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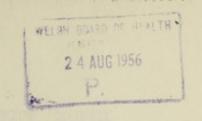
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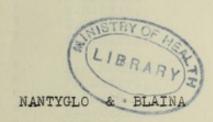
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URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE

YEAR 1955



NANTYGLO & BLAINA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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11 G.Jelly.

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PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE.

(To May 1955) (To May 1956) Chairmen. Councillor W. Yemm. W.T.Chard.

and Members of the Council.

Clerk of the Council - G. Roy Jenkins, LL.B.

Chief Financial Officer - E.J.Helt.

Engineer & Surveyor - G.D. Barnes.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health - Dr. J. Walters Bowen, M.B., B.Ch., B. Sc., D.P.H ..

Senior Sanitary Inspector - F.D. Collier, M.R. San. I., M.S.I.A..

Additional Sanitary Inspector - D.J. Herrington.

Rodent Officer - E.E. Wilkins.

NANTYCLO & BLAINA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

To the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee.

I have the honour to present my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health for the year 1955.

The tables are self explanatory.

It will be seen that once again there have been no cases of Diptherial notified annualy.

1941	-	17	1946	-	3	1951	-	0
1942	-	12	1947	-	0	1952	-	0
1943	-	7	1948	-	0	1953	-	0
1943	_	i	1949			1954		
1945	-	0	1950	-	0	1955		

These figures are proof of the efficiency of active immunisation combined with general public health measures. It is fervently hoped that similar results will be obtained with B.C.G. vaccination in the case of Tuberculosis.

Regarding Tuberculosis the Nantyglo and Blaina District is served by the Chest Clinic at Blaina Hospital held on Tuesdays.

This Clinic is for the clinical examination , X-raying, skin testing of suspected cases and for the contacts of known cases.

All newly notified cases of Tuberculosis are visited by the Medical Officer of Health and Sanitary Inspector and a complete environment report is sent to the Council Medical Officer and the Chest Physician. Continual contact is made with the latter particularly where it is felt that bad housing conditions and other factors make it necessary for some cases to receive priority in admission to sanitarium. There houses defects are found the Sanitary Inspector takes up the matter with the owner of such premises.

Advice is given on the Medical Officer's visit repreventiom of spread of infection in the home and this is further enlarged by the visit of the Health Visitor.

The members of the household where a case has occured are advised to attend the Chest Clinic for skin test and X-ray.

The Public Health Department supplies a liberal quantity of disin fectant for case in cleaning sputam receptacles and infected linen of the patient and terminal disinfectant is carried out by the Sanitary Inspector as required.

There is aldo the availability of skin testing of all children up to age 5 at the Infant Welfate Centres and it is hoped that in the very near future the same will be available for school children.

This latter is available for school leavers and any suspiciens case is referred after preliminary X-ray to the Chest Physician.

SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area.

Area of District. Estimate of Population 1921 " " 1931 " " 1945 " " 1947 " " 1948 " " 1949 " " 1950 " " 1952 " " 1953 " " 1954 " " 1955 Number of Inhabited Houses Rateable Value of the District	3,862 acres. 16,453 13,190 12,440 11,410 11,460 11,490 11,500 11,290 11,220 11,220 11,120 3,272 £37,113
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£113
Vital Statistics.	
Number of Births Legitimate Births Boys 68	@irls 68
Illegitimate Births Boys 48	Girls 3
Birth Rate per 1,000 of population " " " (Mon County). " " England & Wales.	18.85 15.29 15.0
Number of Still Births Boys 4 Still Births per 1,000 of population " " " (Mon County) " " Englan & Wales	Girls C.62 C.51 C.34
Number of Deaths Males 79	Females 135
Death Rate per 1,000 of population " " (Mon County) " " England & Wales.	12.14 12.40 ,11.1

SUMBER OF BIRTHS IN THE DISTRICT, SHOWING WARD
DISTRIBUTION AND MONTH OF OCCURRENCE DURING 1955

MONTH.	Male	Female	Total	Quer- terly	North	Central	South
				Birthe	3.		
JANUARY	3	6	9	-	3	2	4
FEBRUARY	7	5	12	-	5	6	1
MARCH	6	5	11	32	6	4	1
APRIL	4.	6	10	-	3	1	6
MAY	6	8	14	-	4	5	5
JUNE	1	6	7	31	2	3	2
JULY	9	5	1/4	-	6	5	3
AUGUST	1	3	4	-	2	-	2
SEPTEMBER	10	8	18	36	10	6	2
OCTOBER	3	3	5	-	1	5	-
NOVEMBER	2	4).	6	-	1	4	1
DECEMBER	2	3	5	17	1	2	2
Tentant .							
TOTAL -	54	62	116	116	44.	43	29

The above table does not include births at the Blaina and District Hospital which are transferable to other areas.

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DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES DURING THE YEAR 1955

DISEASE.	MALES	FEMALES	TOTAL
Tuberculosis Respiratory	3		3
Meningo-cocal Infections	-	-	-
Malignant Meoplasm Stomach	3	4,	7
Melignent Neoplasm Breast	-	-	-
" Uterus	-		-
Malignant Neoplasm lung, bronchus	1	-	1
Other malignant & Pymphatic neoplasm	4	7	11
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	13	7	20
Coronary disease angina	21	10	31
Hypertension with heart disease	3	4.	7
Other heart diseases	3	7	10
Other circulatory diseases	3	2	5
Pneumonia	5	1	6
Bronchitis	3	3	6
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	-	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	1	1
Gastritis Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	-	1
Mephritis	1	3	4
Congenital Malformations	-	2	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	4	12
Hyperlasia of Prostate	2	-	2
All other accidents	1	1	2
Motor vehicle accidents	2	-	2
Suicide	1	-	1
TOTAL.	79	56	135

TABLE

SHOWING MONTHLY NOTIFICATIONS OF TUBERCULOSIS (ALL FORMS) FOR THE YEAR 1955

WITH WARD DISTRIBUTION

	SOUTH	1	1	1	1	1	1	П	1	1	1	1	1	α,
	CENTRAL	7	1	1	1	1	1	1	COL .	1	1	1	ı	5
	NOHLH	1	2	!	1	1	1	1	I	1	1	ı	1	3
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PULMONARY	MALES	1	1	1	1	1	i	1	1	1	1	ī	i	1
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MONTH OF YEAR		JANUARE	FEJRUARY	MARCEI	APRIL	MAZ	JUNE	TULX	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	CONOBIR	NOVEMBER	DECREER	TCTAL

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15	1	1	8	I	1	3	1	1	1	1	FEMALES	RGES

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INFANTILE MORTALITY RATE 1955

Number of Births 143	Number of Deaths Under 1 Year.	1955
172	7	5 1954
196	5	1953
209	П	1952
179	5	1951
208	10	1950 1949
205	12	1949
233	12	1948
240	16	1947
225	9	1946
203	12	1945
217	16	1944
219	9	1943
223	Ħ	1942

PARTICULARS OF DEATHS OF CHILDREN UNDER 1 YEAR

UNDER 1 WEEK - 4

1 - 2 WEEK:

2 - 3 WEEKS -

3 - 4 NEEKS - 1

TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS - 143

1 - 3 MONTHS -

3 - 6 MONTHS - 1

9 -12 MONTHS -

6 - 9 MONTHS

TOTAL NUMBER OF DEATHS - 6

MORTALITY RATE PER 1,000 BIRTHS 40.8

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TOTALS.	POLIOMYKLITIS	PUHUSHABOLOSIS	WHOOPING	PNEUMONIA	SCARLET	DISEASE
1	1	1	Þ	1	1	Age not known.
11	1	1	1	1	1	Under 1 Yr.
20	1	1	1	1	1	1 - 2 years
4	1	1	4	1	1	3 - 4 years
3	1	1	N	1	Н	5 - 9 years
1	1	1	1	1	1	10-14 yrs.
5	1	5	1	1	1	15-44 угв.
ъ	1	1	1	1	1	45-64 yrs.
4	1	4	ı	1	1	65 and over
1	1	1	1	t	1	Age Unknown
20	1	10	6 0	1	1	TOTAL
1	1	1	1	٢	1	Under 1 Yr.
1	1	1	1	1	1	1 - 2 years
1	1	1	1	1	1	2 - 3 yrs.
1	1	1	1	1	1	3 - 4 yrs.
1	1	1	1	1	1	4 - 5 yrs.
1	1	1	1	1	1	5 -10 yrs.
1	1	1	1	1	1	10-15 yrs.
1	1	1	1	1	1	15 - 20 yr
1	1	1	1	1	1	20-35 Yrs.
1	1	1	1	1	- 1	35-45 yrs.
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ACCORDING TO AGE GROUPS.

DEATHS FROM INFECTIOUS CASES ACCORDING TO

AGE GROUPS.

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ANALYSIS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES ACCORDING TO WARDS

AND DISTRICTS.

DISEASE		WARDS			DISTRICTS	Ω.	
	NORTH	CENTRAL	SOUTH	TOTAL	NANTYGLO	BLAINA TOFAL	TOTAL
SCARLET FEVER	Ħ	ı	1	1	1	I	1
WHOOPING COUGH	1	5	2	8	1	7	∞
PNEUMONIA	1	1	1	1	П	1	1
TOTALS	3	5	2	10	3.	7	10

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WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply of this district is supplied in bulk by the Ebbw Vale District Council. The Service reservoir being situated at Llangyniar Mountain Beaufort. The water is chaorinated and is filtered by slow sand filters.

The new water system is now in operation.

There are still houses within the district however without an adequate supply of water, this appears to be due to the private services being corroded.

- (a) Approximate number of houses supplied from public mains direct. - 3,259.
 - (b) By means of stand pipes. 3.
- 2. Approximate population supplied from public mains 11,100.

WATER SAMPLES TAKEN DURING THE YEAR.

Six samples from the main supply were taken for bacteriological examination during the year. All were found to be satisfactory.

SWIMMING BATH.

At present there are no publicly or privately owned swimming baths in the area.

During the summer months the ponds in the district are still used, in spite of the fact that they are dangerous and are quite unfit to be used as swimming pools.

DRAINAGE.

Drainage - sewerage is on the water carriage system. The subsidiary sewers are connected up with the Western Valley (Mon) Main Trunk Sewer, which discharges into the sea at low water west of the mouth of the river Usk.

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PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Public Cleansing and refuse collection is controlled by the Council's Engineer & Surveyor.

Refuse is deposired at the Forge Site, Nantyglo.

Although there is a collection of refuse three times a week, householders in the area, despite warning, still deposit their refuse on open spaces near their homes. This, in my opinion, will not be remedied until there is more co-operation between all concerned, and each householder has suitable refuse bins.

The Council during the year a ain spent considerable time in removing dumps of ashes which had been tipped on unauthorised sited.

INBERCTION OF MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

Meat Inspection.

Early in the year the meat inspector terminated his appointment, and no one was appointed in his place. Meat from Brynmawr Slaughterhouse was therefore being distributed without prior inspection.

No records of animals slaughtered are available and meat - inspection was confined to the examination of meat and offal in the butchers shops throughout the district.

Fortunately the percentage of meat condemned during these visits was very small.

HOUSING.

Inspect	ion of Dwelling Houses during the year:	
(1) (a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for defects (under Public Health and Housing Act, 1936)	housing 126
4-3		
. (b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose.	126
(2) (a)	Number of dwelling houses included under (1) above which were inspected and recorded under th Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925-1932.	134
(百)	Number of inspections made for the purpose.	134
(3)	Number of dwellings found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation.	10
(4)	Number of dwellings houses exclusive of those referred to under preceding sub-head found	
	not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	
11. Remedy o notices.	f defects during the year without service of fo	rmal
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers.	24
111 . Action u	nder the Statutory Powers during the year:	
(a)	Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 11, 12, and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936.	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of Which notices were served requiring repairs.	Nil.
(2)	Number of Closing Orders served.	1
(3)	Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice.	
	(a) By Owners. (b) By Local Authority.	Nil.
(b)	Proceedings under Public Health Acts.	
(1)	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	10
(2)	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:	
	(a) By Owners. (b) By the Authority in default of Owner	.Nil.

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•		Temporar	У	Permanent
		Number Dec. 31st,1951	1953	
1.	Number of houses owned by Local Authority on the 31st. Dec. 1955	50	49	534
2.	Total number of houses during the year.	erected		26
	(a) By Local Author (b) By private Ento	rity erprise		1
3.	Number of local authors houses in course of ere on the 31st Dec. 1955			30
4.	Number of houses which has been given but which not been commenced on to 31st., December, 1955	ch had		32
5.	Housing Act, 1949. (a) Number of Grants, 1	1955		N11.
	(b) Amount of Grants,	1955		Nil.
	(c) Number of Loans, 19	955		63
	(d) Amount of Loans, 19	955		£22063.
	(a) Total number of Grant 1949-53	ents under Act, (inclusive)		Nil.
	(f) Total amount " "	11 11		Nil.
	(g) Total number of Lo	ans # "		166
	(h) Total amount " "	11 11		£52,363.

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SHOPS ACT 1950.

No action has been found necessary during the year under provisions of the Shops Act, 1950.

A part-time Shops Inspector officiates in the area.

MARINE STORES.

There are five registered Marine Stores in the District. These are insepcted periodically.

RAG FLOOK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

The above regulations came into force on the 1st November, 1951.

No rag flock is made or sold in this area.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 and 1948.

Number of Factories on Register December, 1953 - 19
Number of inspections. - 9

WRITTEN NOTICES.

(1) Want of cleanliness - N11.

(2) Insufficient sanitary conveniences - Nil.

RODENT CONTROL.

(Prevention of Damage by Pests Act 1949.)

There is a full time Rodent Officer employed in the Sanitary Inspectors Department. The table on the following page shows the work on rodent control carried out during the year.

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Type of Property.							
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•	Local Auth- ority.	Dwell- ing Houses inc. Coun Houses	All. other including Business & Industrial		Agri cult ural		
les in Local Auth- ority's District (Notes 1 & 2)		3252	138	3402	16		
2. Number of propert- ies inspected as a result of) (a) Notification		46	16	62			
(b) Survey under the Act.	12	901	83	996	12		
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)		-	-	-	-		
 Total inspections carried out includ ing re-inspections (to be completed only if figures are readily available) 	12	947	99	1058	12		
4. Number of properties inspected (in Sec. 11) which were found to be infested by: (a) Rats Major							
Minor	-	82	7	89	_		
(b) Mice Major Minor		54	9	63	_		
5. Number of infested properties (in Sec. IV) treated by the L.A. (Figures show ld Not exceed those given at Sec. IV)	-	136	16	152	1		
6. Total treatments carried out-including re-treat-ments (To be completed only if figures are readily available	-	-3	-	-	-		
7. Number of notices served under Sec. 4 of the Act. (a) Treatment (b) Streetal Work (i,c.Proofing)	-		-	-			
8. Number of cases in which default act ion was taken foll owing the issue of a Notice under Sect 4 of the Act.	t -	-	-	-	-		
9. Legal Proceedings					-		
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MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS 1949.

- (a) Number of persons registered as milk distributors. 9
- (b) Number of dealers' issued authorising the use of special designation, "Pasteurised". 9
- (c) Number of de lers' licences issued authorising the use of special designation, "pasteurised" (Tuberculin Tested)

All milk sold in the area is imported into the district by means of road and rail transport, and is distributed in bottled.

The following milk samples were taken during the year.

	Pasteurised.	(Tuberculin Tested & Fasteurised)	<u>Fotal</u> .
o. of samples taken	7	5	12
Satisfactory	7	5	12
Unsatisfactory	**	-	-

I CE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT)

REGULATIONS 1947

There are in the area Twenty five premises registered for the sale of manufacture of Ice Cream.

They are as follows: -

1. Manufacture and sale:

Heat Treatment Somplete cold mix

2. Premises registered for the

Sale of Ice Cream

23

Total

25

With the exception of the two local manufactures, all Ice Cream is imported into the district and is prepacked.

During the year 21 samples were taken, the results were as follows:

Number of samples taken,	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4.
21	13	5	3	-

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD PREMISES AND LICENCED FREMISES.

Periodic visits are paid to Fried Fish Shops, Bakehouses, Butchers Shops, Food Freparing premises, Licenced premises and Provisions Stores.

L. The Number of food premises in the area are:

8,000 eft 8,4	Fish Frying Premises Butchers Shops Bakeries General Provisions Green Grocers Grocers Fishmongers Cooked meat Confectionery	14 24 21 20 1
	Total.	93

- Number of Food Fremises registered under Section 14, Food and Drugs . Act, 1938
- Number of Inspections of Registered Food premises.
- A. Disposal of Condemned Food Disposed by means of burial on Council refuse tips.

In concluding this report, I must express satisfaction at the work carried out generally in the Nantyglo & Blaina District Area, during the period covered by these reports, and take this opportunity of thanking Members of the Council Mr. F.D.Collier, Senior Sanitary Inspector and my Colleagues for general co-operation.

I am, Your obedient Servant,

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J. WALTERS BOWEN.

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH,

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