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PEMBROKE RURAL DISTRICT

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1954

To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1954. I commenced my official duties with your Authority on 1st September, 1955. This report is therefore compiled from the work carried out by my predecessor, Dr.Dorothy Griffiths, and by Dr.D.J.Davies and Dr.Speedy.

VITAL STATISTICS

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1954.....

| | Pembroke R.D.1954 | Pembrcke R.D.1953 | County o | f England |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|----------|-----------------------------|
| Birth Rate (per 1,000 pcp.) | 17.5 | 16.8 | 16.72 | 15.2 |
| Death Rate (per 1,000 pcp.) | 10.5 | 11.7 | 12.40 | 11.3 |
| Infant Mcrtality Rate (per 1,000 live births) | lµl. 2 | 38.1 | 32.23 | 25.5 |
| | | | | 1 1 1 4 1 3 5 1 0 1 1 1 1 1 |

The Birth Rate is higher than that for the County of Pembroke, but the Death Rate is lower. 60% of the total deaths were of persons over the age of 70 years, and 26% of the total were over 80 years of age.

The Infant Mcrtality Rate is higher than that for the last two years. There were five deaths of infants under 1 year, 3 due to prematurity, 1 to policyelitis and 1 to erythroblastocis foetalis.

There was one maternal de-

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NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Policmyelitis 1 Scarlet Fever 4 Measles 15

Pneumcnia 5 Whocping Cough 3

The case of policmyelitis was admitted to the West Wales Isolation Hospital, Tumble, and made a complete recovery.

There was one death due to anterior policyelitis. This was a baby of two months, who died on the day after admission to hospital.

TUBERCULOSIS

One case of respiratory tuberculosis was notified during the year, and was admitted to hospital.

The Mcbile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County in the Autumn. Inhabitants of this area had the opportunity of being X-rayed at Pembroke, Pembroke Dock or Tenby, but it was impossible to make separate records of the residents of the rural area who attended these centres.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

VACCINATION

Records were received for 21 primary vaccinations and 12 secondary vaccinations.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

99 children were immunised during 1954, and 275 children were given reinfercing injections.

Both vaccination and immunisation are carried out free of charge by local practitioners, and records are paid for by the County Council.

The number of immunisations has again increased considerably during the year, and it is hoped that this increase will be maintained.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

REMOVAL TO SUITABLE PREMISES OF PERSONS IN NEED OF CARE AND ATTENTION.

Several cases of old people living alone were investigated, but no statutory action was found to be necessary. These old people are visited regularly by the District Nurses and the Welfare Officer.

WATER SUPPLY

During 1954, the extension of the water main from Sampson Cross to St. Twynnels was completed. This extension enabled the parishes of Castlemartin, Warren and St. Twynnels to be supplied direct from Stephen's Green, instead of as previously from Freynes Lake.

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Details of the water supply are as follows:-

| Parish | Houses Connected | Standpipes |
|--|---|---------------------------------------|
| Angle Bcshersten Carew Castlemartin Ccshesten Hcdgesten Hundleten Lamphey Mancrbier Nash Penally Redberth Rheserewther Stackpele St.Flerence St.Twynnels St.Petrex | 14 104 30 72 13 40 117 143 5 92 22 16 51 59 10 573 | 6 19 44 27 92 12 42 |
| St.Mary Out Liberty Warren | <i>(</i> 3) 5 | 1 |

Samples of water sent for bactericlogical examination during

Satisfactory Unsatisfactory Doubtful

| Taken from private supplies | | | |
|-----------------------------|---|----|---|
| and public wells. | 1 | 6 | - |
| Taken from proposed public | | | |
| supplies. | 4 | 22 | 2 |

SEWERAGE

Milton/Carew Cheriton Sewerage Scheme

No private connections were made to the above scheme during the year.

Mancrbier Village Sewerage Scheme
This scheme was completed during the year, and 16 council houses at Mancr Crescent were connected to the sewer.

Work on the public sewerage scheme at Carew was commenced, and by the end of the year all sewers had been laid. The construction of the Sewage Disposal Works was well in hand, and had almost been completed.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The Council has not yet undertaken a systematic refuse collection from individual premises. Communal refuse bins are provided for tins and bottles in all villages and hamlets. These bins are emptied and cleaned at approximately weekly intervals, but difficulties are experienced owing to bins being filled with house refuse and other combustible matter. In addition, large numbers of holiday makers visiting the district during the summer months, create an added burden to the present system of refuse collection.

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HOUSING

During 1954, six council houses were completed and cocupied at Maidenwells. This new brings the total number of council houses to 225.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient Servant,

Phyllis M. Bowen,

M.R.C.S.,L.R.C.P.,D.P.H.,D.C.H.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1954

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I commenced my official duties with your Authority on 15th November, 1954, and therefore the greater part of the data cutlined in this report is compiled from the work carried out by my predecessor Mr.H.B.Edwards, and by Mr.C.R.Sandell, Senior Sanitary Inspector of Pembroke Borough.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your chedient Servant,

J.E. Criddle

Sanitary Inspector

| INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING YEAR | |
|--|----|
| Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts). | 51 |
| Nc.cf dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column. | 24 |
| Nc.cf dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. | - |
| Nc. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column). | 26 |
| Nc.cf defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers. | 24 |
| ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR | |
| Housing Act, 1936. Sections 9,10 & 16 No.of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. | - |
| Nc.cf dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By owners) | - |
| Public Health Acts No.cf dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied. | 6 |
| No.cf dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By owners) | 6 |
| Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 and 13 No.of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made. | - |
| Nc.cf dwelling houses demolished in persuance of demolition orders. | - |
| Housing Act, 1936. Section 12. No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made. | - |

HOUSING ACT, 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING

| Nc.cf dwelling houses overcrowde | d at end of year | Net knewn |
|--|---------------------------------------|--|
| Nc.cf families dwelling therein | | Net knewn |
| Nc.cf persons dwelling therein | | Not known |
| Nc.cf new cases of overcrowding | reported during year | Lį. |
| Nc.cf cases of overcrowding reli | eved during year | L _k |
| Nc.cf persons concerned in such | cases. | 13 |
| SANITARY | INSPECTION | |
| Nc.cf complaints received | | 46 |
| Nc.cf defects or nuisances disco | vered | 23 |
| Summary of Inspections | | |
| Dwelling hcuses:- | | |
| Nc.cf inspections arising from h Nc.cf inspections under Housing Nc.cf inspections in connection Nc.cf inspections under Public H | Act,1936. with Improvement Grants. | 24 10 8 33 |
| Drainage Infecticus Disease Enquiries and Tents, Vans, Sheds etc. Schools Factories (including bakehouses) Shops (including ice-cream premi Refuse disposal Water supplies Miscellaneous | | 30 6 32 20 41 15 30 120 43 |
| Nc.cf Nctices served. | | |
| | Housing Other | 24 |
| | Housing Other | - |
| Sunnary Action - | | |
| Summenches issued Nil | Ocnvictions obtained | Nil |
| MILK AND DA | IRIES ORDERS | |
| Nc. cf Registered Retailers Nc.cf inspections N | 23 (all producer retaile | rs) |
| Milk Samples | | |
| Nc.cf samples taken for bac | tericlogical examination | :- |

Satisfactory 12 Unsatisfactory Nil

Ice Cream.

There is one manufacturer of ice-cream in the area. This ice-cream is sold maily in the Borough and samples were taken by the Borough Sanitary Inspector. No complaints of unsatisfactory samples were received.

CONDEMNED FOOD

It was found necessary to condemn 18 time of various foodstuffs, weighing approximately 21 lbs.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

When central of slaughtering and the distribution of meat by the Ministry of Food ended early in July, one private slaughterhouse at Carew was licensed. The cutput of this slaughterhouse is limited to the needs of only one butcher, and regular inspections have been made. In all, 50 cattle, 113 sheep, 46 pigs and 30 calves were slaughtered. Disease incidence was confined entirely to cirrhosis of the liver caused by the liver fluke Fascicla Hepaticum. This condition is of course, quite common in cattle and sheep. Approximately 165 lbs. of liver was condemned.

Rodent Control

One of the Council's workmen, normally engaged on refuse collection is employed part time on rodent control. Particular attention is given to the Council's refuse tip at Hodgeston and also to the Council's refuse bins. The Infestation Control Division of the Pembrokeshire Agricultutal Executive Committee have negotiated a large number of contracts with individual farmers within the district. Particulars of infestations found when inspecting farms are immediately forwarded to the Pests Officer, who then discusses with the farmer concerned, the question of disinfestation by contract with the Pembrokeshire Agricultural Executive Committee.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

| Premises | Nc. cn Register | Inspections | | |
|--|--------------------|-------------|-----|-----|
| (i) Factories in which sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities | 6 | 9 | Nil | Nil |
| (ii) Factories not in- cluded in (i) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 6 | 8 | Nil | Nil |
| (iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding cut-workers' premises) | 5 | 24 | Nil | Nil |
| Tctal: | 17 | 41 | Nil | Nil |