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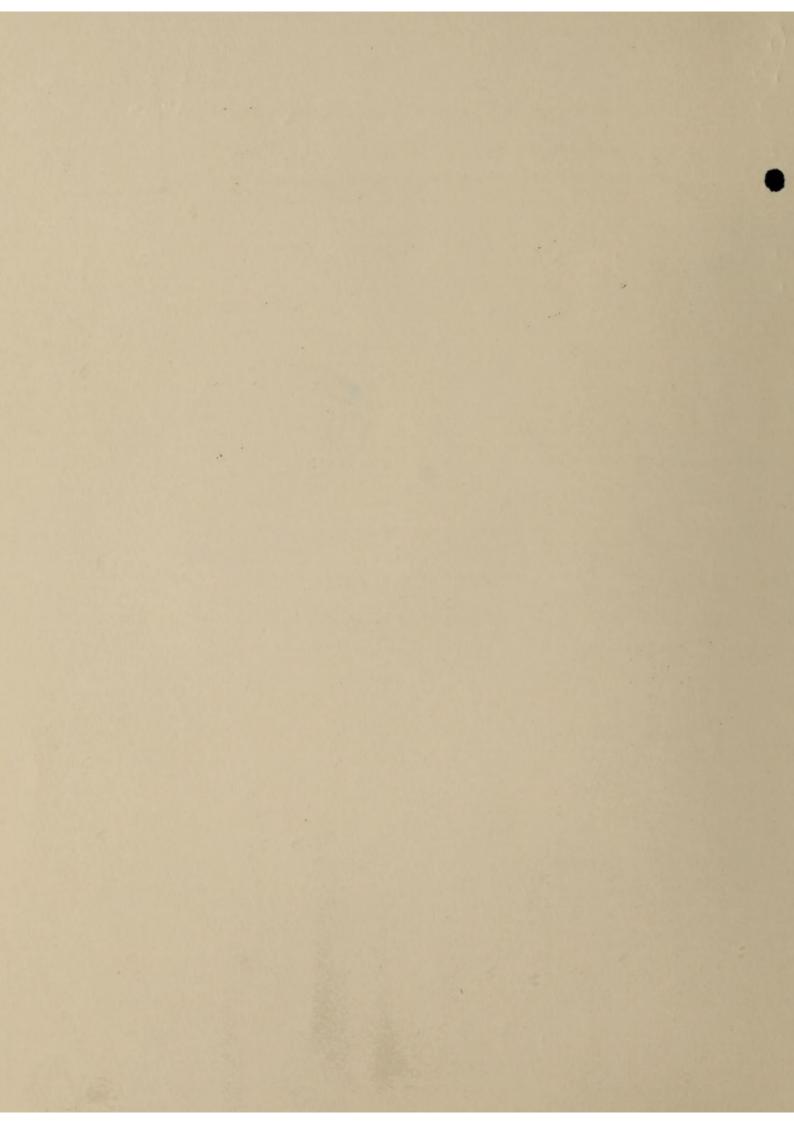


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MONMOUTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR

THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1952

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Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer of Health -

E.N. Dowell: M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Sanitary Inspector -

G.L. Dicks: M.S.I.A., A.R.San.Inst.
as Sanitary Inspector and Petroleum Inspector
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MONMOUTH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Shaftesbury House,
Monnow Street,
Monmouth.

August, 1953.

To :- The Chairman and Members of the Monmouth Rural District Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary conditions of your District for the year ended December, 1952.

The health of the District is satisfactory. There is once again a fall in population, although the number of births is practically the same as in 1951 and there is a decrease of 16 in the number of deaths.

I remain,
Your Obedient Servant,
E.N. Dowell.

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VITAL STATISTICS

		S , HORNING		
Area (in acres)	density of design		54,858	
Estimated mid-year H	Nome Population	n	5,743	
Number of inhabited	houses		1,845	
Rateable Value			£16,384	
Sum represented by s	Penny Rate		£63. 18.	11d.
The estimated mid-ye	ear Home Popula	ation for	1951 5,832	
Live Births	Male	Female	Total.	
Legitimate Illegitimate	48	36 1	84 2	
In 1951 the total li	ve births were	87.		
Still Births	Male	Female	Total.	
Legitimate Illegitimate	1	2 -	3	
In 1950 there was on	ne still birth	and 1951	there were 2.	
Infant Mortality.				
Deaths of infants under 1 year of age.	Male	Female	Total.	
Legitimate	2	1	3	
Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age	Male	Female	Total	
Legitimate.	2	-	2	
In 1950 and in 1951	there were 2	deaths of	infants under 1	year
of age.				

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The following gives a list of infant deaths under I year of age giving age at and cause of death.

(i) Male. 2 days

1.a. Maconium Ileus.(b) Fibrocystic disease of pancreas

(ii) Male. 3 days

1.a. Prematurity.

11. Parents incompatible Rhesus Blood Group.

(iii) Male. 1/12 of a yr.

1.a. Cardiac Failure.

b. Infantile Convulsions.

c. Bronchitis.

DEATHS.

<u>Male.</u> <u>Female.</u> <u>Total.</u> 42. 38. 80.

This shows a decrease of 16 deaths over 1951.

Table 1. gives a classification of the cause of death and the number attributed to each cause. There was one death attributed to Tuberculosis. There were no deaths attributed to malignant neoplasm of lung or pregnancy, childbirth and abortion. There were 14 deaths whose cause was attributed to Coronary Disease.

Of the total deaths 49 were 70 or over at the time of death.

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GENERAL EPIDEMIOLOGY

Diphtheria.

No cases of diphtheria were notified.

of the children born in the years 1952, 1951 and 1950 at the end of the year none born in 1952 were immunised and only 30 and 61 born in the previous two years. This is a low percentage of the numbers born in these years.

During the year Cross Ash, Mitchel Troy, The Narth and Llanishen Schools were visited and 19 children were given a booster dose and 28 were immunised for the first time.

Scalet Fever.

One case of Scarlet Fever was notified as against 2 cases in 1951 and 13 in 1950.

Measles.

36 notifications were received and of these 19 were in the age-group 5-9 years. There were 37 notifications in 1951 and 27 in 1950.

Thooping Cough.

There were 13 notifications which is 49 less than in 1951.

Poliomyelitis.

On the 14-10-52 it was reported that a male age 30 years from Rockfield had been removed to Alt-yr-yn Hospital suffering from Poliomyelitis. In 1951 one case from Llandogo was notified.

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Tuberculosis

The following were the notifications of new cases

Deceived during the year.

(i)	Male	-	age	18	years	Lungs.
(ii)	Female	-	11	7	11	Lungs.
(iii)	Female	40-Fb	11.	27	11	Lungs.
(iv)	Female	-	11	59	11	Lungs.
(v)	Male	-	11	8	11	Lungs.
(vi)	Female	-	11	40	11	Lungs.
(vii)	Male	-	11	60	11	Lungs.
(viii)	Female	-	11	26	- 11	Lungs.
(ix)	Male	-	11	3	11	Lungs.
(x)	Female	-	11	51	11	Lungs.

During 1951 6 cases of Pulmonary uberculosis and 2 of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified.

There was one death from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

Mantoux Tests.

In January 88 children of the 107 children at Llantilio Crossenny school were skin tested. This followed the discovery at the school of a teacher suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis with a positive sputum. Of the children tested only 12 gave a positive reaction.

Mass Radiography Unit

The Unit visited Monmouth towards the end of May and a number of people from this district were examined. It is impossible to separate the Rural from the Borough so the figures are given for the two districts. They are as follows:

- (i) Total number of persons examined 1,179
 (ii) Total number found to be abnormal 46
 (iii) Calssifaction of abnormal cases.
 - (a) Definite Pulmonary Tuberculosis 2

One of these cases was an inhabitant of the Rural District.

- (b) Needing observations for Pulmonary
 Tuberculosis 2
- (c) Other abnormalities of chest 35.

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The pupils at Brynderi and the Narth schools were examined by the Mass Radiography Unit when they visited Monmouth in May. The reason for the examination of the pupils from the latter school was that the cook had been found to be suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

The results of this examination are as follows :-

Brynder School.

Total Number examined = 105

Total abnormal = 2 (needing observation for P.T.)

Narth School.

Total number examined = 40

Total abnormal = 2 (other abnormalities of chest).

When the Mass Radiography Unit visited Monmouth in November for the purpose of examining the School Leavers 108 pupils of Brynderi School were examined and all were negative.

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	Cases	notif	ied		ARR	8.2011	ns	
Disease	Under 1 yr.	1 2	3 4	5 9	10	grou 15 24		Total all ages.
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rperal Fever								
ebro-spinal Fever								
te Poliomyelitis							1	1
eph. Lethergica	All Parks							
entery				,				
thalmia Neonatorum								
rperal Pyrexia					1			
sles & man Measles	1	6	5	19	5			36
oping Cough		3	4	6				13
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ner Diseases								
AL -	1	9	9	26	5		1	51

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DEATHS IN MONMOUTH R.D. 1952.

	M.	F.
Tuberculosis, respiratory		1
alignant neoplasm, stomach	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast		1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	1	5
Vascular lesions of nervous system	6	8
Coronary disease, angina.	9	5
Hypertension with heart disease		4
Other heart disease	7	4
Other circulatory disease	1	3
Pneumonia	1	
Bronchitis	2	2
Other disease of respiratory system	1	
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	7	4
Motor Vehicle accidents	1	
Suicide	2	
Homicide and operations of war	1	
ALL CAUSES	42	38

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER.

There was some acute shortage of water in the year under review, at drought periods, more particularly at Llanishen where the shortage was due mainly to lack of pumping capacity rather than fall in yield at source. Such fall in yield as did occur in dry period was insufficient to operate the duplicate hydrams, leaving one hydram only in operation. At such periods the supply available from reservoir is less than 25% of available water at source. This is to be remedied by installation of a diesel engine, pumping unit to operate at dry weather flow. The new unit is on hand for installation prior to anticipated 1953 dry weather flow.

The supply at Raglan was much improved in dry weather periods following the installation of Electrical Pumping Unit to replace hydrams.

Gravitation supplies at Llandogo, Narth and Skenfrith were well maintained.

Bacteriological Examination of Raw Water. Satisfactory 11. Unsatisfactory 7.

Chemical Analyses. Satisfactory 2. Unsatisfactory Nil.

All supplies are untreated and are not of such high degree of organic purity as to constitute a first class drinking supply.

Plumbo Solvency. The waters generally are not liable to plumbo solvent action. The exception is a small gravitation supply at the Narth. There is no contamination with lead, all services being in copper or galvanised pipes, in that area.

EXISTING SUPPLIES.

Raglan Parish. Number of houses supplied from public water mains - 128 of which 10 houses carry from stand-pipes.

Trelleck Parish. Number of Houses supplied from public water mains - 200

Llangattock Farish. Number of houses supplied from public water mains - 37.

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TRELLECK & DISTRICT.

A much needed scheme for a piped water supply to this area and some surrounding districts is now actively under consideration in accordance with Rural Water Supplies Act of 1944. The proposed source of supply at Ffynnon Gaer Springs has a high degree of purity and a minimum yield of 92,000 gallons per day. The necessary Abstraction Order has been made in accordance with the Water Act, 1945 and 1948 following Public Inquiry into the Council's application.

Number of houses supplied from public water mains: -

(i) direct to houses 359

(ii) by means of stand-pipes 27

Approximate population supplied from public water mains:-

(i) direct to the houses 1,436

(ii) by means of stand-pipes 108

Number of dwelling houses in the area 1,845

Estimated population for 1952 5,743

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE.

There were no extensions to existing Sewers during the year. Active consideration is being given to extension of sewers at Raglan.

RIVERS & STREAMS. Pollution is slight in this area.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION. Excepting Raglan and Llandogo wards closets are mainly on the Conservancy System. The area is not populous or closely built. Ten conversions to water closets were effected during the year on private premises.

SMOKE ABATEMENT. No action was found necessary in connection with Smoke Abatement.

THE RAG FLOCK & OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951. There are no registered premises in the area.

PUBLIC CLEANSING. House Refuse is collected once weekly in Raglan and Monthly in remainder of District (by contract).

SWIMMING BATHS & POOLS. There are no public baths in this area. There are no privately owned baths open to the public.

INFESTATION. Premises are generally free from Verminous infestation.

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SHOPS. No action was taken during the year under the Shops Act, 1950 relating to Ventilation, temperature and sanitary conveniences. No. of inspections are included in summary below.

CAMPING SITES.

Six sites were used for camping during the year. 2 licences were issued for a camping site under section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Estimated number of campers resident in the area at one time during 1952-300. Camps were mainly of short duration for periods of about 14 days consisting of Scout Troups.

SCHOOLS. Routine Inspections of schools have been regularly carried out. The majority of elementary schools in the area are situated in villages without a piped water supply and with NO sewers. It is very desirable that existing schools with water supply available and with earth closets should be converted to water closets with septic tank drainage. This matter is being pursued with the authorities.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S VISITS AND NOTICES SERVED DURING THE YEAR.

GENERAL SANITATION.

NATURE OF VISIT OF INSPE	CTION.			TOTALS
Water Supply		 	 	613
Drainage		 	 	348
Stables and Piggeries		 	 	9
Fried Fish Shops		 	 	4
Tents vans & Sheds		 	 	50
Factories		 	 	29
Bakehouses		 	 	37
Public Conveniences		 	 	10
	Refuse		 	90

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTIONS.

Visits to Slaughterhouses. Under the livestock (Restriction of Slaughtering) Order, 1940, slaughter of Animals is centralised at Monmouth Slaughter-house. The Rural and Borough Sanitary Inspectors co-operate in this connection.

Visits to Shops and Stalls	 	 108
Visits to other Premises	 	 37
Total Meat Inspection Visits	 	 178

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85 lbs of beef was condemned as being unfit for the food of man (bone taint).

OTHER VISITS OF INSPECTION.

Grocers				 	40
Ice-cream Prem	ises			 	12
Restaurants				 	12
Street Vendors	& Have	ker's	Carts	 	70

Ice-cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 & 1951. There are no premises registered in the area for Manufacture of Ice-cream. 5 premises are registered for the sale of pre-packed ice-cream.

VISITS IN CONNECTION WITH SAMPLING.

Milk - Bacteriological.

No sample submitted during the year.

There are 3 Registered Distributors in the area, all of whom retail bottled Pasteurised milk.

Notices Served during the Year.

Number	of	Informal	Notices	Served		 	 10
11	11	11	11	Complied	with	 	 9
		Statutory		Served			
11	11	11		Complied			

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

INSPECTIONS

Premises	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories with Mechanical Power Factories without Mechanical	28	Nil	Nil
Power	20	Nil	Nil
Other Premises under the Act (including wks of Building & Engineering construction but not including outworkers premises).	4	1	Nil
	52	1	Nil

Section 110-111: OUTWORK: There are no outworkers in the area.

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Particulars	Numb	or of so		
	Found	Pemedied	Referred H.M.Insp.	
Unreasonable temperature Inadequate ventilation Ineffective drainage of floors,	Nil	Nil		
Sanitary Conveniences (a) insufficient (b) unsuitable or defective (c) Not separate for	1	1	1	0
offences relating to Outwork).	Nil	Nil		
TOTAL	1	1	1	0
Smoke observations Schools Shops Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits OUSING				23
Under Public Health Acts. Number of Houses Inspected visits paid to above houses		::: ::		50 55
Under Housing Acts. Number of houses inspected visits paid to above houses	:::	::: ::		5 8
Overcrowding Number of houses inspected visits paid to above houses.	:::	::: ::		

1 house was demolished during the year by formal action under the Housing Act, 1936. Demolition orders were made in respect of 3 Houses.

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	Traditional Houses
Number of houses owned by local authority on the 31st December.	121
Number of local authority houses in corrse of erection on the 31st December.	32
Number of houses for which sanction had been given but which had not been commenced on the 31st December	40
Total number of houses erected during the year	Traditional Houses
By Local Authority	22
By Private Enterprise	2
Total	24
Number of houses under construction by Frivate Enterprise but not completed on 31.12.52.	4
Verminous Premises Number of Houses Inspected	2 5 175
FECTIOUS DISEASES.	
Inquiries in Cases of Infectious Diseases Visits re Disinfection	12 12 4
EVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.	
Number of Premises inspected as a result of Not - 166	ification or otherwise
Number of properties found to be infested - 16	(inclusive of 5

Number of properties found to be infested - 16 (inclusive of 5 Agricultural Properties).

There were no properties seriously infested.

Number of Infested properties treated by Local Authority - 7.

Number of Notices served - Nil in respect of treatment.

2 Notices were served for structural works (Property).

E.N. Dowell.

Medical Officer of Health.

