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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

SANITARY CONDITIONS

OF THE RURAL DISTRICT OF

VAYNOR AND PENDERYN

IN THE COUNTY OF BRECKNOCK

FOR THE YEAR

1924

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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To the Chairman and Members of the
Vaynor and Penderyn Rural
District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions, and the Vital Statistics relating to the Rural District for 1954. The Report is submitted in accordance with the Circular issued by the Ministry of Health.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Members of the Council for their helpful consideration and co-operation in all matters affecting Public Health; and also the Officers of the Council for their help in all matters appertaining to the duties of the Health Department.

The housing problem is still a very serious matter. A large percentage of the existing houses, particularly in the Cofn Cood area, are occupied by more than one family, and there are a large number of sub-standard houses which should be considered for demolition action, when conditions permit.

The Council is energetically pressing on with the building of new houses; the chief difficulties being the shortage of skilled labour and building materials. The number of post-war houses erected in the area to the end of 1954 is 465, of these, 74 were erected during 1954. The number under construction at the end of the year being 79.

The factories and coal-mines of the adjoining County of Glamorgan absorb the majority of our work-people, but a number are employed in factories or workplaces within the boundaries of this Rural District. The work-people in the more agricultural part of the District are mainly employed in farming, forestry or quarrying.

To the Chairman and Members of the

Royal Society of Medicine

London

London

I have the honor to

acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 14th inst.

concerning the proposed amendments to the Bill

and in reply to inform you that the Bill

is now before the House of Commons.

I am glad to hear that

the members of the Council for their hospital

and co-operation in the various efforts

also the Council of the Council for their help

in the various efforts.

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The health of the District during the year has, on the whole been good. No outbreaks of food poisoning have been notified and there has also been an absence of any serious outbreaks of infectious diseases. The majority of deaths during the year were again in the higher age groups.

The incidence of Pulmonary Tuberculosis has again been low and infectious cases have been promptly isolated by the Chest Physicians of the Welsh Regional Hospital Board, chiefly at Cimla Sanitorium and the Mardy Isolation Hospital.

In one case only, in which an aged man was wandering abroad without suitable habitation, was it necessary, during the year to take Court action, under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948. This case had been dealt with during 1953 but it again found necessary to remove him to a Welfare Home.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. TATE,

Medical Officer of Health.

The first of the districts during the year has, on the whole, been good. The rate of food poisoning has been reduced and there has also been an absence of any serious outbreaks of infectious diseases. The majority of deaths during the year were again in the higher age groups.

The incidence of infectious diseases has been low and infectious cases have been promptly isolated by the Great Hygienic of the Welsh National Health Board, chiefly at Galla Gwynedd and the newly established hospital.

In one case only, in which an outbreak was reported, without suitable isolation, was it necessary, during the year to take Great Hygienic, under Section 21 of the National Assistance Act, 1948. This case had been dealt with during 1947 but it again found necessary to remove her to a hospital home.

I am,

Yours faithfully,

J. D. M. J.

Medical Officer of Health.

BOUNDARIES.

PARISH OF VAYNOR - East Side. The Taf Fechan River from its junction with the Taf Fawr River as far as the junction with the Car Brook.

North Side. From the Car Brook to the junction of the Llysiog Brook with the Taf Fawr River.

West Side. The Taf Fawr River from its junction with the Taf Fechan River to the junction of the Llysiog Brook and the Taf Fawr River.

PARISH OF PENDERYN - East Side. The taf Fawr River from the Ffrwd Brook to Nantygourgan.

North Side. From Nantygourgan, where it joins the River Hepste, to the junction of the Rivers Hepste and Mellte, and from the River Mellte to Dinas Rock.

South Side. From Dinas Rock, following Cwmnant Brook to the Cynon River near Lletty Rhys, and the Cynon River as far as the junction of Nant Hir at Cwm Ynys Mwn Tan, and following Nant Hir Brook to Nant Ffrwd Brook to its junction with the Taf Fawr River.

PARISH OF YSTRADFELLTE - North Side. From Carn-yr-Onen to Nant-yr-Eira.

South Side. From Heol-las to Swd Eira, and along the Afon Mellte to the Bridge at Pontneathvaughan.

East Side. From Nant-yr-Eira to Blaen Hepste and along the River Hepste to Heol-las.

West Side. Afon Nedd at Pontneathvaughan Bridge to Nant-yr-Bryn and Nant-yr-Bryn to Carn-yr-Onen.

TOPOGRAPHY.

The Rural District comprises the three parishes of Vaynor, Penderyn and Ystradfellte, in the County of Brecon. The Parish of Ystradfellte, which had been administered by the Neath Rural District Council, was added to this Rural Authority by a Review Order of April 1st., 1934.

BOUNDARIES.

WATER OF VAYNER - West Side. The Tat River from the junction with the Tat River as far as the junction with the Tat River.

North Side. From the Tat River to the junction of the Tat River with the Tat River.

West Side. The Tat River from the junction with the Tat River to the junction of the Tat River and the Tat River.

WATER OF WENTYR - West Side. The Tat River from the Tat River to Wentyr.

North Side. From Wentyr, where it joins the River, to the junction of the River to Wentyr and Wentyr from the River to Wentyr.

South Side. From Wentyr, following Wentyr Brook to the Wentyr near Wentyr, and the Wentyr as far as the junction of Wentyr Brook to the junction following Wentyr Brook to Wentyr with the Tat River.

WATER OF YSTADWILLER - North Side. From Wentyr to Wentyr.

South Side. From Wentyr to Wentyr, and along the Wentyr to the bridge at Wentyr.

West Side. From Wentyr to Wentyr and along the River to Wentyr.

West Side. Along Wentyr to Wentyr Bridge to Wentyr and Wentyr to Wentyr.

TOWNSHIP.

The Rural District comprises the three townships of Wentyr, Wentyr and Wentyr, in the County of Wentyr. The Rural District, which has been established by the Rural District Council, was added to this Rural District by a Review Order of April 1st, 1954.

The three Parishes comprised in this Rural District are of considerable extent. The total area being 39,271 acres, or over 61 square miles, with an average length of 8 miles and a width of about 12 miles. They are situated on the Southern Boundary of the County of Brecon, and adjoin the districts of Neath, Aberdare and Merthyr Tydfil, in the County of Glamorgan. They form four valleys in the foothills of the South escarpment of the Brecknockshire Beacons, with high table-lands between.

THE PARISH OF VAYNOR comprises two valleys running northwards towards two spurs of the Brecknock Beacons, and the PARISH OF PENDERYN consists of high table-land adjoining and emerging towards the same mountainous area. These Rural Parishes are only separated by the narrow streams already mentioned from the County of Glamorgan, and the important populous Urban Districts of Aberdare and Merthyr Tydfil on the South. The PARISH OF YSTRADFELLETE presents similar physical features extending from the rugged Van Mountains to the north, covering a rough hilly table-land intersected by two very narrow valleys converging towards an apex at Pontneathvaughan.

ELEVATION.

The district, as a whole, is at a great elevation above sea level, varying from 263 feet to no less than 2,250 feet; it will be realised that the nearly 40,000 acres contained in the area includes a considerable amount of sparsely inhabited mountain land. In the parish of Vaynor, the levels extend from 645 feet near Cefn Bridge to 1,612 feet at Twyn-y-Croes on the mountain above Cwm Glais. Penderyn Parish presents levels varying from 588 feet at Cynon Bridge, Hirwaun, to 1,376 feet at the top of Twyn, Cadlan, while the Parish of Ystradfellte contains such extreme variations of level as 263 feet at the Bridge at Pontneathvaughan, and 2,250 feet near the top of Fan Fawr, which is partly in the Parish.

CLIMATE.

The proximity of the well-known range of mountains known as the Brecknock Beacons, accounts for the rather heavy rainfall that prevails. Some of the largest reservoirs in Wales are partly in the Rural District.

The three features comprised in this Rural District are of considerable extent. The total area being 30,000 acres, or over 21 square miles, with an average length of 3 miles and a width of about 12 miles. They are situated on the southern boundary of the County of Devon, and abut on the District of North Devon and North Devon, in the County of Devon. They form four valleys in the foothills of the South-eastern of the Brecknockian system, with high hills in between.

THE VALLEY OF VYNGR comprises two valleys running northwards towards the base of the Brecknock system, and the VALLEY OF KERNYRIN consists of high hills and valleys and extending towards the area mentioned above. These hills and valleys are only separated by the narrow streams already mentioned from the County of Devon, and the important population of the District of North Devon and North Devon is situated on the south. The VALLEY OF YETTS-GILL presents a similar physical features extending from the north to the south, covering a rough hilly hillside intersected by two very narrow valleys converging towards the west of Looe.

ELEVATION.

The district, as a whole, is at a great elevation above sea level, varying from 200 feet to more than 2,000 feet; it will be noticed that the north 10,000 feet are contained in the two highest mountains of the district, the latter being 1,500 feet high. In the parish of VYNGR, the level extends from 200 feet near Corn Bridge to 1,500 feet at Tynny-Cross on the north to 2,000 feet at Corn Hill, Kernyryn parish presents levels varying from 200 feet at Corn Hill, Kernyryn, to 1,500 feet at the top of Tynny, Corn Hill, while the parish of YETTS-GILL contains such extreme variations of level as 200 feet at the bridge of Looe, and 2,000 feet near the top of the hill, which is partly in the parish.

CLIMATE.

The proximity of the well-known range of mountains known as the Brecknock system, accounts for the rather heavy rain-fall that prevails. Some of the largest reservoirs in Devon are partly in the Rural District.

ACREAGE.

Vaynor ...	...	6,549.706 acres	
Penderyn ..	...	13,366.337 acres	
Ystradfellto ...	...	19,355 acres	

39,271 acres

RATEABLE VALUE as at 30th September, 1954.

£		
Parish of Vaynor .. ..	.. ..	23,330. 0. 0.
Parish of Penderyn .. ..	.. ..	14,812. 0. 0.
Parish of Ystradfellto ..	.. ..	6,925. 0. 0.

£ 45,067. 0. 0.

PRODUCT OF A PENNY RATE.

			£. s. d.
Parish of Vaynor .. ..	.. ..	38. 9. 6.
Parish of Penderyn .. ..	.. ..	57.12. 7.
Parish of Ystradfellto ..	.. ..	26.14. 8.

£ 172.16. 9.

POPULATION - CENSUS RETURNS.

Census, 1931.

		Males	Females.	Total.
Vaynor ...	...	1,544	1,619	3,163.
Penderyn ...	...	973	885	1,858.
Ystradfellto ...	...	341	309	650.

Total ... 5,671.

Census Returns :	Year.		Year		Year	Year
	1901.		1911.		1921.	1931
Vaynor and Penderyn	4,766	...	5,526	...	5,674	5,021.
Ystradfellto	-	...	629	...	613	650.

Estimated population (Registrar General's figures) on December 31st., 1954 was 5,880.

1924

Yatzenko	19,388	...	...	6,542,700
Yatzenko	12,266,237	...	...	...
Yatzenko	...	...	...	...

39,654

MARKET VALUE as of 30th September, 1924

Yatzenko	6,225,000	...	...
Yatzenko	14,012,000	...	...
Yatzenko	22,330,000	...	...

42,567,000

MARKET OF A HEAVY METAL

Yatzenko	22,140	...	...
Yatzenko	87,127	...	...
Yatzenko	66,906	...	...

176,173

POPULATION - Census Returns

Conans, 1921

Yatzenko	1,311	...	...	1,612	...	2,163
Yatzenko	975	...	...	...	...	1,488
Yatzenko	311	...	...	...	...	600

Total ... 4,251

Year	1921	1921	1921	1921
Yatzenko	600	600	600	600
Yatzenko	1,488	1,488	1,488	1,488
Yatzenko	2,163	2,163	2,163	2,163

Estimated population (Northey General & Partners) on December 31st, 1924 was 5,000

LIVE BIRTHS.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	30.	49.	79.
Illegitimate	2.	-	2
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TOTALS.	<u>32.</u>	<u>49.</u>	<u>81.</u>

STILL BIRTHS.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	-	1.	1.
Illegitimate	-	-	-
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TOTALS.	<u>-</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>1.</u>

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	1.	1.	2.
Illegitimate	-	-	-
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TOTALS.	<u>1.</u>	<u>1.</u>	<u>2.</u>

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Legitimate	-	-	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-
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TOTALS.	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>

LEAVE EARNED

Period	Balance	Used	Total
1930	30	2	28
1931	30	2	28
TOTAL	60	4	56

STILL EARNED

Period	Balance	Used	Total
1930	1	-	1
1931	1	-	1
TOTAL	2	0	2

LEAVE OF ABSENCE UNDER 1 YEAR

Period	Balance	Used	Total
1930	1	-	1
1931	1	-	1
TOTAL	2	0	2

LEAVE OF ABSENCE UNDER 4 WEEKS OF YEAR

Period	Balance	Used	Total
1930	-	-	-
1931	-	-	-
TOTAL	0	0	0

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS. The Births registered in the District in 1954 numbered 81 (male 32 and female 49). The Annual Birth Rate for 1954 was 13.70 per thousand of the population, compared with 14.59 in 1953 and 14.75 in 1952. The Annual Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1954 was 15.2 compared with 15.5 for 1953 and 15.3 for 1952.

STILL BIRTHS. One female still birth was registered in the area during the year. The rate per thousand of the population being 0.17 compared with 0.509 for 1953 and 0.857 for 1952. The rate for England and Wales per thousand total live and still births for 1954 was 23.5 compared with a rate of 12.2 per thousand live and still births for this area during the year.

DEATHS. There were 68 deaths assigned to this area during 1954; of these 42 were male and 26 were female. This figure takes into account 20 inward transferable deaths. The death rate for 1954 was 11.56 per thousand of the population, compared with 12.56 for 1953 and 12.69 for 1952. The death rate for England and Wales for 1954 was 11.3 per thousand of the population, compared with 11.4 for 1953 and 11.3 for 1952.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE

YEAR OF AGE. One male and one female infants under the age of one year died in this district during 1954. The causes of deaths were as follows :-

Over one month and under three months.	(i)	1(a) Acute Gastro- enteritis.
Over three months and under six months.	(ii)	1(a) Bilateral broncho-pneumonia.

The number of deaths recorded under this heading is one less than last year, and the infant mortality rate for the year has decreased from 34.88 in 1952 and 1953 to 24.69 per 1,000 live births. The rate for England and Wales during 1954 was 25.4 per thousand live births.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS. The births registered in the District in 1924 numbered 21 (male 12 and female 9). The Annual Birth Rate for 1924 was 13.76 per thousand of the population, compared with 14.82 in 1923 and 14.75 in 1922. The Annual Birth Rate for England and Wales for 1924 was 13.2 compared with 13.3 for 1923 and 13.3 for 1922.

Still Births. One still birth was registered in the year during the year. The rate per thousand of the population being 0.17 compared with 0.22 for 1923 and 0.037 for 1922. The rate for England and Wales per thousand total live and still births for 1924 was 0.15 compared with a rate of 0.15 per thousand live and still births for the year during the year.

DEATHS. There were 25 deaths registered in this year during 1924; of these 23 were male and 2 were female. This figure when taken into account 25 deaths registered during the year. The death rate for 1924 was 11.25 per thousand of the population, compared with 12.25 for 1923 and 12.00 for 1922. The death rate for England and Wales for 1924 was 11.5 per thousand of the population, compared with 11.4 for 1923 and 11.3 for 1922.

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE. One child and one female infant under the age of one year died in this District during 1924. The causes of death were as follows:-

- (1) Infant (male) - Over one month and under three months.
- (2) Infant (female) - Over three months and under six months.

The number of deaths recorded under this heading is not less than one year, and the infant mortality rate for the year has decreased from 24.12 in 1923 and 1922 to 21.00 per 1,000 live births. The rate for England and Wales during 1924 was 20.1 per thousand live births.

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR FROM
DIARRHOEA. One female death was recorded under this heading
during the year.

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL SEPTICEMIA, ETC.
There were no deaths notified from a Puerperal cause during
the year.

DEATHS FROM CANCER. The number
of deaths from all forms of cancer decreased from 11 last year
to 10 in 1954. Of these seven were male and three were female.
The percentage of total deaths being 14.71 compared with 14.86
for 1953 and 12.16 for 1952.

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS. For
the second year in succession no death were notified from this
cause. The percentages of total deaths for 1952 and 1951 were
1.35 and 1.12 respectively.

DEATHS FROM HEART AND ARTERIAL
DISEASES. There were 40 deaths under this heading notified
during the year. Of these 25 were male and 15 female.
These deaths accounted for 58.82 per cent of the total deaths
during the year, compared with 44.59 for 1953 and 52.7 for
1952.

DEATHS FROM BRONCHITIS. Three
male deaths were recorded under this heading during the year.
The percentage of total deaths being 4.41 compared with 9.46
for 1953 and 6.76 for 1952.

DEATHS UNDER ONE YEAR TERM
DISEASES. One female death was recorded under this heading during the year.

DEATHS FROM MALARIAL FEVER, ETC.
There were no deaths notified from this category during the year.

DEATHS FROM CHOLERA. The number of deaths from all forms of enteric fever increased from 11 last year to 10 in 1922. Of these seven were male and three were female. The percentage of total deaths being 1.17 compared with 1.43 for 1921 and 1.18 for 1922.

DEATHS FROM TYPHOID FEVER. For the second year in succession no deaths were notified from this cause. The percentages of total deaths for 1921 and 1922 were 1.33 and 1.12 respectively.

DEATHS FROM BACILLARY DYSENTERY AND AMEBIASIS. There were 50 deaths under this heading notified during the year. Of these 25 were male and 25 were female. These deaths accounted for 58.02 per cent of the total deaths during the year, compared with 41.52 for 1921 and 52.7 for 1922.

DEATHS FROM ENTERIC FEVER. Three male deaths were recorded under this heading during the year. The percentage of total deaths being 0.43 compared with 0.33 for 1921 and 0.76 for 1922.

HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES. The Brecon County Council administer the ambulance services of the area under the National Health Act, 1946. The Health Department of the County Council have made arrangements with neighbouring authorities to provide ambulance facilities for our area as follows :-

- | | | |
|--------------------------------------|---|-------------------------------|
| Parish of Vaynor | - | The Morthyr Hospital Board. |
| Hirwaun, Ponderyn
and Ystradfolle | - | The Glamorgan Hospital Board. |
| Pontneathvaughan | - | The Neath Hospital Board. |

Infectious Disease cases in our area utilise the services of the Mardy Isolation Hospital, Morthyr Tydfil and the Cimla Hospital, Neath.

NURSING AT HOME. This work, which was undertaken by Voluntary Nursing Associations until 5th July, 1948, is now carried out by the County Council.

CLINICS. Clinics are still administered by the County Council, and clinics for expectant mothers and Infant Welfare are held at Cofn Cood and Hirwaun.

HOSPITALS. There are no hospitals in the Council's area, but we are fortunate in having hospital facilities in the adjoining urban areas of Morthyr Tydfil, Aberdare and Neath.

LABORATORY SERVICES. An arrangement has been made for the services of the Public Health Laboratories of the Institute of Preventative Medicine, The Parade, Cardiff, to be utilised for all chemical and bacteriological analyses and examinations required by this Authority.

WATER SUPPLY. The district, which has several supplies of piped water, has, on the whole, been satisfactorily supplied with water. Cofn Cood, in the Vaynor Parish, is supplied from the mains of the Taf Fochan Water Supply Board, as is the greater part of the Vaynor Parish.

HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

ARRANGING FACILITIES

The County Council, in its capacity as the authority for the provision of health services, has arranged for the provision of health services in the area. The Health Department of the County Council has made arrangements with various hospitals to provide services for the area as follows:-

- The North Hospital, North
- The County Hospital, County
- The County Hospital, County
- The County Hospital, County

Information is given in our report on the services of the County Hospital, North, and the County Hospital, County.

WORKING BY HOUR

This work, which was undertaken by voluntary workers, is now carried out by the County Council.

CLINICS

Clinics are held at the County Council, and clinics for expectant mothers and infant welfare are held at St. John and St. Mary.

HOSPITALS

There are no hospitals in the County Council's area, but we are referred to the County Hospital, North, and the County Hospital, County.

LABORATORY SERVICES

Arrangements have been made for the provision of laboratory services in the County Council's area. The County Council, in its capacity as the authority for the provision of health services, has arranged for the provision of laboratory services in the area. The Health Department of the County Council has made arrangements with various laboratories to provide services for the area as follows:-

WATER SUPPLY

The County Council, in its capacity as the authority for the provision of health services, has arranged for the provision of water supply in the area. The Health Department of the County Council has made arrangements with various water supply companies to provide services for the area as follows:-

In the Parish of Penderyn, Hirwaun is supplied by the mains of the Aberdare Urban District Council. At Penderyn, the water is pumped from the Cadlan and Ogor Fawr regions. This supply is chlorinated at the Cadlan pump-house by means of a semi-automatic apparatus installed in 1944.

During the year 1951, an alternative supply from the Llygad Cynon Borcholo was connected up to the existing mains at Penderyn, thus ensuring a clean and wholesome supply of water during periods of drought.

Fontnoathvaughan, in the Parish of Ystradfellte, is supplied by the mains of the Neath Rural District Council. Unfortunately however, the upper portion of the Parish, which includes the small hamlet of Ystradfellte, a School, and some 45 scattered farms, has no main piped water supply. A scheme has now been prepared to provide subsidiary mains connected to the existing Neath Rural District Council's mains, which will provide a suitable and satisfactory supply to the farms and houses in the Ystradfellte area. An extension of the Neath main will also be provided in the Colbron district of our area.

It is essential that a piped supply be brought into these areas, to ensure, that a wholesome supply of water be available to milk producing farms, as well as to farm-houses and cottages. In the past year some three farms have been connected to these mains.

During the year samples of water were taken for bacteriological and chemical examination from Council mains and also from farms.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS. The Council has provided efficient drainage and sewage disposal works for the whole of the area with the exception of the small hamlet of Ystradfellte. The disposal of sewage from the Hirwaun district is undertaken by the Aberdare U.D.C. under a joint scheme, and five other separate systems of sewage disposal are operated by this Council.

In the Parish of Longhorn, Texas
Water is supplied by the mains of the Longhorn Water
District. At Longhorn, the water is pumped from
the Ogden and Old Fort systems. This supply is
characteristic of the Ogden system by means of a sand-
stratum aquifer situated in place.

During the year 1911, an
alteration was made from the Ogden system to
connect up to the existing mains of Longhorn, thus
ensuring a more abundant supply of water during
periods of drought.

Longhorn, in the
Parish of Tarrant, is supplied by the mains of the
North Tarrant District Council. Unusually however,
the upper portion of the Parish, which includes the well
known of Tarrant, a branch and also a portion
there, has no main pipe water supply. A scheme has
been proposed to provide additional mains connected to
the existing North Tarrant District Council mains, which
will provide a water supply in satisfactory supply to the farms
and houses in the Tarrant area. An extension of this
North Tarrant will also be provided in the Ogden Parish
of our area.

It is essential that a plan
apply to present into these areas, to ensure that a satis-
fying supply of water be available to all the farming areas,
as well as to the houses and cottages. In the past year
and three years have been connected to these mains.

During the year 1911, the
water was taken from the Longhorn main and carried to
the Council mains and also to the farms.

THE TARRANT AND OGDEN DISTRICTS
The Council has provided additional mains and
supply mains to the water of the area with the
exception of the well known of Tarrant. The
of water from the Ogden District is supplied by the
District U.C. water supply system, and the other water in
system of water supply are operated by the Council.

REFUSE COLLECTION. Refuse is collected in the Cefn Coed, Hirwaun, Trefochan, Penderyn and Pontneathvaughan districts three times a week; twice a week at Pontsticill; and once a week at Ystradfellte.

REFUSE DISPOSAL. The refuse collected in the area is tipped at Cilsanws, Cofn Coed, the Upper Pandy, Hirwaun, and at Dinas Bank, Pontneathvaughan. At the present time refuse is being tipped in the old quarry at Cilsanws, Cofn Coed, and the tip is being built up to conform with the slope of the mountain. Care is being taken to ensure that the refuse deposited does not become a breeding place for vermin. The surface of the tip is dressed regularly.

The tipping of refuse at the Upper Pandy, Hirwaun, fills in the gaps and holes in the tips of the Old Pandy Iron Works. It will be necessary, in the near future, to obtain a new tipping site for the Hirwaun area.

SLAUGHTER-HOUSES. There are no slaughter houses in the Council's area. All meat for human consumption in this area is supplied from the slaughter houses situated in adjoining areas.

COTTAGE PIGS. The slaughter of cottage pigs for home consumption is still permitted, under the Regulations, to be carried out on owners' premises.

The majority of the carcasses of pigs slaughtered during the year were examined, and all were found to be satisfactory.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1938. A close inspection is made of meat and other foods sold in retail establishments in the area. Two hundred and eighty five visits were made to butcher shops, food retailers, fried fish shops, ice-cream premises, cafes and public houses during the year.

Condemnation certificates are issued in respect of foodstuffs condemned in our area, in accordance with the various Food Regulations issued by the Ministries of Food and Health. The following articles of food were condemned during the year, as being unfit for human consumption :-

Cow's Head	...	...	25.lb.	Choose	...	...	...	11.lb.
Bacon	...	...	15.lb.	Cake Mixture	...	...	...	6.lb.
Corned Beef	(tinned)		37.lb.	Marmalade	(tinned)			13.lb.
Pressed Beef	...	"	4.lb.	Lemon Card	...	"		14.lb.
Cooked Ham.	...	"	30.lb.	Elums	...	"		47 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
Stewed Steak	...	"	9.lb.	Apricots	...	"		3 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
Ox Tongue	...	"	18.lb.	Pears	...	"		7 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
Beans	...	"	6.lb.	Peaches	...	"		1.lb.
Tomatoes	...	"	9 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.	Pineapple Rulp	...	"		2 tins.
			Evaporated Milk (tinned)	12 pints				& 1.lb.

LICENSED PREMISES. Visits have been paid to all the licensed premises in our area, and it is pleasing to note that improvements continue being made to raise the standard of these premises in every possible manner.

Every house is endeavouring to utilise the provision of proper facilities for cleansing glasses and utensils, and serving refreshments in an hygienic manner.

The sanitary accommodation of these premises has been improved, and it is hoped that in the near future all will have suitable and sufficient sanitary accommodation and a constant supply of hot and cold water.

FARMS, DAIRIES AND COWSHEDS. Since the 1st October, 1949, the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries has been responsible for Farms, Dairies & Cowsheds, under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949. The Local Authority, therefore, have no control over the inspection of these premises, other than under the Infectious Diseases Regulations and the Tuberculosis Acts. The Local Authority is, however, responsible in dealing with the water supply to the farms and, in this connection, the County Agricultural Executive Committee has co-operated in endeavouring to supply a piped water supply to the farms.

MILK SAMPLING. The milk produced in the area is mainly collected and transported to milk factories where it is pasteurised. This milk is tested and examined on arrival at the factories by the laboratories attached.

During the year eight samples were taken from retailers and producers for bacteriological examination and keeping qualities. All of the samples taken proved to be satisfactory.

It is to be hoped that with the provisions of the Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949, being enforced, that the standard of the milk supply will be raised to an even higher level.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS

ACT, 1949. Under this Act, the Local Authority is responsible for the survey of the whole area in relation to infestation by rats and mice. These duties include the inspection and survey of farm lands and agricultural undertakings. It is to be noted that in relation to the actual work on agricultural holdings, that the dis-infestation is carried out by the Pest Control Department of the County Agricultural Executive Committee. It is an obligation on the part of occupiers of lands to notify the Local Authority of the presence of vermin. This is an unwieldy procedure and, to my mind, could be simplified by giving the Local Authority the power to deal with agricultural land in the same manner as they deal with other public and private properties within the area.

The work of surveying and inspecting the district has been carried out, under the supervision and direction of the Sanitary Inspector. A full-time Rodent Operator is employed in the Sanitary Inspector's Department and he is, at certain times of the year, assisted by temporary employees.

The sewer systems in the Local Authority's area have, in accordance with the provisions made by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, been treated twice during the year. These maintenance treatments have been carried out out in conjunction with surface properties.

This area, being of a rural character, has necessitated a close watch being kept on infestation of river banks and culverts near villages. The refuse tips in the area have been dealt with at regular intervals and are inspected weekly to prevent any infestation occurring or remaining on these lands. This work, on refuse tips, is also maintained in the region of the Sewage Disposal Works, where no major infestations have been found during the past year.

During the year, special attention has been paid to premises where food is stored or prepared for human consumption. These premises are visited regularly, and it is pleasing to note that few complaints are received, or evidence found, of infestation in such premises. The occupiers of these premises are aware of the damage likely to be caused by rodent infestation and have taken great care to keep their premises in a satisfactory manner.

It is to be hoped that with the provisions of the Milk & Dairies Act, 1933, being enforced, that the standard of the milk supply will be raised to an even higher level.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS

Under this Act, the Local Authority is responsible for the survey of the whole area in relation to infection by rats and mice. These duties include the inspection and survey of premises and a special survey. It is to be noted that in relation to the special work on a special basis, that the inspection is carried out by the Local Authority of the County & District Executive Officer. It is an obligation on the part of occupiers of premises to notify the Local Authority of the presence of vermin. This is an unenforceable provision and, to be clear, could be satisfied by giving the Local Authority the power to deal with vermin. In the same manner as they deal with other pests and private properties within the area.

The work of surveying and inspecting the district has been carried out, under the supervision and direction of the Sanitary Inspector. A full-time District Officer is employed in the Sanitary Inspector's Department and he is, at certain times of the year, assisted by temporary employees.

The sewer system in the local

Authority's area have, in accordance with the provisions made by the Ministry of Health, been inspected during the year. These inspections have been carried out on an inspection with certain provisions.

This work, being of a special character, has necessitated a close working relationship with the local water supply authority. The various steps in the work have been carried out at regular intervals and are reported weekly to prevent any infection occurring or remaining on these lines. This work, on various types, is maintained in the case of the sewerage works, where no other inspections have been found during the past year.

During the year, a special attention

has been paid to premises where food is stored or prepared for human consumption. These premises are visited regularly, and it is intended to note that few premises are reported, or evidence found, of infection in such premises. The occupiers of these premises are aware of the danger likely to be caused by rodents and have taken great care to keep their premises in a satisfactory manner.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938 -

SECTION 15. By-laws, under Section 15 of this Act, have been adopted and brought into operation by this Council.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938 -
SECTION 16. The laws, under Section 16 of this Act,
have been amended and shall be amended by this
Committee.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES IN 1954.

	Total cases notified.	Admitted to Hospital.	Deaths.
Ruorperal Pyrexia	1.	1.	-
Whooping Cough.	2.	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	3.	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Cases and Mortality During 1954.

Ages.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
YEARS.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0 - 5.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6 - 15.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
16 - 25.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26 - 35.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
36 - 45.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
46 - 65.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65.	-	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS.	4.	1.	-	-	-	-	-	-

The total number of tuberculosis cases remaining on the Register at the 31st December, 1954 was sixty-one, compared with sixty-three at the end of 1953. This figure is made up as follows :-

Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
M.	F.	M.	F.
27.	26.	3.	5.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1940.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN
RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1954, FOR THE RURAL DISTRICT
OF VAYNOR AND FENDERYN IN THE COUNTY OF BRECKNOCK.

Proscribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories
Act, 1937.

Part I of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health
(including Inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises.	No. on Register.	Number of		
		Inspec- tions.	Written Notices.	Occupiers prosecuted.
(1)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
(i) Factories in which Secs.1,2,3,4, &6, are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	8.	35.	-	-
(ii) Factories not incl- uded in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	3.	14.	-	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Sec.7 is en- forced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises).	4.	10.	-	-
TOTAL.	15.	59.	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

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

Particulars.	No. of cases in which defects were found.				No. of Cases in which Prosecutions were instituted.
	Found.	Remodified.	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector.	By H.M. Inspector.	
(1)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Want of Cleanliness (S.1).	1.	1.	--	--	--
Overcrowding (S.2).	--	--	--	--	--
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	--	--	--	--	--
Inadequate ventilation (S.4).	--	--	--	--	--
Inadequate Drainage of floors (S.6)	--	--	--	--	--
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7).					
(a) Insufficient	--	--	--	--	--
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	2.	2.	--	--	--
(c) Not separate for sexes.	--	--	--	--	--
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outworkers).	--	--	--	--	--
TOTAL.	3.	3.	--	--	--

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK.

(Sections 110 and 111).

There are no Outworkers in the area.

VAYNOR AND PENDERYRN RURAL

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

PART I

I N C O M E.

BALANCE brought forward from 31st March, 1953. 9,259. 1.10½

RATE INCOME.

General Expenses chargeable on whole District,
including Additional Items of General Rates. 63,944. 4. 5.
Water Rates & Charges (Penderyn) 260.15. 1.
 - do - (Ystradfellto) 6. 0.

MINISTRY OF HOUSING & LOCAL GOVERNMENT.

Local Government Act, 1948 - Grant 671. 0. 0.
Tithe Act Grant. 225. 7. 9.
Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants 35.13. 7.

MINISTRY OF LABOUR.

Grant - Penderyn Waterworks. 97.12. 8.

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Salaries of Medical Officer of Health and
Sanitary Inspector - Grant. 513. 6.11.
Local Government Act, 1948 - Capitation Grant 2,775. 0. 0.
Notification of Infectious Diseases 6. 5. 0.

OTHER INCOME.

Cefn Sowerage Works - Rentals of Garden and Land. 14. 6.
Childrens Playing Field, Cefn Coed 12. 0.
Collection of Refuse - Rent of Land .. 1. 0.
 - do - - Other Income .. 6. 0. 0. .. 6. 1. 0.
Public Conveniences - Income 1. 6. 7.
The Found, Cefn Coed - Fees 2. 0.
Yards, Sheds, Garage & Storos 8.10. 0.
Establishment Charges 144.11.11.
Slaughter of Animals Act - Licences 4. 0.
Searches - Local Land Charges Registry 22.15. 6.
Petrol & Licences 8. 0. 0.
Miscellaneous Income 18. 8. 9.
Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts 5.15. 2.

FORWARD £ 78,005.14. 8½.

DISTRICT COUNCIL.

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1954.

PART I.EXPENDITUREDUE UNDER PRECEPTS.

Brocon County Council					37,332.18. 0.
<u>Parish Councils</u> - Vaynor				70. 0. 0.	
- Ponderyn				60. 0. 0.	
- Ystradfellto				<u>53.10. 2.</u>	183.10. 2.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

Cofn Coed - Working Expenses					1,178.11. 8.
Cofn Coed Sowers Ext. - Loan & Interest .. .. .					. 92.11.10.
Pontsticill - Working Expenses 398.14. 0½					
- do - - Loan & Interest <u>89.13. 8.</u>					488. 7. 8½.
Hirwaun - Working Expenses 244.11. 9½					
- do - (Hsg) - Loan & Interest <u>57. 5. 8.</u>					301.17. 5½.
Ponderyn - Working Expenses 514.10. 7½					
- do - - Loan & Interest <u>165. 0.11.</u>					679.11. 6½.
Pontnoathvaughan - Working Expenses 446. 6. 6.					
- do - - Loan & Interest <u>129. 1. 7.</u>					575. 8. 1.

WATER WORKS.

Ponderyn - Working Expenses 808.12. 9½					
- do - - Loan & Interest <u>335.13. 3.</u>					1,144. 6. 0½.
Ystradfellto - Working Expenses					1. 0. 0.
Hirwaun - Guarantee					13. 8. 6.

COLLECTION OF REFUSE.

Throughout District					3,845.16. 0½.
<u>PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.</u>					38. 0. 7½.

PUBLIC LIGHTING.

- Vaynor				628. 4. 9.	
- Ponderyn				394.17. 0.	
- Ystradfellto <u>108. 3. 1.</u>					1,131. 4.10.
- do - - Capital Account (Part II)					10. 6. 6.

YARDS, SHEDS, GARAGE & STORES.

.. .. .					32. 2. 7.
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PLAYING FIELD, COFN COED.

.. .. .					20. 9. 2.
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PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES.

Salaries of Officers etc.				4,664. 7. 1½.	
Returns of Births & Deaths				<u>1.12. 8.</u>	4,665.19. 9½.
<u>THE FOUND. COFN COED.</u>					19.10. 0.
<u>RODENT CONTROL.</u>					410. 5. 1.

FORWARD £ 52,165. 5. 7½.

CONTINUED.

EXPENDITURE. (CONTINUED).

FORWARD £ 52,165. 5. 7½.

HOUSING

Annual Contribution - Housing Revenue A/c. 2,675.10. 9.
Additional Contribution - - do - 6,378. 7. 5. 9,054.18. 2.

HOUSING ACT, 1949 - IMPROVEMENT GRANTS. 26. 5.11.

FINANCIAL ADJUSTMENT.

Ystradfollyto Parish - Loan & Interest 438.19. 8.

COST OF COLLECTION OF RATES. - General Rate 1,361.19. 3.

ESTABLISHMENT CHARGES. 1,178. 3.11.

PROPOSED VILLAGE HALL, GEFEN COED. 502.18. 4.

CORONATION EXPENSES. 16.18. 4.

OTHER EXPENSES.

Small Dwellings Acquisition Acts. 5. 6.10.

Election Expenses. 2.15. 2.

National Assistance Act, 1948 - Welfare of Old People. 1. 1. 0.

Roadside Seats 20. 3. 7.

Travelling, Subsistence & Financial Loss Allowances .. 228. 5. 4½.

Chairman's Allowance 100. 0. 0.

Pension Allowance to Retired Rating Officer 139. 0. 0.

Brecon County Council - Superannuation Fund,, 809.14. 0.

National Insurances 232. 7. 1.

Miscellaneous 196.18.11.

BALANCE carried forward. 11,524.13. 6½.

£ 78,005.14. 2½.

I N C O M E

BALANCE brought forward :-

Playing Field, Cefn Coed 31.18. 9.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION.

Repayment of Advances 17. 6. 8.

HOUSING ACT, 1949 - Improvement Grants.

Loans raised etc. 418.11. 7.

FUBLIC LIGHTING.

Revenue Account -(Part I) 10. 6. 6.

HOUSING ACTS, 1936 -1952.

Loans raised etc. 66,910. 1. 8.
 Revenue & Special Accounts 4,454. 8. 1½. 71,364. 9. 9½.

BALANCES carried forward :-

Sewerage & Sowage Disposal 288. 7. 6.
 Small Dwellings Acquisition 4. 6. 8.
 Playing Field, Cefn Coed. 364. 7. 3.
 Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants 2. 5. 0.
 Housing Acts, 1936 - 1952 37,838.18.10½.
 Garage & Stores, Cefn Coed 200. 0. 0. 38,698. 5. 3½.

£ 110,540.18. 7.

AUDITED AND FOUND CORRECT
 (Signed) D. A. SULLIVAN,
 Assistant District Auditor.

27th June, 1955.

SPECIAL ACCOUNTS.EXPENDITUREBALANCES brought forward :-

Sewerage & Sewage Disposal	..	..	..	183.	7.	6.	
Small Dwellings Acquisition	..	..	..	4.	6.	8.	
Housing Act, 1949 - Improvement Grants				394.	1.	7.	
Housing Acts, 1936 - 1952.	..	..	..	12,354.	15.	7½.	
Public Lighting	..	..	..	10.	6.	6.	12,946.17.10½.

SMALL DWELLINGS ACQUISITION. 17. 6. 8.

PLAYING FIELD, CEFN COED.

Expended on Works etc. 396. 6. 0.

HOUSING ACT, 1949 - Improvement Grants. 26.15. 0.

HOUSING ACTS 1936 - 1952.

Expended on Works etc.	..	..	..	93,400.	4.	1.	
Revenue & Special Accounts.	..	..	..	3,448.	8.	11½.	96,848.13. 0½.

GARAGE & STORES, CEFN COED. 200. 0. 0.

BALANCE carried forward.

Sewerage & Sewage Disposal				105. 0. 0.
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£ 110,540.10. 7.

(Signed) RONALD H. ROSE.

Chief Financial Officer.

1st April, 1954.



