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LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

TO THE CHAIRMAN & MEMBERS OF THE LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

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Westfield,
LYDNEY, Glos.
January, 1946.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health of the Lydney District for the year 1945.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient Servant,
C. O. CARSON
Acting Medical Officer of Health

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THE ACTING MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

During the year of 1945 there has been no serious epidemic of Infectious Fever in the Lydney Rural District. There was a small outbreak of Measles affecting the parishes of Lydney, St. Briavels and Tidenham, but the number of cases of Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria was less than the previous year.

There has however been a rather alarming increase of the number of cases of both Pulmonary and Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis, due undoubtedly to the overcrowding and poor housing conditions of the district.

The system of Immunization by both School Medical Officers of the County Council and local Medical Practitioners has accounted for a high percentage of our children being immunized, and an absence of any Diphtheria epidemic.

The position of the milk supply to schools is not satisfactory as compared with the previous year. In my opinion all this milk should be Tuberculin Tested or better still "Tuberculin Tested" Pasteurized.

The problems of water supply and sewerage in the parishes of the Rural District other than Lydney still remain of paramount importance, second only to that of housing.

Yours faithfully, C. O. CARSON

Acting Medical Officer of Health

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Composition of District: - The Parishes of Lydney, Aylburton, Alvington, Woolaston, Tidenham, St. Briavels and Hewelsfield.

1. General Statistics: - Area. (Acres) 24,544.

Population. (Census 1931) 10,824. (in 1945 estimated 10,123) (excluding Beachley Mil. Camp.)

Number of inhabitated houses. (Census 1931) 2,447

Number of inhabitated houses (end of 1945) 2,932

Rateable Value. 260,759

Estimated product of a penny rate. 2245.16.6.

2. Extracts from Vital Statistics of the Year:-

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Live Births. (Legitime te	288	163	125
(Illegitimate	15	7	8
Still Births. (Legitimate	12	6	6
(Illegitimate	0	0	0
Deaths	113	61	52
Deaths from Puerperal Causes	No. 29. Puerpera No. 30. Other Pu		
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Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	16		ORUSES C
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3. Notifiable Diseases during the Year :-

do. from Diarrhosa (all ages)

Disease	Total Cases Notified	Cases admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	19	11	0
Diphtheria	8	7 (civilian) 1 (non-civilian	o n)
Measles	200	0	0
Whopping-cough	22	0	0
Pneumonia	2	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	0	0
Other Diseases notifiab	le locally.		
Erysipelas	1	0	0

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Tuberculosis.	Total Cases Notified		Deaths
(a) Pulmonary	(M.13 (F. 3		(M. 1 (F. 2
Total	16	Total	3
(b) Non-pulmonary	(M. 3 (F. 7	-	(M. 1 (F. 0
Total	10	Total	1

- 4. Sickness during the Year: Measles the most prevalent infectious disease.
- 5. Hospitals and other Institutions available for the District:-
 - (a) Gloucester Royal Infirmary
 - (b) Bristol Royal Infirmary
 - (c) Bristol General Hospital
 - (d) Lydney & District Hospital
 - (e) Dilke Hospital
- 6. Fever. Alvington Isolation Hospital. No. of Beds 20
- 7. Tuberculosis. Standish House Sanatorium.
- 8. Small-Pox. N.W.Glos. S.P.Hospital. No. of Beds 50
- 9. Maternity. Lydney & District Hospital.

School Clinics	Lydney & District Hospital.	Tuesday 2 p.m.
Tuberculosis Dispensaries	ditto	Once Monthly.
Orthopaedic Clinics	ditto	Tuesday 10.30 a.m.
Ante-Natal Clinic	Lydney & District Hospital.	1st and 3rd Friday in Month. 2 p.m.

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MORTALITY AT	ALL ACTES	1945 .	L.YDMEY	RUBAL	DISTRICT	COUNCIL

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9	Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
10	Non-Pulmonary T.B.	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
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15	Cerebral Haemorrhage	5	7	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	10	5	1	1	-	4	-	-	-	-	1	1	2	1	-
16	Heart Disease	25	15	40	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	4	34	20	2	-	3	3	5	1	-	-	4	6	7	1	1
18	Other Circulatory Diseases	4	3	7	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	6	2	1	-	-	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
19	Bronchitis	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
20	Pneumonia (All Forms)	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	-	2
21	Other Respiratory Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
22	Septic Ulcer	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
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27	Other Digestive Disorders		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
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30	Other Puerperal Causes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31	Congenital Debility	3	3	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	6	-	-	-
32	Senility	2	2	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-		2	-	-
33	Suicide	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
34	Other Deaths Violence	5	3	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	1	4	1	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	1	4	2	6	1
35	Other Defined Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	1
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INFECTIOUS DISEASES - 1945 - LYDNEY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR, 1945

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	35 to 45 years		п	1	2	7		1	1	5
	20 to 35 years	7	7	1	2	1	1	-	2	80
	LS to 20 years	2	•	-	2	1	1	1	1	5
AGES	10 to 15 years	1	2		10		1	1	1	13
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CASES	4 to 5 years	,	1	2	18	1	1	1	1	22
	stast 4 of £		1	4	15	1	1	1	1	20
	S to 3 years	2	1	٦	19	1	1	1	1	23
	I to 2 years	1	1	3	17	•	1	•	1	20
	Under 1 year	1	1.	6	1	•	•		1	5
	At All Ages	8	19	22	200	2	1	2	3	257
×	(Sec.)	5	6	6	84	0	0	2	0	109
D4 C0	K	3	2	13	116	2	1	0	3	148
	DISEASES	Diphtheria	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Grysipelas	Puerperal Pyrena	Cerebral S.W.	TOTALS

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St.Brisvels Mursing Home	1	1	н		1	п
Non Resident in District	1	1	9	,	1	7
Lydney Hospital	1	,	2		,	9
Hewelstield St.Brisvels					,	
madmebiT	1	1	1	1	1	1
Woolkston	1	1	1	1	1	1
Alvington	,	1			1	
Alyburton	1	•		•		1
rlquel	1	1		,		1
Total under 1 year	1	•	9	•		7
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TUBERCULOSIS - NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1945

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15 - 20		2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20 - 25		2	1	-	1	-	-	1	-
25 - 35		3	-	1	-	-	•	-	-
35 - 45	;	3	2	-	1	-	1	-	-
45 - 55		1	-		-	-	-	-	-
55 - 65		1	-		-	1	1	-	-
65 and upwards		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	1	13	3	3	7	1	2	1	,-

Sanitary Inspector's Office, Tutnalls, LYDNEY, Glos.

January, 1946.

To the Chairman & Members of the Lydney Rural District Council

Sir, Ladies & Gentlemen,

"ANNUAL REPORT"

I have the honour to submit for your consideration my Annual Report for the Year 1945.

HOUSING

54 inspections were made during the year. Improvements to 18 houses were carried out, 9 by owner occupiers.

In addition a large number of minor defects were remedied following informal action.

In the case of 27 houses where the housing standard is still low it was only possible to insist on the repairs that would render them wind and weatherproof.

Several cases of overcrowding were relieved during the year, but with the return of large numbers of men and women from the forces the position is steadily getting worse.

Clearance Orders: - Nos. 35 & 37 Albert Street, Lydney, were demolished during the year. (Clearance Order, 1938)

In accordance with Circular 2157 from the Ministry of Health the Council renewed the six-month licences granted to owners of the following properties:-

Nos. 2, 3 & 4 Swan Row, Woolaston Knoll Bungalow, Woolaston. Nos. 1 & 5, Red Lion Court, Tidenham

Rural Housing Survey.

With the help of my Assistant Mr.W.D.H.Kear, the Rural Housing Survey was commenced on 1st October, 1945, and the number of houses surveyed up to the 1st December, 1945, was 414, All these houses were included in categories 1 and 2. Out of this total there were 19 cases of overcrowding.

Parish	Scarlet Fever	Diphtheria	Isolated at Home	Removed to Hospital	Total
LYDNEY	3	-		3	3
ALVINGTON	-	2	-	2	2
WOOLASTON	3	5	-	8	8
TIDENHAM	7	-	5	2	7
ST. BRIAVELS	5	-	3	2	5
HEWELSFIELD	í	-	-	1	1
TOTALS	19	7	8	18	26

All Scarlet Fever and Diphtheria patients removed to hospital were treated at the Alvington Isolation Hospital.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE (Contd.)

Other Civilian Notifications were :-

Parish	Measles	Whooping- cough	Pneumonia.	Erysipeles	Puerperal Pyrexia	Cerebro- Spinal- Fever	Total
Lydney	84		1	-	-	1	86
Aylburton	4	1	-	-	-	-	5
Alvington	1	2	1	-	-	-	4
Woolaston	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tidenham	51	7	-		1		59
St.Briavels	40	5	-	1	1	2	49
Hewelsfield	19	7	-	-	-	-	26
TOTAL	200	22	2	1	2	3	230

One patient suffering from Cerebro-Spinal-Fever was removed to the City General Hospital, Gloucester.

(Non-civilian) Notifications received from Military Authorities were :-

DIPHTHERIA 1: TUBERCULOSIS 1: = TOTAL 2.

All patients were removed to the Military Hospital.

DISINFECTION OF PREMISES

Scarlet Fever & Diphtheria Measles	27 69
Erysipelas	í
Tuberculosis	15
Other Defined Diseases	9
Verminous Premises	3
TOTAL	124

Methods of disinfection used: - Formaldenhyde Spray: Lawes' "Formagen Generators" and Zaldecide Liquid Fumigant.

Water

Number of Water-Samples submitted to the Public Analyst:-Lydney 8: Pumping Station 2: Aylburton 2: Woolaston 1 Hewelsfield 1. = Total 14.

For Private Owners: Lydney 2. Tidenham 1. Total 3.

Improvements were carried out to 8 Public Wells

Cowsheds & Dairies

Under the Milk & Dairies Order, 1926, 33 milk samples were taken from non-designated premises and submitted for analysis.

Summary of the Reports are as follows:-

14	Milk	Samples,	No. B. Coli.present:	Number of Bacteria 6,700 to 49,300	per	1 0	.c. T	raried	from
5	Milk	Samples,	B. Coli. present in 1 c.c.	Number of Bacteria 16,700 to 85,000	per	1 c	.c. 1	raried	from
6	Milk	Samples,	B.Coli. present in 1/10 c.c.	Number of Bacteria 10,800 to 720,000	per	1 c	.c. 1	raried	from
4	Milk	Samples,	B.Coli. present in 1/100 c.c.	Number of Bacteria 31,000 to 93,000	per	1 c	.c. T	aried	from
4	Milk	Samples,	B.Coli. present in 1/1000 c.c.	Number of Bacteria 92,000 to 176,000.	per	1 c	.c. T	raried	from

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COWSHEDS & DAIRIES.

Improvements were carried out to 6 Cowsheds and Dairies.

The standard of milk production in the area remains fairly satisfactory. Complaints were received of sour milk being returned to the producers, this was caused by poor production methods and transport difficulties.

Milk (Special Designations) Orders, 1936-43.

Number of "Tuberculin Tested" milk licences Register at the end of 1944.	on the	14
Number of "Accredited" milk licences on the at the end of 1944.	Register	19
Total		33
Number of "Tuberculin Tested" milk licences the County Council during 1945.	issued by	5
Number of "Accredited" Milk licences issued County Council during 1944.	by the	0
Number of "Accredited" licences substituted "Tuberculin Tested" licences during 1945.	for	2
Total number on Register for 1945.		
"Tuberculin Tested" milk licences		21
"Accredited" milk licences		16
Total		37

SCHOOL MILK.

The Table below gives in detail the Milk supplied to Schools, and the number of milk samples taken and submitted for analysis by the County Council and the Lydney Rural District Council.

		Sample	s Taken	
School:	Milk Supplied	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	Total
All Lydney Schools	Non-designated	8	13	21
Alyburton	"Tuberculin-Tested"	3	0	3
Alvington	Non-designated	2	1	3
Woolaston	"Tuberculin-Tested"	2	0	2
Tidenham	"Tuberculin-Tested"	6	0	6
St.Briavels	"Tuberculin-Tested"	2	0	2
Hewelsfield	"Accredited"	0	3 ·	3
Total taken by	Council Council	23	17	40
Lydney	Non-designated	10	6	16
Alvington	Non-designated	1	0	1
Total taken by	Lydney R.D.C.	11	6	17

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MEAT REGULATIONS.

The following number of animals were slaughtered and the carcases inspected for disease:-

Ministry of Food Slaughter-House, Church Road, Lydney, Glos.

Cattle 623: • Calves 521: Sheep & Lambs 2643: Pigs 63. Total 3,850

Number of Pigs slaughtered on Unlicenced Premises were:- 554

Note: - The Lydney Food Executive Officer issued 554 licences to self-suppliers

The amount of meat condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption was :-

Cattle:

One Carcase of Beef affected with Generalised Tuberculosis One Carcase of Veal affected with do. do. Seven Forequarters of Beef affected with Tuberculosis Beef offal affected with Tuberculosis 36 Ox Heads affected with Tuberculosis 11 Ox livers affected with Tuberculosis 57 Sets of Ox Lungs affected with Tuberculosis 110 Ox livers affected with Fluke One emaciated Carcase of Beef One Bruised Carcase of Beef Leg of Bruised Beef Shin of Bruised Beef	740 62 1,122 136 1,122 124 569 1,444 332 344 30 20	
Total	6,045	lbs.
Sheep:		
Two Emaciated carcases of lamb 231 Sheep livers affected with Fluke & Echinococus 26 Sheep Plucks affected with Strongylosis Bruised Mutton	501 91 35	-
Pigs:	664	lbs.
Two Pig's Heads affected with Tuberculosis Four Bruised Legs of Pork One Pig's Pluck affected with Pneumonia	47 43 2	1bs.
Total	92	lbs.
Total amount of meat condemned during the year was:-	6,801	lbs.

Other Foodstuffs condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption were :-

	1,129 Time of various foodstuffs
	62 lbs. of cheese
	1,404 Canadian Shell Eggs
	42 lbs. of Margarine
	24 lbs. of Butter (National)
	246 lbs. of Bacon
	194 lbs. of Brawn.
	60 lbs. of Sultamas: 25 lbs. Dried Apricots:
	15 lbs. Dates: 301 lbs. Canadian Apples: 359 Lemons:
	16 lbs. Prunes: 278 lbs. oranges; 870 lbs. Cake:
	12 Doz. Bars of Chocolate: 276 lbs. Dried Egg:
(Fish)	400 Fish Cakes: 9 stone Cod fillet: 5 stone Megrimes:
	2 stone White Haddock: 6 stone Cured Haddock: 4-4 cran
	boxes of Herrings: 2 Boxes Mackerel: 16 stone Kippers

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MEAT REGULATIONS (contd.)

With regard to the question of Meat Inspection, a very important matter will have to be considered by the Council in the near future, and that is the existence of ten private slaughter-houses in the district.

Before the war it was impossible for me to be always present at times of slaughter, owing to the varying times of slaughter in the several slaughter-houses, the fact that the premises are spread throughout the district, and also because of other and often more important duties.

As you are aware the slaughter-houses are improperly situated, the apparatus is out of date, and complaints were often received of the noise, smell, sounds and sights normally associated with such buildings. Humane slaughtering is often at a minimum owing to the absence of proper control.

In my opinion private slaughter-houses do not tend to limit the traffic in diseased meat or to a thorough examination of all meat for disease.

I would like to suggest that the Council consider building a Public Abattoir, so that all private slaughter-houses can be closed. The advantages are many, it would remove nuisances from the neighbourhood of dwelling houses, it removes putrefiable matters from sewers, protects meat from liability to exposure from foul matter, it ensures thorough examination of all meat, the animals are slaughtered with the minimum amount of cruelty, modern appliances and labour saving machinery are generally in use, and a better degree of cleanliness is attained. The public have far more confidence in such a meat supply, and meat is less liable to spoil because it is slaughtered and cooled under better conditions.

I consider that the time has now arrived when the Council should give serious thought to the provision of a Public Abattoir.

The following analysis may give an indication of the respective merits of Private Slaughter-houses and a Public Abbatoir.

Figures for per	iod 30th June 1930 - 31st Decembe	r 1939.
Number of carcases inspecte	d on licensed premises	6,661
Number do.	Unlicensed premises	1,090
Amount of meat condemned	•••	10,677 lbs.

Since 1st January 1940, the Ministry of Food has taken over the slaughter-house at Church Road, Lydney, the other nine private slaughter-houses being temporarily closed.

	Fi	gures for period 1st January 1940 - 31st December 1945	5.
Number	of	carcases inspected at Ministry of Food Slaughter-hous	se 31,526
Number	of	animals slaughtered on Unlicensed premises	3,228
		TOTAL	34,754
Amount	of	meat condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption was:-	49,501 lbs

You will of course notice that during the war with the use of one slaughter-house the supervision has been greater than during the previous 9 years when there were ten slaughter-houses in use.

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RATS & MICE (DESTRUCTION) ACT, 1919

THE INFESTATION ORDER, 1943.

3.R. & O. No. 680

In accordance with the above a Survey of the Lydney Sewers was carried out during the months of April and May so as to ascertain the degree of rat infestation.

As the result of this survey it was decided after consultation with the County Pests Officer that the infested parts of the sewer system at Newerne Street; Regent Street; Swan Lane; Factory Lane and Football Field should be treated.

Therefore a Map and Scheme was prepared and approved by the Ministry of Food for the destruction of rata at an approximate cost of £25.14. 8.

This work was carried out during the months of September and October by operators from the Pests Dept. Gloucester, in co-operation with myself and two workmen from the Engineer & Surveyor's department.

I should like to add that the number of rats destroyed was negligible, and the report from the Regional Office, Bristol, was most gratifying.

Complaints received of rat and mice infestation from occupiers of premises were forwarded to the Pests Dept. Gloucester. Inspections carried out by the staff of that department numbered 1,047, and the number of infestations found was 51.

The following is the number of Contracts entered into between the Pests Department, Gloucester, and the occupiers of premises in the Lydney area:-

	remises in Built-up areas gricultural Premises	35 15	
	Total	50	
General:-			
Complaints receiv	-: be		
Muisances reporte	d to District Council	49	
	(a) Total (b) Swine	49	
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Number of earth c	losets or privy vaults abolished	3	
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Petroleum Acts.

Number of licences granted by the Council under the Petroleum Acts, for storage of Petroleum Spirit were:- 24

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Number inspected of each of the following :-

Premises or Occupations subject to Statutory Control.

Under the Shops Act, 1934.

(a) Butchers Shops 11: (b) Grocers Shops 38: Other Trades 37:

Number of visits and inspections:- 135.

	Number on Register	Number Inspected	Total number of Inspections
Slaughter-houses	10	1	197
Dairies; Cowsheds & Milkshops.	126	95	139
Bakehouses	14	12	24
Factories	11	11	22
Workshops	37	37	61

LYDNEY SHIPPING, 1945.

Amount of Shipping Entering The Port during the Year 1945.

COASTWISE

	Number	Tonnage	Number reported to be defective	No.of Vessels on which defects were remedied	Number inspected by San. Insp.
Steamers	66	4,469	0	0	3
"Motors"	379	23,350	0	0	5
Sailing	253	12,128	0	0	11
Fishing	0	0	0	0	0
Total Coastwise	698	39,947	0	0	19

[&]quot;Includes mechanically propelled vessels other than steamers"

I beg to remain,

Sir, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. M. RICHARDS

(Sanitary Inspector)



