumption:-

	<u>Tons.</u>	<u>Cwt.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>Lbs.</u>	<u>Ozs.</u>
Butchers' meat.	-	-	-	74	8
Other food (including tinned food)	11 tins fish, 78 tin milk, 44 tins vegetables, 5 tins fruit, 1 tin soup, 61 tins meat.				

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

No action was taken in respect of any individual under Section 47 of this Act.

### PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

#### Notifiable Diseases (excluding tuberculosis)

Table showing cases notified during the year, classified in age groups.

Disease	Under 1	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-15	15 & over	Deaths.
Scarlet Fever.	-	-	2	5	-	-	Nil.
Measles	-	1	2	-	-	-	Nil.

#### Tuberculosis.

Notifications of tuberculosis were as follows:-

Age	Sex.	Respiratory or Non-Respiratory.
22	F	Respiratory
23	F	Non-Respiratory
24	F	Respiratory
34	M	"
63	M	"

There was one tuberculosis death; a female child aged 3 suffering from tuberculous meningitis.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION.

These services are provided by the County Council and by General Medical Practitioners in the District. The following figures are quoted by courtesy of the County Medical Officer.

Immunisation of children against Diphtheria.

0 - 4 yrs.			5 - 15 yrs.			TOTAL		
Popula- tion.	No. Immunised	%	Popula- tion.	No. Immunised	%	Popula- tion	No. Immunised	%
220	161	73.2	301	252	83.7	521	413	79.2

Vaccination against Smallpox.

Fourteen children were vaccinated during the year.

Vaccination against tuberculosis.

B.C.G. Vaccination is carried out by the Chest Physician in collaboration with the County Medical Officer and his staff. The scheme provides for the vaccination of new-born infants born into tuberculous households and of tuberculin-negative contacts of known cases. During 1950, ten such vaccinations were carried out in the District.



