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TWRCELYN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

BRYN HYFRYD,

AMLWCH,

ANGLYSEY.

17th October, 1948.

To the Chairman and Members of the
TWRCELYN RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.



Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my brief report upon the health and Sanitary Condition of the district with statistics relating to Births and Deaths for the year ending 31st December, 1947 as directed by Circular, 170/47 (Wales.)

SECTION A.

Statistics and Social Condition of the Area.

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|------------------------------|---------------|
| Area | 53,869 acres. |
| Number of Parishes | 20 |
| Population | 8,360 |
| Number of inhabited houses | 2,981 |
| Rateable Value | £25,673 |
| Sum produced by a penny rate | £ 100 |

The District is almost entirely agricultural in character and there are no important industries in the area. There are several villages along the coast and these are visited during the summer months by several thousands of people spending their summer holidays and several sites for mobile caravans are also let along the coast and a number of tents and temporary summer huts are put in the fields.

Most of the men in the district work on the farms and small holdings, but along the coast a very big percentage of the men are sea-faring, but very little fishing is done along the coast, except by retired seamen during the summer months.

Extracts from vital statistics of the year.

| <u>Live Births</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Legitimate | 80 | 83 | 163 |
| Illegitimate | 7 | 5 | 12 |
| | | | <u>175</u> |
| <u>Still Births</u> | | | |
| Legitimate | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Illegitimate | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| | | | <u>3</u> |

The live birth-rate was equal to 20.93 per 1,000 of the population compared with a rate of 20.5 per 1,000 total population in England and Wales.

There were two male and one female legitimate still-births making a rate of 0.35 per 1,000 of the population compared with a rate of 0.50 per 1,000 total population in England and Wales.

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DEATHS.

The number of deaths registered during the year was 115 (Males 51 and Females 64) and equals a rate of 13.75 per 1,000 of the population compared with a rate of 12.0 per 1,000 of the total population in England and Wales.

There were no deaths from Puerperal, Post-abortive Sepsis or other maternal causes.

The number of deaths of Infants under one year of age was 9 (7 males and 2 females, 8 legitimate and 1 illegitimate) making a rate of 51.42 per 1,000 live-births, compared with 41.0 per 1,000 total live births in England and Wales.

There were no deaths from diarrhoea in children under two years of age while the rate per 1,000 live-births in England and Wales was 5.8.

| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Deaths from Cancer | 9 | 12 | 21 |
| Deaths from Tuberculosis | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Deaths from Heart Diseases and intracranial vascular lesions | 21 | 33 | 54 |
| Deaths from Influenza, Bronchitis and Pneumonia | 7 | 8 | 15 |
| Deaths from Premature births and Congenital Malformation | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Deaths from Suicide and Violent causes | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Deaths from Kidney and digestive organ diseases | 4 | 5 | 9 |
| Deaths from all other causes | 3 | 1 | 4 |

There were no deaths from Measles, Whooping Cough, Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria or Typhoid.

SECTION B.

HOSPITALS.

There are no hospitals belonging to the Local Authority, Cases suffering from Infectious diseases are admitted into the County Isolation Hospital at Llangefni, an ambulance being sent from the Isolation Hospital, to convey the cases into hospital and the premises are disinfected by the Local Authority Inspector.

Most of the General Medical, Surgical and Accident cases are sent to the Caernarvonshire and Anglesey Infirmary at Bangor 25 miles away and to the Liverpool Hospitals.

Cases suffering from Venereal diseases are treated at the C. and A. Infirmary, Bangor where clinics for both male and female cases are held three times a week, under a scheme drawn for the whole County and the tracing of contacts and follow-up of defaulters are also very satisfactorily done under the same County Scheme.

Maternity and Child Welfare.

A Scheme is in operation which provides for the payment by the Council of an annual contribution towards the expenses of the Voluntary Nursing Association for the provision of Maternity and Child Welfare Services in and for the benefit of the whole County.

Ante-Natal Clinics are held once every month at Amlwch, Beaumaris, Holyhead and Llangefni, when the Consultant Obstetrician attends and nearly all the primiparous and abnormal cases attend and are admitted into the County Hospital, Bangor for treatment of the Consultant Obstetrician considers it necessary. Arrangements can also be made for urgent cases from this district to attend at the Clinic held every *week.*

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| Year | Deaths | Rate |
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| 1911 | 119 | 1.8 |
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| 1913 | 119 | 1.8 |
| 1914 | 119 | 1.8 |
| 1915 | 119 | 1.8 |
| 1916 | 119 | 1.8 |
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at the County Hospital, Bangor should occasion arise..

There are several district nurses residing in the area and they attend the Ante-Natal Clinics in their area. Nearly all the Nurses have been provided with Motor Cars as the distances they have to travel are very great and the houses are very scattered.

Provisions have been made at the County Hospital, Bangor, whereby premature and immature babies from this district may be moved and treated and this has been made use of on several occasions with satisfactory results.

Infant clinics are held every fortnight at Amlwch, Cemaes Bay, Llanerchymedd, Marianglar and Llangefni and babies from this district attend the above Centres. The Clinics are well attended and most of the children in the district have been inoculated against Diphtheria either privately at the Infant Clinic or at the Primary Schools by the School Medical Officer.

Very satisfactory laboratory facilities are now available at the C. and A. Infirmary, Bangor and the Emergency Public Health Laboratory at Conway where Bacteriological examination of water, throat swabs, Sputum examination etc., are sent.

SECTION C.

Water Supply.

The Water Supply at Benllech, Cemaes Bay and Llanerchymedd are now much more satisfactory, but the bacteriological reports on several of the shallow wells in the rural areas have been unsatisfactory and notices have been put up that such water was safe to use for drinking and domestic use only after boiling.

Steps are continually been taken to clean and further protect the shallow wells until the water scheme adopted by the Anglesey County Council and approved by the Ministry is completed and pure water will be within the reach of nearly all the residents and I am glad to report that the work is progressing very satisfactory and will soon be completed in several districts.

Drainage and Sewerage.

Several complaints have been received during the year about the disposal of sewerages at Benllech Bay, Cemaes Bay and Moelfre especially during the summer months when these places are full of visitors and the situation is viewed with grave concern as the present system is totally inadequate to cope with the increase in the population and I earnestly hope that a proper sewerage system will be adopted as soon as the County Water Scheme is in operation as serious consequences might arise at the places mentioned if a proper sewerage system is not adopted in the very near future.

In the smaller villages more inland the present system of night soil and domestic refuse collection has been improved, but still leaves a lot more to be desired. A much more satisfactory method has been adopted by the Council to empty and clean the public cesspools and septic tanks.

SECTION D.

Inspection and supervision of Food.

This work is carried out in conjunction with the local Sanitary Inspector.

The Inspector of Food for the County takes samples of milk frequently for Bacteriological examination.

Premises preparing and selling Ice-Cream have also been registered and visited and reported upon in the Council.

SECTION E.

Infectious and Contagious Diseases.

Cases notified during the year.

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|--------------------------|----|
| Whooping Cough | 11 |
| Measles | 19 |
| Influenzal Pneumonia | 12 |
| Scarlet Fever | 6 |
| Diphtheria | 1 |
| Anterio Polio-Myelitis | 1 |
| Tuberculosis (Pulmonary) | 13 |
| " (Not Pulmonary) | 2 |

The Tuberculosis Physician under the King Edward VIII Welsh National Memorial Association holds a Clinic in the area every month and patients are often referred to him at Llangefni Sanatorium where he holds a Clinic every week, and the patients from this area are X-Rayed and receive treatment there.

The Tuberculosis Allowance Scheme has undoubtedly been of great assistance to patients to come for treatment much earlier and to remain in hospital and under treatment much more readily because of its very great value in relieving anxieties and over-coming financial difficulties at home.

SECTION F.

Housing:

The general standard of the houses in the district is fairly good, but in some of the villages there are several houses in very poor condition and have been condemned as unfit for human habitation, but the 40 new Council Houses built last year have now been completed and occupied so that the housing problems at Llanerchymedd, where 13 houses have been completed, Cemaes Bay where 18 houses have been completed and at Moelfre where 9 houses have been occupied, have been eased considerably and it is hoped that the housing problem in other parts of the district will be greatly helped by the new houses scheduled to be built.

I wish to thank the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and also the Clerk and the Sanitary Inspector for their very great help and co-operation.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

R.O. JONES,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

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