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#### Chairman's Foreword

In the following pages the Director in his introduction and the Heads of Department in their respective reports describe in fair detail the work of the year. I have pleasure in presenting these reports which reflect great credit on the staff of the Council and on the hundreds of voluntary workers who in one way and another are actively associated with the work of the Council of Social Service. The review of the Council's activities to which the Director refers gave those of us on the Review Committee a much deeper insight into the work done and a quicker appreciation of achievement of the staff than is normally realised by Committee members of any organisation. It so happens that the resignation of the Assistant Director gives an opportunity to consider changes in the staff structure which we think will be of benefit to the Council's efficiency and standing in Wales. The Director bays his tribute to Mr. Ieuan Jones' work for the Council over a period of nearly ten years. The quick lively enthusiasm and easy sociability allied to his keen business sense and his assiduous efforts to raise money for the Council are qualities which have earned our gratitude and which fit him admirably for the responsibility of his new post in London as Chief Executive Officer of the London Welsh Trust to which he has gone with our cordial good wishes.

# Rhagair y Cadeirydd

Yn y tudalemau sy'n dilyn y mac'r Cylarwyddwr yn ei rogair a phenaethiaid yn adraman yn eu hadroddiadau'n rhio (ryffi go farml o waith y flwyddyn. Fy mraint i wrth gyflwyno'r adroddiadau hyn yw tystio i ddylatech a flyddiondeb adodau'n staf y a gwaith gwrfoddol cannoedd o wyn a gwragedd yn hybu mewn llawer duli a modd Cynger Gwessnaeth Cymdeithaol Cymru a Mynney yn ei waith. Cylerrad'r Cyfarwyddwr yn ei ragair at y peysllen bach a fu'n ymcheilio i staffu Cymreyd ar yn ei ragair at y peysllen bach a fu'n ymcheilio i staffu Cymreyd ar a gwrafed af a gwerthfawreida flwreich o ymroddiad y staff nag a geir yn gyfredi.

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# ANNUAL REPORT

# DIRECTOR'S FOREWORD

The basic report of this Council is recorded faithfully in the Departmental Reports contained in this annual account of our affairs, and they do not need elaboration. It shows that the Council is a live and active organisation which plays a significant role in the life of Wales.

However, one of the most significant features of the Council's work during the year under review is not recorded in this Annual Report under Departmental Activities.

#### Review

In the early Autumn the Executive Committee decided to set up a Review to examine in detail the work of the Council Including its policies, departmental activities and staffing. During recent years the Council has grown rapidly. Five new departments have been inaugurated and there has been a significant increase in the number of employees. It was flet that this was an appropriate time for the Council to take stock of its traditional approach to social affairs and to enquire whether it was heading in the right direction.

Recently there has been a spate of legislation affecting the social services. The Seebohm Committee Report has now become an Act of Parliament affecting the structure of Case Work Departments of the Local Authorities. Combined teams of workers in each Local Authority comprising Health, Welfare and Children's Departments are now to work under the direction of a Director of Social Services.

# Committee

It is obvious that this Act together with other Reports make it imperative for Councils such as ours to re-think clearly its future role. The Review Committee appointed comprised Dr. Alun Oldfield-Davies, Chairman of the Council, who acted as Chairman; Col. W. R. Crawshay, President; Mr. Leslie Stetch, Hon. Treasurer; Professor George Thomason; Mr. Wyndham Heycock (who acted as Rapporteur); Mr. David Hunt and for 18 last few meetings Mr. H. Neel Jerman who recently retired as Assistant Sceretary at the Wesh Office.

This committee has sat frequently over many months interviewing the Staff and thinking out policies and recommendations which were eventually presented to the Executive Committee and approved. The main emphasis has been on co-ordination of departmental activities and the decision reached is that Heads of Department will in future work under the leadership of a Senior Community Development Officer. This Senior Officer will be directly reponsible to the Director of the Council for all field work. The post of Director and Secretary has been combined.

#### Farewell

This latter decision was reached after notice had been given by the Secretary and Assistant Director, Mr. Jeano O. Jones, who let in June, 1970 to become Chief Executive Officer of the London Welsh Trust. The members of the Executive Committee have placed on record their appreciation of the invaluable services of Mr. Jones over the last nine and a half years and tangible expressions of good wishes have been presented by them to Mr. Jones and also by his colleagues on the Staff. I would add my own personal tribute to the energy and enthusiasm of my colleague over the period when the Council had proceeded into many new spheres of activity.

#### Finance Officer

There is also to be a change in the financial administration of our Council because Mr. E. C. Bilson, who has been a faithful and loyal servant for thirty-six years, has reached retirement age and will be leaving our employ during the year 1970/71. There will be further opportunities of recording and expressing our admiration for this well-belowed colleague but it is hard to envisage our Council without his humorous and benign presence.

It is hoped that these two senior appointments will be made with the minimum possible delay.

Policy

It has been further resolved that a Sub-Committee be formed to guide the Executive Committee and the Council on policy and development. The membership of this committee will be virtually the same as that of the Review Committee and it will be known as the Policy Sub-Committee.

Another finding of the Report is that the Council should review its relationship with organisations for whom it provides a secretariat. The logical point made is that a Council of Social Service should initiate organizations and foster them until such time as they are able to stand independently as viable units.

It is hoped that the changes proposed will result in the Council playing a more significant role in the social service structures that are emerging at the commencement of the decade. Tribute has been made in the Report and readily acknowledged by the Executive Committee of the loyal service given by the present Staff and practical demonstration of this appreciation has been given by placing the Staff on acknowledged analogous Civil Service and Local Government grades of salary.

Premises

Another factor which has occupied the minds of the Council for the past year is the tenancy of the present offices at 2 clathedral Road. The Lesse of the present building expires in a few years and we have been informed by the Ground Landlords that in view of the commercial value of the siste, they do not propose granting a new Lesse. This has led the Executive Committe to make extensive enquiries to find new premises and with the assistance of the Development Commission, Carnegie Trust and the Welsh Office it is hoped that these enquiries will result in the acquisition of new premises in the not too distant future.

For these reasons the year has been one of considerable activity over and above our normal commitments. It is a sign of the esteem and regard in which the Council is held that so many distinguished people have given much of their time voluntarily to examine our activities and interests in detail, and present a blue-print for our future. As Director of the Council I am sure that I can voice the appreciation of both the Staff and the Council in general to these gentlemen for their services.

The departmental reports that follow, produced and signed by the Heads of Departments, show in detail how scores of volunteers have been trained and are working in various community projects. We are fortunate as a Council in having the services of so many devoted members of Staff who traverse the whole of the Principality and give unsparingly of their time and energies to their work.

# **Royal Investiture**

One great event in the history of our nation during the year was the Investimer of His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales at Carmaroon Castle on July 1st. The preparation of this event entailed extra activities for our Staff and in particular for our Youth and Drama Departments. Our Youth Department provides the scereariat for the Standing Conference for Wales of Voluntary Youth Organisations. A great deal of the time of the Chairman of S.C.W.Y.Y.O. (Mr. Christopher Cory) and our Youth Officer, Mr. Effont Hopwood, was taken up in preparing for the publication of the efficial programme for the Investiture. The Standing Conference was given this honoured task by the Investiture. The Standing Conference was given this publication are to be devoted to the service of youth in Wales. The Deparment also belefo in the organization of a mammoth Garden Party in the grounds of Cardiff Castle to which a cross section of all the Youth Leaders and organizations throughout the country were invited.

The Drama Department, which provides the secretariat for the Drama Association of Wales also organized a week of full length plays in Cardiff to celebrate Croseo '69. Tribute must be paid to our Drama Officer (Mts. E. V. Williams) for this very comprehensive exercise and it is pleasing to note that through this effort amateur drama in Wales paid a fitting tribute to His Royal Highness.

It is a matter of further pride to note His Royal Highness agreed to the suggestion of the Investiture Committee that the royalities of the record of the Investiture were to be allocated to the funds of this Council. A recording was made by the Delyes Recording Company and it is hoped that the Council would benefit substantially from this very gracious act. These generous gestures: reflect the high regard in which the Council is the Gouncil a circles.

In noting our thanks for the honours conferred upon us we send our loyal greetings to our gracious young Prince and trust that he will be blessed with health and happiness to serve our nation in the years to come.

#### **Executive** Committee

There have been no changes in the membership of this Committee during the year. Detailed consideration has been given by the Committee to the proposals of the Review Committee and in addition to quarterly meetings other special meetings have been held.

Staff

Apart from the resignation of our Secretary/Assistant Director, Mr. Icuan Jones, the only other resignation was that of Mrs. Sybil Berry, a member of our Clerical Department, who has served faithfully in our Drama Department for a number of years. Mrs. Berry has taken another post at the Teniovus Cancer Information Centre and in thanking her for her services we wish her well in her new task.

We also welcomed Miss Joan Tyler as an additional member of our Clerical Staff during the past year.

Once again the Staff has been considerably assisted by the advice and encouragement of the President, Chairman, Hon. Treasurer, Members of the Executive Committee and departmental Committees. These voluntary workers form an indispensable part of our efforts though their services are often unpublished.

It will be noted from a perusal of our financial statements included in this Report that we are deeply indebted to Central and Local Government, and to National and Local Trusts. It is with a deep sense of gratitude that we place on record our appreciation to the Welsh Office, Government Ministries, the Development Commission, Local Authorities, the Carnegie United Kingdom Trust and all our subscribers for their generous support. It will be noted that we were again materially assisted by the Women's Social Service Clubs under their Chairman, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P. and the Suff of the Women's Department for their substantial contribution to our work.

#### RURAL DEPARTMENT

The Department has continued to act as the Agent of the Development Commission in co-ordinating the activities of Rural Community Councils in Wales and Monmouthshire. The Department's work, however, is not solely confined to this responsibility and it undertakes some work for the Development Commission in other fields of rural interests.

Review of R.C.C.'s The year under review was one of considerable activity in as much as the Commission undertook a review of the work of R.C.C.s with the object of determining the policy for the quinquennium commencing April 1st, 1971. For the first time in its history the Commission invited a person outside its own members or Staff to make a study of R.C.C.'s The gendeman who undertook this task was Mr. R. F. Bretherton, c.e., formerly Under-Scereary at the Treasury. Mr. Bretherton accompanied by the Director or Rural Officer visited all the R.C.C.'s in Wales and Monmouthshire and met representatives of these organizations. Although the Bretherton Report did not appear before March 31st 1970, it has been circulated in the saft few mintus and is of particular significance and interest to Wales.

#### Suggested New Pattern

The Commission has accepted Mr., Bereherton's recommendation that there is urgent need to restructure the present Rural Community Council pattern in Wales and certain suggestions of amalgamations are currently under review. Two special meetings of representatives of all Welsh R.C.C.'s have been held, one with Mr. Bretherton present whils the other was effected by Mr. B. H. Lincoin, Sccretary to the Commission. Although the suggestion of amalgamation has not yet been finalized the Council has undertaken to act as the Agent of the Commission in trying to secure agreement between R.C.C's as to a new pattern of administration.

Understandably these proposals cut across cherished local traditions and patterns of community involvement and have resulted in vigorous protests from most of the R.C.C.'s. This Council is, therefore, entrasted with the delicate task of implementing the suggestions contained in the Bretherton Report and this operation will mean a considerable amount of activity and consultation in the next twelve months.

## **Rural Committee**

During the year the Council decided, in view of the increasing responsibities placed upon it by the Development Commission, to set up its own Rural Committee. Previously the responsibility of co-ordination, comment and advice given in this regard had been undertaken as a joint exercise with the National Council of Social Service in their Rural Committee. Agreement has now been reached with the N.C.S.S. that this Council will conduct its fairs through its own Rural Committee. The Development Commission has stated clearly that it is a part of their policy that all matters relating to all Welsh R.C.C.'s be handled by this Council. The Welsh Council welcomes this classification as there had been at the time some confusion amongst R.C.C.'s as to the responsibility of the two National Bodies. Two Rural Committees will continue to work in the closest co-operation and will have cross-representation, thus ensuring that there is a common general policy for all R.C.C.'s in England and Wales.

#### Chairman

We have been fortunate in obtaining the services of Mr. H. Noel Jerman, C.a.B., who has recently retried as Assistant Under-Secretary at the Welsh Office, to be Chairman of our new Rural Committee, Mr. Jerman, who committee has an unrivalled knowledge of Welsh affairs and we feel confident that he will lead this Council wisely in the field of community development and re-cognaization. Besides having nominated members of our own Council to serve on this committee, there will also be elected members from the Rural Community Councils.

#### Standing Conference of Rural Community Councils in Wales

An important event during the year has been the first meeting of the newly formed Standing Conference of Rural Community Councils in Wales. This was held at Newtown on the 24th Arril, 1969. It is agreed that R.C.C. repressentation on this Standing Conference should be the Chairman, Sceretary and one other member of each R.C.C. The Welsh Council of Social Service has agreed to provide the sceretariate. There have been negotiations with the Standing Conference of R.C.C.'s inaugurated by the N.C.S.S. in London (which was formed in March, 1970) as to the relationship of the two Standing Conferences and the representation from Wales on the N.C.S.S. note it has now been decided by the Welsh Standing Conference that three of its members elected by hall of should serve on the N.C.S.S. Standing Conference.

The Welsh Council welcomes the formation of this Standing Conference which should prove a valuable forum for discussion between officers and officials of R.C.C.'s in Wales. Hitherto the Conferences of Secretaries have been held requilarly but it is hoped that with wider representation from R.C.C.s there will be a wider dissemination of knowledge and of policies between the various Local Councils.

It should be understood that whilst the Welsh Council provide the secretariate for the Standing Conference the latter is entirely a forum of and for R.C.C.'s. On the other hand the new Rural Committee is a Sub-Committee of the Welsh Council and will be directly responsible to it, although naturally it will take cognisance of suggestions made by the Standing Conference. These two new committees should help Wales to obtain a strong rural voice from organizations and individuals living and working in the countryside.

In response to a request from the Development Commission the Rural Officer conducted a short survey of the Social Amenities in Rhayader. This was completed in April 1969, and it served to underline the fact that whils new industries ware being introduced into the Rhayader area, there were few facilities available for the new labour force or for the present inhabitants. The Council of Social Service for Wales has been asked to act as the agent of the Development Commission in convening meetings of all the interested partice. The first meeting was held in Cardiff on Petruary 12th 1790, and the following were represented: The Development Commission; The Welsh Office; the Department of Education and Science; Rhayader Rural District Council; Radnorshire County; Council; Radnorshire Rural Community Council and the Council of Social Service for Wales.

Good progress was made, especially over the question of the procedures which must be followed in order to qualify for grants. The next step is to be an approach by the Rural District Council to the Church Authorities regarding certain sites at present administered by them.

#### Exhibitions

During Investiture week in July 1969, a very successful exhibition was staged at a Cardif store. As the title of "Crefflwyr Cymur" (Cardismen of Wales) implies, the exhibition covered a wide range of cardis made in Wales. It was a combined effort on the part of Monmouthshire and Radnorshire Rural Industries Committees, the Monmouthshire Rural Community Council and CoSIRA. The Iayout and decor was the work of professional display experts on David Morgan Limited's staff and a new standard of excellence was set.

This year's National Council of Social Service Rural Life Conference was held at the University of Nottingham. The theme was "The Right to have a say" and the aim of the Conference was to consider the implications of various recent government reports concerning countryside matters.

#### Conference

A Conservation in Wales Conference was held at U.C.W. Aberystwyth in September, the organisers being the Naturalist Trust in Wales and the Nature Conservancy. The final session was chaired by Mrs. Eirene White, M.P., Minister of State for Wales.

Officers of the Rural Department have, as usual, attended National Council of Social Service Rural Committee meetings and its Grants Sub-Committees in London, as well as the annual inter-departmental meeting at Dean's Yard.

E. A. R. DAVIES, Rural Officer

# Flintshire

Association of Parish Councils The following Reports on rural work have been supplied by Mr. Eifon Jones,  $\mu$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\nu$ ,  $\sigma$ , 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. The Parish Councils Association has again been quite active during the year under sensing and one of the highlicity is the devision of the Association for th

The Finite Conduction isolation of a signification of the Association to obtain a Chain of Office for use by the Chairman of the Association to obtain a Chain of Office for use by the Chairman of the Association when attending Givic functions. The Chain was obtained at a cost of  $f_2$ 123 and a subscription list was opened and over 75% of the cost has now been collected by voluntary subscription, some very handsome donations feature amongst the subscriptions received. The Chain has been worn by the Chairman on a number of occasions and has been admired by many persons within the county.

The Best Kept Village Competition was again organised by the Association and attracted an entry of 13 villages, and on this occasion the prize for the first time since the competition started was won by a village outside the Maelor area and the plaque was brought from the Maelor area to West Finsthire and erected in the winning village of TREMEIRCHON. A presentation ceremony was held at the village and the success of the village will be premanently recorded by the fact that a roadside sea with a suitably inscribed plate was presented to the village by the Parish Councils Association.

The County Association has been active making representations to other Authorities on behalf of Parish Councils and the County Executive Committee has met on four occasions. This is the first year of operation where the County Executive Committee has comprised a representative from each affiliated Parish Council in the County. This has proved very successful and the attendances at the County Executive Committee meetings has been excellent. In this way each Parish Council is kept informed of the work of the County Association and also of the National Association because full reports are provided at the County Association meeting of the work undertaken by the National Association and the delegates from the Parish Councils are, therefore, able to report back to their respective Councils on this matter. Special meetings have been held to discuss the question of Local Government reorganisation and to make our representations as Parish Councils, and these meetings were also well attended.

The "standing" of the County Association within the county is very high and the Association is consulted on many matters of importance and full recognition is given to the Association as the official representative of the Parish Councils in this country.

The County as far as the Association is concerned is still split into four areas—Hawarden, Holywell Maclor and St. Asaph and it is pleasing to report that there is a too", membership from Hawarden, Holywell and St. Asaph and the large Parish Councils in Maclor are also affiliated and the only Parish Councils not affiliated are the very small parishes with a low penny rate product. Some interest has, however, of late been shown by some of these Councils and it is hoped in the very near future to record an increase in membership in the Maclor area.

County Playing Fields Association Network of the para under review but notwithstanding this the work of the Association still progresses and a great deal of "traffic" exists between myself as the Hon. County Secretary and the various organisations and authorities who from time to time seek advice and assistance in connection with proposals relating to the provision of recreational facilities.

> During the year under review, the Council of the Association has met on one occasion and considered a number of important points relating to fund raising projects and also how best to maintain the interest in the playing fields movement within the County. It is fell that there are many small Sports Clubs which could profit by affiliation to the Association but to date they are not in membership and, as will be seen from the report on the affiliation fees paid, the main membership stems from the Local Authorities and Parish Councils.

# Fund Raising

A very successful fund raising event during the year was the Golf Competition and this was organised by Mr. T. Crossley, a member of the Council, and the Association's thanks are due to Mr. Crossley for the excellent work undertaken in the organising of this Golf Competition. This not only resulted in a profit which was absorbed into the Association's funds, but also helped to give publicity to the County Plaving Fields Association.

The Association's thanks are also due to the Chairman of the Council, Alderman Norman Stewart, for his generosity in presenting a shield for this competition.

It is interesting and encouraging to report that the competition was such a success that not only has there been a demand for a mor's competition again this year but also for a competition for ladies and juniors, and Mr. T. Crossley has again very kindly agreed to undertake the organising of such competitions.

Schemes

There is at present no major scheme in progress in which the County Playing Fields Association is actively involved but a number of smaller schemes are under consideration by the various Authorities or organisations and in some instances the County Association has assisted in the provision of details relating to grants, and the Hon. Technical Adviser has kindly provided lavouts and technical data. Interest-Free Loans

The scheme of interest-free loans operated by the County Association has not attracted the applications which were at first anticipated and only two loans have been advanced to date. A further loan has been applied for and approved by the Council but has not been pursued by the applicants. I feel that this is one tangible way in which small clubs can feel the benefit of membership of the County Association and it is hoped that greater use will be made of this facility in the future.

Welsh Association The County Association has, with all the other County Associations in the Principality, formed a Welsh Association and the purpose of the formation of this Association was to ensure a representation from the County Playing Fields Associations onto the Sports Council of Wales. The Association meets at quarterly intervals in various parts of the Principality and it is anticipated that this will prove a very successful venture.

The Future With the amendment of the Constitution which was adopted at the Annual General Meeting in 1968, it will be appreciated that the members elected to the Association from 1970 will be for a period of three years and membership of the Council of the Association will also be for a period of three years, and I feel that this will be beneficial to the work of the Association are members elected to the Council will realise that they are serving for a much longer period and will not be subjected to annual elections. This continuity in a term of office can only assist in the carrying out of the Association's work in the County.

#### Appreciation

In conclusion, I would like to express my appreciation to the President of the Association for his support and also to the Chairman of the Council for his support and assistance during the year and also the Hon. Treasurer for the valued assistance which he has provided throughout the period under review.

Although the Council has only met on one occasion, a great deal of work was done at that particular meeting and I would confirm the great interest taken in the work of the Association by the members of the Council.

EIFION JONES, Hon. County Secretary

# WOMEN'S DEPARTMENT

The year began with another successful Annual Conference of the Welsh Association of Women's Clubs, held at International House, Penarth, on the 15th and 16th April, 1969. Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, J.P., was again unanimously elected Chairman of the Welsh Association for the coming year, and the Conference gave her a rousing cheer.

"Mass Media"

The theme of the Conference was "Communications—Mass Media". Mr. John Rowley—Deputy Editor of the "Western Mail" gave a very interesting, informative and amusing address on "Mass Media" and their influence on our daily lives.

Baroness Phillips was unable to be present at the Conference this year because of her duties in the House, and the members missed her very much. Mrs. Gwen Moffatt from the National Association, who came down to the Welch Conference for the first time, proved a very able substitute for Baroness Phillips and the members told her they would be glad if she came in the ensuing years. The Chairman of the Penarth Urban District Council accorded a Civic Welcome to the delegates and was interested enough to stay and hear Mr. John Rowley during the first session of the Conference. Both Mr. Ivor Cassamthe Director, and Mr. Icuan Jones—the Assistant Director, attended various sessions of the Conference.

Resolutions Eleven Resolutions were discussed, ranging from the need of reviewing the Land Commission Act, the consequences of vuenced discuss because of greater moral and sexual freedom, student riors, training for automatic children, the placing of mentally handicapped children under the law laborational authority rather than the local Health authority as they are nonfor mobile chemists in rural areas, exemption of prescription charges for all children over 15 years if attending schools or colleges, the need for the wrapping of all bread, that umbrelias be transparent or have a transparent panel, and dispensing with the three years' trial period for the daylightsaving project.

Five Executive Committee meetings have been held this year. Seven Area meetings and eighteen Group Meetings have been held during the year.

New Clubs

Three new Clubs have been formed this year at ;--

- (1) Treees in a fairly remote, but enlarged village in Mid-Glamorgan.
- (2) Cymmer ---- on a new Housing Estate on the mountainside above Cymmer.
- (3) Penarth on a privately-built Housing Estate on the outskirts of Penarth.

Clubs, again, this year, have entertained the old, lonely and handicapped. Several Clubs have contributed money to the 'Tenovus' Breast Cancer Research Fund.

Pageant Several Clubs took part in the Mass Rally Pageant in London, in October last, Unfortunately, many members were fairly seriously hurt in a Railway accident, and three or four were still suffering from the effects. I sincerely hope that everyone is now back to normal, and enjoying good health.

- Open Day Clubs within the Association took part in the Tregross 'Open Day' and Rally at Penceed in July. The theme of the competition this year was left open. A group of not less than eight Craths were to be arranged and exhibited to represent something or other. Pencoed Ladies Club won the Cup, Margam Club came second and Wenvee Club came third.
- Fashion Show About 200 members paid their £1 1s. od. and attended the Marks & Spencer Fashion Parade at the Top Rank Suite in Swansca, on the 24th September. Our Instructors sold programmes at the Top Rank Suite before the event, and did a very good job of work.

Pontypridd Area Clubs made a special effort towards Appeals in the Autumn and raised the excellent sum of  $f_{106}$  16s. od.

The Mid-Glamorgan Area had a very successful Festival of Carols in December. Pencoed Club members produced the leading Choir and Mrs. Davies of Brynna Club conducted the choir and the Festival as a whole. The Choral speaking on "The Creation" was excellently done by Litchard Club members, trained by Mrs. Preceo & Feweny Club. After all expenses had been paid— £19 7s. 6d, was handed by Mrs. Kane to the Council, towards the Appeals effort.

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National Association

The Annual Conference of the National Association of Women's Clubs was held at Fursedown College, London, in July. It was a most successful Conference and there were 51 resident delegates, Organisers and visitors from Wales. Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, Jr. was unanimously re-dected Chairman of the National Association. The Resolution sent from the Velsh Conference to the National Conference—urged swifter Government consideration of the problems of the Mentally Handicapped children, who at present, come under the local Health Authority, and should instead, in our estimation—come under the local Education Authority. The resolution was fully supported by Conference, after being moved excellently by Mrs. V. Tyler of Greenwood Club in West Wales.

Royal Garden Party Fourteen Club members, Mrs. L. Kane and Mrs Celia Williams attended the Royal Garden Party on the afternoon of the 17th July--part of the celebrations of the Jubilee of the National Council of Social Service. Three from the Weish Association attended at the Guidhall on the evening of the 17th July. Everyone had a thrilling and interesting few hours, and it was something to be talked about for a long time to come. The 5t delegates and visitors at the Conference attended the special service at Westminster Abbey on the following morning, the 18th July.

> Mrs. Celia Williams took a party of Club members to Yarmouth and the Norfolk Broads in June last, and the members had a memorable holiday. Mrs. Kane took a party of Club members to Northern Ireland. They had a wonderful holiday and the members took part in a local Fete and Carnival, and took most of the prizes in the latter.

> Two awards have come to Wales this year. Mrs. V. Tyler of Greenwood Club won the Estelle Pearson Award for her poem on "Children". There were two other awards won by Clubs over the border, for poems on "Memorise" and "Friendship". Mrs. J. Dean of Boverton Club won the First Prize of  $\underline{f}_{50}$  at the finals of the Stork Margarine Competition, held in London.

> Llangewydd Club Choir was chosen to sing on Hughie Green's Programme, "Opportunity Knocks".

> During the year, Clubs have made a very effective effort towards the appeals for money, for the funds of the Council. The target was  $f_{2,500}$ . Amounts raised were:—

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Tributes

I would like to take this opportunity of paying tribute once again to the members of our Women's Clubs and especially to our Chairman, Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, Jr. I would also like to thank all members of the Women's Department, especially the two Organisers—Mrs. Kane and Mrs. Celia Williams, the staff and everyone else who made this sum possible, through their generosity, help and willing co-operation and encouragement.

I would again thank expecially—my Secretary—Miss M. E. Griffiths, for her devoted and tireless efforts on behalf of the department and the Association. I would also like to thank Mr. I. V. Cassam—the Directory, Mr. I. O. Jones the Secretary and Assistant Director, and Mr. E. C. Bilson, M.B.B.—the Finance Officer, for all their help, and also members of the staff of the other departments of the Council, who gave their help in many ways.

At this time it is also appropriate to thank the Glamorgan and Carmarthen Education Authorities for their kindly interest and help, and especially for the grants received—without which we could not have carried on and achieved so much.

Lastly, but with real sincerity, I would like to thank the staff of the National Association, especially Lady Phillips, j.P. and Mrs. Gwen Moffatt and their immediate colleagues for help given and interest taken in the work of the Welsh Association of Women's Clubs.

CERI WILLIAMS, Chief Woman Officer ( Women's Clubs Dept.)

# THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR THE ELDERLY IN WALES CYNGOR CENEDLAETHOL HENOED CYMRU

Almost ten years have now passed since the Old People's Department was reconstituted and became a full Department of the Council of Social Service. This was described in the 1961 (5c Annual Report as initially "an act of faith", Today, it is agreed that this has been fully justified with the significant increase in the work of the Department and its involvement in the various aspects of caring for the Elderly as undertaken by voluntary and statutory organisations in Wales.

The Committee felt at this time of change that it should consider a further change in the name of the Committee since possibly the elongated existing name lacked impact.

Change of Name

At the Annual General Meeting in November, 1969 the name was constitutionally changed to the National Council for the Elderly in Wales. It was hoped that this change would give the Department and Committee a better standing and recognition in the Principality and further afield. It now remains for the Council to consolidate its position as the recognised body for providing a focal point for information and advice in Wales and to achieve its aim in co-ordinating statutory and voluntary effort.

#### Social Changes

The National Council is well aware of the changes in social policies at the present time, which will have a marked effect on its work and which may well need reviewing and re-orientating. Centralization and efficiency are the key words of the present era of change, especially so with the proposed changes in Local Government Structure, the implementation of Sechohm already taking place within some Authorities as they set up Social Service Units. There are also the proposed changes as outlined in the Green Paper on Health and Hospital Services. Again, the development of our towns and cities with the removal of the populace to new suburban housing estates, has the existing loncliness among old people.

In this age of technology and computerization, one must seriously ask what effect will this have on community life when factors lead us to think that the community is gradually being depersonalized. The apparent cynicism seems justified in view of the fact that this Department is concerned with the needs of individuals within an age group which increasingly demands a more personal service.

Will centralization mean isolation and remoteness and will administrative and specialist efficiency be sought at the expense of alleviating and meeting needs of the elderly at grass roots?

Needs

There have recently been a number of press, organisational reports and Government reviews drawing attention to the ever increasing needs of the elderly which demand immediate action, to provide more domiciliary services, especially Home Helps, the provision of Sheltered Housing and to ensure that the pensioner knows what services are available. The Rt. Hon, George Thomas, Sceretary of State for Wales, in his Operating Address at the Conference on the Care of the Elderly arranged by the Department at Aberystwyth last Aurumn, quoted some very relevant statistics which make us realize the urgency of the work in this field. The delegates were reminded that by the end of the Century the number of persons in England and Wales over 75 years of age is likely to increase by 40% while the increase of those of 8 v cars of age and over would be somewhere in the region of 66%.

One concludes from these various reports that the organisations concerned will be hard pressed to meet future demands, especially if the policy of keeping people in their own homes with a view to leading a more independent life in the community is to be realized.

#### Voluntary Workers

National Conference

The recent Aves Report on the Voluntary Worker in the Social Services concludes that there is need for both "startory and voluntary bodies to formulate more clearly their aims and policies regarding the use of volunteers and that the place of the volunteer in setablished Social Service needs to be made more explicit" and states that "ways must be found of ensuring that a more effective use is made of the volunteer."

The Council for Woles gratefully acknowledges the work undertaken by voluntary organisations. It is convinced that there is far greater room for co-operation and hopes that voluntary organisations will come closer to each other in their mutual efforts to promote the welfare of the Elderly in a more effective manner. With all this in mind, the Department through its Secretary has made every effort to maintain contact with Old People's Welfare Committees on County and local level. The Officer has continually emphasized the need for Committees to review the situation, and enquire within themselves whether they have in the past achieved what they had set out to do. There is some evidence for believing that Committees have lost sight of their pioneering role and obviously some have not fulfilled their functions as effectively as they could. This Department would be pleased to assist and give guidance to existing Committees.

The Council continually stresses its belief in the need for Information Courses and Conferences. Apart from Glamorgan and Monmouthshire, there seems to have been very little or no arrangements in the rest of Wales for such courses during the past year. The Department is pleased to hear, however, that other counties including Caernaryonshire, and Merionethshire, Swansea and Newport; are arranging courses for 1900/1971.

Courses were held at Caerleon, Risca, Pontardawe and Cardiff. The following county reports have been received:

Caernarvonshire New Committees were formed at Rhiwlas, Dwgyfylchi, Rhostryfan and Penrhosgarnedd and it is understood that preliminary meetings have been held at Llanbedrog and Trevor.

A survey to assess the needs of the Elderly has recently been carried out in the Lleyn Peninsula.

The County Secretary has been negotiating with the Local Education Authority with a view to considering the use of the school meals in providing a Meals-on-Wheels service in rural areas. It is hoped that these discussions will meet with some measure of success. Such co-operational schemes could be the answer to providing meals in the more rural areas in the future.

Merionethshire Reports state that the Housing Schemes in the County, namely Dolserau Hall and the new Abbeyfield Home at Dolgellau are working satisfactorily. The Committees concerned are to be congratulated on this new venture.

Newport Congratulations are also due to the Newport Borough Old People's Welfare Committee on their effort to build yet another Day Centre --The Liswerry Eventide Club.

Carmarthenshire The Carmarthenshire Old People's Committee have started on a County Survey to assess the needs of the Elderly. Some dozen or more areas have completed the Survey. Such surveys are recommended and should provide local Committees a basis for future efforts.

#### Grants

The Department was again instrumental in obtaining small grants for crockery, cutlery and other items from the Unilever Fund for the following Glubs. Phillipstown O.A.P. Branch (Mon.). Swffrwyd O.A.P. Branch (Mon.). Pentywaun O.A.P. Branch (Mon.). Lliswerry Eventide Club (Newport).

# **Residential Course**

Once again the Department arranged a Residential Course for Matrons and Wardens of Old People's Homes in Wales. This was held at the University Hall, Penylan, Cardiff. There were staff present from County Authority Homes in Carmarthenshire, Cardiganshire, Glamorgan, Denbighshire, Anglesey, Cardiff, Newport and Swansea. It was disappointing that the remaining nine Authorities did not support the arrangement. Nevertheless the Course proved to be successful and greatly appreciated by all who attended. The Course was tutored by Miss E. Handesyde, a former Regional Officer of the Misintry of Health.

# **Residential Conference**

The Penbryn Hall of Residence, Aberystwyth was the venue for the first residential Conference on the Welfare of the Elderly to be arranged in Wales and by this Department.

The theme of the Conference held from 12th-14th September, 1969 was "Caring for the Elderly in Practice". The Conference will be remembered for the quality of the speakers invited and their lectures.

The Department was delighted that the Secretary of State for Wales, the Re. Hon, George Thomas, M.P., had kindly agreed to give the Opening Address. The speakers for succeeding days were: Miss Marjorie Bucke, National Old People's Welfare Council; Mr. W. E. Boyce, County Welfare Officer, Essex; Mr. James Taffinder and Mr. Colin Eyres, Welsh Office, Housing Division; Dr. Glyn Penrhyn Jones, Consultant Geriatric Physician, Caernarvon.

The three Sub-Conferences were addressed by Mrs. K. Nunneley and Councillor Mrs. C. V. Stubbs, Louth, Lincs; Miss M. E. Webb, National Federation of Housing Societies; Mrs. Jill Marchant, National Old People's Welfarc Council and Mr. W. Phillip Davies, Aberystwyth.

The Conference was greatly appreciated by the 140 Residential and non-Residential delegates who attended. The Officer was only sorry that more County Old People's Welfare Committees and County Welfare Committees did not send delegates to the Conference.

# Old People's Week, 1969

The 17th Old People's Week was celebrated from the 28th September-4th October.

The Welsh Office, Health and Information Divisions again produced the National Poster to publicize "The Week" for which the Department is most indebted.

A new feature of the "Week" was the Art and Photography Competitions arranged in addition to the Essay Competition of the last three years. The Art Competition brought in some 86 entries but the number of entries in the Photography Competition were disappointing.

The Department with financial support from the Welsh Arts Council was able to arrange an Exhibition tour of the paintings. Exhibition centres were Anlwch, Bala, Aberystwyth, Haverfordwest, Brecon and Llandrindod Wells. The Exhibition arrived in Cardiff for the Official Opening of Old People's Week at Thomson House, Cardiff.

The venue for the Launching Ceremony was very appropriate since the Western Mail had kindly agreed to help sponsor the Art Competition during its Centenary and provide the prize money of  $\frac{1}{2}75$ .

The Department and Council extended is most grateful thanks and appreciation to Mr. David Thomas, Managing Director of the "Western Mail", for the support given and offered its congratulations to the "Western Mail" on its achievement. The "Week" was officially opened by Dr. Alan Oldfeid Davies, Chairman, Council of Social Service for Wales and Monmouthshire, who read a message of good wishes from the Secretary of State for Wales.

The prizes for the Competition were presented by Mr. David Thomas and County Alderman William Llewelyn, J.P. The proceedings were Chaired by Mr. Ivor V. Cassam, Director of this Council.

The Department is already proceeding with arrangements for Old People's Week, 1970.

Alexandra Rose Day The Council was, for the first time, responsible for arranging Alexandra Day Collections in Wales. It was disappointing that despite numerous representations to local Committees only three areas in Wales took advantage of the dates allocated them as neostiated by Alexandra Day Headouarters.

#### Post Office Campaign

The Post Office Telecommunications Department was assisted by the Department with their campaign to assist and educate the Elderly on the use of the Telephone especially in emergency situations. The Officer was pleased to be able to contact the various Clubs and Committees in Monmouthshire, Glamorgan and parts of Breconshire, encouraging them to invite officers of the Post Office Headquarters to address their Club meetings. It has been reported that the campaign in this area has been more successful than any throughout the country. This has been attributed to the assistance given by this Department.

#### Information

The Officer has continued to give advice and guidance from the increasing number of requests for information covering many aspects of caring for the Elderly and in particular information concerning grants, residential homes, day sitters and companions.

The above report provides a brief glimpse only into the work of the Department over the past year. It will be appreciated that no report can fully describe the amount of work undertaken with its administrative and time consuming involvements.

While it is not the prerogative of the Officer to measure the quality of the services provided, he has been greatly encouraged and gratified by the expressions of appreciation and recognition from statutory and voluntary organisations and individuals that have taken advantage of the services placed at their disposal through this Council.

#### Appreciation

The Officer has been strenuous in his efforts to ensure that the Department does all within its powers in furthering the welfare of the Elderly and at the same time has tried to make certain that the Council plays its full part in this rapidly developing and vital field of the social services. The Department whese to record its thanks to the host of Known and unknown helpers, whose good will, willingness to co-operate and dedication have enabled the Department to carry out its work during the year.

D. HAYDN THOMAS, Old People's Officer

#### CARDIFF COUNCIL FOR THE ELDERLY

The year under review marked the final stages in the development and the formation of the Cardiff Council for the Elderly.

For some years informal discussions had taken place between the Director of the Council of Social Service for Wales and Monmouthshire and Officers of the Cardiff City Health and Welfare Departments.

It had appeared from these discussions that there was a need for all interested in the care of the elderly to be given the opportunity of working closer together and co-ordinating their efforts as much as possible.

The proportion of people over the age of retirement is steadily rising and this development is likely to continue for many years to come.

Total Population	110	1.444	 289,480
Male Pensioners 65 plus	 ***	***	 12,900
Female Pensioners 60 plus	 		 30,840

The estimated population for 1969 was 283,860—a reduction of 3,620 which it is suspected was brought about by the movement of young people from the area. Details of the numbers of pensioners living in the Caty during 1969 are not known, but there is a strong possibility that proportionately they would be higher than in 1966 when the percentage was similar to the National average of 15,5%.

Surveys which were made in connection with the Cardiff Visitation Scheme showed that above 10% of those of pensionable age asked for visitors.

Many of our elderly citizens are house-bound and have no opportunity of leaving their homes unless assisted by the various services supplied by the cardiff City Council or by voluntary help given by individuals and organisations such as the British Red Cross Society, Women's Royal Voluntary Service, Churches of all denominations and other people of good will.

The primary purpose of the Council for the Elderly is to provide common ground for discussion, the exchange of ideas between statutory and voluntary organisations and prevent the overlapping and formation of gaps which arise when organisations work in isolation.

# Working Party

It was agreed at a meeting attended by nineteen representatives of Cardiff's voluntary and statutory organisations to appoint a Working Party to produce recommendations for consideration by all organisations at a later date.

This was done and subsequently a Constitution under the title of Cardiff Council for the Elderly was adopted. A Management Committee was also formed and membership of the Council accorded to all organisations assisting in the care of the elderly in the City of Cardiff. Mr. Walter John has been appointed Chairman and the Council of Social Services provide the Secreturiat and acts as Trustees.

#### **Christmas Gifts**

In order to reduce the duplication of gifts which some times takes place at Christmas time, it was decided by the Management Committee to offer the services of the Council as a clearing house, matching names and addresses of needy elderly with offers of cash and kind. Well over 700 names and addresses were dealt with and a number of organisations participated in the arrangements and distributed gifts.

Christmas Dinners

There were a number of people throughout Cardiff on Christmas Day prepared to forego their own pleasures in order to ensure that many who would otherwise have been lonely and housebound could enjoy a Christmas Dinner and be entertained.

The Council for the Elderly were asked for the names and addresses of elderly people who would appreciate the warmth of fellowship and good cheer on the day and feel privileged to have been associated with a number of churches and other organisations in this way,

Lord Mayor's Distress Fund

Letters of requests for help which are sent to the Lord Mayor at Christmas time were dealt with on this occasion through the Council for the Elderly and the donation of £25 which was received from the Distress Fund was utilised for the purpose of purchasing and distributing gifts. Voluntary Drivers are required from time to time to convey elderly people

who may be too infirm to visit their partner in hospital. A large number of people were helped in this way but many more volunteers are required

particularly those able to help during the day time.

Voluntary Drivers

Wireless for the Bedridden

Society

Royal Alfred Merchant Seamen's

Cardiff Visitation Scheme

The formation of the "Society for the Wireless for the bedridden" owed its inauguration in 1938 to a few London Rotarians and representatives of other social services and has now extended throughout Great Britain. It provides free radio and television facilities for the bed-ridden and housebound elderly who are financially unable to purchase these themselves.

The Council for the Elderly are sponsors in Cardiff on behalf of applicants in need of these facilities and referrals are received from both statutory and voluntary sources.

This worthy charitable organisation has a long and honourable history. It celebrated its Centenary in 1065.

The Council of Social Services were asked to act on behalf of this Society in the City of Cardiff and this agency has been included within the Cardiff Visitation Scheme. The duties of the Officer include that of Honorary Agent for the "Royal Alfred".

There are over one hundred beneficiaries in Cardiff who receive a small pension every quarter in addition to which over 200 retired seamen or their widows were interviewed during the course of the year with the object of obtaining special grants. Many of these were referred to the Department of Health and Social Security.

A total of over £2,000 was paid out on behalf of the Society in the form of cash and vouchers.

A large number of requests for voluntary visitors were received and dealt with by means of referrals to voluntary visitors.

The liaison and co-operation which exists between statutory organisations and voluntary visitors via the Officer is excellent and undoubtedly is the basis for the smooth running of the scheme, which often operates under extreme pressure.

Well over 300 volunteers continue to take an active part in the work and give a continuity of visiting which is most essential.

It is impossible to measure the immense value of this service to the elderly in Cardiff and there are scores of elderly people who would feel cut off from the community without the friendly visits of the dedicated voluntary visitor,

A number of meetings were arranged in various parts of Cardiff and a Joint Meeting of voluntary visitors and street wardens took place at the City Hall. Talks were given by Dr. M. S. Pathy, Consultant Geriatrician and Mr, L. Williams, a Senior Welfare Officer.

The City Council had very kindly agreed to the use of the Council Chamber. The Organising Secretary wishes to thank both speakers for giving so readily of their time and takes the opportunity of also thanking all who have addressed meetings of voluntary visitors and street wardens throughout the year.

The attendance at meetings and the advice and assistance received from officers of the City Health and Welfare Departments is also very much appreciated.

#### Visits as Observer

Following arrangements made by the Council of Social Service, the Officer was privileged to spend several days with the Bristol Old People's Welfare Committee and also with the Birmingham Council for Old People.

A most comprehensive programme had been arranged by the Secretaries of both committees and the Officer is grateful for the opportunity of observing and on several occasions, participating in the work of these two organisations.

# Appreciation

It is obvious that an organisation such as the Cardiff Council for the Elderly would not have come into existence without those who have for years given a great deal of thought and consideration to its need in Cardiff.

The final emergence of the Council this year, is also the result of genuine co-operation between representatives of many voluntary and statutory organisations.

Its future effectiveness will depend on this co-operation ever increasing so that the purposes and the objects of the Council are successfully achieved.

Whilst thanking, most sincerely, all who have greatly assisted during this arduous year, the Officer also wishes to express particular appreciation to the Director and his friends and colleagues in the Council of Social Service from whom he has received considerable encouragement and help.

ASQUITH L. MORGAN, Secretary.

# DRAMA DEPARTMENT

Training

What proved to be the most successful venture yet undertaken by the Drama Association of Wales was a full week Production School held at the University College of Wales, Aberstwyth. The Director of the Course was Mr. Edward Argent of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, who was assisted by Mr. Peter Woodham, Technical Director of R.A.D.A. and Mrs. Catherine Lambert of the London School of Dance and Drama. Thirry students from all over Wales attended the Gourse, and the plays worked on were "The Gaucasian Chalk Circle" by Brecht and the "Electra of Sophocles". On the final night, rehearsed scenes were presented to an invited audience.

Festivals

Five Counties took part in the One-Act Play Festival; Monmouthshire, Meriomethshire, Pennbrackshire, Recon and Glamorgan. The adjudicator for this Stage I. Festival was Mr. Bernard Prentice. He selected three plays to appear at the Wales Final at The Little Theatre, Newport, and Saturday, 24th May. The Companies appearing in the Final were the Llynasiaddan Players, Brecknock, in "Leave It To Jenkins", the Tonyrefail Amateur Dramatic Society in "Anna-Janska, The Bolshevik Empress" by G. B. Shaw, and the Pontllanfraith Womens' Institute in "The Nine Fathers", which was an original play by Lesile Bonnet of Criccith.

The last play went forward to the British Final where it was adjudged by the Adjudicator, Mr. J. W. Lambert, Arts Editor of the Sunday Times, to be the best play from the four countries. The Company were presented with the Howard de Walden Trophy.

The Adjudicator for the Area Finals of the Welsh National Youth Drama Festival was Mr. D. Alway Dones, Assistant Director of Education, Cardigan. The three Companies he chose to appear at the Final at Lampeter on Saturday 10th May, were the Brecon and District Young Farmers Club in an orginal pay by Mr. Gerald Williams, "The Better Boys", the Llwchwr County Youth Centre in a shortened version of "Gaslight" by Patrick Hamilton, and the Cardiff Equivish Youth Club in "The Baar" by Chekhov. The Adjudicator at the Final, Mr. Brinley Jenkins of the Cardiff Evolution Youth Club.

To mark Croeso '69, the Drama Association of Wales, supported by the Welsh Arts Council and the Cardiff City Council, invited six Companies from Wales to present full length plays at the New Theatre, Cardiff. The Lord Mayor of Cardiff, Alderman Lincoln Halinan officially opened the Festival on Monday, t6th June, with Barry Arts Cattre performing "Romanoff and Juliet" by Peter Usitiono. Other Companies taking part were the Llandli Festival Players, Bridgend Castle Players, Gardiff Y.M.C.A. Players, Grove Park Amateur Dramatic Society, Wrexham, and Blackwood Little Theatre.

The Weish Language Festival was held at Llanwrst in 1969. The Festival opened on Thursday, 16th October, with a performance by the Welsh Theatre Company of "Y Ffordd" by T. Rowland Hughes. Professor T. J Morgan, University College of Wales, Swansea, addressed an invited audience on the Friday night on the work of R. G. Berry of Gwaelod-y-Garth. A "Seata Ddrama" under the Chairmanship of Mr. R. Wallis Evans, HAM., Bangor, was held on the Saturday afternoon and the Festival closed on the Sunday night with a play presented by the Merioneth County Drama Company.

**Playwriting Competition** 

Three Welsh plays and 37 English plays were submitted to the One-Act Playwriting Competition in 1969. The Adjudicator for the English Section was Mr. Mansel Thomas of Swansea and the Welsh Section was adjudicated by Mr. Emlyn James, Swansea. The winning play was "The Merry Regiment of Women" by Mrs. Rae Shirley of Ebbw Vale. A special award was given to Mr. Leo Arthurs, Port Talbot, for his One-Act Play "The Abyss". The three entries in the Welsh Section shared the prize as there was no outright winner. The cheques were presented to the authors at the Playwriting School which was held at Llandrindod Wells from Friday, 21st November to Sunday, 21rd November. Library

During the year, over 500 sets of plays and 1,500 single copies were issued from the Department. Seventy-eight sets of curtains and 20 sound effects records were borrowed by Societies during this period.

Christmas 1969 saw the heaviest bookings for lighting equipment yet experienced and during the whole year, 482 lighting units were hired out. In terms of handling, this represents a great deal of clerical work and maintenance.

The card index system which was started in the Autumn has not yet been completed, but has already proved of invaluable help: the cards giving as they do full information about the play, the number of copies available and where the books are on loan. It is hoped that this work may be completed in due course.

The takings for books and equipment were just over  $\pounds$ 407 while the income from membership was  $\pounds$ 272.

# Membership

Twenty-two new Societies including hospitals and schools have affiliated to the Association during the past year. Amongst these Societies is the Ulster Young Farmers Clubs.

As a direct result of the Librarians Conference held in Mold in October, 1968, many of the larger County Libraries are affiliated members to this Association.

We are pleased to supply the libraries with books and information on request. Nine new individual members have joined during the ro§o/70 period and many of them have come to us through other activities organised by the Association, mainly the Production Schools at Aberystwyth and the Festivals. It is regretted that Flintshire has lapsed its membership and that Montgomeryshire have not yet affiliated as a County Drama Committee. A Drama Adviser has been appointed in that County Drama Committee. A Drama Adviser has been appointed in that County Drama Committee.

# Appreciation

I am glad to be able once more to express our deep appreciation to the President and the Chairman of the Drama Association of Wales, to the Chairmen of the Sub-Committees, and all voluntary members of these Committees who give so much of their time to the work of the Association and without their support the work would be seriously currailed.

Thanks is also given to the Director and Staff of the Council of Social Service.

(MRS.) E. V. WILLIAMS, Drama Officer,

# CITIZENS ADVICE BUREAU

#### Introduction

In reviewing the work of the C.A.B. service in Wales during the year 1969/70, emphasis must be placed on the work done at grass roots level; in other words—in the interviewing rooms of the 32 Bureaux in the Principality. Advice

During the year the 337 bureau workers, who have given their services voluntarily, dealt with 58,929 enquiries. An analysis of enquiries is as follows:

					1969/70	1968/69
Communication & Trav	el	(222)			3,619	3,470
Education & Training	14.2				2,133	2,057
Employment				***	3.141	3,038
Civic Local & National	Inform	nation			12,324	10,513
Family and Personal					11,833	11,159
Social Security			***	****	2,873	2,687
Health and Medical	***				2,345	2,409
Housing Property and I	Land				11,998	11,475
Taxes and Duties					1.034	992
Consumer, Trade & Ma	anufact	ture			6,705	5,794
Private Insurance				***	924	924
			то	TAL	58,929	54,518

The total number of enquiries dealt with in the current year represents an increase of 8.1%, over the previous year.

Training

Bureaux have engaged in intensive training programmes at local level over the year and Workers have also attended training days at regional level arranged through the North and South Wales Standing Conferences of Citizens Advice Bureaux and a residential training course.

Subjects discussed have included: Legal Advice for All Implications of the Seebohm Report Income Tax Problems The Background of Immigration A Modern Advice Service

The Bureau Organiser The demands made on Bureau Organisers have increased greatly. Their work involved not only the routine tasks of administering Bureaux from day to day but also the supervision of students placed at Bureaux for field work experience, the silfing of information for evidence to Committees of Enquiry, speaking to the members of other voluntary organisations on the work of C.A.B. and keeping their Committees informed of the activities of the Bureau.

This has pin-pointed two needs. Firstly, the need for specific training in administering a Bureau and secondly, for some acknowledgement of their services in the form of remuneration.

A start was made with the training for Bureau Organisers in September with a group of 14 meeting to discuss various aspects of their work. A whole day was allocated to these discussions, which were informal. The innovation was a success and it was generally agreed that there was a need for further opportunities of discussing common problems.

Requests to Local Authorities for increased grants to meet part-time salaries and honoraria for Organisers have been well received where these have been made and more Bureaux will be making similar requests in the future.

#### Development

The C.A.B. coverage of Wales is not yet adequate there being a number of important gaps, notably Ebbw Vale, Merthyr, Neath and Tredegar. During the year sustained efforts have been made to rouse local interest and support in these main centres of population. These efforts have been helped by a letter circulated to Local Authorities by the Welsh Office referring to the development plan prepared by the Committee of C.A.B. for Wales.

Whilst results are slow in some areas, in others there has been considerable progress. Plans are in hand to open Bureaux in Aberystwyth, Holywell and Prestatyn. Work is also in progress at Newtown where the Bureau previously operated by the Mongomeryshire Rural Community Council is being re-constituted.

Committee of C.A.B. for Wales The main concern of the Committee has been the standard of the C.A.B. service in Wales.

Applications for registration have been received and approved from Aberdarc, Barry, Combran, Flint, Llanelli, Newport and Radnorshire and a number of Bureaux are engaged in re-organisation in order to meet the required standard. The Committee has been firm but sympathetic in its approach to Bureaux not complying with the requirements of the registration scheme and this policy has met with favourable response from Bureaux.

# Appreciation

Once more the Staff of the Department feel the need to express appreciation for the practical help and support received from the Chairman and members of the Executive Committee, from the Director, Assistant Director and Staff of the Council, frem the National C.A.B. Council and from statutory and voluntary bodies.

All the work undertaken has been in an effort to ensure an ever better service to the Citizens of the Principality and this would not have been possible without the support and enthusiasm of C.A.B. at local level—thanks are due to Bureau Chairmen and their Committees, Bureau Organisers and their trams of voluntary workers and to local authorities and other bodies which have made it possible for them to carry out their work.

(Miss) M. NESTA DAVIES, Advisory Officer for Wales,

# COMMUNITY YOUTH DEPARTMENT

#### Changes

One of the most constant factors in our modern society is that of change and undoubtedly when one looks in retrospect over the past decade it is not surprising to find that the 60's produced a plethora of both Governmental and National/Organisational sponsored reports which deal with the effects of this change on the lives of people; and suggested ways and means of developing administrative and organisational machinery to support, improve and better those services which are engaged in caring for people.

The development of community services in the educational and social work context have in particular been under close seruiting over the past few years, and the future role and functions of local authorities and voluntary agencies have been the concern of a number of important reporting commissions.

# Partnership

It is reassuring to see without exception that such recent commissions as Gulbenkian, Seebohm, The Youth Service Development Council and the Aves Committee have all in their turn recommended the strengthening of the partnership between statutory and voluntary agencies, the training of protessional and voluntary workers to make fuller use of resources within the community itself, and the application of community work methods in answering the needs of individuals and groups by supporting and stimulating greater participation by people in their own neighbourhood affairs.

During the course of the year the Community Department of this Council has endeavoured to work in the spirit of much of what is recommended by these committees, and it has continued to play an active part in facilitating and supporting citizen participation at various levels. It has continued the role of fostering relationships and co-operation with both statutory and voluntary agencies which are concerned with improving the quality of life in Wales.

- Centres The Department has for many years been concerned with assisting and supporting the efforts of community associations and community centres and public hall committees in Wales, and this aspect of work has been maintained during the year with a steady flow of help given to neighbourhood groups in various localities of the Principality.
- Advice There are many aspects to the advice which has been given by the Officer to these neighbourhood committees. This has included such details as the purchase and acquisition of land, sources of grant-aid, the maintenance of buildings, the use and adaptation of buildings, trusteeship and constitutional procedures, and of greater importance the emphasis which should be placed by community associations and hall committees on the involvement of people and groups in their neighbourhood to support and develop creative activities in their localities both in a social welfare and an educational context.
- Contacts Many community associations and hall committees were visited by the Officer on several occasions during the course of the year. New points of contact were established at Beaumaris, Anglesey, Borth, Cardiganshire; Abergele and Wrexham, Denbighshire; Meliden, Flintshire; Dolgellau, Merionethshire; Treowen and Ebbw Vale, Monmouthshire; Aberfan, Grossfaen, Pentyrch, Bridgend and Cillynydd, Glamorgan; together with centres and groups at Swamsea, Cardiff and Newport.
- Welsh Conference The Community Department was pleased to participate and contribute to a control during the early part of the year at the University College of Swaasca, which dealt with "Community Work in Wales", following the publication of the important report of the Gulbenkian Study Group on training for community work. The Officer addressed this conference with special reference to the development of community associations and their relationships with youth service activity.
  - Social Workers The Officer acts as Secretary to the Guild of Social Workers in Wales. Contact is maintained with social workers from the various disciplines during the course of the year, and day schools and conferences arranged by branches of the Guild which are established in various areas in the Principality. A notable contribution by one of these branches—Flintshire was made in the form of pre-conference papers, as a study group preparation for the 7th British National Conference on Social Welfare which was held for the first time in Wales, at the University College, Swanses, in April 1970.
- Overseas Exchanges For sometime it has been the practice of this Department to arrange programmes and assist with visits to Wales of quests from overscas. This aspect of the department's work has increased during the past few years and undoubtedly this trend should continue into the future, not only as a contribution to better international relations, but also to increase the awareness of overseas visitors of the nationhood of Wales within the United Kingdom

The Department has been pleased to assist the Information Division of the Welsh Office and the Educational Interchange Council during the course of the year with visits being paid to Wales of representatives from Mauritius, Kuwait, Nigeria, Mexico, France, Russia, Bulgaria and West Germany.

Prison Fund

The Community Officer acts as Treasurer to the Cardiff Prison Christmas Fund Committee and during the Autumn 1969 over Leday over donated to the Fund. This enabled each dependent child of men confined in the prison to receive a parcel of toys during the Christmas period, many of which were delivered throughout South Wales by the excellent group of voluntary workers cngaged in this scheme.

The Standing Conference for Wales of Voluntary Youth Organisation is an associated body of this Council, the secretariat of which is the responsibility of the Community/Youth Department.

Standing Conference Conference, and these represent almost every spect of voluntary organsational youth work which is undertaken in Wales at the present time. The purpose of the Standing Conference is therefore to foster closer co-operation between these bodies, to support corporate action on questions of common concern, and to encourage good relationships between all sectors and agencies in Wales which are involved in Youth Service work.

Investiture The dominant feature of the work undertaken by the Standing Conference during the year was its contribution to various activities and commitments in connection with the Investiture of His Royal Highness, The Prince of Wales.

> S.C.W.V.Y.O. was honoured in preparing, publishing and distributing the Official Souvenir Programme of the Investiture Ceremony at Caernarfon Castie in July 1969, and the Chairman, Mr. Christopher Cory in particular, is to be congratulated on an excellent publication of which nearly 130,000 copies were sold and distributed within the United Kingdom and overseas during the investiture and post investiture periods.

> A substantial profit has resulted from these sales and it is expected that a scheme will be formulated in the coming year whereby young people can be assisted in acquiring small bursaries to enable them to embark on special projects and activities.

> Arrangements were made to nominate and select young people and their leaders from all parts of Wales to represent the voluntary youth organisations at Caernarfon Castle on 1st July. The travelling, accemmodation and assembly procedures for these representatives were also undertaken by the Standing Conference.

Youth Assembly Over 1,700 young people assembled from each County in Wales at Cardiff Castle on the 5th july to welcome the Prince of Wales on his first official visit to the capital city following his investiture. Many weeks of preparation was involved in the planning of this colourful event, and the Standing Conference was pleased to contribute by arranging an extensive range of displays and activities representing the work and achievements of the voluntary youth organisations in Wales.

> 1970's Various committees of the Standing Conference were convened during the year together with a Half-Yearly Meeting held in Cardiff, and the residential

Annual Conference which was held at Llandrindod Wells in November 1969, At this latter conference cighty representatives from both statutory and voluntary sectors of Youth Service Invelopment Council for England and Wales entitled "Youth and Community Work in the roys"s, "The guest speaker at the Conference was Mr. B. J. Griffiths, Further Education Officer of the Welsh Joint Education Committee.

Following discussions at this Conference and subsequent meetings of the S.C.W.Y.Y.O. Executive Committee, a submission of views and comments of this important report were forwarded to the Department of Education and Science at the end of the year. The Standing Conference had also earlier in the year given its comments on a draft circular prepared by the Department of Education and Science concerning plans for revising the basic training of youth leaders and community centre wardens.

The training of full-time and voluntary leaders is an important aspect in the development of Youth Service provision, and the Officer has been pleased to participate and lecture at a number of leadership training courses during the year arranged by colleagues in the statutory and voluntary sectors of Youth Service in the Principality.

#### U.K. Co-operation

Youth Exchanges,

Bulgaria

The strengthing of relationships with other Standing Conferences of Youth Organisations in the United Kingdom is an important aspect of youth work, and in this respect both the Chairman of S.C.W.V.Y.O. and the youth officer were pleased to attract, and tail, at a Joint Conference held in Northern Ireland in April, when representatives from the Standing Conferences of England, Scotlard, Eire, Wales and Northern Ireland met at the Education Authority Buildings, Belifast.

In conjunction with the "Working Group on Youth Exchanges with Eastern European Countries" the Youth Officer arranged a programme for a party of twenty Bulgarian youth leaders who visited Wales during October, 1969. The group had an opportunity of studying various aspects of Welsh life and the officer is especially grateful to the Principals, Staff and members of the following Bodies for their kindness and co-operation in entertaining the foreign guests during their stay: Y.M.C.A. Further Education College, Rhoose; Glamorgan Education Authority (Further Education College, Rhoose; Glamorgan Education Authority, National Coal Board (South West Diffice; The National Museum of Wales; National Coal Board (South West Division); Cor Aelwyd Urdd Gobaith Cymru, Cardiff, and the Cardiff Penillion Choir.

The Youth Officer also made detailed arrangements in February, 1970 for the receiving in Wales of a delegation from the Youth Travel Bureau of the U.S.S.R., but unfortunateley this tour was cancelled at the eleventh hour and is now likely to take place later in the year.

The "Working Group on Youth Exchanges" was further assisted by the Youth Department in making known the opportunities which exist for young people to participate in British study group tours of countries in Western and Eastern Europe during 1970, and in the application arrangements on a Welsh level.

# Germany

As a result of a visit which the Youth Officer made to the Federal Republic of Germany in 1969 two groups of German young people from Bonn and Wiesbaden will be visiting Wales during the summer of 1970, and details of their accommodation and study tour arrangements have been undertaken during the latter part of this current year.

#### Voluntary Service

The Youth Officer has maintained contact during the course of the year with groups of young poople in Wales who are concerned in promoting community service work in their localities. This Council has for a number of years administerce grants from the King George Jubilee Trust to enable work of this nature to develop, and during the year groups from North and South Wales have been assisted in this way.

During the course of the year the Community/Youth Officer has conferred, assisted and enabled other bodies to perform their tasks and involvements in Wales. Much of this aspect of general community work is unsung, time consuming and often appears undynamic. The Department, however, considers this a valuable contribution to the service of Welsh Youth. Such bodies, for example, as Shchter (National Campaign for the Homeless) and S.A.R.A. (Student Appeal for Refugees in Africa), to name but two of the newer voluntary organisations which have grown up in recent years, have looked to this Council for guidance to establish points of contact in Wales in support of their appeal and work.

Further national bodies, such as the Council of Churches for Wales, have also been assisted, particularly in its study-group preparations for the 1970 Conference on "The Church and Social Responsibility." Assistance has been given to other national and local groups to which the officer has either addressed or participated in their various aspects of service to the community.

#### Appreciation

The Department is grateful for all the help that it also has received from many quarters during the period under review, and especially the goodwill and co-operation shown by all colleagues in the voluntary and statutory sectors of the Educational, Community and Social Work fields, in both England and Wales, who have assisted in the various facts of this Department's work.

EIFION W. HOPWOOD, Community/Youth Officer.

# CHARITY REVIEW, GLAMORGAN

This Council at the invitation of the Glamorgan County Council has undertaken the Review of certain Charities within the administrative County. This Review is due to end in March 1971. The exercise has revealed the existence of several Charities that had fallen into abeyance and schemes have been inaugurated for their modernisation. In addition the Trustees of several small Charities have agreed to amalgamate with other local Charities with the object of producing the maximum benefit to local residents.

#### Introduction

The Review in Glamorgan is confined to Charities for the poor and sick poor in the Rural Districts of the County (with the exception of the Municipal Borough of Cowbridge). During the year the area has been extended from the casterly Rural Districts to include the Rural Districts of Penybont, Pontardawe, Neath and Gower. It has not been the custom in recent years to leave money in the care of local people for the benefit of poor parishioners. One of the few 'modern' charities dates back to 1917. The charities span a period in history of some four hundred years with most endowed during the nineteenth century. **Cardiff Rural District** 

Llantrisant and Llantwit Fardre Rural District

> Cowbridge Rural District

The population is 21,900 with an acreage of 40,020. The Charity Commissioners have received and approved a scheme to join charities in one parish. In several of the remaining fourteen parishes which contain charities, there is still a possibility of using the cy-pres schemes to modernise and/or group a number of charities.

The population is 30,020 and an acreage of 18,433, covering only two parishes.

A full report of the Charities in this area has been submitted to the Glamorgan County Council. However, the Charity Commissioners' suggestion for a scheme to join four of the eight charities has not yet been drafted due to

The population is estimated at 26,250 (1967 Returns of the Registrar General). The acreage is estimated at 59,859 acres. This area was one of the first districts to come under the review and a report of the charities has been compiled and presented to the Local Authority. Further to that report, cy-pres Schemes to modernise and/or group charities in two parishes have been approved by the Charity Commission so that the monies of the parish might be combined for the use of the poor and sick poor of the parish.

Cowbridge Municipal Borough Bocause of its area of only 85 acres and relatively dense population of 1,055. The trustees of four of the twelve charities in the area have put forward suggestions to join the Charities for which they are responsible.

Penybont Rural District The population is estimated at 42,104 and an acreage of 41,212. The charities in the Rural District are confined to eight of the eighteen parishes.

Neath Rural District The estimated population of the district is 40.870 and the acreage is estimated at 52,039, the area being divided into fourteen parishes. There was one unregistered charity in this area and another on inspection, was found to be an ecclesiastical charity and as such is outside the scope of the review although its existence must be reported to the Charity Commission.

proposed changes in the boundaries.

Pontardawe Rural District is divided into only five parishes although the acreage is approximately 34,969 and the population is estimated at 30,687 (1961 Returns of the Registrar General). In this area only three charities have been discovered and of these only one was registered in accordance with the 1960 Charities Act.

Gower Rural District This is another district whose acreage is only a little under forty thousand and has a population of 72,656, yet out of fourteen parishes only four appear to have any charities within their jurisdiction.

> With the extension of the area, the Review Organiser has come across some so-p-of charities where suggestions for modernising and/or grouping the schemes have been made but it must be pointed out that it is almost entirely in the hands of the Charity Trustees whether or not they apply for orders to make a scheme. However, there are situations where it will be considered the duty of the Trustees to make these applications. For example, insome parishes there are charities whose object is to give blankets to the poor, but the income today is so small that it is imprached to carry out the Donor's wish and the Trustees have unofficially been distributing grants of money for some years. A simple application for a scheme to modernise the charity is all that is necessary in order to conform with the Charities Act, 1960. In another instance there is an outdated 'Coal' charity which in the words of the Donor is to be given to "the poor residing in the Village (but not in any other part

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of the Parish)". Local development is such that the 'Village' has been swallowed up by extensive expansion. In this case the Charity might be widened and also combined with three other charities to make a workable unit.

Conference

ce On 3grd October, 1969, a Central Conference of Review Organisers was held at Wellington House, the Charity Commission's training centre. The Charity Commission was represented by Mr. T. C. Green, Chief Commissioner; Mr. N. Store, Principal; Mr. T. Keith, Assistant Commissioner; Mr. Lewis and Mr. C. Shelley. There were twenty-five Review Organiserspresent and two members of the Development Commission attended as observers. There were no formal lectures but the Conference resolved into three seminars where discussions followed a number of set topics, including short term and/or long term follow up on Local Reviews and the modern ways of applying the income of charities for the needy.

#### Meetings

The Review Organiser was invited to address several meetings of local organisations.

#### Appreciation

The Review Organiser is grateful for the continuing help and encouragement received from the Charity Commission, and the helpful liaisons with the Charity Trustees once personal contact has been made. The Reviewer also appreciates the help and co-operation received on her many visits to the County Archives.

The Local Index of Charities is maintained by the Welsh Council of Social Service and numerous enquiries have been dealt with regarding possible sources of income for the relief of poverty and distress.

HEULWEN A. DAVIES, Review Organiser

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

Once again the Council has distributed this Fund throughout Wales and Monmouthshire. The amount allocated during the year was  $f_{1,7}$  or as compared with  $f_{1,8}$  of the previous year. The number of children who benefited was 1,710 compared with 1,557 in 1968.

This money is distributed to needy children with the co-operation of officers of Rural Community Councils, Medical Officers of Health, Education Officers, Social Workers in hospitals and members of our own Staff.

### NON-DEPARTMENTAL ACTIVITIES

The Council is in contact with a host of Voluntary Organisations in Wales and renders assistance to them. Some of these organisations are:

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; The Royal Alfred Merchant Seamen's Society; The Wales and Mommouthshire Council for the Blind; Cardiff Prison Tor Fund.

The Wales and Monmouthshire Council for the Blind requested secretarial help during the year and the Council has been privileged to assist this worthy organisation. National organisations, including a number of national newspapers, turned to the Council for help in Personal Case Work. The volume of this work is growing and the Council itself has a limited amount of Trust Money at its disposal to help certain categories of people in distress and hardship.

With the devolution of Government services and with the growth of the Welsh Office the Council plays an increasing role in representing Voluntary Bodies on a national basis. It is pleasing also to find that Government Departments show their confidence in our work and opinion by frequently asking for our comments and collaboration in a wide variety of fields of community service.

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#### RHAGAIR Y CYFARWYDDWR

Prin fod angen ymhelaethu ar weithgaroddau'r Cyngoryn y rhan yma gan fod sylwadau clir a chryno Adroddiadau'r Adranoaa yn dilyn. Tystiant i fywiogewydd y modiad a'i gyfraniad i fywyd Cymru. Fodd bynnag, ni chyfeirir yn yr Adroddiadau hyn at un darn o waith pwysig a wnaethpwyd yn ystod y flwyddyn.

Adolygiad

Yn gymar yn yr Hydref sefydlodd Pwyllgor Gwaith y Cyngor Bwyllgor bach i adolygu gwaith a pholisiau'r Cyngor, gweithgareddau'r adrannau ynghyd â swyddogaeth y Staff. Cynhyddodd gwaith y Cyngor yn ddirfawr yn ystod y hlynyddoedd diwethaf. Sefydlwyd pum adran newydd a gwelwyd cynnydd sylweddol yn nifer adolau'r Staff. Teinhwyd felly bod yr amser yn gymwys i'r Cyngor adolygu ei waith ac ystyried os oedd y patrwm presennol yn cyfarod ac ambenion y dfydd.

Yn ddiweddar cafwyd nifer helaeth o ddeddfau yn ynwneud â gwasanachau cymdeithasol. Erbyn hyn mae Adroddiad Stebohm yn Ddeddf Gwlad ac yn effeithio ar weithgareddau Adrannau Llywodraeth Leol. O ganlyniad daw adrannau lechyd, Lles a Phlant ymhob Llywodraeth Leol, dan arweiniad Cryfurweddwr Gwasanach Cymdeithasol.

Pwyligor Y mae'n amlwg fod y Ddeddf hon ynghýd ag Adroddiadau emill yn gorfodi Gyaghorau fel y Gyngor hwn i ail ystyried eu swyddogaeth at y dyfdodi. Penodwyd Dr. Alun Oldfield-Davies (Gadeirydd y Cyngor), y Cyrnol W. R. Crawshay (Llywydd y Cyngor), Mr. Leslie Sketch (Trysorydd Anrhydeddus), Yr Athro Goorge Thomason, Mr. Wyndham Heycock (Ysgrifennydd), Mr. David Hunt ac yn hwyrach Mr. H. Noel Jerman, a ymddeolodd o'i swydd fel Dirprwy Ysgrifennydd yn y Swyddfa Gymreig, yn aelodau o'r Pwyligor Adolygu.

> Cyfartir? Pwyllgor sawl gwaith dros gyfnod o fisoedd i siarad â'r Staffa ei systried sut orau i gyallunio'r gwaith a dwyn adroddiad i'r Pwyllgor Gwaith. Gwelwyd yr angen am fwy o gydweithio rhwng yr adrannau dan gyfarwyddy Prif Swyddog Datblygiad Cymeithasol. Byd y Prif Swyddog hwn yn atebol i Gyfarwyddwr y Cyngor ymhob agwedd o'r gwaith yn y maes. Awgrynwyd uno swydd Cyfarwyddwr a V Syrifannydd.

Ymadael

el Penderfynnwyd hyn wedi i Mr. Jeuan O. Jones, Dirprwy Gyfarwyddwr ac Ysgrifennydd) ymddeol o'i swydd ym mis Mchefin i fod yn Brif Swyddog Gweinyddol Ymddiricelolaeth Cymry Llundain. Cofnodwyd diolchgarwch a gwerthfawrogiad y Pwyllgor Gwaith o gyfraniad helaeth a diflino Mr. Jones dros naw mlynedd a hanner ym gnwasnaieth y Cyngor.

Cafwyd cyfle ar ran y Pwyllgor Gwaith ac aelodau'r Staff i ddangos eu cymeradwyaeth mewn modd pwrpasol iawn. Carwn innau dalu teyrnged personol i'm cyfaill am ei ynni a'i frwdfrydedd dros gyfnod a welodd y Cyngor yn changu mewn llawer cyfeiriad.

Swyddog Arianol

Yn gynnar yn 1971 bydd Mr. E. C. Bilson, a fu'n aclod teyrngar a ffyddion dros gyfnod o un flwyddyn ar bynntheg ar hugin, wedi cyrraedd oedran ymddeol ac yn gadael y Cyngor. Ceir cyfle eto i ddiolch o gaion i'n cydwrihiwr annwyl a bydd yn anodd meddwl am ein Cyngor heb ei hiwrnor a'i bynawsedd. Golyga hyn fod dau benodiad i'w gwneud.

Penderfynnodd y Pwyllgor Gwaith barhau gyda'r Pwyllgor a fu'n adolygu'r gwaith a'i alw'n Is-bwyllgor Polisi.

Barnwyd hefyd y dylai'r Cyngor ail ystyried y berthynas rhyngddo a'r mudiadau hynny y mae'r Cyngor yn gyfrifol bod ysgrifennydd ar gael iddynt. Y ddelfryd yw i'r Cyngor rhoi cychwyn a meithrin mudiadau hyd nes iddynt sefyll ar ei traed eu hunain.

Hyderwn yng ngwyneb y cyfnewidiadau hyn y gwelir y Cyngor yn chwarae rhan mwy amlwg yn y fframwaith o wasanaeth cymdeithasol sy'n ymddangos ar ddechruu'r suth degau.

Talwyd teyrnged yn Adroddiad y Pwyllgor Adolygu, ac a gadarnhawyd gan. y Pwyllgor Gwaith, i wasanaeth teyrngar a ffyddion y Staff presennol a chydnabyddwyd hyn drwy eu gosod ar raddfa sydd yn gyfatebol i raddfeydd cyflogau y Gwasanaethau Sifil a Llywodraeth Leol.

Gan fod ein pryd-les ar 2 Cathedral Road yn død i ben ymhen ychydig Hynyddoedd a'r tir-feddinnwry ng gwrthed adnewyddur pryd les ond ar anodau nwy cyson â gwerth presennol y safle bu rhaid chwilio am gatref newydd i'r Cyngor. Gyda chymorth y Comision Ddatbygu, Ymddiriedolaeth Carnegi a'r Swyddfa Gymreig hyderir y gellir sicrhau swyddfa newydd yn y dyfodd agos.

Gyda hyn oll bu'r flwyddyn felly, yn un brysur, tu hwnt i'n galwadau arferol. Mae'r ffaith fod cymaint o boh amlwg wedi rhoi o'u hamser yn wirfoddol i adolygu'n fanwl ein gweithgareddau a'n diddordebau, a chynnig cynlluniau ar gyfer y dyfodol, yn arwydd o'u parch a'u hednnygedd o waith y Cyngor. Fel Cyfarwyddwr y Cyngor 'rwy'n siwr y gallaf fynegi gwerthfawrogiad y Staff a'r Cyngor i'r gwi'r al hyn am eu gwasaneth.

Dengys Adroddiadau'r adrannau sy'n dilyn y rhagair hwn fod ugeiniau o weithwyr gwirfoddol wedi cu hyfforddi i gymryd rhan mewn cynlluniau cymdeithasol lleol. Yr ydym fel Cyngor yn ffodus o gael aelodau teyrngar fel Staff, sydd yn teithio trwy Gymru gyfan ac hefydd sydd yn rhoi llawer o'u hanser i hwbu'r gwaith.

## Yr Arwisgiad

Digwyddiad arbennig iawn yn hanes ein cenedl yn ystod y flwyddyn oedd Arwisgiad Ei Uchelder Brenhinol, Tywysog Cymru yng Nghastell Caernarfon Gorffennaf Iaf.

Bu raio aelodau'r Staff yn brysur ynglŷn â'r trefniadau ar gyfer y digwyddiad ac yn arbenneid. Yr adran ieuenctid sy'n gyfrifol am ysgrifenyddiaeth Cynhadiedd Barhaol Mudiadau Jesenctid yn Nghymru. Cadeirydd S.C.W.V.Y.O. (Mr. Christopher Cory) a'r Swyddog Ieuenctid (Mr. Einon Hopwood) oedd yn gyfrifol am gyhoeddi Rhagten Swyddogol yr Arwisgaid. Anrhydeddwyd S.C.W.Y.O. a'r gwaith yma gan Bwyligor yr Arwisgaid. Anrhydeddwyd S.C.W.Y.O. gwaith yma gwaith wy Arwisgaid. Anrhydeddwyd S.C.W.Y.O. gwaith ymael Cardyddwd yn ghymru. Bu'r Adran hefyd yn cynorthwyo gyda'r paratoadau ar gyfer ynweliad y Tywysog a Chastell Caerdydd wedi'r Arwisgiad. Gwahoddwyd cynrychiolwyr a blith ieuencid a threfnwyr mudiadau a gwaith ieuencid yng Nghymru'r ar dd-wst.

Trefnodd Cymdeithas Ddrama Cymru, wythnos o Ddramau yng Nghaerdydd i ddathlu Croeso 69. Pob clod i Swyddog yr Adran Ddrama (Mrs. E. V. Williams) ar lwyddiant yr wyl.

Ymfalchiwn fod Ei Uchelder Brenhinol wedi cytuno ag awgrym y Pwyllgor Arwisgo fod cyfran o'r elw a wnaed o wertha Record yr Arwisgo i'w drosglwyddo i gyllid y Cyngor. Gwnaed y recordiad gan Gwmni Delyse, a disgwylir bydd swm sylweddol yn dod i'r Cyngor. Wrth ddatgan ein diolch am y cymwynasau, anfonwn ein cyfarchion gwresocaf i'r Tywysog ifanc, gan weddio y caiff nerth a iechyd i wasanaethu ein cenedl yn y birynddoedd i ddod.

## Pwyllgor Gwaith

Ni fu unrhyw gyfnewid yn aelodaeth y Pwyllgor Gwaith yn ystod y flwyddyn. Rhoddwyd ystyriaeth fanwl i adroddiad y Pwyllgor Adolygu a chynhaliwyd cyfarfodydd arbennig eraill yn ogystal a chyfiarlodydd chwarterol.

Ar wahan i ymadawiad Mr. Ieuan O. Jones, ffarweliwyd hefyd a Mrs. Sybil Berry, aelod o'r adran glerigol â wasanaethodd more ffyddion yn yr Adran Ddrama am nifer o ffynyddoedd. Dymunwn pob bendith iddi yn ei swydd newydd o dan nawdd 'Tenorus'. Croesawyd Miss Joan Tyler i'n plith fel aelod newydd o'r staff glergol.

Unwaith eto cafodd y Staff gefnogaeth arbennig gan y Llywydd, y Cadeirydd, y Trysorydd Anrhydeddus, aelodau'r Pwyllgor Gwaith ac aelodau Pwyllgorau'r Adrannau. Y mae i'r gweithwyr gwirfoddol hyn le anhepgor yng ngwaith y Cyrngor drwy gyflawni gwasanaeth distaw a diffino.

Gweiir yn ôl yr adroddiad ariannol ein bod unwaith eto yn ddyledus drobben i'r Llywodraeth Ganolog a Lleol, ac hefyd i Ymddriedolaethau cenedlaethol a lleol. Mynegwn hefyd ein gwerthfawrogiad o gefnogaeth y Swyddfa Gymerig, adrannau crail o'r Llywodraeth, y Comisiwn Ddatblygu, Llywodraeth Leol, Ymddiriedolaeth Carnegi a'r holl danygrifwyr haelionnus erail, Diolchwn hefyd am gefnogaeth ymarferol Clybiau'r Merched, ac yn arbennig i Mrs. Jennie Jenkins, Y.H. ac aelodau Staff am eu cyfraniad da tuag at waith y Cyngor. BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31st MARCH, 1970

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# INCOME AND EXPENDITURE ACCOUNT

31st March 1969	EXPE	NDU	TUR	E				
1909							£	£
28.062	Salaries						29,546	~
1,241	National Insurance		***	***		+++	1,276	
29,303								30,822
2,306	Superannuation							2,477
104	State Graduated Pension							158
125	Staff Widow's Pension							125
5,314	Travelling and subsisten							5,359
105	Audit Fee							105
840	Printing and Stationery							I,III
908	Postage and Telephone							1,029
747	Lighting, Heating and C	leaning	Zer.					736
229	Rent, Rates and Ground							225
2,000	Dilapidations and Remo		CEVC					2,000
67	Repairs and Maintenanc	e						57
51	General Insurance							50
86	Bank Charges and Chequ	ue Boo	ks					100
28	Office Expenses							51
95	Publications and Newspi	iper A	dvertis	ements				54
387	Office Furniture and Eq.	uipmer	10					354
359	Drama Library and Equ							287
543	Drama Festivals, Compe			ols and (	Course	S		\$70
265	Drama Grants to Specia							231
354	Citizens Advice Bureau-	-Schot	ols and	d Cours	es:			358
563	Conferences and Meetin	25						669
80								35
41	Old Peoples' Welfare Co	urses .						31
	Old Peoples' Welfare-A	ert Phe	to Co	mpetitie	m			24
5	Old Peoples' Welfare-H	lire of	Room					7
-	Old Peoples' Welfare-O			ce Prem	ium			16
330	Motor Car at Replaceme	nt Cos	£					370
69	Miscellaneous							96
45,304								47.507
339	Balance, being Excess of	Incon	ne ove	r Exper	aditure	for		
	the year							253

£45,643

£47,760

# FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH, 1970

Year ende	ed						
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1969	INCOME	2					
£.						£	£
~	GRANTS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOSES:					~	
9,147	H.M. Development Commissio					9.685	10,000
2,633	Department of Education and S					2,615	2720
10,151						10.249	
350	Carmarthenshire County Count					350	
626	"Local Authorities: Grants for G			Work		797	444
120	-Local Authorities: Grants for					131	- T
277	Glamorgan	1000		10 J. 19	100.00	90	90
2,000	The Welsh Office					2,350	2,800
1.800	Cardiff City Council					1,800	1900
5,600	Board of Trade, Citizens Advi					11000	
21000	Council of Social Service					6,692	
2,500	Welsh Arts Council for Drama					2,500	
20222	CIME CLAVIER REAL	Constantine .					
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Super	DONATIONS FOR SPECIFIC PURPOR	SES:					211-20
1	Old Peoples' Welfare-Club In		1			16	
65	Old Peoples' Welfare-Wales					85	
25	Affiliation Fees-Glamorgan					16	
3,137	Women's Social Service Clubs					2,278	
21-21	Old Peoples' Local Committee					8	
-	Old Peoples' Other Organisatio					13	
36	Old Peoples' Week						
	the second se						
3,263							2,416
	GRANT FOR GENERAL PURPOSES:						
	Carnegie United Kingdom Tru	-					
3,000	Carnegie Oniteo Kinguom 115	134					2,000
	OTHER GENERAL INCOME:						
2,252	Subscriptions and Donations				1000	2,342	
500						800	
425	Loans of Plays and Equipment					407	
289	Drama-Affiliation Fees					272	
34	Affiliation Fees					38	
100						418	
92				199		75	
	Investment Interest and Divide	111		***	***	342	
349				-	***	544	
449	Interest on Bank Deposit Acco					322	
35	Lecture and Broadcast Fees Marks & Spencer Fashion Sho			144		906	
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21	Miscellaneous					4	
5,453							6,216
£45,643						1	47,760
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