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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

The year's work has been mainly one of consolidation of our new Departments and a determined and, I believe, successful effort has been made to enlarge all the Council's activities throughout Wales. In this connection, I am very proud of the pioneering work done by Heads of Departments.

The need for flexibility in the work of the Council is continuously stressed and particular attention is being paid by our Social Studies Committee to an impartial examination of the social needs of society in the future, and the means whereby this Council may serve them. We are still essentially concerned with the Rural Areas and depend upon support from the Development Commission in this regard.

Elsewhere in the Report you will note the rapid expansion of our Citizen's Advice Bureaux all over Wales and this has been one of our most constructive Departments throughout the year.

Culturally, I would like to mention the great step forward that we hope will be achieved by the ratification of the various Amateur Drama bodies in Wales into one administrative group and we welcome the establishment of a closer liaison with the Welsh Committee of the Arts Council.

Finally, we are grateful to the Development Commission, Statutory Authorities and various National Charitable Trusts who generously support us. Nevertheless, certain large grants are due to end in the near future and the continuous and increase of individual and business subscriptions is essential for the preservation of our autonomy and vitality.

DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD

The purpose of this Annual Report is to indicate in some detail the varied operations of this Council as it seeks to initiate, organise and administer community care developments in the Principality.

Purposes

In the Articles of Association of the Council its purposes include the advancement of education, the furtherance of health and the relief of poverty, distress and sickness. To achieve this it was provided that the Council would bring together statutory and voluntary agencies engaged in the furtherance of these purposes. It must be remembered these words were written before the advent of the Welfare State. In twenty years the social scene has undergone a radical change. The State, through central and local government, has assumed more and more responsibility in further education and welfare work. This in turn has led to many changes in the constitution of voluntary agencies, which had hitherto been responsible for much work in these fields.

Social Changes

Against this background of rapid advancing legislation, there is another factor which is a fundamental in considering community care in this country, namely, the changes in industry and the movement of population since the end of the last war. Traditionally, Wales and Monmouthshire have been regarded as the land of coal mines and

farming. The introduction of two of the largest steel works in the world is one example of how this concept is out-dated. An extract of the speech of Dr. Thomason quoted in their report, gives clear guidance as to the changing pattern of our society. The old idea of family kinship has been shattered by the introduction of large scale industrial development and the moving of places of work from the long precipitous valleys of the South, to the long coastal belt with its seaboard exits. Today, there is more than one bread-winner in a family, and these often work many miles from the places where they live. Industrial Wales is no longer a land of pitheads, male voice choirs and singing festivals. It is being transformed into a country of huge industrial concerns and diversified factories. These changes not only have their repercussions on the large conurbations of the South, but they are making inroads into the customs and population of our vast rural areas.

Physical Barriers Those who live outside Wales never fully realise the grotesque apportionment of population within its borders. Of its two and a half millions, one million and three-quarters reside within sixty miles of the Capital City. Then there stretches northwards the vast plateau which has been intractably uneconomic throughout the centuries. The existence of this physical barrier has been a tragic obstacle for the integration of North and South communities, dividing its loyalties and its dialects.

It is against this physical, economic and social background that this Council endeavours to perform its function. It must go where people live. It must seek to serve those sparsely populated areas which have been denuded of vitality and energy by the removal of young life. It must seek to serve the mushroom townships that have grown around our giant new steel works. It must endeavour to weld growing suburbs into a community which will have inspiration to open new Community Centres, to provide for further education and welfare services for those who are bereft of physical and mental health.

Welsh Society In grappling with this task, the Council invited two experienced social workers to produce evidence which would guide it in canalising its efforts to places where they are most needed. The result has been the publication of a book entitled "Welsh Society in Transition" by Dr. George F. Thomason and Mrs. Margaret Lloyd. This book produces ample evidence of the metamorphosis of Welsh Society and it should prove an indispensable handbook for social workers for many years to come.

Basic Considerations Thus the overriding considerations which have prompted the Council's activities in the year under review have been : an assessment of where community needs really exist ; the provision of every possible help to rural areas where depopulation continues ; initiating and sponsoring schemes in new townships and giving practical help and guidance to those who, either through advancing years or physical infirmity, depend upon voluntary assistance.

In all this work it has been our privilege to collaborate with County Councils, County Borough Councils, and many other forms of statutory government. We are deeply sensible to the many problems confronting these Authorities and it is a happy thought that these bodies turn with increasing frequency to this Council as they formulate schemes for education, health and welfare within their own boundaries.

The departmental activities which follow in this report reflect the implementation of these aforementioned concepts. There is no purpose in endeavouring to amplify these reports, but some features call for special comment.

Advising the Citizen

The past year has been one of the most active in the history of our Citizens Advice Department. In response to letters sent to 175 Local Authorities in Wales regarding this service, 43 replies were received and the result has been the formation of many new local bureaux. Those who read the account of this Department's work will realise that the spirit of voluntary service is very much alive in Wales and Monmouthshire. Dozens of recruits have offered to work in these bureaux and it has been our privilege, in conjunction with the Rural Community Councils, to arrange training courses for them. The newly appointed Field Officer has been faced with an unprecedented rush of enquiries stretching over an area of over 200 miles.

We are pleased to record the formation of a Standing Conference of Citizens Advice Bureaux in South Wales, which will now take its place alongside its counterpart in North Wales in acting as a co-ordinating body for local bureaux. There are very few large conurbations either in North or South Wales which are now not covered by bureaux. In addition bureaux in the rural areas have been strengthened by the extension of several local committees and by offering increased facilities.

It is sad to think that the person responsible for the promotional ideas in Britain, namely, Miss Kathleen Oswald, O.B.E., Secretary of the National Citizens Advice Bureaux Committee, died during the year just as the movement she had nurtured for many years was about to receive the recognition it deserved. We shall miss her guidance and friendship in the Principality.

Old People's Welfare

The Old People's Department which provides the secretariat for the Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales has been engaged in making a survey on the provisions made by County Old People's Welfare Committees, Local Old People's Committees and individual Clubs throughout the country. This has been a difficult task, but for the first time the composite picture has been clarified. It is hoped that this document will, in addition to providing the basis for the field work of the department, prove of considerable help to the Welsh Board of Health and Local Authorities as they seek to extend their work in this ever growing sphere of opportunity. The Standing Conferences in North and South Wales are working smoothly and the Old People's Welfare Officer has had increasing calls from organisations throughout Wales for promotional and other forms of advice. Under the aegis of this Committee an award is to be made annually for the local Club making the most original contribution to the welfare of the elderly.

One of the most interesting experiments this Council has undertaken in recent years has been that of the Visitation Scheme for visiting elderly people in their own homes in the City of Cardiff. During the year an organiser was appointed and two pilot surveys have been held in the Splott and Tremorfa Wards and the Canton and Riverside wards. This has been a large scale operation, involving altogether 222 volunteer workers who made a house to house investigation as to the number of people who would welcome organised visits. Local Committees have been formed in both these areas and so far 403 old people have been registered for visiting purposes. It is proposed extending this scheme

to other areas until the whole City is covered. The grant for this work has been given for a period of three years by the National Corporation for the Care of Old People, but it is the confident hope of the Council that the Cardiff City Council will undertake financial responsibility for this important work on the expiration of this period.

The reconstitution of the Old People's Welfare Committee, now renamed the Committee for the Care of the Elderly in Wales, has been one of the major activities in which the Council has been engaged, and the results achieved from the staff appointments made and the consequent extension of work have amply justified our decision to expand this aspect of community service.

Community Groups

During the year a long cherished ambition of this Council has been achieved by the formation of a South Wales Standing Conference of Community Groups. The work that such a Standing Conference can achieve is naturally governed by the limited resources in man-power and available finance. The department has, however, conducted a survey showing the provisions extant in Clubs throughout the country and in consultation with a working party of experts in this field has now re-defined its sphere of activity. The range of Community Groups in Wales is so diverse that it is difficult to form a general picture of what is being accomplished. It is becoming abundantly clear that many small groups are battling for adequate leaders who will pioneer programmes to combat some of the less rewarding and uneducative past-times that have taken such a firm grip on so many of these groups. The work of training and programme planning of groups is largely undertaken by Further Education Officers of Local Authorities and their staffs, but a system of liaison between statutory bodies and this department of the Council is being finalised.

Youth Work

The Standing Conference of Voluntary Youth Organisations continues to form a forum whereby the 29 Voluntary Youth Organisations in Wales may discuss common policy. Most of these organisations have been heavily involved during the course of the year in providing recruits for training courses for Part-time Youth Leaders. Analyses of the training courses contained in this department's report make most interesting reading and an encouraging commentary on the response of Wales to the Bessey Report. The Regional Conferences continue to be active and serve as a vehicle of inter-communication between individual organisations. There have been interesting experiments during the year in some of the courses held in the regions.

After Care of Prisoners

Following the publication of a booklet of information by the Standing Conference, the year has been mainly taken up in the preparation of a memorandum to the Home Office showing the reaction of the Conference to the ACTO Report on the After Care of Prisoners. This memorandum was the result of an invitation given by the then Minister of State, Home Office, The Rt. Hon. Earl Jellicoe. Following this report a visit has been received from Senior Executives of the Home Office, who have held detailed discussions with the Working Party established by the Conference for this purpose.

The whole concept of the treatment of offenders is under revision and it will be the difficult and delicate task of such bodies as this Standing Conference to suggest ways in which the volunteer can work when the present Voluntary After Care Services are merged into the Probation

Departments as recommended by the ACTO Report. This is a period of very great revolution in this field and calls for the most careful scrutiny on the part of all who are concerned with it. This work of consultation has gone side by side with practical efforts to assist local organisations in their difficult and ever growing task of caring for ex prisoners and their families. In especial, much thought has been given to the question of hostel accommodation for prisoners in Wales, and the Conference has been involved in discussions at both Cardiff and Newport on practical projects.

Social Studies

During the year, surveys have been made in the following departments : Committee for the Care of the Elderly in Wales ; Cardiff Visitation Scheme for the Elderly ; The Community Groups, and the major work "Welsh Society in Transition" by Dr. George F. Thomason and Mrs. Margaret Lloyd. This Committee is concerned with providing data for future activities for our departments, and initiating enquiries into spheres of social service which can serve not only this Council, but all those statutory and voluntary agencies concerned with community care. The Committee has also been represented by the Director at a meeting of the Heyworth Committee held in Cardiff to investigate, on behalf of the Government, the needs for financing researches by educational bodies such as Universities and other organisations engaged in social service. The Social Studies Committee feels that there is a large area of research that can profitably be investigated if finances were available. One of the distinctive features of a Council of Social Service is its freedom to pioneer into new fields for community care. This has been the history of many well known recently accepted welfare enactments, whereby the pioneer work of voluntary organisations, once demonstrated to be of value, has been undertaken by central or local government.

This Council, through its Social Studies Committee is also aware of the need to extend enquiries into the existing staffing needs for the social services and are considering the possibility of enquiring into the field of recruitment and training of volunteers and full-time paid social workers. It is obvious that there will be a great need for guidance to those contemplating entering social service, and many individuals have been advised by the Council's staff through consultation during the course of the year.

The Council is also involved in the new local organisation set up to encourage voluntary service for overseas by students and young workers from industry.

We also provide the secretariat for an ad hoc organisation formed by leading voluntary movements in the City, which meets regularly to discuss projects currently undertaken by their respective groups. This admirable venture, it is hoped, will obviate some of the overlapping that inevitably accompanies isolated pieces of voluntary social service.

The Social Studies Committee is becoming increasingly integrated with researches in Social Science in which departments of the University of Wales are concerned. In the course of the year there has been a change in the Chair of this Committee. Mr. A. V. Lochhead, M.A., Director, Social Administration Courses, University College of Swansea, has succeeded Professor Foster, Jesus College, Oxford.

In collaboration with the British Council and University College Departments, we have arranged courses of studies and field work for

students from overseas. In addition groups of students studying for the Health Visitors Diploma attached to the Welsh School of Medicine, are given lectures and taken on field work by departmental heads of the Council.

Women's Clubs The largest section of the staff of the Council continues to be engaged in servicing over 100 Women's Clubs in Glamorgan and Carmarthenshire. In addition to providing further education for the members, the staff is concerned in promoting and encouraging pieces of social service in the localities. Details of these services are listed in the accompanying departmental report.

The Council is profoundly conscious of its debt to the women of these Clubs for raising a record sum of money to enable the work of this department and of the Clubs to continue. Despite the magnificent support of the Glamorgan Education Committee for this work, a sum of nearly £3,000 has to be found by the Council annually, and the record voluntary contribution of these Clubs last year was of tremendous help in meeting this cost.

Drama During the year, at the request of the British Drama League (Wales Area), the Council undertook the secretariat of that organisation. Thus, the two largest amateur bodies in Wales, *viz.*: the Drama Council of Wales and the British Drama League are now administered by the Council. Since this took place suggestions emanated from both bodies as to the possibility of their merging. An ad hoc Committee, comprised of equal representation from both has been meeting and it is possible than an all embracing Amateur Drama Association for Wales and Monmouthshire may eventualise by April, 1965. Without prejudging the results of the investigations, it is obvious to many drama enthusiasts that such a step is both necessary and logical.

The difficulty in establishing a full-time drama department and staff is lack of finance. Evidence has been presented to the Welsh Committee of the Arts Council and to the Council for Wales and Monmouthshire urging the claim for amateur drama for Government grant-aid, and the analogy has been presented of the Scottish Community Drama Association, which receives considerable financial support from the Scottish Education Committee.

Whatever the results of the proposed amalgamation may be, the Welsh Committee of the Arts Council has made available for the first time in its history, a grant to the Drama Council of Wales for its library, equipment and advisory services. This gesture has been received with great enthusiasm by the Drama Council, and it is hoped that the financial burden borne by the Welsh Council of Social Service will be eased by annual subventions from Government or Trust Funds.

Executive Committee During the course of the year the following new members of the Executive Committee were welcomed: Mrs. C. Diamond (Chairman of the South Wales Standing Conference of C.A.Bx.); Mrs. H. Noel Jerman; Councillor Mrs. G. I. Williams, Dr. Ivor H. Davies, LL.D., Mr. R. C. Mathias, Mr. Clifford Prothero, J.P., and Dr. George F. Thomason, M.A.

The Hon. J. H. Bruce In April, 1964, the Council sustained a grievous loss in the death of its President, The Hon. J. H. Bruce, C.B.E., K.St.J., J.P., D.L., who had been a founder member of the South Wales and Monmouthshire Council

of Social Service and a trustee of this Council when it merged with that body in 1946. From that time Mr. Bruce continued to serve the Council as Chairman of S.C.W.V.Y.O. and was at one time Treasurer and, latterly, President. No-one served the Council more faithfully since its inception than our gracious President, who spent a lifetime in voluntary service. He was a constant visitor to our headquarters and was a friend to the staff throughout the years. He will be missed by The Order of St. John, Priory for Wales, where he served with devotion as Principal Secretary, and by a host of charitable organisations in Wales. The Executive of the Council has recorded its tribute for his magnificent service and has expressed its condolence with Mrs. Bruce and with the family in their irreparable loss.

Dr. William King

It is with regret that we also record the passing of Dr. William King, former H.M.L., who was an individual member of the Council and a faithful adherent to its meetings.

Staff

In the year immediately preceding the period covered by this report, four new appointments were made, *viz.*: Community/Youth Officer, C.A.B. Officer, Cardiff Old People's Officer and Administration/Drama Officer. We are happy to report that there has been considerable extension in the work of the departments concerned and that these four colleagues are now happily entrenched in their positions.

In the course of the year we have welcomed Miss M. Griffiths to our clerical staff and she has been seconded to the work of the Women's Department.

It is with real regret that we record the imminent departure from our staff of Mrs. M. Liedtke who has been Chief Woman Officer since 1943. Mrs. Liedtke has won the affection and admiration of not only the members of this Council, but the large staff she has controlled. She is a lady of great personal charm and her tactful approach to the varied problems of the Women's Clubs has ensured steady growth of over 100 Clubs. We record the very deep appreciation for her services and trust she will be blessed with many years of good health to enjoy her well earned retirement. Miss Ceri Williams, Senior Area Organiser in the Women's Department, has been appointed to succeed Mrs. Liedtke, and we wish her well. Miss Williams has served this Council for 30 years and consequently is thoroughly conversant with the administration of this department.

Appreciation

Once more the Council wishes to record its grateful thanks to the Ministries, Development Commission, Local Authorities and Trusts, who by the continuation of their grants in aid have made possible the furtherance of our work. A special word of thanks is due to the members of the Women's Social Service Clubs affiliated to this Council for their record donation of £2,313. This tremendous effort on the part of the Clubs has been an inspiration to the Council as it has extended its activities.

The staff wish to record its appreciation for the guidance and constant help of the Honorary Officers of the Council and the Executive Committee. In particular we are ever mindful of the practical help and support given to us by the Chairman of our Executive Committee, Colonel W. R. Crawshay, who by frequent visits to the office and intense interest in our work has proved a source of constant encouragement.

The Executive Committee wishes to express its gratitude to the staff of the Council for another devoted year of service. The expansion of the Council's activities has entailed many demands on their time over and above normal working duties, but every request for travelling or attendance at meetings has met with cheerful response and it is evident that a very happy spirit prevails.

It will be noted from our Finance Report that there is a balance of Income over Expenditure in our Accounts, which is in part due to the very handsome profit shown by Messrs. Marks & Spencer Fashion Show and also by the increased contribution from the Women's Social Service Clubs. It should be pointed out, however, that it is essential for this Council to accrue a substantial amount of money in order to meet the cost of purchasing the freehold of the premises—2, Cathedral Road, Cardiff, when the lease expires in ten years time. Tentative enquiries made from the ground landlords indicate that we shall be expected to pay approximately £20,000 for this purpose and this will present the Council with a major financial problem.

It will also be noted with satisfaction that a superannuation scheme has now been implemented and this innovation has meant considerable expense, the figure for last year being £1,578. It is appropriate that our thanks be accorded to the Social Workers Pension Fund in which we participate. Voluntary Organisations in the Principality should be aware of the tremendous advantages of participating in this Fund, which is non profit making and which has been instituted by the National Council of Social Service for the benefit of providing pensions for workers in voluntary organisations. This Council is frequently consulted by organisations who are worried about compensating faithful servants for whom there are no pension rights. The Social Workers Pension Fund at 17, Rathbone Street, London, W.1 has given valuable advice in solving our own problems and will doubtless be prepared to offer the same assistance to constituent organisations affiliated to our Council.

Celebrations

In the course of the year the Director has attended the Rural Life Conference at Bristol; the Spring Conference of Rural Community Councils' Secretaries in London, and, accompanied by several heads of departments of the Council, the Fifth British National Conference on Social Work at Friends House, Euston Road, London, from 5th/9th January.

The Chairman and Director of the Council have also attended the Silver Jubilee of the Northern Ireland Council of Social Service at Belfast, and the 21st Anniversary of the Scottish Council of Social Service at Edinburgh. We congratulate our colleagues on these celebrations and have conveyed to them our warmest felicitations.

SOCIAL CHANGE AND COMMUNITY CARE IN WALES

Summary of Speech made by Dr. George F. Thomason, M.A., Senior Lecturer in Industrial Sociology, University College, Cardiff, at the Annual Meeting of the Council held at the County Hall, Cardiff, on October 31st, 1963.

I wish to discuss some of the characteristics of current social changes in Wales as these have been revealed by investigations carried out by members of the constituent colleges of the University; and suggest

that some of the implications which these changes had for community service and community care in this society. Generally the current changes are mainly connected with an increasing regionalisation of the society, replacing the simpler, small community pattern based upon close kinship ties.

The starting points for these changes are different according to the part of the country. In rural Wales, community is based upon close family ties, which, even in a scattered rural population binds people into a social structure and links them into a culture. In the industrialised areas, there is found the small community which grew out of the close concentrations of population in small towns and villages. These are the communities which identify themselves and are identified by outsiders as a place. It is the community as a place which was introduced by the industrial revolution.

Wales's traditional industries were relatively slow changing and the surrounding towns created by this industrial revolution were small, and relatively homogeneous and self-contained. People in them were allowed the necessary time to resurrect a close-knit kinship pattern and to translate into an urban framework many of the appropriate social patterns of the traditional rural society. The changes of more recent times have, however, begun to emphasise the region, rather than the community. Aided by developments in public transport, and in communications, both administration and industry have moved to a larger scale. We have a more mobile society, but one in which the region is replacing kinship grouping and small community as the most meaningful social arena within which life has to be lived.

The Challenge of the Changes : It is this which presents us with both the challenge and the opportunity in the realm of social service. The major problem in adaptation and adjustment arises from the relative stability of the previous pattern. So clear and so appropriate was this that the present circumstances deliver a sudden shock to it. What was appropriate to stability is not appropriate to a state of flux and change. In a dynamic situation, there is little that is automatic, the old rules of the game are no longer as clearly applicable. New rules, new standards, new bases for behaviour have to be worked out for the new situation. This process is demanding of a sort of effort which was not called for in the stable conditions.

This problem is clearly seen in the relationships within a three-generation family. When the married children are induced to move away to some new centre of employment, taking their children with them, roles have to be changed from their traditional stable form. Both adult groups have to learn to live with this relationship "at arm's length", and this can be a difficult and even painful process.

Increasingly, such problems become identified with an area. Older people are left in old communities on the edges of new regions ; younger people are attracted to the new centres of employment or service. The old community tries to follow its traditional pursuits, but finds it increasingly difficult to do so. On the other hand, the younger mobile adults find themselves in strange new surroundings. This may be a new housing estate, where all are new together ; or it may be an expanding older area in which they are newcomers amongst the natives. Both generations are left in the position of being less tied to one another and less supported in carrying out their essential roles. Both are relatively isolated, both lacking in support ; and both therefore in a potentially more anxious state.

The new initiatives that are called for are those of more consciously aligning the types of service already engaged in, more closely and more directly to the needs of this changing situation. We have the opportunity and the duty to attempt to prepare people more adequately for life in a more mobile, larger scale, society. Such preparation as I envisage must embrace both old and new areas and populations. It must seek, in general, to demonstrate the opportunities for satisfactory existence in the new social situation. It must seek to develop new perspectives of social living, appropriate to a regional structure but yet preserving as far as possible the autonomy of the smaller residential group. But at the same time, it must seek consciously to facilitate the adoption of institutional roles which are neither peculiar, nor limited to the family or small community, but have a relevance to the larger group.

This preparation should take place through programmes of activities rather than programmes of education or instruction. These activities help to prepare people to continue non-family roles, if and when our mobile society denies them the opportunity to do so; and to facilitate the individual's breaking into social relationships in organisations if and when he or she is induced to become part of the mobile population.

This would need to take place within a relatively free, permissive framework—for which, of course, the community centre is suited. I feel, however, that the community centre which is entirely given over to recreational and social activities, misses both the need and the opportunity in this kind of situation. Into this 'centre' might be built a more purposive service of information, help and support. We need to think more about the role and purpose of the community centre or the village hall, and about its staffing. We might consider using such a centre as the collecting point for as many kinds of informational, social, educational, recreational, and even spiritual services as possible, in order to provide a public image of such a centre as a 'complete service station' for the mobile population. We are moving towards this, I think, without having yet got there; and it seems to me too, that this kind of service station is what, very often the spontaneous community association is often groping towards. Perhaps we have a duty of helpful leadership in this field.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

Rural

As a part of the responsibility of the Council to co-ordinate the work of Rural Community Councils in Wales and Monmouthshire, several visits have been paid by the Director and Assistant Director to these Councils. In this way specific problems have been overcome and, in addition, common policies have been made available to Councils as they seek information on particular aspects of their work. There exists a close liaison between heads of the departments of the Council and the Secretaries of the Rural Community Councils, and there is a constant interchange of visits and correspondence between this office and the Rural Community Council offices. The Director of this Council, who sits upon the Rural Committee of the National Councils of Social Service, is able to present the views of Wales and Monmouthshire, and, in turn, to report upon activities of the Rural Community Councils from time to time to the Rural Committee and the Development

Commission. The Director is also a member of the Policy Committee of the Rural Industries Bureau and the National Council of Social Service Executive Committee, and thus close links are maintained between Wales and England. The Chairman of this Council is also a member of the Rural Industries Loan Fund, which has throughout the years been of considerable assistance to rural craftsmen.

Village Halls

Throughout the country there are many Village Halls who turn for guidance to the Rural Community Councils and to this Council, and the Assistant Director is a member of the Village Halls Committee, which meets regularly in London. During the year there has also been close consultation between this Council and the Ministry of Education upon individual schemes that have been proposed for Village Halls in the Principality.

The experimental period of three years for holding National Rural Industries Exhibitions has continued and has been a conspicuous success.

Exhibitions

The Council has been responsible for administering this policy and in consultation with Rural Community Councils inaugurated a National Exhibitions Committee to guide policy. In the first year of the experiment, two Exhibitions were held — one at the Royal Welsh Show at Llanelwedd and the other at the National Eisteddfod at Llandudno. In the second year an Exhibition was again staged at Llanelwedd, and a second National Exhibition is to take place at Tenby. The initial impression gained from these experiments is that they are proving of greater value than small local exhibitions in publicising the work of rural craftsmen. There has been favourable comment upon the quality of exhibits and the number of visitors to these exhibitions has exceeded all expectations. The National Exhibitions policy does not preclude individual Counties from holding County Exhibitions. The value of the more widespread organisation in this field is becoming increasingly apparent.

R.I.B.

The Council is grateful to Mrs. J. Trefil Morgan who has served as our representative on the Rural Industries Bureau Advisory Council during the year, thus providing a link between the Bureau and Welsh interests in the service of small rural crafts.

Boundaries

Throughout rural Wales there has been considerable activity and speculation in the past few years on the eventual form in which local government would appear after the reviews of the Local Boundary Commission in Wales. Although the final proposals of the Boundary Commission were not accepted in toto for the Principality, these will form a working basis for the Government review of local government, which is to appear in the next twelve months. The last few years have engendered much argument, controversy and heat in Rural Wales. This is natural because not only the future of local Government areas have been under review, but also the pattern of voluntary organisations which would probably have to follow closely upon the pattern of statutory authorities. The Government review is now awaited and it would be idle to prophesy what changes, if any, are to be introduced into the administrative pattern of local government. This Council, together with the Rural Community Councils, will watch events with vital interest and will endeavour to see that the social services now being rendered are maintained whatever structural changes in administration are introduced.

Conferences

Twice a year Rural Community Council Secretaries are brought together for consultation at the invitation of this Council. The Spring Conference of 1963 which included Rural Industries Organisers from Wales and Monmouthshire, was held at Llandrindod Wells when the principal speakers were:—Mr. Alwyn D. Rees, M.A., Director of Extra Rural Studies, University College of Wales, Aberystwyth — subject: "Changes in Welsh Rural Life"; Mr. D. S. Prosser, M.Sc., F.G.S., Senior Research Officer (Welsh Office) Ministry of Housing and Local Government — subject: "The Economic Facts of Welsh Rural Life" and in the concluding session an address was given by Major Gen. S. H. M. Battye, C.B., M.A., who had recently been appointed Director of the Rural Industries Bureau. The Chairman of this Council extended a warm welcome to General Battye and assured him of the co-operation of the Council in the mutual task of furthering rural industries in Wales.

Another Conference of a more domestic nature was held at these offices in October, 1963, when matters of policy were discussed in great detail by the Secretaries and this interchange of ideas has proved invaluable. This Autumn Conference has now become an integral part of the work of liaising between this Council and the Rural Community Councils with whom it is associated.

Of the 39 Rural Community Councils in England and Wales, eleven are situated within the Welsh border and Monmouthshire. Many of the economic and social problems of Wales, especially in Mid-Wales appear intractable. It is part of the function of Rural Community Councils to combat the effects of depopulation and to bring a sense of community and the facilities of social service to scattered hamlets, many of which are very inaccessible. If there is a battle anywhere for rural Britain it is surely found in these sequestered hamlets of Wales, and tribute must be paid to the work of Secretaries who often face very great difficulties and frustrations in their work. The overall picture of community provision in rural areas is encouraging and in especial developments for work amongst old people are on the increase. This Council is indebted to the Secretaries of the Rural Community Councils for their loyal co-operation in matters of common interest and for the unflinching courtesy and welcome extended to members of its staff.

A report of the Spring Conference of 1964 will naturally appear in the next Annual Report of the Council, but reference must be made to a tragic occurrence at that Conference in April, when one of the delegates, Mr. William Jones, Secretary of the Merioneth Rural Community Council collapsed and died. This tragedy has bereft this Council of one of its most loyal colleagues and the County of Merioneth of an indefatigable and conscientious Secretary. William Jones was beloved by all who knew him; a true lover of the countryside and a quiet rustic poet of great merit. Deepest sympathy has been extended to his widow, Mrs. Beti Jones, who happily has been appointed Deputy Secretary in Merioneth.

Flintshire

There is no Rural Community Council in Flintshire, but this Council assists the Parish Councils Association and the County Playing Fields Association financially and administratively through their Secretary, Mr. Eifion Jones. Mr. Jones undertakes the secretariat of both these bodies in a spare time capacity and has been extremely active in extension work pertaining to both organisations. No decision had been reached upon the formation of a Rural Community Council in this County, although there have been protracted negotiations over a period

of years. The following details give a brief indication of the amount of work being done in rural areas within this County :

Parish Councils

During the year the County Executive Committee has been particularly active in two important spheres: Local Government Commission Proposals for Wales — the final proposals of the Commission were considered very carefully and Area Committees were convened at Hawarden, Holywell and St. Asaph where all the Parish Councils in the respective areas were represented and the views of the three Area Committees were co-ordinated and considered by the County Executive Committee and the final reply to the Commission was then agreed and submitted to the Commission on behalf of the County Association.

Information to Parish Councils on Planning Matters—the County Executive Committee have, for a number of years, been investigating the best possible means of getting information to Parish Councils on planning proposals. Until this year an attempt had been made through the County Council but this proved abortive, but the Executive Council were undaunted and then directed their attention to the Rural District Councils. It is very encouraging to report that two Rural District Councils out of the four in the County, agreed, and are now operating a procedure whereby all the Parish Councils in their respective Rural Districts receive a copy of all the planning applications that are to be considered by the Rural District Council. A further attempt is being made to persuade the other remaining two Rural District Councils to adopt the same procedure.

Playing Fields

The County Playing Fields Association has been involved in the following schemes within the County—Trueddlyn, Bodelwyddan, Leeswood, Mynydd Isa, Hope, Worthenbury, Halkyn, Shotton, Queensferry, Frith, Rhyl U.D.C. and Holywell U.D.C.

Women's Clubs

Membership

The number of clubs serviced by the Council remains fairly constant. Although new ones have been commenced, others have ceased to exist, either through failing membership or loss of meeting-place. There are also many changes in membership, many leaving for domestic reasons, *e.g.*, illness, or moving from the area, but we are at the same time welcoming many new members—young members, who are becoming increasingly interested in Club life. To those who have left through illness or similar circumstances, we express our gratitude for the years of service given in our Clubs.

Two new Clubs have been started in the Pontypridd Area, *viz.*, at Llanedryne and Llanharry, and two in the West Glamorgan Area at Velindre and Sandfields. Total number of Clubs at 31st March, 1964, were

Pontypridd	24
Mid Glamorgan	50
West. Glam & Carmarthen ..	34

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In Wales, Club life during the past year has been most interesting and active, the majority of Clubs making their sessions of real value to the member. New ideas were tried, either through craft classes, social activities, or in their charitable interests.

Clubs are autonomous ; no rigid rules are set, and the freedom and elasticity of the Club programme lends itself to the ingenuity of the member.

The Executive Committee of the Women's groups has met six times, with nearly 100% attendance at each meeting, and representatives from the Committee have attended meetings at National Association level in London.

Conferences Twenty-five delegates and three Organisers attended the National Conference held at Leeds University in September, 1963, accompanied by the Chairman of the Welsh Association, Mrs. J. Jenkins, J.P., Skewen. We were delighted that once again she was elected to the National Chairmanship for the sixth year in succession.

Commencing with the successful Residential Conference held at Glangy-Mor, Barry, in April, 1963, the Guest Speaker, Mr. Wyndham Heycock, County Organiser in Further Education, gave a most stimulating address on "The Problems of the '60s"—the theme of the Conference. Resolutions on such problems as Footwear, Reassessment of Properties, Bridges and Subways, Higher Education and the Clean Air Act were discussed.

Exhibitions The year started off with the spectacular Mannequin Parade at the Porthcawl Pavilion, staged by members of the Mid-Glamorgan Clubs under the direction of Mrs. L. Kane, Area Organiser. Over 300 members took part, displaying their own suits, frocks, accessories and millinery. A delightful part of the programme was that devoted to the children of the members.

Another Mannequin Parade was held by Penclawdd at their Sale of Work, and here again interest was shown in the garments modelled by members.

Many Club members travelled to the Sophia Gardens Pavilion, Cardiff, to support another "Parade" kindly arranged on behalf of the Council of Social Service by Messrs. Marks & Spencer.

Women's Clubs were invited to exhibit at the National Productivity Year Exhibition and members were again in action for ten days, exhibiting and demonstrating the work done in the Clubs. The production of Welsh Cakes and scones at the stall attracted large numbers of visitors. On one day 18 Mayors and Mayoresses from various parts of Wales were special visitors.

Events The "Cook of the Year" Contest, arranged throughout England and Wales, and organised by the British Farm Produce Council, attracted a number of entrants from Clubs throughout the various stages. The semi-finals were staged at the Sophia Gardens Pavilion, when our Welsh Winner was Mrs. M. Harries of Pontycymmer, who now travels on to the final stage at Birmingham in May. We wish her every success. Several Easter Bonnet Parades and a Social Evening were held by Clubs in the Pontypridd area. These brought a large number of visitors from the nearby Clubs, where the ingenuity of the members was greatly admired, and contributed a great deal to the success of the evening. Prizes were awarded for the various types of hats displayed. This added to the interest, and a desire was expressed for similar events to be organised.

Several Quiz programmes were held during the year and they proved an outstanding success. Finalists from the areas competing will eventually compete for the title of "Club of the Year".

Students Eighteen students from the Cardiff Medical School, taking their Health Visitors' Course, spent one week with the Council of Social Service, studying the work organised by the various departments, one day being devoted to the work of the Women's Clubs Department. After a talk and discussion on the aims and objects of Women's Clubs, they were taken to visit a Club at Llantwit Major, spending the afternoon with the members and watching demonstrations of craft work. Much interest was shown by the visitors, who later had a good discussion with the officers and members of the Club.

Charitable Work It is impossible to mention all the events for charities organised by each Club during the year. Each group has arranged its own pattern over the years to suit the area in which they live, and the requirements of the neighbourhood. Each Club has at least two or three favourite charities which they strongly support, and have done so continually over the years. New appeals, such as the Freedom from Hunger Campaign, brought a generous response from practically every Club.

Publicity Publicity for the Clubs has been given to the work done by the members through the various events staged—Sales of Work, Exhibitions, Mannequin Parades, Carol Services, and through their charitable work. To mention just a few of these—

The Xmas Fayre held at Bridgend, which raised over £400. This was followed by a Carol Service in the evening at one of the local chapels.

The hundred or more concerts given by the Margam Club Ladies' Choir, under the leadership of Madam Joseph James.

The good work done by the members of the Wenvoc Club on behalf of the Dr. Barnardo's Homes.

The yearly event by the Penclawdd Club for the residents of the Eventide Home, Penmaen.

Record Donation The past year has also been a 'target' year in their usual generous donations to the Council of Social Service. By means of the annual Raffle and donations from individual Clubs, the magnificent sum of £2,313 was raised—the highest recorded in the list of annual donations. Deep gratitude is due to the members not only for devising interesting methods of raising the money, but also for the wonderful spirit shown in the events.

Tours A notable event was the Day Tour to London by the 742 members of the Mid-Glamorgan Clubs under the leadership of the Area Organiser, Mrs. L. Kane, accompanied by other members of the staff. A visit was made to the Ideal Home Exhibition at Olympia, followed by a visit to the Ice Show at Wembley—"Round the World in Eighty Days".

Tregroes Farm Another annual event in which the Clubs participated was the Annual Exhibition and demonstration staged at the County Farm, Tregroes, Pencoed, at the invitation of the Glamorgan Education Committee. This event is always a highlight in the year's work. In addition Day Schools are also being arranged at the Farm, where members are able to engage in practical work in the Cookery Department.

Representation

The Welsh Association of Women's Clubs is represented on—
The National Council of Social Service.
The Standing Conference of Women's Organisations.
The Wales Advisory Committee, Ministry of Labour.
The Women's Advisory Committee on Solid Fuel.
The Women's Advisory Committee of the Electrical Association.
Local Authorities.
Co-operative Guilds.

Appreciation

Our sincere thanks must be accorded to all members who so readily and generously answer all our calls; to the Director, the Assistant Director and members of the staff of the Council for their help and guidance during the year; to the Chairman of the Welsh Association who has guided and supported the Club movement; to the Organisers and staff of the Women's Department; and last but not least to the County Education Committees of Glamorgan and Carmarthen, who, by their generous grants, have made our work possible.

OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE

The Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales.

The Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales, consisting of representatives from both statutory and voluntary bodies in Wales as well as observers from Government Departments, continues to meet to discuss matters of general interest regarding the work of the department. The Committee met on two occasions during the year.

Training Courses

The Department has given assistance to County and County Borough Old People's Welfare Committees in arranging programmes for a number of Training Courses for voluntary workers. Such courses have been held during the year at:

Brecon.
Blaenavon, Monmouthshire.
Ruthin, Denbighshire.
Llanrwst, Denbighshire.
Barmouth, Meirioneth.
Haverfordwest, Pembrokeshire.
Caernarvon.
Llangefni, Anglesey.
Swansea.

The need for continued efforts in providing such courses for voluntary workers is evident, and the financial assistance given towards meeting the cost of such courses under the King George VI Social Service Scheme administered by the Training Committee of the National Old People's Welfare Council has contributed to the success of many of these courses.

In 1965, the King George VI Social Service Scheme for assisting financially such courses will come to an end, and Old People's Welfare Committees are advised to make direct approaches to educational bodies which have the power to help. It is very much hoped that all Counties in Wales will endeavour to meet the needs of voluntary workers in the field of Training.

Some of the County/County Borough Old People's Welfare Committees in Wales have been particularly active in developing the work on a local basis.

County Committees

Resulting from these activities, local old people's welfare committees have been established at :

Caernarvon
Ruthin, Denbighshire.
Barmouth, Merioneth.
Newtown, Montgomeryshire.
Llanidloes, Montgomeryshire.
Welshpool, Montgomeryshire.
Montgomery.

Club Premises

In many localities much of the welfare work for elderly people is carried out through old people's club committees, and the value of such club activity is very much appreciated. Many Clubs are, however, meeting in hired premises and whilst this meets the case in many instances, particularly in the rural areas, in other areas the Clubs would be able to meet more often and expand on their work if they had their own premises.

In the past, many areas have benefited financially from the King George VI Old People's Club Development Scheme when grants were available towards the capital cost of purpose-built Club premises, but these grants have now terminated.

During the year the following Clubs benefited, however, from grants made available towards items of equipment under the King George VI Old People's Club Development Scheme or from the Unilever Fund, both of which are administered by the Welfare and Clubs Committee of the National Old People's Welfare Council :

Parc Llewelyn Old Boys Club, Landore, Swansea.
Edwardsville Old Age Pensioners' Club, Edwardsville, Glam.
Caerphilly Aged People's Hall, Caerphilly, Glam.
Hirwaun Rest Centre for the Elderly, Hirwaun, Glam.
Good Companions Club, Newport, Mon.
Senghenydd Old People's Centre, Senghenydd, Glam.
Coedpoeth Old People's Welfare Committee, Denbighshire.

Old People's Week

The Eleventh Old People's Week in Wales was held during the week 29th September, 1963, and every County and County Borough in Wales co-operated in this annual event.

It has been continually stressed that the aim of a 'Week' especially set aside annually, is to bring to the notice of the general public the need for voluntary help for the aged and also to provide an opportunity for old people's welfare committees to publicise what can be achieved through the co-operation of all voluntary agencies working in this field of work.

Award Scheme

The Welsh Board of Health with the co-operation of the Central Office of Information once again provided a National Poster and prominence was given on the poster to the 'Award Scheme' which gives an opportunity for old people's welfare and club committees to enter for a National Award, which, subject to adequate response, will be awarded to that Committee which carries out the most effective item of welfare work

during the period October, 1963, to June, 1964. The success of the scheme will depend entirely on the response to the idea.

Survey During the course of the year the department has been actively concerned in the compilation of a Survey showing all services for the elderly provided by voluntary organisations in Wales. The activities of committees and clubs at local level are so diverse that it will be of obvious benefit to get an overall picture so that information about successful experiments can be transmitted from one area to another. It is hoped that this survey when published will also be of value to County organisations dealing with the welfare of the elderly. The initial impression gained from first returns from localities is that there is a great disparity in the method of aid employed by Local Authorities and in the use they make of voluntary organisations in this sphere of social welfare. There appears also to be a tremendous extension in certain areas of hostel accommodation and it is undoubtedly true that Wales and Monmouthshire are alive to this particular aspect of provision for the aged.

Appreciation The Committee is grateful to those Authorities who have increased their financial contribution to the work of the department. The reconstitution of the Committee and the establishment of our work on a full time basis has been made possible by the generosity of the National Corporation for the Care of Old People, who have made a five year grant for this purpose. The Committee wishes to emphasise that we are now in the middle of the third year of this period and strenuous efforts are being made at both central and local government levels to assure that sufficient income will be available when the grant from the National Corporation ceases in two years time. The Committee feels that it would be tragic if this most important service in Wales was to be impaired by lack of finance when there is a growing demand for further extension of the provisions available for the welfare and health of the increasingly ageing population.

Old People's Visiting Scheme for the City of Cardiff.

The last Annual Report indicated that this scheme was about to be inaugurated during this past year and the first phase of this operation has now been completed. The Splott and Tremorfa Wards of the City were chosen for the first pilot survey. The object in view was to ascertain how many old people in these Wards were in need of a visit from a volunteer in order to alleviate hardship and loneliness, one of the most serious obstacles to mental and physical health. This area contains 5,600 dwelling houses and it was expected to yield a high percentage of old age pensioners.

Consultation Representatives of all local voluntary bodies, together with the Medical Officer of Health and the Director of Welfare of Cardiff first met to discuss this scheme, which was unanimously approved by all those invited to attend. The newly appointed Organiser, Mrs. N. S. Webb, then called together representatives of local organisations in these Wards, which were addressed by The Medical Officer of Health, the Director of Welfare and the Director of this Council. At this inaugural meeting Alderman A. H. Huish, Chairman of the Cardiff Welfare Committee, presided. It is extremely fortunate that he has been able to continue to Chair meetings throughout the year.

Publicity

An explanatory leaflet was printed and distributed to every house in the area with the help of young people from eleven local groups of voluntary organisations. This leaflet as well as paying the way for a survey, gave particulars of the new "All Day Centre for the Elderly" which increased its membership from 90 to 158.

Street Survey

Approximately 70 local volunteers, many of them Old Age Pensioners, were recruited to conduct a street by street survey of the area to establish where pensioners were living, if they were being visited regularly by relatives or voluntary organisations and whether they would appreciate a regular visitor.

Valuable information which was not available before the survey had been tabulated and made available to the Welfare and Public Health Departments, including particulars of pensioners who are infirm or handicapped. The following are the most important figures received :

Number of houses in the area	5,600
Number of Old Age Pensioners interviewed	1,368
Number of these Old Age Pensioners living alone	164
Number of Old Age Pensioners requesting a visit	218
Number of Old Age Pensioners living alone requesting a visit ..	72
Number of cases not requesting a visit referred to Welfare Department	24
Number of cases not requesting a visit referred to Public Health Department	15

Visiting Committee

Forty voluntary visitors (35 of whom reside locally) have formed a "Visiting Committee" to meet monthly at the Swansea Street Day Centre, Splott. A representative of the Welfare Department attends regularly and local health visitors and councillors attend when possible. Visitors are also sent a pre-paid postcard to return to the Secretary, reporting on their visits if unable to attend the meeting.

Now that the initial queries have been dealt with and visiting established of approximately 130 pensioners each month, one of the visitors, Miss Davies, has been appointed local Secretary and it is proposed to invite speakers to maintain interest and give useful information on the many aspects of care for the elderly.

Requests have been dealt with for home-help service, chiropody, housing repairs, clothing, bedding and for health visitors to call. Three elderly widows living alone have had decorating done by a group of students with materials purchased through the Hill Snook Trust Fund. Assistance has also been given by young people who have undertaken gardening tasks.

Street Wardens

In order that help and advice can be available to all people of retirement age, irrespective of whether or not they require regular visiting, street wardens have been found in the Ward to act as a contact between the pensioners and any service required. These volunteer wardens are invited to attend the Visiting Committee meetings whenever they desire to do so.

Phase Two

Canton and Riverside wards have been chosen for phase two of the visitation scheme and the same system will operate. This area of approximately 7,600 houses is much larger than Splott. One problem peculiar to Canton and Riverside will be houses with divided tenancies.

The inaugural meeting was held at the W.V.S. All Day Centre for the Elderly at Riverside under the chairmanship of Alderman Huish. Mr. Cassam outlined the scheme to the 40 representatives of Churches, W.V.S., Red Cross, Townswomen's Guild, Trefoil Guild, O.A.P. Clubs and Councillors of the Ward. Other speakers were Dr. Powell Phillips, Medical Officer of Health, and Mr. Swain, Director of Welfare. Full support has been promised.

Street Survey Seventeen groups of young people have distributed nearly 8,000 explanatory leaflets and 100 volunteers are engaged on a street survey on the same pattern as adopted in Phase one.

Appreciation Although it is yet premature to judge the benefits accruing from these pilot surveys, it is obvious that the operation has been warmly appreciated and marked an important step forward in the services for the elderly in this City. A very pleasant feature has been the spirit of co-operation manifested amongst the pensioners themselves, members of youth Clubs, College students, who have responded to every request made to them. This Council is grateful to all who have participated in this scheme, especially to the Women's Voluntary Services for their ready co-operation at all times.

The Cardiff City Council is also wholeheartedly supporting the scheme and it is confidently expected that they will be prepared to undertake the major financial responsibility for financing this work when the generous grant from the National Corporation for the Care of Old People ceases in the next two years.

COMMUNITY WORK

The main responsibilities of this department lie in the fostering and developing of Community work in the Principality, and to assist in an advisory capacity with the formation of Community Centres and Associations.

Purpose The work carried out by a Community Centre and Association can be described as being two-fold in its purpose. The immediate need is to help provide a balanced programme of social, cultural and recreational activities which will cater for the different age-groups within its district. The second and long-term aspect of the work is to develop out of its catchment area a strong, healthy and virile community which is conscious of its social responsibilities.

Changed Patterns We live, however, in a rapidly changing society, where many of the old-established communities in Wales have experienced gradual loss of interest in the communal fellowship. It is true to say that chapels, churches, welfare institutions and even cinemas have, on the whole, experienced a decline in membership and attendance, and many of the densely populated areas in our cities, towns and larger villages have become truly dormitory in attitude.

There are certain significant reasons for this, for we live under pressures that would be alien to our fathers, such as mass media of communication, increasing leisure, affluence, greater mobility and improved methods of transport.

Lost Leadership There is no doubt that the spirit of leadership, which grew naturally out of so many social and cultural groupings in the older communities, is something in our past, thus a closer study is required of areas which are littered with 'communal buildings' in close proximity, and which appear to function uneconomically.

New Communities On the other hand, many new neighbourhoods have come into being, and out of these has grown a demand for establishing community buildings. There is obvious need on the part of members of a new community to recover the sense of belonging which was lost in their moving from one district to another. The need for a point of contact between the inhabitants has been met in many areas through the formation of Community Associations. It is of the utmost importance that expert advice and guidance is given to Committees in the early stages of planning building projects, and with devising activities which are so essential to the success of a Centre.

Survey During the course of the year, the department has completed a survey of community provision in the Principality. This was done in order to have a clear picture of the work carried out by already established Centres and Associations, and to assess more accurately the many needs that exist. The collating of this detailed information is being carried out by the Social Studies Department of the University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire, and, when completed, this should be invaluable in assisting and guiding the department in developing its future work.

Annual General Meeting The theme of the Annual Spring Conference held at the City Hall, Cardiff, on March 21st, 1964, was "The Responsibility of Working in and for the Community". Over 100 delegates representing both statutory and voluntary agencies concerned with community work, were present at the two sessions. There were two principal speakers—Mr. T. Glyn Davies, M.A., Director of Education for Denbighshire, who spoke on "Answering the Needs of the Community", and Mr. Ivor Cassam, Director of this Council, who spoke on "The Future of a Federation of Community Groups and Centres in South Wales".

New Federation It was decided at this Conference to form a South Wales Federation of Community Centres which would, through a selected working party, look into this sphere of community work, and also advise this Council with regard to its future policy in this field.

This department has provided the secretariat for the newly-formed Cardiff Federation of Community Groups, which has held a number of meetings during the year.

Advisory Service The department has been concerned with many enquiries during the course of the year from individuals and Associations. These have mainly been concerned with advice and guidance on matters relating to the formation of groups and Associations, grant aid from statutory and voluntary sources, building projects, Constitutions and Trust Deeds, and programme planning.

Appreciation The Officer has been associated with community developments in Glamorgan, Monmouthshire, Cardiganshire and Flintshire, and the department wishes to record its sincere appreciation of the help and co-operation given by Local Education Authorities, Rural Community Councils, the National Federation of Community Associations, and Departments of the University Colleges in Wales.

YOUTH WORK

Function The Youth Department of this Council provides the secretariat for the Standing Conference for Wales of Voluntary Youth Organisations. Twenty-nine organisations are affiliated to the Standing Conference and the main emphasis of the work is to bring about a close partnership between the Voluntary Organisations themselves and also between the Voluntary Organisations and the Statutory Authorities in the service of youth. The department endeavours to assist the voluntary organisations in dealing with matters which are of common interest to them all, and its activities have been of this nature throughout the year.

Annual Conference The main event during this period was the Annual Residential Conference held in October, 1963, when 98 delegates, representing the Voluntary Youth Organisations in Wales; the Ministry of Education; Local Education Authorities; the Welsh Joint Education Committee; the National Standing Conference of Voluntary Youth Organisations, and the Chairman and delegates from the Regional/County Standing Conferences met at Barry. The Chairman of the Standing Conference, the late Hon. J. H. Bruce, C.B.E., presided, and the theme of the Conference was "Training for what?" A report of this Conference has been widely circulated and this includes summaries of speeches made by three distinguished guests, and also discussion group reports. The three speakers were Mr. Leslie Paul, M.A., F.R.S.C. (a member of the Albemarle Committee and author of the Report—"The Transition from School to Work"); Rev. Fred Milson, M.A., B.D., West Hill Training College, Birmingham, and Miss Violet Walton, M.B.E., Secretary of the Wyndham Place Trust and former Secretary of S.C.N.V.Y.O. Col. W. R. Crawshay, D.S.O., E.R.D., Chairman of the Council of Social Service for Wales & Mon.; Mr. R. E. Roberts, National Secretary, Y.M.C.A., Wales, and Mr. Aled Eames, M.A., University College of Wales, Bangor, presided at those sessions.

New Officers At the Annual General Meeting held during the Conference, it was announced by both Chairman and Vice-Chairman that they were relinquishing their positions. The late Hon. John Bruce, C.B.E., had been Chairman of the Standing Conference for 16 years, and during his term of office he had been a tower of strength and the guiding force in its work. Numerous tributes were paid to him for his valuable advice and excellent counsel over the years. Capt. Glynn-Jones was also thanked for his able assistance during his term of office as Vice-Chairman. The Conference unanimously elected Mr. Christopher Cory as Chairman, and Mr. R. E. Roberts as Vice-Chairman.

Training A pre Conference meeting was also held of delegates representing both Statutory and Voluntary Youth Organisations, and this was addressed by Mr. B. J. Griffiths, B.A., Further Education Officer, Welsh Joint Education Committee. The main purpose of this meeting was to discuss the very important contribution made by both Local Educational Authorities and Voluntary Organisations in Wales in the implementation of the recommendations made in the Bessey Report on the Training of part-time Youth Leaders. It was learned that eight training areas in Wales were already operating in putting the report's recommendations into practice. Well over 300 people were attending courses in these areas, and as these represented only one-third of the total applications received, this was most encouraging, as there is a desperate need of trained Youth Leaders in the community.

The following figures for Wales and Monmouthshire make interesting reading and show the involvement of voluntary youth organisations in this Scheme:

<i>Enrolments</i>	<i>Committed Leaders</i>	<i>New Recruits</i>	<i>L.E.A. Leaders</i>	<i>Voluntary Organs</i>
314	284	30	138	146

Handbook The Executive Committee of the Standing Conference meets from time to time to discuss matters which are of common interest to members, and to deal with questions relating to Government and Local Authority decisions affecting the Youth Service. Moves are now being made to publish a Handbook during the coming year which will present the 'image' of the Standing Conference through stating its aims unambiguously, and help make the diverse constituent member better known to each other. It should also assist still further the close partnership that now exists between the Voluntary Organisations and the Statutory Authorities.

Regional Activities The Regional and County Conferences have continued to progress in expanding their areas of activity, and there has been joint consultation between constituent members of Conferences, the Local Education Authorities and the Central Council of Physical Recreation. Arranging accommodation, providing equipment, and giving expert tuition facilities for weekend courses on map-reading, canoeing, riding, judo, badminton, cookery, etc. have been features of the close partnership attained in two of the Conferences between various agencies.

One Conference held a "Teenagers' Conference", and a number of one-day schools during the year, and at these meetings speakers from Statutory and Voluntary agencies contributed in presenting new ideas and activities, whilst the discussion sessions proved most valuable.

A diary of events has been compiled by three of the Conferences during the year, and these have been most useful in order to prevent the clashing of events and activities within the Conference areas.

Progress has, however, been rather slow in two of the Conferences, and this has been largely due to secretarial problems which have arisen during the year. It is confidently hoped that these problems will be resolved during the coming months.

U.S.S.R. Visit The Field Officer again acted as Convenor (Wales) for Youth Visits to U.S.S.R. in 1964. The tours were made known to every Youth Organisation in Wales, and Local Education Authorities were informed through the good offices of the Welsh Joint Education Committee.

Over 40 applications were received, and of these nine young people and one leader from Wales have been successful at interviews on British level, and will visit Russia this summer. The Youth Officer organised a 'briefing session' with the young people concerned, at which Mr. Roy Edwards, Area Further Education Officer, Glamorgan, acted as commentator in the showing of a film of a previous tour to the U.S.S.R. and also discussing certain aspects of the tour which would be of benefit to the group.

Appreciation The department wishes to thank the Ministry of Education, the Welsh Joint Education Committee, Local Education Authorities and Officers and members of Local Standing Conferences for the kind co-operation and help given in every aspect of the department's work.

Tribute A few days after the close of the year under review, the Standing Conference was saddened to hear of the death of the Hon. John Bruce, who had been a founder member of the Standing Conference and its honoured President until the last Annual General Meeting. It will be difficult to imagine our deliberations without the presence of Mr. Bruce, who was a guide and a friend to us all. The S.C.W.V.Y.O. can be described as Mr. Bruce's foster child, and as we record our deep sense of appreciation for his wonderful service throughout the years and sympathy to his widow and relatives, we feel that the best tribute that could be paid to his memory is to redouble our energies to the tasks in which he took a vital part in the service of youth.

DRAMA

The Drama Council of Wales

Policy The Council has pursued its policy of co-ordinating the activities of amateur dramatic groups in Wales and Monmouthshire. It is also endeavouring to facilitate in the localities through County Committees the work of the newly created Professional Touring Company sponsored by the Welsh Committee of the Arts Council. Although the Council does not itself promote County Drama Festivals, it acts as a clearing house of information on these festivals. The annual reports of the Rural Community Council Drama Committees will furnish ample evidence of the fact that amateur drama is still alive in Wales despite the competition of counter-attractions.

Playwriting Competition This year's One-Act Playwriting Competition attracted a total of 21 entries, 19 written in English and two in Welsh. These were adjudicated by Mr. John Ellis Williams (Merioneth) who selected the following plays for production:

- "They simply fade Away" by T. C. Thomas, Brecon.
- "Celestial Capers" by Rae Shirley, Ebbw Vale.
- "Crisis in Camelot" by Ken Etheridge, Ammanford.

The County Drama Committees of Breconshire, Monmouthshire and Carmarthenshire made arrangements for representative Companies to present the plays at the Festival, which was held at the Coliseum, Aberdare, on Saturday, November 30th. Mr. John Ellis Williams awarded the D. T. Davies Plaque for the best written play and also the First Prize of £10 for the writing of the play as judged during production, to Mr. T. C. Thomas, whose entry was presented by the Llyn Safaddan

Players. The Second Prize of £6 went to Mr. Ken Etheridge, whose play was presented by the Mynydd Mawr Council of the Arts, and the Third Prize of £4 went to Mrs. Rae Shirley, whose play was presented by the Spencer Works Amateur Dramatic Society. Mr. Herbert Davies of the B.B.C., who judged the production of the plays, awarded the Crawshay Cup to the Llyn Safaddan Players for their presentation of the "Davy Jones" play "They Simply Fade Away". The Drama Council are grateful to Mr. E. Ll. Williams and his Committee for their efficient handling of local arrangements.

A.D.B. Examination

The preparatory Course of the Association of the Drama Board Examination of twelve sessions of theoretical work and twelve of practical tuition, was completed on November 23rd, and 16 students were ready to take the Examination. As this number was deemed too many by the Drama Board, two students volunteered to take the Examination in London during the Spring. The written part of the Examination was held in the offices of the Council on Saturday, December 7th, and was taken by 14 students. The practical part took place a fortnight later on Saturday and Sunday, December 21st and 22nd. One student having withdrawn through illness, 13 candidates completed the Examination.

The two Examiners of the Drama Board have warmly commended the Drama Council for the arrangements made for this Examination. This work was considerably facilitated by the help given by Drama students and members of a local Dramatic Society who offered their services for the practical tests involved in the Examination.

Results

It is gratifying to record that six candidates gained the Associateship the A.D.B. This is regarded as a very high percentage in what is admittedly a difficult Examination, and the Council is most grateful to the Principal and staff members of the Cardiff College of Music and Drama who made this excellent result possible.

Extension Plans

At a meeting of the full Council held in March, consideration was given to the possibility of enlarging the scope of the One-Act Festival to include full-length plays, discussion and demonstrations, and the possibility of making the Festival peripatetic. It was decided to support an extension of the Library service and equipment hiring facilities. An information Bulletin is to be circulated. Concern was expressed at the future of amateur drama in Wales owing to the serious lack of finance available, and it was felt that greater co-ordination between the existing organisations would be of benefit to the movement as a whole, and to the individual organisations themselves.

Drama Library

Loan of Plays

During the year ending March 31st, 1964, 431 sets of plays were borrowed and 1,147 single copies. There was a sharp rise in the interest shown in one-act plays due to the organising of the One-Act Play Festival of the British Drama League from this office. The overall increase in the borrowing of one-act plays for the last quarter of the year shows an increase of 115% over the same period of last year.

Income from the Library amounted to £187 8s. 8d. for the year— an increase of £23 on last year.

Equipment From July, 1963, 37 new sets were purchased. This represented an expenditure of £47.

Sixty-nine bookings for stage equipment were received during the year. Of these, 40 were for the hire of curtains, 22 for lighting and seven bookings for backcloths. March was a very busy period for both curtains and lighting equipment and over the year the hiring of equipment netted a return of £122. Revenue from the hire of books amounted to nearly £66 over the year.

Charges It has been found necessary to review the hiring charges of books from the Library. These charges have remained the same since the beginning of the library service in the pre war years, but the cost of purchasing new books has risen considerably. From April 1st, the charge for hiring full-length sets will be increased to 3/-, while the cost of one-act sets will remain at 2/6.

In the course of the year the Library has been visited by hundreds of members of amateur groups seeking advice and guidance on choice of plays and production. There is an urgent need to refurbish the Library with modern plays and to purchase new equipment to assist these individuals and groups. Day to day experience gained in the Library indicates that there is a definite resurgence in drama in Wales and Monmouthshire, with considerable interest being evinced, in particular, by Youth Groups and Women's Organisations.

The British Drama League

Administration The administration of the Welsh Area of the British Drama League by this Council dates from the last Annual General Meeting of the League, which was held in Cardiff on September 28th, 1963. It was agreed unanimously at this meeting that the Council of Social Service supply the secretariat of the League. Mr. E. C. Bilson was appointed Hon. Treasurer and Mrs. E. V. Williams, Hon. Secretary.

Since that date, the Executive Committee has met three times and a specially appointed Youth Sub-Committee has also met on three occasions.

Festivals Three Festivals have been organised—the Adult One-Act Festival, the All Wales Youth Festival and the Welsh Language Festival.

Four County Finals are being held before the Final of the Adult Festival, which is being held in Cardiff for the first time. The Great Hall of the Welsh College of Advanced Technology at Cathays Park, Cardiff, will be the venue for this event and will take place on Saturday, May 30th, 1964. The preliminary County Finals will be held on prior dates at Brecon, Newport, Haverfordwest and Caerphilly.

Three Area Finals for the Youth Festival were held at Llanidloes, Bettws-y-Coed and Llwynypia. The final of this Festival took place at the Coliseum, Aberdare, on Saturday, May 23rd.

The Welsh Language Festival was organised by Mr. Oliver Williams and after two area rounds, the final was held on Friday, April 17th, at Talybont.

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAUX

Silver Jubilee

This year the Citizens' Advice Bureaux Service celebrates its Silver Jubilee. The first Bureaux were established in the early days of the last war as an emergency measure but the Service is now firmly entrenched as part of our permanent social machinery.

In those early days Bureaux were supported by grants in aid from the Government. Immediately after the war the Government grants ceased and Bureaux had to look elsewhere for financial support. Many Bureaux were supported by local authorities; others had to rely on voluntary funds raised locally.

It became apparent as the years passed that Citizens' Advice Bureaux still had an important role to play not only in interpreting legislation to the citizen, but also in reporting public opinion to Government Departments.

Development Work

The latest development in the history of Citizens' Advice Bureaux is that the Government accepted the recommendation of the Molony Committee on Consumer Protection to set up a Consumer Council and to provide a country-wide advisory service for the individual consumer. As Citizens' Advice Bureaux was an organisation which had already developed an advisory and information service of great consumer interest and which was in close touch with consumer problems in a way unequalled by any other Organisation, the National Citizens' Advice Bureaux Committee were invited by the Government to extend its service to provide this country-wide advisory service for the consumer. In accepting this task the National Committee stressed that the support and confidence of local authorities was of great importance to their work generally and to the suggested new developments in particular.

New Bureaux

The Board of Trade acknowledged the need for this support and on the 29th August, 1963, wrote to all local authorities in England and Wales reminding them of the Government's decision that the C.A.B. service be extended to include consumer advice and information, and expressing the hope that they would support any move in this direction.

The Board of Trade letter was followed by a joint letter from the National Citizens' Advice Bureaux Committee and the Council of Social Service for Wales and Monmouthshire. One hundred and seventy-four Authorities in Wales received these letters, as a direct result of which the Borough Councils of Barry, Caernarvon, Cardigan, Merthyr, Monmouth and Port Talbot and the District Councils of Bedwas and Machen, Bridgend, Caerphilly, Llangefni and Llantrisant and Llantwit Fardre have decided to support the establishment of Bureaux in their towns.

Steering Committees have been formed at Bridgend, Caerphilly, Llangefni and Port Talbot. Teams of voluntary workers are undergoing training and the new Bureaux will be opened in the near future. Public Meetings are to be called by other Authorities referred to in order that representative Steering Committees be formed to make the necessary preliminary arrangements to establish Bureaux.

The County Council of Merioneth have decided to support the provision of a C.A.B. Service on a County basis and the County Council of Flintshire have formed a County Conference to consider the establishment of Bureaux at centres of population in Flintshire.

In all, 43 Authorities have responded to the Board of Trade letter and the Advisory Officer has visited the Clerks of these Authorities and in some instances has addressed Meetings of their Councils.

It has been recommended to District Councils who have expressed interest and where the population does not warrant the setting up of Bureaux, that they associate themselves with Bureaux already in existence or to be provided in nearby towns.

During the year Bureaux were opened at Brecon, Cwmbran and Ruthin. The Brecon and Ruthin Bureaux are giving invaluable service to surrounding rural areas and the Cwmbran Bureau is giving a much needed service to a new community.

The Swansea Bureau opened a branch for one afternoon a week at Neath on the 17th October, 1963.

Standing Conferences

The newly formed South Wales Standing Conference of Citizens' Advice Bureaux met three times during the year under the Chairmanship of Mrs. C. Diamond, who also represents the Conference on the National Citizens' Advice Bureau Committee. Membership of the Conference is made up as follows:

All Bureaux Workers.

Representatives of the following Government Departments:

- Ministry of Housing and Local Government.
- Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance.
- Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food
- Ministry of Labour.
- National Assistance Board.

Representatives of the following Local Statutory Authorities Associations:

- Welsh Counties Committee of County Councils Association.
- Welsh Non-County Boroughs Association.
- Glamorgan Urban District Councils Association.
- Monmouthshire Urban District Councils Association.
- South Wales and Monmouthshire Branch of the Rural District Councils Association,
- and a representative of each County Borough, namely, Cardiff, Merthyr, Newport and Swansea.

The terms of reference of the Conference are to co-ordinate C.A.B. work in South Wales; to promote new Bureaux and to provide training in C.A.B. work.

The North Wales Standing Conference has met twice during the year under the Chairmanship of Mrs. D. B. Jones and in March two very successful day-training schools were held—one in Llangefnï and the other at Wrexham.

Miss K. Oswald

Miss K. Oswald, O.B.E., Secretary of the National C.A.B. Committee, was present at the October Meeting of the South Wales Standing Conference but shortly afterwards was taken seriously ill. It was with deep regret that we learned of her passing on 11th March, 1964.

Statistics

During the year 1963, 15 out of 22 Bureaux submitted statistical returns. The total number of enquiries dealt with at these Bureaux was 41,449, 20% of which were family and personal enquiries, and 28% enquiries regarding property and land.

Acknowledgment

The Advisory Officer is grateful for the co-operation received from her colleagues on the staff of the Council, the Rural Community Councils' Secretaries and the Officers of the National Citizens' Advice Bureaux Committee.

B.B.C. Children's Hour Appeal Fund

The amount of money available from this fund was approximately half that which is normally allocated. This is because the usual annual appeal by the B.B.C. was less successful than usual. However, a sum of £730 was distributed to 965 children in Wales and Monmouthshire, and this Council is grateful to the Officers of the Rural Community Councils, C.A.B.x., Education and Medical Officers, and members of the Council's staff who by personal contact and local knowledge made the distribution to children in unfortunate circumstances, with priority to those who are crippled or invalid.

Social Studies Committee

Aim In the course of the year the Committee has endeavoured to pursue its main object, *viz.*, to obtain through research information that can prove of benefit to the Council in determining its policy and programme. It is axiomatic that a Council of Social Service must keep ahead of the changes that take place in Society and endeavour to experiment with provision of community care.

Surveys

The major research project undertaken by the Committee during the year under review was the compilation of information published in theses of the Constituent Colleges of the University of Wales published during the last ten years and which have relevance to social affairs in the Principality. It is fortunate that two trained social workers responded to the invitation to undertake this work. They are Dr. George Thomason, University College of Cardiff, and Mrs. Margaret Lloyd of Llanelnai. Dr. Thomason concentrated upon evidence of certain needs in urban communities, and Mrs. Lloyd on community aspects of social life in rural areas. The result of their researches is now being published in the form of a book, entitled "Welsh Society in Transition". The Committee is of the opinion that this book will play an important part in the thinking of central and local government agencies and voluntary bodies in Wales and Monmouthshire, as they endeavour to plan programmes for community and welfare provision. It is hoped that it will be possible to arrange discussions on the main suggestions contained in the book with responsible social administrators and representatives of Social Science Departments in the University in the course of the coming year.

Members of this Committee wish to record their deep appreciation of Dr. George Thomason and Mrs. Lloyd for the conscientious labours involved in this work and in particular to the former for his constant advice and guidance to this Council in projects of research.

A survey has also been made by The Old People's Welfare Department of the Council in the "Services of the Elderly, provided by Voluntary Organisations in Wales". This is the first time that such an exercise has been attempted and the survey, which will shortly be published, should prove of great value and help to Welfare Departments and Local Authorities and should give a clear picture to voluntary organisations of the pattern of work currently pursued. One of the chief difficulties of inaugurating new services for the elderly is the lack of stimulating, fresh ideas. This survey aims to remedy this deficiency.

Another survey that has been conducted is that of the Community Department of the Council in which Community Groups and their activities have been listed. Again in this field there is a very diverse picture and discussions have taken place between Officers of this Department and Further Education Officers in some of the Counties of South Wales to see how best effective liaison can be maintained in this important work.

The survey on the scheme for the visiting of homebound elderly people in Cardiff has also been examined by this Committee, and it has been widely circulated by the Council in the hope that other Cities and Towns may emanate the admirable pattern shown in this City.

During the year the Committee has endeavoured to assist the Anglesey Rural Community Council in its project of establishing a survey into community provision and needs on that island. Despite energetic endeavours by that Council, it is regrettable to report that none of the Foundations approached has found it possible to grant aid this scheme, which for the moment is left in abeyance.

Heyworth Committee The Committee was represented by the Director at a Meeting of the Committee of Social Studies instituted by the Government, headed by Lord Heyworth, which is concerned with research and methods used by Social Science (as this term is understood in Universities) and also into research in that range of subject described as Social Studies. Written evidence has also been submitted to this Committee by this Council on the work and methods of our own Social Studies Committee. There is no doubt that the chief factor which hampers research in this field is the lack of finance, and it is hoped that when the findings of the Heyworth Committee are made known that some steps could be taken to provide more financial resources, not only for University projects, but for researches undertaken by such organisations as this Council. This Committee is of the opinion that if there is to be a clear line of direction in providing suitable community provision there must be constant and vigilant research into subjects affecting the Social Sciences.

Chairman In the course of the year there has been a change in the Chairman of the Committee, and Mr. A. V. Lochhead, M.A., Director of Social Administration, University College, Swansea, has replaced Professor Idris Foster, Jesus College, Oxford. We are grateful to Professor Foster for his wise guidance to the Committee since its inauguration, and we feel confident that the vast experience of our new Chairman will be invaluable to the Committee as it seeks to extend its activities.

THE STANDING CONFERENCE FOR THE AFTER CARE OF PRISONERS

First Annual Meeting Although the Conference has been in existence for over twelve months, its formal inauguration came with the first Annual General Meeting, held at the City Hall, Cardiff, on October 16th, 1963, when the Guest Speaker was The Rt. Hon. Earl Jellicoe, Minister of State, Home Office. A few days prior to Lord Jellicoe's visit, the Report upon the Treatment of Offenders had been published, and his Lordship's pronouncement upon the recommendations were the first to be made in Wales. It was

stressed at this Annual Meeting that if the Report of the Advisory Council on the Treatment of Offenders was to be implemented, then it could mean a revolution in the traditional field of after care. All those organisations, whether statutory or voluntary, engaged in After Care Service were of the opinion that radical changes were necessary if the best possible service was to be given in the rehabilitation of ex prisoners.

Lord Jellicoe expressed to this Council his warm congratulations in pioneering this Conference, the first of its kind in Britain, and he invited the Standing Conference to send its observations on the ACTO Report to the Home Office, where he promised they would be carefully considered.

Working Party

The Standing Conference immediately set up an ad hoc Working Party to implement the suggestions made by Lord Jellicoe. Membership of the Working Party included the Chief Probation Officers of the Counties of Glamorgan and Monmouth, and the City of Cardiff, together with representatives of all the Standing Joint Committees in the area. Voluntary organisations concerned with the After Care of Prisoners were also represented, together with local Prison Welfare Officers and Officials of the Discharged Prisoners Aid Society. The Working Party prepared a detailed report which was submitted to the Half-Yearly Meeting of the Standing Conference and then sent to the Home Office.

Employment

The Standing Conference has been concerned with the difficulties experienced in finding employment for discharged prisoners. It was decided that Sir William Thomas, Bart., Chairman of the Standing Conference, write a letter on its behalf to the principal firms, factories and business houses in South Wales asking for sympathetic consideration for the employment of ex. prisoners. The result has been very encouraging and several firms have signified their preparedness to consider finding work for those who have served sentences.

Recidivists

One of the increasingly important problems facing Probation Officers and Welfare Officers is the rehabilitation of prisoners who have served many sentences, especially those who have been incarcerated for long periods. Reports have been studied from various organisations who have set up hostels to deal especially with this particular problem. The Conference has been represented at two meetings in which ideas for the establishment of such hostels were put forward for South Wales. The first of these was at Newport, where Mr. John Dodd of the Langley House Trust addressed a private meeting. Several of those attending this meeting were of the opinion that such a hostel was sorely needed in South Wales and for some months negotiations have been proceeding with the Newport Borough Council and business firms in the district to see if premises could be acquired and the necessary finance forthcoming for the project. A second meeting was held in Cardiff under the auspices of the Guild of Social Workers, addressed by Mr. Mervyn Turner. Again the need for such a hostel and the right type of guidance and leadership at the hostel was stressed. The Conference is deeply conscious of this need but as its terms of reference, as a Sub-Committee of the Council, prohibits it from initiating any specific fund raising efforts, it cannot participate in sponsoring the establishment of a residence for recidivists.

Mr. Mervyn Turner

Clothing In the course of the year the Conference has appealed to many organisations in the area to donate used clothing for the purpose of assisting ex prisoners and their families. It is understood that the Women's Voluntary Services, which is principally concerned in this operation will always appreciate such gifts.

Bute Street Hostel During the year there have been anxious discussions about the future of the Salvation Army Hostel in Bute Street, Cardiff. Under local redevelopment plans this hostel is due for demolition fairly soon. It has been felt that it is of the utmost importance that this hostel be replaced by a similar or a larger hostel because each night over 100 homeless people, including many ex prisoners, are housed for bed and breakfast. It is particularly important to ex prisoners that they obtain a place of lodging immediately upon discharge, otherwise they are unable to receive National Assistance.

Unless alternative accommodation can be found for these homeless people there is a danger of the most serious social problem arising in the City. The Conference, through the Director, has been in touch with the Cardiff City Council, who share this concern, and active steps are being taken to discover a suitable large building to which the Salvation Army can remove when their present premises are demolished. This wonderful organisation is deserving of the highest praise for the excellent work it had done in this City in this and in other services that it renders, and it will be the object of the Conference to assist in every possible way in giving publicity to the acquisition and refurbishing of a new Home.

Booklet A booklet prepared on the activities of the Standing Conference on the After Care of Prisoners has been distributed to approximately 500 Justices of the Peace and Court Officers in South Wales, and has been warmly welcomed and appreciated throughout the area.

A half-yearly meeting of the Conference has been arranged at the Glamorgan County Hall and the speaker will be one of the authorities on the After Care of Prisoners—Mr. S. R. Eshelby, M.B.E., Principal Probation Officer in Essex.

ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL

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RBAGAIR Y CYFARWYDDWR

Bwrpas yr Adroddiad Blynyddol hwn yw dangos yn fanwl holl weithrediadau amrywiol y Cyngor hwn, wrth iddo gesio dechrau trefau a gweinyddu datblygiadau gofal cymuned yn y Dywysogaeth.

Cynhwysir yn Erthyglau Cymdeithas y Cyngor bwrpasau megis gwaith er lles iechyd ac addysg, gan ymwared a newyn, trallod a gwaelled. Er mwyn llywddo yn hyn, darperir i'r Cyngor ddod a'r cyfryngau deddfol a gwirfoddol, cysylltiedig yn y gwaith yma, ynghyd. Rhaid cofio fod y geiriau hyn wedi'u hysgrifennu cyn dyfodiad y Wladwriaeth Lesol. Mewn ugain mlynedd gweddnewidiwyd yr olygfa gymdeithasol yn drylwyr. Cymerodd y wladwriaeth fwy o gyfrifoldeb mewn addysg bellach a gwaith lleol trwy gyfrwng llywodraeth ganolog a lleol. Arweiniodd hyn yn ei dro i gyfnewidiadau yng nghyfansoddiad y cyfryngau gwirfoddol a oedd eisoes yn gyfrifol am lawer o waith yn y meysdd hyn.

Yng ngoleuni'r cefndir hwn o ddeddfwriaeth chwim lleol, daw un agwedd arall i'r amlwg sydd yn ystyriaeth sylfaenol i ofal y cymuned yn ein gwlad, sef y newid mewn diwydiant a'r symudiad mawr mewn poblogaeth ers diwedd y rhyfel diwethaf. Ystyriwyd Cymru a Mynwy hyd yn hyn fel gwlad y pyllau glo a ffarmio. Bellach, profir fod yr ystyriaeth yma yn hen ffasiwn pe bai ond trwy gyflwyniad dau o'r gweithfeydd haearn a dur mwyaf yn y byd. Dengys adran o araith Dr. Thomason, a ddyfynnwyd yn yr adroddiad hwn, gyfarwyddyd eglur i batrwm cyfnewidol ein cymdeithas. Dryllwyd yr hen syniad o berthynas teuluol trwy gyflawniad datblygiadau diwydiannol enfawr a'r symud o'r gweithleoedd o ddyffrynnoedd mynyddig y De i'r arfordir hir a'i phorthladdoedd hylaw. Heddiw, mae mwy nag un yn ennill ymhob teulu, a chan amlaf y maent yn gweithio milltiroedd o'u cartrefi. Nid yw Cymru ddiwydiannol yn wlad y pyllau glo, y corau meibion a'r cymantfaoedd bellach. Gweddnewidir y wlad i wlad y diwydiannau enfawr a'r ffatrioedd tra gwahanol. Effeithir nid yn unig ar ardaloedd dinesig y De gan y cyfnewidiadau hyn ond y maent hefyd yn ymdreiglo i mewn i boblogaeth a thraddodiadau yr ardaloedd gwledig eang.

Anodd yw i'r sawl sydd yn byw tu allan i Gymru i sylweddol'r rhaniad tra rhyfedd o'r boblogaeth tu mewn i'w ffiniau. O'r ddau filiwn a banner o'i phobl, ymgartrefa un miliwn a thri chwarter o fewn chwe deg milltir i'r brif ddinas. Yna, yn ymestyn tua'r gogledd, y mae'r gwasatir eang enfawr sydd wedi profi'n anhywaith o aneconomaidd ar hyd y canrifoedd. Hwn a fu'n rhwystr ddaearyddol ac yn atalfa trychinebus i gyfuniad cymunedau De a Gogledd gan rhannu eu tafodieithoedd a'u teyrngarwch.

Yng ngoleuni'r cefndir cymdeithasol economiad a daeryddol hwn y mae'r Cyngor yn ceisio gweithredu. Rhaid iddo fynd lle mae'r bobl yn cartrefu. Rhaid iddo gesio gwasanaethu'r ardaloedd amhoblog hynny sydd wedi'u noethi o'u grym a'u hegri trwy symudiad y pobl ifainc. Rhaid iddo gesio gwasanaethu'r treftadaethau newydd a neidiodd i fodolaeth megis bradach o gwmpas ein gweithfeydd haearn a dur newydd. Rhaid iddo gesio cyfuno'r maestrefi mewn cymuned

a welo'r ffordd yn glir i agor canolfannau cytauned newydd, i roddi lle i addysg bellach, ac i wasanaeth lesol i'r rhai nad oes ganddynt iechyd corfforol neu iechyd meddyliol.

Wrth ymgymryd a'r gwaith yma fe wahoddwyd dau weithiwr cymdeithasol profiadol, gan y Cyngor, i ddwyn tystiolaeth i'r amlwg a fydd yn help i arwain ymdrechion y Cyngor i'r cyfeiriadau lle y mae'r angen mwyaf. Y canlyniad yw cyhoeddi llyfr o'r enw "Welsh Society in Transition" gan Dr. George F. Thomason a Mrs. Margaret Lloyd. Dengys y llyfr hwn ddigonedd o dystiolaeth o'r cyfnewid yn y gymdeithas Gynreig, ac fe ddylai brofi'n lawlyfr anhepgorol i weithwyr cymdeithasol yn y dyfodol.

Felly, yr ystyriaethau goresgynnol a benderfynnodd weithgareddau'r Cyngor yn ystod y flwyddyn a adolygir yw: braslun o anghenion cymuned yn y gwahanol leoedd; darpariaeth o gymorth i'r ardaloedd gwledig lle y mae dibolog'n parhau; cyflwyno a hyrwyddo cynlluniau yn y trefi newydd, a rhoddi help ymarferol i'r rhai sydd yn dibynnu, o achos gwacledd neu bwys y blynyddoedd, ar gymorth gwirfoddol. Yn y gwaith yma i gyd cydlafuriodd y Cyngor a'r Cynghorau Sirol, y Cynghorau Bwrdeisdrefol a llawer ffurf a math arall ar lywodraeth deddfol. Yr ydym yn deimladwy iawn o'r holl broblemau sydd yn gwynebu'r Awdurdodau hyn, ac y mae'n bleserus meddwl fod y rhain yn troi at y Cyngor yn amlach wrth iddynt drefnu cynlluniau addysg, iechyd a lles tu mewn i'w ffiniau.

Y mae'r gweithgareddau adrannol sydd yn dilyn yn yr adroddiad hwn, yn ychwanegu at yr hyn a grybwyllwyd eisoes. Nid oes pwrpas mewn ehangu ar yr adroddiadau hyn, ond y mae rhai agweddau yn galw am sylw arbennig.

Cyngor i'r Dinesydd

Bu'r flwyddyn a rith heibio yn flwyddyn tra gweithgar yn hanes ein adran Cynghori Dinasyddion. Cafwyd 43 o atebion i gylichlythyr a anfonwyd allan at 175 o Awdurdodau Lleol ynglyn a'r gwaith hwn, a'r canlyniad yw sefydlu llawer o Swyddfeydd Cynghori Dinasyddion newydd. Bydd y rhai sydd yn darllen hanes gwaith yr Adran hon yn sylweddoli fod ysbryd gwasanaeth gwirfoddol yn fyw iawn yng Nghymru a Mynyw. Cynigiodd dwsinau o fobl eu gwasanaeth yn y Swyddfeydd hyn ac fe fu'n bleser o'r mwyaf inni ynghyd a'r Cynghorau i drefnu cyrsiau hyfforddi iddynt. Daeth llu o ymholiadau o ardaloedd yn ymestyn dros ddau cant o filltiroedd i law'r swyddog apwyntiedig newydd. Pleser o'r mwyaf yw cyhoeddi ffurfiu Cynhadledd Barhaol o Swyddfeydd Cynghori Dinasyddion yn Ne Cymru, ac fe fydd yn awr yn cymryd ei le fel ei gymar yng Ngogledd Cymru gan weithio fel uned canolog i'r swyddfeydd lleol. Ychydig iawn o ardaloedd dinesig yn y De neu yn y Gogledd sydd heb y swyddfeydd yma yn awr. Yn ychwanegol, cryfhawyd swyddfeydd yr ardaloedd gwledig trwy gymorth pwyllgorau lleol, a'r flaith fod rwyddinebau newydd wrth law.

Gresyn inni feddwl fod y person a arloesodd y syniadau yma ym Mhrydain, sef Miss Kathleen Oswald, O.B.E., Ysgrifennydd y Pwyllgor Cenedlaethol o Swyddfeydd Cynghori Dinasyddion, wedi marw yn ystod y flwyddyn, ychydig amser cyn i'r mudiad a garai gael y cydnabuddiaeth a haeddal. Fe fyddwn yn y Dyswysogaeth yn gweld colled ei chymorth a'r chyfeillgarwch.

Lles yr Oedrannus

Bu adran yr Hen Fobl, sydd yn darparu ysgrifenyddiaeth i Bwyllgor Lles yr Oedrannus yng Nghymru, yn weithgar yn gwneud arolwg o'r darpariaethau gan Bwyllgorau yr Oedrannus, Pwyllgorau Lleol yr Oedrannus a Chlybiau unigol ar hyd y wlad. Gwaith amodd oedd hwn ond am y tro cyntaf gwelwyd y darlun cymhleth yn glir. Gobeithir bydd y ddogfen hon, ynghyd a bod yn sylfaen i waith allanol yr adran, yn profi'n gymorth i Fwrdd Iechyd Cymru ac i'r Awdurdodau Lleol, fel y maent yn ymestyn eu gwaith yn y cylch eang hwn. Y mae'r Cynadleddau Parhaol yn Ne a Gogledd Cymru yn gweithio'n esmwyth ac y mae Swyddog Lles yr Oedrannus wedi cael llawer o alwadau ychwanegol oddiwrth gyfundrefnau ledled Cymru, am gyngor arwyddocaol. O dan nawdd y Pwyllgor yma trefnir i rhoddi gwobr flynyddol i'r Cylch sydd yn gwneud y cyfraniad mwyaf gwreiddiol er lles yr oedrannus.

Un o'r arbrosion mwyaf diddorol a ymgymerodd y Cyngor hwn yn ystod y blynyddoedd diwethaf yw'r Cynllun Ymweld, i ymweld a phobl oedrannus yn eu cartrefi yn Ninas Caerdydd. Yn ystod y flwyddyn apwyntwyd trefnydd a pharatowyd dau arolwg arweinïol yn adrannau Splott a Thremorfa, ac adrannau Canton a Riverside. Bu hwn yn weithred enfawr yn cynnwys ymholiadau o dy i dy gan 222 o weithwyr gwirfoddol i weld faint o fobl a fuasai'n croesawu ymweliadau swyddogol. Ffurfiwyd pwyllgorau lleol yn yr ardaloedd hyn, a hyd yn hyn fe rhestrwyd 403 o hen fobl ar y rhestr ymweld. Bwriedir ymestyn y cynllun hwn nes cyrraedd at bob rhan o'r ddinas.

Cyflwynwyd rhodd ar gyfer y gwaith hwn am gyfnod o dair blynedd gan Gorfforaeth Cenedlaethol er Lles yr Hen Fobl ond y mae'r Cyngor hwn yn gobeithio bydd Cyngor Dinas Caerdydd yn derbyn cyfrifoldeb ariannol am y gwaith pan ddaw y cyfnod i ben.

Un o'r gweithgareddau mwyaf y bu'r Cyngor yn gysylltiedig ag ef oedd adrefnau Pwyllgor Lles yr Oedrannus, yn awr wedi'i enwi'n Bwyllgor Gofal yr Oedrannus yng Nghymru, ac y mae'r canlyniadau a ddaeth o apwyntiad staff newydd, a'r gwaith ychwanegol a wnaethpwyd wedi llwyr gyflawnhau ein penderfyniad i ehangu'r agwedd yma o wasanaeth cymuned.

Cychoedd Cymuned

Yn ystod y flwyddyn, cyflawnwyd uchelgais a ddymunwyd amdano yn hir gan y Cyngor hwn, sef sefydlu Cynhadledd Barhaol De Cymru o Gychoedd Cymuned. Yn naturiol, fydd y gwaith a ellir ei gyflawni gan y fath Gynhadledd Barhaol yn cael ei gwtogi gan adnoddau dynol cyfyngedig â phrinder arian parod. Y mae'r adran fodd bynnag, wedi gwneud arolwg i ddod a'r adnoddau mewn bod yn y clybiau ar hyd y wlad, i'r golwg. Hefyd, mewn ymgynghoriad a grŵp gwaith o arbenigwyr yn y maes hwn, ail drefnwyd maes gweithgarwch yr adran. Y mae y cychoedd yng Nghymru mor wahanol, fel mae annodd yw ffurfio darlun cywir o'r hyn a gyflawnir. Daw yn fwy amlwg o hyd, fodd bynnag, fod llawer o gychoedd bychain yn ymladd am arweinïddion addas i arloesi rhaglenni newydd er mwyn wrthladd rhai o'r agweddau adloniadol diffwrth sydd wedi teyrnasu cyhyd yn y cychoedd hyn. Y mae'r gwaith o hyfforddi, a threfnu rhaglenni y cychoedd yn nwylo Swyddogion Addysg Bellach yr Awdurdodau Lleol a'u gweithwyr ond y mae trefniadau bron a'u cwblhau i hwyluso'r gyfathrach rhwng yr awdurdodau deddfol a'r Cyngor hwn wrth ei waith.

Gwaith Ieuencid

Fe ddeil y Gynhadledd Barhaol o Fudiadau Ieuencid Gwirfoddol yn areithio i 29 o fudiadau o'r fath, i drafod polisi cyffredin. Bu'r rhan fwyaf o'r mudiadau yn dra physrus yn ystod y flwyddyn yn darparu

ymgeisyddion i gyrsiau hyfforddi Arweinyddion Rhan Amser. Diddorol iawn yw darllen y crynodebau o'r cyrsiau hyfforddi yma yn adroddiad yr adran hon, ac y maent yn esboniad calonnogol iawn o ymateb Cymru i Adroddiad Bessey. Mae'r cynadleddau lleol yn weithgar iawn o hyd, gan roddi lle priodol i waith y mudiadau unigol. Yn ystod y flwyddyn cynhaliwyd arbrofion diddorol mewn rhai cyrsiau yn y gwahanol ardaloedd.

Carcharorion a Rhyddhawyd

Ar ol cyhoeddi llyfryn o wybodaeth achlysurol gan y Gynhadledd Barhaol, bu'r flwyddyn yn amser o baratoi cofnod i'r Swyddfa Gartref, yn dangos ymateb y Gynhadledd i Adroddiad ACTO ar Ofal Carcharorion a Rhyddhawyd. Canlyniad oedd y cyfnod hwn i wahoddiad Gweinidog y Wladwriaeth, Swyddfa Gartref, ar yr adeg hynny, sef y Gwir Anrhydeddus Iarll Jellicoe. Ar ol yr Adroddiad hwn cafwyd ymweliad gan swyddogion hyn y Swyddfa Gartref i ddadlau yn fanwl, gyda'r Pwyllgor Gwaith a etholwyd gan y Gynhadledd i'r pwrpas arbennig hwn. Y mae'r ymdriniaeth o droseddwy'r dan sylw ar hyn o bryd, a thasg annodd a chynnil fydd i'r Gynhadledd Barhaol awgrymu ffyrdd y gall gweithwyr gwirfoddol ymgymryd a'i ddyletsywdd, pan unir Gwasanaethau Gofal Carcharorion a Rhyddhawyd gyda'r Adranau Prawf, fel y crybwyllwyd gan Adroddiad ACTO. Cyfnod chwyldroadol yw hwn yn y maes yma ac y mae'n galw am sylw arbennig iawn gan y sawl sydd yn gysylltiedig a'r gwaith. Aeth y gwaith yma o ymgynghori ymlaen, ochr yn ochr a'r ymdrechion ymarferol i gynorthwyo mudiadau lleol yn eu gwaith annodd o ofalu am gyn garcharorion a'u teuluoedd. Rhoddir llawer o bwys i'r cwestiwn o lety mewn neuadd breswyl i garcharorion yng Nghymru, ac y mae'r Gynhadledd wedi trafod y mater hwn yng Nghaerdydd a Chasnewydd.

Astudiaethau Cymdeithasol

Yn ystod y flwyddyn gwnaethpwyd arolygau yn yr adranau a ganlyn: Pwyllgor Gofal yr Oedranus yng Nghymru; Cynllun Ymweld a'r Oedranus yn Ninas Caerdydd; Cyfchoedd Cymuned; a'r gwaith cynhwysfawr "Welsh Society in Transition" gan Dr. George F. Thomason a Mrs. Margaret Lloyd. Y mae'r Pwyllgor yn ymddiddori mewn darparu feithiau sylfaenol i weithgareddau y dyfodol yn ein Adranau, gan ymholi i mewn i agweddau o wasanaeth cymdeithasol a all fod yn gynorthwy, nid yn unig i'r Cyngor ond hefyd i'r holl awdurdodau deddfol a gwirfoddol hynny sydd yn ymddiddori yng ngofal y cymuned. Cynrychiolwyd y Cyngor gan y Cyfarwyddwr mewn cyfarfod o Bwyllgor Heyworth yng Nghaerdydd, i chwilio i mewn, ar ran y Llywodraeth i anghenion ariannol gwaith ymchwil gan gorfforiaethau addysg, megis y Prifysgolion a mudiadau eraill cysylltiedig a gwaith cymdeithasol. Teimla Bwyllgor Astudiaethau Cymdeithasol fod maes eang o waith ymchwil yn barod i'w archwilio os ceir gynorthwyo ariannol. Un o nodweddion amlycaf Cyngor Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol yw ei rhyddid i arloesi meysydd newydd o ofal cymuned. Hyn a fu hanes llawer gweithgaredd llesol diweddar, sef fod gwaith arloesi mudiadau gwirfoddol a brofwyd yn llwyddiannus wedi'i gymryd trosodd gan lywodraeth ganolog neu leol.

Y mae'r Cyngor hwn, trwy ei Bwyllgor Astudiaethau Cymdeithasol yn ymwobodol o'r angen i ehangu ymholiadau i mewn i apwyntiadau staff newydd yn y wasanaethau cymdeithasol; hefyd y mae yn ystyried y posibilrwydd o ymholi i mewn i faes adennill gweithwyr cymdeithasol amser llawn cyflogedig, ac i hyfforddi gwirfoddolwyr yn y gwaith. Y mae'n amlwg y bydd angen mawr hyrwyddo y sawl sydd yn dod i fewn o'r newydd i wasanaeth cymdeithasol, ac fe gyngorwyd llawer o unigolion gan staff y Cyngor yn ystod y flwyddyn.

Bu'r Cyngor wrthi'n ddyfal yn y gyfundrefn leol newydd a ffurfiwyd i hyrwyddo gwasanaeth gwirfoddol i wledydd tramor gan fyfyrwyr a gweithwyr ifainc o fyd diwydiant. Yr ydym hefyd yn gyfrifol am ysgrifenyddiaeth i'r gyfundrefn ad hoc a ffurfiwyd gan fudiadau gwirfoddol amlwg yn y Brifddinas, sydd yn cyfarfod yn rheolaidd i drin a thrafod cynlluniau newydd, sydd ar y gweyll ganddynt. Y mae anturiaeth ganmoladwy fel hyn yn osgoi'r gorgyffwrdd sydd bob amser yn digwydd i adrannau gwahanol a gwahanedig, o wasanaeth cymdeithasol gwirfoddol.

Cyfunir waith y Pwyllgor Astudiaethau Cymdeithasol fwy fwy a gwaith ymchwil mewn Gwyddoniaeth Cymdeithasol cysylltiedig a Phrifysgol Cymru. Yn ystod y flwyddyn newidwyd Cadeirydd y Pwyllgor. Daeth Mr. A. V. Lockhead, M.A., Cyfarwyddwr Cysiau Hyfforddi Cymdeithasol Coleg y Brifysgol Abertawe, yn olynydd i'r Athro Foster o Goleg yr Iesu, Rhydychen.

Mewn cydliafur a'r Cyngor Brydeinig ac Adrannau y Prifysgolion, trefnwyd gysiau astudiaeth a gwaith yn y maes i fyfyrwyr tramor. Hefyd cymerir grwpiau o fyfyrwyr cysylltiedig a Choleg Meddygol Cymru, sydd yn astudio y Diploma mewn Iechyd, ar ymweliadau yn y maes ac hefyd rhoddir ddarlithiau iddynt gan bennaethiaid y gwahannol adrannau o'r Cyngor.

Clybiau Merched

Ymrwymir y rhan helaethaf o staff y Cyngor yng ngweithredoedd dros gant o Glybiau Merched ym Morgannwg a Chaerfyrddin. Ynghyd a darpar addysg bellach i'r aelodau, y mae'r swyddogion yn hyrwyddo a chefnogi gwaith cymdeithasol yn yr ardaloedd. Manylir ar y gwasanaethau hyn yn yr adroddiad adrannol cysylltiedig.

Y mae'r Cyngor yr wir ymwybodol o'i ddyled i ferched y Clybiau hyn am godi swm rhagorol o arian i alluogi parhad gwaith yr adran a'r clybiau. Er gwaethaf cymorth hael Pwyllgor Addysg Morgannwg tuag at y gwaith yma, rhaid i'r Cyngor gael hyd i rhyw £3,000 bob blwyddyn, lelly fe welir fod cyfraniad gwirfoddol rhagorol y Clybiau hyn y llynedd yn gymorth amrhisiadwy tuag at y gost.

Drama

Yn ystod y flwyddyn cymerodd y Cyngor faich ysgrifenyddiaeth y Cynghrair Ddrama Brydeinig (adran Cymru). Felly, y mae'r ddau gorfforaeth amatur fwyaf yng Nghymru, sef Cyngor Drama Cymru a'r Cynghrair Ddrama Brydeinig o dan weinyddiaeth y Cyngor. Ar ol i hyn ddiwydd, daeth awgrymiadau i law o'r ddau gorfforaeth, am gyfuno. Cyfarfu bwyllgor ad hoc o'r ddau gorfforaeth, ac y mae'n bosibl y bydd Cymdeithas Ddrama Amatur i Gymru a Mynwy yn dod i rym erbyn Ebrill, 1965. Heb geisio barnu o flaen llaw, mae'n amlwg i holl noddwyr brwdfrydig y ddrama, fod y cam hwn yn hollol rhesymol ac anghenrheidiol.

Yr anhawster mwyaf, wrth leddwl am sefydlu adran ddrama gyda swyddogion amser llawn yw prinder arian. Cyflwynwyd tystiolaeth i'r Pwyllgor Cymreig o Gyngor y Celfyddydau ac i Gyngor Cymru a Mynwy, yn hawlio cymorth o'r Llywodraeth i ddrama amatur, ac fe awgrymwyd, fel enghraifft, fod Cymdeithas Ddrama Cymunedol yr Alban yn cael cymorth ariannol sylweddol oddiwrth Bwyllgor Addysg yr Alban.

Beth bynnag a ddaw o'r uned awgrymiedig, fe drosglwyddwyd rhodd, am y tro cyntaf yn ei hanes, gan Gymdeithas Gymreig Cyngor y Celfyddydau i Gyngor Cymru Drama tuag at y llyfrgell, darpariaeth a

gwasanaeth ymgynghorol. Derbyniwyd yr ystum arwyddocaol hwn gyda brwdfrydedd yng Nghyngor y Ddrama, a gobeithir ysgafnhau ar y faich ariannol a gariwyd gan Gyngor Cymreig Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol, trwy gyfraniadau blynyddol o'r Llywodraeth neu Gronfaoedd Ymddiriedaeth.

Pwyllgor Gwaith

Yn ystod y flwyddyn croesawyd yr aelodau newydd a ganlyn i'r Pwyllgor Gwaith: Mrs. C. Diamond (Cadeirydd Cynhadledd Barhaol De Cymru o Swyddfeydd Cynghori Dinasyddion); Mrs. H. Noel Jerham, Y Cyngorwr Mrs. G. I. Williams, Dr. Ivor H. Davies, LL.D., Mr. R. C. Mathias, Mr. Clifford Prothero, Y.H., a Dr. George F. Thomason, M.A.

Yr Anrhydeddus J. H. Bruce

Yn Ebrill, 1964, cafodd y Cyngor golled enfawr ym marwolaeth y llywydd, Yr Anrhydeddus J. H. Bruce, C.B.E., K.St.J., J.P., D.L., a fu'n aelod sylfaenol o Gyngor Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol De a Mynwy, ac yn ymddiriedolwr y Cyngor hwn pan unodd a'r gorfforaeth honno yn 1946. O'r amser hynny ymlaen fe ddaliodd Mr. Bruce ati i wasanaethu'r Cyngor fel Cadeirydd S.C.W.V.Y.O. ac ar un adeg ef oedd y Trysorydd, ac yn ddiweddar, Llywydd y Cyngor. Ni wasanaethodd neb y Cyngor yn fwy hyddlon ers y dyddiau cynnar na'n Llywydd rhadlon, treuliodd oes o wasanaeth gwirfoddol. Bu'n ymwelydd cyson yn ein prif-swyddfa ac yr oedd yn gyfaill i'r swyddogion ar hyd y blynyddoedd. Gwelir ei golled yn Adran Sant Ioan, Priory Cymru, lle y wasanaethodd yn deyrngar fel prif ysgrifennydd, a chan lawer o fudiadau rhyddfrydig eraill yng Nghymru. Recordiwyd teyrnged gan Bwyllgor Gwaith y Cyngor iddo am ei wasanaeth tra rhagorol a hefyd fe gyflwynwyd cydymdeimlad dwys a Mrs. Bruce a'r teulu yn eu colled enfawr.

Dr. William King

Hefyd cyfnodir marwolaeth Dr. William King, y cyn H.M.I. a fu'n aelod ffyddlon o'r Cyngor ac yn bresennol bob amser yn ei gyfarfodydd. Yn y flwyddyn cyn y cyfnod a sonir amdano yn yr adolygiad yma, gwnaethpwyd pedwar o apwyntiadau newydd, sef, Swyddog Cymuned/ Ieuencid, Swyddog Swyddfeydd Cynghori Dinasyddion, Swyddog Hen Fohl Dinas Caerdydd, a Swyddog Gweinyddol/Drama. Llawn gennym ddweud fod cryn dipyn o helaethiad i'w weld yng ngwaith yr adranau hyn a bod y pedwar cydweithwyr wedi sefydlu'n hapus yn eu gwaith.

Yn ystod y flwyddyn cawsom y fraint o groesawu Miss M. Griffiths i'n hadran clerigol ac fe sefydlwyd hi yng ngwaith Adran y Merched. Blin gennym son am ymadawiad buan Mrs. M. Liedtke o'n staff, hi a fu'n brif Swyddog y Merched ers 1943. Enillodd Mrs. Liedtke barch ac edmygedd holl aelodau'r Cyngor a'r staff eang o weithwyr, a oedd o dan ei gofal. Gwraig ddymunol dros ben yw hi ac fe fu ei ffordd hynaws o wynebu gwahanol broblemau Clybiau'r Merched yn gymorth i dyfiant sicr dros cant o glybiau. Pleser gennym gofnodi ein gwerthfawrogiad didwyll o'i gwasanaeth, a gobeithiwn y daw blynyddoedd o iechyd da i'w rhan iddi gael mwynhau blynyddoedd ei ymneilltuad. Miss Ceri Williams, Prif Drefnydd Adranol yn Adran y Merched bydd yn ollynydd i Mrs. Liedtke ac fe ddymunwn yn dda iddi. Gwasanaethodd Miss Williams y Cyngor am 30 o flynyddoedd ac felly y mae'n llwyr gyfarwydd a gweinyddiaeth yr adran hon.

Gwerthfawrogiad

Unwaith eto fe ddymuna'r Cyngor gofnodi diolch i'r Gweinyddiaethau Comisiwn Datblygu, Awdurdodau Lleol ac Ymddiriedaethau a wnaeth barhad ein gwaith yn bosibl gyda'u rhoddion haef. Rhaid

rhoi gair arbennig o ddiolch i aelodau Clybiau Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol y Merched a dadogir gan y Cyngor am eu cyfraniad gorchestol o £2,313. Bu'r ymdrech anferth hwn ar ran y Clybiau yn ysbrydoliaeth i'r Cyngor wrth iddo ledaenu ei weithgareddau.

Dymuna'r swyddogion gofnodi eu gwerthfawrogiad am gyfarwyddyd a chymorth parod Swyddogion Anrhydeddus y Cyngor a'r Pwyllgor Gwaith. Yr ydym yn ddyledus iawn o'r cymorth ymarferol a roddir inni gan Gadeirydd y Pwyllgor Gwaith, sef Cyrnol W. R. Crawshaw. Y mae ei ymweliadau cyson a'i ddi-ddordeb angerddol yn ein gwaith yn fflhonnell cefnogaeth parhaol inni.

Fe dymuna'r Pwyllgor Gwaith ddangos ei werthfawrogiad o wasanaeth teyrngar Swyddogion y Cyngor yn ystod y flwyddyn. Bu llawer o ofynion a galwadau ar eu hamser hamdden ynghyd a'u horiau gwaith ond derbyniwyd bob cais i deithio neu fynd i bwyllgor gydag ymateb siriol ac y mae'n amlwg fod ysbryd llon yn teyrnasu.

Sylwir oddiwrth ein adroddiad cyllidol fod cydbwysedd o Incwm draws Draul yn ein cyfrifon, a hyn oherwydd yr elw sylweddol a ddaeth i law o'r arddangosfa ddillad a roddwyd gan Marks & Spencer a hefyd gan y cyfraniadau ychwanegol o Glybiau Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol y Merched.

Fe ddylir nodi fodd bynnag ei fod yn angenrheidiol i'r Cyngor yma gasglu swm sylweddol o arian er mwyn prwcau rhyddfediandd yr adeilad, 2, Cathedral Road, Caerdydd, pan ddaw'r prydles i ben mewn deng mlynedd o amser. O ymholiadau arbrofol gyda'r trefistri deallwn y gallwn fod yn barod i dalu tua £20,000 ac fe fydd hyn yn broblem enfawr i'r Cyngor.

Nodir hefyd gyda phleser fod cynllun oedfreiniad wedi'i gyflwyno ac y mae'r newyddbeth hyn wedi golygu cryn dipyn o draul; y rhifeb am y flwyddyn diwethaf yn cyrraedd £1,578. Y mae'n addas inni ddiolch i Gronfa Pensiwn Gweithwyr Cymdeithasol yr hwn yr ydym yn cyfrannogi ohono. Fe ddylai'r holl fudiadau gwirfoddol yn y Dywysogaeth ddeall fod manteision enfawr i'w cael wrth ymuno a'r Gronfa hon, nid yw yn gwneud elw ac le'i dechreuwyd gan Gyngor Cenedlaethol Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol er mwyn rhoddi pensiynnau i weithwyr mewn mudiadau gwirfoddol. Y mae'r Cyngor hwn yn derbyn llawer o ymholiadau oddiwrth fudiadau sydd yn pryderu am iawndalu gweithwyr ffyddlon nad oes ganddynt hawliau pensiynol. Y mae Cronfa Bensiwn Gweithwyr Cymdeithasol yn 17, Rathbone Street, London, W.1 wedi rhoddi cyngor gwerthfawr inni wrth ddatrys ein problemau, ac y mae'n bur debyg y byddant yn barod i roddi cymorth i fudiadau eraill cysylltiedig a'n Cyngor.

Dathliadau

Yn ystod y flwyddyn yr oedd y Cyfarwyddwr yn bresennol yng Nghynhadledd Bywyd Gwledig ym Mriste, Cynhadledd y Gwanwyn o Ysgrifenyddion Cynghorau Gwlad yn Llundain ac yng nghwmni nifer o bennaethiaid adrannau'r Cyngor, y Pumed Cynhadledd Bydeinig ar Waith Cymdeithasol a gynhaliwyd hefyd yn Llundain o'r 5ed tan y 9fed o Ionawr.

Yr oedd Cadeirydd a Chyfarwyddwr y Cyngor yn bresennol yn Jiwbili Arian Cyngor Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol Gogledd yr Iwerddon yn Belfast a Phenblwydd 21 Cyngor Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol yr Alban yng Nghaeredin. Llonyfarchwn ein cydweithwyr ar y datlu ac yr ydym wedi danfon ein dymuniadau da iddynt.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<i>Year ended</i>			
<i>31st March</i>			
1963		EXPENDITURE.	
£		£	s. d.
16,011	Salaries	17,700	4 6
541	National Insurance	653	3 8
		18,353	8 2
1,481	Superannuation	1,578	1 6
22	State Graduated Pensions	39	12 6
125	Staff Widows Pension	125	0 0
2,868	Travelling and Subsistence	3,529	17 6
84	Audit Fee	84	0 0
492	Printing and Stationery	697	4 10
513	Postage and Telephone	580	2 1
583	Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	588	4 4
278	Rent, Rates and Ground Rent	151	8 6
61	Repairs and Maintenance	199	17 7
47	General Insurances	47	15 0
1	Carriage and Haulage	14	4 4
56	Bank Charges and Cheque Books	55	13 9
10	Office Expenses	20	12 5
49	Drama Library and Equipment	61	16 8
23	Drama Festival	47	13 3
36	Schools and Courses—Drama	97	17 0
—	Schools and Courses—Citizens' Advice Bureaux	53	18 11
132	Conferences and Meetings	327	11 0
18	Office Equipment and Furniture	96	17 9
—	Citizens' Advice Bureaux—Furniture and Equipment	310	0 0
11	Affiliation Fees	—	—
—	Publications	58	3 9
—	Motor Car at Cost	603	7 8
30	Miscellaneous	60	7 10
2,074	Balance, Excess of Income over Expenditure	2,031	8 6

25,546

£29,798 14 10

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1964.

Year ended

31st March

1963

INCOME.

£ s. d. £ s. d.

GRANTS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES:			
	Old People's Welfare, Cardiff		
	Visitation Scheme	1,509	6 9
5,418	Development Commission	5,843	0 0
2,261	Ministry of Education	2,058	0 0
7,107	Glamorgan County Council	7,195	0 0
250	Cardamarthenshire County Council	350	0 0
	Local Authorities: Grants for Old People's		
41	Work	453	3 0
2,000	National Corporation for the Care of Old		
	People	2,000	0 0
	Ministry of Health, per National Council of		
670	Social Service	670	0 0
5	Cardiff Rural District Council	5	5 0
21	Neath Rural District Council	10	10 0
5	Pontardawe Rural District Council	5	5 0
100 (2 yrs)	Radnorshire County Council	50	0 0
	Board of Trade, Citizens' Advice Bureau per		
—	National Council of Social Service ..	3,172	5 6
17,878		23,321	15 3
DONATIONS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES:			
26	B.B.C. Wireless Appeal—O.A.W.	—	
3	Old People's Welfare Donation	3	0 0
6	O.P.W. Affiliation Fees	3	13 6
1,511	Women's Social Service Clubs	2,313	10 4
1,546		2,320	3 10
GRANTS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES:			
	Coal Industries Social Welfare Organisation	500	0 0
	National Council of Social Services for services		
200	rendered	—	
1,000	Carnegie United Kingdom Trust	1,000	0 0
1,700		1,500	0 0
OTHER GENERAL INCOME:			
1,855	Subscriptions and Donations	1,534	2 7
1,475	Special Donations	—	
471	Llanfair Court Flower Display	—	
58	Affiliation Fees	55	13 0
60	Agency Fees	65	10 0
166	Loans of Plays and Equipment	187	8 8
75	Rent—Sub-Letting	75	0 0
211	Interest on Investments	222	7 6
30	Staff Lecture and Broadcasting Fees ..	23	9 6
21	Miscellaneous	—	
—	Marks & Spencer Fashion Show	493	4 6
4,422		2,656	15 9
25,546		29,798	14 10

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR ENDED
31st MARCH, 1964

	£	s.	d.
Lt. Col. The Rt. Hon. R. E. Beaumont	2	2	0
The Hon. Anthony Berry	2	2	0
The Hon. J. H. Bruce	5	0	0
Mr. I. V. Cassam	8	11	5*
Sir John Cecil-Williams	1	1	0
Mr. A. D. Russell Clarke	2	2	0
Mr. C. N. D. Cole	7	7	0
Mr. Christopher Cory	5	5	0
Col. W. R. Crawshay	16	6	7*
Mr. D. J. Davies	81	12	8*
Mrs. Leonora Davies	1	0	0
Margaret Davies Charity Trustees	25	0	0
Gwendoline Davies Charity Trustees	25	0	0
The Hon. Islwyn Davies	5	5	0
Miss Rachel Davies	1	1	0
Mrs. S. O. Davies	1	1	0
Mr. J. H. Twiston Davies	1	0	0
Mr. W. A. T. Twiston Davies	3	5	4*
Mr. D. R. Edwards	2	2	0
Dr. Huw T. Edwards	2	2	0
Dr. Griffith Evans	3	3	0
Mr. Idris Evans	2	2	0
Mr. D. Gibson-Watt, M.P.	1	0	0
Dr. Wyn Griffith	1	1	0
Mr. Raymond Griffiths	5	5	0
Mr. S. C. Harris	1	1	0
Mr. J. K. Harvie	1	0	0
Mr. T. I. Jeffreys Jones	1	1	0
Mrs. Jennie Jenkins	2	2	0
Sir Maynard Jenour	24	9	10*
Dr. Dilwyn John	1	1	0
Mr. D. L. Jones	1	0	0
Mr. Ieuan O. Jones	5	2	10*
Mr. J. O. Jones	3	3	0
Mrs. K. B. Jones	1	1	0
Lord Kemsley	2	2	0
Mr. G. Levy	1	1	0
Mrs. L. G. Mansel Lewis	3	8	7*
Col. Sir Godfrey Llewellyn, Bart.	2	2	0
Mr. Harry Lloyd	2	2	0
Mr. Herbert Lloyd	2	2	0
Lady Megan Lloyd George, M.P.	1	14	3*
Mr. A. V. S. Lochhead	5	0	0
Mr. H. B. Meredith	3	8	7*
Lord Merthyr	5	5	0
Sir Thomas Meyrick	5	0	0
Dr. David Monger	2	2	0
Mr. A. B. Oldfield Davies	2	0	0
Mr. L. G. Oxford	2	2	0
Miss P. F. Parkinson	2	2	0
Sir J. Denning Pearson Charitable Trust	3	3	0
The Earl of Plymouth	5	5	0

* Covenanted.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS—Continued.

	£	s.	d.
Col. Evan Powell	1	1	0
Mr. D. S. Pugh	5	5	0
Sir Clayton Russon	2	2	0
Alderman W. J. Saddler	2	2	0
Mrs. M. Sessions	5	0	0
Mr. & Mrs. L. Sketch	2	2	0
Miss Grace H. Smith	5	0	0
Dr. W. H. Smith	5	0	0
Mr. E. Spooner	2	2	0
Principal Anthony Steel	2	2	0
Mr. C. T. Taylor	3	3	0
Sir William Thomas, Bart.	5	5	0
Mr. Wynford Vaughan Thomas	2	0	0
Sir Michael Venables Llewellyn, Bart.	16	16	7*
Mr. Llewellyn Ward	34	6	5*
Mrs. G. A. Watson	1	1	0
Mr. D. C. Watts	1	0	0
Rev. E. Whitford Roberts	1	1	0
Mr. Owen Williams	10	10	0
Mr. Tudor Williams	1	1	0

Firms and Business Houses.

	£	s.	d.
Aberdare Cables Ltd.	10	0	0
Aero-Zipp Fasteners Ltd.	2	2	0
Aluminium Corporation Ltd.	3	3	0
Associated Electrical Industries Ltd.	3	3	0
Associated Octel Co. Ltd.	5	5	0
Associated Portland Cement Manufacturers Ltd.	50	0	0
B.P. Refinery (Llandarcy) Ltd.	10	0	0
J. Bibby & Sons Ltd.	10	0	0
Boots Pure Drug Co. Ltd.	5	5	0
S. A. Brain & Co. Ltd.	2	2	0
British Aircraft Corporation (Operating) Ltd.	5	5	0
British Celanese Ltd.	5	0	0
British Nylon Spinners Ltd.	100	0	0
British Oxygen Co. Ltd.	4	4	0
British Resin Products Ltd.	5	5	0
Butlins Ltd.	10	0	0
Cadbury Bros. Ltd. & J. S. Fry & Sons Ltd.	1	1	0
Castrol Ltd.	10	10	0
Collins Drapers (Cardiff) Ltd.	1	1	0
Cooper and Co. (Birmingham) Ltd.	2	2	0
Courtaulds Ltd.	5	5	0
Crown Cork Co., Ltd.	5	5	0
J. Engl	1	1	0
Esso Petroleum Co. Ltd.	50	0	0
Firth Cleveland Fastenings Ltd.	5	5	0
Alex Gordon & Partners	3	3	0
Great Universal Stores Ltd.	20	0	0
William Hancock & Co. Ltd.	10	10	0
Norman Harry & Co.	5	0	0
Hoover Ltd.	10	10	0

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Subscriptions and Donations—Continued.

	£	s.	d.
Imperial Chemical Industries Ltd. (Billingham Division)	5	5	0
Kaysor Bondor Ltd.	5	5	0
Littlewood Charitable Trust	10	10	0
E. T. Lyddon & Sons	21	0	0
Mackross Ltd.	5	5	0
W. T. Maddock & Co.	3	3	0
Marks & Spencer Ltd.	21	0	0
Metal Box Charities Ltd.	5	5	0
Mettoy Co. Ltd.	2	2	0
Thomas Owen & Co.	5	0	0
Phillips Furnishing Stores Ltd.	5	0	0
Pilkington Bros. Ltd.	10	10	0
John Player & Sons	10	10	0
Pressed Steel Co. Ltd.	5	5	0
Quinton Hazell Ltd.	5	5	0
M. A. Rapport Co. Ltd.	10	10	0
Rhymney Breweries Ltd.	5	5	0
Robinson David & Co. Ltd.	2	2	0
Ronson Products Ltd.	5	5	0
Rubery Owen Charitable Trust	25	0	0
H. Samuel, Ltd.	2	2	0
Shell Mex & B.P. Ltd.	40	0	0
Singer Sewing Machine Co. Ltd.	5	0	0
W. H. Smith & Son Ltd.	5	5	0
Spillers Ltd.	3	3	0
Star Brick & Tile Co. Ltd.	1	1	0
Steel Company of Wales Ltd.	50	0	0*
John Summers & Sons Ltd.	26	5	0
Henry J. Thomas & Co.	1	1	0
Richard Thomas & Baldwins Ltd.	50	0	0
Thomas & Evans Ltd. (Corona Soft Drinks)	5	5	0
E. Turner & Sons Ltd.	5	5	0
Unilever Ltd.	50	0	0
Thomas W. Ward Ltd.	5	0	0
Webbs (Aberbeeg) Ltd.	1	1	0
Whitbread & Co. Ltd.	5	5	0
W. D. & H. O. Wills	21	0	0
Wilts United Dairies Ltd.	2	2	0
F. W. Woolworth & Co., Ltd.	25	0	0

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Banks

	£	s.	d.
Barclays Bank Ltd.	50	0	0
Lloyds Bank Ltd.	50	0	0
Midland Bank Ltd.	50	0	0
National Provincial Bank Ltd.	50	0	0
Westminster Bank Ltd.	50	0	0

Trade Unions and Voluntary Organisations.

	£	s.	d.
British Legion — Wales Area	2	2	0
National Union of General and Municipal Workers	5	5	0
Transport & General Workers Union—North Wales	3	0	0
South Wales	10	0	0
Union of Shop, Distributive & Allied Workers	5	5	0

Old Peoples' Welfare Work

						£	s.	d.
County Borough Councils :—								
Breconshire	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Carmarthenshire	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Flintshire	..	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Glamorgan	..	..	..	..	..	250	0	0
Merioneth	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Monmouthshire	..	..	..	..	..	25	0	0
Montgomeryshire	..	..	..	..	..	10	0	0
Pembrokeshire	..	..	..	..	..	3	3	0
Radnorshire	..	..	..	..	..	50	0	0
Swansea	..	..	..	..	..	5	0	0
Firm :—								
Coates Bros. & Co. Ltd., Machen	..	..	..	..	..	3	0	0

W. T. Madcock & Co., Printers, Portland.