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CHAIRMAN'S FOREWORD

In my foreword last year, I spoke of consolidation of our new departments. This year has been one in which all departments of the Council have achieved a solid, if unspectacular, advance. The four new officers who have joined us appear to have settled down happily.

In just over four and a half years the overall budget of the Council has doubled and we have all been much encouraged by the increased grants from Government sources and Philanthropic Trusts, but there is still urgent need to improve the percentage of voluntary financial support.

Lady Albermarle, Chairman of the Development Commission, in her address last year advocated a policy of Rural Development and re-development within an overall National Rural Plan. In this regard any proposed developments in Mid-Wales are of particular interest to this Council. Pronouncements made by the Secretary of State, indicating an intensification of support for Rural Industries together with the likelihood of enlarged grants for the work of the Rural Industries Loan Fund should help this Council to play an increasingly useful role.

I know that my executive committee share with me the pride and confidence I have in the zealous work of our staff who are fully competent to tackle fresh responsibilities.

DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD

It is virtually impossible to contain within the covers of an Annual Report the variety of activities in which this Council has been engaged during the past 12 months. The basic purpose of the Council is to provide in Wales a service which brings Voluntary and Statutory agencies together for the furtherance of Social and Community work.

Trends To carry out this function it is necessary for the Council not only to be involved in current practical policies of social change but also to discover social trends and to suggest ways in which these changes can be canalised and made effective in Welsh Communities.

Research It has been the policy of the Council to initiate investigation and research within the separate Departments under its control and also to refer plans for future social action to its highly specialised Social Studies Committee. This dual responsibility often places onerous tasks upon the staff of the Council but it is felt imperative that we should be free to embark upon experimental programmes which, if proved successful, could become the basis for Government legislation and a source of action by Local Authorities. In other words, it is the task of the Council to discover social necessities and needs and provide informed evidence on which policies can be based.

It must be obvious to any student of public life that changes have come so rapidly in recent years that they present, in themselves, a complex and often bewildering pattern.

The Council is very conscious that it is a focal point,—a channel through which information constantly passes and is interpreted. Nearly every day some new local or individual problem arises which needs resolving. The sum total of these problems eventually forms a guide to social action in the light of accumulated experience.

Secretary of State During the past year the creation of the office of Secretary of State for Wales has had profound implications on all bodies engaged in public administration. The new office and department has necessitated a re-orientation of the Council's liaison function and its approach to Government Departments. It also has meant a re-appraisal of estimates concerning financial Government Aid.

The Council has congratulated the Rt. Hon. James Griffiths, M.P., on his appointment as First Secretary of State and is grateful to the Minister and his Staff for their guidance and co-operation during the period of administrative transition.

Planning The new Governmental pattern has seen the birth of Regional and Economic planning units in Wales. It is too early yet to assess the impact of the formation of these bodies on the economic and social life of the country but it is clear that the Council's policies must be geared very closely to those produced by these Committees.

New Town Apparently regional planning is going to take a long term view of our industrial and economic life. A study is being made of the focal points where industry is likely to be located in Wales. It has also been announced that a new town is to be created in Mid-Wales. If these intentions materialise and new conurbations arise, then obviously these factors will have a profound effect on our work together with Rural Community Councils. If many thousands of new dwellers are to be brought to our countryside it will be necessary for them to have community facilities and, no doubt, this Council will play a prominent part in the endeavour to weld the new inhabitants into a real community.

Loan Fund The Secretary of State has already announced that there is to be more Government support for Rural Industries work and more funds available for the Rural Industries Loan Fund. As the work of Rural Industries forms an integral part of the programme and responsibility of Rural Community Councils, it will be necessary to examine most closely the impetus which this Council can bring to a programme of maintaining traditional industries and, at the same time, attracting newer industries to the developing areas.

Armed with the evidence produced by surveys in our Departments, we have endeavoured over the past twelve months to act in an advisory capacity in matters affecting Local Authorities and Voluntary Bodies. The accompanying Departmental Reports reveal considerable activity and indicate a consolidation of basic field work in our several activities. It is possible to elucidate from the reports some of the prominent features in them which are worthy of special mention:—

Old People's Welfare The Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales, whose Secretariat is provided by the Council, has had consultations with the Welsh Board of Health on its future programme. Agreement has been reached with the Minister of Health for direct grant aid to be made to this Department from the Welsh Board of Health and closer liaison will thus be maintained with the Board. Despite a change of the Secretary of the Committee very close contact has been maintained with County Old People's Welfare Committees and through them with the 500 Committees which function in Wales and Monmouthshire. The Council never ceases to wonder at the tremendous range of activities in which these Committees are engaged and we are happy to be involved with them in programme planning, training, obtaining of grants and with arranging Old People's Week.

A notable feature of the service rendered to the elderly in Wales during the past year has been the dramatic and spontaneous up-surge of voluntary help from young people. This is particularly true of the City of Cardiff where, in pursuance of the Visitation Scheme of the elderly, scores of young people have come forward to offer their services in decorating and painting homes, and doing jobs that have proved a boon to the lonely and handicapped old people. There can be no doubt that despite the hard things said about young people of this day, there are hundreds of splendid youngsters who are willing to give up their time and energy to deserving members of their local community. This voluntary help by young people has been the most encouraging and heartening feature of social service in the country during the last 12 months and the Council, through its departments, has been delighted to collaborate actively with various groups in this worthwhile enterprise.

Advising the Citizens

The Departmental report covering this important aspect shows that there have been encouraging results in the formation of many new local Bureaux. Much of the activity of the Advisory Officer has been concerned with the training of dozens of recruits who have volunteered to serve in these Bureaux. The two Standing Conferences in North and South Wales provide an admirable forum for discussion and consultation amongst the Bureaux and for imparting knowledge of new legislation affecting the citizen.

It has been particularly gratifying to note the response of so many Local Authorities who have decided to give support of a most tangible kind in the formation of Bureaux. Several Authorities have given a grant to Local Committees in addition to providing accommodation for Citizen's Advice Bureau Staff.

The Citizen's Advice Bureaux are now regarded as the eyes and ears of the public in the complex matter of consumer advice and protection. It is a jealously guarded principle of C.A.B. work that each Bureau is an independent body, siding with neither manufacturer, retailer, nor consumer.

An indication of the practical value of Bureaux in Wales is that during the past twelve months over 43,000 enquiries were presented to Local Bureaux covering a vast canvass of personal, family, housing and other problems. This report shows that a substantial programme of expansion lies ahead for Citizens Advice Bureaux work and it is possible that the Council will have to increase its staff to cope with this work.

Community Groups

There can be no doubt that one of the greatest problems facing Wales is the future of Community Groups. In both town and countryside the introduction of Television and other popular amenities have revolutionised habits of families and individuals. Community Centres and Village Halls in many places do not fulfil the function for which they were built, with the exception of Women's organisations, whose activities show no sign of diminution. Following a survey conducted by the Department in the previous 12 months, consultations have taken place with Further Education Officers of Local Authorities to devise the best method of securing the highest standards of Community relationships, both cultural and recreational. An appraisal has been made on the function of Miners Welfare Halls and Community Centres, and the conclusion reached is, that there is a very formidable task ahead for those engaged in this work.

One suggestion to combat this slackening of interest has been the institution of training courses in the curricula of Further Education Classes conducted by Local Authorities. Our Community Officer is consistently endeavouring

to help in programme planning whenever invited to do so. The fundamental need in this field is for adequate leadership. Given the right leadership there can be no doubt that the Local Community would respond. This is clear from shining examples of successful community groups in both North and South Wales.

The position of Village Halls in Wales also gives rise to much concern. Depopulation brings with it the removal of leaders from our countryside and the tasks placed upon the selfless remnant of public spirited people in isolated areas continue to become more onerous. It is in this field that Rural Community Councils, and our Community Department, feel that their help is most needed and appreciated. The Department awaits with interest the announcement of the new town in Mid-Wales, and reports of growth points. It feels it is imperative that community provision be made at the same time as economic provision if the new areas are to be viable, healthy, social units.

Youth Work

In addition to providing the secretariat of the Standing Conference of Voluntary Youth Organisations in Wales, the Department has been concerned with Youth Leadership Courses following the publication of the Bessey Report. Some of the Regional Conferences themselves have also been conscious of this need and our Departmental Report shows that there continues to be substantial progress in the work of Youth Organisations in the country. It is hard to visualise what life would be like for young people in some of our remote rural areas, were it not for some of the splendid organisations for young people whose programmes help to maintain the interests of the young, when so many of their age group leave for the towns and cities.

The Youth Department during the year has been literally besieged with young people in the Cardiff and Glamorgan area who have asked for help in finding suitable community tasks to perform for the elderly and the disabled. It has been difficult to keep a balance between the normal working of the Department and the enthusiastic demands of these young people, but it is a most heartening phenomenon which has encouraged the staff of the Council to believe that the age of the true volunteer is not yet over.

The Council has made representations to the Youth Development Council and the Ministry of Education and Science suggesting that there is need for someone in Wales to be fully occupied with the opportunity of channelling voluntary service amongst young people to the best practical ends. Youthful enthusiasms must be guided and controlled and a permanent organisation set in motion which will not only cope with offers of help from the present generation but recruit and train voluntary service from schools, colleges and youth clubs in the years to come. The Youth Development Council has set up a Committee to deal with this aspect of youth work and a report of its conclusion is eagerly awaited not only by youth volunteer groups but also by our Youth Department.

After Care of Prisoners

The formation of the Conference of the After Care of Prisoners coincided with the publication of the A.C.T.O. Report on After-Care. This report's recommendation that the Probation and After-Care Service should merge has been accepted by the Government and is being implemented throughout the country. Consultations have taken place with officials of the Home Office about the place of the volunteer in the After-Care Service, and the strongest representations have been made that those who have given years of service in prison visiting, and in caring for families of prisoners, should not be ignored when a statutory service is expanding. Assurances have been

given that there will still be need for voluntary organisations and individuals to render help in this field, which does not have much popular appeal. The Conference is awaiting the decision of Local Probation Committees to ascertain how voluntary help will be maintained and recruited.

There has been much correspondence and agitation also by this Committee for the provision of hostels for ex-prisoners, especially recidivists. Effort so far to establish such hostels in Newport and Cardiff have proved abortive. This is partly due to local antipathy amongst residents who do not wish ex-prisoners to be housed in their midst. One of the tasks of the Standing Conference is to advocate, persistently and unobtrusively, the claims of those who have served prison sentences in the hope that society would be prepared to absorb them once more into its normal community life. Consultations have also taken place to ensure that the Salvation Army Hostel, which houses many prisoners when first leaving prison on completion of sentences, will continue to function in Cardiff, despite the threat of demolition of the present buildings. This demolition constitutes a great challenge to the Capital City, and the Standing Conference, which includes Local Authorities and Voluntary representation, is determined to see that some adequate replacement is offered for this most valuable hostel.

Women's Clubs

The Department has welcomed a new Chief Woman Officer during the year and it is happy in the knowledge that Miss Ceri Williams, who has served the Council as an organiser for over 30 years, was appointed to this post in the place of Mrs. M. Liedke who was one of the most devoted members of our Staff. For years it has been said publicly that this Department has been the backbone of the Council's activities and there can be no doubt that the 120 clubs not only provide educational instruction but are the focal points in many communities in Glamorgan and Carmarthenshire for social service. Wherever there is a need for practical social help whether it be amongst the old, the disabled, the lonely, or the deserving, the members of these clubs are constantly undertaking responsible pieces of work. It is a comforting thought in these days, when there is so much criticism of self-centred living, that some 5,000 women gather every week under the guidance of the Council Staff for the pursuance of cultural and community activities.

An encouraging feature of the report of this Department is the formation of new clubs, especially in the environs of our larger towns—10 new clubs have been formed during the past few months and most of the members of these clubs are young wives dwelling upon new estates. The infusion of new ideas brought by these new members constitutes not only a challenge to the Department but an inspiration to the Executive Committee of the Women's Clubs and the 18 members of the staff employed in this Department.

Drama

The year 1964/65 proved a mile-stone in the history of amateur drama in Wales. Through the Council's initiative the new Drama Association of Wales was born, merging the former Drama Council and British Drama League (Wales Area). This successful merger was the outcome of many months of patient negotiation and planning, but present prospects are encouraging for the new organisation. For the first time in Wales there is one body responsible for the administration of National amateur drama and this bold move, involving substantial financial commitment by the Council, has been warmly acclaimed. The great difficulty has been to secure financial support from Government and Trust sources for the venture. The Welsh Committee of the Arts Council generously gave £750 for specific aspects of the work of the Association, particularly in the refurbishing of

the Drama Library and the provision of professional and technical advice. We are assured by the Welsh Committee that they realise that the professional theatre in Wales, with which they are mainly concerned, cannot flourish unless there are active groups of amateurs prepared to support the professional theatre. This is one reason for their financial support and also they are concerned, as is the new Association, with the elevating of standards amongst amateurs. The Committee of the Drama Association is confident that as it proceeds with its programme of arranging festivals, competitions, and courses, its work will receive recognition and financial support, thus ensuring its future success.

During the year a considerable amount of money has been expended on purchasing new sets of plays in both languages for the Drama Library of the Council and some up-to-date lighting equipment has also been added to the facilities which are constantly being loaned to all parts of Wales.

The Council has taken the bold step of initiating this much needed Association and it now remains for Welsh people to show whether they really believe in the future of amateur drama by giving their material and active support to the work of the Association.

Social Studies

The Social Studies Committee has not been as active during the year as in the previous year. This is because of the spate of reports and investigations and documents published in 1963/64 which have now been passed on to the Departments concerned for consideration and implementation. The major work sponsored by the Committee (*viz.* the publication of "Welsh Society in Transition" by Dr. George F. Thomason and Mrs. Margaret Lloyd) has been well received by social workers both in the academic and field spheres. The Committee has been encouraged by the report of the Heyworth Committee to believe that there is a strong possibility of financial support for relevant social research in this country. The Social Studies Committee had presented evidence to the Heyworth Committee and it is hoped that organisations such as our Council will be given encouragement of a practical kind to initiate further researches.

The Committee has set in motion machinery through constituent Colleges of the University of Wales for preliminary study in preparation for the British Conference on Social Work which is to be held in 1967. The intention is that groups of people will study relevant social features and bring their findings to the Social Studies Committee which will, in turn, forward its evidence to the Conference.

A pleasing feature of the Council's work during the past few years has been closer integration, especially among Colleges throughout the Principality. Such integration is felt essential especially as the demand for trained social workers grows and as more students submit themselves for training. The Committee, through its Chairman, Mr. A. V. Lochhead, and the Council's staff, maintains very close liaison with the Welsh Guild of Social Workers and there is a constant interchange of ideas on Conferences and Social work between members of these two bodies. An indication of this co-operation is the election of the Assistant Director of the Council, Mr. I. O. Jones, to the Secretaryship of the Guild.

During the year the Council has joined with the Welsh National School of Medicine in providing field work for students engaged in studying for the Health Visitors Diploma. Several Students from Colleges have also been placed with Field Officers during vacation periods in order to enable them to obtain practical experience of field work in Social Service.

Executive Committee During the year the Committee lost the services of Mr. Tom Jones, Secretary of the Coal Industries Welfare Organisation who retired from that post after a long period of valuable service. Mr. Jones was a prominent member of our Executive Committee and had maintained the interest of the miners in our work in a very practical way. He had also been a member of our Finance and General Purposes Committee and for a time had been Chairman of our Community Service Committee. We wish him well in his retirement.

During the year Mr. H. B. Meredith, J.P., who was a member of the Committee and also of the Finance and General Purposes Committee, resigned due to his many commitments. We record with gratitude Mr. Meredith's valuable help and are pleased to note that he is to continue as Honorary Treasurer of the Standing Conference of Voluntary Youth Organisations.

During the year one of our Executive Members, Mr. D. R. Edwards, M.B.E., J.P., resigned owing to pressure of work. This intimation was shortly followed by the tragic news of Mr. Edwards' sudden death. No-one had worked more conscientiously for charitable causes in Wales than this genial friend and a host of deserving organisations will miss his practical support, especially that of "TENOVUS", the charitable organisation for which he acted as Chairman for so many years. Our sincere sympathy has been extended to Mrs. Edwards and to his family.

During 1964/65 two new members were welcomed. Mrs. Janet T. Morgan, who represents the Council on the Rural Industries Advisory Committee, and Mrs. M. Garbett-Edwards of Montgomeryshire. Both will bring a vast knowledge of public affairs to the discussions of the Executive Committee and we are delighted at their election.

Hon. Treasurer At the Annual General Meeting, Dr. W. H. Smith, C.B.E., who had acted as our Hon. Treasurer for several years, tendered his resignation. His genial disposition and practical interest had endeared Dr. Smith to this Council and we wish to place on record our deep debt to him for the many years in which he served this Council. Mr. Leslie Sketch, who has been of great assistance in advising the Council's financial affairs, especially in the Pension Scheme, was unanimously appointed to fill the vacancy. Mr. Sketch will undoubtedly bring to this office those qualities which have enabled him to attain such a prominent place in the business life of the City of Cardiff.

Staff During the year covered by this report we lost from the Clerical Department Mrs. W. Preston, M.B.E., who has now retired from our employ. It is hard to conceive of the personnel of our staff without Mrs. Preston's presence, as she had been a member since 1934 when the South Wales Council of Social Service was formed. For over 30 years she had won the esteem and admiration of all her colleagues and a long succession of Directors were indebted to her for her valuable work as Private Secretary. We wish her good health and a long retirement, and are happy in the knowledge that she has received from Her Majesty, The Queen, the award of the M.B.E. for her outstanding services.

Her successor as Head of the Clerical Department and Private Secretary to the Director is Miss Mair Grey, who already has enthusiastically undertaken the responsibility of learning the many administrative facets of our very complex organisation. It is already evident that Miss Grey, who has had a wide experience of both Government and Public Administration, will prove a valued addition to our staff.

During the year two members of our Clerical staff, *viz.* Mrs. Quentin Lewis and Miss Sheila Thomas, resigned and were replaced by Mrs. R. Hale and Mrs. J. Mizen. In welcoming these new members we thank the two ladies who have resigned for their loyal services.

After long negotiations with the Development Commissioners and various Government Departments we are pleased to announce the creation of a new office in the Council, that of Rural Officer, for the whole of Wales & Monmouthshire. This appointment became effective as from 1st July, 1965, and Mr. E. A. R. Davies, M.A., has been chosen to fill the post. The Director will continue to have overall responsibility for the work of the Rural Department but the Rural Officer will relieve him of many frequent journeys to all parts of Wales involving Rural matters. The creation of this new post will, undoubtedly, prove of tremendous value to the Council in establishing even closer relationship between R.C.'s and this Council. We wish Mr. Davies well in his new sphere.

During the year Mr. Edgar Spooner, who was Old People's Welfare Officer of the Council, returned to Mid-Wales as Secretary of the Montgomeryshire R.C.C. His helpful contribution to the Welfare Department is appreciated and it is good to know that he will still be associated with our work in his new position. His successor is Mr. D. Haydn Thomas who will, undoubtedly, continue the work of building up the structure of the Committee for the Care of the Elderly in Wales.

Recent years have brought many new appointments to the Staff whose number now is greater than at any period during the post war years. Despite these conditions, the volume of work still grows and the Executive Committee, through its Chairman, has frequently reiterated its appreciation of the work undertaken and the loyalty exhibited by all members of our staff.

Appreciation

The Council wishes to record its gratitude to Ministries, The Development Commission, Local Authorities, and Trustees, who continue to make finances available for our work. A special word of appreciation is due to the Women's Social Service Clubs for their contribution of £1,750. This generous support has been made possible by the splendid advocacy of the Chairman, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P., the Chief Woman Officer, Miss Ceri Williams, and members of the Women's Department Staff. The Staff wish to record also its appreciation of the support given to it by the Chairman, Colonel W. R. Crawshay, the Hon. Treasurer, Mr. Leslie Sketch, and members of the Executive Committee and the Departmental Committees. The work of a Council such as ours depends on the goodwill and the co-operation of a host of friends in official and private circles, and we are grateful to them all.

Finance

It will be observed from the financial statement provided in this report that the Council ended the year with a balance of £671. This has been made possible by the careful surveillance of every item of our expenditure and because of the increased grants we have received. One aspect of our financial position which gives rise to some concern is the diminution of the amount given by firms and individuals for deserving causes at this time, but the Council feels that because of its unique roll in the public life of Wales many new subscribers will be found to ensure the continuation of its work. The overall budget of the Council has doubled in the last five years, but this has resulted from increased grant-aid and not by donations from firms and individuals. It is felt essential to make a re-appraisal of voluntary giving and the Finance and General Purposes Committee are going carefully into this matter.

Extracts from an Address given by
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on
"THE ROLE OF VOLUNTARY ORGANISATIONS IN RURAL
DEVELOPMENT AND REDEVELOPMENT"

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With the various interests I have had since the War, I come quite often to Wales. I have very many Welsh friends and it is a great joy to come here. I would like to thank the Chairman of the Glamorgan County Council for the very kind way in which she received me and for her delightful hospitality.

You must forgive me if I do not immediately deal with the beginning of my title, but I will start with the second part of my subject "Rural Development and Redevelopment".

We all know that the whole of the first part of this Century has seen a transformation not only in our own country, but in other advanced societies. The roots which led to the industrial revolution have grown and multiplied by technological revolution and every country has had to deal with the very serious problem of depopulation.

Rural depopulation is a phenomenon of all industrially advanced countries. Various measures have been taken to combat this problem with varying success. One of the earliest measures taken in this country was in 1909 when the Development Commission was set up under Mr. Lloyd George and, at that time, this showed remarkable foresight. Being Welshmen, the question of rural depopulation is already exercising your thoughts. There was a very broad and liberal framework and very wide terms of reference which I think enabled the eight Commissioners appointed by the Sovereign, on the advice of the Prime Minister, to agree to care for rural affairs and rural people. We are given a flexible framework in which to work, but as the problem has grown we have become increasingly aware of the limits of the Act. If there is not too much of a solicitor's view about the Act, marvels can be achieved, but we still feel limited, frustrated by the lack of dynamic policy on this question of rural development, so much so that we ourselves have made a submission on this. We felt we were not really able, in the face of problems facing us, to perform the functions which were our duty unless we had a more clear direction from the Government as to what they wanted done.

The time is now ripe to plan for re-assessment. We now have a much wider knowledge of this problem, and we know rural depopulation is a slow wasting disease and by the time it really shows it is either incurable or difficult to cure. It is certainly too late for remedial measures. This is one of the great difficulties experienced by those anxious to stop the rot.

Whilst social and human arguments are strong against allowing communities to disintegrate, it is generally held that, taking into account the cost of providing alternative employment in the countryside plus greater contribution to National productivity likely to be made by migrants to centres of population, there is an economic argument against the redevelopment of rural areas.

Now, the Commissioners have found themselves in increasing disagreement with this diagnosis. First, we have always opposed the completely false analysis that separates economic and social factors. The two are intimately

related, and, as you know with such organisations as yourselves, the Commissioners have never accepted this argument. Our policy of supporting organisations offering social amenities in the countryside makes this quite clear.

Second, on the question of economic grounds, we think there is room for disagreement here with current views. We feel insufficient weight has been given to factors such as cheaper land, that factory building need cost no more, that management of small units is easier, that conditions of life are healthier. Look at commuters—with the rush hour in the big cities, there is wear and tear on health. It could be argued, moreover, that if the prospect is more attractive on economic grounds, more industry would move. But firms do not necessarily move even when it is to their advantage to do so. What are the reasons for this? Probably they are: lack of information, problems of finance or element of risk. Efficient distribution of resources between different locations is one that the economic system, if left to itself, does not perform well, and that is why the Government has accepted the fact that there must be development districts with special inducements made to special industries to move.

There is no fundamental difference between areas of depopulation and areas of big unemployment. If you come to think of it, their troubles originate from the same cause—decline in traditional industries, especially in the case of the country's reduced labour demands in industries, such as agricultural industries, whose production goes up enormously. The demand for labour goes down and the alternative is forestry, which can and does make a contribution, but because of the low manpower demands, it only makes a small contribution. In the absence of counter measures you get exactly the same result. People are going to move, and as movement is going to be easier, the youngest, ablest and most energetic go first, and all will go in the same direction—to the great conurbations.

This really brings me to the third reason for re-assessment. The time has come to stop looking, as in the past, at the rural depopulation problem in isolation. It has to be related to the national programme and that is to the wider and pressing issue of population distribution in a small country with rapidly rising population. This is giving rise to many difficulties. This problem of population distribution is pressed sufficiently already on the Government for there to be general agreement on certain lines of policy. It is expected that something must be done to stop growth in the large centres, hence the green belts, a system of licences and consents to discourage industrial development in congested areas.

Then there is the other policy of channelling increasing population into new towns of some reasonable size. All this is too one sided and our contention is that this is too much of an urban approach. The great weakness of Government policy is that not sufficient attention has been paid to the contribution that rural development and redevelopment could make to the population distribution problem. In other words the Commissioners believe that rural development must be seen as a national interest and not one affecting rural communities only.

There are two things the Commissioners would like to do under the Act: first, expansion of their present policies of re-inforcing local initiative as far as they can, and strengthening the rural economy. This could be a holding operation and would staunch the emigrant flow. Secondly, we want to try, in two or three selected areas, an intensive experiment.

Examples of this can be found in other countries, particularly in North Norway, where big rural development schemes have taken place. Interesting information has been acquired and there it has been found that development

on this pattern has led to new life, seeking, almost automatically, to come to such expanding areas. In due course the economy 'takes off' under its own impetus. As Commissioners, we have been influenced in the pattern of the Mid-Wales Development Association. We are attracted by its tripartite nature of operating. The responsibility should be shared by Central Government, Local Authorities (after all Local Authorities are needed for provision of all major public services), and private enterprise should also participate. We are asking that special initiative of Government in these areas should include the provision, through the Development Commission, of more advanced factories. We have done our best for this end in Wales. We want to offer more incentives in the development districts. We are terribly concerned with contemporary thought and action, which treat unemployment and depopulation as separate things. For example, some of those in unemployment areas become migrants, and this movement (encouraged by action on behalf of the development districts) is at expense of depopulation areas. The Commissioners have experience of schemes deflecting from areas of depopulation to development districts, which result in less favourable prospects for areas as a whole and serve only to intensify the rural problems of the region.

As well as providing factories we would like to see more top-financing by Central Government, which incidentally is the key part in the Norwegian programme, *i.e.*, provision of additional credits and guarantees to supplement usual bank and Government credits. There is no doubt that one of the difficulties of getting small firms from built up areas to rural areas is credit facility. We want to draw heavily on the Norwegian experience. We want above all to make rural development and redevelopment to be seen as a problem of national population distribution. Further economic advance is best served by re-activating areas of low production.

Let us turn to the development of some of our existing policies. First, those which are more directly related to the expansion of the rural economy. Here again, we are up against expansion of credit facilities as Rural Community Councils who deal with Rural Industries work know only too well. There is a very small working capital scheme which has just been allowed this year for the very first time. This is only a token and intended solely for young apprentices. Then there is this problem which is known as the MacMillan Gap. Small units cannot get resources below £5,000. There is no Corporation to which they can go. If the demands were larger they could go to the Industrial Corporation. We believe that a small unit can make a contribution (in a smaller way) to that of a large industrial unit and build up varied employment for young people. In building up many of these smaller units rural industries can show their modern methods of technique. More rural industries are now changing materials and using more modern ideas. This involves getting away from purely traditional materials, *e.g.*, I am thinking of the use of glass fibre. An encouraging experiment has been conducted in the Highlands of Scotland where through the Highland Fund—voluntary funds subscribed by individual firms, things are improving in that area. We have made the people administering this fund agents for some of our Government money and they use their own voluntary funds for operating the terms of repayment. In one of the Islands I was delighted to find men in a little modern factory (which is a sub-station of a factory in Glasgow) turning out not traditional, but up to date modern garments. The Highland Fund is the sort of project we have to encourage and I think we have proved our point with the Treasury by assisting this Fund.

Again, the service of advice and instruction which the Bureaux makes available is changing. It might be that with Local Authorities giving more and more instruction this function will not be needed.

The next thing is technical instruction. What is needed most is advice on instruction and business management, market and export intelligence and work study. Mention must also be made of the Central Accounting System which works well in Scotland but is not functioning very much in this part of the world. Help must be given in budgeting, because the dangerous time for small businesses is when they get off the ground and the tendency is for more qualified men to move out of the country districts. We find that by providing Central Accounting Service it reverses the trend of losses into small profits.

I am not at all convinced that the countryside is really grappling with the problem as to what happens to the primary products, such as fish or farm products. Too much of the processing is done away from the country districts and thus the profits go to the town. With the use of the quick freeze process far more products-processing could be done in the country districts. This is a matter which we should look into very carefully.

When considering the redevelopment of Rural economy we may well ask how does all this tie up with the role of voluntary organisations? It has always been part of the conception of the Commissioners that expansion of economic policy must go hand in hand with the developing of social and cultural communities.

The Commissioners, therefore, will expect to increase their help to voluntary bodies playing their part in the growth of social services and the enrichment of communities in accordance with contemporary and rising standards.

This brings me to the work of your Council and the Rural Community Council movement. I want to say how impressed I am by the studies you have put in hand. They are very valuable and it may well be that we shall be able to increase our help to you. We know perfectly well that we shall always be limited by the number of people in the field. You are always going to have your problem of priority—where is the greatest need and where things should be done. It seems to me that you are beginning to get the picture of changing needs of what is happening and it appears that you are going to adapt your work to the changing picture.

If we, as Commissioners, get our way, the picture in Rural Districts is going to change even further. If we are going to get a mobile and dynamic rural society such as our economic policies are envisaging, life will be vastly different and will call for new methods of social organisation and community development. The first essential is to understand some of the processes at work. At the commencement this will be a holding operation involving day to day study. We are trying to encourage schemes of work for old and young. Obviously if we were to get more active and dynamic schemes there are certain areas which have gone too far for reformation and this would mean real human problems which could only be mitigated by active social help. You must be especially concerned about the aged in our population and also the handicapped. As Commissioners we welcome how much you are doing for young people, although we realise there is nothing you can do to prevent young people from leaving the countryside unless you can provide them with some kind of employment. You must not miss the chance of their taking part in activities and in providing them with increased mobility, if this is possible. The more you can do to help the life of young people the more you will be contributing to the whole pattern.

The real long term problem is the problem of change, of new needs, new roles and newcomers. The task is to facilitate new activities, new relationships and new attitudes. The rapidity of change makes great demands of adjustment on many individuals.

Voluntary Societies have an important role to play in creating new securities and greater social support in transforming society. The support of old traditions no longer has relevance to the situation in which young people, young couples and work-people find themselves. We shall have to look more and more around the country for people willing to come and train these young people, to understand what their problems are and to help make new social adjustments, new relationships and better social skills. What is needed everywhere is a kind of society marriage, otherwise we shall buy greater material prosperity at too high a price of inner stress and social isolation.

DEPARTMENTAL REPORTS

RURAL

One of the most important tasks laid upon the Council is the co-ordination of the work of Rural Community Councils in Wales and Monmouthshire. This task has been placed upon the Council by the Development Commissioners who depend upon our advice in dealing with the policy and administrative matters connected with these bodies. There are 11 Rural Community Councils and Community Councils in Wales and Monmouthshire each of which is an independent organisation but who depend very largely for their financial assistance upon grants from the Development Fund. The Departments of Rural Community Councils correspond broadly to those of this Council and there is a constant interchange of ideas between our National body and the Counties.

During the year the Director and the Assistant Director have paid several visits to these Councils and there has been effective and happy collaboration with our colleagues. This field work enables the Council to send regular reports to the Commissioners not only on the detailed activities of Rural Community Councils but also to advise the Government upon broader aspects of rural development. The Council is represented by the Director and is assisted on the Rural Committee of the National Councils of Social Service whilst the Director also sits upon the Policy Committee of the Rural Industries Bureau. The Chairman of this Council is also Vice-Chairman of the Rural Industries Loan Fund which has been established to assist Rural Craftsmen. The news that this fund is going to receive more money for distribution has been warmly welcomed by this Council.

Rural Policy

At the last Annual General Meeting the Chairman of the Development Commissioners, the Countess of Albemarle, spoke to our Annual General Meeting and some of the points she made in that memorable speech regarding rural development are included in this report.

There has been very careful thinking by the Government and the Commissioners and the Rural Committee on the work and finances of the Rural Community Councils during the past 12 months. The Council has been privileged to take a very active part in these deliberations and has submitted a memorandum to the Commissioners on this subject which has been warmly appreciated. This memorandum has made it abundantly clear that if life in our countryside is to have any significance, then it must be maintained and nourished not only with a successful economy but also by social and cultural amenities. If the battle of Rural Britain is being fought anywhere then it is being waged in the remote country areas of Wales where depopulation has not only brought about financial impoverishment but also a scattering of useful enterprise and life.

There has been a distinct absence of a National Rural Policy and the strongest representations have been made to the Government for a lead in planning rural life especially by the introduction of industries which will prevent communities from being lost for ever. Despite many reports and plans produced through the decades, the population of Mid Wales continues to grow less, and it is the fervent hope of this Council that fresh life and vigour will be stimulated by schemes which will have urgent priority.

The Council notes, with interest, the investigation of the Welsh Holiday and Tourist Association's activities in Rural Wales and it is hopeful that the present survey undertaken by that body will result in attracting even greater numbers of visitors thus aiding rural economy. Rural Community Councils in Wales have played a not inconspicuous part in the promotion of interest in Tourism, which can be regarded as a legitimate activity of these Councils in so far as it attracts the introduction of more wealth in rural neighbourhoods.

Rural Industries

Rural Community Councils have as an integral part of their activities the promotion of rural industries. Throughout Wales seven organisers are employed by these Councils in giving advice and technical assistance to craftsmen and owners of light industry. This service is supplemented, when requested by visits from advisory officers from the Rural Industries Bureaux in Wimbledon. Hundreds of craftsmen and small firms are indebted to Rural Industries Organisers and the Staff of the Rural Industries Bureaux for advice upon technical matters, accountancy, buildings, and a host of other aspects of their work. The Welsh Office of the Rural Industries Bureaux is situated at Machynlleth and this Council has collaborated closely with this office over a period of many years.

During the past year the Wales Area Officer of the Rural Industries Bureaux, Mr. Trefor Wood, M.B.E., retired after filling the post for a considerable number of years. Mr. Wood goes into retirement with the good wishes of his many friends throughout the country and this Council feels confident that it will maintain the same happy relationships with his successor, Mr. A. W. Williams.

National Exhibitions

For the past three years our Council has collaborated with Rural Community Councils in Wales and Monmouthshire in staging two annual National Exhibitions. One of these Exhibitions during the past year was held at the Royal Welsh Show at its permanent site at Llanclwedd, and the other at Tenby. The purpose of these National Exhibitions, for which we provide the secretariat, is to bring into one place the highest and best examples of craftsmanship. Exhibits not only illustrate traditional crafts but symbolise the growth of newer firms specialising in intricate light precision engineering. In addition to enhancing the prestige of craftsmen by being invited to exhibit at these shows, many firms find that their trade is increased by either orders placed during or subsequent to the staging of Exhibitions.

It is becoming increasingly difficult however to persuade some of the more successful craftsmen to exhibit. The order books of some of these firms are full but on the other hand there is ample testimony from many exhibitors of the practical advantage to be gained through participation.

Though it may be premature to judge the full result of this new experiment of staging national exhibitions over a trial period of three years, first impressions indicate that the standards reached at these shows compare favourably with those achieved in similar Regional and County efforts. During the coming year the National Exhibitions Policy Committee is going to present evidence to the Commissioners upon the future of exhibitions

in Wales in the light of the experience gained during the initial years of its existence.

During the last three years great interest has been shown by thousands of people who visit the Royal Welsh Show in Rural Industries Exhibits. Thousands of people have passed through the stands and the whole enterprise has been a splendid example of what can be achieved by close collaboration between the Counties in co-operation with this Council.

The Exhibition at Tenby was also an outstanding success and attendance figures recorded more than 500 visitors during each of the 10 days in which the Show was open.

A report upon these Exhibitions has been prepared and is available for all who wish to obtain further information about them. It is impossible within the limited compass of this annual report to give further details concerning them, but it must be noted that the staging of such events involves a tremendous amount of preparatory work and organisation in arranging the physical plant, publicity, stewarding, and the collecting and judging of exhibits from all parts of the country.

Village Halls

The Council collaborates with the Village Halls Committee of the National Council of Social Service and the Ministry of Education in advising upon the erection, maintenance and grant aiding village halls. The Rural Department is currently undertaking a survey of the use made of village halls in Wales and is investigating on behalf of the Village Halls Committee the reason why there seems to be few applications in certain parts of Rural Wales for loans to assist this traditional activity in Rural Communities. Previously in this report mention has been made of the economic survey made by the Government in regard to focal points of development and the use of erection of these halls will be closely scrutinized by the Department as it seeks to advise the Commissioners on Rural Communities.

Conferences

Rural Community Council Secretaries and Rural Industries Organisers in Wales participated in the Annual Spring Conference at Tintern. The principal speakers at this Conference were Mr. D. P. Garbett-Edwards, F.C.I.S., Secretary of the Mid-Wales Industrial Development Association, on "The Problems of Mid Wales and the Prospects for the Areas Future Development",—Mr. Harry Stubbs, M.B.E., Organiser of the Worcestershire Rural Community Council on "Thoughts from beyond the Fringe" and Miss Esme Lewis of the Cardiff College of Music and Drama gave a recital of Welsh Folk Music. Receptions were given by the Chairman of the Monmouthshire County Council, County Alderman Mrs. L. P. Jones, J.P., and Col. and Mrs. W. R. Crawshay. The Conference ended with an Open Forum led by Mr. B. E. Lincoln (Secretary, Development Commission), Maj.-Gen. S. H. M. Battye, C.B., M.A., (Director of the Rural Industries Bureaux), H. S. E. Snelson, Esq., O.B.E., M.A. (Chief Rural Officer, National Council of Social Service), and C. W. Allison, Esq., B.Sc. (Econs.), F.A.C.C.A. (Chief Accountant of the National Council of Social Service). During the Conference separate sessions were held for Rural Community Council Secretaries and Rural Industries Organisers.

The usual Autumn Conference of Secretaries was held for two days prior to the Annual General Meeting of the Council in October. This Conference gives an opportunity to discuss matters of common interest between the Councils, with the Heads of Departments of this Council in attendance.

FLINTSHIRE

There is, as yet, no Rural Community Council in Flintshire but the responsibility of fostering Rural Community Work in this County is laid upon this Council. Strenuous efforts have been made in recent years to persuade the County Council to agree to the formation of a Rural Community Council but the latest information is that the County Council is awaiting for the next pronouncement by the Government on County Boundaries before coming to a decision. There are in existence within the County two active organisations, *viz.*, the County Parish Councils Association and the County Playing Fields Association. The Secretary of both these bodies is Mr. Eifion Jones, J.P., who, for many years, has been rendering splendid service within the County. Mr. Jones, who receives clerical and financial support from us for this task, has sent the following account of the activities of the two Associations :—

Association of Parish Councils

The Parish Councils Association has been very active during the current year and has dealt with various matters referred to the Association by constituent Parish Councils. Matters were considered at the Annual General Meeting and action taken accordingly, and these covered the question of planning information to Parish Councils, street cleansing, legal liability on the question of footpaths and stiles, grants from the County Council for the provision of bus shelters.

On the question of planning information to Parish Councils, the Association is very proud of its achievement in the County in persuading two of the major Rural District Councils to provide each Parish Council in their Rural District with a copy of all planning applications submitted to them. The Association is endeavouring to persuade the two remaining Rural District Councils to follow suit.

Another feature during the year has been the introduction of the Best Kept Village Competition. Flintshire remained one of the few remaining Counties in Wales without such a competition and the Association are very proud of the fact that once again they have taken the initiative in this matter and have sponsored such a competition.

For a first venture it attracted what was considered to be a well worth while number of entrants, namely ten villages, and the competition was won by the Village of Overton in the Maelor area. As an Association we had been very fortunate in being presented with a wonderful plaque for this competition by Messrs. John Summers & Sons Limited of Hawarden Bridge Steelworks, and a presentation of the plaque was made to the Overton Parish Council at a special ceremony in the village hall, Overton, the plaque being presented on behalf of the Association by the Chairman of the County Executive Committee, Councillor Llewelyn Edwards, and representatives of Messrs. John Summers & Sons were present.

The County Executive Committee continues to be a very virile Committee and the Officers were again re-elected, namely, Chairman—Councillor Llewelyn Edwards, Vice-Chairman—Councillor Arthur Griffiths, Treasurer—Mr. R. S. Matthews, and Hon. County Secretary—Mr. Eifion Jones.

The President was also re-elected, namely, Mr. W. Hugh Jones, Clerk to the Flintshire County Council, and Mr. F. N. V. Meredith, Clerk to the Hawarden R.D.C., was elected one of the Vice-Presidents with Councillor Llewelyn Edwards.

County Playing Fields Association

During the year under review the County Playing Fields Association has dealt with a number of applications for grants and the County Secretary has visited Playing Field schemes in various parts of the country to examine the scheme and the proposals as presented by the Local Committee.

At present seven schemes are in hand which have received grants from the National Association and work is in progress on these schemes at Mynydd Isa, Leeswood, Penyffordd, Halkyn, Worthenbury, Treuddyn and East Saltney.

In addition, another seven schemes are in the embryo stage. The Council of the Association and the Executive Committee have met during the year and particular attention has been given to the preparation of recruitment literature when it is proposed at an early date to launch a recruitment drive for additional members to the County Playing Fields Association.

One very interesting activity which is worthy of note is a raft race which was held on the River Dee at Overton and the proceeds of this race were entirely donated to the County Playing Fields funds. The race was held on a stretch of the River Dee and consisted of home made rafts of planks and oil drums, and the contestants had to traverse a stretch of the Dee and negotiate a weir.

The race had initially been organised by members of Bangor-on-Dee Public Safety Committee and the member of this Committee, who is also a member of the County Playing Fields Association, suggested that if the Association cared to publicise the event and organised collectors, etc., the entire proceeds could be donated to the Association funds.

Police permission was obtained for the attendance of stewards with collection boxes and the permission of local farmers was obtained for the use of fields for parking, and the event was given wide publicity and attracted an unexpected crowd with the result that although the only receipts were parking fees and the contents of collection boxes, a total of £111 was collected.

In addition to the work of these two Associations our Citizens Advice Bureaux Advisory Officer has been very active in the County in advising the County Council upon the opening of Citizens Advice Bureaux. Other departmental heads also work within the Council and receive considerable assistance from Local Authority officials.

Glamorgan

The Rural affairs of this County are also the responsibility of this Council although there are in existence two independent bodies, *viz.*, The Parish Councils Association and the Playing Fields Association who are responsible for their own Secretariat. When it is realised that half the population of Wales is contained within the County boundaries of Glamorgan then it is obvious that this Council plays a very active part in Community affairs within the County. The Old People's Department serves 85 Old People's Committees within the County and reports from the Community, Citizens' Advice Bureaux, Women's Clubs, Drama, After Care of Prisoners, and other Welfare Services contained in this publication indicate our deep involvement in the affairs of the County. The Executive Committee of the Council wishes to express its deep appreciation to the Glamorgan County Council for its consistent help not only in its Rural work but also in providing the County Council Chamber and rooms at the County Hall for frequent meetings. We are also indebted for many official receptions given by the Chairman of the County Council during the course of the year.

Personal

The early part of the year the Merionethshire Rural Community Council appointed Mr. John Roberts as Secretary in succession to the late Mr. William Jones. Mr. Roberts has already had vast experience of administration as a Civil Servant and is now happily settled in his native County and his work promises to uphold the high traditions set by his predecessor. The year also saw the retirement of Major Gwilym Havard-Rees who had been Secretary of the Montgomeryshire Rural Community Council for 15 years.

Mr. Rees' lovable disposition and genial friendship won him a special place in the affection of this movement and the Council, and all his colleagues wish him God's speed and good health for the future. His place has been taken by Mr. Edgar Spooner who was one time Secretary of the Radnorshire Rural Community Council, and who has specialised knowledge of the needs of Mid-Wales.

It is with great regret that we learn Mr. J. O. Jones who has been Secretary of the Anglesey Rural Community Council for 26 years has resigned that position to take up a new post—that of Secretary of the North Wales Panel of the newly created Arts Trust. "J.O." as he is affectionately known has been outstandingly successful and the high reputation of his Rural Community Council is largely due to his enterprise and zeal and administrative gifts. It is a happy thought that he is not completely lost to Rural work in Wales as part of his new duties will involve liaison with Rural Community Councils in the promotion of the arts in North Wales. His successor in Anglesey will be Mr. John D. Williams who has been Senior Field Officer of the Welsh Association of Welsh Clubs centred in North Wales, and who is a native of North Wales.

During the year Mrs. C. H. Griffiths, Secretary of the Caernarvonshire Rural Community Council has been ill over a long period and our good wishes go to her for a renewal of health and vigour.

The Council wishes to express its thanks for the co-operation and welcome shown to the Director and all the Members of the Staff by the Executive Committees and Staffs of Rural Community Councils throughout Wales. The spirit of co-operation has considerably facilitated the work of the Council in endeavouring to co-ordinate Rural affairs in the Principality.

WOMEN'S CLUBS

Expansion During the year 1964-65 great progress has been made in Women's Clubs. Ten new clubs have been formed, consisting mainly of young wives and mothers living on new housing estates. Not only has the membership of these new Clubs increased since their inception, but the membership of some of the older Clubs has increased, especially in the younger age groups. This marked progress ensures the continuance of the Clubs in these neighbourhoods as there will be members to carry on when the older members fail to do so.

Conferences The Executive Committee of the Women's groups has met six times to discuss Club affairs and resolutions, and to make arrangements for the Welsh National Conference which was held at Barry in April, 1964, and again at Barry in April, 1965. Meetings of the National Conference were held at Bristol in July, 1960, and at Sheffield in the July, 1965.

A hundred and fifty delegates attended the Barry Conference in April, 1964, together with the Chairman, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P., the Director, Assistant Director and three organisers.

The election of the new Executive Committee was confirmed, as was the unanimous re-election of the Chairman, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P. Thirty Group and Area Meetings were held during the year to receive reports of Conferences, nominate and vote on members for the Executive Committee, and to present and discuss Resolutions.

Some of the Resolutions discussed this year were on :—

- (1) pronunciation of words by radio announcers and news readers ;
- (2) consumer problems, (3) youth and transport, (4) youth and discipline,
- (5) cancer clinics, (6) student nurses and their problems, (7) diabetics,
- (8) cruelty to children, (9) widows' and old age pensions (special category),
- (10) School P.T.

A very special conference was held at Bristol University in July, 1964, when 22 delegates, seven visitors, 3 Organisers, and the Chairman of the Welsh Association, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P., Skewen, attended. We were very proud as an Association that Mrs. Jenkins was again unanimously elected to the National Chairmanship for the 7th year in succession.

Club Activities The year commenced with a very successful Residential Conference at Glan-y-Mor, Barry, in April, 1964. Colonel Crawshaw, Chairman of the Council and Executive Committee, who was the Guest Speaker, gave an interesting talk on the "Price of Progress" which was the theme of the Conference.

Eighteen interesting Resolutions in all were discussed during the Conference.

Schools Thirty-five schools were held during 1964-1965 in Dressmaking, Icing, Toymaking, Pastries and their uses, and yeast cookery—including bread-making.

Special Work It is impossible to enumerate the services rendered by club members for the communities in which they live and, indeed, in many cases, for residents of other areas and countries. Wherever an appeal is made for deserving causes, response from club members is amazing and enthusiastic.

Publicity It has become obvious during the year that more and more clubs are getting conscious of the need for publicising their work with a view to creating a clearer image of their activities.

In this regard there have been several individual club exhibitions and social evenings which have proved not only valuable media for recruiting new members but also have presented a picture of some of the social problems of the neighbourhood and the need for resolving these by concerted action.

Club Events Individual club premises have been used by members for exhibitions, e.g., at Pontypridd, where an Exhibition and Mannequin Parade was organised to which all of the clubs of this area were invited. This successful event was the first of its kind run by the newly created Pontypridd and West Wales group under one Organiser, and served admirably to bring representatives together.

The Clubs of the Mid-Glamorgan area combined together for the highly successful Christmas Party which was attended by a large number of people and again this proved the value of closer liaison with individual clubs and their members.

Appeals Every year the Department organised amongst the clubs an appeal which helps the Council meet its financial quota in paying for the cost of the Department. The target set at the beginning of the year was £1,750 and it is highly gratifying to record that the final total was £1,722. Of this amount

£1,241 was raised by direct donations from the Clubs and handed to the Director at the Appeal Suppers. In addition to the donations there was a prize drawing which brought in over £500 and the craft instructors gave £20 as their personal contribution from the sale of their own crafts. The total amount raised by the Mid-Glamorgan area, including donations and efforts, amounted to £715. The combined Pontypridd and West Wales area realised £528, and as this did not entail any special events, this result is regarded as highly satisfactory.

Tours Tours of club members were arranged as in previous years. One party flew to Jersey and another to Cornwall. Plans are already well in hand for three tours during the coming year to Germany, Scarborough and North Wales.

Mrs. Kane, the Organiser for the Mid-Glamorgan area, and members of the Women's Staff, are arranging to take over six hundred Club Members to the Chelsea Flower Show in mid 1965. This visit will be followed by an evening's entertainment at a theatre and involves a gigantic feat of organisation.

Pencoed Exhibition On the 4th July the staff arranged an Exhibition of Craft Work at Ty-groes Farm Institute, Pencoed, on the occasion of the Annual Open Day. Practical demonstrations included the making of Smock Velvet Cushions, the use of ceramics and weaving. In addition to the demonstrations given by our instructresses there were also practical demonstrations of cookery given by our Home Craft Staff. A large number of clubs took part in competitions and were successful in winning prizes, and one member won the Bronze Medal for the most awards gained by one individual on the day.

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 Councils and Co-operative Guilds.

Thanks Our most sincere and grateful thanks must be given to all club members who have so happily and generously answered all calls made upon them ; to the Director, Assistant Director, and members of the staff of the Council for their ready help and guidance throughout the year ; to the Chairman of the Welsh Association, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P., who has supported and guided the movement, and the Organisers and Staff of the Women's Department and last, but not least, the County Education Committee of Glamorgan and Carmarthen, without whose generous grants we would be unable to carry out the work effectively.

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY IN WALES

The Welfare of the Elderly is one of the most pressing needs of the community and with the continued increase in the proportion of elderly people in the country's population this need will become increasingly significant.

The awakening of general interest in the problems of the elderly amongst all age groups in society is noteworthy, and the enthusiastic attention that our young people give to these problems is welcomed. It is, however,

important that the services of our young people should be properly aligned and, as far as possible, their efforts should be incorporated into one comprehensive plan in consultation with local authorities and all the voluntary agencies who work in this field of social service.

The Department of the Council engaged in propagating welfare work for the elderly has maintained steady progress, and the increase in the calls made for the services of the Department in providing advice and guidance to old people's welfare committees, old people's clubs and individual elderly people has been the main feature of the Department's work during the year.

Clubs Perhaps the most flourishing social activity amongst the elderly is to be seen in the clubs that are to be found throughout the Principality and their popularity is evident from the variety of activities that take place in them.

The King George VI Development Scheme did much in Wales to assist local communities to provide premises specifically for the use of the elderly, and have brought much pleasure to their users.

Several clubs have benefited during the year by receiving financial assistance for items of equipment and furniture from the Unilever Fund and towards small extensions to club premises from the King George Memorial Fund.

Day Centres The Department was happy to be associated with the establishing of two more Day Centres for the Elderly, one at Morriston, Swansea, opened on the 21st April, 1964, and the second at Pontardawe, opened on the 2nd June, 1964.

Training Courses The Boroughs of Newport and Llanely arranged Training Courses for voluntary workers consisting in both cases of three sessions over a period of three weeks. The Department assisted in these Courses and attendances were very encouraging.

A successful One-Day Course was held at Pontllanfraith organised by the Monmouthshire Old People's Welfare Committee in association with this Department of the Council.

Voluntary workers who have attended such Courses have found them most beneficial, and it is hoped that more and more local old people's welfare committees will ultimately realise the value of such an attempt to provide guidance and information to those who are prepared to give of their time to the service of the community.

Pre-Retirement Courses A week-end course on "Pre-Retirement" organised by the Barry Rotary Club was held at Coleg-y-Fro, Rhoose. This experiment created considerable interest in the subject and resulted in a request for the Department to sponsor the formation of a "Pre-Retirement" Association in Wales. It is likely, however, that an independent organisation known as a "Pre-Retirement" Association" will be established in Wales in due course.

Old People's Week The Department arranged the Twelfth Old People's Week which was celebrated from the 27th September to the 3rd October.

A feature of "the week" was the presentation of an Award to the Old People's Welfare Committee which, in the opinion of three assessors, had succeeded in providing some significant service to the elderly during the period October, 1963, to July, 1964.

Out of the six entries, Cefn-Coed-Cymmer (Breconshire) Old People's Welfare Committee received the Award, and a suitably framed ceramic plaque was presented to representatives of the Committee by the High Sheriff of Glamorgan, Mr. Christopher Cory, at the Press Conference held to inaugurate "the Week" on the 28th September.

Award The Award was given for the Committee's efforts in establishing premises for an Old People's Club and members of the Club featured on the National Poster prepared by the Welsh Office of the Central Office of Information and provided by the Welsh Board of Health.

Considerable interest was taken in "the Week" and it is significant that in one or two areas the length of the period of celebrations extended to two or even three weeks.

The Department's Officer has represented Wales during the year on the National Old People's Welfare Council and its Welfare and Clubs Committee, and has been privileged to advise and assist individual elderly people with their personal problems.

Appreciation The Department is indebted to many organisations and individuals for their most willing co-operation, and, in particular, for the help given by the Welsh Board of Health, the National Corporation for the Care of Old People, The Welsh Office of the Central Office of Information.

OLD PEOPLE'S VISITING SCHEME FOR THE CITY OF CARDIFF

First Phase The Splott Visiting Committee, under the Chairmanship of Alderman A. Huish and the local secretary, Miss S. Davies, continues to meet bi-monthly at the Swansea Street Day Centre, Splott.

Visiting has been maintained by this group of voluntary visitors. By befriending one or more pensioners they have been able to suggest to them services which have proved to be really useful, ranging from meals-on-wheels, chiropody, home-help, etc. Cases have been referred at the meetings to welfare officers, health visitors and assistance board officers regarding housing problems and pension queries which need professional advice. Many decorating and gardening requests have been forwarded to groups of young people, who have worked admirably to help the older folk.

Apart from reporting on visits, these meetings are beneficial to the visitors as a source of training. They also gain useful information from guest speakers, who, as specialists in their own field, have discussed Welfare Services for the Elderly, Nutrition, Voluntary Visiting and Services for the Handicapped. Guest Speakers from W.V.S., Health Visitors' Department and National Assistance Board have talked of their specialised work for the Elderly.

Second Phase One hundred and fifty volunteers commenced a street survey on 6th April, 1964, of the wards of Canton and Riverside. These volunteers, as in Phase One, were members of local churches, voluntary organisations and pensioners' clubs. The more important figures received from the survey were tabulated as follows :-

Number of houses in area	760
Number of volunteers conducting Survey	150
Number of old age pensioners interviewed	2003

Of those interviewed, number living alone	200
Of those interviewed, number who requested visiting	265
Of those interviewed, number living alone who requested visiting	58
Of those interviewed, number who registered for visiting after further investigation	222
Of those interviewed, number of cases not requesting a visit referred to the Welfare Department . .	20
Of those interviewed, number of cases not requesting a visit referred to the Public Health Department . .	18

Visiting Committee Forty-three voluntary visitors have been recruited to visit pensioners in the Canton and Riverside area. These visitors met monthly until visiting was established, now they meet bi-monthly at the Wyndham Street Day Centre, Riverside. Reports are given to the local secretary, Mr. Ham, and, as in Splott, every opportunity is given to improve the service being offered under this scheme.

Street Wardens In order to establish contact between people of retirement age and to make available any service which may be required, street-wardens are being recruited in the areas covered by the surveys. Every street in Splott and Tremorfa has been covered. Gradually the Canton area is being organised, although this aspect of the scheme in this area has proved more difficult. Nevertheless, the usefulness of this service has already been proved.

Third Phase Plasnewydd and part of the Roath Wards have been selected for the third phase of the scheme. This area of approximately 7,000 houses should be interesting to survey as there were very varied types of property included in the one hundred and seven streets.

The inaugural meeting was held at the Bangor Street (Methodist Church) Day Centre, on 25th January, to outline the scheme to local councillors, clergy and ministers of the area, representatives of voluntary organisations and pensioners' clubs. Alderman A. Huish chaired the meeting and Mr. Cassam, Dr. Powell-Phillips, Medical Officer of Health and Mr. R. Howe, Director of Welfare, spoke of their special interest in the work.

Surveys Fourteen groups of young people distributed an explanatory leaflet during the last two weeks of February to 7,000 houses in the area.

On 1st March a house-to-house survey commenced with one hundred and ten volunteers taking part, recruited from local voluntary organisations, churches and pensioners' clubs.

As in previous surveys, the purposes are (a) to make as complete a register as possible of people of retirement age living in the area, (b) to forward requests for any particular service to the local authority department concerned, (c) to provide a voluntary visitor for those requesting this service and (d) to cover the area with a street-warden system.

Appreciation This scheme relies on close liaison with voluntary groups and officers of the Cardiff City Council Welfare and Public Health Departments. The Organiser/Secretary wishes to thank most sincerely the volunteers of all age groups who have assisted with this visiting service, together with Welfare Officers and Health Visitors who have so readily participated in the scheme.

COMMUNITY WORK

Aims The aim of the Department is to foster development of Community life and work in the Principality by assisting local groupings of people engaged in community or neighbourhood work to identify the needs of their own locality, to consider the most effective ways of answering these needs and to set about doing so in so far as the available resources allow.

Guidance For some years the department has endeavoured to help and guide community associations and village hall committees to enable them to formulate plans for the building of centres. We assist in advising on the best uses which could be made of existing accommodation, help plan programmes of activity in order to run and maintain centres and halls on a sound and effective basis.

Analysis Mention was made in the last Annual Report that the department had just completed a survey of community association/centre/hall provision in Wales and since then the information has been collated.

We are grateful to Dr. George Thomason of the Department of Industrial Relations, University College of South Wales and Monmouthshire in arranging this complicated analysis.

Investigation The Main objects of the survey were to discover how many groups were in existence, how well they were doing in terms of membership and what were their relationships with other bodies. We endeavoured to discover what facilities in buildings and staff were available, what financial burden was being carried, and what type of activities were taking place at the centres and halls.

There were certain limitations to the coverage of the survey but the information which was obtained emphasises the need for further investigations to be made into this field of organised provision in order to meet the demands and needs of our changing society. These investigations are now being considered and it is envisaged that further work of this nature will be carried out by the department during the coming months.

Annual Conference During the months immediately preceding this report a South Wales Federation of Community Groups was formed and the first Conference of the new Federation was arranged by the department in November, 1964.

Over eighty delegates representing Local Education Authorities, Urban and Rural District Councils, Community Associations, Welfare Halls, Village Halls and Community Colleges assembled at the Council chamber, City Hall, Cardiff. The Conference was privileged to have as a guest speaker, Mr. R. D. Salter Davies, Chief Inspector, Department of Education and Science, London, who spoke on "Community Work : Its Importance and Development". The excellent attendance and interest shown during the discussion period which followed the address, further strengthened this department's belief that meetings from time to time of this nature, both on a national and local level would benefit both voluntary and statutory agencies involved in community work and in the field of further education.

Lectures A series of lectures given by members of staff of this Council enabled the department to arrange meetings of the Cardiff Federation of Community Associations during the Autumn and Winter period. These meetings were held at the various community centres and schools in the city, thus giving an opportunity for members of associations to visit each other's centres. They

also served to give an introduction into some aspects of social work with special emphasis on the role of community associations in assisting both voluntary and professional workers in the field.

Liaison During the course of the year the Department has provided the secretariat for a newly formed Community Liaison Committee in Cardiff. The Committee is made up of representatives of voluntary organisations who regularly discuss and co-ordinate activities in certain spheres of their community work.

Voluntary Groups The department has been active in advising voluntary groups and liaising with statutory authorities throughout the year. This has involved the officer in assisting on questions of grant aid, constitutions and Trust Deeds, accommodation and building problems, programme planning, welfare services, educational and recreational activities.

Acknowledgement The Community Officer is grateful for the co-operation received from Local Education Authorities, Local Authorities, Department of Education and Science, Rural Community Councils, and all other agencies which have assisted in the department's work during the year.

YOUTH WORK.

Aims To provide the secretariat for the Standing Conference for Wales of Voluntary Youth Organisations ; to co-operate with and to assist the voluntary and statutory sectors of Youth Service ; to promote and foster new development in youth work.

Annual Conference The Annual Residential Conference was the chief event in the calendar of the Standing Conference for Wales of Voluntary Youth Organisations, and this was held in October, 1964. This three-day Conference was the tenth of its kind and ninety-four delegates representing the Voluntary Youth Organisations ; the Department of Education and Science ; Local Education Authorities ; the Welsh Joint Education Committee ; the Regional/County Standing Conferences and other interested bodies met at Barry. The theme of the Conference was "The Youth Service in Action", and addresses were given by three guest speakers — Mr. J. A. Simpson, Staff Inspector, Department of Education and Science ; Mr. A. L. Blake, M.C., I.I.B., member of Portsmouth City Council and the Youth Service Development Council for England and Wales, and Mr. Charles Thomson, Director of Activities, The Atlantic College, Glamorgan. A Conference Report has been widely circulated and this includes summaries of speeches and discussion group reports.

Memorial During the Annual Meeting the Chairman received a folding lectern which had been suitably inscribed to commemorate the devoted services of the late Hon. John Bruce, C.B.E., J.P., D.L., to the Standing Conference. The presentation was made by Mr. W. J. Pate, M.A., on behalf of the voluntary organisations who had contributed in commissioning the lectern.

The Regions The Regional and County Conferences have held meetings and Conferences at Bangor, Ruthin, Newcastle Emlyn, Cardiff and Brecon during the year. Activities have been varied and have resulted in bringing together not only the adult representatives of the voluntary organisations and local authorities but also the young people whose sound leadership both voluntary and statutory authorities aim to provide.

Over seventy youth representatives of twelve organisations took part in discussions at one Conference which had as its theme "Service through Youth Work". This was a most stimulating residential weekend, excellently addressed by two eminent speakers, Mr. George Thomas, M.P., and Mr. Wyndham Heycock, Further Education Officer for Glamorgan.

Outdoor Activities Outdoor activity is a feature of the work done in another local Conference, to bring together young people from different organisations so that they can be involved in activities such as canoeing, riding, map reading and naturalist weekend courses.

Pilot Scheme Further work involving members of local Conferences included a pilot scheme of community service by young people in an urban area, and one day and evening schools which included talks given by members of Voluntary and Statutory agencies involved in youth work.

Visits The Chairman of the Standing Conference, Mr. Christopher Cory, addressed the annual meeting of representatives of the North East Wales Standing Conference and it was encouraging to see such an excellent attendance. Similar visits are to be made during the coming months to other areas in the Principality.

The Chairman and Secretary represented Wales at a Conference of the National Standing Conferences of Voluntary Youth Organisations held in London. The biennial conference gave an opportunity for representatives to discuss trends in the development of the Youth Service in the various areas of the country. The field officer prepared a memorandum in consultation with other members of the S.C.W.V.Y.O. Executive Committee which dealt with aspects of Youth Service work in Wales.

Dulverton Trust The Secretary/Field Officer compiled a concise list of Voluntary Youth Organisations in or near the Welsh University towns, for the use of the Dulverton Trust. This was of assistance to the Trust in distributing a Report of an experimental Youth Scheme carried out in the Universities of Oxford, Reading and Southampton for the recruitment of volunteers for Youth Service.

Russian Visit Opportunities for young people from Wales to visit the U.S.S.R., Bulgaria and Czechoslovakia during 1965 were arranged by the Youth Department, and the Officer acted as Convenor (Wales) on behalf of the Educational Interchange Council, who sponsored the study tours. The visits were made known to the voluntary youth organisations in Wales, and Local Education Authorities were informed through the good offices of the Welsh Joint Education Committee. The fourteen young people who were eventually chosen, after interview in Cardiff, were given a briefing session at which two youth officers of the Cardiff Education Authority assisted the convenor.

French Guests A small group of French leaders were entertained in South Wales during the latter part of the year under review, and a five day study tour programme was arranged by the officer in his capacity as Secretary of the Standing Conference for Wales of Voluntary Youth Organisations. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff officially received the French guests on their arrival in the city and during their period in the Principality they were given the opportunity of visiting youth clubs, outdoor pursuit centres, schools and further education colleges. The Department is grateful to Colonel & Mrs. William Crawshaw, Mr. & Mrs. E. H. Prater, Mr. & Mrs. K. B. Thomas and Monsieur J. Ortolli

for their personal kindness in entertaining the visitors at their homes and also to members of the staff of the various centres for their co-operation during this period.

The youth officer has represented the Standing Conference for Wales of Voluntary Youth Organisations at a number of important meetings and Conferences held during the year, and included in these were the Welsh Committee of the Central Council of Physical Recreation, The Biennial Conference of the Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme, The Cardiff National Savings Social Service Committee and the W.J.E.C. Panel to consider Advance Courses for Part-Time Youth Leaders.

VOLUNTARY SERVICE BY YOUTH

"One of the most important and encouraging developments in society of recent years has been the emergence of a spontaneous desire by young people of all kinds to give service to the Community.

This desire has become manifest not only through the recognised channels of the voluntary organisations which have fostered it for many years but also among young people without such ties acting as individuals or in groups".

This is a quotation from a recent article in the "YOUTH SERVICE"—a monthly magazine prepared by the Department of Education and Science. The Youth Department has been associated with such developments in Cardiff and District during the year.

For some time the need had been felt for a co-ordinating body for practical voluntary work within the City and to foster the ideal of service to the community, particularly amongst young people, by providing the opportunities and the necessary guidance to carry out constructive work.

During the early part of the year under review meetings were held at this Council's headquarters, at which representatives of the Local Authority, schools, colleges, youth clubs, churches, professional social workers and many adult organisations were present to consider and discuss the possibilities of putting a Voluntary Community Service Scheme into operation. It was finally decided to appoint a working committee composed partly of representatives from voluntary and statutory bodies but predominantly of senior members from schools, youth groups and the colleges to proceed with the work of establishing the basic administration of the organisation.

This working committee has met on numerous occasions during the past months and during this time over 180 youth groups have been contacted to ascertain their interest, and up to May of this year over 50 youth clubs or groups have promised their support, with a little less than half of these actually registered and carrying out individual group or joint project work. Registration is free and commits a youth group to no specific voluntary work but it ensures that its leader receives information, from time to time and when possible to volunteer for those projects for which it is best suited.

Project information and details of work to be carried out have been provided mainly through the City Welfare/Public Health Departments and also through the Cardiff Visitation Scheme for the Elderly in their Homes which is organised by this Council. In this connection an appreciable amount of the cost of tools and especially decorating materials has been met through the Hill Snook Trust Fund administered by the Council for the assistance of elderly people in need. Most of the work embarked upon during the

early stages of this scheme has, in fact, been concerned with the welfare of elderly people and during the first four months of actual operation thirty five cases of assistance have been given by youth groups, in a variety of ways, to housebound and elderly people. The work will be extended during the coming months, to include other sections of the community and it is envisaged that with the goodwill shown by so many individuals and voluntary authorities alike during this pioneering stage, that this can be done. For it is essential that young people are given the opportunity of rubbing shoulders with one another and cementing new relationships through joint action, and thus establishing a deeper community understanding of the needs of the community of which they are an integral part.

CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAUX

Advance

The year covered in this Report has seen the strengthening of the Citizens' Advice Bureaux Service in Wales. New Bureaux have been opened and the ground prepared for opening more Bureaux in the ensuing year. Emphasis has been placed on the training of Bureaux Workers to meet the growing demands made on Citizens' Advice Bureaux arising out of the complex structure of present day social legislation, and upon standards of work to enable Bureaux to meet their responsibilities both to the public, and, through the National Citizens' Advice Bureaux Council, to Government Departments.

Local Authorities and C.A.B.

There can be no doubt that there is a new awareness amongst Local Authorities of the need for a service to the public of advice and information through Citizens' Advice Bureaux. Their response to the need to support Bureaux financially, and in many instances to provide premises and attendant facilities free of charge, has been gratifying. It is more encouraging to note that two Authorities, who had originally decided not to support Bureaux, have reversed their decisions.

The establishment of a new Bureau, following a decision taken at a Public Meeting, takes from six months to a year. Thus, there cannot be a dramatic increase in numbers in twelve months.

New Bureaux

New Bureaux have been opened at Bridgend, Caerphilly, Maesteg and Port Talbot and the Carmarthen Bureaux has been reconstituted. The following statistics indicate the support from Local Authorities to these Bureaux:—

Bureau	Population	Support		Remarks
		Financial	In kind	
Bridgend & District ..	80,350	£160	..	Grants made by 3 neighbouring Authorities.
Caerphilly & District ..	36,890	£60	Premises heat light.	
Maesteg	21,590	£100	Premises heat light.	
Port Talbot	50,750	£75	Premises heat light.	
Carmarthen	—	£50		Premises provided free of charge by Rural Community Council.

Management Committees have been formed at Conway, Flint, and Pontypridd, and Voluntary workers in these areas are undergoing training. Committees have also been formed at Barry and Bedwas and recruitment of voluntary workers is in progress.

Other Local Authorities which have already agreed to support Bureaux are:—

Royal Municipal Borough of Caernarvon
 Cardigan Municipal Borough
 Dolgellau County Council
 Hawarden Rural District Council
 Mold Urban District Council
 Monmouth Municipal Borough
 Prestatyn Urban District Council,

and steps will be taken in due course to call public meetings.

The Department has been busily engaged during the year in answering numerous requests for information. This detailed work, and the travelling involved, restricted the time available to the Field Officer to negotiate with larger industrial towns which had not shown a marked interest in the establishment of Bureaux. It was felt important, however, to give detailed help to smaller rural and urban areas who needed help and guidance.

It became apparent as the year wore on that there was a need to prepare a list of priorities for catchment areas approximating 30,000 population and over, and the following plan emerged:—

<i>Centre</i>	<i>Local Authority</i>		<i>Population</i>
Ammanford	Ammanford U.D.C.	6,250	
	Llandeilo R.D.C.	24,080	
	Llandeilo U.D.C.	1,930	
	Cwmamman U.D.C.	4,200	
		<hr/>	36,000
Blackwood	Bedwelty U.D.C.	27,000	
	Mynydd Islwyn U.D.C.	15,450	
		<hr/>	42,650
Ebbw Vale Llanelly	Ebbw Vale U.D.C.	28,100	
	Llanelly M.B.	29,270	
	Llanelly R.D.C.	40,310	
	Burry Port U.D.C.	5,920	
		<hr/>	75,500
Mountain Ash Neath	Mountain Ash U.D.C.	29,510	
	Neath M.B.	30,520	
	Neath R.D.C.	40,830	
		<hr/>	71,350
Pontypool	Pontypool U.D.C.	39,000	
	Blaenavon U.D.C.	8,210	
		<hr/>	47,210
Rhyl	Rhyl U.D.C.	21,570	
	St. Asaph R.D.C.	10,460	
		<hr/>	32,030
Rhondda Tredegar	Rhondda M.B.	99,130	
	Tredegar U.D.C.	19,620	
	Rhymney U.D.C.	8,760	
		<hr/>	28,380

It is the intention of the Department to concentrate on these centres of population during the next two years.

Training This it can be seen that promotional work has claimed, and will continue to claim, the greatest attention of the Department, but whilst a certain degree of pre-occupation with promotional work is inevitable, substantial progress has been made in the training of voluntary workers.

During the year Training Days have been arranged by the North Wales Standing Conference of Citizens' Advice Bureaux at Llandudno, Bangor and Ruthin and three Training Days have been held at Cardiff, arranged by the South Wales Standing Conference. In addition, a series of six tutorials were prepared for a group of Bureaux workers by members of the Bristol and Cardiff Marriage Guidance Councils. This training was found necessary because of the increasing number of family and personal problems, often involving matrimonial difficulties, which are brought to Bureaux.

Records Out of 24 Bureaux in existence at December, 1964, 16 submitted statistical returns. A total of 43,458 enquiries were dealt with at these 16 Bureaux, with housing and property problems heading the list at 27%, and family and personal problems at 22%.

Reports The incidence of housing problems dealt with at Citizens' Advice Bureaux led the Ministry of Housing, in the Autumn of 1963, to ask for information on specific matters relating to landlord and tenant problems and the National Citizen's Advice Bureaux Committee (now known as Council) took the opportunity of preparing a report on the whole range of housing problems brought to Bureaux. The report, which was confidential, proved to be of great value to the Ministry and resulted in an offer to assist in the extension of Citizens' Advice Bureaux. The Ministry decided to commend to all Local Authorities of County Borough and larger Boroughs (population of 90,000 and over) the "review of the extent of the provision of advice services for their people and the amount of help they themselves contribute, to make sure that the needs are properly met".

The Welsh Office saw the need to give wider circulation to this letter of commendation and their co-operation is greatly appreciated.

Bureaux in Wales assisted the National C.A.B. Council in the following submissions :-

Lord Chancellor's Office - Evidence for Committee on Land Covenants.
Home Office - Comments for the Secretary of State when considering regulations under the Consumer Protection Act, 1961, in regard to Flammable Clothing.

National Insurance
Advisory Committee - Memorandum on Time Limits for Sickness benefit Claims.

The Consumer Council - Memorandum on Self-Drive Cars.

Home Office Committee
Legal Aid in Criminal Proceedings - Memorandum based on the experience of Citizens' Advice Bureaux.

Board of Trade - Comments on preliminary proposals for the revision of Merchandise Marks legislation.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Amalgamation The Executive Committee of the Drama Council of Wales and the British Drama League (Wales Area) each appointed four members to meet and discuss the possibility of amalgamation between these two bodies. The

first meeting was held on 3rd June, when it was agreed to accept the idea of amalgamation. Reports were sent to the Executive Committees, but the draft constitution which was drawn up by the ad hoc Committee was not accepted by the Executive Committees, and it was decided to postpone formulating a constitution until a later date. At a further meeting of this ad hoc Committee held on 15th January, agreement was reached on the aims and objects of the Drama Association of Wales. Membership and affiliation were determined at this meeting. (All members of the British Drama League in Wales were invited by a letter sent by the Presidents and Chairmen of the separate organisations and by the Chairman of the ad hoc Committee to join the new Association). The Drama Association of Wales was brought into being on 1st April, 1965. To date the membership is as follows:— County Drama League - 7; Societies - 30; Individual Members - 36.

More County Associations and individual groups have signified their intention of becoming members and are awaiting decisions of their Annual General Meetings for confirmation.

COMPETITIONS AND FESTIVALS

Playwriting The Drama Council of Wales held a Playwriting Competition in 1964. Playwrights who entered the competition were invited to attend the School at Llandrindod Wells, under the tutelage of Mr. Raymond Edwards and Mr. Peter Palmer of the College of Music and Drama, and Mr. Roger Redfern of the Welsh Theatre Company. The scripts were examined, performed and discussed. This proved to be one of the best experiments undertaken in recent years and was enthusiastically acclaimed by all who attended this weekend residential course. The six best plays were bought by the B.B.C. and were presented on sound radio during March and April.

The first prize in the English Section was awarded to Michael Davies for "The Grave Diggers". In the Welsh Section the winner was W. S. Jones's "Dau Frawd" and a special prize was won by Peter Hawkins for his play "Interrogation". This last award was given to a playwright who had never previously won this competition.

One Act Drama Festival This Festival is conducted under the auspices of the British Drama League, and four County Finals were held during April and May in Brecon, Monmouthshire, Pembrokeshire and Glamorgan. The adjudicator, Mr. Peter Palmer, chose four plays for the Welsh Area Final. This was held for the first time in Cardiff at the Welsh College of Advanced Technology on 30th May. The Adjudicator, Mr. Raymond Edwards, selected "They simply fade away" by T. C. Thomas, performed by the Llynysafadden Players to go forward to the British Final at Belfast. This team won the British Final in competition against teams from England, Scotland and Northern Ireland, winning the Howard De Walden Cup.

Welsh National Youth Drama Festival Three area Semi-finals were held at Llanidloes, Betws-y-Coed, and Llwynypia. The adjudicator was Mr. George Owen of the B.B.C., who chose four teams to appear at the National Final. This was held at Aberdare on 23rd May. The Adjudicator, Mr. Gwilym John Jones, of Bangor, awarded the Charlotte Powell Cup to the Pontardulais Youth Club who performed excerpts from "Romeo and Juliet". The standard of performance at this final was highly commendable.

Welsh Language Festival

Mr. Olifer Williams of Lampeter, assisted by Mr. Trebor Hughes, Denbigh, organised the Welsh Language Festival. Two semi-finals were held, one at Aberayron and the other at Ruthin. The Final took place at Tal-y-Bont on Friday, 17th April, 1964, with four teams taking part. The adjudicator at the Final was Mr. Emlyn James, M.B.E., of Swansea.

Drama Library

Because of a very encouraging grant from the Welsh Committee of the Arts Council it was found possible to make valuable additions to the library's stock of plays. £220 was expended in purchasing 174 single copies of the plays and other necessary books. The service which the Department gives in the loan of equipment became more efficient during the year through the purchase of a Strand Junior 8 portable control board together with 12 flood and 8 spotlights. The cost of this equipment was £100.

There were 62 bookings for stage equipment over this period and receipts for the borrowing of books and equipment show a marked increase over the previous year.

THE STANDING CONFERENCE FOR THE AFTER CARE OF PRISONERS.

The Half Yearly Meeting was held at the County Hall, Cardiff, on Wednesday, 8th April, 1964. The Guest Speaker was Mr. S. R. Eshelby, M.B.E., Principal Probation Officer for the County of Essex. This was a well attended meeting and Mr. Eshelby spoke on the implications of the Treatment of Offenders Report.

The Director submitted a memorandum to Lord Derwent, Minister of State, Home Office, on the reactions of the Standing Conference to the ACTO Report.

Report

On 28th July, Mr. Moriarty and Mr. Hogan of the After-care Planning Unit, Home Office, came to speak to a special Sub-Committee of the Standing Conference. A report on the Meeting was issued to the Members of the Standing Conference.

Two visits were made to H.M. Prison, Cardiff, during the year. On June 4th, the Governor, Colonel Charles Markes, gave permission for the Executive Committee to hold their meeting in the new Hostel which was followed by a tour of the Prison.

On 5th August, the Officers and Members of the Standing Conference were invited to view the new Remand Centre before it came into use.

Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting of the Standing Conference was held on 16th October, 1964, at the City Hall, Cardiff. The Guest Speaker on this occasion was Mr. R. D. Fairn, Chief Director, Prison Department, Home Office. Mr. Fairn is one of the greatest authorities in the Country on Prisons and addressed the Conference on his work in the Prison Department.

The future of Voluntary Organisations concerned in After-care has been left in some doubt since the implementation of the Report. Wales is to be the last area to be re-organised within the National framework until the future role of Voluntary Organisations is made clear, much of the work of the Standing Conference is being devoted to the establishment of Hostels.

Hostels On March 30th, a meeting was held at Newport which was addressed by Mr. John Dodds, Administrator of the Langley House Trust. It was hoped that a special Hostel for certain types of discharged prisoners would be opened in the Newport area in the near future.

The Standing Conference continues to concern itself with the future of the Salvation Army Hostel in Cardiff and has pledged its support to the Salvation Army Authorities in the search for new premises.

B.B.C. CHILDREN'S HOUR APPEAL FUND

For some years the Council has been entrusted by the B.B.C. Committee in Wales with the responsibility of allocating the proceeds of the money allocated to Wales from the Christmas Appeal Fund for Children in need.

The amount of money made available for this year's distribution was £1,115, an increase of almost 50%, over the previous year, but still below the annual average of the last decade. Through the co-operation of Officers of the Rural Community Councils, Citizens Advice Bureaux, Education and Medical Officers, Hospital Almoners, and members of the Council's staff, 1134 Children benefited from the distribution. Recipients included those who are crippled, invalids or children living in unfortunate domestic circumstances.

NON-DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

In addition to the specific activities outlined in this report the Council also renders considerable assistance to voluntary organisations in Wales when requested to do so. This extra work often places heavy duties upon the staff, both administrative, and clerical but it is felt that it is of the essence of the nature of an organisation such as this Council to encourage voluntary enterprise amongst organisations, especially in their initial stages.

Amongst organisations assisted in this way during the past twelve months have been the Cardiff and District Mental Health Association, The Glamorgan Missions to the Adult Deaf and Dumb, Cardiff and District Council on Alcoholism, Freedom from Hunger Campaign in Wales, Welsh National Opera Co., Altrusa, Cardiff and District Voluntary Service, and the Glamorgan Drama League. The assistance rendered is often through clerical help and duplicating minutes, but frequently Heads of Departments attend Committee meetings of these organisations and offer advisory services.

During the year also the Council has been represented upon the United Nations International Co-operation Year Committees, and the Cardiff Voluntary Organisations Liaison Committee.

For many years the Council has also provided clerical assistance to the Guild of Social Workers in Wales and in the coming year full secretarial responsibilities will be assumed. It is gratifying to note also that more and more voluntary organisations in the Principality ask for advice and information and whenever possible the premises are placed at the disposal of deserving organisations who require a venue for their meetings.

ADRODDIAD BLYNYDDOL

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ADRODDIAD Y CYFARWYDDWR

Amhesibl ydyw cynnwys mewn Adroddiad Blynyddol holl weithrediadau'r Cyngor yn ystod y flwyddyn a zeth heibio. Prif bwrsap y Cyngor ydyw darparu gwasaenaeth yng Nghymru sydd yn dwyn y Cyfryngau Gwirfoddol a Deddfol at eu gilydd i hyrwyddo gwaith cymdeithasol.

Gogwyddiadau

Rhaid i'r Cyngor, wrth gyflawni ei waith, gydymffurfio a'r polisiau ymarferol a ddaw yn sgil cyfnewidiadau cymdeithasol, ac hefyd i chwilio i mewn i'r gogwyddiadau presennol fel y gall awgrymu'r ffordd mwyaf effeithiol i ddefio a'r cyfnewidiadau hyn yn y gymdeithas.

Ymchwil

Annogwyd y gwahanol Adrannau o'r Cyngor i wneud ymchwiliadau ac i wneud yn hysbys eu cynlluniau ar gyfer y dyfodol i'r Pwyllgor Astudiaethau Cymdeithasol. Mae'r cyfrifoldeb deublyg yma yn gosod rhagor o waith ar ysgwyddau Staff y Cyngor, ond mae'n hanfodol bwysig i ni wneud yr arbroffion hyn a all fod o ddefnydd ac yn gyfarwyddyd i'r Llywodraeth ac Awdurdodau Lleol wrth ddeddfu. Mewn geiriau eraill, gwaith y Cyngor yw darganfod anghenion cymdeithas a throsglwyddo'r wybodaeth, a fydd, o bosibl yn help i lunio polisiau'r dyfodol.

Mae'n amlwg i'r sawl sydd yn astudio bywyd cymdeithasol fod cyfnewidiadau cyflwm y blynyddoedd diwethaf wedi creu patrwm cymhleth a dryslyd yn ein cymdeithas. Mae'r Cyngor yn ymwybodol o'i safle canolog fel ffynhonnell llawer o wybodaeth. Beunydd fe ddaeth problemau lleol ac unigol a oedd yn galw am gyfarwyddyd i sylw'r Cyngor.

Ysgrifennydd Gwladol

Penodwyd Ysgrifennydd Gwladol i Gymru yn ystod y flwyddyn, a bu hyn o bwys mawr i'r mudiadau sydd yn ymwneud a gweinyddiaeth cymdeithasol. Geilw'r Swydd newydd a'r Adran am ail drefnu gwaith y Cyngor wrth gyfarthrchau a'r Adrannau Llywodraethol. Bu rhaid hefyd gwneud ail gyfrif o'r costiau ar gyfer cymorth ariannol gan y Llywodraeth.

Llongyfarchwyd y Gwir Anrhydeddus James Griffiths, A.S., gan y Cyngor ar ei apwyntiad fel Prif Ysgrifennydd Gwladol. Mae'r Cyngor yn ddyledus i'r Gweinidog a'i staff am eu cyfarwyddyd a'u cydweithrediad yn ystod y cyfnewid.

Cynllunio

Mae'r patrwm newydd a osodwyd i lawr gan y Llywodraeth wedi rhoi bodolaeth i undodau cynllunio lleol a chyfundrefol yng Nghymru. Mae'n rhy gynnar eto i fesur dylanwad y rhain ar fywyd cyfundrefinol a chymdeithasol y wlad ond mae'n amlwg fod yn rhaid i bolisiau'r Cyngor gydredeg efo polisiau'r Pwyllgorau hyn.

Tref Newydd

Ymddengys fod y cynllunio rhanbarthol yn mynd i gymryd hir olwg o'n bywyd diwydiannol a chyfundrefinol. Gwneir astudiaeth o'r lleoedd hynny a fydd o bosibl yn ganolfanau diwydiannol yng Nghymru. Cyhoeddwyd ychydig yn ol fod tref newydd i'w chodi yng Nghanolbarth Cymru. Os daw hyn i ben, ynghyd a chanolfanau newydd, yna mae'n amlwg fe ddylanwadir yn fawr iawn ar ein gwaith gyda'r Cynghorau Gwlad. Os daw miloedd o drigolion newydd i'r cylchoedd gwledig, bydd rhaid darparu

cyfleusterau cymdeithasol ar ei cyfer, ac yn ddios, bydd y Cyngor yn cymryd rhan bwysig yn yr ymdrech i asio y trigolion newydd at ei glydd i ffurfio gwir gymdeithas.

Gronfa Benthg

Cyhoeddodd yr Ysgrifennydd Gwladol eisoes fod y Llywodraeth yn mynd i roi mwy o gefnogaeth i'r Diwydiannau Gwledig a gofalu fod rhagor o arian i Gronfa Fenthg y Diwydiannau Gwledig. Gan fod gwaith y Diwydiannau Gwledig yn ffurfio rhan bwysig o waith a chyfrifoldeb y Cynghorau Gwlad, bydd yn rhaid edrych yn fawr ar y modd y gall y Cyngor gadw'r diwydiannau traddodiadol ac ar yr un pryd i ddenu diwydiannau newydd i'r ardaloedd datblygiadol.

Mewn canlyniad i'r ymchwiliadau a wnaed gan adrannau'r Cyngor gwnaethom ymdrech yn ystod y flwyddyn i gynghori mewn materion yn ymwneud ag Awdurdodau Lleol a Mudiadau Gwirfoddol. Mae'r adroddiadau canlynol o'r gwahanol adrannau yn dangos gweithgarwch mawr ac ar yr un pryd yn dangos y cyfuno a fu wrth gyflawni ein hamryw weithredoedd. Dengys yr adroddiad rhai o'u nodweddion amlycaf sy'n haeddu eu cofnodi :-

Lles yr Henoed

Bu'r Pwyllgor er Lles i'r Henoed yng Nghymru—y Cyngor sy'n gyfrifol am yr Ysgrifenyddiaeth—yn ymgynghori gyda Bwrdd Iechyd Cymru ynglŷn a'u cynlluniau ar gyfer y dyfodol. Daethpwyd i gytundeb a'r Gweinidog Iechyd am gymorth ariannol i'r Adran trwy Fwrdd Iechyd Cymru ac mewn canlyniad i gyfarthrach agosach a'r Bwrdd. Er newid Ysgrifennydd y Pwyllgor, parhaodd y cydweithrediad agos a Phwyllgorau Lles yr Henoed yn y Siroedd a thrwyddent gyda'r 500 a bwyllgorau sy'n gweithredu yng Nghymru a Mynwy. Ni pheidia'r Cyngor a rhyfeddu at amrywiaeth y gweithrediadau a gyflawnir gan y pwyllgorau hyn. Llawenydd i'w cael cydweithio a hwynt wrth gynllunio rhaglenni a chyrtsiau, sicrhau grantiau a threfnu Wythnos yr Hen oed.

Un o'r nodweddion amlycaf gwasanaeth i'r Henoed yng Nghymru yn ystod y flwyddyn yw parodwydd a brwdfrydedd yr ieuanc. Gwelir hyn yn amlwg yng Nghaerdydd. Mewn canlyniad i'r Cynllun Ymweld a'r hen bobl daeth ugeiniau o ieuencid i'r adwy gan gynnig eu gwasanaeth i addurno cartrefi ac amryw weithrediadau eraill a fu yn fendith i'r unig a'r analluog.

Er gwaethaf y beirniadau sydd arnynt heddiw y mac nifer fawr o ieuencid gwych yn awyddus i roi o'u hamser a'u hegni i wasanaethu anghenwyr yn y gymdeithas leol.

Bu cyfraniad gwirfoddol yr ieuencid hyn yn un o'r nodweddion mwyaf calonogol gwasanaeth cymdeithasol yn y wlad yn ystod y flwyddyn. Pleser mawr y Cyngor oedd cael cyd-weithio drwy'r adrannau gyda'r grwpiau hyn yn eu gwaith teifng.

Cynghori'r Dinesydd

Dengys yr adroddiad sy'n ymwneud a'r agwedd bwysig hyn y llwyddiant calonogol a fu wrth sefydlu Swyddfeydd newydd dros y wlad. Treuliodd y Swyddog Ymgynghorol llawer o'i hamser i hyfforddi nifer o ricriwts a gynnigiodd eu hunain i wasanaethu yn y Swyddfeydd. Mae'r ddwy Gynhadledd Barhaol yn y Gogledd ar De wedi trefnu arceithiau rhagorol er mwyn cael trafodaethau ac ymghyngoriad rhwng y Swyddfeydd, ac er hysbysu'r dinesydd am unrhyw ddeddf newydd a fydd yn ei effeithio.

Boddhaol drosben oedd ymateb cynnifer o Awdurdodau Lleol er sefydlu canolfannau o'r math yn eu hardaloedd. Rhoddwyd cymorth ariannol i Bwyllgorau Lleol gan nifer o'r Awdurdodau ynghyd a darparu lle i staff y Sefydiadau Cynghori.

Edrychir ar swyddogion y Swyddfeydd Cyngtori fel clustiau a llygaid y gymdeithas yn y materion cymhleth sy'n ymwneud a chynngori'r prynwr ynghyd â chynrych. Prif nodwedd y C.A.B. yw bod pob swyddfa yn annibynnol, heb ochri gyda'r gwneuthurwr, y gwerthwr na'r prynwr. Un arwydd o werth ymarferol y Swyddfeydd Cyngtori yng Nghymru yw'r ffaith iddynr ddelio a 43,000 o ymholiadau yn ystod y flwyddyn yn ymwneud a materion personol a theuluol, ynghyd a thai ac amryw o bethau eraill.

Dengys yr Adroddiad hwn fod yn rhaid darparu yn helaeth yng ngwyneb y cynnydd a rhagwelir yng ngwaith y Swyddfeydd Cyngtori a dichon bydd yn rhaid i'r Cyngor ystyried y posibilrwydd i ychwanegu at eu Staff er mwyn delio a'r gwaith.

Cylchoedd Cymunedeb

Heb os nac onibai, un o'r problemau mwyaf sy'n gwynebu Cymru ydyw dyfodol y grwpiau Cymdeithasol. Bu dyfodiad y teledu a mwynderau poblogaidd eraill i'r dref a'r wlad yn gyfrwng i drawsnewid diddordebau y teulu a'r unigolyn. Gwelir nad yw'r Ganolfan Gymdeithasol na'r Neuadd Pentref mewn llawer i fan yn cyflawni ei phrif amcan, ar wahan i Fudiadau'r Merched sy'n dal mewn bri.

Mewn canlyniad i arolwg a wneuthpwyd yn ystod y flwyddyn flaenorol, bu'r Adran yn ymgynghori a Swyddogion Addysg Bellach Awdurdodau Lleol er ystyried y modd gorau i sicrhau y safonau uchaf ym meysydd diwylliant ac adloniant yn y gymdeithas.

Bu chwilio manwl i mewn i weithrediadau Neuaddau Lles y Glowyr a Chanolfannau Cymdeithasol nes dod i'r casgliad fod gwaith arswydus o fawr yn aros y rhai sy'n ymwneud a'r gwaith hwn.

Awgrymwyd, er mwyn dod dros y diffyg diddordeb, bod Adrannau Addysg Bellach Awdurdodau Lleol am gynnwys cyrsiau addas yn eu trefniadau o gysiau addysg bellach yn y dyfodol.

Mae ein Swyddog yn llafurio'n galed er mwyn helpu cynllunio rhaglenni a chynorthwyo gwahanol bwyllgorau pan gaiff wahoddiad i wneuthur hynny. Mae'n hanfodol bwysig i gael arweinyddion da er mwyn ennill cefnogaeth Cymdeithas leol. Gwelir hyn yn eglur wrth wyllo gweithgarwch ambell grwp llwyddiannus yn y Gogledd a'r De.

Mae sefyllfa y Neuaddau Pentref yn peri ychydig o ofid. Yn ddiamau di-boblogi sydd wedi bod yn gyfrifol am leihad mewn nifer yr arweinwyr, ac o ganlyniad geitw hyn am fwy o lafur o du'r gweddill anhunol sydd a diddordeb gwledig. Teimla'r Cynghorau Gwlad fod mwy o angen eu lafur yn yr ardaloedd hynny. Erys yr adran yn ddisgwylgar am gyhoeddiad ynglyn a'r dref newydd yng Nghanolbarth Cymru, ac ar yr un pryd teimla fod yn rhaid darparu cyfeusdra cymdeithasol yr un pryd a darpariaethau cyfundrefnol os yw'r ardaloedd newydd i fod yn undodau cymdeithasol byw ac iach.

Gwaith Ieuencid

Ynghyd a threfnu ysgrifenyddiaeth Cynhadledd Barhaol o Fudiadau Gwirfoddol Ieuencid yng Nghymru, bu cydweithrediad rhwng yr Adran ac Awdurdodau Lleol yn eu trefniant o gyrsiau i Arweinyddion (Rhan Amser) Ieuencid mewn cysylltiad ag awgrymiadau pwysig Adroddiad Besscy. Bu'r Cynhadleddau Adrannol hefyd yn fyw i'r angen o addysgu arweinyddion ieuencid, a dengys Adroddiad yr Adran fod datblygiad sylweddol yn parhau yng ngweithrediadau Mudiadau Ieuencid yn y wlad. Mae'n anodd dychmygu sut fywyd fyddai i ieuencid yn eu hardaloedd gwledig onibai am drefniadau ambell fudiad ardderchog sy'n dal diddordeb yr ieuainc pan fod cymaint o'u plith yn symyd i'r dref ac i'r ddinas.

Bu Adran yr Ieuencid yn ystod y flwyddyn yn delio a chyfarwyddo nifer fawr o ieuencid o Gaerdydd a Morgannwg a fu'n dyheu am wneud rhwy wasanaeth i'r hen a'r methicidig. 'Roedd hi'n anodd tynnu'r linell rhwyg yr hyn oedd yn waith arferol yr Adran a brwdfrydedd y ieuencid hyn; er hynny, bu hyn yn galonid mawr nes peri aelodau'r Cyngor deimlo nad yw oes y gwir wasanaethwr gwirfoddol wedi darford eto.

Mae'r Cyngor wedi bod yn pwysleisio wrth y Cyngor Datblygu Ieuencid a'r Weinyddiaeth Addysg a Gwyddoniaeth fod angen Swyddog amser llawn yng Nghymru er mwyn gwneud y defnydd mwyaf effeithiol o'r gwasanaeth gwirfoddol gan ieuencid. Mae'n hanfodol fod brwdfrydedd yr ifanc yn cael ei gyfarwyddo a'i reoli drwy sefydlu mudiad sefydlog a all ddelfio a cheisiadau'r oes bresenol, ac hefyd ricriwtio a hyfforddi gwasanaethwyr gwirfoddol o'r ysgolion, colegau a chlybiau ieuencid yn y dyfodol. Sefydlwyd pwyllgor gan Cyngor Datblygu Ieuencid dros Lloegr a Chymru i ddelfio a'r agwedd yma o waith ieuencid, a disgwylir yn eiddgar am ddyfarniad y pwyllgor gan grwpiau gwirfoddol ieuencid ac hefyd gan Adran Ieuencid y Cyngor hwn.

Carcharorion a Rhyddhawyd

Ffurfiwyd Cynhadledd yn ymwneud a Charcharorion a Rhyddhawyd yr un pryd a chyhoeddi adroddiad yr A.C.T.O. Derbyniwyd gan y Llywodraeth gymeradwyaeth yr Adroddiad y dylai Gwasanaethau Prawf (Probation) a'r Carcharorion a Rhyddhawyd ddod at eu gilydd, ac mae'r wlad yn trefnu felly yn awr. Ymgynghorwyd â Swyddogion y Swyddfa Gartref ynglyn a lle y gwirfoddolwr wrth wasanaethu y Carcharorion a Rhyddhawyd, ac fe argymhellwyd yn gryf na fyddent yn anwybyddu rhai a fu'n ymweld a'r Carchardau a gofalu am deuluoedd y carcharorion pan fydd gwasanaeth y wladwriaeth yn ehangu. Sicrhawyd y byddai angen i'r mudiad gwirfoddol ac unigolion i barhau mewn gwasanaeth sydd ymhell o fod yn boblogaidd. Mae'r Gynhadledd yn disgwyl am benderfyniad y Pwyllgor Prawf Lleol er darganfod y modd y gellir parhau efo'r gwasanaeth a ricriwtio rhagor o gymorth gwirfoddol.

Mae'r Pwyllgor wedi bod yn ysgrifennu yn gyson ac yn cynhyrfu'r awurdodau i ddarparu neuaddau breswyl i gyn-garcharorion ac yn arbennig i'r rhai sy'n ymollwng eilwaith i drosedd. Ni lwyddwyd hyd yn hyn i sefydlu neuaddau breswyl yng Nghasnewydd a Chaerdydd. Diffyg cydymdeimlad, ac yn wir, rhagfarn y trigolion sy'n rhanol gyfrifol am hyn, gan na fynnaent i gyn-garcharorion fyw yn eu plith.

Un o orchwylion y Gynhadledd Barhaol yw cefnogi yn ddyfal, ac mewn modd dihymongar, geisiadau y rhai a fu mewn carchar, gan obeithio y derbynir hwy gan gymdeithas i fywyd normal y gymdeithas. Bu'r Pwyllgor yn ymgynghori er sicrhau fod neuadd breswyl Byddin yr Iachawdriyaeth sy'n cartrefi nifer o garcharorion pan ddont allan o'r carchar yn parhau i weithredu er gwaethaf y bwriad i dynnu lawr yr adilad presennol.

Mae'r symudiad yma i dynnu lawr yr adilad yn rhoi her i'r Brif Ddinas ac mae'r Gynhadledd Barhaol sy'n cynhywys cynrychiolwyr o'r Awurdodau Lleol a mudiadau gwirfoddol yn benderfynol o sicrhau fod lle pwrpasol arall yn cael ei addasu ar gyfer y gwaith gwerthfawr hwn.

Clybiau Merched

Penodwyd yn ystod y flwyddyn Prif Drefnydd newydd i ofalu am yr Adran a gyda llawenydd y croesawyd apwyntiad Miss Ceri Williams a fu'n gwasanaethu'r Cyngor fel trefnydd lleol am dros 30 o flynyddoedd. Dilynodd Mrs. M. Leidke, un o aelodau mwyaf sclog o'r Staff. Fe ddywedwyd ar gyhoedd dros y blynyddoedd mai'r Adran yma oedd asgwrn cefn y Cyngor a'i weithgareddau, ac heb amheuaeth mae'r 120 o Glybiau, heblaw darparu

hyfforddiant addysgol, wedi bod yn hynod o weithgar ym Morgannwg a Mynwy. Lle bynnag mae angen cymorth ymarferol cymdeithasol naill ai ymhlith yr hen, y methiedig, yr unig, neu'r teilwng, mae aelodau'r clybiau yn dod i'r adwy i roi o'u gwasanaeth. Da yw deall mewn oes lle ceir gymaint o faru ar fyw hunanol, fod rhyw 5,000 o ferched yn cyfarfod o wythnos i wythnos dan arolygiaeth Staff y Cyngor wrth ddilyn gweithgareddau diwylliadol a chymdeithasol.

Nodwedd calonogol Adroddiad yr Adran yw ffurfiad clybiau newydd, a hynny yn ein tref mwyaf—daeth 10 o glybiau newydd i fodolaeth yn ystod y misoedd diwethaf, a'r rhan fwyaf o'r aelodau yn wragedd ifainc sy'n byw ar ystadau newydd. Daeth rhain a syniadau newydd ganddynt a fu yn her i'r Adran ac yn ysbrydiaeth i Bwyllgor Gwaith y Clybiau i Ferched, ac i'r 18 aelod o'r staff yn yr Adran.

Drama

Bu'r flwyddyn 1964/65 yn garreg filltir yn hanes drama amatur yng Nghymru. Trwy arweiniad y Cyngor ffurfiwyd o'r newydd Cymdeithas Ddrama Cymru gan ddwyn at ei gilydd yr hen Gyngor Drama a Chyngrair Drama Brydeinig (Adran Cymru). Daeth yr ymdoddi llwyddianus yma ar ol misoedd o drafodaeth a hysbysrwydd, ac mae'r rhagolygon yn addawol i'r gymdeithas newydd. Am y tro cyntaf yng Nghymru mae un corff yn gyfrifol am weinyddu drama amatur cenedlaethol ac mae'r trefniad eofn yma, sy'n golygu ymrwymiad ariannol enfawr, wedi cael derbyniad cynnes. Un o'r anhawsterau oedd sicrhau cymorth ariannol o'r Llywodraeth ac ymddiriedolaethau. Bu Cymdeithas Cymreig Cyngor y Celfyddydau yn hael wrth gyfrannu £750 tuag at agweddau neillidol o waith y Gymdeithas newydd, ac yn arbennig i ychwanegu at y Llyfrgell ac i sicrhau cyngor proffesiynol a thechnegol. Sicrheir ni gan y Gymdeithas Gymreig ei bod yn cydnabod na all y theatr proffesiynol yng Nghymru, ei phrif ddiddordeb, lwyddo onibai fod yma gwmnïau amatur gweithgar yn barod i'w chefnogi. Dyma un rheswm am y gefnogaeth ariannol, ynghyd a'r ffaith ei bod, fel y Gymdeithas newydd, eisiau dyrchafu safonau ymhlith yr amaturiaid. Mae Pwyllgor y Gymdeithas Ddrama yn hyderus bydd i'w threfniadau ar gyfer gwyliau, cystadiecthau a chyrsgiau yn cael eu cydnabod ac ar yr un pryd yn cael cefnogaeth ariannol er sicrhau llwyddiant yn y dyfodol.

Gwariwyd crin dipyn o arian yn ystod y flwyddyn i brynu setiau newydd o ddramau yn y ddwy iaith i Llyfrgell Ddrama'r Cyngor ac hefyd darpariaethau goleuo modern i ychwanegu at y cyfleusterau a fenthycir i bob rhan o Gymru.

Cymerwyd cam eofn gan y Cyngor i ddechrau'r Gymdeithas. Erys yn awr i'r Cymry ddangos eu cred yn nyfodol y ddrama amatur drwy eu cefnogaeth i waith y Gymdeithas.

Astudiaethau Cymdeithasol

Ni fu'r Pwyllgor Astudiaethau Cymdeithasol mor brysur eleni ag yr oedd llynedd gan fod yr amryw adroddiadau a'r ymchwiliadau a'r ysgrifau a gyhoeddwyd yn 1963/64 wedi eu trosglwyddo i'r Adrannau sy'n gyfrifol i'w hystyried a'u defnyddio.

Cafodd y prif waith a gefnogwyd gan y Pwyllgor, sef cyhoeddiad "Welsh Society in Transition" gan Dr. George F. Thomason a Mrs. Margaret Lloyd dderbyniad da gan weithwyr cymdeithasol ymhob cylech o'u gwasanaeth. Annogwyd y Pwyllgor gan adroddiad Pwyllgor Heyworth i greu fod yna obaith cryf am gymorth ariannol i hyrwyddo gwaith ymchwil cymdeithasol perthnasol yn y wlad. Trosglwyddid tystiolaeth gan y Pwyllgor Astudiaethau Cymdeithasol i Bwyllgor Heyworth gan obeithio y cefnogir, mewn modd ymarferol, sefydliadau fel ein Cyngor i annog ymchwiliadau pellach.

Mae'r Pwyllgor wedi trefnu astudiaeth rhagarweiniol gyda chymorth colegau Prif Ysgol Cymru wrth baratoi ar gyfer y Gynhadledd Brydeinig ar waith cymdeithasol sydd i'w gynnal yn 1967. Bwriedir i grwpiau astudio nodweddion cymdeithasol pwrpasol a dwyn eu adroddiadau i'r Pwyllgor Astudiaethau Cymdeithasol a fydd yn ei dro yn trosglwyddo'r Adroddiad i'r Gynhadledd. Un o nodweddion boddhaol gwaith y Cyngor yn y blynyddoedd diwethaf ydyw'r cydweithio sydd rhyngddo a holl golegau Cymru. Teimlir mai hanfodol yw'r cydweithio yma, yn arbennig gan fod cymaint o alw am weithwyr cymdeithasol dysgedig, ac hefyd gan fod mwy o fyfyrwyr yn gofyn am hyfforddiant o'r fath. Mae'r Pwyllgor drwy ei Gadeirydd, Mr. A. V. Lochhead, a staff y Cyngor, yn parhau i gyd-weithio gyda Chymdeithas Cymreig y Gweithwyr Cymdeithasol a chyfnewid yn gyson syniadau ar y Cynhadleddau a'r gwaith Cymdeithasol rhwng y ddau fudiad yma. Arwydd o'r cyd-weithio yma yw penodiad Cyfarwyddwr Cynorthwyol y Cyngor, Mr. I. O. Jones, i fod yn Ysgrifennydd y Gymdeithas.

Yn ystod y flwyddyn bu'r Cyngor mewn cydlafur a Choleg Meddygol Cymru drwy gynorthwyo myfyrwyr yn astudio y Diploma i Ymwelwyr Iechyd. Bu nifer o fyfyrwyr allan ar y maes gyda'r swyddogion allanol yn ystod y gwyliau er ennill profiad mewn gwaith cymdeithasol.

Pwyllgor Gwaith

Yn ystod y flwyddyn colodd y Pwyllgor wasanaeth gwerthfawr Mr. Tom Jones, Ysgrifennydd Mudiad Lles y Diwydiant Glo, a ymddoelodd o'i swydd ar ol hir wasanaeth. Yr oedd Mr. Jones yn aelod blaenllaw o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith ac fe barhaodd i gymryd diddordeb yn y glowyr a fu'n gysylltiedig a'n gwaith mewn modd ymarferol iawn. Bu hefyd yn aelod o'r Pwyllgor Ariannol ac am gyfnod bu'n Gadeirydd o'n Pwyllgor Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol. Dymunwn pob rhwyddineb iddo wrth ymneilltuo.

Oherwydd ei amryw ymrwymidiadau ymddiswyddodd Mr. H. B. Meredith, J.P., a fu'n aelod o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith ac hefyd o'r Pwyllgor Ariannol. Cofnodwn ein diolchgarwch i Mr. Meredith am ei gymorth gwerthfawr ac mac'n dda gennym ddeall ei fod i barhau fel Trysorydd Anrhydeddus y Gynhadledd Barhaol o Fudiadau Gwirfoddol Ieuencid yng Nghymru.

Ymddiswyddodd aelod arall o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith yn ystod y flwyddyn oherwydd trymder gwaith, sef Mr. D. R. Edwards. Wedi hyn clywyd yn fuan am farwolaeth sydyn Mr. Edwards. Ni fu neb yn fwy gweithgar dros achosion elusengar yng Nghymru na'r cyfaiill hynaws hwn, a bydd nifer o fudiadau teilwng yn gweld eisiau ei gymorth ymarferol, ac yn arbennig "TENOVUS", y mudiad elusengar a wasanaethodd fel Cadeirydd am nifer o flynyddoedd. Estynnwyd ein cydymdeimlad dyfnaf a Mrs. Edwards a'r teulu.

Croesawyd dau aelod newydd yn 1964/65. Mrs. Janet T. Morgan sy'n cynrychiolu'r Cyngor ar Bwyllgor Ymgynghorol y Diwydianau Gwledig, a Mrs. M. Garbett-Edwards o Sir Drefaldwyn. Ymfalchia'r Pwyllgor yn eu penodiad gan fod ganddynt wybodaeth helaeth ar faterion Cymdeithasol.

Trysorydd Anrhydeddus

Yn y Pwyllgor Blynyddol ymddiswyddodd Dr. W. H. Smith, C.B.E., a fu'n drysorydd Anrhydeddus dros nifer o flynyddoedd. Enillodd Dr. Smith edmygedd y Cyngor drwy ei bersonoliaeth hynaws a'i ddiddordeb ymarferol, a dymunwn gofnodi ein dyled aruthrol iddo am wasanaethu'r Cyngor am gynifer o flynyddoedd. Apwyntiwyd yn unfrydol Mr. Leslie Sketch, a fu o gymorth mawr yn cynghori'r Cyngor ar faterion ariannol, yn enwedig ynglyn a'r Cynllun Pensiwn, i lanw'r bwlich. Mae'n sicr wrth gyflawni ei swydd, daw a'r ansoddau hynny a ennillodd iddo le mor amlwg ym mywyd masnach Dinas Caerdydd.

Staff Yn ystod y ffwyddyn collwyd gwasanaeth Mrs. W. Preston, M.B.E., sydd wedi ymdeol erbyn hyn o'r Adran glerigol. Annodd yw meddwl am aelodau'r staff heb Mrs. Preston a fu yn aelod er 1934 pan ffurfiwyd Cyngor Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol De Cymru. Am dros 30 o flynyddoedd enillodd parch ac edmygedd ei chydweithwyr, a bu nifer o Gyfarwyddwyr yn olynol yn ddyledus iddi am ei llafur gwerthfawr fel Ysgrifennydd Preifat. Dymunwn pob iechyd a hir flynyddoedd iddi ac ymfalchiwn iddi dderbyn gan Ei Mawrhydi y Frenhines yr M.B.E. am ei gwasanaeth amlwg.

Ei hollynydd fel Pennaeth yr Adran Glerigol a Ysgrifennydd Preifat y Cyfarwyddwr yw Miss Mair Grey sydd eisoes wedi ymgymryd mewn brwdfrydedd y cyfrifoldeb o ddysgu yr amryw agweddau gweinyddol a berthyn i'n sctydliad. Mae'n sicr bydd Miss Grey, sydd a phrofiad helaeth o weinyddiaeth lywodraethol a chymdeithasol, yn gaffaeliad gwerthfawr i'r Staff.

Yn ystod y ffwyddyn gadawodd dwy aelod o blith y staff clerigol, sef Mrs. Quentin Lewis a Miss Sheila Thomas, ac yn eu lle daeth Mrs. R. Hale a Mrs. J. Mizen. Wrth groesawu'r aelodau newydd diolchwn i'r ddwy a ymdeolodd am eu teyrngarwch.

Wedi hir drafodaethau gyda'r Comiswn Datblygu ac amryw Adrannau o'r Llywodraeth, 'rydym yn falch o gyhoeddi apwyntiad newydd i'r Cyngor, sef yn yr adran wledig. Cychwynodd yr Adran ar laf o Orffennaf, 1965, pan apwyntiwyd Mr. E. A. R. Davies, M.A., i'r swydd. Tra parha'r Cyfarwyddwr yn gyfrifol am waith yr Adran Wledig, cynorthwyr ef gan y Swyddog Gwledig i deithio i wahanol rhannau o Gymru i ymweld a'r Cyngorau Gwlad. Yn ddiâu bydd y swydd yma o werth arbennig i'r Cyngor wrth sicrhau perthynas agosach rhwng Cyngorau Gwlad a'r Cyngor. Dymunwn yn dda i Mr. Davies yn ei faes newydd.

Yn ystod y ffwyddyn, dychwelodd Mr. Edgar Spooner a fu'n Swyddog Lles yr Henoed i Ganolbarth Cymru fel Ysgrifennydd Cyngor Gwlad Maldwyn. Gwerthfawrogir ei gyfraniad i'r Adran a da yw gwybod y bydd eto yn gysylltiedig a'n gwaith wrth ddilyn ei swydd newydd. Deil ei olynydd, Mr. D. Haydn Thomas, mac'n siwr, i gario ymlaen a'r gwaith o adeiladu cyfansoddiad y Pwyllgor er Lles yr Henoed yng Nghymru.

Bu nifer o apwyntiadau newydd i'r Staff yn y blynyddoedd diwethaf a'i gwna yn fwy niferus yn awr nag yn unrhyw adeg yn y blynyddoedd wedi'r rhyfel. Er gwaethaf yr ychwanegiadau hyn mae maint y gwaith yn dal i gynyddu ac mae'r Pwyllgor Gwaith, drwy y Cadeirydd, wedi datgan yn gyson eu gwerthfawrogiad o'r gwaith a wneir ac o deyrngarwch holl aelodau'r Staff.

Gwerthfawrogiad

Dymuna'r Cyngor gofnodi ei ddiolchgarwch i'r Gweinyddiaethau, y Comiswn Datblygu, Awdurdodau Lleol, a'r Gwirfoddolwyr sy'n dal i sicrhau arian ar gyfer y gwaith. Mae gair arbennig o werthfawrogiad yn ddyledus i Glybiau Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol y Merched am eu cyfraniad o £1,750. Gwnaed hyn yn bosibl drwy eriolaeth godidog y Cadeirydd, Mrs. Jenny Jenkins, J.P., y Prif Drefnydd, Miss Ceri Williams, ac aelodau staff Adran y Merched.

Dymuna'r Staff wneud cofnodiad arbennig o'u gwerthfawrogiad o gefnogaeth diwyro y Cadeirydd, Colonel W. R. Crawshay, y Trysorydd Anrhydeddus, Mr. Leslie Sketch, ac aelodau'r Pwyllgor Gwaith a'r Pwyllgorau sy'n gysylltiedig a'r Adrannau. Dibynna gwaith ein Cyngor ar ewyllys da a chydweithrediad llu o gyfeillion mewn cylchoedd swyddogol a phreifat, ac 'rydym yn dra diolchgar iddynt.

Ariannol Gwelir o'r Adroddiad Ariannol yn yr Adroddiad fod y Cyngor wedi gorffen y flwyddyn gyda gweddill o £671. Gwnaethpwyd hyn yn bosibl drwy arolygiacth gofalus dros bob item o'r treuliau ac oherwydd ychwanegiadau yn y grantiau a dderbyniasom. Mae un agwedd yn ein scyllfa ariannol sy'n peri rhywfaint o ofid, sef lleihad yn y symiau a roi'r gan gwmnïau ac unigolion i achosion teilwng y dyddiau hyn, ond teimla'r Cyngor wrth gyflawni ei waith arbennig ym mywyd cymdeithasol Cymru y daw eto danysgrifwyr i sicrhau fod y gwaith yn mynd yn ei flaen. Mae derbyniadau y Cyngor wedi dyblu yn y pum mlynedd diwethaf ond gwnaethpwyd hyn yn bosibl gan ychwanegiadau yn y cymorth ariannol a ddaeth ar wahan i gyfraniadau gan gwmnïau ac unigolion. Teimlir fod yn rhaid ail-brysio rhoi gwirfoddol ac y mae'r Pwyllgor Ariannol am chwilio yn fanwl i'r mater.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

Year ended 31st March 1964	EXPENDITURE.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
17,760	Salaries	19,074	10 0
653	National Insurance	677	10 2
		19,752	0 2
1,578	Superannuation	1,634	19 6
40	State Graduated Pensions	35	14 4
125	Staff Widows Pension	125	0 0
3,530	Travelling and Subsistence	3,636	18 4
84	Audit Fee	84	0 0
697	Printing and Stationery	842	4 10
580	Postage and Telephones	567	15 8
588	Lighting, Heating and Cleaning	563	6 7
152	Rent, Rates and Ground Rent	167	1 2
200	Repairs and Maintenance	123	15 4
48	General Insurances	50	16 4
56	Bank Charges and Cheque Books	57	2 6
21	Office Expenses	16	10 11
58	Publications and Newspapers Advertisements	120	15 0
97	Office Equipment and Furniture	111	14 3
310 Citizens Advice Bureaux	50	0 0
62	Drama Library and Equipment	319	9 6
96	Drama Competition, Schools and Courses	218	19 0
48	Drama Grants to Special Projects	100	0 0
54	Citizens Advice Bureaux—Schools and Courses	148	0 3
—	—Exhibition	20	0 0
327	Conferences and Meetings	366	16 0
—	Old People's Week	7	17 8
—	Motor Car at cost	487	0 10
—	Less: Grant from H. M. Development Commission	250	0 0
603		237	0 10
61	Miscellaneous	69	14 3
		29,427	12 2
	Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year	670	18 9
29,799		£30,098	10 11

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1965

<i>Year ended</i> 31st March 1964	INCOME		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
£				
	GRANTS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES:			
5,843	H. M. Development Commission	6,045	0	0
2,058	Department of Education and Science	2,192	0	0
7,195	Glamorgan County Council	7,738	0	0
350	Carmarthenshire County Council	350	0	0
453	Local Authorities: Grants for Old People's Work	393	3	0
2,000	National Corporation for the Care of Old People	1,500	0	0
670	Ministry of Health, per National Council of Social Service	670	0	0
1,510	National Corporation for the Care of Old People—Cardiff Visitation Scheme	1,690	13	3
21	Rural District Councils	—	—	—
50	Radnorshire County Council	50	0	0
3,172	Board of Trade, Citizens Advice Bureaux per National Council of Social Service	2,826	14	6
—	Arts Council of Great Britain (Welsh Com- mittee) for Drama Work	750	0	0
<u>23,322</u>				<u>24,205 10 9</u>
	DONATIONS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES:			
3	Old People's Welfare Donation	3	0	0
4	O.P.W. Affiliation Fees	2	12	6
2,313	Women's Social Service Clubs	1,767	13	2
<u>2,320</u>				<u>1,773 5 8</u>
	GRANTS FOR GENERAL PURPOSES:			
500	Coal Industries Social Welfare Organisation	250	0	0
1,000	Carnegie United Kingdom Trust	1,000	0	0
<u>1,500</u>				<u>1,250 0 0</u>
	OTHER GENERAL INCOME:			
1,534	Subscriptions and Donations	1,367	18	6
—	Special Donations	450	0	0
493	Marks and Spencer Fashion Show	—	—	—
—	The Jane Hodge Foundation	150	0	0
187	Lenses of Plays and Equipment	212	5	5
56	Affiliation Fees	53	11	0
46	Agency Fees	60	10	0
75	Rent—Sub-Letting	79	10	0
222	Investment and Dividend Interest	288	2	2
—	Interest on Bank Deposit Account	61	19	6
24	Staff Lecture and Broadcast Fees	19	19	0
—	Merthyr Settlement Trustees	100	0	0
—	Carriage Cost Recovered	14	4	—
—	Miscellaneous	25	4	7
<u>2,657</u>				<u>2,889 14 6</u>
<u>29,799</u>				<u>£30,098 10 11</u>

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS

for the Year ended 31st March, 1965

	£	s.	d.
Lt. Col. The Rt. Hon. R. E. Beaumont	2	2	0
The Hon. Anthony Berry, M.P.	2	2	0
Mr. I. V. Cassam	8	11	5*
Mr. A. D. Russell Clarke	2	2	0
Mr. C. N. D. Cole	7	7	0
Mr. Christopher Cory	5	0	0
Col. W. R. Crawshaw	16	6	7*
Mr. D. J. Davies	81	12	8*
Mrs. Hilda and Mr. John S. Davies	1	1	0
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. Twiston Davies	3	5	4*
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	1	0
Mr. Ieuan O. Jones	5	2	10*
Mr. J. O. Jones	5	2	10*
Mrs. K. B. Jones	1	1	0
Lord Kemsley	2	2	0
Mr. G. Levy	1	1	0
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	2	2	0
Lord Merthyr	8	11	5*
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
Col. Evan Powell	1	1	0
Mr. D. S. Pugh	5	5	0
Alderman W. J. Saddler	2	2	0
Mrs. M. Sessions	5	0	0

* Covenanted.

SUBSCRIPTIONS AND DONATIONS—Continued

	£	s.	d.
Mr. & Mrs. L. Sketch	2	2	0
Miss Grace H. Smith	5	0	0
Dr. W. H. Smith	4	0	0
Principal Anthony Steel	2	2	0
Sir William Thomas, Bart.	5	5	0
Mr. Wynford Vaughan Thomas	2	0	0
Mr. A. A. Thorpe	2	2	0
Sir Michael Venables Llewellyn, Bart	16	16	7*
Mr. Llewellyn Ward	34	6	5*
Mr. G. A. Watson	1	1	0
Mr. D. C. Watts	1	0	0
Rev. E. Whitford Roberts	1	1	0
Mr. Tudor Williams	1	1	0

Firms and Business Houses

	£	s.	d.
Aberdare Cables Ltd.	10	0	0
Aluminium Corporation Ltd.	3	3	0
Associated Electrical Industries Ltd.	3	3	0
Associated Octel Co. Ltd.	5	5	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.	2	2	0
British Celanese Ltd.	5	0	0
British Nylon Spinners Ltd.	100	0	0
British Oxygen Co. Ltd.	4	4	0
Butlins Ltd.	10	0	0
Cadbury Bros. Ltd. & J. S. Fry & Sons Ltd.	2	2	0
Castrol Ltd.	10	10	0
Cooper & Co. (Birmingham) Ltd.	2	2	0
Corona Soft Drinks	5	5	0
Courtaulds Ltd.	5	5	0
Crown Cork Co. Ltd.	5	5	0
Distillers & Plastic Services 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.	10	0	0
William Hancock & Co. Ltd.	10	10	0
Kaysor Bondor Ltd.	5	0	0
Littlewoods 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
Phillips Furnishing Stores Ltd.	5	0	0
Pilkington Bros. Ltd.	10	10	0
John Player & Sons	10	10	0
Quinton Hazell Ltd.	5	5	0

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Subscriptions and Donations—Continued

	£	s.	d.
Rhymney Breweries Ltd.	5	5	0
Robinson David & Co. Ltd.	2	2	0
Ronson Products Ltd.	5	0	0
Rubery Owen Charitable Trust	5	5	0
H. Samuel Ltd.	2	2	0
Shell Mex & B.P. Ltd.	40	0	0
Singer Sewing Machine Co. Ltd.	5	5	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
E. Turner & Sons Ltd.	5	5	0
Unilever Ltd.	50	0	0
Thos. 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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Special Donations

Trustees, the late J. S. Frazer	250	0	0
The Hoover Foundation	200	0	0

Banks

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

British Legion—Wales Area	2	2	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 People's Welfare Work

County and Borough Councils—			
Breconshire County Council	10	0	0
Cardiff Welfare Committee	25	0	0
Denbighshire County Council	25	0	0
Glamorgan County Council	250	0	0
County of Merioneth	25	0	0
Monmouthshire County Council	50	0	0
Pembrokeshire County Council	3	3	0
County Borough of Swansea	5	0	0

Firm—

Coates Bros. & Co. Ltd.	3	0	0
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