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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Health Committee,  
Valley Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report upon the Health of your Sanitary District during the year 1968.

In an earlier Annual Report I referred to the steady population increase trend since the population figure of 12,100 reflected by 1954 (with exceptions only in 1960 and 1962). This trend has continued during the current year by 50 persons and as such compares with 300 persons in 1967 and 100 during 1966. This is a matter, of course, of not merely academic interest but provides not only an absolute figure as to the number at present living in your District, but even more important, gives a pointer towards progressive demands upon a Sanitary/Housing Authority in relation to such basic provisions as housing accommodation, sewerage, and water services, bearing in mind the not infrequent lengthy time factor (dictated outside of this Area) between the actual Resolution of the Authority and the final constructional completion of that intention.

Of course, since 1951, water provision is the entire responsibility of the Centralised County Water Authority and is referred to by the Senior Public Health Inspector in his current report.

Due to the present construction of a major multi-million pound installation within this District it automatically very considerably complicates the assessments that can be provided for by this Authority.

As the bringing to finalisation of further progressions in these basic provisions in this past year are dealt with most efficiently by the Senior Public Health Inspector in his Annual Report, may it therefore be more appropriate for myself to comment briefly.

By the completion of 11 more Council House dwellings, this Housing Authority, by the end of the year will have constructed, since the conclusion of the war, no less than 758 dwellings. These eleven dwellings were of the single and two bedroom unit type for elderly persons at Aberffraw and have been greatly admired from without the County. To this improved accommodation picture must be added the fact that 91 private dwellings were completed and 128 were under construction. Additionally 44 improvement grant applications were made and 55 further Council Houses were in various preparation stages relative to five parishes, or in other words, the overall accommodation picture relative to your population is up to the past commendable Valley Council standard.

The Water Authority reports that a further 161 additional properties were mains water connected bringing the total in these last 20 years to 3,311 properties. As has been suggested previously owing to the isolation of many properties it is debatable as to how many more can be connected at a reasonable public expense. However the proverbial benefit of mains water mileage extension is not only as to the evaluation of wholesome water by individual householders, but also the fact that that availability can only too frequently determine, by the proposed housing schemes and of course sewerage scheme provision. This is an element very far from confined to your District alone.

Yet another village sewerage scheme was commenced during the year and is anticipated to have been completed by the end of the succeeding year thereby bringing the Council's similar scheme up to the record figure of 20.

In relation to the casting of these same provisions it is to be noted that your Rateable Valuation has increased from £348,339 to the current £356,246 with your Penny Rate productivity remaining static at £1,350.



The size and composition of ~~your~~ population in the years to come will of course be dictated by the trends and character of the Birth and Death Rates of the present and of recent years which are tabulated as:-

#### BIRTH RATES

	<u>Valley R.D.C.</u>	<u>Anglesey</u>	<u>England &amp; Wales</u>
1964	21.8	19.2	18.2
1965	21.73	19.3	18.0
1966	22.71	19.5	17.7
1967	20.13	20.3	17.2
1968	28.35	18.6	11.9

#### DEATH RATES

1964	12.6	12.2	11.3
1965	11.37	12.4	11.5
1966	9.89	12.2	11.7
1967	13.3	12.6	11.2
1968	11.13	12.7	11.9

As has already been projected these figures for Valley District are certain to be distorted for the next few years because of the younger family groups moving into the District on account of major constructional work. These younger families will increase the Birth Rate and by dilution of the overall population will correspondingly tend to decrease the apparent Death Rate. This picture has been occurring in a neighbouring District where there has also been a major project under construction for the last few years.

A study of the Causes of Death does not reveal any increase attributable to environmental factors under the control of this Sanitary Authority.

During the twelve months there has not been a single death due to any tuberculous cause. The malignant group has increased from 13 to 18 - that increase being entirely within the lung cancer group.

There has not been any epidemic of any notifiable disease, but only sporadic cases in small groups according to the anticipated periodicity.

Against 295 birth occurrences, 280 were immunised against diphtheria, 279 against whooping cough and 231 against tetanus. Smallpox vaccination was provided to 112 children. As in the past the protective measures continue to be available at the Infant Welfare Clinics maintained within this District by the County Health Authority.

In conclusion, I should like to again thank the Senior Public Health Inspector and his Assistant for their continuing all time ready co-operation in this sphere and the Chairman and his Colleagues for their courtesy and interest.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

G.H.B. ROBERTS

Medical Officer of Health

## GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres .. .. .	58,784
Population (Registrar General's mid 1968 estimate) .. ..	14,250
Rateable Value as at 31.3.69 .. .. .	£356,246
Product of the Penny Rate (as at 31.3.69) .. .. .	£1,350
Number of Rateable Premises:-	
(i) Dwelling Houses .. .. .	4,009
(ii) Farm Houses .. .. .	751
(iii) Business Premises .. .. .	485

## VITAL STATISTICS

### Live Births (actual occurrences)

	<u>1967</u>			<u>1968</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	126	121	247	146	133	279
Illegitimate	8	5	13	8	8	16
	<u>134</u>	<u>126</u>	<u>260</u>	<u>154</u>	<u>141</u>	<u>295</u>

The Birth Comparability factor is 1.12.

### Birth Rate (total)

<u>1967</u>		
Valley	18.3	Corrected 20.13
Anglesey	20.3	England & Wales 17.2
<u>1968</u>		
Valley	20.7	Corrected 28.35
Anglesey	18.6	England & Wales 11.9

### Stillbirths

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	1	3
Illegitimate	..	1	1
	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>4</u>

The Stillbirth rate per 1,000 total births (live and still) = 16.75

The rate for Anglesey was 14; England and Wales 14.

The Stillbirth rate per 1,000 population = 0.20

The rate for Anglesey was 0.24; England = 14.0

The Death Comparability factor was 0.98.

The Crude Death rate per 1,000 population was 11.6.

The Crude Death rate for Anglesey in 1967 was 12.7; England and Wales 11.9.

The Corrected Death rate per 1,000 population was 11.13.

The Corrected Death rate for Anglesey was 12.7.

### Maternal Deaths

Nil.



Deaths of infants under one year of age

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	2	-	2
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	2	-	2

The Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births = 24.0.

The Infant Mortality Rate for Anglessey was 0.94; England and Wales 18.0.

Deaths of infants under four weeks of age

	Male	Female	Total
Legitimate	3	-	3
Illegitimate	-	-	-
	3	-	3

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH (ALL AGES)

CAUSE OF DEATH	Male	Female
1. Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach	4	-
2. Malignant Neoplasm - Lung, Bronchus	7	2
3. Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	5
4. Leukaemia	1	-
5. Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	9	7
6. Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms	-	1
7. Other Endocrine etc. Diseases	-	1
8. Other Diseases of Nervous System	1	3
9. Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	-	2
10. Ischaemic Heart Disease	20	14
11. Cerebrovascular Disease	16	19
12. Other Forms of Heart Disease	5	6
13. Other Diseases of Circulatory System	2	7
14. Influenza	-	3
15. Pneumonia	2	4
16. Bronchitis and Emphysema	6	1
17. Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	-	1
18. Cirrhosis of Liver	1	-
19. Other Diseases of Digestive System	3	-
20. Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	2
21. Congenital Anomalies	-	1
22. Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	-
23. Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	-
24. All Other Accidents	1	2
25. Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	1	-
26. All Other External Causes	-	1
TOTAL	84	82

## Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases

### Notifiable Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)

Table showing cases notified during the year, classified into age groups.

DISEASE	-1	1+	2+	3+	4+	5-9	10-24	25+	? Age
Measles	2	8	14	14	13	17	1	-	4
Dysentery	1	1	-	1	1	5	2	4	-
Infective Hepatitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	3	4	1	-

### TUBERCULOSIS

Notifications of tuberculosis were as follows:-

AGE	SEX	RESPIRATORY OR NON-RESPIRATORY
62	Male	Respiratory
62	Male	Respiratory
5	Male	Respiratory
3	Male	Respiratory
41	Female	Respiratory
32	Female	Respiratory

### VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

#### Smallpox Vaccination

A total number of 112 persons were vaccinated against Smallpox during the year, and 22 persons were re-vaccinated.

#### Diphtheria Immunisation

A total number of 280 were vaccinated against Diphtheria, 279 were vaccinated against Whooping Cough and 261 were vaccinated against Tetanus.

Prevention and Control of Infectious Diseases  
Controllable Diseases (excluding Tuberculosis)  
 Total existing cases notified during the year, classified into the following:

Classification	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970	1971	1972	1973	1974	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	2028	2029	2030	2031	2032	2033	2034	2035	2036	2037	2038	2039	2040	2041	2042	2043	2044	2045	2046	2047	2048	2049	2050	2051	2052	2053	2054	2055	2056	2057	2058	2059	2060	2061	2062	2063	2064	2065	2066	2067	2068	2069	2070	2071	2072	2073	2074	2075	2076	2077	2078	2079	2080	2081	2082	2083	2084	2085	2086	2087	2088	2089	2090	2091	2092	2093	2094	2095	2096	2097	2098	2099	2100	2101	2102	2103	2104	2105	2106	2107	2108	2109	2110	2111	2112	2113	2114	2115	2116	2117	2118	2119	2120	2121	2122	2123	2124	2125	2126	2127	2128	2129	2130	2131	2132	2133	2134	2135	2136	2137	2138	2139	2140	2141	2142	2143	2144	2145	2146	2147	2148	2149	2150	2151	2152	2153	2154	2155	2156	2157	2158	2159	2160	2161	2162	2163	2164	2165	2166	2167	2168	2169	2170	2171	2172	2173	2174	2175	2176	2177	2178	2179	2180	2181	2182	2183	2184	2185	2186	2187	2188	2189	2190	2191	2192	2193	2194	2195	2196	2197	2198	2199	2200	2201	2202	2203	2204	2205	2206	2207	2208	2209	2210	2211	2212	2213	2214	2215	2216	2217	2218	2219	2220	2221	2222	2223	2224	2225	2226	2227	2228	2229	2230	2231	2232	2233	2234	2235	2236	2237	2238	2239	2240	2241	2242	2243	2244	2245	2246	2247	2248	2249	2250	2251	2252	2253	2254	2255	2256	2257	2258	2259	2260	2261	2262	2263	2264	2265	2266	2267	2268	2269	2270	2271	2272	2273	2274	2275	2276	2277	2278	2279	2280	2281	2282	2283	2284	2285	2286	2287	2288	2289	2290	2291	2292	2293	2294	2295	2296	2297	2298	2299	2300	2301	2302	2303	2304	2305	2306	2307	2308	2309	2310	2311	2312	2313	2314	2315	2316	2317	2318	2319	2320	2321	2322	2323	2324	2325	2326	2327	2328	2329	2330	2331	2332	2333	2334	2335	2336	2337	2338	2339	2340	2341	2342	2343	2344	2345	2346	2347	2348	2349	2350	2351	2352	2353	2354	2355	2356	2357	2358	2359	2360	2361	2362	2363	2364	2365	2366	2367	2368	2369	2370	2371	2372	2373	2374	2375	2376	2377	2378	2379	2380	2381	2382	2383	2384	2385	2386	2387	2388	2389	2390	2391	2392	2393	2394	2395	2396	2397	2398	2399	2400	2401	2402	2403	2404	2405	2406	2407	2408	2409	2410	2411	2412	2413	2414	2415	2416	2417	2418	2419	2420	2421	2422	2423	2424	2425	2426	2427	2428	2429	2430	2431	2432	2433	2434	2435	2436	2437	2438	2439	2440	2441	2442	2443	2444	2445	2446	2447	2448	2449	2450	2451	2452	2453	2454	2455	2456	2457	2458	2459	2460	2461	2462	2463	2464	2465	2466	2467	2468	2469	2470	2471	2472	2473	2474	2475	2476	2477	2478	2479	2480	2481	2482	2483	2484	2485	2486	2487	2488	2489	2490	2491	2492	2493	2494	2495	2496	2497	2498	2499	2500	2501	2502	2503	2504	2505	2506	2507	2508	2509	2510	2511	2512	2513	2514	2515	2516	2517	2518	2519	2520	2521	2522	2523	2524	2525	2526	2527	2528	2529	2530	2531	2532	2533	2534	2535	2536	2537	2538	2539	2540	2541	2542	2543	2544	2545	2546	2547	2548	2549	2550	2551	2552	2553	2554	2555	2556	2557	2558	2559	2560	2561	2562	2563	2564	2565	2566	2567	2568	2569	2570	2571	2572	2573	2574	2575	2576	2577	2578	2579	2580	2581	2582	2583	2584	2585	2586	2587	2588	2589	2590	2591	2592	2593	2594	2595	2596	2597	2598	2599	2600	2601	2602	2603	2604	2605	2606	2607	2608	2609	2610	2611	2612	2613	2614	2615	2616	2617	2618	2619	2620	2621	2622	2623	2624	2625	2626	2627	2628	2629	2630	2631	2632	2633	2634	2635	2636	2637	2638	2639	2640	2641	2642	2643	2644	2645	2646	2647	2648	2649	2650	2651	2652	2653	2654	2655	2656	2657	2658	2659	2660	2661	2662	2663	2664	2665	2666	2667	2668	2669	2670	2671	2672	2673	2674	2675	2676	2677	2678	2679	2680	2681	2682	2683	2684	2685	2686	2687	2688	2689	2690	2691	2692	2693	2694	2695	2696	2697	2698	2699	2700	2701	2702	2703	2704	2705	2706	2707	2708	2709	2710	2711	2712	2713	2714	2715	2716	2717	2718	2719	2720	2721	2722	2723	2724	2725	2726	2727	2728	2729	2730	2731	2732	2733	2734	2735	2736	2737	2738	2739	2740	2741	2742	2743	2744	2745	2746	2747	2748	2749	2750	2751	2752	2753	2754	2755	2756	2757	2758	2759	2760	2761	2762	2763	2764	2765	2766	2767	2768	2769	2770	2771	2772	2773	2774	2775	2776	2777	2778	2779	2780	2781	2782	2783	2784	2785	2786	2787	2788	2789	2790	2791	2792	2793	2794	2795	2796	2797	2798	2799	2800	2801	2802	2803	2804	2805	2806	2807	2808	2809	2810	2811	2812	2813	2814	2815	2816	2817	2818	2819	2820	2821	2822	2823	2824	2825	2826	2827	2828	2829	2830	2831	2832	2833	2834	2835	2836	2837	2838	2839	2840	2841	2842	2843	2844	2845	2846	2847	2848	2849	2850	2851	2852	2853	2854	2855	2856	2857	2858	2859	2860	2861	2862	2863	2864	2865	2866	2867	2868	2869	2870	2871	2872	2873	2874	2875	2876	2877	2878	2879	2880	2881	2882	2883	2884	2885	2886	2887	2888	2889	2890	2891	2892	2893	2894	2895	2896	2897	2898	2899	2900	2901	2902	2903	2904	2905	2906	2907	2908	2909	2910	2911	2912	2913	2914	2915	2916	2917	2918	2919	2920	2921	2922	2923	2924	2925	2926	2927	2928	2929	2930	2931	2932	2933	2934	2935	2936	2937	2938	2939	2940	2941	2942	2943	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In accordance with the provisions of the Public Health  
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In accordance with the provisions of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959, I have pleasure in submitting the following report on work carried out during the year and on the sanitary conditions of the area.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Action was not required under any of the provisions of the above Act during the year.

WATER SUPPLIES

As in the past duties under this particular heading have been limited to advising on work required to be carried out to private water supplies in order to secure improvements in quantity and quality. Most sampling of such supplies is carried out by officials of the County Water Department and where analysis results are unsatisfactory the owners are referred to this department for advice on improvements. Although it might be argued that this follow-up action should be carried out by the Water Authority I think it is right that advice should be given by the District Council officers particularly where such work is incidental to proposed improvements to dwellings.

It is customary to include in my report extracts from the County Water Engineer's annual report which relate to the water supply position in this area for the information of members:-



- 1). Daily consumption of water was 47 gallons per head per day, a fact which confirms the annual upward trend in water consumption.
- 2). A total of 161 additional properties within the area were connected to the mains water supply during the year bringing the total number so connected from 1947 to 3,311.
- 3). Total length of water mains of various diameters in the district as at 31st. December, 1968 was 133 miles with mains ranging from 1½" to 21" diameter.
- 4). A section of the original 10" diameter main into Holyhead along the A.5 Trunk Road in the Penrhos area was re-routed along the re-aligned A.5 and the opportunity was taken to increase the pipe size along this section to 15" so that the new section could serve as part of a proposed new trunk main into Holyhead. The laying of the new section was undertaken by the developers of the Anglesey Aluminium project.
- 5). The estimated water requirements of Anglesey Aluminium at Penrhos, Holyhead are 525,000 gallons per day by December, 1970 (expected commissioning date) rising to 1 million gallons per day ultimately. To meet this additional demand it is necessary to advance the timing of the second stage developments of the Alaw reservoir.

#### SEWERAGE AND DRAINAGE

##### SEWERAGE SCHEMES - GENERAL

One new village sewerage scheme to serve Rhydwyn and Llanrhyddlad areas was commenced during the year and progress of works was extremely satisfactory. When the scheme commissions at the end of 1969, the total number of schemes in operation in the rural district will be 20 involving a total of 27 automatic pumping stations.

The existing works with details of outfalls and pumping stations is as follows :-

	SCHEME	DISPOSAL	NO. OF PUMPING STATIONS.
1.	Aberffraw.	Sea (untreated).	1
2.	Bodedern.	Treatment Works.	2 (1 on works site).
3.	Bodffordd.	" "	-
4.	Bryndu.	" "	2 (1 on works site).
5.	Bryngwran.	" "	1 (on works site).
6.	Caergeiliog.	Sea (untreated via Valley & F.M.B.	1
7.	Carmel.	Treatment Works.	-
8.	Cerrigceinwen. (Rhostrehwfa).	Treatment Works. (Llangefni U.D.C.).	-
9.	Gorad.	Sea (untreated via Valley & F.M.B.).	1
10.	Gwalchmai.	Treatment Works.	2 (1 on works site).
11.	Llanddeusant.	" "	4 (1 on works site).
12.	Llanfachraeth.	" "	2 (1 on works site).
13.	Llanfaelog.	" " (Bryndu).	2
14.	Llanfaethlu.	" "	1 (on works site).
15.	Pencarnisiog.	" "	1 (on works site).
16.	Rhosneigr.	Sea (untreated).	-
17.	Trearddur Bay.	Sea (untreated).	3
18.	Valley and Four Mile Bridge.	" "	2
19.	West Holyhead.	" "	1 (maintained by Holyhead U.D.C.).

In addition to the foregoing schemes, ten isolated Council Housing Estates provided with full services are served by either septic tank or cesspool installations which are cleansed as often as may be necessary by the Council's cesspool emptier.

#### Trearddur Bay Sewerage

It is pleasing to report that the underground pumping stations at Trearddur Bay, for the first time in three years,



operated without a major breakdown either from flooding or failure of power supply. This is not to say that concern expressed on a number of occasions at their inadequacy can be dispensed with as they have only been kept in operation with daily attendance including weekend duty supplemented by inspections during periods of rainfall. The importance of replacing these two outdated underground stations with new stations provided with above ground control equipment is as great as ever.

Proposals to extend the sewerage scheme to serve development areas in Ravenspoint, Bagnol and Lon Towyn Capel were investigated and the Council were informed that before this would be allowed to proceed a "drainage separation" scheme designed to exclude as much surface and roof water from the foul sewers as practicable would have to be undertaken. At the end of the year the Council's Consulting Engineers had been instructed to prepare such a scheme and it is hoped that this will be brought into effect with a minimum of delay to allow the much needed extension scheme and improvements to proceed.

#### Valley and Four Mile Bridge Sewerage

A scheme to extend the outfall sewer at Porth Gwr Marw, Trearddur Bay, a further 400 yards out to sea was commenced and work is expected to be completed in 1969.

#### Rhosneigr Sewerage

A Ministry investigation took place into proposals to improve the sewerage system at Rhosneigr by extending the existing sea outfall so that the sewer would discharge at a point below low water mark and by constructing an additional tank sewer to store sewage for periods of up to six hours. An increasing number of complaints are being received of sewage pollution along the foreshore in the vicinity of the outfall and it is hoped that consent to proceed with these much needed improvements will not be long delayed.

#### Gwalchmai Sewerage Scheme

A scheme of improvement at the treatment works serving Gwalchmai was commenced during the year. The improvement



scheme mainly consists of the provision of tertiary treatment in the form of land irrigation prior to discharge of sewage effluent into the receiving stream. Because of low dilution factors a standard of effluent higher than that required by the Royal Commission has been imposed on the new discharge by the Gwynedd River Authority.

#### Sewage Works Maintenance

Although the position generally was an improvement of past performances the question of adequate sewage works maintenance remains one to cause concern. The number of works in operation in the area together with the need for daily inspection and desludging at the projected Rhydwyn works makes it inevitable that the staff responsible for this work be increased although in view of past difficulties in recruitment I am not confident that persons of the right calibre will be tempted to apply for the position.

#### Individual Drainage Systems

A total of 161 private drainage systems to serve new and existing properties together with connections into sewers or septic tank installations were inspected and approved during the year.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING

#### Refuse Collection and Disposal

The general refuse collection service continued to be carried out by two Karrier 18 cubic yard dual-tip collectors augmented by an Austin 4 ton commercial vehicle adapted for refuse collection work.

Concern was expressed towards the end of the year \ that the cost of refuse collection attributed to wages alone had soared over that incurred the previous year. Normal wage increases accounted for a small proportion of this increase only and by far the most of the additional cost was put down to overtime working particularly during the summer months.

Some difficulty was again experienced in the full manning of vehicles when one or more of the operatives were absent through sickness. It has already been reported that some 200 working days per annum are lost through sickness in this particular service and it is not possible to augment the service with labour drawn from other sections of the outdoor staff, neither is it possible to obtain casual labour for a few days at a time. It is apparent, therefore, that the operatives who are available either have to work overtime to clear the work or that back logs accrue giving rise to complaints of non-collection.

There seems no doubt that the recruitment of suitable labour to undertake this work will become increasingly difficult particularly with the setting up of new industries in the area with resultant competition for labour. It will become extremely important to make the service more attractive by adopting the paper sack system of refuse collection, a system which has already been advocated but not implemented because of the high initial cost of purchasing sack holders throughout the area.

#### Clegir Mawr Refuse Tip

A compulsory purchase order was made to authorise the acquisition of some three acres of land immediately adjoining the existing tip at Clegir Mawr to cater for future refuse disposal needs and to cater for the disposal of abandoned vehicles, a service made compulsory under the Civic Amenities Act, 1967.

#### Night-Soil Collection

##### Cesspool Emptying

A total of 177 private septic tank or cesspool installations were cleansed during the year at the request and expense of property owners. This figure emphasises the increase in demand for this service probably due to the continuing high number of houses which are being constructed outside sewerage areas.

#### NUISANCES

A total of 73 alleged nuisances were reported during the year, involving a total of 192 inspections and re-inspections. With the exception of two all the complaints



were found to be justified and appropriate action was taken to secure abatement of the nuisances. The two exceptions were separate complaints received from property owners living in the vicinity of the sewer sea outfall at Rhosneigr who complained of offensive odours arising from the area around the termination of the outfall. The complainants were informed that the Council were well aware of the unsatisfactory position and that steps were in hand to abate the nuisance by extending the outfall pipe so that it would discharge at all times below low water mark of tides.

Classification of the nuisances dealt with is as follows :-

Animals (on foreshore)	3
Animals (live)	1
Defective septic tanks and cesspools.	9
Defective drains (foul)	36
Defective drains (surface water)	4
Public sewers.	4
House disrepair.	3
Offensive odours.	4
Refuse accumulations.	2
Watercourses.	2
Smoke.	1
Foreshores (oil)	2
Foreshores (offensive odours)	<u>2</u>
Total :-	<u>73</u>

#### CAMPING AND CARAVAN SITES

Two new sites were licensed during the year for the stationing of eighteen caravans. Two applications for renewal of site licence involving three caravans were received during the year. The total number of licensed caravan sites in the area was 79 accommodating a total of 1,272 caravans.

The caravan sites were visited as often as possible and although minor infringements were evident these were attended to following informal action and it did not become necessary to recommend institution of legal proceedings against any operator.



## SHOPS

The total number of shops in the area was 132 which are classified as follows :-

Bakers.	3
Butchers.	10
Chemists.	2
Confectioners.	2
Cycles etc.	1
Dairies.	1
Drapers.	9
Fish and Chips.	4
Furniture.	2
Greengrocers.	3
Grocers.	53
Grocers and general dealers.	21
Hairdressers.	10
Ironmongers and hardware.	4
Sweets, minerals and tobacco.	7
	<u>132</u>

Of the above, 105 shops are connected with the retail distribution of food. Assistants were employed at 30 shops, the remainder being family businesses.

### Food Hygiene

Pressure of work in other spheres made it impracticable to carry out routine inspections of food premises but when such premises were visited the opportunity was taken of full inspection and from the limited number of inspections it seems clear that there is a continuing awareness of the need to observe principles of hygienic handling of food. No complaints were received from the public and it did not become necessary to recommend institution of legal proceedings for contravention of food hygiene regulations.

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Meat

The number of private licensed slaughterhouses in

the area remained at four all of which comply with current constructional and hygienic requirements. The slaughterhouses were visited periodically by a veterinary officer of the M.A.F.F. who reported favourably on the four.

The required 100% meat inspection service was maintained despite the continuing need for inspecting officers to work outside normal working hours particularly during the months of June to September inclusive.

A total of 3,683 animals were slaughtered and inspected during the year compared with 3,304 in 1967 and following is a summary of animals slaughtered, carcasses inspected and incidence of condemnations :-

Carcasses inspected and condemned

	Cattle excluding Cows.	Cows and Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number killed.	146	-	3373	164	-
Number inspected.	146	-	3373	164	-
<u>All diseases except</u>					
<u>Tuberculosis and Cyst-</u>					
<u>icercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	20	-	142	3	-
Percentage of the number inspected and affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticercosis.	13.7%	-	4.2%	1.8%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%	0.00%.
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-



The weight of discarded meat and offal was as follows :-

Cattle	-	290 lbs.
Sheep and Lambs.	-	570 lbs.
Pigs.	-	15 lbs.

#### Knacker's Yards

There are no premises of this description in the area.

#### OTHER FOODS

#### Food Hygiene Regulations

Pressure of work in other spheres has prevented a systematic inspection of food premises in the area but whenever such premises have been visited in connection with other duties, for example, ice cream sampling, the opportunity has been taken to inspect premises and advise occupiers on the provisions of the regulations. It has again been found that the commonest infringement relates to the inadequate covering of certain foodstuffs but all informal notices were complied with forthwith. No complaints were received from members of the public of unsatisfactory food premises.

#### Bakehouses

The number of bakehouses in the area producing bread and confectionery stood at five.

#### Ice Cream

One additional premises was registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 for the sale and storage of pre-packed ice cream, bringing the total of premises so registered to 81 of which 76 sold pre-packed ice cream only.

There are no ice cream manufacturers in the area.

During the summer months a total of 80 samples of ice cream were taken and sent to the Public Health Laboratory



at Conway for bacteriological examination. Of these 59 (73.75%) were placed in Grade I, the highest attainable grade, 14 (17.5%) in Grade II, and 4 (5%) in Grade III. Three samples and one whole consignment of eleven samples were totally spoilt in transit.

#### Unsound Food

The total amount of food voluntarily surrendered as being unfit for human consumption was comparatively low and surrender certificates were issued in respect of the under-mentioned foodstuffs :-

- 7 lb. 2 oz. Danish Salami.
- Boiled ham (total weight 76 lbs.).
- 493 packets of assorted frozen foods (result of breakdown in refrigerator).
- 9½ lb. French Garlic Sausages.

#### PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT

A total of 53 complaints of rat infestations were investigated and treatments carried out either by the Council's part-time rodent operator or by officers of the Health Department.

Following is a summary of the premises inspected and infestations dealt with during the year :-

	<u>Number inspected</u>	<u>Number of infestations</u>
1). Local Authority properties.	9	9
2). Dwelling houses.	41	41
3). Business premises etc.	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>
	<u>53</u>	<u>53</u>

#### CLEAN AIR ACT

It was not necessary to take action under this Act during the year.

# OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Following are extracts from the annual report submitted to the Ministry of Labour under Section 60 of the above Act:-

TABLE "A"

## REGISTRATIONS AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS

Class of Premises	Number of premises newly registered during the year	Total number of registered premises at end of year	Number of registered premises receiving one or more general inspections during the year
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Offices.		7	3
Retail shops.		19	13
Wholesale shops, warehouses.			
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens.		6	6
Fuel storage depots.		2	
Totals :	Nil	34	22

TABLE "B"

Number of visits of all kinds (including general inspections) to registered premises.....62

TABLE "C"

## ANALYSIS BY WORKPLACE OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES AT END OF YEAR



<u>Class of workplace</u>	<u>Number of persons employed</u>
(1)	(2)
Offices.	21
Retail shops.	38
Wholesale departments, warehouses.	-
Catering establishments open to the public.	58
Canteens.	-
Fuel storage depots.	3
Total :	120
Total Males :	51
Total Females :	69

No prosecutions were instituted during the year.

#### ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

The number of premises registered under the above Act remained at two.

#### HOUSING

Only eleven new Council dwellings were completed during the year, these being single and two bedroom dwelling units for elderly persons on the Min y Mor Estate at Aberffraw. This scheme, specially designed for elderly persons and comprising 13 single bedroom bungalows, 3 two bedroom bungalows and warden's accommodation was opened during the year and is acknowledged as being one of the best schemes of its kind in the Principality.



Although no new dwellings for general needs were completed, schemes were in an advanced stage of preparation for the erection of fifty five dwellings on five sites at Aberffraw, Bodedern, Bryngwran, Caergeiliog and Llanfachraeth.

### Private Housing Development

A total of 91 private dwellings were completed during the year bringing the total number of private dwellings constructed since 1945 to 868.

At the end of the year there were 128 private dwellings in the course of construction.

<u>Quarterly Returns</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
		<u>Displaced</u>	
<u>Houses demolished in Clearance Areas</u>			
Unfit for human habitation.	2	-	-
<u>Not in Clearance Areas</u>			
Formal or informal procedure.	3	5	3
<u>Unfit houses closed</u>			
Under Section 16, Housing Act, 1957.	-	-	-
<u>Houses made fit</u>			
Informal action.	3	-	-
Formal action under the Public Health Acts.	-	-	-

### Improvements of Old Dwellings

#### Discretionary Grants

A total of 44 applications for improvement grants were received and approved involving a total of £14,935 in grants, averaging nearly £335 per dwelling unit. Of the 44 applications, 38 (86.4%) were in respect of owner/occupied dwellings. The total is eighteen less than in the previous year and the reason is probably that property owners delayed

improvement schemes pending the implementation of the Housing Act, 1969, with its higher levels of grants.

Schemes of improvement covering a total of 32 dwellings were completed with a total grant pay out of £10,477, an average of £327 per dwelling.

A total of 568 dwellings have now improved with financial assistance since the grant scheme was introduced in 1949.

#### Standard Grants

Only four applications were received and approved for standard grants, all of which were in respect of normal standard amenities. Three of the dwellings concerned were owner/occupied.

Two improvement schemes were completed and the total amount certified in grants was £370.

#### AGRICULTURE (SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE PROVISIONS) ACT, 1956 SANITARY CONVENIENCES ON FARMS

The number of agricultural dwellings in the area remained at 791 and no formal action was taken under the above Act. It is not possible with the staff available to carry out duties imposed on local authorities under the Act.

#### THE RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

#### THE PET ANIMALS ACT, 1961

There are no premises coming within the provisions of the above Act within the area.

#### Conclusion

My thanks are again due to the Medical Officer of Health, the Chairman of the Council and various Committees, fellow Officers and members of the staff for their ready co-operation throughout the year.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. IFOR WILLIAMS.

Senior Public Health Inspector

Improvement schemes pending the implementation of the Housing Act, 1936, with the higher levels of grants. The number of improvement schemes covered by the Housing Act, 1936, was 1,200, and the total cost of these schemes was £1,200,000. The average cost of a dwelling was £1,000.

A total of 500 dwellings have now improved with the Housing Act, 1936, and the total cost of these schemes was £500,000. The average cost of a dwelling was £1,000.

Housing Grants  
Only four applications were received and approved for standard grants, all of which were in respect of normal dwellings. Three of the dwellings concerned were in the London area.

Two improvement schemes were completed and the total amount certified in grants was £200,000.

AGRICULTURE (GRAIN, MEAT AND MILK)  
EXCISE (WINE, SPIRITS AND CIGARETTES)  
BANQUET (WINE, SPIRITS AND CIGARETTES)

The number of agricultural dwellings in the area was 1,200 and no formal action was taken under the Housing Act, 1936. It is not possible with the small available funds to carry out repairs imposed on local authorities under the Act.

THE ROAD AND OTHER PUBLIC UTILITIES  
THE RAILWAYS ACT, 1925  
THE RAILWAYS ACT, 1925

There are no provisions concerning the provisions of the above Act within the area. The provisions of the above Act are not applicable to the area.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
R. H. WILKINSON  
General Public Health Inspector



APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
IN RESPECT OF THE RURAL DISTRICT OF VALLEY IN THE  
COUNTY OF ANGLESEY

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of The  
Factories Act, 1961

PART I OF THE ACT

4.- INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector).

PREMISES	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	25	10	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	31	6	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (including outworkers premises).	-	-	-	-
Total :	56	16	-	-

2.- CASES in which DEFECTS were found

(if defects are discovered at the premises on two or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more "Cases").

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.		To H.M. By H.M. Insp- Inspector.		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.			
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of cleanliness. (S.1).	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2).	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3).	-	-	-	-	-

Inadequate ventilation. (S.4.).	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors. (S.6).	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary conveniences-(S.7).					
(A) Unsufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(B) Unsuitable or defective.	-	-	-	-	-
(C) Not separate for sexes.	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out Work).	-	-	-	-	-
Total :	-	-	-	-	-

#### PART VIII OF THE ACT - OUTWORK

Section 133				Section 134		
Nature of Work.	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council.	No. of prose- cutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instan- ces of work in unwhole- some premises.	Not- ices ser- ved.	Prose- cutions.
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing (making etc.). Cleaning and washing.	1	-	-	-	-	-
Household linen.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lace, lace curtains and nets.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Curtains and furniture hangings.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Furniture and upholstery.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Electro-plate.	-	-	-	-	-	-
File making.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brass and brass articles.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fur pulling.	-	-	-	-	-	-



Iron and steel anchors and grapnels.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cart gear.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Locks, latches and keys.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Umbrellas etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Artificial flowers.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Nets other than wire nets.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Tents.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Racquet and tennis balls.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Paper bags.	-	-	-	-	-	-
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Brush making.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Feather sorting.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carding etc. of buttons etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stuffed toys.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Basket making.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chocolates and sweetmeats.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cosaques, Christmas stockings etc.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Textile weaving.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Lampshades.	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total :-	1	-	-	-	-	-

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