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PREFACE

T. THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE:

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report upon the Health of the County of Monmouth for the year 1951.

This year the death rate, at 13.38 per 1,000 living, was higher than for 1950, when it was 12.4. The rate compared unfavourably with that for the whole of England and Wales, which was 12.5.

The year's live-birth rate per 1,000 of home population showed a slight decrease on the previous year, being 16.5 as against 17.4.

After showing a decrease in 1950 as compared with 1949, the death rate from Cancer for 1951 again shows its general tendency to rise.

With Tuberculosis, the notification rate of the pulmonary type is slightly higher than for 1950. This does not necessarily mean that there is an actual increase in the number of cases, but rather may be due to increased efficiency is diagnosis, and to the expanding use of mass-radiography, resulting in the discovery of cases which may have remained undetected until the disease had become more advanced. The non-pulmonary notification rate showed a reduction over 1950. A pleasing feature, however, is the reduction in the death rate from Tuberculosis, both in the pulmonary and non-pulmonary types, the figures being the lowest since at least 1938. The improvement in nethods of detection and treatment must be awarded the credit for this, and as time goes on it is hoped that the results will be more and more encouraging.

The initiation of a geriatric service is an attempt to do for the aged amongst us whatever is possible to enable them to remain active and useful citizens as long as possible. Where it has been necessary for them to be admitted to Welfare Homes, everything possible is done to ensure that the iwilight of their days is as healthy and pleasant as possible.

The National Health Service Act, 1946, as it affects this Local Health Authority, is working satisfactorily, and reasonable progress has been made in expanding our services to meet the requirements of the Act.

Perhaps I may be allowed to express my thanks to the Health Committee for their continued help and support, and I should also like to thank the Specialists and Staffs of the Hospitals who have so willingly co-operated during the year to integrate the services of disease prevention and its cure.

I have the honour to be,

Your Obedient Servant,

G. ROCYN JONES.

County Hall,
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November, 1952.

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MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE.

Work of the Health Visitors.

There were at the end of the year 40 full-time Health Visitors on the Council's Staff undertaking Maternity and Child Welfare and School Health Service work. The apportionment of time to Maternity and Child Welfare was approximately that of 32.7 Health Visitors.

The number of visits paid to homes by Health Visitors during the last 5 years were:—

1951	1950	1949	1948	1947
57,587	48,623	53,960	59,088	60,363

Of the 57,587 visits paid in 1951, 5,451 were in respect of new babies.

The precentage of babies found on the first visit to be entirely breast-fed were:—

1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
48.5	52.2	51.9	56.4	53.5	55.6

Ophthalmia Neonatorum Notifications under Public Health (Ophthalmia Neonatorum) Regulations were:—

1951	1950	1949	1948	1947
7	6	12	17	20

These notifications for 1951, together with other cases of eye trouble reported by Midwives, making a total of 67, were followed up by the Health Visitors. All cases cleared up satisfactorily without any impairment of vision.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

The number of Ante-Natal Clinics in the County was 26 and there were held 130 half-day sessions per month. The attendances for the whole of the Clinics were:—

	1951.	1950.	1949.	1948.	1947.
New Cases	 3,434	3,860	4,073	4,646	4,728
Re-visits	 15,002	15,578	16,959	18,990	17,289
Total Visits	 18,436	19,438	21,032	23,636	22,017

Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics.

The number of Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics was 47, and 294 half-day sessions were held per month. The Medical Officers consisted of 9 Medical Officers of Health, and Assistant Medical Officers as stated on pages 3 and 4.

The Centres were attended by the Council's Health Visitors.

The attendances at the Centres during 1951 and 4 previous years were: -

Infants.		1951.	1950.	1949.	1948.	1947.
Infants on Registers at en	ad					
of year		11,240	11,127	12,042	12,454	12,254
New cases under 1 year		4,909	4,917	5,107	5,680	5,802
New Cases, 1—5 years		418	451	408	376	396
Re-visits under 1 year		57,240	59,056	64,120	70,389	57,469
Re-visits 1—5 years		23,925	22,621	22,858	22,721	17,151
Total No. of Visits		86,492	87,045	92,493	99,166	80,814

Post-Natal Clinic.

During the year, a post-natal clinic was commenced at the Central Clinic at Newport. It was held weekly and 118 cases were examined up to December 31st, 1951.

Sale of Infant Foods, etc.

The facilities for the purchase at the Centres of Infant Foods at a little over cost price were extensively used, and dried milk, malt extracts and other infant foods were supplied during the year at a total cost to the mothers of £15,731.

Welfare foods under the scheme of the Ministry of Food are being sold or distributed at certain of the Infant Welfare Centres in the County.

Care of Premature Infants.

The number of premature babies notified during 1951 was 127, of which 121 had a gestation period of 28 weeks and over, and 6 of less than 28 weeks. This was 2.4% of all live births and 2.3% of all live and still births.

In view of the important bearing of this matter on the problem of Preratal Mortality, the Council has endeavoured to carry out as far as possible the various recommendations of the Ministry of Health with regard to the care and treatment of premature babies. All babies whose birth weight was $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or under were cared for as premature babies and treated by the Midwives and Health Visitors as such.

If Hospital treatment was required for these infants, facilities were available at the County Hospital, Griffithstown.

No notice was received of any premature infant being born in a Private Nursing Home.

Prematurity, Stillbirths and Abortions.

Particulars are given on page 58.

Speech Therapy.

The services of Speech Therapists are available to the Council, dealing with speech impediments. Children who have been operated upon for repair of cleft palate and hare-lip are a special class of patients receiving treatment, but other speech defects are also dealt with.

Care of Illegitmate Children.

A Female Welfare Officer has charge of this work, the object being to co-operate with and reinforce the work of existing voluntary moral welfare associations. This Officer's time was divided between this work and Infant Protection Visits under the supervision of the Children's Officer.

Her duties are to visit girls and women who are known to be expecting illegitimate children and to advise them in respect of the problems with which they are likely to be confronted.

During the year 77 cases were dealt with; a total of 765 visits being paid. 4 girls were admitted to Northlands Salvation Army Home for Unmarried Mothers, Cardiff, and 1 to Mount Hope Salvation Army Home for Unmarried Mothers, Bristol, at the County Council's expense. The latter 5 cases were referred by the Diocesan Moral Welfare Worker. There were also a further 10 admitted to Northlands via our Officer.

Of the 77 cases, 3 girls were later married to the putative fathers, 1 was living with the man, 11 were married women, 58 were single, 3 were divorced women, and 1 was a widow.

25 children were placed in homes with a view to adoption; 5 girls were accompanied to a Solicitor's Office and were successful in obtaining affiliation orders; 2 children were boarded out.

The Welfare Officer gave instruction to a Social Science Student for one term's practical work.

Infant Protection.

There is a separate Children's Department of the County Council, set up under the provisions of the Children's Act, 1948. This is responsible for care of deprived children. The County Medical Officer of Health, however, acts as Medical Adviser to the Children's Committee and undertakes the management of medical matters relating thereto.

There was one Residential Nursery under the Children's Act, with 25 approved places. The number of children on the register at the end of the year was 25, and the average daily attendance during the year was 24.

The quarterly medical examinations of children in the Children's Homes, and control of infectious diseases, are undertaken by the respective Area Medical Officers of Health.

Regent House, Chepstow.

Regent House Hospital, Chepstow, is administered by the County Council as a Hospital for the chronic sick, but 4 beds were reserved for maternity cases where the women are suffering from venereal disease.

During 1951 there were no confinements there, and the beds were not available after October 1st, 1951.

Report of Senior Dental Officer on Dental Treatment for Expectant and Nursing Mothers and Children Under Five Years.

With the present Dental Staff, it was not found possible to undertake routine dental inspections of the above categories at Ante-Natal and Maternity and Child Welfare Clinics. Each new expectant mother attending an Ante-Natal Clinic was examined by the Medical Officer with regard to dental sepsis, and necessary cases referred for treatment. Treatment was carried out at School Dental Clinics by School Dental Officers, and consisted of fillings, extractions, etc., and provision of dentures where necessary. Some of the women recommended for treatment made their own arrangements for this.

An Oral Hygienist commenced duties on November 1st, 1951, but dealt mainly with School Children.

Details of numbers dentally treated and nature of treatment given are shown in the Appendix on page 52.

HEALTH CENTRES.

The Health Centres at Tredegar, Rhymney, Ebbw Vale and Blaenavon have given very satisfactory service during the year, enjoying the full cooperation of the general medical practitioners, dentists, pharmacists, etc. During the latter part of the year considerable structural improvements were embarked upon at Blaenavon.

Clinics.

On May 7th, 1951, new Clinic premises, giving facilities for Maternity and Child Welfare, Dental, Vision correction, and Speech treatment, were opened at Beaumont House, Blackwood, and a new Maternity and Child

Welfare Clinic was opened at Oak Street, Cwmbran, on May 25th. Also on the 25th of May a new Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic with provision of a minor surgery for the use of a District Nurse was opened at Castell, Cwmfelinfach. On September 11th, 1951, Leven House, Abergavenny, was opened as a Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic, and in December, 1951, a further Clinic giving Maternity and Child Welfare and Dental facilities was opened at Boverton House, Chepstow.

The new Clinics were part of the Council long-term policy of discontinuing the hire of private premises for Clinic purposes, and considerably improve the service which is put at the disposal of the public.

Specialist Services.

Clinics were regularly held at which the services of the Consultant Specialists listed on page 3 were available. These were all held at the Central Clinic at Stanley Road, Newport, with the exception of the Orthopædic Clinic, which was held at various Clinics in the County. There was also available an Out-Patient Plastic Surgery Clinic held by Mr. Emlyn Lewis, F.R.C.S., at the St. Lawrence Hospital, Chepstow, where he carried out his surgery. Patients could also be seen at the Plastic Surgery Out-Patients Department of the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport.

THE HOME NURSING SERVICE.

The General Management is under the direction of a County Nursing Organiser, but there is close co-operation with the Area Committees and Area Staffs.

On December 31st, 1951, there were 55 whole-time District Nurses employed by the County Council, in addition to 11 District Nurse Midwives.

There is in addition a separate staff of part-time District Nurses engaged on a pro-rata basis for relief work on the occasion of sickness, off-duty, bolidays and "rush periods," and so a system has been arranged whereby the full-time staff are now able to take their regular weekly off-duty periods, annual holidays, etc., without disrupting the efficiency of the service. This system has proved an effective cushion against the increasing use of early discharge of patients from Hospital.

The Council provides uniforms for the full-time staff, and during the year four Corgi motor-cycles were provided for the use of District Nurses.

The value of the service in the home is now being fully appreciated by the community, and is functioning smoothly and satisfactorily with the co-operation of all concerned. The number of patients attended during the year was 26,489, involving a total of 271,151 visits to homes.

Night Nursing Service.

The organisation and management of the Night Nursing Service includes a panel of 6 nursing orderlies who have qualifications and experience less than that of a trained nurse. Their duties deal with the care of the acutely ill at night-time, such as providing light meals, attending to the bed and washing the patient, etc. These orderlies are directly responsible to the District Nurse, from whom they receive their instructions; and they are part of the comprehensive domiciliary nursing service.

Geriatric Service.

This service commenced in August, 1951, and from then until December 31st, 1951, there had not been an appointment of a physiotherapist, neither had the general medical practitioners been informed of the service contemplated. Therefore, no actual treatment was carried out, but all the Area Clerks were visited by an Assistant Medical Officer. From their lists of people receiving Home Help were taken the names of those suffering from rheumatoid arthritis, osteoarthitis, strokes, nervous diseases, etc. These amounted to 161 cases, scattered throughout the County. All were visited by the same Assistant Medical Officer, but only 30 cases were found which might benefit from physiotheraphy. These were listed until such time as a physiotherapist would be appointed to carry out treatment.

In August, 1951, the Assistant Medical Officer commenced to visit the Council's Welfare Homes. Monthly visits were aimed at in order to help the respective Matrons with any medical problems and to carry out full routine medical inspections. Records were made of all the old people in the homes, including new admissions. Where necessary, treatment by general practitioners was arranged.

Number of visits paid to:-

Cwmbran House, Pontnewydd	 	4
Drybridge House, Monmouth	 	3
Goytre Hall, Goytre	 	4
Maesruddud, Blackwood		3
Mardy House, Mardy	 	2

The last-mentioned was not opened until November, 1951. It is hoped to open the Nantyderry Home in January, 1952.

A few cases were also visited, following referment by general practitioners, in order to ascertain suitability for admission to a Welfare Home or general hospital.

HOME HELP SERVICE.

This is the third year in which the Home Help Service has been under decentralised management. The County Medical Officer has formerly exercised direct supervision over, and guidance of, the local administrative officers, but with a wider experience of the service the Area Medical Officers and Health Committees are now undertaking the administration of the service, and it is operating smoothly.

The County Medical Officer still exercises supervision on behalf of the Central Health Committee in all long term and difficult cases.

The major part of the applications for Home Help come from the aged and chronic sick, to whom a few hours are allocated each day. In this way the homes are kept reasonably clean, and the essential needs attended to. There is an ever-growing demand from this type of patient, and the provision of help is becoming a problem. It is to be expected that recovery will be slow, if it actually does occur, in the health of such patients, and consequently when the Authority does place a Help in the house, it becomes a permanent liability on the Authority. Already there are many instances where the circumstances in a household have remained unchanged for years, and continuous service of a Home Help granted.

Cases of Tuberculosis and Cancer have been accorded Home Help, but in all instances the person doing the Home Help work has been a volunteer, as usually it is found that Helps decline to accept these cases. In exceptional instances the Committee has allowed a relative to take over Home Help duties when other means have failed.

Details of numbers of Home Helps supplied are to be found on page 52.

MEDICAL APPLIANCES SCHEME.

The organisation and management of this scheme comprises a Medical Appliances Officer on the Council's staff, together with a Central Depot of appliances. Scattered throughout the administrative County are 61 Medical Appliances Depôts. All replacements of equipment are met at the expense of the County Council, whereas the staffing of almost all these numerous depôts is still carried out on a voluntary basis by the St. John Ambulance Brigade and Red Cross Society, as formerly.

Provision appears to be adequate to demands. Central management arranges to transfer all appliances from one township to another to meet cocasional unusual demands; while in addition there is a central stores for the supply of replacements.

Articles supplied under this scheme, include air-beds, air-rings, bedpans, bed-rests, bed-tables, bed-cradles, crutches, feeding-cups, invalid folding chairs, mackintosh sheets, spinal carriages, and urinals, which have been assued and re-issued on receipt of a medical certificate, which must be renewed if the illness is prolonged. Provision is also made to supply Nursing equipment for Paraplegics. These patients will have had many months, often several years, of highly specialised medical and nursing treatment before their rehabilitation is regarded as complete enough to enable them to be resettled in the community, and it has been the responsibility of the special paraplegic centres to recommend the County Medical Officer of Health to obtain necessary Nursing equipment under the provision of Section 28 of the National Health Service Act, e.g., hospital-type bed, dunlopillo mattress, and bed pulleys.

MEDICAL APPLIANCES PROVIDED IN 1951.

No. of	No. of	No. of	Length of
Depcts.	Patients.	Articles issued.	Period in use.
62	3,251	9,723	95 % I month. 5 % longer period

CONVALESCENT TREATMENT.

In July, 1949, the County Council exercised its powers under Section 28 of the National Health Service Act, 1946 (Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care), and established a scheme whereby adult males and females were able to obtain convalescent treatment at the "Rest" Convalescent Homes, Porthcawl. The County Council made a subscription to the "Rest" Homes Authority, in return for which admission notes were supplied, as soon as vacancies occurred, for the patients recommended.

Patients eligible are those who are not in need of medical treatment and who are ambulant and able to attend to simple needs for themselves. Applications are received either direct from patients, supported by a medical certificate, or from medical practitioners. Applicants are then examined by a Medical Officer of the County Council and the cases are presented to the Health Committee for approval or otherwise. It is a condition of acceptance that applicants shall be assessed in accordance with the Council's scale of income.

From June 6th, 1951, to November 5th, 1951, when the "Rest" Homes closed down for the season, 49 Monmouthshire cases (17 males and 32 females) were admitted for convalescent treatment. 57 applications were received, 1

was rejected, and 7 did not accept vacancies (3 due to ill-health; 2 no reason given; 1 for domestic reasons, and 1 was able to obtain treatment through another source).

MIDWIFERY SERVICE.

At the end of 1951, the number of whole-time County Midwives was 58. In addition, there were 3 part-time Midwives. 2 of the 58 whole-time midwives acted as Relief Midwives for week-end leave, for holiday relief, for relief in cases of illness, and for relief where suspension of a midwife was recessary to prevent spread of infection. In addition there were 11 District-Nurse-Midwives and 12 Independent Midwives. 9 of the independent midwives did no midwifery work during the year.

With 49 midwives engaged at hospitals and maternity homes, the total number of midwives on the County Register at the end of 1951 was 131.

The births (live and still births) notified during the year 1951, with figures for four preceding years, were as follows:—

Notified by	1951.	1950.	1949.	1948.	1947.
County Midwives	2,117	2,719	2,653	2,946	3,493
Independent Midwives	9	42	173	134	252
Maternity Hospitals,					
Maternity Homes					
and other Institutions	3,166	2,578	2,824	2,670	2,039
	-		-	_	-
Totals	5,292	5,339	5,650	5,890	6,231
		1			-

The above figures are before adjustment for any transferred notifications.

Number of cases in which medical aid was summoned during the year under Section 14 (1) of the Midwives' Act, 1918, by a Midwife:—

(a) For Domiciliary Cases:

(1)	the	Medical patient v	with Ma	ternity	Med	ical ser	vice v	under	109
	the	National	Health	Service	,				483
(ii)	Others						***		101
			Total						584
(b) For cases	in Ins	titutions						***	24

Particulars of Midwives in respect of Gas and Air Analgesia at the end of 1951

There were 41 Institutional Midwives in the area at the end of the year who were qualified to administer gas and air analgesia in accordance with the requirements of the Central Midwives Board, and 69 Domiciliary Midwives. There were 69 sets of gas and air analegsia apparatus in use and they were used in 1,361 cases where the administrator was acting as a midwife, and 74 when acting as a maternity nurse.

The number of cases in which pethidine was administered by midwives in domiciliary practice during the year when acting as a midwife was 147, and when acting as a maternity nurse was 27.

There were 2 midwives unable to train for gas and air analgesia owing to age.

Mobility of Midwives.

An increasing number of midwives are now fully mobile under the Council's Motor-Car Scheme, 14 now using motor-cars. It is anticipated that at some future date there will be an establishment of 33 mobile district midwives.

Midwives Acts, 1902-1936.

Report upon Domiciliary Midwifery in the County.

Number of	of	Births attended	 	2,143
Number of	of	Miscarriages attended	 	154

Midwives made the usual minimum of 17 visits to every case of confinement, and about 10 in cases of miscarriage.

Patients discharged from Hospital on the 10th day were visited by the riidwives until the 14th day, and these visits constituted a major part of their work.

The early discharge of patients from maternity hospitals gives rise to some concern with regard to the lack of continuous care of mother and child particularly in cases where breast-feeding is concerned, and also the teaching of mothercraft.

Special care was taken with premature babies, and removal to Hospital was carried out where necessary. The new equipment which is being provided for the nursing of the premature baby in the home is greatly assisting the midwives and those in attendance and in care of these babies.

In addition to the Gas Analgesia administered by the midwives, the use of Pethidine has now been authorised by the Central Midwives Board by all practising midwives, subject to special safeguards and precautions in its supply and use.

Special visits were made by the District Supervisors of Midwives to all suspected cases of infective conditions. Immediate and appropriate methods were taken to prevent possible spread of infection. In addition, three-monthly visits were paid by the Supervisors for the purpose of inspection with regard to cleanliness. This was found to conform to a high standard.

3 County Midwives attended a refresher course at Manchester in April, 1951, and found the lectures instructive and beneficial.

AMBULANCE SERVICE.

The expansion and development of the various Health Services were reflected in an increasing demand upon the Ambulance Service and it became apparent early in the year, that to meet the new circumstances, some modification of the existing scheme was necessary.

This has been foreseen and the Council's proposals to amend the scheme under Section 20 (4) of the National Health Service Act, 1946, had already been approved by the Minister of Health in October, 1950.

Under this modified scheme, many of the existing small Ambulance stations were to be closed down and a few large central stations established at strategic points in the County, each such station to directly provide continuous Ambulance Service in its allotted area or zone.

Local Administration was to be introduced at certain of the zone stations in order that ambulance calls could be received direct and the journeys co-ordinated without recourse to the main control at Caerleon.

The measure of decentralisation effected would relieve the main control and at the same time, the better disposition of men and vehicles achieved by re-grouping at the zone stations would afford greater flexibility of the Service.

The Ambulance fleet which previously comprised 28 to 30 ambulances and 4 to 8 sitting-case cars, was to be strengthened by the addition of dual-purpose (ambulance/sitting-case) vehicles and the revised establishment provided for 33 to 35 Ambulances and dual-purpose vehicles and 6 to 8 sitting-case cars.

The staff of driver/attendants was to be increased to the requisite number, with provision for further revision in the event of reduction of working hours from 48 to 44 per week by subsequent agreement.

It was along these lines that development of the Service was proceeded with and where existing Ambulance premises were unsatisfactory for zone station purposes, measures were taken to acquire suitable properties or sites on which to build. The soundness of the Council's advance planning was evident when at the commencement of the year, stations that were ultimately to become zone stations were opened at Blackwood and Pontypool, a development which enabled the Council to undertake the provision of Ambulance Service on behalf of the National Coal Board. The Board wished to be relieved of their statutory obligations to provide ambulances for mines in the County of Monmouth and the Council agreed to provide this service as from January 1st, 1951. For operational convenience and with regard to the location of the mines in relation to the stations, the mines were grouped into 4 Areas, each group to communicate direct with the appropriate area station.

Misuse of the Service was still evident, particularly with those patients attending regularly at the Hospitals' Out-patient Departments on the recommendation of the hospital Specialists. These patients, in order to obtain authority for transport, approached their own Medical Practitioners, and in many cases authorisations for indefinite periods were obtained and the use of Ambulances continued long after the need had ceased.

There was general opinion, strongly supported by Medical Practitioners, that transport where necessary, for patients attending Out-Patient Departments at hospitals, should, after the first visit, be authorised by the hospital Specialist, and an approach was made to the Management Committee of the Royal Gwent Hospital where the out-patients attendance was by far the heaviest of Monmouthshire hospitals to discuss the problem.

A Transport Card scheme was submitted to the Management Committee who agreed to its adoption at the Hospital and gave every co-operation in its introduction and operation under this system.

Patients who make a first visit to the Hospital and who are requested to make subsequent attendances, and for whom Special transport is necessary are issued with a Transport Card, signed by the Hospital Doctor, indicating the next appointment only. The Card is handed to the Ambulance Driver by the patient and placed in a special collecting box for delivery to Ambulance Control each evening. The Control Staff record the next appointment on a Master Card and the patient's Transport Card is then returned to Hospital and left in a filing cabinet at the Porter's lodge. When next the patient visits the Hospital, the Card is obtained by the Driver and handed to the patient, who must again obtain signed authority for transport for the next visit. The scheme, introduced in August, has proved effective in restricting misuse of the Service and saved much inconvenience to those patients who previously had to obtain authority for transport from their doctors.

Increasing advantage was taken of the facilities offered by British Railways for the transport of patients by rail on long journeys.

HEALTH EDUCATION.

In previous reports references have been made to the difficulty of assessing the effects of Health Education propaganda, *i.e.*, the extent to which the public have been induced to practise by example and precept, the simple rules recessary for healthy living.

Sir John Charles, Chief Medical Officer to the Ministry of Health, in his Annual Report for 1949, paid the following remarkable compliment to Medical Officers of Health and the staffs of Public Health Departments:—

"The Nation, in its recent pre-occupation with the curative and specialist services, seems rather to have lost sight of what it owes to the preventive Health Services which, for many decades, have been responsible for the saving of an infinity of human lives and suffering."

Because the victories of Health Education are marked only by the absence of disease and deaths, they have no news value or popular appeal.

Yet, if one of the criteria of specialists in a community lies in its efforts to promote and preserve the health (and consequently the happiness) of its citizens, preventive medicine must be given its place in the front rank.

Annual Conference.

The third annual County Health Education Conference was held in the Town Hall, Abergavenny, on Tuesday, 11th September, 1951, when addresses were given by E. C. Downer, Esq., M.A., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H., Medical Officer for the County Borough of Middlesbrough, John Burton, Esq., B.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., and Anne Burgess, M.B., Ch.B., L.D.S.

A civic welcome was extended to the delegates by the Mayor of Abergavenny, Councillor John S. Bousfield, M.A. Sir David Rocyn Jones, C.B.E., D.L., J.P., presided.

371 different bodies sent representatives to this Conference, such as Trade Union Lodges, Church Guilds, Women's Institutes, Townswomen's Guilds, British Legion Clubs, etc.

The subject of Dr. Downer's address was "Accidents in the Home." He began by saying that the home could be a very dangerous place and that rearly 7,000 persons are killed every year as an immediate or delayed result of an accident in the home, which means that more than 18 persons are killed every day. Many more people are killed in their homes than on the roads,

yet a far greater amount of propaganda is devoted to the reduction of road casualties than to home casualties. Since road casualties depend on so many factors, however, it would seem more profitable to devote similar publicity to home accidents which, to a large extent, are preventable.

A Two Days' Conference was held in the County Hall, Newport, at which the speakers were the afore-mentioned Dr. J. Burton, Dr. A. Burgess and Dr. Robert Sutherland, M.D., D.P.H., Medical Officer and Secretary to the Central Council for Health Education.

Other Forms of Propaganda.

Lectures by Mrs.	Lea B	anner a	and M	rs. C. T	ampli	n	123
Film Shows							42
Concert Lectures				THE STATE OF			6
Literature Leafle	ts dist	ributed		11			154,000
Double-crown Po	sters n	nounted	on b	oards			380
Exhibitions-Ou	r porta	able ex	hibiti	ion wa	s on	view	
throughout							
County.							

Central Office of Information.

H.M. Government, on grounds of national economy, have closed down the Central Office of Information at Cardiff, making necessary the withdrawal of their Mobile Film Units which provided an effective method of Health Education.

MENTAL HEALTH.

(1) Administration.

(a) Constitution and Meetings of Mental Health Sub-Committee.

The Mental Health Sub-Committee consists of a Chairman, a Vice-Chairman, nine members and three co-opted members who are general practitioners.

The Mental Health Sub-Committee meet quarterly.

(b) Number and Qualifications of Staff employed in the Mental Health Services.

Those concerned in working the Scheme include the County Medical Officer as Administrative Officer, and a Senior Assistant Medical Officer with psychiatric experience (Dr. J. Newcombe) in charge of routine matters.

At the commencement of the year there were two Social Workers, Mrs. Udell, who was working full time for the department, and Mrs. Waygood, who was working part time. On the 30th September, 1951, Mrs. Waygood resigned, and on the 1st November, 1951, Miss Readman and Miss Fuller were appointed as Mental Health Workers. It was hoped that Miss Fuller would eventually become Supervisor of the Occupation Centre which the department hoped would be opened in the Pontypool Valley during 1952. Miss R. Morgan was away during the year on study leave in America. Finally, there were eleven Authorised Officers who devoted 50% of their time to the Mental Health Services.

(c) Co-ordination with Regional Hospital Boards and Hospital Management Committees.

By arrangement with Institutions for Mental Defectives, the department's Social Workers supervise patients on trial or on licence from such Institutions; during the year, there was no such arrangement with Mental Hospitals.

(d) Duties delegated to Voluntary Associations.

During the year no such duties were delegated to Voluntary Associations.

(e) TRAINING OF MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS.

During the current year no arrangements were made for the training of Mental Health Workers.

(2) Work Undertaken in the Community.

(a) Adult Guidance Clinics were held as required at Newport, Tredegar, Blaina, Pontypool and Abergavenny. In attendance at these clinics were the Senior Assistant Medical Officer, Dr. J. Newcombe, and a Mental Health Worker.

In addition to the above-mentioned clinics, a large proportion of all cases were seen by Dr. Newcombe at their own homes; this allowed a more accurate assessment to be made of the effect of home conditions on the mental health of the patient.

The following table indicates the number of examinations carried out by Dr. Newcombe at the clinics and in the patients' own homes:—

		1950	1951		1950	1951		1950	1951
		Att	Clinic.		At	Home.		Tot	al.
Mental Defect	ives:								
Men		60	60		72	108		132	168
Women		62	86		58	106		120	192
Children		68	114		160	232	***	228	346
		190	260		290	446		480	706
Adult Guidan Clinics:	ce								
		55	64		88	128		143	192
Men		67	82		101	148		168	230
Women		MAGNI	85	···	96	147		175	232
Children		. 79	00	****	30	141	•••	1.0	
		201	231		285	423		486	654
			STREET, STREET,		1000	4		7	
After-Care Cli	inics	1799							
Men		82	82		132	112		214	194
Women		121	113		96	116		217	229
		203	195		228	228		431	423
Total of All (Cases	594	686		803	1097		1397	1783

In order to examine the above number of cases, it was necessary to drive on an average 1,200 miles a month and spend a relatively small amount of time on a large number of patients.

During the year 1952, taking into account the increase in administrative work due to the commencement of new services such as the selection of patients for home teaching or attendance at occupation centres, or for short-term care, it is not anticipated that it will be possible to make such a large number of examinations.

However, as the majority of all mental defectives and other mentally handicapped people in the County, who come within the range of the Mental Health Department's activities, were visited at least once during 1951, the basic problems to be faced are now more clear and it is felt that it will not be necessary or possible to examine more than about 500 cases in one year.

Visits made by Duly Authorised Officers.

During the year 420 visits were made by Duly Authorised Officers to patients who had been discharged from Mental Hospitals. The patients were given advice chiefly on such matters as general welfare and financial grants. In addition written reports on the patient's mental condition were sent to Dr. Newcombe.

Short-term Care of Mental Defectives in Cases of Urgency.

The situation frequently arises in many families where it is urgently necessary that a mentally defective person should be cared for elsewhere than at home for the time being. Examples of this: the illness of a member of the family, usually the mother; the mother being in urgent need of a holiday or the defective being in urgent need of treatment which, because of his mental defect, cannot be conveniently given at home or in a General Hospital.

The Council have power under the National Health Service Act to make such temporary arrangements for the care of persons suffering from mental defects and on the 30th August, 1951, the Mental Health Sub-Committee decided to implement such a Scheme in April, 1952; permission was given, however, to board out an occasional case before that date, and in fact two such cases were boarded out during the remainder of the year 1951. It is hoped that during 1952, extensive use will be made of the Scheme, which meets an urgent need in the community.

(b) Work undertaken under the Lunacy and Mental Treatment Acts, 1890-1931 by Duly Authorised Officers.

The following table gives details of patients who were admitted to and discharged from Mental Hospitals during the year 1951:—

Admitted.

Va	lun	tary.			Cen	tif	ied.		
		Male.	1	Female.			Male.	F	emale.
Abergavenny	7	111		182	Abergavenny		62		66
Caerleon		20		35	Caerleon		1		_
Whitchurch		2		8					
Bristol		-		1					
		133		226			63		66

Discharges.

Vol	untary.		Certi	fied.	
Abergavenny Whitchurch Caerleon	Male 85 2 15	176 12	Abergavenny Bristol		
	102	203		29	37

It will be seen from the above table that during 1951 there were 488 admissions to Mental Hospitals; of this number 359 or 74% were voluntary patients.

- (c) Work undertaken under the Mental Deficiency Acts, 1913-1938.
 - (i) Arrangements for ascertaining and supervising mental defectives: Visits carried out by Mental Health Workers.

	1950.	1951.
Mental Defectives	 3,160	2,610
Adult Guidance Cases	 213	262
Child Guidance Cases	 252	212
	-	-
	3,625	3,084

Number of new cases ascertained during the year: -

		1950	0.		1951	
	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Under the Eduction Act, 1:	944:					
(i) Under Section 57 (3)	. 6	11	17	 7	7	14
(ii) Under Section 57 (5)	4	6	10	 6	4	10
From all other sources	5	3	8	 9	5	14
	-	-	-	-	-	_
	15	20	35	22	16	38
		-	-	-	-	-
		1950).		1951	
A STATE OF THE STA	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
No. of cases under Statutory Supervision on 31st Dec.:						
Under 16 years of age	58	46	104	 55	36	91
Over 16 years of age	246	268	514	 241	248	489
the 14-21-day region in the late	304	314	618	296	284	580

Total number under supervaled during Add cases ascertained during			1-12-6	50			18 38
						6	56
Deduct—							
Ceased to be under care du Died, removed or lost sigh Admitted to Certified Inst Admitted under Lunacy	nt of	ons				45 15 15 1	
	To	tal				76 —	
Total number under superv	ision	on 31	-12-51			5	80 —
		195	0.			1951	3 1/ 1/
	M.	F.	T.		M.	F.	T.
No. of Cases in Certified Institutions for Mental Defectives on 31st Dec.: Under 16 years of age	11	11	22		6	13	19
Over 16 years of age	94	126	220		84	145	229
7.000	105	137	242		90	158	248
Total number in certified ins Add cases admitted during	 stituti 1951	ons or	31-12	2-50		2	242 15
						2	257
						-	
Deduct:							
Died during 1951 Discharged during 1951						3 6 —	
	To	tal	17.3	•••		9	
Total number in certified in	stitut	ions o	n 31-1	2-51		- 5	248

On 31st December, 1951, there were 61 mental defectives awaiting institutional accommodation of which 38 were considered to be urgent. These figures remain fairly constant because although 15 cases were admitted to Certified Institutions during the year approximately a similar number of new cases requiring institutional accommodaton were added to the list.

Licence Cases.

On 31st December, 1951, there were six male defectives on licence from Certified Institutions of which five were with farmers in Monmouthshire and one in Breconshire.

There were also four male defectives and female defectives on licence with their parents. During the year, five male defectives on licence were discharged from the Order, and two males and three female defectives were returned to Certified Institutions.

Not included in the figure of 580 are the following groups of patients:—

	M.	F.	T.
Certified under the Lunacy Act and ad-			
mitted to Peny-y-val Hospital, Aber-			
gavenny	47	45	92
In County Welfare Institutions	3	9	12
In the Childrens Home's	-	3	- 3
	_	-	
	50	57	107
	-	-	

(ii) Guardianship.

On December 31st, 1951, there were 8 defectives under guardianship; of these eight, two were adult male defectives under guardianship on farms in Monmouthshire; the other six were low grade defectives with ages ranging from 7 to 11 years, who were under guardianship in a Licensed House run by Mrs. M. E. Roberts, Brynheulog, Hengoed.

(iii) Occupational Training.

Towards the end of 1951, initial steps had been taken towards the purchase of a property to be used as an Occupational Centre for Mental Defectives. Initial steps had also been taken towards a Home Teaching Scheme for defectives to be carried out either at their homes or in groups at specified Centres. It is hoped that all the above schemes should be in operation in 1952.

Total incidence of mental deficiency in the County is as follows: -

		1950).		1951	
Appropriate the second in the second of the latest	M.	F.	T.	M.	F.	T.
Cases under Statutory Supervision	304	314	618	 296	284	580
Cases in Certified Institutions	105	137	242	 90	158	248
Cases under Guardianship	6	2	8	 6	2	8
Cases in Pen-y-val Hospital,						
Abergavenny	47	45	92	 47	45	92
Cases in County Welfare Institu-					-	-
tions	2	8	10	 3	9	12
Cases in Children's Homes	2	3	5	 _	3	3
Cases in Place of Safety	1	_	1	 -	_	_
	_	-	1000			
	467	509	976	442	501	943
	-	-		-	_	

Taking the population of Monmouthshire as 310,000, this gives the incidence of mental deficiency in the County as 3.04 in 1,000. Expressed in a different manner it means that in Monmouthshire 1 in 329 persons is an ascertained mental defective.

Using similar calculations the figures show that the number of mental defectives which have been certified and sent to institutions are equivalent to 1.12 in a 1,000; again expressed in a different way it means that 1 person in every 890 in Monmouthshire is a certified mental defective requiring institutional accommodation.

The incidence of mental deficiency in Monmouthshire approximates very closely to the average figures of all the other Local Authorities in Wales.

PREVENTION OF BLINDNESS AND CARE OF BLIND PERSONS.

Under the National Assistance Act, 1948, the welfare of blind persons was the responsibility of the Council's Welfare Committee. Nevertheless, the certification of blindness still remains in the Medical Department.

Spectacles, when prescribed by the Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon, were provided under the National Health Service. Where necessary, surgical operational treatment in hospital was resorted to.

The Consultant Ophthalmic Surgeon was Mr. G. W. Hoare, F.R.C.S., who carried out examinations at the Clinic, Stanley Road, Newport.

On the 31st March, 1951, there were 692 blind persons on the County Register, of whom 335 were male and 357 female.

During the whole of 1951, 197 cases were referred to this Department for examination. The results of these examinations led to the certification of 82 persons as blind, 28 as partially sighted, and 22 were not blind. Of

the total of 197, 16 were re-examinations, and 49 did not keep the appointments made for them. 6 operations for cataract were performed at the County Hospital, Griffithstown. Another case refused treatment. One needling operation was recommended, but the patient was too ill to attend.

Dr. Evelyn D. Owen made 82 domiciliary visits to examine people who were unable to travel to Newport. 56 cases were found to be blind, 2 were partially sighted, 20 not blind, 2 were too ill for examination, 1 was deceased and 1 had left the district.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS OF STAFF, ETC.

All staff are examined by Assistant Medical Officers prior to permanent appointment. The number examined during 1951 was 108.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Cancer.

The number of deaths from this dread affliction during 1951 was 569. In 1950 it was 537; in 1949 it was 563; in 1948 there were 557; in 1947, 532; in 1946, 503; in 1945, 499, and 1944, 467.

The figure shows an increase over last year, and on looking back as far as 1925, in that year it is noted that there were 320 deaths in this category. During the years since 1924 the number of deaths has fluctuated somewhat from year to year, but over the whole period it has shown a relentless tendency to rise. This may be in part due to improved methods of diagnosis, and also in part to the increasing number of people surviving to a greater age than heretofore, but these explanations do not appear to account for the whole of the increase.

As in previous years the majority of the deaths occurred in persons of 45 years of age and upwards.

Tuberculosis.

Under the Tuberculosis Regulations, 1930, in the year 1951, there were 362 primary cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified and 85 deaths were registered. Of other forms of Tuberculosis 58 cases were notified and 15 deaths registered. The total number of primary notifications of all forms of Tuberculosis was therefore 420, and the number of deaths from all forms of Tuberculosis was 100. In 1950, 340 cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified and of other forms 66 cases. In this latter year 107 deaths from the pulmonary form and 18 from other forms were registered.

Registered deaths from Tuberculosis were again compared with the cases notified by the District Medical Officers of Health, and when it was found that a death registered by the District Registrar had not previously been notified by the District Medical Officer of Health as a primary notification, it was included in the return of new cases coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer otherwise than by formal notification, under the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1930.

It will be observed from the accompanying table that the notification rate for 1951 was higher than for 1950 in the case of Pulmonary Tuberculosis, but the non-pulmonary notification rate was lower. The death rates for both pulmonary and non-pulmonary tuberculosis were the lowest since at least 1938.

The following table giving the notification rates and death rates per 1,000 of the estimated population is submitted for the purpose of comparison:—

Ye	ar.			ate per 1,000 of plation.	eath rate per 1	,000 of population
			Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary.	Pulmonary.	Non-Pulmonary
1938			1.01	-44	-60	-14
1939			1.25	.48	-64	·10
1940			1.60	-49	-57	-13
1941			1.12	-40	-51	-15
1942			1.12	-42	-62	-13
1943			1.32	-36	-60	11
1944			1.33	-42	-52	·10
1945			1.10	-32	-57	-11
1946			1.16	-27	-49	-08
1947			0.98	-23	-55	·10
1948			1.21	-22	.52	.09
1949			1.19	·15	-49	-08
1950			1.06	-21	. 30	-06
1951	***	100	1.14	.18	-27	-05

Summary of notifications by District Medical Officers of Health to the County Medical Officer under the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1930, during the year 1951, with the number of deaths notified by the Registrar-General is shown herewith:—

-	Pri	mary Noti	fications	on Form A		100000		D	EATHS.		265
	Pulm	onary	Non-Pul	monary		Age	Pulm	onary	Non-Pul	monary	
Age Periods.	Males	Females	Males	Females	Total.	Periods.	Males	Females	Males	Female	Total.
0—	-	2	-	-	2	0—	-	-	1	-	1
1—	2	1	1	_	4	1—	-	-	1	2	3
2— 5—	5 3	6	1 4	6 1	13 14	5—	-	-	-	1	_ 1
10— 15—	30	8 37	6 7	5 4	21 78	15—	2	-	3	-	5
20— 25—	28 32	39 34	2	2 7	70 75	25—	17	18	1	2	38
35— 45—	28 29	16 7	4	2 2	50 39	45—	25	4	2	2	33
55— 65—	27 12	4	_	-	36 16	65—	15	2	_	_	17
75 and Upward	s 2	-	-	-	2	75—	2	-	-	-	2
	200	162	28	30	420		61	24	8	7	100

New cases of Tuberculosis coming to the knowledge of the Medical Officer of Health during the period 1st January, 1951, to 31st December, 1951, otherwise than by formal notification under the Public Health (Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1930:—

Age Periods.	0 to 1	1	23	9	10	15	20	25	35	45	92	65	75 and upwards	Cases
ilmonary Males	-	-	_	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	2	1	9
almonary Females	-	1	1	_	_	-	-	1	2	_	-		_	3
n-Pulmonary Males	_	-	-	_	-	-		_	_		_	_	_	-
on-Pulmonary Females	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	-	-

		No. of Cases			
Source of above Information.	Puln	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmona y	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Death Returns from local Registrars transferable deaths from Registrar-Gene	9	3	_	-	
transferable deaths from Registrar-Gene	eral -	-	-	1000	
"Transfers " from other areas (other than transfers	-	THE	1		
deaths)	=				

From the previous table, it will be seen that 12 non-notified deaths from Tuberculosis were discovered through examination of the Death Returns received from the Registrar.

Prevention and After-care of Tuberculosis remain the responsibility of the County Council, and the Health Department continued to work in close co-operation with the Chest Physicians.

Health Visitors visited domiciliary cases of tuberculosis to ensure that prescribed treatment was carried out. They also attended Chest Clinics in their areas from time to time.

The housing problem with regard to tuberculosis is continually under review, and every possible step taken with the District Councils to avoid overerowding and disrepair.

Financial allowances to tuberculosis patients is the responsibility of the National Assistance Board.

No arrangements have actually been made so far with regard to the provision of workshops, settlements, hostels, etc., but should the need arise, this Authority will, subject to the approval of the Minister, provide what is recessary, or will make joint arrangements with other Local Authorities or soluntary bodies for this purpose.

TUBERCULOSIS CLINIC TIME TABLES.

NEWPORT AND EAST MONMOUTHSHIRE AREA.

PERSONNEL:

Chest Physician.

Asst. Chest Physicians.

Dr. M. I. Jackson. Dr. H. James. Dr. H. Pick. Private Tel. No. 5623.

Clinic Sisters.

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CHIEF CLINIC:

129, Stow Hill, Newport. Tel. No.: Newport 3748.

TIME TABLE:

Clinics. Newport. 129, Stow Hill. Days and Times.

Monday, 9.15 a.m. Men only.

1.45 p.m. Women only.

Tuesday, 10. 0 a.m. A.P. Clinic.

2nd Tuesday, 2. 0 p.m. Non-respiratory Clinic.

(New and old cases, by	4th Tuesday	, 2. 0 p.m.	Thoracic Surgery Consultation Clinic.
appointment only).	Wednesday,	9.15 a.m.	Men only.
PP		1.45 p.m.	Children only.
	Thursday,	9.15 a.m.	Contacts.
	-	1.45 p.m.	Women only.
	Friday,	10. 0 a.m.	A.P. Clinic.
		2. 0 p.m.	B.C.G.
	Saturday.		Appointments only.
Pontypool. Park Buildings.	Tuesday,	10.30 a.m.	New and old patients.
Abergavenny. Maindiff Court Hospital.	Thursday,	11. 0 a.m.	New and old patients (by appointment).
Monmouth Cottage Hospital (Out-patients' Department).	1st and 3rd	Friday, 11.30 a.m.	New and old patients.
Chepstow, Memorial Annexe, M.O.P. Hospital	Tuesday,	2. 0 p.m.	New and old patients (by appointment).

RHYMNEY AND SIRHOWY VALLEY AREA.

PERSONNEL:

Chest Physician. Asst. Chest Physician.	Dr. F. W. Godbey. Dr. N. C. Norman.	Private Tel. No.: Caerphilly 3167.
Clinic Sisters.	Dr. J. W. Jordan. 3 (1 half-time).	

CHIEF CLINIC:

"Heathfield," St. Martin's Road, Caerphilly. Tel. No.: Caerph illy 2333 & 2334.

TIME TABLE:

Clinics.	Days and	Times.	Sessions.
Caerphilly.	Monday,	9.30 a.m.	Children.
"Heathfield,"	,,	2. 0 p.m.	New patients.
St. Martin's Road.	Tuesday,	9.30 a.m.	New patients.
4th Tuesday, alter	rnate months	2.30 p.m.	Surgical Tuberculosis
			Clinic.
	Wednesday,	9.30 a.m.	A.P. Clinic.
			Old patients.
	Thursday,	9.30 a.m.	New patients.
			Old patients.
The state of the s	Friday,	9.30 a.m.	Old patients.
	,,	2. 0 p.m.	Contact and B.C.G.
1st Friday, alt	ernate months	2.30 p.m.	Pulmonary Surgery Clinic.
	- Saturday,	9.30 a.m.	Special Appointments.

Pontllanfraith. Llanarth Road. Tel. No. Blackwood 3281. 4th Tuesday, alter		10. 0 a.m. 2.30 p.m. 10. 0 a.m. 2.30 p.m. 2.30 p.m.	New and old patients. A.P. Clinic. Tomography Clinic. Tomography Clinic. Surgical Tuberculosis Clinic.
	Wednesday,	10. 0 a.m.	New and old patients (For Abertillery patients).
	,,	2.30 р.т.	Old patients—bed cases.
	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	2.30 p.m.	Contact and B.C.G.
	Thursday,	10. 0 a.m.	Special X-ray appointments.
	"	2.30 p.m.	Special X-ray appointments.
	Friday,	10. 0 a.m. 2.30 p.m.	New and old patients. Surgical cases.
1st Friday, alter	nate months	2.30 p.m.	Pulmonary Surgery Clinic.
	Saturday,	10.0 a.m.	Special appointments.
Ebbw Vale . Workmen's Hall.	Thursday,	11. 0 a.m.	New and old patients.
Nantyglo. Blaina & District Hospital.	Tuesday, (Also for	11. 0 a.m. Brynmawr	New and old patients. patients)
Rhymney. Redwood Memorial Hospital.	Monday, (2nd & 4th	2.30 p.m. Mondays in	New and old patients.
Tredegar. Tredegar General Hospital,	Thursday,	2. 0 p.m.	New and old patients.
O.P. Department, Market Street.			

Isolation Hospitals.

These are under the control of the Regional Hospital Board and are the responsibility of the Hospital Management Committees.

Infectious Diseases.

The seven principal diseases included under the heading of Zymotic Diseases are Smallpox, Measles, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Enteric Group of Fevers, and Infantile Diarrhoea.

These diseases caused 12 deaths during the year 1951 and gave a Zymotic Death Rate of 0.04, compared with 0.063 for 1950:—

The following table shows details for the year 1951:-

Disease.	No. of Deaths.	Death Rate per 1,000 of Population.	No. of notifications.	Attack Rate per 1,000 of population.
Small Pox Measles Scarlet Fever Diphtheria Whooping Cough Enteric Group of Fevers Diarrhoea (under 1 year)	Nil 7 Nil Nil 5 Nil Nil Nil	·022 — ·016 —	5,542 344 10 1,087 1 Not notifiable	17·44 1·08 0·031 3·42 0·003
Totals	12	0.04	6,984	21.97

Vaccination.

Vaccination of infants against Smallpox is not compulsory, but the administration of the arrangements for its performance is carried out by this Department.

Vaccinations were carried out by the Area Medical Officers and other Assistant Medical Officers of the County Council, with the assistance of General Practitioners taking part in the scheme.

Particulars for 1951 are shown: -

	Under				
	l yr.	1-4	5-14	15 and	
	of age	yrs.	yrs.	over	Total
No. of Vaccinations	733	444	68	391	1,636
No. of Re-vaccinations	Nil	7	30	686	723

No cases of generalised vaccinia or post-vaccination Encephalomyelitis occurred during the year, and there were no deaths from complications of vaccination.

Smallpox.

No case of Smallpox was reported in the County during 1951.

Scarlet Fever.

The number of notifications of Scarlet Fever was 344. It was 680 in 1950.

There were no deaths from this disease in 1951 or 1950.

Diphtheria.

During the year under review, there were 10 notifications of cases of Diphtheria—one more than last year. No death was recorded.

	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945
No. of Notifications	 10	9	13	23	44	120	118
No. of Deaths	 -		-	3	2	5	2

The importance of immunisation of children against Diphtheria cannot be over-emphasised, and every effort is made to impress this upon parents. The Health Visitors work untiringly to make the immunisation scheme a success, and no doubt a large proportion of the children who are so protected in due to their efforts.

District Medical Officers of Health and Assistant Medical Officers carry out the necessary injections at Infant Welfare Clinics. Medical Practitioners also take part in the arrangements made by this Authority. Immunisation is also carried out at schools. Health Visitors receive the applications and send out the notifications of appointment to the consenting parents.

As a result of propaganda at the Infant Welfare Centres, many mothers show great interest in the arrangements and ask for "boosting" doses later.

During 1951, 4,089 children under the age of 5 years were immunised, and 688 children between the ages of 5 and 14 years. Secondary or "booster" doses were given to 2,341 children. These numbers showed considerable reductions compared with last year. This was due to the suspension of immunisation injections during the summer months owing to the fear of complications by acute poliomyelitis.

Puerperal and Post-Abortion Sepsis.

This is referred to later on page 50 under the heading of Maternal Mortality.

Infantile Diarrhoea.

This was not a notifiable disease. No death was recorded from it in children under 1 year of age.

Encephalitis Lethargica.

There were no notifications of this disease during the year. There were cases in 1950 or 1949.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum,

This has been referred to earlier on page 6 under the heading of Maternity and Child Welfare.

Cerebro-Spinal Fever, Acute Poliomyelitis and Acute Polioencephalitis.

	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
No. of cases notified, Meningococcal						
Infection	14	5	5	9	12	9
No. of Deaths	2	2	3	5	5	6
No. of cases notified, Acute Poliomye-						
litis and Polioencephalitis	7	24	32	1	27	12
No. of Deaths	Nil	2	6	1	1	1

Chicken Pox.

This disease was not compulsorily notifiable.

Measles.						
	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
No. of Cases notified	5542	936	1730	2063	3032	382
No. of Deaths	7	4	2	3	5	-
Whooping Cough.						
	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
No. of Cases Notified	1087	574	542	781	246	367
No. of Deaths	5	6	3	7	4	6
Influenza.						
assent Discount of the Charges of Charges	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
No. of Deaths	144	28	38	19	37	41

Pneumonia.

The notification of this disease has not been satisfactory in previous years, and such is still the case. The number of notifications does not seem to bear relation with the actual number of cases occurring. Medical practitioners are reminded of their duty to notify.

	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946
No of Cases Notified	. 401	220	212	193	201	236
No. of Deaths	. 138	128	147	141	168	170

Venereal Diseases.

The Treatment Centre for the whole of the Administrative County is setuated at the Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, where the days and hours of sessions were as follows:—

MALES.

RE

Thursday

Tuesday Wednesday	 	 2.	0	a.m. p.m.	and	5. 0	p.m.
Friday MALES.	 	 6.	0	p.m.			
Monday Tuesday	 			p.m. p.m.	and	5.30	p.m.

2. 0 p.m.

Responsibility for the treatment at this Centre is that of the Welsh Regional Hospital Board.

A Lady Enquiry Officer employed by this Council attends each Female Session, and also carries out confidential enquiries and follow-up in the County Area. The following shows the number of visits paid by her in the Administrative County:—

	1991
To new cases which came to her knowledge and which	
had not undergone treatment	170
To old cases in which visits to the Treatment Centre had been discontinued before completion of treat-	
ment; also to old cases still under treatment	1,178
To Members of Voluntary Agencies	4
To Doctors and Midwives	134

Notification was received from the Medical Officers in charge of Clinics that the following numbers of Monmouthshire patients had been treated at their Clinics during 1951:—

			Other
	Syphilis	Gonorrhoea	Conditions
Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport	31	53	144
County Hospital, Hereford	1	10 to 100 to 100 to	2

General Cleanliness.

The Health Visitors on the Staff perform splendid service in the way in which they help to provide a good standard of general cleanliness and in habits in the home. Their help in combating infestation of children with

head-lice is invaluable. They have been assisted in this work by the availability of the new preparations containing D.D.T., etc., which have proved very effective, the degree of freedom being noticeably raised.

Homes are visited periodically until children attain the age of 5 years and subsequently as found necessary at School Inspections, and Health Visitors are thus able to carry on the individual work of advising and assisting parents in respect of children of all ages.

The Nursery Schools in the County also play an important part in the educative work of teaching clean habits to the toddlers.

Number of Visits paid by Health Visitors during 1951:-

	F	irst Visits	Total Visits
To Expectant Mothers		166	277
To Children under 1 year of age		5,451	20,127
To Children between 1 and 5 years of age		149	32,155
In other cases		4,976	5,028

During the summer, three Health Visitors attended a Refresher Course.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supply.

At about this period in the last century the value of preventive medicine, particularly in the realms of sanitation of the environment, was beginning to be realised and efforts to put its principles into operation were gaining some support, howbeit, often in the face of fierce opposition. From these beginnings we are now enjoying the benefits attendant upon, inter alia, improved lousing, sewerage, street cleansing, the care of food, and-what is in all probability the greatest boon of all-a reliably pure and constant water supply. As we enter the second half of the twentieth century, if we can take our minds away from the causes and results of violence, and the possibilities of violence-past, present and possible wars, and air, street and home accidents-we become very conscious of the tremendous advances made in therapeutic medicine—the treatment of disease. These new wonders in our midst, however, must not blind us to the great works wrought by the sanitarians of the last century and the need for constant vigilance in continuing to apply the principles established then. A prominent example of this fact is in the case of our water supplies. Because modern medical science gives us a somewhat better chance of cure of some of the water-borne diseases is no reason why there should be the slightest relaxation in our efforts to secure pure supplies. Those servants of the public who, in any form, are helping to provide us with pure water are doing just as important a job as they were 40 or 50 years ago and they must be encouraged to appreciate the extent of their responsibilities. Upon this unseen force the public ever unconsciously relies.

On the gathering grounds in and around Monmouthshire enough rain falls to suply us with all the water we need. The economics of collection, storage, treatment and distribution provide the problems. Supplies are are drawn generally from upland sources, which often enables benefit to be reaped by way of gravitation in distribution. As more houses are built with fixed baths and water closets, storage facilities tend to become taxed in some areas, especially during dry weather spells.

The table in the Appendix of Statistical Data detailing the number of samples of water taken for bacteriological and chemical examination during 1951, and their results, shows that a high proportion of samples of treated water collected by District Sanitary Inspectors passed the very stringent test which is properly applied to such waters. Where samples prove unsatisfactory the supply is investigated until the source of contamination is ascertained and eliminated. A few more samples of treated water were taken during 1951 than during 1950, and the proportion of unsatisfactory samples was much smaller.

A comprehensive report on the present and future needs of the Development Areas of South Wales is still engaging the attention of local authorities. As reported last year, it would appear to be more practical if the whole of Monmouthshire were brought within the scope of this report from the outset; and if the Honddu Scheme which is envisaged therein is proceeded with, the powers granted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government by the Water Act, 1945, should be invoked to enable some of the areas in the region of Abergavenny and Monmouth to benefit from the scheme.

In the Urban Areas of the County, practically all houses are connected to piped mains water supplies. In the Rural Areas of the County, however, about 40% of the houses, i.e., some 5,000 still rely upon wells and springs, which are almost always of low bacteriological standard and usually of inconstant supply. Generally, however, the Rural District Councils are responding well to the inducements offered them by the Rural Water Supplies and Sewerage Acts, 1944 and 1951, to extend safe piped supplies wherever possible.

The following is a brief summary of the position of the main water supply schemes launched in each of the Rural Areas:—

In the Abergavenny Rural District work is nearing completion on the comprehensive Llanover Water Scheme. Several small and subsidiary schemes are in different stages of preparation.

In the Chepstow Rural District approval has been given for the schemes to provide the Tintern area; and comprehensive schemes to supply Shirenewton and Mynyddbach areas are being prepared.

The schemes envisaged in the Magor and St. Mellons Rural District are almost completed, only one further small scheme being under consideration.

In the Monmouth Rural District objections were received to a Draft Order prepared in connection with the proposed supply from the Ffynon Gaer Springs to the Trelleck Area. When once it is undertaken this will be the first treated water supply provided for any part of this widespread rural district. A scheme is being prepared for the Newcastle and Llangattock-vibon-avel Areas.

Work on two schemes planned for the Pontypool Rural District have still not been started. Several post-war water schemes have been completed.

The following observations are made on existing supplies in the County and, apart from the rural districts, particular attention is required in the Bedwellty (occasionally), Blaenavon, Cwmbran and Nantyglo and Blaina Urban Districts:—

ABERCARN URBAN.—The quality of mains supplies is good, and quantity is sufficient except during periods of severe drought.

Bedwellty Urban.—High level mains supplies occasionally give some trouble.

BLAENAVON URBAN.—The district's water, with the exception of that supplied by the Abertillery Water Board, is untreated. The provision of a safe supply for this area is again urged. It was, moreover, necessary to curtail supplies to nearly all parts of the district for a period during July and August.

CHEPSTOW URBAN.—In one or two instances only, on high ground, complaint has been made of inadequacy.

CWMBRAN URBAN.—The supply to this area is being increased.

NANTYGLO AND BLAINA URBAN.—Water is turned off from certain parts of the district daily in order to obtain sufficient pressure to supply other parts for a period. A new main is however being laid to supplement present supplies. The use of lead service pipes is prohibited as a precaution against possible plumbo solvency.

RISCA URBAN.—Parts of the district situated on higher ground are without an adequate supply of water during periods of dry weather.

CHEPSTOW RURAL.—Storage tanks at Mynyddbach and Shirenewton have been cleansed and repaired.

MONMOUTH RURAL.—All of the small piped supplies are untreated, and are not of such high degree of organic purity as to constitute a first-class drinking supply. Almost all supplies are insufficient during drought periods.

New connections to mains supplies have been made in the Caerleon and Usk Urban Districts and those rural districts where new mains supplies have been provided. Improvements to raw supplies have been effected in the Abercarn and Abergavenny Urban Districts and the Abergavenny and Magor and St. Mellons Rural Districts. Complaints were received that water supplied by one company, which supplies several areas, was sometimes over chlorinated in one area, but sometimes under-chlorinated in another.

Sewerage.

Whereas the Rhymney and Western Valleys of the County are served by reain trunk sewers, which discharge at suitable periods of the tide into the Bristol Channel, the Eastern Valley is somewhat financially handicapped by having to provide an extensive treatment plant at Ponthir before discharging its effluent into the River Afon Llwyd. However, the work of providing the main trunk sewer and the treatment plant—a very big undering—is proceeding steadily. As anticipated there is some evidence that the need of providing sewerage and sewage purification facilities in the rural areas, particularly where new water supplies have been provided, is beginning to be realised and further applications for grant under the Rural Water and Sewerage Acts, 1944 and 1951, can be anticipated.

In the Abergavenny Rural District, the village of Llanfoist is being sewered in two stages; one part has been completed, and the other should shortly be commenced. Plans for the re-organisation and extension of sewerage and sewage treatment arrangements for Govilon necessitated very careful consideration, and the work has not yet started. A small scheme is being prepared for Llanfair Kilgeddin.

A scheme to sewer Devauden in the CHEPSTOW RURAL DISTRICT required special consideration, but was finally agreed. It is very difficult to judge the proper point of convergence of the forces of need and economy in rural 21eas.

The preparation of a scheme to serve Raglan in the Monmouth Rural. District has reached an advanced stage.

Schools.

The contrast between the light, airy modern schools and some of the existing schools continues to increase. It often seems more difficult to get accessary repairs and practical improvements done in existing schools than to provide new buildings. A gigantic scheme to re-model some of the existing schools is surely a worth-while project. Improvements are very greatly needed in almost all schools in the rural areas, and these should be possible in particular in the case of the schools at Caldicot, Henllys, Michaelstone-y-vedw, and Llantilio Pertholey.

Housing.

As in the case generally of schools, so the disparity between modern new houses and existing houses continues to increase. When, immediately after the cessation of hostilities this report contained a statement to the effect that a great number of new houses would be needed, it could hardly be visualised that the complications of the laws governing housing and controlling materials, together with trade preference, etc., would mean that the new houses would be provided entirely at the expense of repairs and improvements to existing houses. Is it beyond the ingenuity of the age to produce workable balanced schemes whereby the erection of new houses can be continued, all houses kept in repair, the bulk of existing houses provided with the amenities of the new, and the worst houses demolished?

The Housing Act of 1949 has failed in its aim of increasing amenities in existing houses, and there is an urgent need for comprehensive means to enable all these measures to proceed concurrently.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938.

During the year 1,176 samples of all kinds were submitted to the Public Analyst, these samples being procured from all parts of the County, excluding only the urban area of Pontypool, which is a separate Food and Drugs Authority.

These consisted of 781 milks taken whilst in the course of sale to the public; 13 "Appeal to the Cow" samples; 244 other foodstuffs; 51 ice creams; 23 pharmaceutical products, and 64 beers. The "other foods" consisted of the main rationed goods, and the many supplementary foods to be found in tins, jars and packets.

The analyst certified 1,124 of the samples to be genuine and in accordance with the standards as required by the Acts and Orders. Of the remaining samples, 41 milks (including "appeal to the cow" samples), 10 ice-creams and 1 other food were certified to be "not up to the standard."

Legal proceedings were instituted against 1 producer, 2 produceretailers and 5 retailers, whilst communications were addressed to a number of producers and retailers where legal actions could not be sustained.

Fines and costs amounting to £74/3/0d. were inflicted by the Magistrates.

The average composition of the milks was:-

Fat, 3.44%; Solids not Fat, 8.72%. Total 12.18%.

The percentage of samples "not up to the standard" amounted to 4.62.

Milk.

About 40,000 gallons of milk are consumed daily in the administrative County of Monmouth. The majority of this milk is pasteurised at nine establishments in the area for which the County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority. As pasteurisation is a precision process, and as milk is a

commodity which experience has shown requires constant care throughout each stage of its journey to the consumer, the supervision of such supplies has become a technical work of some magnitude and based upon skill derived from a particular hygienic training and experience gained from long association with the milk trade. The nine establishments licensed by the County Council for the pasteurisation of milk are at Tredegar, Cross Keys, Nantyglo, Abertillery, Abergavenny, Cwmbran, Trethomas, Marshfield and Chepstow. Every effort is made to ensure that the public receive the best possible product from these plants.

The specification of areas, whereby all milk retailed in those areas is Sterilised, Pasteurised, Tuberculin Tested, or (until 30th September, 1954) Accredited, is proving a much longer process than was originally intended when the Milk (Special Designations), Act, 1949, was made law, but this, however, is only in conformity with the opinion of many people intimately connected with the trade. It appears to be intended that an area designated the Ebbw area, which is to include the urban areas in the Rhymney, Sirhowy and Ebbw Valleys and Blaenavon and Pontypool urban areas in the Eastern Valley, shall be the first "Specified area" in the County. There appears no reason why even this wide area should not be further extended to include other adjacent urban areas in which pasteurisation facilities exist.

Agriculture Act, 1937.

Attestation certificates were in operation in respect of 408 herds in the County on the 31st December, 1951. The number at the end of 1950 was 261.

Laboratory Facilities.

The Laboratory, which is housed at the County Hall, is under the direction of the Medical Research Council and also has a M.R.C. Bacteriologist. The Laboratory carried out any examinations required in the interests of Public Health and continued to work in these matters in co-operation with the County Authorities.

On page 59 is a table, kindly supplied by the Bacteriologist, showing the work carried out in the Laboratory during the year.

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STATISTICAL DATA

STATISTICAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY.

There were no alterations to the boundaries of the Administrative County during the year.

Area						340,110 acres
Population in	1931	Census				345,755
Population in	1948					316,200
Population in	1949					318,510
Population in	1950					319,640
Population in						317,900
Rateable Valu						£1,268,425
Sum represent			ny ra	te, 195	1	£4,645

Social Conditions.

The County of Monmouth is partly industrial and partly agricultural. The Rhymney, Sirhowy, Western and Eastern Valleys are thickly populated coal-mining districts, in which are also iron, steel and tinplate works. In addition there are coal by-products plants in some of the districts. There are also important aluminium works, nylon-yarn works and numerous smaller factories. A large electrical power station is also under construction.

The Vital Statistics for England and Wales for the year 1951 compiled by the Registrar-General are as in the sub-joined table.

The Monmouthshire figures are given for comparison.

		Birth R 1,00 home po	0 of			ate per Home on living	Deaths under onc year ef age per 1,000 births.		
	Live Births	Live Births	Still Births	Still Births					
ENGLAND & WALES	1951 15.5	1950 15.8	1951 0.36	1950 0.37	1951 12.5	1950	1951 29.6 (a)	1950 29.8 (a)	
126 County Boroughs and Great Towns, including London	17.3	17.6	0.45	0.45	13.4	12.3	33.9	33.8	
148 Smaller Towns (estimated resident poulation 25,000 to 50,000 at 1931 Census)	16.7	16.7	0.38	0.38	12.5	11.6	27.6	29.4	
London Administrative County	17.8	17.8	0.37	0.36	13.1	11.8	26.4	26.3	
MONMOUTHSHIRE	16.5	17.4	0.49	0.58	13.38	12.4	42.9	39.8	

(a) Per 1,000 related live births.

In all cases in the above table, the estimated populations as supplied by the Registrar-General have been used in the compilation.

Births.

During 1951 there were, according to the Registrar-General's returns, 5,250 live births in the Administrative County and 158 still-births. Further details are as follows:—

Anna long time to	Leg	itimate	all and a g	(llegitimate	Totals.	Compara- bility
Total Militar India	М.	F.	F. M. F.			Factor.
URBAN DISTRICTS: Live Births	2,248	2,128	81	79	4,536	1.06
Still Births	68	72	4	m/2-13	144	1.00
RURAL DISTRICTS: Live Births	347	344	9	14	714	1.11
Still Births	8	6	_	_	14	
Totals	2,671	2,550	94	93	5,408	1.06

The number of registered live births showed a decrease of 323 compared with the year 1950.

The live birth rate per 1,000 population for the year under review and for the preceding five years is as follows, comparative figures being given for England and Wales:—

	1951.	1950.	1949.	1948.	1947.	1946.
Monmouthshire	16.5	17.4	18.3	19.2	21.3	19.9
England & Wales	15.5	15.8	16.7	17.9	20.5	19.1

The number of registered still-births was 158, giving a rate of 0.49 per 1,000 population. It continues to be higher than the rate for England and Wales, which for 1951 was 0.36 per 1,000 of the civilian poulation. The registered still-births number works out at 30.09 per 1,000 live births—a decrease upon the 1950 figure, which was 34.1.

Deaths.

The total numbers of deaths registered in the Administrative County in 1951, as shown by the Registrar-General's table was 4,256, compared with 3,948 for 1950, 3,869 for 1949, 3,528 for 1948, 3,840 for 1947, 3647 for 1946, and 3,737 for 1945.

The general death rate, calculated upon the estimate of population submitted by the Registrar-General (317,900), is 13.38 per 1,000 living. In 1950 the rate was 12.4; in 1949 it was 12.15; in 1948 it was 11.1; in 1947 it was 12.4; in 1946 it was 11.7, and in 1945 it was 12.2.

The County death rate of 13.38 per 1,000 population shows an increase of 0.98 on 1950, and is still higher than that for the whole of England and Wales (12.5).

The District Medical Officers' figures of the ages at death of children under one year of age show that during the year 112 infants died within one week of birth, and 35 children died between the end of the first week of life and the end of the fourth week. A further 82 infants died between the ages of one month and one year. With the figure of 158 still-births, there was a total of 387 lives lost to the community.

However, the foregoing paragraph's figures did not agree with those furnished by the Registrar-General, which show the number of infant deaths under one year to be 225, of which 192 were in the Urban Areas and 33 in the Rural Areas.

The Infant Mortality rates per 1,000 births for Monmouthshire and also for England and Wales for the present and past five years are as follows:—

	1951.	1950.	1949.	1948.	1947.	1946.
Monmouthshire	42.9	39.8	42.8	43.7	44.9	47.6
England & Wales	29.6	29.8	32	34	41	43

Maternal Mortality.

There were 8 deaths registered during the year from accidents and diseases of pregnancy and parturition, but none from puerperal sepsis. This is equal to a rate of 1.52 per 1,000 live births. Calculated upon total births (live and still-births) the figure is 1.48 per 1,000.

The rate for England and Wales was 0.79 per 1,000 total births.

The County maternal mortality rates per 1,000 live and still-births for the present and previous years are shown:—

 			1.48
 			1.73
 			2.83
 30.18			1.92
	W. I.	W	1.17
			2.0
100-03			

During the year 1951 there were 14 cases of puerperal pyrexia which were notifiable according to the Public Health (Puerperal Fever and Puerperal Pyrexia) Regulations, 13 of which were in domiciliary confinements and 1 institutional. In 1950 there were 13 notifications, in 1949 there were 28, and in 1948, 24.

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Abergavenny R.D.,
Usk U.D., Pontypool
R.D. 7-Blaenavon U.D., Ponty-pool U.D. 8-Cwmbran U.D., Caerleon 3—Abercarn U.D., Mynyddislwyn U.D.... 4-Ebbw Vale U.D. ... 2-Bedwellty U.D. Total

52 DENTAL SERVICE.

The second	Examined by A.M.O.'s Dentists, etc.	Needing Treatment.	Treated.	Made Dentally Fit.
Expectant and Nursing Mothers	3,688	377	254	251
Children under 5	619	619	438	438

B. S. S. S.	1	Ana	ies.	100	l ment	t	4		Dentures	Provided
	Extractions	Local	General	Fillings	Scalings or Scaling and Gum Treatment	Silver Nitrate Treatment	Dressings	Radiographs	Complete	Partial
Expectant and Nursing Mothers	517	_	233	17	5	-	1	25	24	8
Children under 5	947	_	438	-			-	-	-13	

HOME HELP SERVICE.

	-							28			
Area		Home	Helps Su	pplied.		Hel	Helps Employed.				
Health Sub- Committee	Maternity Cases	Tubercu- losis Cases	Cancer Cases	Aged People and Others	Total	Whole-time	Part-time	Total	Total Hours Worked.		
No. 1	30	6	6	182	224	1	66	67	72,590		
No. 2	22	13	-	88	123	3	28	31	40,501		
No. 3	11	7	3	106	127	7	33	40	41,901		
No. 4	8	4	-	119	131	3 .	30	33	47,719		
No. 5	8	-	-	204	212	4	39	43	63,471		
No. 6	28	9	13	144	194	8	44	52	79,052		
No. 7 .x	26	7	5	227	265	3	73	76	91,676		
No. 8	20	-	3	63	86	-	47	47	24,576		
No. 9	25	4	3	83	115	10-919	35	35	21,462		
No. 10	8	1	3	76	. 88	The same	46	46	31,239		
Total	186	51	36	1,292	1,565	29	441	470	514,187		

Abortus Fever		:	:	: :	:	: :	:	: :	:	:	: :	:	: :	:	1:		1	::	::	1	1
Gastro Enteritis		:	:	: :	1.	:	:	: :	***	: :	:	:	: :	2	5		:	: :	:00	60	00
Acute Encephaliti			:	: :	: :	:	-	: :		:::		:	: :	::	1	noller	1	::	::	1	1
Food Poisoning		:	:	-	:	:		:-	:		-	:0		:	5		:	33 :	: :	63	1
Erysipelas.		-	:	: :	30	-		:6	-11	1 4	100			:	33		1	:03		5	38
Whooping Cough		106	96	13	69	10	96	545	31	61	55	100	8	11	935			46		152	1087
Measles and German Measles		526	130	270	390	105	32	891	4 0	74	1351	94	51	34	5446		50	103	120	391	5837
Puerperal Pyrexia		:	:	: :	63	6	:	:-	:	: :	1	:-	16	:	30		:	: :	:-	1-	31
Ophthalmia, Meonatorum,		67	:	: :	1	:	:	:01	:.	1	:	-	: :	:	7		:	::	::	:	7
Dysentery		99	:	: :	7 ::	61	:	: :	40	. :		17	2	:	94		11	: :		13	107
Encephalitia Lethargica.		:	:	: :	: :	:	:	: :	:	: :	:		: :	:	:			::	11	1	:
Acute Polio- aijiləym			1	: : '	٠ :	:	:::	1		: :	1	:	1	::	5		1	: :	- :	67	7
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Enteric Fever.		1:	:		: :	:				1 :::		:			1	100			::	-	1
Scarlet Fever.		15	34	17	5 42	9 -	- 62	38	: 4	17	99	35	-	1	308		14	13.4	00 00	36	344
Diphtheria.	11.8	:	: 60	i	: :	:	: :	:	-	+ :	1	: :		:	6		1	::	::	-	10
Estimated Population		18,610	8,904	8 662	9.719	4 839	13 140	28.760	5,688	11.340	42,460	15,050	20.310	1.592	273 800		8,690	13,550	5,848	44,100	317,900
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DISTRICTS	URBAN.	Abercarn	Abergavenny	d Mac	Blaenavon		Cwmbran		Monmouth	Nantyglo and Blaina	Pontypool	Risca		Usk	Totals, Urban	RURAL.	Abergavenny	Magor & St. Mellons	Pontypool	Totals, Rural	Grand Totals

The number of cases of infectious diseases removed to Hospitals during the year was as follows:—

	CASES REMOVED TO HOSPITAL															
DISTRICT	TO THE OWNER OF THE OWNER OWN	Smallpox	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Enteric Fever	Pneumonia	Puerperal Fever or Pyrexia	Meningococcal Infections	Acute	Rocephalitis Lethargica	Dysentery	Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Measles a d German Measles	Whooping Cough	Food Poisoning	Other Diseases
Urban-																
Abercarn						6								1		
Abergavenny				10					1					1		
Abertillery			1	10												
Bedwas and Mad	hen					2		1								
Bedwellty																
Blaenavon																
Caerleon				4		1					-					
Chepstow				1												
Cwmbran						3			1				1			
Ebbw Vale							1		1				2	2	1	
Monmouth											1					
Mynyddislwyn			1	9			100				2					
Nantyglo and Bla	aina															
Pontypool																
Rhymney							1									
Risca				. 8		5								1		
Tredegar				. 3		. 9	16		1				2	6		
Usk								1								
		1988			1000	1000		1000			1	100		1		
Rural-														1		
		18.3	100				133	1		100		100		1	195	
Abergavenny			1	1 7						1						
Cherstow			1					1							1	
Magor & St. Mell				. 6												
Monmouth			1	1												
Pontypool							1									
Tontypoor	-		1		12	-			12.00	-	-	-	-		-	-
Totals			1	60		26	17	1	3		3		5	11	2	

The above has been compiled from the returns submitted by the District Medical Officers of Health.

			99		
	No. of Local Authority Houses for which	but not com- menced on 31-12.51.	1%5% 0 ∞ %	276	555
	Houses in course of erection on 31-12-51.	By Private Enterprise	40440 00 00 00 40 10 00 00	10000	100
	No. Houses in of erection 31-12-51.	By Local Authority.	848 88 88 88 88 84 56 4 45 7 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 2 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1 1	36 26 68 18 5	1,257
	leted .	Total.	88 80 33 117 129 129 129 152 152	38 28 57 42	1,205
į.	Houses completed during 1951.	By Private Enterprise.	8840 1446 95 1500	7 6 7 11	114
HOUSING.	No. of	By Local Authority.	60 103 123 103 103 123 103 103 103 103 103 103 103 103 103 10	31 22 31 31	1001
	of Houses owned Local Authority on 31.12.51.	Permanent.	765 424 424 611 1,112 230 230 244 502 971 836 403 836 403	221 239 548 99 133	12,816
	No of Houses by Local Auth on 31.12-2	Temp. Prefab.	00000000000000000000000000000000000000	1 20 1	1,376
	District.	The state of the s	Urban. Abercarn Abergavenny Abertillery Bedwas & Machen Bedwellty Blaenavon Caerleon Cwmbran Ebbw Vale Monmouth Mynyddislwyn Nantyglo & Blaina Pontypool Rhymney Risca Tredegar Usk	Abergavenny Chepstow Magor & St. Mellons Monmouth	Totals

Table showing Analysis of Notifications of Cases of Infectious Diseases according to Age Groups, 1951.

			197			CA	SES	NO'	TIFI	ED.	7-1	188		
	-		1	100	-		GE		OUP					770
Disease		Under 1 year	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 and over	Total all ages
Diphtheria				117		2	2		3	2	1		***	10
Scarlet Fever		2	7	24	27	47	168	50	10	8	1			344
Enteric Fever							1				-			1
Pneumonia		11	16	10	7	10	15	13	8	32	44	126	109	401
Meningococcal Infection	ons	1	2		1	4	3		3					14
Acute Poliomyelitis		1			*	***		1	1	3	1			7
Encephalitis Lethargica	a													
Dysentery		2	5	7	4	4	11	7	10	14	12	17	14	107
Ophthalmia Neonatoru	m	6		1										7
Puerperal Pyrexia Measles and German									1	26	4	1		31
Measles	***	192	587	737	909	968	1949	-	37	29	9	2	1	5542
Whooping Cough		114	144	176	205	177	250	10	4	7	***	144	200	1087
Erysipelas			1				1			3	3	20	9	37
Food Poisoning			1	,			2			2		2		7
Abortus Fever												1		1
Gastro-Enteritis								200		T	2	5		8
Acute Encephalitis					***	***					***	1	1 .	1
Other Diseases	-						12				***		1	1
		-		-		-	-	-			-		-	1

Table compiled from District M.O.H.'s returns.

Table showing details of Water Analyses.

TABLE I.	exa	eriolo minat aw w	ions	exa	eriolo minat ated v	ions	A	hemic nalys	
District.	No. of samples taken	No. of samples satisfactory	No. of samples unsatisfactory	No. of samples taken	No. of samples satisfactory	No. of samples unsatisfactory	No. of samples taken	No. of samples satisfactory	No. ot samples unsatisfactory
Urban.	0 31		100	1000		TAG.			
Abercarn Abergavenny Abertillery Bedwas & Machen Bedwellty Blaenavon Caerleon Chepstow Cwmbran Ebbw Vale Monmouth Mynyddislwyn Nantyglo & Blaina Pontypool Rhymney Risca Tredegar Usk	8 3 1 6 -1 18 2 -1 9 7 	4 3 1 6 11 - 1 - 2 - 2	4 	$\begin{array}{c c} 4 \\ 1 \\ - \\ 28 \\ 2 \\ - \\ 15 \\ 28 \\ 10 \\ 21 \\ 111 \\ 15 \\ - \\ 35 \\ 7 \\ \end{array}$	$\begin{bmatrix} 4 \\ 1 \\ - \\ 20 \\ 2 \\ - \\ 1 \\ 5 \\ 14 \\ 25 \\ 10 \\ 11 \\ 101 \\ 14 \\ - \\ 33 \\ 7 \end{bmatrix}$	- - - - - - - - - 10 10 10 1 - -	- - - - 3 1 6 - - 1 - -		
Rural. Abergavenny Chepstow Magor & St. Mellons Monmouth Pontypool	15 61 26 9	2 32 8 5	13 29 18 4	5 43 20 — 12	5 41 20 — 12	- - - -	- - 3 -	- 3	1111
Totals	196	77	119	363	326	37	14	14	100

PREMATURITY, STILLBIRTHS AND ABORTIONS, 1951

Premature Infants (i.e., $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less at birth, irrespective of period of gestation).

Number of premature live infants born at home whose period of gestation was:

- (a) 28 weeks and over ... 121
- (b) Less than 28 weeks ... 6

Number of premature live infants born in private nursing homes whose period of gestation was:

- (a) 28 weeks and over ... -
- (b) Less than 28 weeks ... -

Stillbirths and Abortions.

Number of:

- (a) Stillbirths at home: Over 5½ lbs ... 32 5½ lbs. or less ... 19
- (b) Abortions at home of 18-20 weeks gestation ... 81

Number of:

(a) Stillbirths in private nursing homes:

Over $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. ... — $5\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or less ... —

(b) Abortions in private nursing homes:

18-20 weeks gestation —

The state of the s		13/16	1100		13	100	1	1	2347	402			
	abor- weeks where 5½ lbs.	Pı	rematur	at he		orn ali	ve	Pr		e infar ațe nu		n alive	in
Weights in lbs. oz. or grammes.		red				at ho	me	ed		nurs	ing no	in pri	vate
	Stillbirths and tions (of 18-28 gestation only) the foetus was or less	Transferred to Hospital	Died in first 24 hours	Died on 2nd to 7th day	Died on 8th to 28th day	Survived 28 days	Total	Transferred to Hospital	Died in first 24 hours	Died on 2nd to 7th day	Died on 8th to 28th day	Survived 28 days	Total
2 llbs. 3 oz. or less (1,000 gms. or less)	80	5	2	-	-		2	-	to and		_	-	-
Over 2 lbs. 3 oz. up to and including 3 lbs. 4 oz. (Over 1,000 gms. up to and including 1,500 gms.)	4	6	4	1	-	2	6	-			_	_	
Over 3 lbs. 4 oz. up to and including 4 lbs. 6 oz. (Over 1,500 gms. up to and including 2,000 gms.)	2	9	1	2	_	5	8			1014	_	_	
Over 4 lbs. 6 oz. up to and including 4 lbs. 15 oz. Over 2,000 gms. up to and in- cluding 2,250 gms.)	3	2	1	1		8	10	_	_	_	_		
Over 4 lbs. 15 oz. up to and including 5 lbs. 8 oz. (Over 2,250 gms. up to and including 2,500 gms.)	11	2	2	3	_	72	77	_	_	_	-	-	
Totals	100	24	10	6	-	87	103	-	-	-	_	-	-

TOTAL EXAMINATIONS CARRIED OUT IN THE PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY SERVICE, COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT.

Year Ended 31st December, 1951.

VENEREAL DISEASES	 7,712
FAECES: For Pathogenic Bacteria	 1,673
URINES: General and Bacteriological Tests	 773
SPUTUM: For Tuberculosis and other Organisms	 3,622
SWABS: For Diphtheria and other Organisms	 3,303
BLOOD COUNTS: For Diagnosis	 1,317
WATERS: Bacteriological Tests	 956
MILKS: Designated and Non-designated Examinations	 1,988
ICE-CREAMS: Bacteriological Tests	 877
MISCELLANEOUS: Bacteriological and Bio-Chemical Tests	 1,996
	-
Total	 24,217

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THREE AGE GROUPS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.

In Urban and Rural Districts.

	Urba	n Dis	tricts	Rura	al Dis	tricts	- of 10	
Cause of Death.	Age 0-1 week	Age 1-4 weeks	Age 4 weeks to 1 year	Age 0-1 week	Age 1-4 weeks	4 weeks to	Total	Death Rate
Diphtheria Whooping Cough Influenza Meningococcal Infections Cancer Syphilis Tuberculosis Bronchitis Pneumonia (all forms) Other Respiratory Diseases Diarrhoea Congenital Debility Premature Births Digestive Diseases Violence Food Poisoning Other Causes			3 -3 	- - - - 2	2	- - 1 3 - - 1 1	$ \begin{array}{c c} 3 \\ - \\ - \\ 1 \\ - \\ 9 \\ 26 \\ 10 \\ - \\ 31 \\ 71 \\ 5 \\ 4 \\ 2 \\ 64 \end{array} $	0.57 0.57
Totals	95	33	67	17	2	15	229	43.62

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE IN COMPARISON WITH RECENT YEARS.

	AN	5011	** 111	I KE	CENI	ILF	IRS.				
Causes.	1951	1950	1949	1948	1947	1946	1945	1944	1943	1942	1941
Measles Diphtheria Whooping Cough Influenza Meningococcal Infections Cancer Syphilis Tuberculosis Bronchitis Pneumonia (a'l forms) Other Respiratory Diseases Diarrhoea	$\begin{vmatrix} 3 \\ -3 \\ - \\ - \\ -1 \\ -9 \\ 26 \\ 10 \\ - \end{vmatrix}$	1 4 1 2 - 5 45 10 9	1 -4 - - - 9 42 2 16	$ \begin{array}{ c c c } \hline 1 \\ \hline 5 \\ 1 \\ 2 \\ 1 \\ \hline 2 \\ 13 \\ 50 \\ \hline 19 \\ \end{array} $	$ \begin{array}{c c} 2 \\ -3 \\ -2 \\ -1 \\ 4 \\ 9 \\ 51 \\ 4 \\ 35 \end{array} $	- 3 1 3 - 6 45 1 29	10 4 3 - 1 6 13 58 2 29	- 2 - 1 2 16 46 1 22	1 3 2 2 - 1 15 33 2 25	1 1 2 3 2 - 3 - 17 41 - 25	2 1 14 5 1 - 1 2 36 58 2 25
Congenital Debility, Premature Birth, etc.	102	73	98	143	161	179	165	192	145	184	180
Digestive Diseases Violence Food Poisoning Other Defined Diseases Totals	5 4 2 64 229	8 4 - 52 214	2 4 1 62 241	2 13 — 14 266	2 12 - 12 298	5 6 	5 6 - 14 316	$\frac{6}{1}$ $\frac{1}{19}$ $\frac{322}{19}$	5 1 -24 259	8 6 16 309	7 13 33 380

The figures in the above Tables were obtained from returns of District Medical Officers of Health.

AMBULANCE SERVICE As on December 31st, 1951.

Aivii	OLANC		m 2 2	A 31 -77-
	No. of Vehicles.	Situation of Ambulance Station.	No.	Area Normally Served.
CAERLEON (County Ambulance Telephone Control) (24-hour service).	4 e	Cambria House, Mill Street.	Caerleon 283/4/5.	Caerleon Urban. Magor & St. Mellons Rural.
RHYMNEY	1	Redwood Memorial Hospital.	Rhymney 314.	Rhymney Urban.
TREDEGAR	2	St. James' Hospital.	Tredegar 241.	Tredegar Urban.
EBBW VALE (24-hour service).	2	Ebbw Vale U.D. Council Yard.	Ebbw Vale 2321.	Ebbw Vale Urban.
BLAINA	2	Blaina & District Hospital.	Blaina 210.	Blaina & Nantyglo Urban.
ABERBEEG (24-hour service).	- 3	Abertillery & District Hospital.	Aberbeeg 224.	Abertillery Urban.
Blackwood (24-hour service).	7	" Maesruddud."	Blackwood 2333/4.	Bedwellty Urban. Mynyddislwyn Urban.
PONTYPOOL (24-hour service).	7	"Ashgrove," Upper George Street.	Pontypool 475/6.	Blaenavon Urban. Pontypool Urban and Rural.
			-	Cwmbran Urban. Usk Urban.
Cross Keys	1	Cross Keys Hotel Garage.	Cross Keys 44.	Risca Urban.
ABERCARN	1.	Abercarn U.D. Council Yard.	Abercarn 18.	Abercarn Urban.
Bedwas	1	Bedwas & Machen U.D. Council Yard	Bedwas 232.	Bedwas & Machen Urban.
CHEPSTOW	2	"The Mount," Welsh Street.	Chepstow 850.	Chepstow Urban and Rural.
Monmouth (24-hour service).	2	Drybridge House.	Monmouth 437.	Monmouth Borough and Rural.
Abergavenny (24-hour service).	2	"Coed Glas."	Abergavenny 510.	Abergavenny Borough and Rural.

The above operational vehicles were supported by 6 reserve vehicles, stationed at the main Ambulance Control at Caerleon.

In the event of failure to obtain any of the above telephone numbers, contact Ambulance Control, Caerleon—283 as second call.

Emergency Arrangements

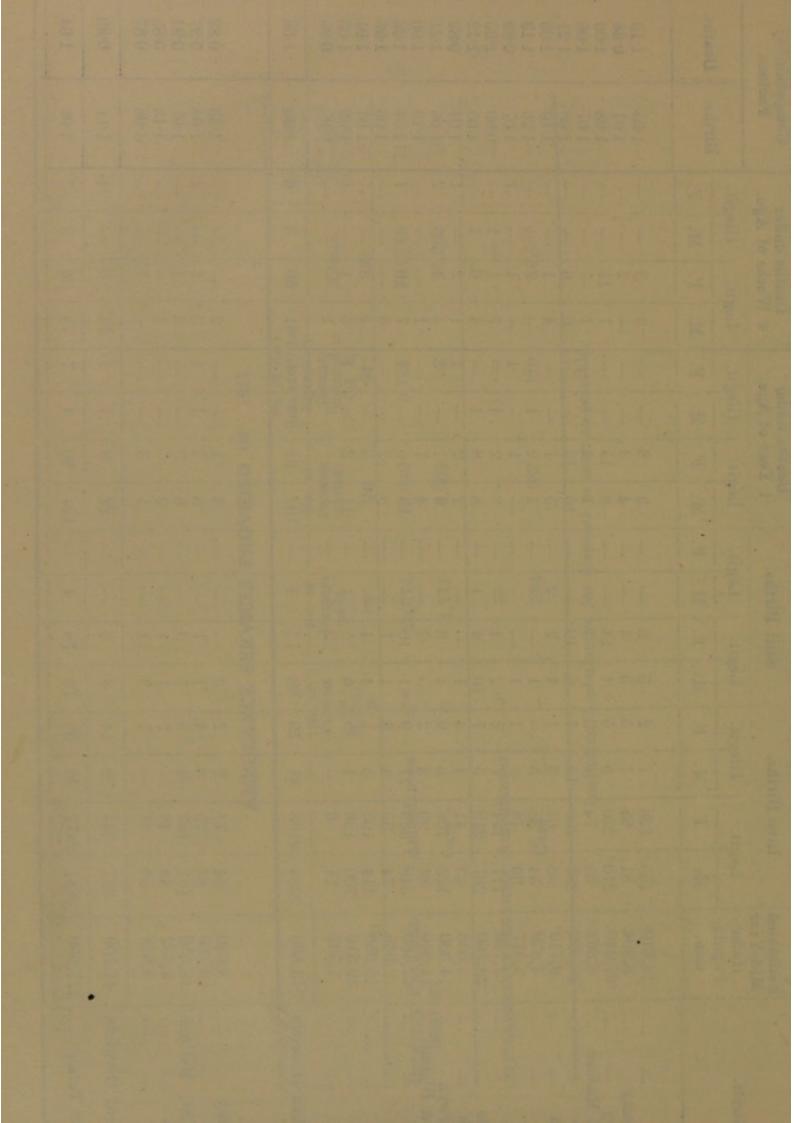
The Ambulance Control Telephone No.—Caerleon 283—is exhibited at telephone exchanges throughout the County, and in emergency, the public may obtain service by the following procedure:—Dial "999" or "01" or "0" according to local arrangements, ask the operator for "Ambulance" and the call will be put through direct to the Ambulance Control.

- AMBULANCE SERVICES PROVIDED IN 1951.

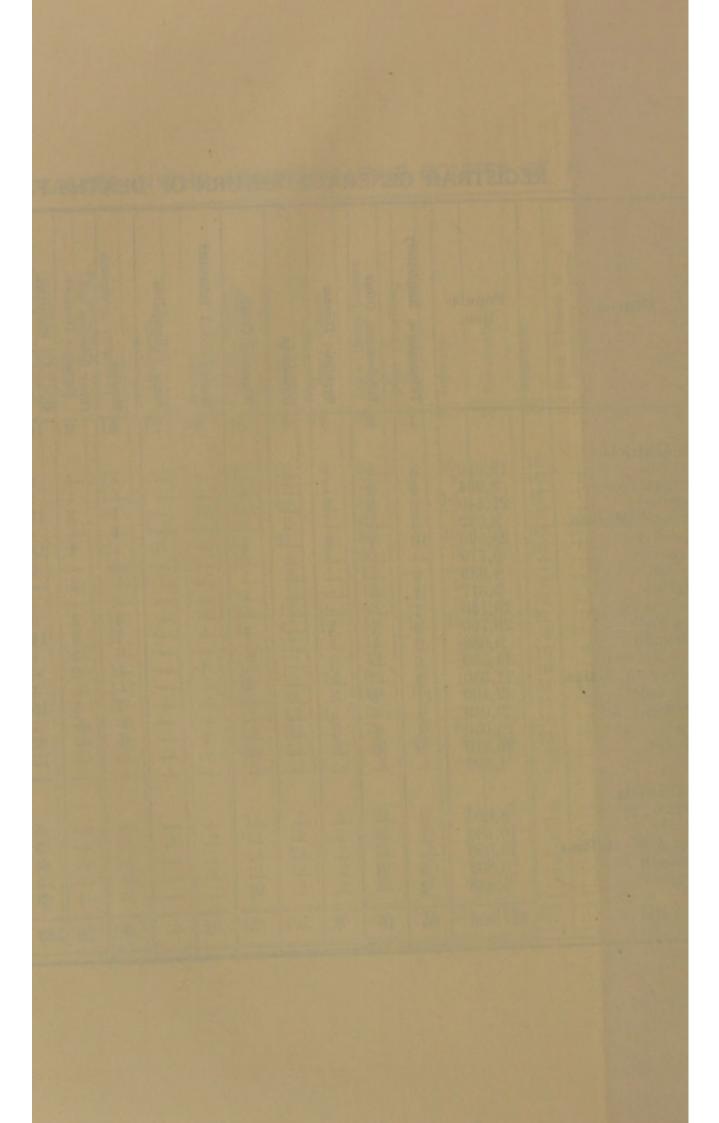
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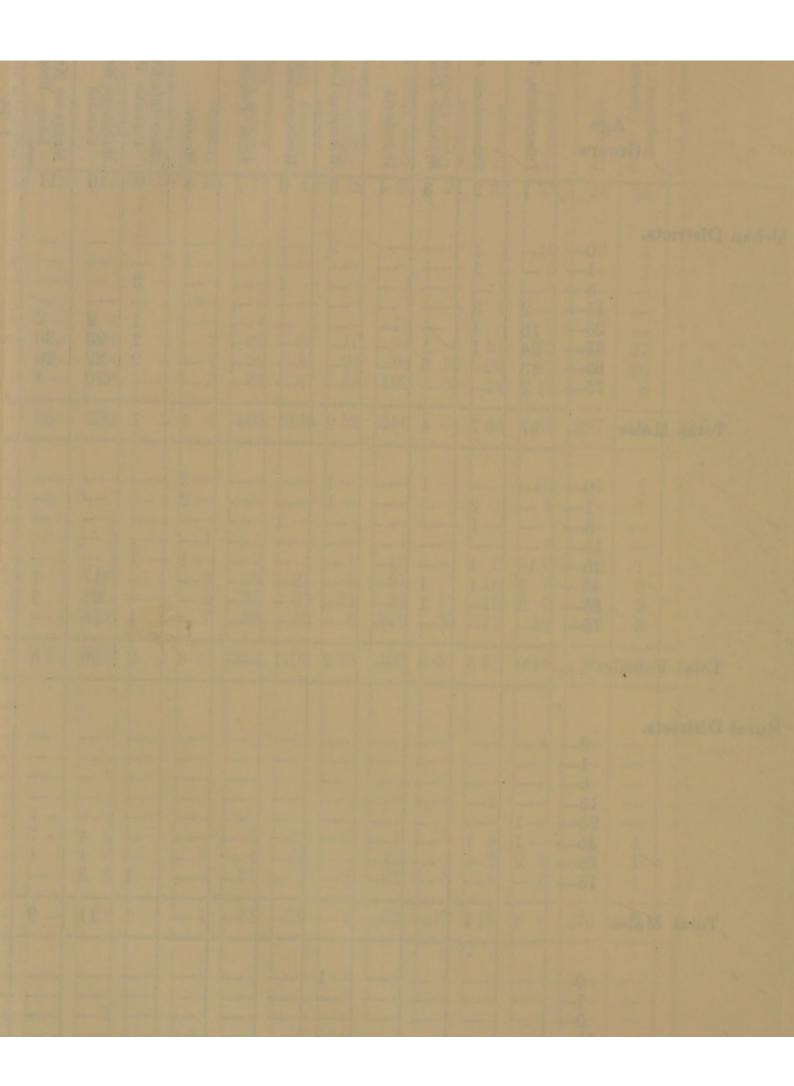
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