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BOROUGH OF TENBY

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

To His Worship the Mayor, 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.

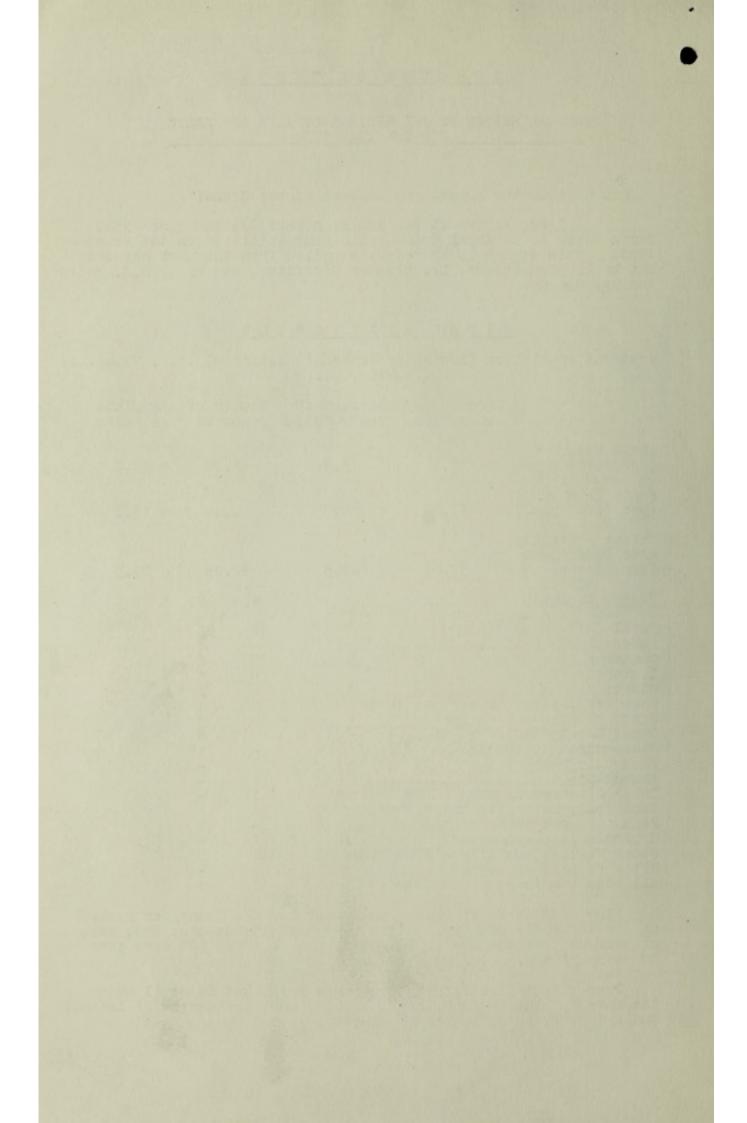
VITAL STATISTICS

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

	Borough of Tenby, 1954			y of cke	
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pcp.)	12.2	13.9	16,	72	15.2
Death Rate (per 1,000 pcp.)	13,6	14.8	12.	40	11.3
Infant Mcrtality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	37.03	65.5	32.	23	25.5
Causes of Death			М.	F.	
Total (all causes) Tuberculcsis (all forms) Cancer Leukaemia Diabetes Vascular lesions of nervous system Coronary disease, angina Other heart disease Other circulatory disease Pneumonia Bronchitis Other diseases of respiratory system Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea Nephritis and nephrosis Hyperplasia of prostate Other defined and ill-defined diseases Motor vehicle accidents All other accidents			36 7 - 547 - 3111 - 14 - 2	251211435115-1	

The Death Rate is higher than that for the County of Pembroke or for the whole Country. More than half the deaths, 55%, were of persons over the age of 70 years, and of these 52% were over 80 years of age.

The Infant Mcrtality Rate shows a fall, but is still above the rate for the whole Country. There were two deaths of infants under 1 year, both due to prematurity.



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NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The only notifications received during the year were of twelve cases of Whooping Cough.

TUBERCULOSIS

Six cases of respiratory tuberculosis were notified, of which four were admitted to hospital.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County in the Autumn, and spent three days in Tenby.

	Grand Total	Male	Female
Total number of persons examined:	942	379	563
Definite pulmonary tuberculosis:	1	1	
Requiring further observation for pulmonary tuberculosis:	11	5	6
Healed primary lesions:	14	7	7
Non-tuberculor abnormalities:	37	20	17

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT, 1946

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICES

VACCINATION

Free vaccination against Smallpox is offered to all babies and any other persons for whom it may be advisable. This is carried out by the local doctors, who are paid by the County Council for notification of either successful vaccination or failure after the second attempt. Records were received of 13 primary and 12 secondary vaccinations during the year.

IMMUNISATION

This is also carried cut by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council on receipt by your Medical Officer of the record cards. Records cards were received of the immunisation of 65 children, and of 129 reinforcing injections.

Other arrangements for Local Health Services are carried cut by the County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

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

Investigations were made of several cases reported, but no statutory action was found to be necessary.

WATER

Water samples were taken monthly during the year, and with the exception of one, wore all satisfactory.

The water supplied was sclely from the Precelly Water Board, the Pumping Station and Ritec supply being used only as a standby source.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

An extensive length of the Eastern Outfall trunk sewer in Castle Square was re-laid, converting the existing defective brick culvert into a 12" cast iron main.

Considerable work of a repair nature was carried out in the branch sewer in Crackwell Street, where defects occurred in the old brick arch.

Beaches

Fewer complaints of beach fouling were received, and no evidence was collected of beach fouling by sewage cutfalls. The particularly adverse weather experienced generally during the season might have had an effect of reducing the number of visitors using the beaches.

REFUSAL DISPOSAL

The views of the County Planning Committee made the use of the field opposite the existing refuse tip adjoining the main Tenby/Penally road impossible. Inspection of the disused Black Rock Quarry revealed an ideal site for refuse disposal by controlled tipping, but preliminary approaches to the owner of this land were not successful.

HOUSING

Tenders for the erection of 107 dwelling units and site works at the proposed Marsh Road Housing Estate were prepared, and the Council considered the tenders received.

FOOD

The Council will remember that the previous Sanitary Inspectors have reported on the failure of most premises in which meals are prepared and cocked, to reach the minimum standard of cleanliness required. Though most premises still fall short of the desired standard, improvements have been made to this end.

I have the honour to be

Your obedient servant,

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

PARTICULARS OF SANITARY INSPECTOR'S WORK

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR 1954

Total Nc.cf dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (Under Public Health or Housing Acts)	75
Nc.of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 & 1932 included in previous column.	-
Nc.cf dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	-
Nc.cf dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation (exclusive of those in previous column)	-
Nc.cf defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers	_
ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR	
H cusing Act, 1936. Sections 9,10 & 16 No.of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	Nil
Nc.cf dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By owners)	Nil
Public Health Acts No.of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	Nil
Nc.cf dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices (By owners)	Nil
Housing Act, 1936. Sections 11 and 13 No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	Nil
Nc.of dwelling houses demolished in persuance of demolition orders.	Nil
H cusing Act, 1936. Section 12 No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which closing orders were made.	Nil
HOUSING ACT, 1936, PART IV - OVERCROWDING	
No. of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of year	Net knewn
Nc.cf families dwelling therein	Net knewn
Nc.cf persons dwelling therein	Net knewn
No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during year	Not known
Nc.cf cases of overcrowding relieved during year	Nil
Nc.cf persons concerned in such cases	Nil

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SANITARY INSPECTION

RODENT CONTROL Nc.cf properties inspected Nc.cf properties found to be infested by rats 683 407 Nc.cf properties found to be infested by mice 104 Nc. of infested properties treated. 511 MILK AND DAIRIES ORDERS 36 Nc.cf Registered Dairymen Nc.cf Retailers in the Borough Nc.cf inspections 23 Milk Samples Satisfactory 23 Unsatisfactory Ice Cream Samples Nil Nc. of premises visited Food Premises Fishmongers Bakeries 20 Butchers 17 Ice-cream premises 40 Grecers 20 32 Cafe kitchens Market. Nc.cf inspections re:-53 Housing Corporate Estate 22 Nuisances 13 Drainage and Sewerage 37 Mcveable Dwellings Investigations as to:-Tuberculcsis Nctifications Other duties 306

Food Inspection

A total of 2 qtrs. 9 lbs. 4 cz. of fresh and tinned meat and 1 cwt. 22 lbs. 8 czs. of other foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered by traders during the year.

HALLOW SEED ... NAMED AND THE OWNER.

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FACTORIES ACT, 1937 & 1948

Premises	Nc. cn Register	Inspections		Occupiers Presecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4,& 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	12	10	Nil	Nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	h 40	31	Nil	Nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is en- forced by the Local Authority (excluding cut-workers' premises)	1	Lţ.	Nil	Nil
Tctal:	53	45	Nil	Nil

L.J. Octtrell

Borough Surveyor.