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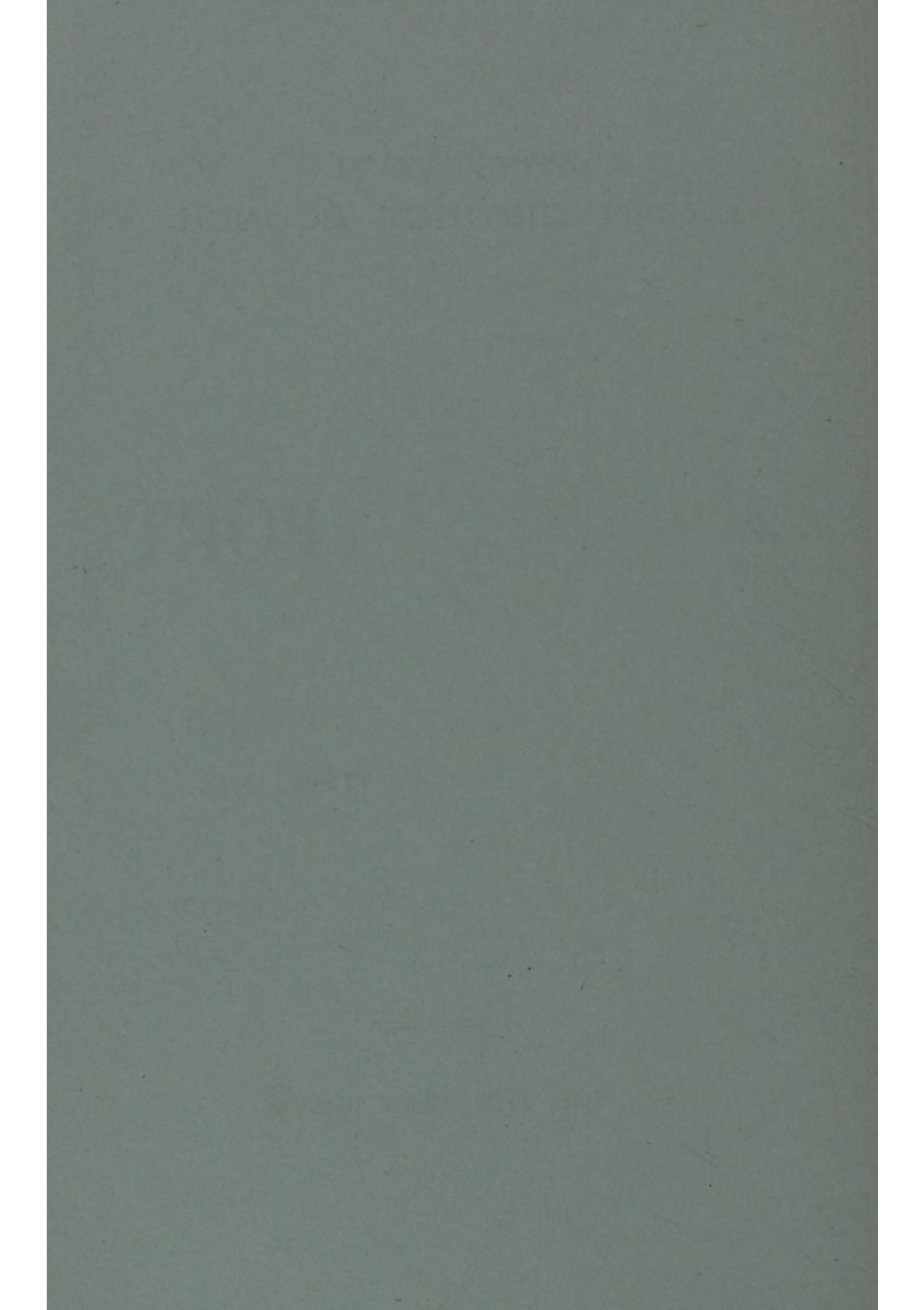
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FOR THE YEAR
ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1911

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FOR THE YEAR 1945

To the Chairman and Members
of the Urban District Council.

MRS. EVANS AND GENTLEMEN,

It gives me pleasure to submit for your consideration my Annual Report for the year ending December 31st, 1945. It follows the form set out by the Ministry of Health's Circular 25/46 (Wales).

It has, I am glad to say, despite rationing, been a very good year from a health point of view and quite up to pre-war standard. There have been no serious epidemics of notifiable or other diseases. We are drifting back to normal, practically all the war time evacuees have departed.

All the essential services have emerged with credit despite the heavy strain caused by the large influx of troops and evacuees, due to the exigency of the war.

Your responsibilities in the past six years have been anxious and onerous.

The most pressing problem which you have now to face is the expeditious erection of houses and I hope the ones which will be erected will be of the permanent type in preference to those of a temporary structure.

A close watch has been kept during year over all foods exposed for sale to see that they conform to a certain standard of cleanliness. Supervision has been carried out over tenants and lodging houses and every effort has been made to circumvent overcrowding, at times a difficult matter.

I shall be glad if you would specially consider my remarks concerning the Prestatyn Gutter.

I think the time has arrived when the provision of a Disinfector should be considered, with a population and area such as we now have, it would be a great saving and convenience.

It is again my pleasure to record the help and encouragement extended me by the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, also for the work and help given by the Sanitary Inspector, Mr L. Howard Williams, especially for his interest and keenness in organising the work connected with Diphtheria Immunisation, office and other work connected with the compilation of official returns, which seem to increase each year.

As in the past, I am indebted to the County Medical Officer of Health, Dr. Roberts, for his interest, help and advice in many matters pertaining to my duties.

Appended is the Report and Statistics of the Sanitary Inspector, Mr. L Howard Williams.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) J. TUDOR GRIFFITHS,

Medical Officer of Health.

Water Supply

Our supply is a piped one derived from a Well known as Ffynnon Asaph. It is adequate both in quality and quantity, it is a hard water and has therefore no plumbosolvent action. The supply is subjected to filtration and chlorination and regular bacteriological examinations have all been satisfactory (Class A1).

There have been complaints from residents on the Hillside area as to the constancy of the supply, especially during the Summer months. I understand this will be remedied very shortly. All dwellings are supplied by public mains direct to the houses.

Milk Supply

The supply is carefully watched. Both producers and retailers, handicapped by shortage of labour have, I am convinced, done their best. There have been numerous complaints about the keeping quality of the milk. I think the main cause of this is the carrying over of surplus milk. Naturally vendors are unwilling to

stand the loss of milk which is not sold on the day of production. It seems to me the only satisfactory remedy is that they should be allowed to dispose of this surplus milk to ice cream manufacturers and cafes. Further, I should like to see the restriction of customers to one particular vendor abolished as freedom of choice on the part of the customer leads to healthy competition.

Sewerage

No major alterations have been carried out during 1945. Repairs due to wear and tear of pumping and other machinery have been attended to.

Prestatyn Gutter

This watercourse, which traverses the area from West to East, is not functioning at all satisfactorily due to serious silting at its outfall to the sea. In fact, it is at certain periods of the twenty-four hours practically stagnant. Consequently, it is the cause of serious flooding after heavy rainfall and both a nuisance and a danger to residents in the Highbury Avenue area. It also causes serious flooding of agricultural land which it is intended to drain. The clearance of the outlet and lowering of the water level is an urgent matter. It is rapidly becoming worse and calls for undelayed action by the authority responsible. I hope my Council will deal vigorously in this matter, otherwise I foresee serious trouble will arise.

Moveable Dwellings

There are three Licensed Sites in the Area used for the stationing of moveable dwellings.

With reference to the Bastion Site, despite the judgment given against the Council by the Court of Quarter Sessions, I still strongly adhere to my opinion that this Site, owing to lack of surface water drainage and severe winter flooding is from a Public Health point of view, quite unfit for a permanent camp of this size, as a great number of shacks and hutments are on the ground, therefore for many weeks in the winter, water is up to and in some cases over the floor boards and in the following season they must be occupied in a damp condition.

The indiscriminate erection of unsightly huts, poultry houses, etc., is to be deplored. One colony is in the best residential part of our Area and another on the Eastern Boundary. More powers should be vested in local authorities to enable them to control these colonies, both as to suitable sites and design of these so called moveable dwellings, the majority of which could not stand removal.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The collection and disposal of refuse and the collection of salvage has again been a major problem due to the increased population and the lack of manpower and transport, but has been carried out satisfactorily. I am pleased that the Council have acquired a modern collecting vehicle and hope that an additional one will soon be delivered.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities

These remain unchanged.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations of discharges, throat swabs, etc., are done at the ministry of Health Laboratory, Conway. During 1945 they numbered 192. 41 Samples of water were despatched for bacteriological examination. Venereal swabs and blood requiring examination for venereal diseases are sent by the patients' doctors to the laboratory of the Chester Royal Infirmary.

Ambulance Services

Infectious cases are removed to the Isolation Hospital by ambulance specially reserved for this purpose. All other cases of illness or accident requiring transport are removed either by the local ambulance, which, owing to age is very much out of date, or by a privately owned Ambulance, also, the Rhyl Division of the St. John's Association have now acquired an ambulance which is giving excellent and willing service by day and night.

Nursing in the Home

The local Nursing Association maintains a District Nurse.

Home Help

There is no Home Help in the Area.

Clinics

Ante-Natal and Child Welfare Clinics are under the control of the County Medical Officer of Health. Infant Welfare Centre held at the Presbyterian Church Hall every Friday 1-30 to 4-30 p.m. A Medical Officer attends every first and third Friday.

Orthopaedic Clinic at the Old Emmanuel School, Rhyl every first and third Friday mornings 10-30 to 12-30. Orthopaedic Nurse attends every session. Surgeon attends every two months.

Ante-Natal Clinic at Presbyterian Church Hall, first and third Thursdays, 2 to 4 p.m.

The Tuberculosis Clinic, in charge of the Medical Officers of the King Edward VII. Memorial, is held at 27 Edward Henry Street, Rhyl, every Friday at 10 a.m.

Free Hospital, Sanatorium, Clinical and Domiciliary treatment is available to all persons suffering from tuberculosis by arrangements made with the King Edward VII Welsh National Memorial Association through the County Council.

Grants in cash or kind are also given by the County Council to Tuberculous persons after their needs have been considered by the Flintshire Tuberculosis Sub-Committee which meets quarterly.

Propaganda

No new or special propaganda by the Health Department during 1945.

Venereal Diseases

Treated at the Chester Royal Infirmary Out Patients Department. All forms of venereal disease are examined and treated under conditions of strict secrecy. Cost of travelling to the Infirmary is paid by the County Council, if patients cannot afford to do so. The tracing of contacts and the follow up of defaulters is undertaken by the County Medical Officer's Department.

Hospitals

There are none in the Urban Area.

Infectious cases are treated at the St. Asaph Isolation Hospital.

Maternity Facilities

There are two private Maternity Homes in the Area and one, Chatsworth House, under the control of the Flintshire County Council.

Nutrition

The Council do not provide free food or meals.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum

No case has been reported during the year,

Scabies

Cases of Scabies, I am glad to say have almost disappeared. Any which do occur are notified and treated.

Tuberculosis

No action required to be taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1925 (relating to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade) or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act 1936 (relating to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from Tuberculosis). For new cases, etc., see Table II.

Zymotic Diseases

Cases of diphtheria, scarlet fever and measles have, I am glad to say, not been of a virulent type, thanks to immunisation, early diagnosis and prompt isolation, together with the examination of contacts and disinfection of premises, bedding and clothing. See table for number of cases.

The provision of a steam disinfecter would be a great asset.

Diphtheria Immunisation

The Council were very alive to the importance of this work and as early as 1940 made application to the Ministry of Health for approval to a Scheme for the District under the Public Health Act 1936, Section 177, (1). The Scheme commenced in June 1940, and my Department has since carried out, with the willing co-operation of the local medical practitioners, a regular series of sessions. The Scheme is free and covers all children of School age and, in addition, children of pre-school

age are included on behalf of the County Authority.

There is no doubt but that the Scheme has been a great success.

The number of children immunised during 1945 was 135, of which 94 were under 5 years of age and 41 over that age. These figures exclude children immunised privately.

Public Places of Entertainment

As required by Circular 120 Ministry of Health these are inspected and kept under supervision, especially as regards general cleanliness, sanitary conveniences, fire appliances and exits.

Rag and Flock Act

No action necessary.

Smoke Abatement

There has been no cause for complaint during the year. The local steam laundry is the only industry in the area, but by co-operation with the owners the smoke nuisance is reduced to a minimum.

Swimming Pools

There are two in the Area, both privately owned but only one has been in use since 1939, and this has been kept under supervision.

Schools

Are under the control of the County Council Authority. The Heads of schools are immediately notified of any cases of infectious diseases occurring amongst the scholars or in their homes.

Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses within the District.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	...	3,655
Population (Census 1921)	...	...	...	...	...	4,083
" " 1931	...	...	...	...	...	4,511
Estimated population Mid 1945	...	...	...	...	...	7,873
Estimated number of inhabited houses (1921)	...	...	...	...	...	770
" " " " (1931)	...	...	...	...	...	1,579
" " " " (1933)	...	...	...	...	...	1,590
Number of families or separate occupiers (1921)	...	...	...	...	...	887
" " " " (1931)	...	...	...	...	...	1,592
" " " " (1933)	...	...	...	...	...	1,760
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	...	£76,374
Sum represented by a 1d. rate	...	...	...	...	...	£305

Birth Rate

The number of births registered was 136, thus:—

		M	F	Total
Births	{ Legitimate	61	60	136
	{ Illegitimate	8	7	

giving a rate per 1,000 population of 17.3.

Still Births

Total 3. Male 2. Female 1. all legitimate.

Death Rate

The total number of deaths of residents belonging to the area was 133. The number of deaths of residents and non-residents registered by the local Registrar was 113, to this there has to be added 31 deaths of residents who died outside the area and 11 deaths subtracted, being those of non-residents who died within the area, giving a correct number of 133, which on the civilian population of 7,873 gives a death rate per thousand population of 16.9.

The outstanding feature is that 93 deaths were those of people over 65 years of age, practically two-thirds of the total deaths.

Heart diseases accounted for 43; Intracranial vascular diseases for 24; Cancer for 19; all essentially diseases of elderly people. Puerperal causes nil, measles nil. Deaths from all forms of tuberculosis 3.

For causes of and ages at death see Table iii.

The following Table contrasts the Prestatyn Urban District figures for Births and Deaths with those of England and Wales.

	Prestatyn U.D. 1945.	Prestatyn U.D. 1944.	England. Wales.
Birth Rate	17.3	12.23	16.7
Maternal Mortality Rate	0.0	0.0	1.79
Death Rate	16.9	17.06	11.4

Cemetery

There have been 59 interments in Coed Bell Cemetery during 1945, as compared with 54 in 1944.

Protestants—49

Catholics—3

Common Grave—7

TABLE I.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1945.

DISEASE.	At all Ages	Under 1 year	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	Over 65	Cases admitted to Hospital
Scarlet Fever, ...	6	...	...	...	1	1	...	1	2	1	..	...	...	4
Diphtheria ...	8	...	...	1	...	2	...	...	1	3	...	1	...	8
Erysipelas ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	1	...	1
Whooping Cough ...	28	1	2	8	1	2	14	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ...	235	7	16	23	18	22	109	13	15	11	1	...	...	...
Broncho Pneumonia ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Lobar Pneumonia ...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...	3	1	...
Cerebro Spinal Fever ...	11	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	4	2	2	...	11
Dysentery ...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...	1
Total ...	298	8	19	32	20	27	124	14	21	22	3	7	1	25

TABLE II.

TUBERCULOSIS—New Cases and Mortality during 1945.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non- Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...
10...	...	2	1	...	...	...	...	...
15...	1	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
20...	1	2	1	..	1	...	...	...
25...	4	2	...	...	1	...	...	...
35...	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45...	4	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
55...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 & upw'ds	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	14	8	3	...	3	...	...	...

TABLE III. — Causes of and ages at Death,

during the year 1945

Nett Deaths at the subjectional ages
of "Residents" whether occurring in
or beyond the district

Causes of Death	All Ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 2	2 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and upwards	Total Deaths
Typhoid and Paratyphoid										—
Cerebro Spinal Fever ...										—
Scarlet Fever ...										—
Whooping Cough ...										—
Diphtheria ...										—
Tuberculosis of respiratory system ...								1	1	2
Other forms of tuberculosis							1			1
Syphilitic diseases ...										—
Influenza ...										—
Measles... ..										—
Acute Poliomyelitis and Polioencephalitis										—
Acute Infantile Encephalitis										—
Cancer of Bronchial cavity. Oesophagus, Uterus ...							1	2		3
Cancer of Stomach and Duodenum ...								2	2	4
Cancer of Breast ...								1		1
Cancer of all other sites ..								3	8	11
Diabetes ...									4	4
Intra-cran: Vasc: Lesions							1	5	18	24
Heart disease ...							1	1	41	44
Other dis. of circ. system										—
Bronchitis ...						1		1	7	9
Pneumonia ...		1					1		6	8
Other respiratory diseases								1	4	5
Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum ...									1	1
Diarrhoea (under 2 years)			1							1
Appendicitis									2	2
Other digestive diseases ...										—
Nephritis ...							1	1		2
Puerperal post abortis										—
Sepsis... ..										—
Other Maternal causes ..										—
Premature Birth ...		3								3
Congenital birth malform		7								7
Suicide ...										—
Road traffic accidents ...			1							1
Other violent causes ...									1	1
All other causes ...						2			8	10
All Causes ...	—	11	1	1	—	3	6	18	104	144

TABLE IV.—Infant Mortality,

During the Year 1945

Nett Deaths from stated causes at various Ages under One Year of Age.

Cause of Death		Under 1 Week	1-2 Weeks	2-3 Weeks	3-4 Weeks	1-3 Months	3-6 Months	6-9 Months	9-12 Months	Total Deaths under 1 Year
All Causes	{ Certified Uncertified									
{ Small Pox									
{ Chicken Pox									
{ Measles									
{ Scarlet Fever									
{ Whooping Cough									
Diphtheria and Croup	...									
Erysipelas	...									
{ Tuberculosis Meningitis	...									
{ Abdominal Tuberculosis	...									
{ Other Tuberculous Diseases	...									
Meningitis not Tuberculosis	...									
Convulsions	...						1			1
Laryngitis	...									
Bronchitis	...									
Pneumonia (all forms)	...							1		1
{ Diarrhoea					1				1
{ Enteritis									
Gastritis									
Syphillis									
Rickets									
Suffocation, overlying	...	1								1
Injury at Birth	2								2
Atelectasis	...					1				1
Congenital Malformations	...								1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	...									
{ Premature Birth	3								3
{ Atrophy, Debility, and Mar-	...									
sumus	...									
{ Other causes	...									
Total	...	6	0	0	0	2	1	1	1	11

Total Births in the Year:—136. Males, 69; Females, 67.
(Of these 15 were Illegitimate).

ADULTERATION, ETC.

Food & Drugs Act

Your Inspector under this Act has reported as follows :—

I beg to furnish you with the following particulars of Samples purchased under the above Act in your district during the year ended 31st December, 1945.

Description of Sample	No. of Samples			Genuine		Prose- cutions	Cautioned	
New Milk	...	12	...	10	...	1	...	1
Bread	...	1	...	1	...		...
Soup	...	2	...	2	...		...
Malt Vinegar	...	1	...	1	...		...
Semolina		1	...	1	...		...
Baked Beans	...	1	...	1	...		...
Cake Mixture	...	1	...	1	...		...
Total	...	19	...	17	...	1	...	1

Yours faithfully,

WM. WASLEY,

Superintendent.

SANITARY INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1945

Inspections

Total number of visits and inspections	...	3926
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Infectious Diseases

Number of Cases reported by the Medical Officer of Health	298
Number of Inquiries	...	...	...	412
„ „ Cases removed to Isolation Hospital	...			25
„ „ Rooms disinfected	...	...		263
„ „ Bedding destroyed	...	...		86

Drainage, Etc.

Number of repairs to Water Closets	...	...	71
„ „ complaints received	...	...	847
„ „ choked and defective drains dealt with			628
Number of Miscellaneous sanitary defects	...		510
„ „ Preliminary Notices served	...	...	126
„ „ Statutory Notices served	...	...	7
„ „ times Cesspools emptied	...	...	10

Scavenging

Number of ashbins emptied	...	...	80123
„ „ shops cleared	...	...	5232
„ „ loads of refuse removed (tractor)			801
„ „ houses needing dustbins— Notices sent			46
„ „ Sacks of Paper	...	...	2570
Average weekly Collection :—			
(a) Ashbins	...	...	1560
(b) Shops	...	...	100.6
(c) Loads	...	...	15.4
(d) Sacks of Paper	...	...	49.4

Salvage

Amount Disposed :

			Tons	Cwts	Qrs	lbs
Paper	...	...	65	5	0	0
Ferrous Metals	...	...	1	12	0	0
Non Ferrous Metals	...	...		2	0	0
Rags and Bagging	...	...	4	4	2	0
Bones	3	1	0	0
Bottles and Jars		11	0	0

Bakehouses

Number of places under inspection	...	17
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Water

Number of new places supplied	...	24
Number of repairs, fittings, etc.	...	44
Number of notices re waste of water	...	4

Dairies and Cowsheds

Number of dealers operating in the district :—

Number of Resident Retailers of Milk...	...	4
„ „ Resident Cowkeepers and Retailers	...	11
„ „ Resident Wholesalers	...	3
„ „ Non-resident Retailers	...	6
„ „ Visits and Inspections	...	312

Offensive Trades

Number dealt with	—
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General

Dampness reported	48
Waste Pipe defects	69
Bedding burned	86
Bad smells	70

Animals

Number causing nuisance	1
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Lodging Houses

Number Registered	—
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Legal Proceedings

Number of Prosecutions	—
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Factory & Workshops

Number on Register	47
Number of Written Notices	10

Eradication of Bed Bugs

- 1 Methods employed for freeing houses infested with bed-bugs Insecticide.
- 2 The methods employed for ensuring that the belongings of tenants are free from vermin before removal to Council houses... .. Nil. None required.
- 3 Whether the work of disinfection is carried out by Local Authority Yes.

HOUSING

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year :—

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 471
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 536
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 ... 372
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 463

- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation —
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 82
- 2 Remedy of defects during the year without Service of formal Notices :—
- Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... 78
- 3 Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—
- (A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... 4
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—
- (a) By owners ... 4
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners nil
- (B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... 61
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—
- (a) By owners ... 61
- (b) By Local Authority in default of owners nil
- (C) Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936
- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... nil

- (2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders nil

(D) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936

- (1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing orders were made nil

- (2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit nil

4. Housing Act, 1936 (*Overcrowding*)

- (a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year nil

- (2) Number of families dwelling therein ... nil

- (3) Number of persons dwelling therein ... nil

- (b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year 3

- (c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year 3

- (2) Number of persons concerned in such cases ... 32

- (d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding —

- (e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report ... —

Houses owned by the Local Authority

The following is a list of properties owned by the local Council.

Caradoc Terrace	...	15 houses
Dawson Park	...	66 „
Bryn Melyd Road	...	22 „
Isfryn Road	...	22 „
Gas Works House	...	1 „

Premises & Occupations which can be controlled by Bye-laws and Regulations.

Periodical inspections are made with a view to ensuring that the houses are maintained in a clean and tidy condition.

There are no common lodging houses in the area, nor any other place falling within this category.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Careful supervision is kept over these. Numerous articles of food have been inspected in the shops and condemned as unfit for human consumption.

Bakehouses, Meat and Other Food Shops

All meat is now centrally slaughtered under the Government Scheme at an abattoir controlled by a neighbouring local authority, and inspected by the Meat and Food Inspector.

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Sanitary Inspector.

CLIMATOLOGY OF PRESTATYN

1. Temperature. Maximum average temperature 58.1 fahr, Minimum average temperature 46.2 fahr. Summer months average 57.0 fahr. Winter months average 44.6 fahr.
Number of days with temperature of 65 and over—102.
Number of days with temperatures of 32 and over—23,
Warmest day, June 21, 82 deg.
Coldest, January 25th, 22 deg.
2. Sunshine. Total for the year, 1372 hours.
119 days above last year. Highest monthly total, June 191 3 hours;
Lowest, December 38 4. Sunless days during the year, 59.
3. Rainfall. Total for the year 20.46 inches,
7.04 inches below normal. Wettest month October with 4 85 inches,
Dryest November with 19 inches.
Snow and hail fell on 4 days.
4. Relative Humidity, 69.4, Slightly above normal.
5. Visibility. Fog occurred on 8 days with visibility less than 500 yards, mist and haze on 27 days. Extraordinary visibility on the evening of December 19th.
6. Wind. Gales over 42 miles per hour 4,
Calm days 56.
7. Hoar frost and dew on 3.4 nights.

Some Outstanding Features

1. An absolute drought in November within a few points, rainfall only .19, an unusual record for this month.
2. No near Electrical Storm, although several were reported from other areas.
3. The number of calm days above normal.
4. On the whole 1945 was a moderate year.

I. C. ROBERTS,

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