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#### BLAENAVON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

PUBLIC HEALTH REPORT

for the year 1958.

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April, 1959.

# BLAENAVON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

# Statistical Summary, 1958.

	Area of district	4,613 acres
ı	Rateable Value (1.4.58)	£176.15.1.5d.
ı	Net product of 1d. rate (1957-58)	2,847
ı	Number of inhabited houses.	
	Number of confictioning nogoe ()	434
ı	Number of houses built during 1958.	Nil
ı	Population (estimated mid 1958)	9,140
ı	twoman number of persons per house.	3.2
ı	Consus nonulation, 1951 - (4,976 males and 4,00) iemaies)	9,779
ı	Census population, 1931 - (5,847 males and 5,229 females)	11,076
ı	Number of live births (1958)	122
	Live birth rate per 1,000 population.	13.4
ı	Stillbirths.	5
	Stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths.	39.4
	Total live and stillbirths.	127
ı	Number of deaths (1958)	119
ı	Death rate per 1,000 population.	13.0
ı	Death rate per 1,000 population.	5
ı	Infant deaths. Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - total.	41.0
	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - legitimate.	43.0
	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - illegitimate.  Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births - illegitimate.	Nil
	Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (first 4 weeks)	32.7
	Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births (first 4 weeks)	4.1%
	Illegitimate live births per cent.of total live births.	Nil
ı	Maternal deaths (including abortion).	Nil
	Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths.	

Year	Births	Deaths
1946	169	122
1947	202	156
1948	173	116
1949	155	137
1950	150	144
1951	123	125 137
1952	129	129
1953	137 105	112
1954	104	158
1955 1956	119	128
1957	120	122
1958	122	119

#### BLAENAVON URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Councillor W.H. Taylor, J.P. Vice-Chairman: - Councillor R.J. Morris, B.A.

#### Central Ward Councillors.

## East Ward Councillors.

Councillor Miss A.M.Lewis, J.P. Councillor W.H. Taylor, J.P. County Councillor R.A. Watkins. Councillor D.W. Puddle. W.H. Parry. E. Filer

D.J. Jones.

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## West Ward Councillors.

Councillor R.J. Morris, B.A. County Councillor A.P. Griffiths. Councillor E.J. Davies, B.A. R.H. Jenkins. T. Bond. G. Bailey.

The Ordinary meeting is held on the last Wednesday in the month at 6 p.m.

The Housing Committee meet on the first Wednesday in the month. The General Purposes Committee meet on the second Wednesday in the month.

The Officers' reports are taken at the Monthly Meeting of the Council.

#### Officers of the Council.

Clerk and Chief Financial Officer E. Harold Rees, A.I.M.T.A. Deputy Clerk of the Council T.A.George, A.C.I.S. Surveyor and Waterworks Engineer G.C.E. Thomas, J.P. Medical Officer of Health F.J. Hallinan, M.B. E. (Mil.), M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

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#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

#### TO THE

#### URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL OF BLAENAVON

#### FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER, 1958.

To the Chairman & Members of the Blaenavon Ur'an District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Miss Lewis and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for your information my Annual Public Health Report for the year 1958 relating to matters of public health in your district.

This report has been compiled as required by the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935 and 1951, and as laid down in Circular 22/58 (Wales) dated 9th December, 1958, from the Welsh Board of Health.

#### General Comment.

From the aspect of notifiable infectious disease this district had a very uneventful year and escaped all the more serious conditions such as poliomyelitis and the enteric group of infections. Tuberculosis too showed heartening signs by maintaining the low incidence figure with which we have become accustomed to for this district in recent years. It is unusual to have any deaths assigned to this cause now but, unfortunately, cancer of the lung appears to have taken its place of late years.

It is pleasing to note that the scheme for bringing into the district an extra supply of treated mains water was nearly completed and this should soon be helping to alleviate the serious position existing for so long in this area with regard to quality and quantity of the public water supplies.

It is also of note that the Council are giving very serious consideration to the matter of refuse disposal by proper controlled tipping. This item will obviously involve the Authority in some extra expenditure, but it will mean that refuse will then be dealt with in a hygienic manner which is in the interests of the public health of the district.

The Council also have in view a further house building scheme for the near future and this is most welcome as it will give an opportunity to get rid of some of the very sub-standard houses existing in the town. It is most essential that building should continue for years to come, as this present intended lot of 72 new houses will only be touching the surface of our problem of unfit properties in Blaenavon. ATT THE NO. STOLEN OF THE MADICAL OFFICER CAUSINA

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#### GENERAL STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

The Registrar General's estimate of the population at mid 1958 was 9,140 which continues the persistent downward trend in the population during recent years.

1921 Census population - 12,469 (6,594 males and 5,875 females)
1931 Census population - 11,076 (5,847 males and 5,229 females)
1951 Census population - 9,779 (4,976 males and 4,803 females)

#### Estimated mid-year population since 1952.

1952	9,628			
1953	9,589	=	39	fall
1954	9,580	=	19	fall
1955	9,490	=	90	fall
1956	9,320	=	172	fall
1957	9,230	=	90	fall
1958	9,140	=	90	fall

Estimated fall in population of 488 since 1952.

#### Elevations above sea level.

St. Peter's Church	1,035	feet.
No.4 Reservoir	1,319	feet.
Penffordgoch	1,573	feet.

## Estimated populations - mid 1958 - adjacent Urban Districts.

Abergavenny M.B. 9,020	Abercarn U.D. 18,620	Abertillery U.D. 26,520
Bedwellty U.D. 28,080	Cwmbran U.D. 19,740	Ebbw Vale U.D. 28,320
Monmouth M.B. 5,690	Tredegar U.D. 20,180	Pontypool U.D. 40,290

The Blaenavon Urban District is located at the head of the Eastern Valley of Monmouthshire and is moderately well served by road and rail transport.

#### Rainfall.

The district's rainfall was recorded at No.2 Reservoir and supplied by the Council's Surveyor, Mr. G.C.E. Thomas, J.P.

January	5.34 ins.	July	5.00	ins.
February	7.71 "	August	5.61	"
March	2.92 "	September	10.01	"
April	1.24 "	October	7.34	11
May	6.00 "	November	2.76	"
June	4.94 "	December	6.13	11

Total 65.00 ins.

The district's rainfall during the past 10 years was as follows:-

1948	61.72	ins.	1953	47.21	ins.
1949	50.90	"	1954	65.18	11
1950	56.89	11	1955	52.99	11
1951	67.28	11	1956	47.81	11
1952	54.69	11	1957	54.01	"
			1958	65.00	11

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#### VITAL STATISTICS.

Table I. Showing the yearly number of live births, estimated mid-year population and the birth rate per 1,000 population since 1950.

THE STATE OF THE S	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
Number of live births	122	120	119	104	105	137	129	123	150
Estimated mid-year population.		9,230	9,320	9,490	9,580	9,589	9,628	9,719	9,981
Birth rate per 1,000 population.	13.4	13.0	12.8	10.9	10.9	10.9	14.3	13.4	15.0

There were 122 live births (62 males and 60 females) assigned to this district for 1958 which showed an increase of 2 over the previous year. These 122 live births include 5 illegitimate births (3 males and 2 females).

The natural increase for the district (i.e. excess of births over deaths) for the year was 3. This is the first time since 1953 that the yearly births have exceeded the yearly deaths for this district.

The birth rate per 1,000 population for the year was 13.4 as compared with the County of Monmouthshire rate of 17.0 and a rate of 16.4 for England and Wales.

The stillbirths for the year numbered 5 (4 males and 1 female) and gave a stillbirth rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths of 39.4. The five stillbirths were legitimate.

There was no maternal death assigned to this district for the year associated with pregnancy, childbirth or abortion. The maternal mortality rate for the County of Monmouthshire for the year was 0.35 per 1,000 total births (live and still).

A comparison can be made between the local birth-rate of 13.4 and that of 16.4 for England and Wales if the local rate is multiplied by 1.05, which is the comparability factor supplied by the Registrar General.

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Table II Showing the births registered in and allocated to this district for 1958, according to sex, month and quarter of occurrence, together with the inward transferable births.

Month	Males	Females	Total	Quarterly births
January February March	1 1 1	2 1 3	3) 2) 4)	9
April May June	1 2 2	2 3	27	11
July August September	2 2	5	5) 2) 2) 5) 4)	9
October November December	3	2 - 1	3) 2 <u>)</u>	9
Totals	18	20	38	38
Inward trans- ferable births	44	40	8	4
Grand totals for the year 1958.	62	60	12	2

# Comparative birth rates - 1958.

Blaenavon Urban District		_	13.4
Monmouthshire Administrative	County	-	17.0
England and Wales		_	16.4

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#### DEATHS.

Table III Showing the yearly number of deaths, estimated mid-year populations and the death rate per 1,000 population since 1950.

	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950
Number of deaths.	119	122	128	159	112	129	137	125	144
Estimated mid-year population.	9,140	9,230	9,320	9,490	9,580	9,589	9,628	9,719	9,981
Death rate per 1,000 population.	13.0	13.2	13.7	16.8	11.7	13.5	14.2	12.9	14.4

There were 119 deaths (75 males and 44 females) allocated to the district for the year, which was a decrease of 3 on the previous year and gives a death rate of 13.0 per 1,000 population.

Table VI shows these deaths distributed by sex to the various causes.

There were no deaths assigned to maternal causes or to any form of tuberculosis during the year.

The various forms of cancer claimed 18 deaths (11 males and 7 females) during the year or 15.1% of the total deaths. Cancer of the lung and bronchus accounted for 4 deaths (all males) and represented 3.4% of the total deaths.

The diseases of the heart and blood vessels accounted for 52 deaths (29 males and 23 females) and represented 43.7% of the total deaths.

The respiratory diseases (pneumonia, bronchitis, etc.) caused 25 deaths (18 males and 7 females), which is 21% of the total deaths.

There was one male death assigned to suicide.

Motor vehicle accidents claimed one male death and other accidents claimed two male deaths.

The local death rate can be compared with the national rate of 11.7 per 1,000 population if first multiplied by the comparability factor for this district which is 1.14.

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Table IV Showing the deaths registered in and allocated to this district for 1958 according to sex, month and quarter of occurrence, together with the inward transferable deaths.

Month	Males	Females	Total	Quarterly deaths		
January February March	6 6 2 4	3 6 2 3	3) 12) 4) 7)	25		
April May June July	5 4 2	1 3	7) 5 <u>)</u> 5)	19		
August September October	7 7 4	5 1 1	12) 8) 5)	25		
November December	7	3 3	7) 10 <u>)</u>	22		
Totals	58	33	91	91		
Inward trans- ferable deaths	17	11		28		
Grand total for 1958	75	44	119			

# Comparative death rates - 1958.

Blaenavon Urban District - 13.0
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Table V Showing the deaths allocated to this district for 1958 in quinquennial age groups and by sex.

Age last birthday	Males	Females	Total
0 - 4	2	3	5
5 - 9	Marie Land		-
10 - 14	1	1	2
15 - 19	1	-	1
20 - 24	1	-	1
25 - 29	2	- 5	2
30 - 34	1	-	1
35 - 39	-	-	-
40 - 44	2	1	3
45 - 49	1	-	1
50 - 54	4	1	5
55 - 59	10	3	13
60 - 64	10	2	12
65 - 69	15	3	18
70 - 74	7	8	15
75 - 79	5	8	13
80 - 84	8	8	16
85 - 89	5	5	10
90 - 94	-	1	1
95+	-	-	-
All ages	75	44	119

The above table shows that 73 persons (40 males and 33 females) had reached the age of 65 years at death, which is 61.3% of the total deaths.

Those reaching the age of 75 years at death totalled 40 (18 males and 22 females), which is 33.6%.

Those attaining the age of 80 years at death totalled 27 (13 males and 14 females), which is 22.6%.

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Table VI Showing the deaths from all causes, infant deaths, births and stillbirths allocated to this district for 1958.

Causes of death	Male	Female
1. Respiratory tuberculosis. 2. Tuberculosis, other. 3. Syphilitic disease. 4. Diphtheria. 5. Whooping Cough 6. Meningococcal infection. 7. Acute poliomyelitis. 8. Measles. 9. Other infective and parasitic diseases. 10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach. 11. Malignant neoplasm, lungs and bronchus. 12. Malignant neoplasm, breast. 13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus. 14. Other malignent and lymphatic neoplasms. 15. Leukaemia and aleukaemia. 16. Diabetes. 17. Vascular lesions of the nervous system. 18. Coronary diseases, angina. 19. Hypertension with heart disease. 20. Other heart disease. 21. Other circulatory diseases. 22. Influenza. 23. Pneumonia. 24. Bronchitis. 25. Other diseases of the respiratory system. 26. Ulcer of stomach & duodenum. 27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea. 28. Nephritis and nephrosis. 29. Hyperplasia of the prostate. 30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion. 31. Congenital malformations. 32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases. 33. Motor vehicle accidents. 34. All other accidents. 35. Suicide. 36. Homicide and operations of war.	-1443631721142147121-	1 3 3 - 12 1 8 2 - 4 3 1 6
Total all causes	75	44
Deaths in infants under 1 year of age:- Legitimate Illegitimate	2 2 -	3 3 -
Total births:-  Legitimate Illegitimate	62 59 3	60 58 2
Stillbirths:- Legitimate Illegitimate	4 4 -	1 1 -

Estimated population mid 1958 = 9,140

Comparability factors:-

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Table VII Showing the number of inquests on persons belonging to this district during 1958 and the causes of death.

Cause of death	Mules	Females	Total
Chronic bronchitis aggravated by pneumoconiosis.	5	-	5
Motor vehicle accidents - passenger.	1	-	1
Misadventure - after operation for hydrocephalus.	-	2	2
Chronic bronchitis & emphysema.	1	-	1
Factory accident.	1	-	1
Colliery accident.	1	-	1
Suicide.	1	-	1
Cancer of lung.	1	-	1
Acute heart failure.	1	-	1
Specific aortitis.	1	- 1	1
Generalised peritonitis.	1	-	1
Coronary thrombosis.	1	-	1
Total	15	2	17

The 5 deaths allocated to chronic bronchitis aggravated by pneumoconiosis occurred in males aged 47,62,66,67 and 73 years.

The death assigned to a motor vehicle accident was that of a male passenger aged 19 years.

The factory accident involved a male aged 27 years and the colliery accident involved a male aged 62 years.

The one death allocated to suicide was that of a male aged 33 years.

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## INFANT MORTALITY.

Table VIII Showing the number of infant deaths, live births, etc., since 1948.

	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948
No. of deaths in infants under 1 yr.	5	4	2	6	7	5	3	6	2	8	8
No. of live births.	122	120	119	104	105	137	129	123	150	155	173
Infant mortality rate	41.0	33.3	16.8	57.7	66.6	36.3	23.3	48.8	13.3	51.6	46.2

Of the 5 infant deaths (2 males and 3 females) during the year 3 were due to prematurity and occurred in the first week of life. Two of these deaths occurred in premature twins. Four of the deaths occurred in hospitals.

Table IX Showing the infant deaths assigned to this district for 1958 by cause and in age groups.

Cause	Under 1 week	1 - 2 weeks	2 - 3 weeks	3 - 4 weeks	Total under 1 month		3 - 6 months	6 - 9 months	ont	Total under 1 year
Meningeal haemorrhage	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1
Broncho-pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Prematurity.	3	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	3
All causes	3	-	1	-	4	-	1	-	-	5

Table X Showing the infant mortality rate for England and Wales, etc., for 1958, 1957, 1956, 1955 and 1954.

Year	England and Wales	Administrative County of Monmouthshire	Blaenavon
1954	25.4	39.7	66.6
1955	24.9	33.9	57.7
1956	23.7	29.0	16.8
1957	23.1	31.0	33.3
1958	22.5	25.8	41.0

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#### NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

For the ninth consecutive year no notification of diphtheria was received in this district which is a good indication of the undoubted success of preventative inoculation against this disease. At the same time one must continue to advise the continuence of a high immunisation acceptance rate by parents for their children if this very satisfactory state of affairs is to be maintained.

The following figures show the position nationally of diphtheria deaths and notifications.

	Deaths.		Notificat	ions.
Year	England.	Wales	England	Wales
1948 1949 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954	156 84 49 33 32 23	7 1 Nil 1 3 Nil Nil	3,575 1,890 962 664 376 266 176	190 102 62 53 39 17
1955 1956 1957	13 8 6	Nil Nil Nil	155 53 37	1 2 1

The figures indicate dramatic results when it is considered that in the 10 year period 1931/40 the average number of deaths assigned to diphtheria for England and Wales was of the order of 2,800 annually and the average number of cases occurring annually over the same period was 55,000. It will be seen that, apart from the avoidance of unnecessary suffering and wastage of life, this success has resulted in substantial savings in hospital costs and has freed beds, medical and nursing personnel for other work.

This example must surely prove that prevention is better than cure.

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The number of diphtheria immunisations carried out in the Council's district during 1958 were as follows:-

	Age at date of final dose (as regards A) or of reinforcing dose (as regards B)					
	Under 1 yr.	1 - 4 yrs	5 - 14 yrs	Total		
A. Number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation in this Authority's district (including temporary residents) during the year ended 31.12.'58.		32	4	67		
B. Number of children who received a secondary (reinforcing) injection (i.e. subsequently to primary immunisation at an						
earlier age) during the year ended 31.12.'58.	-	2	2	4		

# Vaccination against smallpox.

The following vaccinations against smallpox were carried out in this district during the year ended 31.12.'58.

Age at date of vaccination	Under l yr	l year	2 - 4 years	5 -14 years	15 + years	Total
Number vaccinated	53	15	9	5	5	87
Number revaccinated	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	53	15	9	5	5	87

## Immunisation against whooping cough.

The following immunisations against whooping cough were carried out in this district during the year ended 31.12.'58.

	Age at date of final injection.					
	0 - 4 yrs	5 -14 yrs	Total			
Number of children who have completed a primary course (normally 3 injections) of whooping cough vaccine (single or in combination) in the Authority's						
district during the year ended 31.12.58	51	5	56			

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Table XI Showing the notifiable diseases notified in the district during 1958 analysed in age and sex groups and giving the admissions to hospital. (tuberculosis excluded)

Disease	Und 1yr	1	1-2 yrs		2-3 yrs M. F.	1	3-4 yrs	4-5 yrs	U 20 E	5-10 yrs	0 5	10-15 yrs M. F.		15-20 yrs	THE RESIDENCE	20-35 yrs M. F.		35-45 yrs M. F.		45-65 yrs	5 65+ yrs	+ 60 [24	age N.	8 4	Total	Cases admitted Hospital	to
Diobtheria		-	1	-		'	1	'	1	1	1	1	-		1		-	-				1	1	1	1 -	1	
Measles		1	- 2	1	!	1	7	1	1	1	1	1 /	,	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	r.r	-	# "	1	
Scarlet fever	1	-	-	-	-	1 :	1	1	1 ,	1 ,	1	-	-		1		-	-		1	1	1	40	1 -	4 14	1	
Whooping cough	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	+	-	1	1		-	-				-				U	1	1		
Puerperal pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	ı	1	1	1	-	1	1		-		_	1	1	:	1			
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influenzal pneumonia	1	-	1	1		-	1	1		,		,	_	-		-	-	-	-	-	- 2	-	0		0		
Erysipelas	1	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	+	1		-		1		U		J		
Food poisoning	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	1	-	1	<u>'</u>	-	1	ı	1	1	1		
Meningococcal					-					-	,												-	-	0	•	
infection	7	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	+	1	1	ı	,			-	-		1	1	4	-	4	V	
Typhoid	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-		1	1	1	1	1		
Paratyphoid	1	1	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	,	,	-	1	-	-	-	1	1					
Dysentery	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	,	1	1	1	1		1		1	1		-	1	1	
Ophthalmia	-						2												-	-				-			
neonatorum	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-		-		-			
Ac.encephalitis	1	1	,	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1		1			
Poliomyelitis:-					-								-	-	-		-										
paralytic	-	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	
non-paralytic	1	1	1	-	1	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1		1		1		1	
Smallpox	1	1	,	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-		_	1	:	1	1	'	
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Table XII Showing the number of cases of notifield; diseases notified yearly since 1944. (tuberculosis excluded)

Disease	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	1942	1946	1945	1944
Diphtheria		,	'	1	,	1	-	-		1	-		٦	1	3
Measles	4	290	2	5	,	58	35	236	7	397	00	3	145	4	4
Scarlet fever	1	2	'	1	,	1	н	9	6	30	34	4	3	23	2
Whooping cough	к,	7	6	'	1	3	22	2	2	64	9	1	2	1	,
Puerperal pyrexia	1	,		1	7	1	1	1	•	7	1	,	1	1	1
Acute primary and influenzal pneumonis	н	1	1	1	,	20	2	4	1	2	4	1	п	1	4
Erysipelas	C).	1	,	,	1	2	2	N	00	2	00	7	47	4	н
Food roisoning	66	,	,		,	2	'	,	1	1				1	,
Meningococcal	2	1	1	-	1	- 1		1	1	н	2	- 1	1	н	н
Typhoid	,	1	1	1	1	'	ī	1	1	1		1		1	,
Paratyphoid	1	1	,	1	1	1	1	•	1		1	,	1	1	,
Ophthalmia neonatorum	,	,	'	1	1	1	,	'	1	1	-1	,1	1	1	1
Acute encephalitis	,	1	1	1	1	1	•	1	,	1	1	,	1	1	1
Poliomyelitis (a. paralytic (b) non-paralytic	1.1	1 1	1.1	1 1	1.1	1 1	1.1	1 1	1 1	91	1.1	Ю.	1.1	1.1	1.1
Smallpox	1	1	1	1	1	1	'	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
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#### Tuberculosis.

The Chest Clinic facilities for the town continue to be available at the Park Buildings, Pontypool, which is within easy reach by 'bus or train. Blaenavon Hospital also provides the facility for chest xray and the Chest Physician visits as he is required.

Tuberculosis cases now requiring admission to hospital for treatment can be admitted without delay which is a marked contrast with the conditions prevailing a few years back. Early admission to hospital of infective cases of tuberculosis easesthe position in the home enormously as well as very much reducing the risk of infection to other members of the patients family.

There was no general population mass radiography survey in the district during the year but units of this service visited factories further down the valley where many prople from this district work so that the facility was available in their employer's time if they wished. The mass radiography service favours surveys in factories and amongst special categories such as school leavers rather than undertaking general population surveys.

There is a static mass radiography unit located at Renford Hall, Commercial Street, Newport, and the facility is available to anyone from this area visiting that town. The times of opening of this unit for the general public are as follows:-

Monday 10 - 12 a.m. and 2 - 4 p.m.

Tuesday 10 - 12 a.m. and 2 - 4 p.m. also 5 - 7 p.m.

Thursday 10 - 12 a.m. and 2 - 4 p.m.

Friday 10 - 12 a.m. and 2 - 4 p.m.

There was no death assigned to tuberculosis in this district during the year.

There were three notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis (all males) during the year. One of these patients had previously been removed from the register as cured but has now returned.

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Table XIII Showing the new cases of tuberculosis notified and the deaths due to tuberculosis during 1958 analysed in age and sex groups and by type of disease.

Age	New C	2505			De	aths		
groups	Pulmo	nary	Non-p	ulmonary	Pul	monary	Non-pu	lmonary
years	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0 - 1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 - 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 -15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-20	-	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
20-35	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-45	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-55	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65+	-	-	-	-	-	-	- >	-
Total	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

The classification of the above cases notified during the year were:-

Males:- RB2, RB2 and the third was not classified.

The death rates for tuberculosis for this district for 1958 were as follows:-

(Rates for 1957 in parenthesis)

- (a) Tuberculosis (all forms) Nil per 1,000 population (0.11)
  (b) Pulmonary tuberculosis Nil per 1,000 population (0.11)
  (c) Non-pulmonary tuberculosis Nil per 1,000 population (Nil)

Table XIV Showing the number of cases of tuberculosis remaining on the register of this district at 31.12.'58.

Males		Female	s	Total
Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary	Total
27	2	35	3	67

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Table XV Showing the yearly notifications of tuberculosis (all forms) for males and females, and the yearly deaths from all forms of tuberculosis since 1942.

Total yearly deaths from	all forms of	tuberculosis	6	00	00	00	7	14	6	м	4	1	2	1	ı	1	1	н	1	
rculosis	Non-pulmonary	Female	1	1	П	10	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	
from tube	Non-p	Male	1	н	-	П	-	2	п		1	1	1	1	1	,	1	1		
Yearly deaths from tuberculosis	lary	Female	5	9	3	4	4	9	2	2	,	1	2	1	1	,	1	,	,	
Yearly	Pulmonary	Male	3	1	2	1	1	2	N	7	4	1	7	7	1		1	1	1	
Total yearly notifications	of pulmonary	& non-pulmonary tuberculosis	14	. 25	29	17	22	17	16	17	2	00	12	10	23	5	2	4	23	
culosis	monary	Female	2	7	3	7		,	-		1	1	1	г	1	,	1	1	,	
s of tuber	Non-pulmonary	Male	2	3	7	7	5	2	1	7	2		1	7	-	,	1	,	,	
Yearly notifications of tuberculosis	Pulmonary	Female	9	13	17	00	2	6	9	00	2	2	00	9	N	5	1	1	,	
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	Year		1945	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	

Table XVI Showing the occupations of new cases of tuberculosis in males notified during 1958.

Occupation	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary	Total
Labourer	1	-	1
Timberman	1	-	1
Clerk	1	-	1
Total	3	-	3

Table XVII Showing the monthly notifications of tuberculosis (all forms) for the year 1958. (corrected for diagnosis)

Month	Pulmon	ary	Non-pu	lmonary	Total
	Males	Females	Males	Females	
January	1	_	_	_	1
February	-	-	-	101-	-
March	-	-	-	0-	-
April	-	-	-	-	-
May	-	-	-	-	-
June	-	-	-	-	-
July	1	-	-	-	1
August	-	-	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-
October	1	-	-	-	1
November	-	-	-	-	-
December	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	-		-	3

Table XVIII Showing the admissions to and discharges from institutions for the treatment of tuberculosis during 1958.

Institution	Admissio	ns	Discharges		
Institution	Males	Females	Males	Females	
Cefn Mably	2	-	1	-	
Glan Ely	-	-	1	-	
Totals	2	-	2	-	

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Table XIX Showing the notification rates and death rates per 1,000 population for tuberculosis for the district since 1938.

Year	Notification per 1,000 p		Death rates per 1,000 population		
1	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary	Pulmonary	Non-pulmonary	
1938 1939 1940 1941 1942 1943 1944 1945 1946 1947 1948 1950 1951 1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958	2.93 3.02 2.11 2.62 1.00 2.14 2.54 1.55 1.74 1.51 1.61 .50 .82 1.14 .83 .31 .52 .32 .33 .33	0.30 .68 .48 .09 .40 .41 .41 .21 .51 .20 .20 .10 .20 .00	.51 .59 .67 .47 .79 .71 .61 .50 .51 .92 .81 .30 .40 .00 .31 .10	.00 .00 .10 .00 .10 .10 .21 .50 .20 .51 .10 .00 .00	

### Tuberculosis death rates for England and Wales - 1958.

The national death rate for respiratory tuberculosis decreased again in 1958. The provisional death rate was 89 per million population, being about 6% less than in the previous year. The death rate for other forms of tuberculosis fell from 12 per million population in 1957 to 11 in 1958.

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#### MISCELLANEOUS.

#### Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

Act are carried out in this district by the Weights and Measures Department of the Monmouthshire County Council. The County Chief Inspector of the Weights and Measures Department, Mr. A.W. Prosser, has informed us that his department took 45 samples in this district during the year for analysis by the County Analyst. The 45 samples included 31 milks, 10 other foodstuffs, 2 ice creams and 2 beers. All these samples were certified by the Public Analyst as satisfaying the various standards required with the exception of two. One confectioner in the district was convicted and fined £5 with £3.3.0. Advocate's fee for selling ice cream which was 70% deficient in fat. Another confectioner sold ice cream which was deficient in fat but the amount of the deficiency was so small that a caution was all that was considered necessary in this case.

#### Disposal of house and trade refuse.

The method of refuse disposal continues to be by uncontrolled tipping, but following reference at length to this matter in my last annual report the Council are now giving consideration to this question.

#### Public swimming baths.

There is an open air swimming bath in the district which is provided with plant to secure adequate purification of the water. This bath is not Council property.

#### National Assistance Act, 1948.

It was not necessary to use section 47 of this Act during the year for the compulsory removal of persons in need of care and attention.

#### Local problem families Committee.

No case came to notice in the district during the year which might be referred to this committee.

#### Water Supplies.

The laying of a pipe line from Cwmavon Reservoir referred to in my last year's report to bring in up to 70,000 gallons of treated water from the supplies of the Pontypool and District Water Company continued during the year and is now nearing completion.

The bacteriological purity of the public water supplies showed the usual wide and alarming fluctuations during the year. (See table XX)

Table XX Showing the result of bacteriological sampling of the non-chlorinated piped water supplies in the district during 1958. The results are classified in accordance with memorandum No. 3 of the Public Fealth Laboratory Service (revised 1957) and prepared by the P.H.L.S. water sub-committee as a synopsis and simplification of the Ministry of Health report No.71 (1956)

Total	15	14	16	15	6	69
Class IV Unsatisfactory	5	∞	12	∞	4	37
Class III Suspicious	1	1	1	1	1	1
Class II Satisfactory	1	2	1	3	2	6
Class I Excellent	6	4	3	77	3	23
Source of supply Form of treatment	Slow sand filtration	Slow sand filtration	None	None	Pressure filtration	
Source of supply	No.2 & 3 Reservoirs	No.1 Reservoir	Bunker's Tank	Edmund's Tank	Forgeside Reservoir	All sources

Standard for non-chlorinated piped supplies.

I Excellent  I Satisfactory  II Suspicious  IV Unsatisfactory  Greater than 10  Coliform Count  Der 100 ml.  per 100 ml.  count  per 100 ml.  count	*The presence of Bact.coli I immediately places	the sample in	Class IV			
tory Coliform Countrol Countro	Bact.Coli I* Count per 100 ml.	0	0	0	0	
tory	Coliform Count per 100 ml.	0	1-3	4-10	Greater than 10	
Class Class Class Class		Class I Excellent	II Satisfac	lass III Suspicious	1915	

In addition to the above samples 16 were taken from the chlorinated supply to the district from the . Abertillery Water Board and all of these, except 5, satisfied the standard laid down for chlorinated water supplies.

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#### Inspection of food and food premises, etc.

#### Meat.

This district does not possess a public or private slaughterhouse and all supplies of fresh meat come from outside the area, mainly from the Brynmawr Abattoir. Supplies appear to be adequate and there is no evidence that a slaughterhouse is needed in the district. The Council contributes the appropriate proportion towards the salary of a full-time meat inspector at the Brynmawr Abattoir.

#### Ice Cream.

There is only one manufacturer of ice cream in the district and the main supply comes from outside the district.

During the year 24 samples were taken for bacteriological analysis with the following results:-

23 Grade I and 1 Grade II.

#### Milk Supply.

The district does not possess a pasteurising plant and the main supply to the town comes from Pontypool or Marshfield.

During the year 45 sampples were taken and all reached the prescribed standards.

#### Inspections of food shops.

Inspections continued during the year to ensure that these premises complied with the regulations in force.

The food premises in the district are as follows:-

Grocery and provisions	25
Confectionery, ice cream, milk	31
Greengrocery, fishmongery	10
Butchers' shops	10
Fried fish shops	2
Licensed Victuallers	25
Clubs	8

# Premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (Section 16)

There were 31 premises registered under the above section.

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## HOUSING.

# Return for the year ending 31.12. '58.

(a) Number of dwelling houses demolished (old clearance areas)	-	Nil
(b) Number of dwelling houses demolished (not in clearance areas) as a result of formal or informal pr sedure under Section 17(1) of the Housing Act, 1957.	_	3
(c) Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the District Medical Officer of Health,	_	Nil
(d) Unfit houses closed under Section 17(1) of the Housing Act, 1957.	-	2
(e) Housing Repairs.		
(i) Houses in which defects were remedied after		
informal notice.	-	25
(ii) Houses in which defects were remedied after formal notice under the Public Health Act, 1936.		13
	_	1)
(iii) Houses in which defects were remedied after formal notice under the Housing Act, 1957.	-	Nil
General Housing Details.		
(i) Number of post-war Council houses completed by 31.12.'58	- 1	194
(ii) Number of Council houses completed during 1958	***	Nil
iii) Number of houses completed during 1958 by private enterprise	e	Nil
iv) Number of Council houses under construction at 31.12.158		Nil
(v) Number of houses under construction by private enterprise		100000
at 31.12.'58		2
vi) Number of houses owned by the Local Authority at 31.12.'58 Temporary 50 - permanent 384.	-	434
Disrepair under the Rent Act, 1958, during 1958	-	11
iii) Number of Certificates of Pisrepair issued during 1958	-	6

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#### HOUSING ACT, 1949.

#### Improvement Grants under the above Act.

- (a) Number of improvement grants, 1958 7
- (b) Total number of improvement grants 1948-1958 31
- (c) Amount of improvement grants, 1958 £1,846. 13. 9.
- (d) Total amount of improvement grants, 1949-1958 (inclusive) £6,596. 2. 6.

#### Improvement loans under the above Act.

- (a) Number of improvement loans, 1958 Nil
- (b) Total number of improvement loans, 1949-1958(irclusive) Nil
- (c) Amount of improvement loans, 1958 Nil.
- (d) Total amount of improvement loans 1949-1958 (inclusive) Nil

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# PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949. Report for the year ending 31st March, 1959.

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	Authority		including		ultural
	Ad CHOPICY	nouses	Business	1,2,3	arcarar
			Premises	+,-,>	
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1. Number of properties					
in Local Authority's		- 101	-1-	/-	
district	35	2,686	241	2,962	20
11.No.of properties					
inspected as a result of		43	7	46	
(a) notification			3		
(b) survey under the	45	1,692	176	1 913	14
Act			176	1,913	
(c) otherwise					
111. Total inspections					
carried out including	45	2,536	264	2,845	14
re-inspections.					
IV. No. of properties					
inspected (in Sec.11)					
found to be infested					
by: Rats - Major					
	12	26	3	41	-
Minor					
Mice - Major					
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
V. Number of infested					
properties (in Sec.IV)					
treated by L.A.	12	26	3	41	
VI. No. of notices served					
under Sec. 4 of the Act.	-	_	-	-	-
(a) Treatment					
(b) Structural works					
i.e. proofing					
VII. No. of cases in					
which default action					- 1
was taken following the					
issue of a notice under					
Sec. 4 of the Act.			-		
VIII.Legal Proceedings		-	-		
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IX. No. of block control					
schemes carried out.	-	-	-	-	-
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#### FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

Factory premises in the district continued to be inspected during the year and conditions were generally found to be satisfactory. Sections 110 and 111 of Part VIII of the Act did not apply as no outwork was being carried on.

Table XXI Showing the number of factories and inspections of same carried out during the year.

	Number on Register	Number of Inspections		Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sec's 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by the L.A.	2	6	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the L.A.	31	58	2	-
(3)Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers' premises)	-	_	-	-
Total	33	64	2	-

Table XXII Showing the defects found in factories and action taken.

	Number	Humber		
	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M.Inspector	of pros- ectutions
Want of Cleanliness (S.1) Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) Ineffective drainage of floors(S.6) Sanitary conveniences (S.7)	-	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	1	1	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes. Other offences against the	-	-	-	-
Act (not including offences relating to outwork)		-	-	-
Total	2	2	-	-

 I wish to thank all departments of the Authority for their kind co-operation during the year.

Yours obediently,

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