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PEMBROKE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH
INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1973.

To the Chairman and Members of the Council

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report on the health of your district for the year 1973. It is an abbreviated report which has been compiled from available records. The corrected statistics are not received until April or May, but it was necessary, in view of re-organisation, to present this report to the Council before 1st April, 1974.

HOUSING.

The total number of houses built in the rural district during the year was 99; 10 of these were council dwellings and the remaining 89 were private dwellings. The standard of housing throughout the district is good and a total of 40 houses were improved with the aid of grants.

In addition to the completed houses, a further 24 were under construction and the modernisation programme of older council properties was completed. Three further schemes for the erection of council dwellings had reached the tender stage by the end of the year.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

I am pleased to report that the number of infectious diseases reported from your district was confined to 26 cases of measles and 4 cases of scarlet fever. A certain number of mild cases of non-specific enteritis occurred during the summer months, in common with the remainder of the County; this illness is not spread by food or water and is common in all holiday areas. A limited outbreak of influenza occurred in the district in the early months of the year and caused the death of one elderly person.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Water supplies generally in the rural district are of excellent quality. The Pembrokeshire Water Board took a total of 165 samples during the year and submitted them to the Public Health Laboratory for bacteriological examination.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

The Council introduced a plastic bag system of refuse collection during 1973; this service was appreciated by the general public and is proving to be satisfactory. Local Government Operation Research Unit produced a report on refuse disposal in the district of South Pembrokeshire and made a number of recommendations, which will be considered by the new District Council. It is now generally held that refuse should be treated, i.e., pulverised or incinerated, before disposal.

The beach litter collection service was extended during the summer months and all amenity beaches were cleared.

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Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1971 ... 7,900

Periods
1.1.1971
1.1.1972

Live Births 78 100

SEWERAGE.

A Public Enquiry was held during October, into the South Pembrokeshire Joint Regional Sewerage Scheme, which includes areas outside the rural district. The decision of the Secretary of State is awaited.

CARAVANNING AND CAMPING.

This district continues to be a very popular area for caravanning and camping holidays. The number of visitors arriving during the summer season remains similar to that of last year and the trend of increasing numbers each year seems to have reached a plateau. The standards at all established sites are generally good with better facilities being provided each year for this type of holiday-maker.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking the Members of the Council and its Officers for their courtesy and co-operation during the five years I have had the privilege of serving as your Medical Officer of Health.

Yours obediently,

M. Lawlor

M.B. B.Ch., D.C.H., D.P.H.,

The Clinic,
Warren Street,
TENBY.

Tel: Tenby 2991/2.

Diagnosis of death and autopsy systems	17
Diagnosis of respiratory system	28
Diagnosis of digestive system	14
Diagnosis of urinary and excretory systems	6
Accidental deaths	2
Influenza deaths	2
Scabies	1
Suicides	1

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified in our four-year district during the years:

25 Measles.
6 Scarlet Fever.

SEWERAGE.

A Public Inquiry was held during October, into the South Tamar-Sewerage Joint Regional Sewerage Scheme, which includes areas outside the rural district. The decision of the Secretary of State is awaited.

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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S.

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate) 1973 ... 5,930

	<u>Pembroke</u> <u>R.D.1973</u>	<u>Pembroke</u> <u>R.D.1972.</u>
Live Births	78	100
Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	13.1	15.2
Still Births	Nil	2
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 Live & Still Births)	Nil	20
Total Live & Still Births	78	102
Infant Deaths (Deaths under 1yr)	1	3
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 Live Births)	13	30
Deaths	74	82
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop)	12.4	12.5

INFANT DEATHS.

One male infant died at 14 days, in hospital, from hydrocephalus.

DEATHS (General)

Of the total 74 deaths, heart disease accounted for 28 deaths and 17 deaths were due to malignant disease - 2 of these were due to cancer of the lung.

Approximately 27% of the deaths occurred in persons aged between 70 and 80 years and approximately 31% in persons aged over 80 years.

Causes of death. (Total 74)

Malignant disease:	17
Heart disease:	28
Diseases of brain and nervous system:	14
Diseases of respiratory system:	6
Diseases of digestive system:	2
Diseases of kidneys and urinary system:	2
Accidental deaths:	1
Influenzal deaths:	1
Senility:	2
Suicide:	1

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

The following cases of infectious diseases were notified to me from your district during the year:

26 Measles.
4 Scarlet Fever.

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Female S.D. 1975	Male S.D. 1975
100	78
15.2	13.1
2	11
20	11
102	78
2	1
30	13
82	74
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1	Self-harm:

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TUBERCULOSIS.

Once again I am pleased to report that there were no deaths from tuberculosis in your district during the year and no new cases of the disease were notified.

Prevention of Tuberculosis: B.C.G. vaccinations - the annual visit was made to Pembroke School during the autumn term, when a total of 222 pupils (aged 13 year-old and over) were skin tested and 169 of these were vaccinated. The Chest Physician continues to see contacts at the Chest Clinic at Pembroke Dock and Haverfordwest.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946.

Local Health Services: The monthly infant welfare clinic at Pembroke staffed by a Medical Officer and Health Visitor continued during the year, as did the weekly clinic, similarly staffed, at Pembroke Dock. School sessions for immunisations and vaccinations took place during the spring and summer terms. The following details relate to all children under 16 years of age, in the whole County, who received immunisations during 1973 :-

Diphtheria immunisations:	1,625
Whooping cough immunisations:	1,582
Tetanus immunisations:	1,800
Polio. vaccinations:	1,649
Measles vaccinations:	785
Rubella vaccinations:	808
B.C.G. vaccinations:	913
Booster diphtheria doses:	1,173
Booster whooping cough doses:	111
Booster tetanus doses:	1,511
Booster Polio. vaccinations:	1,165

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951.

Section 47: Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

It was necessary for me to seek an Emergency Order under the above Section to remove one elderly lady from her home to hospital during the year.

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FACTORIES ACT 1937 and 1961

Inspections

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No.on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Notices</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	23	26		
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding Out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	23	26	-	-

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

The Meat Inspection Regulations 1963

As before, strict compliance in accordance with the above Regulations was effected during the year and 100% inspection was made at the private slaughterhouse within the rural district.

	<u>Cattle excluding cows</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep & Lambs</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Horses</u>
Number killed	77	-	-	358	100	-
<u>All diseases, except Tuberculosis & Cysticerosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned:	23	-	-	31	4	-
Tuberculosis only:	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticerosis:	-	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORIES ACT 1971 and 1981

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OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

Registrations and general inspections:

<u>Class of Premises.</u>	<u>No. of premises newly regist- ered during the year.</u>	<u>Total no. of premises at the end of the year.</u>	<u>No. of registered premises receiv- ing 1 or more inspections during the year.</u>
Offices:	-	-	-
Retail Shops:	-	14	14
Wholesale Shops/ Warehouses:	-	1	1
Catering establishments open to public/caterers:	-	26	26
Fuel storage depots:	-	-	-

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