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Chairman's Foreword

As its Chairman I am the first to acknowledge that Social Service is not performed in the Executive Committee or any other Committee. However important it is to consider reports, review policy, discuss plans for the future, the real work is done in many fields by the members of the staff and by a host of voluntary workers. The achievement for the year 1967-68 is described in the following pages with the Director's Foreword as a compact summary of the year's work.

On behalf of the Council I want to express our gratitude to the staff for their diligence, their enthusiasm, their skill and their persistence. No one takes a job in Social Service unless he has a faith in the work which transcends the prospect of material reward, but it remains my hope that a scheme for a clearer and more stable scale of salaries will before long gain the necessary official approval.

In reading this report the percipient sympathetic reader will realise that behind the necessarily general statements and cold statistics there is warmth of affection and a dedicated skill helping to make people happier, more comfortable, and better able to face every-day life. By that standard the Council of Social Service for Wales and its staff are proud to be judged.

Fy mraint elemi eto yw ysgrifennu rhagair i gyflwyno'r adroddiad am y flwyddyn 1967-68 gan ddiolch i bawb a roddodd o'u hamser, eu hadnoddau a'u harian i hybu'r gwaith.

ALUN OLDFIELD-DAVIES.

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DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD

Function

Since 1934 the Council has been proud to be considered as the chief co-ordinating body for statutory and voluntary social service in Wales and Monmouthshire. During the last ten years this privileged function has expanded rapidly and, at the moment, is more comprehensive than ever. There is hardly any part of the social welfare, urban and rural community life or educational programme in Wales with which the Council is not either directly, or indirectly, concerned. This makes the task of presenting the Council's activities in a fairly brief report an almost impossible exercise. It is hoped, however, that the Departmental Reports which follow in this Annual account of our activities will suffice to demonstrate the expansion of the Council's work, both in extent and depth.

Changes

The work of the year has proceeded against a background of impending changes on a national scale. It seems clear, with the publication of the Seebohm Report and the establishment of the proposed Ministry of Social Affairs, that the Council and its affiliated organisations will have to re-think their place in the community.

The long awaited Bill on Local Government Reform in Wales is also imminent and this will considerably affect our liaison with administrative units. Our colleagues in the Rural Community Councils also await the publishing of this Bill with concern.

Voluntary Help

Whatever new Ministry or Local Government Social Service unit emerges from present proposals, one thing remains certain :- voluntary help on an increasing scale will become imperative in our Welfare State. It may be necessary to re-shape the way in which this help is recruited and marshalled, but it is becoming more and more evident that there are gaps in social provisions that can only be filled by the concerted effort of all sections of society. There are still elderly people in need and loneliness ; there are still children desperately needing homes and loving care ; there are still thousands of people in our Mental Homes who need rehabilitation and friendship. There is also a growing concern for the physically handicapped who want to participate more fully in normal business and social life and feel they cannot do so. The Council is concerned with all these groups in its daily work and however much is done for, and with them, there is a growing consciousness of the inadequacy of the resources of manpower and finance to deal with their problems.

Recruitment

The Council will continue to recruit help and will assist statutory bodies in their social work programme, conscious that the latter are often desperately under-manned. In all we do we remember that the foundation of our existence is the promotion of happiness and decent standards of well-being for individual men and women.

Rural Department

Some features of our Departmental Reports for the year are worth recording :- March 31st, 1968 saw the end of the Council's direct responsibility for the co-ordination of Rural Industries work in Wales. A new Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas (Co. S.I.R.A.) came into being on April 1st. This

new body amalgamates the former Rural Industries Bureau and the Rural Industries Loan Fund. Our Council will continue to act as Assessor on a Welsh Committee of Co.S.I.R.A. It is hoped that the new arrangements will rebound to the advantage of the individual craftsmen. A new element of aid by loans is introduced by grants for small hotels and boarding houses catering for the tourist industry. This scheme will also be operated by Co.S.I.R.A.

Up to the present it has not been announced what changes will take place in the Field Force of Rural Industries in Wales and this is an added source of concern to Rural Community Councils who are anxious to determine the extent of their Council's participation under the new regime.

Old People's Welfare

The Committee for the Care of the Elderly in Wales continues to form new Clubs in various Counties and co-ordinates the activities of County and Local Committees in the variety of services that are provided. A notable advancement is observed in the service of youth for old people throughout Wales. It is also pleasing to note the increase in the number of Residential Homes and Housing Associations.

Old People's Week continues to attract a great deal of attention and Competitions promoted nationally to celebrate the Week are gaining in popularity. A notable feature of the year has been the increased number of Courses held for Senior Staff of Residential Homes for the Aged in Wales, and Courses for Matrons and Wardens from both voluntary and statutory homes throughout the country. These Courses were in addition to the usual number of Day Schools organised in various areas.

Cardiff Visitation Scheme

This scheme—which was commenced five years ago—has now proved its undoubted value and approximately 1,000 old people who have asked for visits have been regularly visited by volunteer workers. It is becoming obvious that this scheme, in its scope, is proving almost impossible to continue with only one Secretary/Organiser and consultations are taking place with the Cardiff City Council as to the future of this aspect of service to the aged in this City. Already over 35,600 houses have been visited and 542 volunteer workers have been involved in this gigantic exercise.

Citizens' Advice Bureaux

Four new Bureaux were opened during the year and six others are in the process of being formed. During the year the increase in enquiries dealt with by Bureaux in Wales amounted to 5,776. This is a sure indication of expansion of this vitally important work of advising the citizens.

The question of Registration of Bureaux under a national scheme has occupied the attention of this Council and the North and South Standing Conference of Citizens' Advice Bureaux. Eventually it was decided, at a Meeting of representatives from all Bureaux, to form a Citizens' Advice Bureaux Committee for Wales. The coming year should see this interesting development getting under way with the object of closer unity amongst Welsh Bureaux.

Women's Department

This is the largest Department of the Council, with probably the widest variety of activities under its wing. As usual, there was a full programme of lectures, demonstrations, rallies, Mannequin Parades, Drama Festivals, Conferences, Area and Group Meetings, and holiday tours at home and abroad. The Clubs raised the magnificent sum of £2,079 for the funds of the Council through the concerted effort of the Staff and Members of Clubs. Not only are these Clubs centres of further education, but they are focal points of intensive social service in their localities.

Community Department

A great deal of time of the Department concerns the service rendered to Community Centres and Community Associations, involving matters of planning further education and social service activities. A notable event was a three day Residential Course for Welfare Officers for the Physically Handicapped in Wales held at Llandrindod Wells in October—the first of its kind ever to be held in the Principality. Co-operation with other social workers is maintained through the Guild of Social Workers, for which the Department provides the Secretariat.

The aftermath of the tragedy of Aberfan has continued to concern the Council as a whole, and this Department in particular. The Community Officer serves upon a Consultative Working Committee planning for the future of the village. This mining community has been ravaged, not only by the tragedy, but by differences of opinion regarding the use of the Disaster Fund and the campaign for the removal of the coal tips. Now that agreement, in principle, has been reached for the removal of the tips it is confidently expected that a constructive programme of development will result during the next few years.

The training of visiting social work students has also been an important aspect of the work of the Department.

Youth Department

The 29 National Organisations of youth in Wales form the Standing Conference for Wales of Voluntary Youth Organisations, the Secretariat for which is provided by this Council. The Department has participated in youth leadership and training Courses in conjunction with the Education Authorities. A survey also has been prepared of the existing services by youth for the physically handicapped young people.

International exchanges with youth from Russia, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria have also been organised, with our Youth Officer acting as convener for Wales on the Educational Inter-change Council.

Voluntary community service by youth continues to grow and the Department has collaborated with both new and established groups in fostering community work.

Drama Department

This has been an extremely busy year for the Drama Association of Wales. The increase in Festivals, Production Schools, Play Writing Competitions etc. has made heavy demands upon the two ladies of our Staff who service this Department. It can now be claimed that the hopes expressed during the marriage of the Drama Council for Wales and the British Drama League (Wales area) five years ago, are being realised. The Association has become the focal point of all amateur drama in Wales. To read of the varied activities of the Department in the Report is both stimulating and encouraging.

Charity Reviews

The Council has collaborated with the Charity Commissioners for a number of years in the matter of registration of Charities. It has encouraged Rural Community Councils to undertake reviews, and many of these have either been completed or are in the course of completion.

The Glamorgan County Council invited this Council to undertake for two years a Review into certain types of charity in specified areas of the county. Mrs. Elsie Williams was appointed as Organiser of this work in October, 1967. Her report makes very interesting reading and illustrates the changed conditions in which charities operate today from those which existed a century or more ago. In some cases money which was given for specific purposes in the old days need no longer be used for the same purpose in the Welfare State.

It was obvious that there was a great need for revision of existing Charities, not only for the purposes of registration, but also to bring Trusts up to date and make them applicable to the modern society.

In addition to this work in the County of Glamorgan, our Council is privileged to accommodate the Register of Charities for both England and Wales, thus we are able to assist many of our associated groups who ask for information on Charities.

Executive Committee

During the year one of our valued Members, Mr. C. N. D. Cole, J.P., Managing Director of the Western Mail and Echo, resigned on removal from the district to another post under the Thomson Organisation. We are grateful to him for his assistance, and that of the papers under his control, in publicising the work of the Council.

It is with deep regret that we record the sudden passing of Mr. R. Mathias, O.B.E., who was also a Member of our Executive Committee for a number of years. His tragic death whilst on holiday leaves a gap in the public and Trade Union life of Wales. Our sympathy has been expressed to his widow and daughter. During the year Miss M. E. Williamson of Rhyl resigned because of domestic commitments. We are grateful to her for her contribution to our discussions.

We welcome the following new Members to our Executive :-

The Reverend G. Henton Davies, Principal of Regent's College, Oxford.

Mr. Raymond Edwards, Principal of the Cardiff College of Music and Drama (also Chairman of our Sub-Committee of the Drama Association of Wales).

and

County Alderman William Llewelyn, J.P., Chairman of our Sub-Committee of the Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales).

The Executive Committee decided to invite Chairmen of Sub-Committees of the Council to join the Executive and thus form a cohesive system of discussion and administration.

Personal

We congratulate the Rt. Reverend Dr. Glyn Simon on his election as Lord Archbishop of Wales. Dr. Simon is a recent Member of our Executive Committee and we are delighted to know that the leadership of the Church in Wales will be in his capable and experienced hands.

We record, with regret, the passing of Major William Havard Rees, M.C., formerly Secretary of the Montgomeryshire Rural Community Council. Major Rees was a dear friend and colleague and his benign presence will not only be missed in his own County but throughout the whole rural community in the country.

Staff

The Council wishes to place on record its appreciation of the continued loyal service of all members of the Staff during the past year. We welcome to our Staff Mrs. Elsie Williams, J.P., who is engaged in Charity Reviews in the County of Glamorgan, and the following ladies to our Clerical Staff, Miss Isobel Walters and Miss Angela Pridham.

One of the oldest Members of our Women's Department, Miss Anne Horton, has reached retirement age and resigned as a full-time Instructress, but continues to instruct part-time. For over thirty years Miss Horton has been a very popular Cookery Demonstrator and is the joint author of the now famous Recipe Book which has run into many editions, totalling over 30,000 copies, which we publish as a Council. Miss Horton has donated the profits from the sale of this book to the Council and it has been a valuable source of income throughout the years. We trust that she will have many years in which to enjoy a more leisurely life and thank her warmly for her devoted service. We also lost the services, during the year, of Miss M. Walters who has given valuable service as a part-time Instructress.

More recently, Mrs. J. G. Mixen resigned from our Clerical Staff on removal from the district. She, also, was a most conscientious member of our Staff and we wish her well in her new home in Somerset. We express the same gratitude to Miss P. M. Hill, Secretary to the Assistant Director, who left our employ during the course of the year.

We are delighted that Mr. Eifion Hopwood, our Youth/Community Officer, has recovered sufficiently from a serious accident to resume his duties.

Appreciation

Members of the Staff are grateful to the President, Chairman, Honorary Treasurer and Members of the Executive Committee and Departmental Committees for their encouragement and support during the year. Our thanks are also due to the scores of Members of Sub-Committees and Voluntary Workers without whom it would be impossible to continue our varied and extensive activities.

The Council places on record its indebtedness to Government Ministries, the Development Commission, Local Authorities and Trusts, whose grants form the major proportion of its income. We are especially grateful, once again, to the Women's Social Service Clubs and their Chairman, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P., and the Staff of the Women's Department for their magnificent financial support of the Council.

RURAL DEPARTMENT

The Council continues to co-ordinate the work of Rural Community Councils throughout Wales. The Director and the Rural Officer attend as many Executive Committees as possible and also meetings of Rural Industries Committees.

Co.S.I.R.A.

One of the chief activities in the course of the year of this Department has been the preparation of Reports dealing with Rural Industries Re-organisation, prior to the establishment of the Council for Small Industries in Rural Areas. This new body came into being on April 1st, 1968. The Director, at the invitation of the Development Commission and the Promotional Committee for Co.S.I.R.A., has sat upon a Working Party dealing with the amalgamation of Rural Industries Bureaux, Rural Industries Loan Fund and the Rural Industries Field Force.

The Council also arranged group meetings of Rural Community Councils and Rural Industries Committees in various parts of Wales at which Lady Albemarle, Chairman of the Development Commission, Sir Paul Sinker, the first Chairman of Co.S.I.R.A., and Mr. B. E. Lincoln, Secretary of the

Development Commission attended. It is expected that the changes in the Field Force will become effective from October 1st, 1968, but at the time of writing this Report the details of the new scheme have not yet been divulged. At is clear, however, that Rural Community Councils will no longer directly employ personnel engaged in Rural Industries work. The intention is that a Welsh Committee will be set up with certain Executive functions to superintend and co-ordinate Rural Industries work in Wales under Co.S.I.R.A. Lady Albemarle indicated that it is probable not all Rural Community Councils will be asked to provide agency services for Co.S.I.R.A., although it is hoped that there will be the closest liaison between all Councils and the new Organisations. There can be no doubt that Rural Community Councils will be sorry to lose the direct link they have had, for many years, with Rural Industries and many of them have expressed deep concern at the effect of the re-organisation upon their finances, especially if they are not invited to become agents of the new Council. An assurance has been given by the Chairman of the Development Commission that sympathy will be given to Rural Community Councils who may suffer financial hardship because of the new scheme. Lady Albemarle was at pains to stress that social and economic factors are inter-related and it has always been one of the cardinal points of policy of the Commission to see that these elements of rural work are closely integrated. During the year 1968/69 we shall see many changes in this field and it is hoped that the eventual result will be a highening of standards of service to industries in the countryside and also an improvement in the quality of goods manufactured by firms and craftsmen.

Loans for Tourism

During the year the Development Commission announced a scheme—to be operated by Co.S.I.R.A.—whereby loans would be made available to some hotels, boarding houses, and establishments in development areas connected with tourism for the expansion and re-adaptation of properties. This is a new departure and offers excellent opportunities for the tourist industry in Wales which has become one of the major factors in the Welsh economy. This scheme will operate with the close collaboration of the Wales Tourist Board which has already made a detailed survey of local needs and requirements for the tourist industry in the Principality.

Exhibitions

Because of the changes involved in Rural Industries Organisation, the Development Commission decided not to make grants for Rural Industries Exhibitions during the past year. Thus the usual National Exhibition at Llanelwedd and other local Exhibitions at Agricultural Shows did not take place during this period. There has been consultation about Exhibitions during the forthcoming Investiture Year, but it is not clear yet whether any special project will materialise.

Conferences

The Annual Spring Conference of Rural Community Councils Secretaries was held at the Ivy Bush Royal Hotel, Carmarthen, on the 3rd - 5th May, 1967. The Principal Speaker was the Minister of State for Wales, Mrs. Eirene White, M.P., and other Sessions were addressed by Mr. G. E. Bonney, Deputy Secretary of the Board of Trade Advisory Committee, and Mr. E. G. J. Howells, Training Officer for Wales, Ministry of Labour. The Autumn Conference of Secretaries was held in the Council's Offices. At both these Conferences opportunity was taken to discuss matters relevant to Community Council affairs in particular, and rural topics in general. These Conferences are a valuable source for the inter-change of ideas between Rural Community Councils Secretaries and the Council's Staff.

Charity Reviews

It is pleasing to note that several Rural Community Councils have been invited by the County Council to carry out surveys of Charities and this new element in the activities of the Councils has been a worthwhile and interesting exercise.

It is worth noting, also, that during the year three Rural Community Councils have moved to new premises, viz :- Montgomeryshire (Newtown), Merionethshire (Dolgellau) and Breconshire (Brecon).

Flintshire

The following Reports on rural work have been supplied by Mr. Eifion Jones, J.P., F.F.C.S., who is retained by the Council to advise and report on rural activities in this County where there is as yet, no Rural Community Council.

Association of Parish Councils

This year has been a very encouraging year as far as the County Association of Parish Councils is concerned in as much that in two of the Area Committees where 100% membership had hitherto not been achieved, namely, St. Asaph and Holywell Area Committees, efforts were made to persuade the remaining Parish Council in each area to become affiliated to the Parish Councils Association. It is very encouraging to report that the efforts proved successful. This means that three of the areas, namely Hawarden, Holywell and St. Asaph have now a 100% membership of Parish Councils and the remaining area, the Maelor Area, is the only one where this has not been achieved.

There is, however, some progress to be reported in the Maelor Area inasmuch as the Parish Councils already affiliated have shown greater interest, and it has been possible to co-opt on to the County Executive Committee members from the Maelor Area representing Parish Councils from that area already affiliated. In this way it is hoped to form a nucleus, which in time will develop into an Area Committee with the ultimate aim of persuading the Parish Councils in the Maelor Area to become affiliated to the County Association.

Best Kept Village

Again the Parish Councils Association launched the Best Kept Village Competition and for the second time in succession the competition was won by the village of Bangor Is-y-Coed, with the village of Overton second and Nannerch third. The competition attracted a total of 13 entries and received due publicity in the local press, including the presentation ceremony at Bangor, where a roadside seat to commemorate the win was presented to the representatives of Bangor Parish Council by the President of the County Association—Mr. T. M. Haydn Rees, the County Clerk.

Annual Meeting

The Annual General Meeting held in September was organised in the form of a combined Educational Conference and Annual General Meeting and was held by the kind permission of the Flintshire Education Authority in the Flintshire Technical College at Kelsterton. The morning session was devoted to talks on Local Government Re-organisation and were given by Mr. W. Armin Ellis, a Solicitor and a member of the Flintshire County Council, Chairman of its Finance Committee and Parliamentary Committee, together with Mr. John Clarke, Barrister-at-Law, Deputy Secretary of the National Association of Parish Councils. There was a good attendance at the combined Educational Conference and Annual General Meeting, lunch being provided at the College and the Delegates paid tribute to the organisation and to the enterprise of the Association in organising such facilities for Parish Councillors to receive up to date information about such vital matters as Local Government Re-organisation and Parish administration.

County Playing Fields Association

The Association is still very active in the County and whilst in the year under review very few meetings were held because of the incidence of foot and mouth in the latter part of 1967 and the early months of 1968, a great deal of administrative and advisory work was carried out.

The Annual General Meeting of the Association in 1967 was held at Rhyl in the Council Chamber of the Rhyl U.D.C. and was presided over by the County President, Brigadier Mainwaring, the Lord Lieutenant of the County. Brigadier H. S. K. Mainwaring was unanimously re-elected President and the Chairman, Alderman Norman Stewart of Prestatyn and Councillor J. B. Peters of Mold were also re-elected. The assembly was addressed by Mr. W. Howard John, a Principal Officer of the firm of Messrs. G. A. Williamson and Associates, Consulting Architects of Port Talbot, who gave a very interesting talk illustrated by slides on the development of sports and recreation centres. A model was on display of the proposed recreational centre at Queensferry to be constructed by the Hawarden R.D.C. for which the firm of Messrs. G. A. Williamson and Associates are the appointed Consultants.

Projects

During the year two playing field projects in the County were completed and inspected by the County Secretary and grants paid by the National Association, and in addition three other projects were initiated and the Secretary was also called upon to attend meetings at a number of Parishes to advise on the facilities for grant aid and loans for proposed schemes to be considered by the respective Parish Councils.

Investiture Programme

In the latter part of 1967 the Council of the Association gave very detailed consideration to the future programme of the County Association which covers the policy of interest-free loans and fund raising in general, and a very enterprising programme was planned with special emphasis on the Investiture year of 1969. The work of preparing for this programme will be in hand during the 1968 and early 1969 season.

Appreciation

The Rural Department is grateful to all the Rural Community Councils Secretaries and their staffs for their close collaboration during the year and for their unfailing welcome and courtesy during visits paid to their offices and areas.

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE WELFARE OF THE ELDERLY IN WALES

Coming of Age

The Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales is this year celebrating its twenty-first year of existence and this is an opportune time to take stock and to look at the changes which have taken place since its inception in 1947.

One of the tasks of the Old People's Welfare Committee for Wales, as it was originally known, was to help in promoting the establishment of a network of County and Local Old People's Welfare Committees throughout the Principality.

Statistics There are now twelve County and three County Borough Committees and it is very much hoped that the remaining County of Flintshire and County Borough of Cardiff will have Committees in the not too distant future. In addition there are now over a hundred and fifty local Committees, but there are still very many areas where a local Committee would be invaluable and it is the hope of the Department in the next few years to endeavour to close some of the existing gaps.

We fully realize, however, that it is not enough to have a series of Committees; they must also be effective if they are to meet the demand which will be made on voluntary and statutory services in face of the ever increasing number of pensioners. This is a most suitable time for all Committees to review their positions and to reconsider their functions and to ensure that their service caters for the whole year and to avoid limiting their activities to Christmas time and Old People's Week.

Liaison The value of these Committees cannot be over-estimated. In the same way as the Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales is a national focal point for services dealing with the care of the elderly and to initiate a closer liaison between the voluntary and statutory bodies, so the local committees are the co-ordinating body for local services, where obviously the most practical side of the work is or should be done. Where there are no such Committees one is only too aware of the overlapping of services, which results in the wastage of manpower. Volunteers must be utilized in the best and most efficient way to deal with the various needs of elderly people.

Seebohm The Department is eagerly awaiting the Report of the Seebohm Committee set up to review the organisation and responsibilities of the local authority personal social services in England and Wales and to consider what changes are necessary to secure an effective family service. This will obviously have a profound effect on the work of Old People's Welfare Committees.

Re-organisation During the year the White Paper on Local Government re-organisation in Wales was published which, when implemented, will have a marked effect on the work of the Committee and the County Committees and will call for some measure of adjustment.

Meetings The Committee, consisting of representatives from Statutory and Voluntary bodies throughout Wales as well as observers from Government Departments, met on two occasions during the year to discuss matters of general interest regarding the work of the Department, and thus continued to provide a most useful link between the bodies concerned with the welfare of the elderly on a national level.

Contacts It is absolutely essential, if the Department is to succeed in its work, to maintain close contact with County and County Borough Old People's Welfare Committees throughout Wales. The Officer has been pleased to associate himself with the work in the Counties by attending Quarterly and Annual Meetings of County Committees and appreciates the co-operation given by Secretaries of most County Committees.

New Committees Progress has been made during the year in the formation of new Committees at Brecon, Clydach, Neath, Ystrad Mynach, Lougher, Pentir, Clynnog, Waunfawr and Portdinorwic (Caernarvonshire).

Reports from time to time indicate the wide range of services that are being provided for the well-being and happiness of the elderly at County and local level. These include friendly visiting, Daily Clubs, Lunch Clubs, Day Centres, meals, laundry and firewood services, the provision of transport and the excellent work undertaken by Youth is to be noted.

Homes The Department is pleased to note the increase in the number of Abbeyfield Homes and other Housing Associations being set up in various places in North and South Wales and in many cases in association with a local Old People's Welfare Committee. In some places there are as many as four Homes of this kind. It is possible that many more Committees could be encouraged to think in these terms and to add to their practical provisions for the elderly.

Survey The Survey carried out under the auspices of Monmouthshire Old People's Welfare Committee to assess the needs of the elderly throughout the County is progressing successfully and some twenty areas have been completed. This not only enables the Committee to provide information on needs of the elderly to the appropriate departments of the County Authority, but also provides a basis for further effort on behalf of voluntary organisations.

Swansea Borough Old People's Welfare Committee's work in running the four Day Centres for the Handicapped and Housebound elderly, is continuing successfully and greatly appreciated by the elderly themselves.

Glamorgan The Glamorgan County Old People's Welfare Committee is continuing to justify its formation almost two years ago and has established itself as the focal point within the County.

The Department and Officer has much pleasure in associating itself with this Committee and its three area Committees for which it provides the secretariat. The majority of the newly formed Committees aforementioned are within this County and it is hoped that within the next few years many more Committees will be formed.

Two areas within the County, namely Pontardawe and Ystrad Mynach, have already made a survey of the elderly and their needs and it is the intention that the whole County will eventually be covered.

The first all-County Residential Course for Secretaries and Chairman of Committees and Clubs in Glamorgan was held on the 7th/8th October last year as arranged by the Glamorgan Further Education Committee.

Courses (Volunteers) A vital part of the work of the Department over the years was to arrange or assist in arranging local information courses for voluntary workers in this field. Although it is appreciated that good will and common sense in the main underlines the work of volunteers, the Department deems it essential that workers should be fully informed so that the work can be carried out more effectively and to this end courses were arranged during the year at :

Cardigan, Cardiganshire.
Pontardawe, Glamorganshire.
Cwmbran, Monmouthshire.
Aberystwyth, Cardiganshire.
Risca, Monmouthshire.
Swansea, Glamorgan.

which the Officer attended and addressed or tutored.

It was unfortunate that a course arranged by Merioneth Old People's Welfare Committee at Dolgellau had to be cancelled, owing to the Foot and Mouth epidemic. The Officer in addition was invited to give a talk on Voluntary Services to Church Guilds, Pre-retirement Courses at Newport and Training Courses arranged by the Samaritans at Cardiff and Newport.

Courses (Senior Staff)

The Department in consultation with the Welsh Board of Health has continued to arrange Courses for Senior Staff of Residential Homes for the Aged in Wales. A very successful weekend course was held at the Hotel Metropole, Llandrindod Wells at the end of June, 1967, when Matrons and Wardens from Voluntary and Statutory run Homes throughout Wales attended.

Day Schools

A further series of Day Schools were arranged and held at Cardiff and Carmarthen on the 7th and 20th March, 1968, but unfortunately, due to the lack of support from North Wales Authorities, possibly due to economic difficulties, the Course arranged at Colwyn Bay had to be cancelled.

Clubs

There are in existence in Wales some five hundred or more Clubs for the Elderly either run by the Pensioners Associations, W.R.V.S. or Old People's Welfare Committees. This Department over the years has been instrumental in forming Old People's Clubs and in particular in obtaining substantial sums of money from King George VI Club Development Scheme for Club buildings. Many of these Club buildings, set up some twenty years ago, are now reaching a state of disrepair and subsequently this office is inundated with requests for financial assistance. It is regrettable however, that there are no sources now available which are able to assist financially. In addition there are cases where Clubs that met at borrowed or rented places are providing their own headquarters and again seek advice from the Department for grant aid.

As a result of this, the Officer is in the process of preparing a Memorandum which will be considered by the Committee for Wales and the Executive Committee of this Council with a view to seeking financial help for Club buildings in other directions.

A number of new Club buildings have been set up during the year at Pontycymer, Cwmllynfell, Cwmcarn and Coedpoeth.

Grants

The Department during the year succeeded in obtaining the following grants from the residue of the King George VI Fund, which has since become completely exhausted and the Unilever Fund which are administered by the Welfare and Clubs Committee of the National Old People's Welfare Council of which the Officer is a member :- Hollybush O.A.P. Club - £5 ; Garnlydan O.A.P. - £50 ; Cwmcarn O.A.P. - £300 ; Oakdale O.A.P. - £20 (Monmouthshire) ; Godreaman O.A.P. - £5 ; Caerphilly O.P.W.C. - £10 (Glamorgan) ; Cardigan O.P.W.C. - £46.

Old People's Week in Wales, 1967

The fifteenth Old People's Week in Wales was celebrated from 1st-7th October. The Week had a considerable amount of publicity, through the press, radio and television. It was evident from the reports received that the Week was more widely recognised as new areas had arranged special activities. The Launching Ceremony which was held at Caernarvon—the first time it has been held outside Cardiff—proved to be a tremendous success, if not one of the most successful since the inauguration of the 'Week'. The 'Week' was officially opened during the Evening Service held at Moriah C.M. Chapel, Caernarvon by Mr. A. Franklyn Williams, Chairman of the Welsh

Board of Health who read a joint message from the Minister of Health and the Secretary of State for Wales. Mr. Ivor Cassam, Director, also gave a most appropriate address for the occasion.

In addition to the Award Scheme for Old People's Clubs and Committees, an Award was given this year to the Youth Group which had undertaken the most outstanding scheme of work for the elderly.

Awards The Award for the former scheme was won by the Cwmllynfell and Rhiwfawr O.A.P. Branch in respect of a Hall the pensioners had built for themselves. There were eleven entries for the Award.

The Award for Youth Groups was won by the Brynhyfryd County Secondary School, Ruthin, in respect of a survey of the elderly they had carried out at Ruthin.

Over a hundred entries had been received for the Essay Competition, the winners of which were announced in the press and radio during the 'Week'. The Officer had the privilege of introducing the hymns for the Welsh Hymn Singing Service Broadcast on Old People's Sunday which came from Salem, Pwllheli.

Arrangements are already progressing for Old People's Week, 1968 and details of the Award Schemes have already been publicised.

General The Officer had the pleasure of assisting students from the University College of Swansea who were placed with the Council for a fortnight in April.

Numerous enquires have been received and dealt with during the year, mostly regarding accommodation at Old People's Homes and housing difficulties.

Appreciation This report would not be complete without a word of appreciation to the Director, Assistant Director and other members of staff for their friendship, encouragement and assistance; to members of staff of the Welsh Board of Health, Welsh Office, Information Division for their co-operation during the year, the National Old People's Welfare Council, London, the Chairman and members of the Committee, to the Secretaries of County Committees for their co-operation and to the host of unknown voluntary workers who have given of their time and energy to work for and with the Elderly of the Principality.

VISITATION SCHEME FOR THE CITY OF CARDIFF

Visiting Committees During the year another area of the City has been brought under the umbrella of the Visiting Scheme in an effort to co-ordinate visiting of the elderly, and in particular, to find and help the lonely in the community.

Adamsdown, an area of approximately 3,500 houses, was chosen for the sixth phase, and, as in previous wards, members of local Churches and voluntary organisations were recruited to carry out a door-to-door survey, thereby compiling a register of persons of retirement age, referring requests for help and advice to the relevant local authority department and finding pensioners who needed a voluntary visitor. Seventy volunteers assisted with the survey and approximately thirty volunteers have since undertaken regular visiting of the elderly.

Statistical results of the Surveys are given in the table below :-

Numbers of :	Canton & River-side		Roath & Plas-newydd		Grange-town	Cathays	Adams-down	Total
	Spilt							
Houses visited	5,600	7,600	7,000	5,400	6,500	3,500	35,600	
Volunteers conducting survey	72	150	110	40	80	90	542	
Old Age Pensioners interviewed	1,368	2,003	2,218	1,170	1,700	738	9,197	
Those interviewed living alone	164	200	284	105	286	110	1,149	
Those requesting a visit	218	265	248	219	213	128	1,291	
Those living alone requesting a visit	72	58	56	30	68	39	323	
Cases referred to City Welfare and Public Health Departments	39	38	81	34	62	41	295	

Regular bi-monthly meetings of voluntary visitors are held in each area with reports on visits submitted to the local secretary.

Training

Training has been given during the course of the year by inviting speakers who are specialists in welfare work for the elderly to talk to the area groups as follows :- Home-help Organiser, Senior Welfare Officer, Senior Welfare Officer Handicapped Section, Geriatric Liaison Health Visitor (all of Cardiff City Council). The Superintendent Missioner to the Adult Deaf and Dumb, a Home Visitor to the Blind, a member of the W.R.V.S., a Medical Social Worker, a Manager of the Ministry of Social Security and the Secretary of the Committee for the Welfare of the Elderly in Wales have also talked on their specialised work to give a better understanding to the voluntary workers of the needs of the elderly. Visits have also been made to a local authority Welfare Home and to the Geriatric Day Hospital. A combined meeting of visitors from all areas was held in the Spring, 1968, when Dr. J. Hughes, Assistant Medical Officer of Health, Cardiff, gave an address and showed slides on "Preventive Geriatrics".

Changes

Since the inauguration of the Visiting Scheme, despite some losses, the majority of voluntary visitors have carried on. Inevitably the major change has been in the elderly folk being visited, due to death, admittance to Welfare Homes and substantial demolition of houses in the old parts of the City where the Scheme has been operating, which necessitates re-housing usually to the new estates. Without back-peddalling or operating some kind of new survey, it is difficult to maintain interest locally whilst going forward to new areas.

Seventh Phase

The voluntary visiting scheme is now extending to the seventh area of the City - Ely. This pre-war housing estate of 5,100 houses is a completely different type of ward from the old parts of Cardiff previously surveyed. Approximately eighty local volunteers are assisting with the survey as the

result of an inaugural meeting held on the 20th February at the new Day Centre for the Elderly, Ely.

Appreciation

There is no glamour and often very little to show for the work of an individual voluntary visitor, there is no cure for old age and many elderly folk being visited can often be difficult and unappreciative. It takes a very special sort of person to undertake this type of voluntary work year in and year out and the Secretary/Organiser would like to thank most sincerely the volunteers concerned in this scheme. Members of the Welfare and Public Health Departments are also thanked for their co-operation.

WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT.

The year, as always, started with the Annual Conference of the Welsh Association of Women's Clubs, held at the Swansea College of Education in April, 1967. This was a departure from all previous Conferences— which have always been held at Glan-y-mor, Barry. This was the first Conference to be held at a College and it proved very successful. Some of the dignity of the College was apparent in the Conference and there seemed to be a higher standard in procedure, accommodation, subsistence and in all things generally. Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P., was again unanimously elected Chairman for the year.

New Clubs

Four new Clubs have been opened during the year :-

- (a) Hollybush Club in Upper Church Village.
- (b) Coryton Club in the Whitchurch area, which has since come under Cardiff City Corporation and hence, cannot be fully serviced by the Council, but members still pay affiliation fees as they wish to have a sense of affiliation wider than their own Club.
- (c) Litchard Club, on a new housing estate outside Bridgend, composed mostly of young married women.
- (d) Tonysguboriau Club at Talbot Green, which is only a few weeks old.

A request has been made for a new Club in the southern part of Bridgend.

Social Work in Clubs

Clubs who have entertained the old and lonely, and the handicapped every year for more than twenty years, have again done so this last year. It is a record of caring—worthy of any organisation.

Our Clubs are being recognised as suitable groups from whom knowledge and experience can be derived for the use of students from all over the world. During May, 1967, the Principal of a College of Domestic Art and Science at Bath asked the Secretary to suggest somewhere in a mining valley where students might live with families and study life and economy in such an area. After much thought, the Secretary of Nantymoel Club was approached and without hesitation, the Club members accommodated these students for a week, although the money offered was certainly not attractive in its amount. They helped the younger generation all they could in their survey and research work, and students and members alike enjoyed their week together.

Exhibitions and Events

Women's Clubs took part again this year, in the Tregroes "Open Day and Rally" at Pencoed in July. Cowbridge Club won the Cup in the Group contest—"From your Garden". Coychurch Club won the first and second in the Flower Arrangement Competition. Also in July, Clubs helped with Porthcawl's Civic Week. They took part in an unusual Mannequin Parade. Clothes from the 1800's to the present day were modelled by the members, and many more members came along to support it. The Urban District Council wrote that this was the 'high light' of outstanding events which had taken place during the week.

In October, 550 Club members attended the Mass Rally at the Central Hall' Westminster. Among these members there was a choir of 300 voices. The choir sang six Welsh Folk Songs, and the 550 sang one song together,—all introduced by our Chairman, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P. The choir also led the community singing under the able baton of Miss Annie Hills, who had previously spent many hours rehearsing the various groups forming the choir—which entailed visiting the many clubs involved.

After a lapse of 10—12 years, a Drama Festival was once more held at the Porthcawl Pavilion in November. This was very well attended and independent adjudicators agreed that Gowerton Club was the one worthy of winning the Shield which was so kindly given to the Association by the Glamorgan Drama League many years ago.

Meetings

The Executive Committee met eight times during the year, to discuss Conference events and Association business. There were thirteen Area and eighteen Group Meetings. Forty-seven delegates and visitors attended the National Conference in Liverpool, in July 1967. The resolution sent to the Conference from the Welsh Association was :- "This Association in Conference assembled, urges that there should be a **National Disaster Fund**". The Resolution received the full support of the Conference.

Holiday Tours, etc.

Two Holiday Tours were arranged during this year. Mrs. Celia Williams took a party to Southern Ireland and Mrs. Kane took a party to North Wales. Mrs. Kane, in spite of having had a serious accident at Easter time, also took, with the help of the Instructresses and Executive members, a party of 650 to London for a day in May, when places of note were visited during the afternoon, and the London Palladium show was enjoyed in the evening. Tom Jones sang tirelessly to this Welsh contingent until the second-house audience were coming to claim their seats.

Appeals

This year again, a target of £2,000 was set for Appeals efforts from Clubs. This target was achieved as follows :-

	£	s.	d.
Mid-Glamorgan Appeals	819	12	0
Pontypridd Area	197	11	5
West Wales Area	325	0	0
Net Raffle	610	1	10
Handicraft Dept.	20	0	0
Drama Festival	57	12	7
Homecraft Dept. (Cookery Books)	50	0	0
Total	£2,079	17	10

The Raffle realised over £9 more than last year.

During the year, the Chief Woman Officer has attended three Meetings of the Ministry of Labour Employment Committee, four Meetings of the Women's Advisory Council on Solid Fuel, four meetings and one Executive Meeting of the Cardiff and District Standing Conference of Women's Organisations in Cardiff, and one at Carmarthen to promote the formation of a Standing Conference there. She has attended three ordinary and one Executive Meeting of the Human Rights International Sub-Committee, one Committee Meeting for Tregroes 'Open Day' and three Appeals Suppers, and also the Rural Community Conference at Carmarthen. She has also attended two Organisers and Secretaries' Meetings in London, two International Sub-Committee meetings in London, and two Week End Courses—one in Surrey and the other at Weston-super Mare.

The Department would like to pay tribute to the members of the Women's Clubs, all members of the Women's Department staff, and also to our Chairman, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P., who, with everyone else, helped to organise all events and helped in realising the sum for the Appeals effort through their generosity and encouragement.

The Chief Woman Officer offers thanks to the Director of the Council, Mr. I. V. Cassam, the Secretary of the Council—Mr. I. O. Jones, the Finance Officer—Mr. E. C. Bilson, for all their help, and also members of the staff from other departments of the Council, who gave their help in many ways. Special thanks are due also to the Secretary, Miss M. E. Griffiths, especially for her devoted and tireless efforts on behalf of the department and Association.

Sincere appreciation is also extended to the Glamorgan and Carmarthen Further Education Committees for all help and grants received, without which none of our work could have been done.

Lastly, but very sincerely, we would thank the National Association staff, especially Lady Phillips, for the help given and the interest taken in the work of the Welsh Association of Women's Clubs.

CITIZENS' ADVICE BUREAUX DEPARTMENT

Introduction

The Story of Citizens' Advice Bureaux continues to be one of growth—growth in all aspects of its work.

In the year 1967/68, new Bureaux have been promoted, more Bureaux workers have attended training courses and there has been an increase in the demands made upon Bureaux by John Citizen.

Promotion

Four new Bureaux were opened during the period at Barry, Flint, Llandrindod Wells and Mold. These filled obvious gaps in the service. At Barry the Bureau serves a population of 42,470 and whilst it was opened as a part-time Bureau, plans are in hand to open full-time when more suitable premises become available in the Autumn of 1968. The Flint Bureau serves a population of 14,290 on industrial Decside, whilst the nearby Bureau in the market town of Mold serves the Mold and Buckley urban areas and the rural area of Holywell. It is estimated that on market day the 7,730 population of Mold swells to approximately 30,000. The Bureau at Llandrindod Wells is to be known as the Radnorshire C.A.B. as it is to serve the whole County, which has a population of 18,320.

The way has been paved for four additional Bureaux in that public meetings have been held during the period under review at which decisions were taken to establish Bureaux and representative Committees formed. These will be at Aberdare, Chepstow, Monmouth and Porth. Promotional work was commenced at Caernarvon and Newtown in the previous year but this has not yet reached fruition.

Training

In addition to the training of new entrants into the C.A.B. service and to the organising of refresher courses for Bureau workers at local level, training at "regional" level through the North and South Wales Standing Conferences was intensified. This became necessary because of the spate of new legislation which was passed and which resulted in increased demands on Bureaux. Subjects of Day training courses on new legislation were :-

The Option Mortgage Scheme (Housing Subsidies Act 1967)
 Leasehold Reform Act 1967
 Matrimonial Homes Act 1967

Other subjects dealt with at day training courses were :-

C.A.B. and Problems of Poverty
 The Hire Purchase Acts

In all instances Speakers holding high office in their particular Department or Organisation gave their services freely and the co-operation of the Welsh Office in particular is greatly appreciated.

A weekend residential training course was held on 6th/7thth May, 1967, at Llandrindod Wells, when 60 voluntary workers from Bureaux in South Wales attended. The programme included a talk by the Secretary of the Council on Tribunals, a Bureau Honorary Legal Adviser, the Senior Information Officer of the National C.A.B. Council and a Lecturer in Social Administration at University College, Swansea.

Advice

The late Lord Beveridge said : "The (Citizens' Advice) Bureau makes the world appear to many citizens in distress to contain some element of reason and friendship". The truth of this statement is borne out by the increased demands made on Bureaux. There was a considerable increase in the number of enquiries dealt with at the 31 Bureaux in the Principality during the year. In 1967/68 the total number of enquiries was 54,607 as compared with 48,831 in 1966/67—an increase of 5,776 or 11.8%. This is indeed gratifying to note as one can only assume that it is indicative of the confidence with which the service is viewed not only by the man in the street but also by professional agencies who frequently refer people to C.A.B.

An analysis of the enquiries made at Bureaux from April 1967 to March 1968 is given below:

1.	Communication and travel	1,566
2.	Education and Training	1,641
3.	Employment	2,811
3a.	Income tax on earnings, PAYE	381
		3,192
4.	Civic, Local and National Information	9,836
5.	Family and Personal Problems	7,193
5a.	Financial and Material Needs	1,357
5b.	Matrimonial	4,203

5c. Income Tax on Un-earned income, Income Tax Allowances, Post War Credits, Death and Estate Duties	915	
		13,668
6. Social Security other than 6a & 6b	658	
6a. National Insurance	1,249	
6b. Supplementary Benefits	1,103	
		3,010
7. Health and Medical		1,961
8. Property and Land	3,288	
8a. Accommodation required and offered	3,670	
8b. Landlord and Tenant Problems, Lease, Rent, Rates Repairs	6,384	
8c. Property Tax	101	
		13,443
9. Service and Ex-Service matters and War Pensions		169
10. Trade and Manufacture	2445	
10a. Consumer Advice and Information, Hire Purchase, Credit Sales, etc.	3,676	
		6,121
		54,607

Evidence

An essential role of Citizens' Advice Bureau is to submit evidence to government committees and other enquiries. A small number of Bureaux in Wales contributed to such evidence and it is to be regretted that more Bureaux do not fulfil this role. It is appreciated however that scarcity of time is the main factor preventing Government Organisers from carrying out this task.

Evidence was submitted by the National C.A.B. Council to the following committees :-

Committee on Voluntary Workers in the Social Services (Aves)	The role of Voluntary Workers in the Social Services with particular reference to relationship with professional social workers and ways in which voluntary workers might be prepared for their work.
National Board for Prices and Incomes	Council House Rents—Family Budgeting.
National Council of Social Service	Drug Addiction.
Law Commission Working Party on Family Law	Matrimonial and Related Proceedings—Financial Relief.
Law Society and Lord Chancellor's Advisory Committee on Legal Aid and Advice.	Operation of the Legal Aid and Advice Scheme.

Survey

Readers will be interested to know that research into the aims and methods of the C.A.B. service was carried out in 1966 by a team of American Professors from Columbia University of Social Work. Mr. David Drucker of University College, Swansea, acted as Consultant and based his observations on his knowledge of C.A.B. work and on visits to Brecon, Cardiff and Swansea C. A. Bureaux. The report has now been published and the research and the publication of the report was made possible by a grant from the Ford Foundation.

The Barry Bureau has also taken part in a project concerning preventive work with families which is being carried out by the Social Administration Department of University College, Swansea. It was revealed that the number of people who came to C.A.B. was very much higher than the number who voluntarily sought the assistance of other agencies in the town. It was also revealed that despite the fact that the Bureau Worker advised consultation with a specialist agency, the enquirer did not always take such advice. A conclusion to be drawn from this is that in so far as family and personal problems are concerned, the Bureau is used as a "safety valve".

Registration During the year 9 of the 31 Citizens' Advice Bureaux in Wales were registered under the new Registration Scheme.

Much work remains to be done in this direction and it is hoped that the year ahead will see an advance in the number of C.A.B. in the Principality who follow the principles outlined in the handbook "Advising the Citizen".

Acknowledgement The continued interest and support of local authorities, statutory bodies and voluntary organisations throughout Wales is gratefully acknowledged.

The support of the National C.A.B. Council to Bureaux not only by the provision of information material but also by assistance on difficult individual problems is of inestimable value and is appreciated by Bureaux throughout the Principality.

Whilst this report is about C.A.B. in Wales and covers many aspects of the work, the whole canvas of the C.A.B. service may be appreciated by reading the Biennial Report of the National C.A.B. Council for the period May 1966 to May 1968.

Finally, this report would be incomplete without reference to the responsibilities undertaken by the Council of Social Service for Wales for C.A.B. work in the Principality. There is a growing desire amongst Bureaux for a stronger link with the Council and no doubt the year ahead will see the forging of such a link.

COMMUNITY/YOUTH DEPARTMENT

Community Work During the past few years there has been a growing interest in the application of community work methods in the field of social and educational work. In this respect the Department of this Council has endeavoured to be in the forefront by playing a significant role in the engendering and promoting of citizen participation and joint action at different levels, through supporting, encouraging and co-operating with both statutory and voluntary agencies concerned with the improvement of the quality of life in Wales.

Community Centres Much of the work which the Department undertakes is particularly concerned with small groups of people in neighbourhood settings in their efforts to establish and maintain community centres, and during the course of the year there has been a steady flow of assistance given to community centre and hall committees in both rural and urban areas in Wales.

Advice Advice has been offered and given on a variety of problems concerning trusteeship, acquisition of land, grant aid, constitutional matters, building requirements, the formation of community and recreational associations, together with guidance and advice on matters of programme planning of further education and social service activities.

New Contacts New points of contact were established by the Community Officer in pursuing these matters at Rhydfelin, Bishopston, Pentyrch, Seven Sisters, Llanmorlais, Llantwit Fardre, Oxwich and Penrice, Llanmadoc and Cheriton, Portmadoc, Pontymister, Cwmbran, Aberfan and centres in the Cardiff area. The Officer is grateful for the co-operation and help received from Officers of Local Authorities, Local Education Authorities, Rural Community Councils and the Department of Education in this work.

Physically Handicapped The Department organised a three day Residential Course for Welfare Officers for the Physically Handicapped in Wales at Llandrindod Wells during October. The course, which was the first of its kind to be held in the Principality, was arranged in consultation with the Welsh Board of Health and we are pleased to record that a most generous response was received from each Local Authority in Wales and over forty welfare officers, handicraft teachers and instructors for the disabled, together with workers from various voluntary organisations, participated.

The Lecturers who assisted the Department in this venture included Professor C. M. Lowe, Welsh National School of Medicine; Dr. A. Gregory Dean, Welsh Board of Health; Mr. E. C. J. Howells, Ministry of Labour; Mr. T. L. Lightfoot, Pioneer in Sheltered Workshops; Mrs. J. Miller, Solihull Council of Social Service; Mr. John Garrett, Headmaster of Erw Delyn School for Physically Handicapped Children; Mr. Felix Walter, Architect, Central Council for the Disabled, Mrs. E. Spencer, Lecturer at the College of Commerce, Cardiff, and Dr. Joyce Rowley of Swansea.

Guild of Social Workers The Guild of Social Workers in Wales now works in association with this Council which provides its secretariat. During the past year the Department has been responsible for convening meetings of social workers from time to time at various points in Wales. A successful residential national conference was held at University College, Bangor, in September, 1967 at which nearly one hundred representatives of Statutory and Voluntary Bodies, University Departments and the Medical Profession in Wales participated. This three day period of study had as its theme "Making the best use of resources". There were four Lecturers at the Conference, i.e., Mr. Bryan Glastonbury, University College, Swansea; Dr. D. Alun Jones, Consultant Psychiatrist, Denbigh Hospital; Mr. Robin Huws Jones, Principal, National Institute for Social Work Training and Dr. G. W. Roberts, Medical Officer of Health, Flintshire.

Local Guilds Efforts have been made over a number of years to increase the establishing of local guilds throughout Wales and during the period under review a new regional guild has been formed in mid-Wales which will draw upon social workers in a catchment area of the counties of Merioneth, Montgomery and Cardiganshire. The secretariat is being kindly provided by the Merionethshire Rural Community Council.

A preliminary survey of services for epileptic people was one of the interesting pieces of work which was conducted by the Guild during the course of the year, and this information was duly passed to the Ministry of Health which is reviewing the nature and scope of community services in this field.

Aberfan's Future The Department has been pleased to participate and contribute during the latter months of the year to a Consultative Working Committee concerned with aspects of community care and future development in the villages of Aberfan and Merthyr Vale. This Committee, representative of the people of the neighbourhood, the Local Authority, University College of Swansea, the

Tavistock Institute of Human Relations and this Council, has met frequently since January 1968 and will continue to do so into the foreseeable future.

Help to Organisations

There is an increasing demand on the services of the Department in assisting many National and International Organisations which look to this Council for help and advice during the course of a year, and some of the Institutions which have been assisted in various ways during the past twelve months have included International Voluntary Service, The Grail Centre, United Nations Association, National Eisteddfod Publicity Committee, University College of Swansea, The Commonwealth Office, National Society for the Prevention of Accidents, Muintir Na Tire (Eire), and the Central Bureau for Educational Visits and Exchanges.

Youth Work

Twenty-nine Organisations and Bodies are constituent members of the Standing Conference for Wales of Voluntary Youth Organisations, the secretariat of which is provided by the Youth Department of this Council.

Co-operation

The main emphasis of the work lies in the fostering of co-operation between the voluntary and statutory sectors of Youth Service and to encourage joint consultation and action when this appears desirable.

Information

An important aspect of the work is also the collation and dissemination of information concerning Government policy affecting Youth Service, etc. and the Department is able to give a steady stream of advice and guidance on publications and literature relevant to Youth Service work.

Annual Conference

The Standing Conference held its Annual Residential Conference at the Y.M.C.A. Further Education College, Rhose, Glamorgan, on October 14th/15th, 1967. Over seventy representatives from Voluntary Youth Organisations, Local Education Authorities, the Department of Education and Science and other bodies participated at this the Thirteenth National Conference organised by S.C.W.V.Y.O.

The theme of the Conference was "The Trained Leader" and the Guest Speakers were Mr. Leslie Paul, Author and Research Worker, Queens College, Birmingham; and Mr. Roy Edwards, Tutor in Charge of Youth Leadership Training, Trinity College, Carmarthen.

The S.C.W.V.Y.O. Executive Committee and Regional/County Standing Conference Committees have met from time to time during the course of the year and aspects of leadership training, publicity, service by youth, and a variety of other topics have been dealt with.

Training Leaders

The training of full-time and part-time leaders is an important requirement towards the development of Youth Service provision and it is recognised by the Standing Conference that every effort be made to foster and support in particular the training of voluntary workers by assisting agencies who are involved in leadership training schemes. The Training Officers of the various voluntary youth organisations have met on a number of occasions during the course of the year and it is expected that an experimental pilot leadership training course designed to assist voluntary part-time and unpaid leaders will be embarked upon during the Autumn of 1968.

The Youth Officer has also been pleased to participate at part-time youth leadership training courses and meetings arranged by Further Education Departments of Local Education Authorities together with courses arranged by individual voluntary youth organisations in the Principality.

Helping the Disabled

A Conference of representatives of the member organisations of S.C.W.V.Y.O. was held at the Y.M.C.A. Bridgend in March 1968, to discuss the role which voluntary organisations now play in making provision for disabled and handicapped young people, and to enquire into the possibilities of expanding this sphere of activity through the sharing of facilities and expertise.

In preparation for this meeting, a survey had been carried out by the Youth Department of the provisions which at present exist in the voluntary sector of Youth Service in Wales to cater for physically handicapped young people, and a number of the recommendations made at the Conference are being pursued during the coming year.

The Department is very aware of the need to support and co-operate with those agencies which foster understanding and fellowship on an International level.

International Exchange

The Youth Officer acted during the year as Convenor for Wales on behalf of the Educational Interchange Council which is responsible for arranging youth exchanges between Great Britain and Eastern European Countries. Eleven young people were finally selected by a Welsh panel during March and these have been accepted by the Educational Interchange Council to participate in seven British study groups which will tour Russia, Czechoslovakia and Bulgaria during the summer of 1968.

Group briefing sessions are arranged by each Convenor, and the Youth Officer was pleased to arrange this in Cardiff. Representatives from the British Council and the voluntary and statutory sectors of Youth Service are thanked by the Department for their kindness in advising and assisting with this work.

The Youth Officer was pleased to make contact with two groups of youth leaders from overseas which were visiting Wales during the course of the year. The Officer had an opportunity to lecture to a group of Czechoslovakian leaders at the Y.M.C.A. College of Further Education during August 1968, and also to discuss with a German delegation which was in Wales at the invitation of the Welsh Joint Education Committee, the possibilities of encouraging more youth exchanges between the two countries.

Irish Lecture

The 30th National Rural Week of Eire was held in August 1967, at St. Patrick's College, Thurles, Co. Tipperary, and the Officer was pleased to assist the organisers (Muintir Ta Tíre) by lecturing on aspects of Youth work during the course of the Congress proceedings.

Voluntary Community Work

This Council has continued to assist Youth groups and organisations within and beyond the Principality in their efforts to develop voluntary community service work. The International Voluntary Service and The Grail Organisations have been assisted in particular with arranging programmes for, and the placement of young people in residential workcamps in Wales during the year. New and established groups in the Principality have been encouraged to foster the work of helping the aged, disabled, infirm and needy, and the Council was again this year responsible for discussing and obtaining a substantial grant from the King George's Jubilee Trust towards the promotional work of the Voluntary Community Service Group in the City of Cardiff.

New Scheme

The Department of Education and Science announced during the latter part of the year the establishment of a new Government Trust Scheme to be known as the "Young Volunteer Force Foundation" which has been set up to assist and develop community service by young people in England and Wales.

In view of this development the Youth Department has arranged for a National Conference to be convened in Cardiff during May, 1968 to discuss the implications and the promotional work which is to be done under the auspices of the Foundation.

Young Farmers

The Welsh Committee of the National Federation of Young Farmers' Clubs invited the Youth Officer to be a member of its panel which selected the Young Farmers of the Year for 1967/68. The presentation of these awards was made during the Royal Welsh Show at Llanelwedd in July.

Yr Urdd

Urdd Gobaith Cymru (Welsh League of Youth) has been assisted by the Department during the year with its "Commission of Enquiry into the Life and Work of the Movement". The Commission has been working in various areas in the Principality and the Youth Officer has acted as Secretary to the Cardiff Commission.

Lectures and Meetings

The Youth Officer has assisted at and lectured or participated in the following other establishments and meetings during the course of the year :-

Social Administration Department, University College, Swansea.

Talybont Youth Club, Cardiganshire.

British Broadcasting Corporation, Conference on Further Education Programmes.

National Eisteddfod 1968, Publicity Committee.

Youth Service Information Centre, Leicester.

Central Council of Physical Recreation, Welsh Committee.

Glamorgan County Council, Further Education Conference on Syllabus of Courses 1968/69.

Appreciation

The Community Youth Officer wishes to thank many Organisations and individuals for their kindness and co-operation in carrying out the Department's work and in particular for the guidance, assistance, support and friendship which is readily given by the Director, Assistant Director and members of the Staff of the Council.

DRAMA DEPARTMENT

While keeping faith with the traditions inherited from the Drama Council of Wales and the British Drama League in Wales, it has also been possible to expand the activities of the Association. This has, of necessity, been a gradual process, depending upon extra money being available and the full support of the County Drama Committees and all members. The Production School this year was held once again at Llandrindod Wells and it was well attended. There has been a major break-through in the field of playwriting. A full-length Competition has been launched which is being supported by the Welsh Arts Council who are offering a prize of £250 to the best play submitted. Plans are already in hand for another full-length Welsh Festival to be held in Mold at the end of the year.

Membership

The membership of the Drama Association of Wales has increased slightly over the last 12 months. Pembrokeshire County Drama Committee has become affiliated to the Association and there are now 88 Societies and 50 individual members. Amongst the Societies who have joined the Association are ten Little Theatres, the Caricature Puppet theatre, the four Independent

Festival Organisations at Ammanford, Colwyn Bay, Llandrindod Wells and Llanidloes, as well as Womens' Institutes, Townswomen's Guilds and Church groups.

Adult One-Act Play Festival

Five counties took part in the Festival of 1967, Merionethshire entering for the first time. The adjudicator was Peter Palmer and he selected three teams to appear at the Wales Final at Aberdare on Saturday, May 27th. The three teams taking part were the Tonyrefail Amateur Dramatic Society in 'My Brother's Keeper' which was written and produced by Gordon Thomas, Cwmbran Theatre Club in 'The Dice' by Forbes Bramble and the eventual winners, the Llinsafaddan Players performing a play by T. C. Thomas, 'On with the Dance'. This Company represented Wales at the British Final at Edinburgh on Saturday, July 8th, where the adjudicator, Andre van Gysegem, awarded the Trophy to the Scottish entry.

Welsh National Youth Drama Festival

Emily Davies of Swansea adjudicated five Area Finals which were held at Crymmych, Cardiff, Brecon, Llanfyllin and Criccieth, and three teams were selected to appear at the Youth Final at Cefn Eithin, Carmarthenshire. It is interesting to note that for the first time a Youth Club performing a play in Welsh won the Charlotte Powell Cup. This was the Cwmni Clwb Ieucntid Llandrydyog Sir Fon in 'John Huws Drws Nesaf' and the adjudicator at the Final was Emlyn James, Swansea.

Welsh Language Festival

The Drama Association of Wales launched an experimental Festival in the Welsh language at Dolgellau from November 1st—4th. The Association specially commissioned a play, 'Y Dyn Ar Y Llwyfan' by John R. Evans of Llanilar, and the programme included a new play by Gruffyd Parry, 'Tros y Ffordd'. Members of the Company of 'Under Milk Wood' travelled up from Carmarthen to give extracts of the Welsh translation, 'Dan Y Wenalt'. On the fourth night Wilbert Lloyd Roberts gave an illustrated lecture on National Theatres. Civic receptions were given by Dolgellau Urban and Rural District Councils.

Production School

Following on the success of the first School for Producers, the Association organised another Course of the same lines. This was held at Llandrindod Wells from March 15th to 17th, the Tutor being Bernard Prentice. It was possible to include more students this year and the plays worked on were 'Everything in the Garden' by Giles Cooper, 'Hello Out There' by William Saroyan and 'The Bear' by Chekhov. This was extremely successful and very well received by all who attended. Every County in Wales except Flintshire, Caernarvonshire and Pembrokeshire sent students to the Course.

Playwriting Competitions

The One Act Playwriting Competition was held again in 1967. The English Section was won by Peter Hawkins with a play called 'Another Part of the Field'. W. S. Jones of Criccieth won first prize in the Welsh Section with his play, 'Seimon y Swynwr'. A special Award was given to another Criccieth writer, Leslie Bonnett for a delightful play in the Chinese style, 'The Nine Fathers'. The adjudicators, Gwynne Evans of Ammanford and Emyr Edwards of Barry were the tutors at the School which was held in November at Llandrindod Wells following the Competition.

The Welsh Arts Council, after being approached by the Director of the Council for Social Service, agreed to support a Full Length Playwriting

Competition. The prize for the best play submitted will be £250. John English, Director of the Midlands Arts Centre, Birmingham, has agreed to adjudicate this Competition, closing date, April 30th, 1968.

Meetings

The Annual General Meeting of the Association was held on October 24th, 1967, the guest speaker being Mr. R. Wallis Evans H.M.I., Department of Education and Science. He spoke on the Report on 'Drama in Education' that was produced for Miss Jennie Lee, Minister with Special Responsibility for the Arts.

<i>Executive</i>	<i>Sub-Committees</i>	<i>British</i>	
		<i>Drama League</i>	<i>Other Meetings</i>
June 16th	May 17th, Youth	April 17th	Nov. 10th 12th
Sept. 15th	June 20th, Welsh	July 26th	(Playwriting School
Nov. 24th	July 14th, Playwriting	Oct. 26th 28th	Llandrindod Wells)
Feb. 4th	July 28th, Festivals	Nov. 20th	Nov. 17th
	Schools & Courses	March 8th	(Temple of Peace)
	Sept. 8th Welsh		Dec. 14th
	Sept. 29th, Playwriting		(National Theatre
	Jan. 12th, Welsh		City Hall)
	Jan. 26th, Playwriting		March 15th 17th
	February 21st, Welsh, Mold		(Production School
	March 22nd, Playwriting		Llandrindod Wells)

Four meetings of the Executive Committee were held and ten Sub-Committee meetings. The British Drama League Executive Committee met three times during the period and the Secretary attended the opening of the British Theatre Centre by Miss Jennie Lee in July, and the Oxford Conference from October 26th—28th. A Playwriting School was held at Llandrindod Wells from November 10th—12th, and a Production School from March 15th—17th, also at Llandrindod Wells. The Wales Tourist Board invited the Secretary to attend a meeting held at the Temple of Peace to discuss the Investiture, 1969 and the Chairman and Secretary, both appointed members of the Court of Governors of the National Theatre, attended the inaugural meeting on December 14th.

Library

There has been a slight increase in the borrowing of books during the current year, but it is interesting to note the increase in the demand for lighting units. The number of units hired out rose from 269 in 1966/67 to 419 in 1967/68. There was very heavy demand made on equipment during October 1967. Sound effects and dialect records bought during the year have been extensively used by members of the Association and it is felt that these have been a very useful adjunct to the Department.

<i>Quarter</i>	<i>F/L</i>		<i>1/A</i>		<i>Taxi</i>	<i>Welsh</i>		<i>Cur-</i>	<i>Light-</i>	<i>Sound</i>
	<i>Sets</i>	<i>Singles</i>	<i>Sets</i>	<i>Singles</i>		<i>Books</i>	<i>Sets</i>			
	<i>Sets</i>	<i>Singles</i>	<i>Sets</i>	<i>Singles</i>	<i>Books</i>	<i>Sets</i>	<i>Singles</i>	<i>in sets</i>	<i>Units</i>	<i>Record</i>
April, 1967	79	374	65	181	6	2	1	24	52	11
July, 1967	66	240	29	243	9	—	8	10	52	2
Oct., 1967	93	269	70	163	5	3	23	32	180	14
Jan., 1968	82	228	77	276	13	5	7	24	135	8
TOTAL	320	1,111	241	863	33	10	39	90	419	35

CHARITY REVIEW, GLAMORGAN

- Initiating Reviews** Under Section II of the Charities Act of 1960, local authorities are empowered to take the initiative in organising reviews of the workings of local parochial charities which provide similar services and to send to the Charity Commission reports containing recommendations resulting from the Reviews. In the County of Glamorgan, the Council of Social Service for Wales has been commissioned to undertake the Review and the Review Officer commenced her duties in October, 1967.
- Modernisation** The object of the Review is to provide information and machinery to help trustees of parochial charities to use their funds to the best advantage in the rapidly changing conditions of today, in giving effect to the donors' basic intentions. This involves modernisation in some cases and grouping of charities in others. The success of the Review depends almost entirely on the goodwill of trustees. There is no compulsion on a charity to take part in a Review.
- Area** The present Review in Glamorgan is of charities for the poor and sick poor in the Rural districts of Cardiff, Cowbridge, Llantrisant and Llantwit Fardre and part of the Rural District of Penybont, the whole area being comprised of sixty-three parishes. The Endowed Charities involved in the Review span a period in history of nearly four hundred years.
- The particulars sought from each Charity are of :- The Governing Article, the Capital or Source of income, the names of trustees and what statutory or voluntary organisations are represented by them (formally or informally), the object of the charity, the annual distribution of the income and the balance in hand, details of investments and the likely attitude of trustees to modernisation where necessary and to grouping of charities where relevant.
- Cardiff Rural District** The Review of Charities for the poor and sick poor in this Rural District is now almost complete. The Rural District consists of thirty parishes, varying in population from nineteen in Llanfythin to 5,450 in St. Andrews, but the distribution of Charities in the area by no means corresponds to the distribution of population. Fifteen parishes appear to contain no Charities whatsoever.
- Progress of Review** In the remaining fifteen parishes, there are in the possession of the Reviewer details regarding twenty-six Charities including ten subsidiary charities. Twenty-three of them have been reviewed. Registration forms (and other relevant forms) were issued to six Unregistered Charities which were discovered during the course of the Review. The trustees of one unregistered Educational Charity were put into touch with the Department of Education and Science. Five Commissioners' Cy-prés Schemes are under way for the modernisation or grouping of charities. Detailed Reports of the Review of the Cardiff Rural District are now being prepared and will shortly be sent to the Glamorgan County Council and to the Charity Commissioners.
- Response of Trustees** Almost without exception, the Reviewer was courteously received by the trustees of the various charities. The large majority were cognisant of their duties and responsibilities as trustees and were sympathetic to the principles enshrined in the Act. However, the response to suggested Schemes for grouping charities was somewhat guarded, especially when more than one parish was involved. The consciousness of the ancient sovereignty of the parish seems to be very alive in the area. It is felt by the Reviewer that grouping of charities involving more than one parish will be facilitated if and

when the implementation takes place of the proposals set out in the White Paper, "Local Government in Wales" (presented to Parliament in July, 1967), which envisage the amalgamation of smaller parishes.

Patient Approach

The nature of the Reviewer's task requires considerable patience. Several approaches to the trustees usually need to be made before precise particulars can be elicited. Section 12 of the Charities Act emphasises the desirability in the interests of beneficiaries of a mutual exchange of information between charities and local statutory services working in the same field. The implementation of this Section also demands a delicate and tactful approach.

Consultations

Consultations have taken place with the Charity Commission and with the County Archivist, also with the Ministry of Social Security, the Representative Body of the Church in Wales and the Welfare Services Department of the Glamorgan County Council. The valuable help and co-operation of these various bodies have been much appreciated.

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

The Council, once again this year, accepted the invitation of the B.B.C. to distribute this fund throughout Wales and Monmouthshire. The distribution was made with the co-operation of Officers of Rural Community Councils, Medical Officers of Health, Education Officers, Hospital Almoners and members of our own Staff. It is pleasing to report that the total amount of money distributed was £1,537 as compared with £804 for the previous year and 1,334 children benefited, as compared with 917 in 1966.

The Council continues to provide either direct, or indirect, secretariat services to Voluntary Organisations. Some of these Organisations are listed below :-

- Cardiff Voluntary Organisations Liaison Committee ;
- Cardiff and District Mental Health Association ;
- The Glamorgan Mission to the Adult Deaf and Dumb ;
- Cardiff and District Council on Alcoholism ;
- Cardiff and District Voluntary Community Service ;
- The Glamorgan Drama League.

NON DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

The Staff is frequently asked to investigate, personally, cases of hardship by a variety of National Organisations and a considerable amount of personal case work is done where the need arises. The Council controls a few Trusts through which it can offer limited financial assistance when every other source of help fails.

During the year Government Ministries and Local Authorities have also turned to the Council for advice and collaboration.

The Council notes with great satisfaction this growing support and co-operation and the implied recognition of the place of the Council in the life of Wales.

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1967-68

RHAGAIR Y CYFARWYDDWR

Datblygiad Teimlir hi'n fraint gan y Cyngor ei fod yn cael ei gyfrif ers 1934 fel y prif gorff yng Nghymru a Mynwy i hyrwyddo cydweithrediad rhwng y mudiadau Deddfol a Gwirfoddol ym maes y gwasanaethau cymdeithasol. Yn ystod y deng mlynedd diwethaf ychwanegwyd yn fawr iawn at waith y Cyngor, ac ar hyn o bryd mae yn fwy cynhwysfawr nag erioed.

Nid oes yr un rhan o fywyd naill ai cefn gwlad neu threfol, nad oes a wnelo y Cyngor yma ag ef, boed yn uniongyrchol neu anuniongyrchol.

Cipolwg Anodd, mewn cyfiwriad byr, yw rhoi cyfrif llawn o holl weithgareddau'r Cyngor, ond gobethir, serch hynny, y llwydda Adroddiadau'r Adrannau a ganlyn y Rhagair hwn i roi cip olwg o'r changu a fu yn llafur y Cyngor.

Cyflnewidiadau Cyflawnwyd gwaith y flwyddyn gyda chefnidir o gyflnewidiadau a ddisgwyliwyd ar raddfa cenedlaethol. Mae'n amlwg bydd rhaid i'r Cyngor a'i gyd-gymdeithasau ail-ystyried eu pwrpas a'u cyfraniad i gymdeithas gyda chyhoeddi Adroddiad Seebohm a'r bwriad i sefydlu Gweinyddiaeth Materion Cymdeithasol. Y mae'n sicr y bydd i'r mesur seneddol a ddisgwyliwyd yn fuan ynglyn ag adrefnu Llywodraeth Leol effeithio ar ein perthynas ag unedau gweinyddiaethol. Bydd hefyd yn effeithio yn fawr iawn ar ein cyfeillion yn y Cynghorau Gwlad.

Gwaith Gwirfoddol Pa Weinyddiaeth bynnag neu uned Gwasanaeth Cymdeithasol newydd a greu'r o fewn fframwaith Llywodraeth Leol mewn canlyniad i'r bwriadau hyn; nid oes dim sicrach bydd mwy o alw am gymorth gwirfoddol, a bydd hyn yn anhepgor o fewn y Wladwriaeth Les.

Angen Dichon bydd eisiau ail-ystyried y modd i ennill rhagor a gwneud y defnydd gorau o weithwyr gwirfoddol gan fod bylchau amlwg yn y darpariaethau cymdeithasol, a dim ond ymdrech teg o ran Cymdeithas gyfan all eu diwallu. Deil hen fobl i fod mewn angen ac yn unig; mae yna blant sydd wedi eu hamddifadu o gysur cartref a gofal cariadiawn; gwelir o hyd filoedd yng Nghartrefi Clwy'r Meddwl, mewn angen i'w hadfer i fywyd y gymdeithas. Deuwn yn fwy ymwybodol bob dydd ar yr un llaw am anghenion arbennig y rhai sy'n Fethidig Corfforol sy'n dyheu o gyfrannogi'n fwy ym mywyd y gymdeithas ac ar y llaw arall o brinder gweithwyr ac arian i ddelio a'r problemau. Y mae a wnelo'r Cyngor a'r holl grwpiau hyn. Deil y Cyngor i fod yn gyfrifol am sicrhau rhagor o wirfoddolwyr ac i gynorthwyo ymdrechion y mudiadau deddfol yn eu hymdrech i ddarparu ar gyfer anghenion cymdeithas. Yr ydym yn ymwybodol o'r prinder gweithwyr o fewn y mudiadau hyn. Ym mhob peth a wnawn ein prif nod yw hyrwyddo dedwyddwch a gwell safon byw i'r unigolyn sydd mewn angen.

Y mae rhai agweddau o Adroddiadau'r Adrannau sy'n werth cyfeirio atynt.

Adran Gwledig Daeth cyfrifoldeb y Cyngor i gyfuno gwaith y Diwydiannau Gwledig yng Nghymru i ben ar 31ain Fawrth, 1968. Sefydlwyd Cyngor newydd ar laf Ebrill i ddelio a Diwydiannau Bychain mewn Ardaloedd Gwledig (Co.

S.I.R.A.). Daeth y canolfan Diwydiannau Gwledig a Chronfa Benthg y Diwydiannau Gwledig at eu gilydd o dan y Cyngor newydd. Bydd y Cyngor hwn yn para i cistedd ar Bwyllgor Cymreig Co. S.I.R.A. ac i arolygu'r gwaith. Hyderir y bydd i'r trefniadau newydd dro'n fantais i'r crefftwyr unigol. Cychwynwyd ar gynllun newydd i gynnig grantiau i westai bychain a thai preswyl er hyrwyddo y diwydiant ymwelwyr. Co. S.I.R.A. fydd yn gyfrifol am y cynllun. Hyd yma ni chyhoeddwyd y cyfnewidiadau a wneir yn nifer y gweithwyr ar y maes yn hanes y Diwydiannau Gwledig yng Nghymru. Bydd hyn o ddiddordeb arbennig i'r Cynghorau Gwlad, gan na allant tan hynny benderfynnu beth fydd eu lle o fewn y cyfnewidiadau hyn.

Pwyllgor Lles yr Henoed

Y mae Pwyllgor Lles yr Henoed yn parhau i gyfuno gweithgareddau'r Pwyllgorau Sirol a Lleol yn eu gwasanaethau amrywiol. Ymfalchiwn yn y ffaith fod cynnydd yn nifer y mudiadau ieuencid yng Nghymru sy'n barod i wasanaethu'r Henoed. Da yw deall am yr ychwanegiad yn nifer Cartrefi'r Henoed a sefydlwyd o dan nawdd mudiadau gwirfoddol.

Y mae Wythnos yr Henoed yn dal i ddenu sylw y cyhoedd ac mae bri ar y cystadleuthau a drefnir ar gyfer yr Wythnos. Un o nodweddion amlwg y flwyddyn yw'r cynnydd yn nifer y cyrsiau a drefnwyd ar gyfer Staff Blaenaf Cartrefi'r Henoed yng Nghymru. Cyrsiau Preswyl ynghyd ag Ysgolion Undydd mewn gwahanol ganolfannau yng Nghymru.

Cynllun Ymweld

Caerdydd. Y mae'r cynllun yma a gychwynwyd pum mlynedd yn ol wedi bod o werth amhrisiadwy gan fod yn agos i 1000 o hen fobl yn ninas Caerdydd wedi gofyn am ymweliad cyfeillgar ac wedi cael ymweliadau cyson gan weithwyr gwirfoddol. Mae'n amlwg na all cynllun o'r maint yma ddal ymlaen yn nwyllaw un Trefnydd ac mae ymgyngoriad yn cymryd lle gyda Chyngor Dinas Caerdydd ynghyd a dyfodol y cynllun. Hyd yma curwyd ar ddrws dros 35,600 o gartrefi gyda chymorth rhyw 542 o weithwyr gwirfoddol.

Cynghori'r Dinesydd

Agorwyd pedwar Canolfan newydd yn ystod y flwyddyn a chwech arall ar fin eu hagog. Bu cynnydd amlwg yn nifer yr ymholiadau. Delwyd a 5,776 yn ychwaneg eleni gan yr holl ganolfannau.

Rhoddyd sylw manwl i'r mater o gofrestru'r canolfannau gan y Cyngor a Chynhadleddau Parhaol y Gogledd a'r De. Penderfynwyd, o'r diwedd, mewn cyfarfod o gynrychiolwyr o'r holl ganolfannau, i sefydlu Pwyllgor Canolfannau Cynghori'r Dinesydd yng Nghymru. Edrychir ymlaen at lwyddiant y cam yma er mwyn cael undeb rhwng y Canolfannau Cymreig.

Adran Chwiorydd

Dyma Adran fwyaf'r Cyngor, sydd yn gyfrifol am y rhaglen mwyaf amrywiol. Fel arfer, 'roedd raglen llawn o ddarlithiau, arddangosiadau, cydgynnulliadau, ymddangosfeydd Mannequin, Gwyliau Drama, Cynhadleddau, Cyfarfodydd Adranol a Grwpiau, ac hefyd teithiau yn y wlad yma a'r cyfandir. Bu'r Clybiau, dan arweiniad ymdrechgar y staff, yn gyfrifol am godi y swm ardderchog o £2,019 tuag at gyllid y Cyngor. Ar wahan i fod yn ganolfannau addysg pellach cyflawna'r Clybiau wasanaeth cymdeithasol trylwyr yn yr ardaloedd.

Adran Cymdeithasol

Treulir llawer o amser yr Adran yn deio a Chanolfannau Cymdeithasol a Chymdeithasau lleol ynghyd a chynllunio gweithgareddau addysg pellach a gwasanaeth cymdeithasol. Trefnwyd Cwrs Preswyl dros tri niwrnod ar gyfer Swyddogion Lles y Methiedig Corfforol yng Nghymru yn Llandrindod yn mis Hydref — y cyntaf oll i'w gynnal yng Nghymru. Sicrhewyd cydwethrediad Gweithwyr Cymdeithasol eraill trwy Urdd y Gweithwyr Cymdeithasol, ac y mae'r adran yn gyfrifol am yr ysgrifenyddiaeth.

Y mae a wnelo'r Cyngor gyfan, ac yn arbennig yr Adran yma ag adladd trasiedi Aberfan. Y mae'r Swyddog yn aelod o Bwyllogr Ymgynghorol sy'n cynllunio ar gyfer dyfodol y pentref. Rhwygwyd yr ardal lofaol hyn nid yn unig gan y trasiedi ond hefyd gan y gwahaniaethau a ddaeth i'r amlwg ynglŷn a'r modd i ddefnyddio Cronfa'r Drychineb a'r ymgyrch i wneud i ffwrdd a'r tipiau glo. Wedi dod i'r cytundeb o wneud i ffwrdd a'r tipiau, edrychir ymlaen yn hyderus am ddatblygiadau yn y camau i ail-adeiladu'r lle.

Bu'r Adran yn cynorthwyo gydag hyfforddi myfyrwyr o Brif Ysgolion sy'n astudio gwaith cymdeithasol a fu'n ymweld a'r Cyngor.

Adran Ieuencid

Y mae'r 29 o Fudiadau Ieuencid Cenedlaethol Cymru yn gwneud i fyny y Gynhadledd Parhaol yng Nghymru o Fudiadau Gwirfoddol Ieuencid. Y Cyngor sy'n gyfrifol am yr Ysgrifenyddiaeth. Bu'r Adran yn cydweithio a'r Awdurdodau Addysg sy'n trefnu Cysiau ar gyfer Arweinyddiaeth Ieuencid. Gwnaed arolwg o'r gwasanaethau gan ieuencid er mwyn bobl ifainc Methiedig Corfforol.

Bu'r Swyddog Ieuencid yn gyfrifol am drefnu ar gyfer ymweliadau cyfnewid rhyngwladol gan ieuencid o Rwsia, Czechoslovakia a Bwlgaria.

Gwelir llewyrch ar wasanaeth cymdeithasol gwirfoddol gan ieuencid. Bu'r Adran yn cydweithio gyda grwpiau sefydledig a newydd er hyrwyddo'r gwaith yn y maes yma.

Adran Ddrama

Bu'n fwyddyn brysur dros ben yn hanes Cymdeithas Ddrama Cymru. Yr oedd cynnydd yn nifer y Gwyliau, Ysgolion Cynhyrchu, Cystadleuthau Ysgrifennu Dramau. Syrthiodd hyn yn drwm ar ysgwyddau y ddwy chwaer sy'n gwasanaethu'r Adran. Gellir dweud yn awr fod ein gobethion pan unwyd Cyngor Drama Cymru a Chyngheir Drama Prydeinig (Adran Cymru) pum mlynedd yn ol yn cael ei sylweddoli. Y Gymdeithas erbyn hyn yw canolbwynt holl ddram a amatur yng Nghymru. Y mae'r Adroddiad o weithgareddau'r Adran yn galonogol dros ben.

Adolygiad Elusennau

Bu'r Cyngor yn cydweithio gyda Dirprwywyr Elusennau am nifer o flynyddoedd wrth gofrestru Elusennau. Anogwyd y Cynghorau Gwlad i ymgymryd ag adolygiadau o'r fath, ac mae nifer ohonynt erbyn hyn naill ai wedi, neu ar fin, gorffen eu gwaith. Gwahoddwyd y Cyngor gan Yngor Sir Morgannwg i ymgymryd a'r gwaith o adolygu elusennau arbennig mewn rhannau o'r sir a bod hyn i'w wneud mewn cyfnod o ddwy flynedd. Apwyntwyd Mrs. Elsie Williams fel trefnydd ym mis Hydref, 1967. Mae ei hadroddiad yn un diddorol gan ddangos y cymhariaeth ar y cyfnewid yn y modd y gweithredir elusennau heddiw i'r hyn a oedd mewn bod canrif neu mwy yn ol. Nid oes angen mwyach i ddefnyddio'r arian a neilltuwyd i amcanion arbennig yn yr hen ddyddiau at yr un amcanion y dyddiau hyn. Yr oedd yn amlwg fod angen diwygio Elusennau, nid yn unig er mwyn cofrestru ond hefyd i'w moderneiddio yn ol anghenion cymdeithas heddiw.

Yn ychwanegol i'r gwaith hyn ym Morgannwg anrhydedd i'r Cyngor yw cael rhoi cartref i Gofrestr yr Elusennau i Gymru a Lloegr, ac felly galluogir ni i gynorthwyo y cydgyrmyddiau a fyn wybodaeth am Elusennau.

Pwyllgor Gwaith

Ymdeolodd un o'n haelodau, sef Mr. C. N. D. Cole, Y.H., Cyfarwyddwr Gweinyddol y "Western Mail" ac "Echo" gan iddo symud i gymryd swydd arall dan Gwmni Thomson. Yr ydym yn ddiolchgar iddo am ei gefnogaeth,

a chefnogaeth y papurau dyddiol o dan ei lywodraeth, a fu'n gyfrwng i wneud gwaith y Cyngor yn hysbys. Blin iawn geannym gofnodi marwolaeth disymwth Mr. R. Mathias, O.B.E., a fu'n aelod o'r Pwyllgor Gwaith am nifer o flynyddoedd. Gedy ei farwolaeth fwch mawr ym mywyd cyhoeddus ac Undebau Llafur Cymru. Datganwyd eisoes ein cydymdeimlad a'i briod a'i ferch.

Ymdeolodd Miss M. E. Williamson, Rhyl, oherwydd ymrwymiadau cartrefol. Diolchwn iddi am ei chyfraniad.

Estynnwn groeso i'r aelodau newydd canlynol.

Y Parchedig G. HENTON DAVIES,
Prif-Athro Coleg Regent, Rhydychen.

Mr. RAYMOND EDWARDS,
Prif-Athro Coleg Cerdd a Ddrama, Caerdydd.
(Cadeirydd, Pwyllgor Cymdeithas Ddrama Cymru)

a Yr Henadur, WILLIAM LLEWELLYN, Y.H.,
Cadeirydd Pwyllgor Lles Morgannwg.
(Cadeirydd Pwyllgor Lles yr Henoed yng Nghymru).

Penderfynodd y Pwyllgor Gwaith i wahodd cadeiryddion Is-Bwyllgorau y Cyngor i ymuno a'r Pwyllgor ac felly hyrwyddo perthynas agosach a'r is bwyllgorau hyn.

Personol Longyfarchwn y Gwir Barchedig Dr. Glyn Simon ar ei ethol yn Arglwydd Archesgob Cymru. Y mae Dr. Simon ymhlith y diweddaraf o aelodau'r Pwllgor Gwaith ac hyfrydwch yw gwybod bod Prif Swyddogaith yr Eglwys yng Nghymru yn ei ddwylo profiadol ef.

Nodwn gyda gofid, farwolaeth Uchgapten William Havard Rees, M.C., cyn Ysgrifennydd Cyngor Gwlad Sir Drefaldwyn. R'oedd Uchgapten Rees yn gyfaill a chydweithiwr mynwesol, a gwelir ei eisiau yn fawr iawn, nid yn unig yn ei Sir ond led led y gymdeithas wledig yng Nghymru.

Staff Dymuna'r Cyngor gofnodi ei werthfawrogiad o wasanaeth teyrngar holl aelodau'r Staff yn ystod y flwyddyn. Croeshawn yn gynnes Mrs. Elsie Williams, Y.H., sy'n gyfrifol am adolygu Elusennau ym Morgannwg, ac hefyd aelodau newydd ar y staff glerigol sef Miss Isobel Walters a Miss Angela Pridham.

Ymdeolodd un o aelodau hynaf Adran y Merched fel hyfforddwr amser llawn, sef Miss Anne Horton, ond deil i wneud gwaith rhan amser. Bu Miss Horton yn boblogaidd iawn fel Hyfforddwr Coginio am dros ddeg mlynedd ar hugain. Mae hi'n gyd-awdur Llyfr Cyfarwyddyd Coginio sy'n cael ei gyhoeddi gan y Cyngor, a cheir nifer o argraffiadau ohono, dros 30,000 o gopiau i gyd. Trosglwyddodd Miss Horton yr holllewlw i'r Cyngor a bu hyn yn gyfraniad mawr ar hyd y blynyddoedd. Gobeithiwn y caiff eto flynyddoedd lawer o fwyniant a diolchwn yn gynnes iddi am ei gwasanaeth ffyddlon. Collasom hefyd wasanaeth Miss M. Walters a fu'n werthfawr fel hyfforddwr rhan-amser.

Yn gymharol ddiweddar ymdeolodd Mrs. J. C. Mizen o blith y staff glerigol wrth symud o'r ardal. Yr oedd hithau hefyd, yn weithiwr cydwybodol iawn a dymunwn yn dda iddi yn ei chartref newydd yng Ngwlad-yr-Haf. Datganwn yr un diolchgarwch i Miss P. M. Hill, ysgrifennydd y Dirprwy Cyfarwyddwr, a adawodd yn ystod y flwyddyn.

Yr ydym yn falch bod Mr. Eifion Hopwood, ein swyddog Cymdeithasol/leuenctid, wedi gwella'n ddigon da wedi damwain i ddychwelyd i'w waith.

Gwerthfawrogiad

Y mae aelodau'r Staff yn wir ddiolchgar i'r Llywydd, Cadeirydd, Trysorydd Anrhydeddus ag aelodau'r Pwyllgor Gwaith a phwyllgorau'r Adrannau am eu hannogaeth a chefnogaeth yn ystod y flwyddyn. Ymestynwn ein diolchgarwch hefyd i'r llu aelodau o is-bwyllgorau a gweithwyr gwirfoddol, heb y rhain ni fuasai'n bosibl inni gyflawni ein gwaith amrywiol ac eang.

Cofnoda'r Cyngor ei ddyled i Weinyddiaethau'r Llywodraeth Leol ac Ymddiriedolaethau, ar ba rhai mac'r Cyngor yn ddibynnol am gyllid. Yr ydym yn arbennig o ddiolchgar i Glybiau Gwasaanaeth Cymdeithasol y Merched a'u Cadeirydd, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, Y.H., a staff yr Adran am eu cefnogaeth ariannol godidog i'r Cyngor.

BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1968

As at 31st March, 1967		As at 31st March, 1968	
£	£	£	£
MEMBERS' LIABILITY LIMITED BY A GUARANTEE NOT EXCEEDING £1 PER MEMBER			
FUNDS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COUNCIL FOR GENERAL PURPOSES:			
Balance at 1st April, 1967	11,131		
Add Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year to 31st March, 1968	298		
		11,429	
FUNDS UNDER THE CONTROL OF THE COUNCIL AVAILABLE FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES:			
Welsh Association of Women's Clubs	281		
B.B.C. Children's Hour Appeal Fund	2,094		
George Hill-Snook Old Peoples' Welfare Fund	353		
Jane Hoole Foundation	1,100		
National Youth Festival of Drama	138		
Rural Industries Exhibition	148		
Drama Association of Wales	24		
The Guild of Social Workers in Wales	128		
Old Peoples' Welfare — Large Print Books	28		
Old Peoples' Welfare — A. E. Hopkins, Cardiff Account	10		
Penllynne Womens Club	135		
Aberllyn Disasters Fund	117		
Unexpended Grants	225		
Marla & Spencer Fashion Show	686		
Tenousus Canoe Research Show	1		
Drama Association — One-Act Frial Festival	8		
The People Fund (Glamorgan) Account	38		
Drama Association — Full Length Playwriting Competition Account	251		
		5,628	
3,910			
215,041		£17,057	
FIXED ASSETS:			
Leasehold Property: 2 Cathedral Road, Cardiff (taken over from South Wales and Monmouthshire Council of Social Service [Inc. at a Nil Book Value)	—		
CURRENT ASSETS:			
Investments at Cost:			
£5,282-3-9, 31% Treasury Stock, 1977/80	4,303		4,303
£1,500-0-0, 5% Treasury Stock, 1986/89	1,458		1,455
180 British American Tobacco Co. Ltd. Ordinary Stock Units, 10/- each ..	424		424
£148 Barmah Oil Co. Ltd., Ordinary Stock	426		426
	6,608		6,608
(Market Value, 31st March, 1968 - £6,554)			
Loan to Social Service's Supplies Building Fund	—		516
Sundry Debtors:			
Donations and Grants Outstanding	60		—
National Youth Festival of Drama Prepayment	14		—
Income Tax repayable	264		316
Selective Employment Tax Refund Glamorgan County Council [Balance of Grant (inc)	—		95
Cash at Bank	8,095		117
			9,405
			17,057
A. B. OLDFIELD-DAVIES, Chairman, LESLIE SKETCH, Hon. Treasurer LEUAN O. JONES, Secretary			
£15,041		£17,057	
£17,057			

Report of the Auditors to the Members of the Council of Social Service for Wales and Monmouthshire (Inc.)

We have examined the above Balance Sheet and annexed Income and Expenditure Account and report that in our opinion they give a true and fair view of the Company's affairs at 31st March, 1968, and of the excess of income over expenditure for the year ended on that date. Subject to the fact that the Balance Sheet is exclusive of equipment including office furniture taken over by the Council from its predecessors and any expenditure of a capital nature made by the Council is written off in the Income and Expenditure Account, we certify that these Accounts comply with the Companies Acts, 1948, and 1967.

R. H. MARCH, SON & COMPANY
Chartered Accountants.

CARDIFF
14th August, 1968.

INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

<i>Year ended</i> 31st March, 1967		EXPENDITURE				£	£	
£						24,279	1028	
23,147	Salaries							
936	National Insurance							
<u>24,083</u>								
2,001	Superannuation						25,307	
62	State Graduated Pension						2,057	
125	Staff Widow's Pension						95	
4,560	Travelling/Subsistence						125	
84	Audit Fee						4,758	
735	Printing and Stationery						105	
754	Postage and Telephone						748	
711	Lighting, Heating and Cleaning						784	
204	Rent, Rates and Ground Rent						708	
82	Repairs and Maintenance						219	
51	General Insurance						85	
73	Bank Charges and Cheque Books						51	
20	Office Expenses						85	
61	Publications and Newspaper Advertisements						25	
103	Office Furniture and Equipment						39	
25	Office Furniture, and Equipment—Citizen's Advice Bureau						396	
249	Drama Library and Equipment						25	
356	Drama Competition, Schools and Courses						316	
414	Drama Grants to Special Projects						326	
—	Residential Course—Welfare of Physically Handicapped						100	
122	Drama Festivals						27	
292	Citizens' Advice Bureau—Schools and Courses						97	
541	Conferences and Meetings						312	
53	Old Peoples' Week						538	
—	Old Peoples' Welfare Courses						58	
—	Old Peoples' Welfare — Hire of Room						36	
429	Motor Car at Replacement Cost						3	
—	National Youth Festival Expenses						—	
100	Miscellaneous						54	
<u>36,290</u>							135	
	Balance, being Excess of Income over Expenditure for the year						37,614	
1,881							298	
							£38,171	£37,912

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1968

Year ended
31st March,
1967

£	I N C O M E	£	£
	GRANTS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES :		
7,964	H.M. Development Commission	8,134	
2,299	Department of Education and Science	2,340	
8,350	Glamorgan County Council	9,238	
300	Cardiff City Council	300	
521	Local Authorities : Grants for Old Peoples' Work	654	
	Local Authorities : Grants for Old Peoples' Work in		
95	Glamorgan	85	
859	National Corporation for the Care of Old People	—	
1,250	Welsh Board of Health	1,500	
	National Corporation for the Care of Old People —		
150	Cardiff Visitation Scheme	79	
1,800	Cardiff City Council	1,800	
	Board of Trade, Citizens Advice Bureaux, per National		
4,284	Council of Social Service	4,662	
	Arts Council of Great Britain (Welsh Committee) for		
2,000	Drama Work	2,000	
50	Local Authority Grant for Rural Work	50	
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29,902			30,242
	DONATIONS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES :		
31	O.P.W. Affiliation Fee	—	
2,189	Women's Social Service Clubs	2,086	
33	Old Peoples' Local Committees	33	
—	Old Peoples' Other Organisations	33	
13	Old Peoples — Surplus on Conferences	—	
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2,266			2,152
	GRANT FOR GENERAL PURPOSES :		
2,000	Carnegie United Kingdom Trust	2,000	
	OTHER GENERAL INCOME :		
1,669	Subscriptions and Donations	1,540	
394	Special Donations	350	
251	Loans of Plays and Equipment	371	
242	Drama — Affiliation Fees	275	
35	Affiliation Fees	35	
100	Agency Fees	100	
179	Rent — Sub-Letting	179	
314	Investment Interest and Dividends	325	
240	Interest on Bank Deposit Account	280	
19	Staff Lecture and Broadcast Fees	—	
550	Marks and Spencer Fashion Show	—	
10	Miscellaneous	63	
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4,003			3,518
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£38,171			£37,912

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