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BRYNMAWR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1963

Chairman of the Council	...	Councillor Mrs.W. Grubb, J.P. (December to May)
		Councillor E. J. Panton, J.P. (May to December)
Vice-Chairman	...	Councillor S. Harding
Chairman of the Public Health and Housing Committee	...	Councillor W. G. Tucker

MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

North-Eastern Ward

Councillor J. R. Enoch
Councillor V. J. Jones
Councillor W.J.D. Tibbs

South-Eastern Ward

Councillor D. G. Morgan
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Councillor E. J. Panton
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Councillor W.G. Tucker
Councillor R. Powell
Councillor D. Williams

Southern Ward

Councillor Gilbert Jones
Councillor S. Harding
Councillor J.Roger Morgan
Councillor Mrs.W. Grubb

OFFICERS OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health for the Southern Combined Districts of Breconshire	...	Dr. Creighton E. Edwards, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.
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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

to the

BRYNMAWR URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

for the Year 1963

To:-

The Chairman and Members of the
Brynmawr Urban District Council

Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report upon the sanitary circumstances of the district, the health of its people, and the work of the Public Health Department for the Year 1963.

The Registrar General's population figure for the urban area is 6,400.

The general health of the district during the Year has been very good with an absence of any serious disease.

One case of Tuberculosis notified was promptly admitted to Sanatoria by the Chest Physician.

It is my desire to express my sincere thanks to the members of the Council for their co-operation in all matters concerned with the health of the district.

Yours faithfully,

CREIGHTON E. EDWARDS,

Medical Officer of Health for the
Southern Combined Districts
of Breconshire.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

OF THE URBAN AREA

Brynmawr is situated at the head of the Western and Eastern Valleys of Monmouthshire and on the main Merthyr-Abergavenny Road; this road links up with the Midlands and West of England.

The main employment is in the coal and steel industries which are situated in the adjoining districts. In addition, there are several factories in the nearby districts. Brynmawr Rubber Company commenced work on a large warehouse within the urban area in 1957 and was in operation in 1958.

Within the area, there are two fairly large factories, one producing Tufted Chenile Products, and the other Ladies Raincoats. There is a small type factory occupied by the East Wales Co-operative Boot Repairs Ltd.

In February 1960, Messrs. John Morgan Ltd., Engineering Contractors, commenced work on the Ministry of Transport's Heads of the Valleys Road. This road, when completed, will form a section of the new main Trunk Road connecting South Wales to London and the Midlands. It is now well in hand, and the section will be opened shortly.

In May 1963, a Ministerial Inquiry was held at the Brynmawr U.D. Council Offices to assess the damage caused to the Sewerage Works due to blasting operations on the Heads of the Valleys Road. Reconstruction work commenced soon afterwards and consisted of renewing sewage bays and the installation of a sludge recirculating pump.

September 1963 saw the re-opening of the Heathcote Slaughterhouse. The original slaughterhouse was closed in June 1962 and demolished. Reconstruction was carried out on the old site and the work completed in August 1963.

Two Compulsory Purchase Orders were submitted to the Ministry during the year. They were for Somerset Street Areas Nos. 1 and 2. Area No.1 was confirmed by the Ministry, and a Ministry Inquiry regarding Area No.2 was held in December 1963.

The following figures may be of interest:-

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>POPULATION</u>	<u>NUMBER OF HOUSES</u>	<u>BIRTH RATE</u>	<u>DEATH RATE</u>
1921	8538			
1931	7285	1650	15.74	15.7
1932	7305		15.74	13.5
1933	7210	1745	13.8	10.8
1934	7110	1745	14.77	12.94
1935	6976	1728	14.04	13.04
1936			15.82	11.9
1937	6692		14.5	15.84
1938	6622	1600	16.01	15.25
1940	6448	1680	12.15	11.6
1941			16.6	15.6
1942	6529	1770	18.2	13.47
1943		1770	15.9	15.8
1944	6281	1770	18.0	10.7
1945	6231	1770	13.8	15.6
1946	6368	1770	17.7	15.9
1947	6341		20.8	13.6
1948	6540	1875	19.1	13.9
1949	6569	1842	17.7	12.3
1950	6625	1873	14.6	13.6
1951	6434	1886	16.0	16.8
1952	6362	1931	15.6	13.8
1953	6362	1958	15.4	12.4
1954	6400	1994	13.6	10.2
1955	6380	2023	14.9	9.97
1956	6350	2013	15.43	13.75
1957	6380	2026	13.95	12.76
1958	6420	2100	15.58	13.71
1959	6400	2067	16.35	16.62
1960	6400	2090	16.41	15.04
1961	6420	2125	13.55	17.32
1962	6420	2172	14.95	15.97
1963	6400	2191	17.52	13.9

HOUSING POSITION 31st DECEMBER, 1963

No. of Private Dwellings	...	1381
No. of Public Houses (+ Dwellings)	...	22
No. of Council Houses and Flats	...	787
No. of Other Council Owned Houses	...	1

2191
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No. of Houses Vacant as a result of actions under Housing Acts, etc.	...	51
No. of Houses and Flats built by the Brynmawr Council in 1963	...	3
No. built by Private Individuals	...	3

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In course of construction at the end of Year 1963:-

Council -

Cosy Cinema Site - O.A.P. Flats	...	8
Hill Street - Houses	...	32

40
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Private Houses	...	<u>4</u>
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New Houses Built -		
Private	...	6
Council	...	10

No. of Houses Closed	...	8
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Rateable Value of District, April, 1963	...	£120,571
Product of a Penny Rate for the Financial Year 1963/64	...	£463

Rates in the £

General Rate - 13s. 11d.
Water Rate 1s. Od. in the £ with a minimum of 15s. Od. $\frac{3}{4}$ net. Annual Value for Rate Purposes.

Area of District in Acres	...	1,454 acres.
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V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

	BRYNMAWR U.D.C.			BRECONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
<u>Births</u>	Male	Female	Total	
No. of Legitimate Live Births	56	49	105	867
No. of Illegitimate Live Births	1	4	5	39
Total Live Births	57	53	110	906
Birth Rate per 1000 Population 1963			7.18	16.65
Birth Rate per 1000 Population 1962			14.95	15.20
Registrar General's Compara- bility Factor			1.02	1.13
No. of Still Births Legitimate	1	6	7	17
No. of Still Births Illegitimate	1	1	2	4
Illegitimate Live Births % Tot. Live Births			4.5	4.30
Total Live & Still Births	59	60	119	927
Still Birth Rate per 1000 Live and Still Births			75.60	22.65
<u>Deaths</u>				
Deaths taking place with district	43	46	89	809
Deaths taking place outside of district and transferred in			45	
Crude Death Rate per 100 of the population			13.9	14.87
Registrar General's Compara- bility Factor			1.06	0.97
Corrected Death Rate			13.9	14.42
<u>Maternal Mortality:</u>				
Deaths from Puerpural Causes	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Deaths from other Maternal Causes	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Maternal Mortality Rate per 100	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Live and Still Births	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S (Cont.)

	BRYNMAWR U.D.C.			BRECONSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL
	Male	Female	Total	
<u>Infant Mortality:</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 years of age:-				
Legitimate	1	4	5	21
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births			45.4	23.17
-do- Legitimate			47.6	24.21
-do- Illegitimate			NIL	NIL
<u>Neo Natal Mortality:</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age:-				
Legitimate	1	1	2	12
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-
T Total	1	1	2	12
Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births			18.18	13.24
<u>Early Neo Natal Mortality:</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age:-				
Legitimate	1	1	2	10
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-
Total	1	1	2	10
Early Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births			18.18	11.03
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate:</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age plus number of Still Births:-				
No. of Deaths under 1 week	1	1	2	
No. of Still Births	2	7	9	
Perinatal Mortality Rate			92.4	33.44
<u>Cancer Deaths:</u>				
No. of Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms & Lymphatic Neoplasms	7	7	14	12
Cancer Death Rate			2.18	2.20

CAUSES OF DEATHS

	<u>MALE</u>	<u>FEMALES</u>
1. Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-
2. Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm of Stomach	-	1
11. Malignant Neoplasm - Lung Bronchus	3	1
12. Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	-	2
13. Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	-	-
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	4	3
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	2	11
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	11	1
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	2
20. Other Heart Diseases	8	5
21. Other Circulatory Disease	3	3
22. Influenza	-	-
23. Pneumonia	-	4
24. Bronchitis	7	2
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	2
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1
29. Hyperplasia of Prostrate	1	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	1	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	-	7
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-
34. All other Accidents	-	-
35. Suicide	-	-
36. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-
ALL CAUSES ...	<hr/> 43 <hr/>	<hr/> 46 <hr/>

PUBLIC ANALYST:

Dr. G. V. James, M.B.E.,
69 Dock Street, Newport, Mon.
(Newport 63035)

**PUBLIC HEALTH LABORATORY
SERVICE:**

Dr. Gray,
Public Health Laboratories,
Clytha Square, Newport, Mon.
(Newport 65431)

AMBULANCE FACILITIES:

The Breconshire County Council have stationed an ambulance in George Street, Brynmawr. (Brynmawr 238). If this ambulance is engaged, the call is passed to the ambulance stationed at Crickhowell, Brecs.

MATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE:

The Clinic is situated at Bailey Street, Brynmawr, and is attended by the County Medical Officer of Health and his Assistant Medical Officers and by Nurse S. Rees, the Health Visitor. There are three other County Council Mid-Wives in this District. (Brynmawr 268).

WELFARE

The District Welfare Officer, Mr. Verley Rees, has an office in Bailey Street, Brynmawr. The Breconshire County Council have facilities for Part III Accommodation under the National Assistance Act at the Cockcroft House, Hay and Crawshay House, Brynmawr (Brynmawr 254)

ISOLATION HOSPITALS:

Infectious diseases requiring hospitalisation are admitted to Gelligaer Isolation Hospital or to Alt-yr-yn Isolation Hospital, Newport, Mon.

PREVALENCE OF CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

Arrangements for Diphtheria Immunisation of children are carried out by the School Medical Service of the Breconshire County Council.

NUMBER OF CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES
NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR:

DISEASE	1963 Total No. Notified.	1963 Males	1963 Females
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Measles	99	53	46
Pneumonia	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-
Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Encephalitis	-	-	-
Dysentery	1	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-
Small Pox	-	-	-
Paratyphoid Fever	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-
Chicken Pox	-	-	-
Malaria	-	-	-
Other Notifiable Diseases except Tuberculosis.	-	-	-
Acute Pneumonia	2	2	-

INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES
NOTIFIED DURING 1963

AGE AND SEX CLASSIFICATION

Ages	Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough		Acute Poliomyelitis				Measles	
					Paralytic		Non-Para.			
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 1 yr.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
1 year	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	4
2 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	7	6
3 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	6	7
4 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	12	15
5 - 9 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	19	12
10 - 14 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
15 - 24 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
TOTAL (All Ages)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	53	46

Ages	Lobar Pneumonia		Erysipelas		Dysentery		Tuberculosis			
							Respiratory		Other	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Under 5 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
5 - 14 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 - 44 yrs.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 - 64 yrs.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & Over	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL (All Ages)	2	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-

TUBERCULOSIS

Number of Cases as shown on Register of
Persons suffering from Tuberculosis
During 1963

	MALES		FEMALES		TOTAL
	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	
No. on Register on 31/12/62	16	1	10	1	28
No. of Cases Notified during Year	1	-	-	-	1
No. of Cases restored to Register having been removed previously	-	-	-	-	-
No. of Cases added to Register other than by formal notification	1	-	-	-	1
No. of Cases removed from Register during the Year	5	-	-	-	5
No. of Cases remaining on Register on 31.12.63	13	1	10	1	25

There were no deaths notified as due to Tuberculosis during the Year

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER SUPPLY

The district is supplied with water from an impounding reservoir known as Cairns Mound Reservoir, and situated about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles north-east of the town. The supply can be augmented by pumping water into the reservoir from the Ffynnon Gisfaen Springs at Clydach Valley.

The water is subject to slow sand filtration; three filter beds are provided.

The reputed capacity of the reservoir is 20,000,000 gallons, but in all probability the capacity is considerably less than this. The reliable output of the reservoir is estimated about 120,000 gallons per day, but probably during periods about 300,000 gallons per day could be relied upon.

Brynmawr is particularly fortunate in being able to supplement their reservoir water supply with pumping from the Ffynnon Gisfaen Springs. The supply from these Springs has shown them to be practically inexhaustible and well able to provide Brynmawr with a plentiful supply of water at all times, even after a long drought. The 60 h.p. Sigmund Electric Pump and Motor which the Council installed in a Pump House sited over the Springs in July 1956, gives maximum yield of 12,000 gallons per hour, pumping against a head of 640 feet through a 6 inch main delivery pipe to the reservoir or to the Balancing Tank as required. The main leaving the reservoir is 7 inches in diameter.

On 1st April, 1959, the whole water undertaking was taken over by the South-East Breconshire Water Supply Board formed by four local authorities viz. Brecon Borough, the Urban District of Brynmawr and the Rural Districts of Brecknock and Crickhowell. Each local authority being represented on the Board. Mr. K. F. Lewis, A.M.I.C.E., A.M.I.W.E., is now Clerk and Engineer to the Board.

The Public Health Inspector takes periodical samples and these are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Newport for biological examination.

SAMPLES

Total No. of Samples taken for Biological Examination	...	18
Total No. of Samples taken for Chlorine Content	...	2

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RESULTS OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR BIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION

Samples taken from:-	No. Taken	Satisfactory	Slight Contamination		Heavy Contamination	
			Faecal	Non-Faecal	Faecal	Non-Faecal
Water Mains	18	18	-	-	-	-

RESULTS OF SAMPLES TAKEN FOR CHLORINE CONTENT

Samples taken from:-	No. taken	No. showing free Residual Chlorine	No. showing total Residual Chlorine	No. showing Nil Return
Council Mains	2	2	-	-

The South-East Breconshire Water Board have taken a large number of samples periodically throughout the year. The water supply to the town is good and due to chlorination and filtration perfectly safe.

PARTICULARS REGARDING WATER SERVICES IN THE URBAN DISTRICT

Total number of dwelling houses in the area	2191
Population	6400
Number of dwelling houses supplied from public water mains	2158
Estimated number of persons supplied	6341
Number of dwelling houses <u>not</u> supplied from mains	17
Estimated number of persons <u>not</u> supplied from mains	59

In all dwellings supplied from the public water mains, the service is direct to the house - there are not any properties served by stand-pipes.

The houses which are not supplied from mains are properties widely separated in isolated parts of the urban area, and are sited, in most instances, above the level of the reservoir. These houses take supplies from mountain springs, which are periodically inspected, and every possible precaution is taken to prevent contamination.

SWIMMING BATHS:

Regular visits are made to the Open Air Swimming Baths during the season with frequent checks on the conditions of the water in the baths. The chlorine content of this water is assessed thrice daily by the Baths Superintendent. The Surveyor's Department is responsible for the maintenance of the Baths and Plant whilst the purity of the water is, of necessity, a Public Health matter, and both Departments co-operate to achieve the best possible results.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The whole town, with the exception of a few cottages situated in isolated parts of the district is served by public sewers.

In some of the older parts of the town, the sewers are brick built and have been in existence for a great many years. The system is combined, the sewers taking both foul sewage and storm water, the Bryn Farm Estate. Old Bryn Farm Estate and the new houses built in Aneurin Crescent are on the dual system, all surface water being excluded from the sewage system.

The sewage is purified at a Sewage Disposal Works owned by the Local Authority and the effluent discharged into the River Clydach. These Works were built in 1924 and will probably need to be enlarged at some future date.

As a result of the discussions that took place in 1959 between the Council and the Usk River Board regarding the pollution of the River Clydach, an Effluent Testing Outfit was purchased on the advice of the Officers of the Usk River Board. This equipment was ordered in January and daily testing of the sewage effluent leaving the Sewage Works commenced on the 18th February, 1960.

This test gives a rough approximation of the biological oxygen demand of the effluent, and thus a daily check on the efficiency of this treatment of the town's sewage passing through the works is obtainable.

DRAINAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

(Continued)

The test consists of the decolourisation of solution of potassium permanganate added to measured doses of sewage effluent over a half an hour period. The following table shows the results obtained and my comments thereon:-

Month	No. of Samples Taken	Results		
		Satisfactory	Fairly Good	Unsatisfactory
January	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	-	-
March	10	10	-	-
April	10	10	-	-
May	12	12	-	-
June	12	12	-	-
July)	18	18	-	-
August)				
September	16	16	-	-
October	16	11	-	5
November	12	8	-	4
December	12	12	-	-

PUBLIC CLEANSING
REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The Council operate a twice weekly collection of refuse from all parts of the town, and a daily collection from the central sections of the town, and disposal is by means of controlled tipping designed to level sites of disused workings of outcrop coal seams, which are numerous in the area.

In January, 1956, the Council commenced tipping refuse on the site known as "The Patches" and this is the only site now used for this purpose.

One Bedford Tipper is employed part time and one 12 cubic yard Karrier is employed full time on refuse collection.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT. 1949.

The work of rats and mice destruction had proceeded satisfactorily and had been carried out in accordance with the provisions of the above Act.

Two maintenance treatments of the town's sewers have been completed during the year.

The bait was deposited on the 'benching' of the manhole or upon metal baiting trays fitted to the manhole walls. Each manhole being pre-baited upon alternate days, and on the third day, a proportionate amount of poison was added to the base bait and laid at all points.

In accordance with the instructions issued by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food (Infestation Control Department), the base bait and poison used are alternated for sewer treatment, and the results prove the efficiency of this change in bait and poison.

The Operator does these duties part-time and he has other Council duties to perform, but Rodent Control is given priority over his other work.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT. 1949.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Sewage Disposal Works:

Treatment of the town's sewers for the destruction of rats were followed by inspection and test baiting at the Sewage Disposal Plant. Several minor infestations responded to treatments at intervals.

Refuse Disposal Tip:

Periodical inspections were made at the refuse tip. During the year treatments for the destruction of rats were successfully completed. The tip was rather heavily infested, but as a result of treatment, the infestation was cleared. However, regular inspections continued to be made and any infestation immediately treated.

Surface Infestations:

Every complaint of infestation by rats or mice was investigated, and surveys of the town periodically carried out.

FACTORIES ACTS 1961.

The following is a list of trades carried on at factories within the urban area during 1963.

TRADE	No. of Factories	Mechanical Power used	Mechanical Power Not used
Joinery	4	4	-
Mineral Water Manufacturers	1	1	-
Motor Vehicle Repair	8	7	1
Motor Body Repairs	1	1	-
Boot Repairs	1	1	-
Raincoat Manufacture	1	1	-
Nylon Overcoat Manufacture	1	1	-
Tufted Bedspreads etc.	1	1	-
Sausages	1	1	-
Slaughterhouse	1	1	-
TOTAL:	20	19	1

N. B. The above list does not contain several premises used in the manufacture of articles where no persons are employed.

PART VIII OF THE ACT
OUTWORKERS - SECTIONS 133 & 134.

There were no outworkers employed within the Brynmawr Area during the year.

PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION
OF THE FACTORIES ACT - 1961

Inspections for purposes as to Health

Premises	No. on Register	Inspections	No. of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
1. Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are enforced:	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
2. Factories not included in 1. in which Section 7 is enforced:	27	20	1	Nil
3. Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced (excluding out-workers)	4	6	Nil	Nil
	31	26	1	Nil

Cases in which defects were found

Particulars	Number of Cases in which Defects were found				Prosecution Instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness, Sec.1.	2	2	-	-	Nil
Overcrowding Sec.2.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature Sec.3	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation Sec.4.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Drainage to floors Sec.6.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences - Sec.7.					
a. Insufficient	-	-	-	1	-
b. Unsuitable or defective	3	3	-	-	-
c. Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other Offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:	5	5	Nil	1	Nil

CLEAN AIR ACT

Apparatus to determine the sulphur dioxide and air pollution of the air was installed in September. Returns to the Warren Spring Laboratory at Stevenage were made from 5.10.61. The results show that the air pollution of the town is not great at any time and it is only when the wind is southerly or south-easterly that any pollution occurs.

F O O D

Food Premises:

During the year, visits were made to retail food shops and premises where food is prepared, stored or deposited for the purpose of sale.

The undermentioned is a list of such premises (estimate) :-

<u>Type of Food Premises</u>	<u>Number in Area</u>
Grocers	24
Greengrocers and Wet Fish Shops	9
General Stores	18
Market - cover and open	1
Bakeries	3
Mineral Water Manufacturer	1
Restaurants (including Snack Bars)	8
Butchers Shops	13
Slaughterhouse	1
Confectioners, etc.	19

Food Premises Registered under
Food and Drugs Act:

Preparation, manufacture and storage of Preserved foods (cooked meats, etc., in connection with Butchery Business).	9
Fried Fish Shops	3
Manufacture of Ice Cream	1
Storage and Sale of Ice Cream	29

Inspections were made at such premises, the Public Health Inspector stressing the need for a high standard of personal hygiene of food handlers.

F O O D
(Continued)

Byelaws under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955:

Byelaws for securing the observance of sanitary and cleanly conditions and practices in connection with the handling, wrapping and delivery of food are in operation in the urban area. It has not been necessary to take legal action as generally traders are co-operative in the question of food hygiene.

Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations 1947 to 1952:

There are 29 registered retailers and one manufacturer of Ice Cream within the urban area. The retailers obtain supplies mainly from the large Ice Cream Companies who have depots sited in various parts of the country, from which frequent deliveries to small traders are made. The one manufacturer uses the cold mix method and his apparatus conforms to the requirements of the Ice Cream (Heat Treatment) Regulations. All premises in the district conform to legal requirements and are registered in accordance with the provision of the Food and Drugs Act.

Milk Supply:

There are 9 persons licensed as dealers in Pasteurised Milk in accordance with the provisions of the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949 and two dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949.

All milk sold in the area is "pasteurised" and supplied mainly by large Dairy Companies having Pasteurisation Plants in the neighbouring towns. There is one such Dairy within the urban area.

The registration of all Milk Retailers is the responsibility of the County Council.

Inspections at Dairies:

During the year 10 visits were made to Dairies for inspection of plant, utensils and premises. The trade is most co-operative in the question of clean milk production, and it was not necessary to resort to legal action in any instance.

Licensed Hotels and Inns:

There are 24 Licensed Houses in the urban area and routine inspections have been carried out, particular attention being given to sanitary accommodation, method of cleansing of glasses, and condition of cellars, etc.

F O O D
(Continued)

Market:

Inspection of Foodstuffs
(Continued)

Regular stallholders handling food are:-

Fresh Meat	...	6 stalls
Cooked Meat	...	6 stalls
Cakes and Confectionery	...	3 stalls
Shell Fish	...	1 stall
Sweets	...	1 stall
Tinned Goods	...	2 stalls
Poultry	...	6 stalls
Greengrocers	...	40 stalls

In addition, 5 stalls sell fresh meat occasionally, about 20 sell eggs regularly and the number of poultry dealers at certain periods amount to about 25.

Each Fresh Meat, Cooked Meat, Cakes and Confectionery and Poultry Stall has been provided with screens or other means of securing the prevention and contamination of exposed foods.

Various minor offences observed were dealt with by verbal warnings.

Inspection of Foodstuffs:

During routine inspections at food premises, the undermentioned foods were examined and found to be unfit for human consumption:-

Apricots 12 tins.

Beans 34 tins.

Carrots 9 tins.

Casserole Meat 4 tins.

Chicken Roast 2 lbs.

Corned Beef 69 tins.

Cream 120 tins.

Fruit Salad 101 tins.

Grapefruit 5 tins.

F O O D
(Continued)

Inspection of Foodstuffs:
(Continued)

Ham (cooked) 7 tins.
Hamburgers 5 tins.
Ham & Pork 5 tins.

Jellied Veal 8 tins.

Luncheon Meat 5 tins.

Milk (evaporated) 22 tins.
Milk (condensed) 4 tins.
Mixed Grill 2 tins.

Peaches 26 tins.
Pears 35 tins
Peas 40 tins.
Pineapples 9 tins.
Pork Luncheon Meat 19 tins.
Plums 4 tins.
Pork (cooked) 33 tins.
Cooked Shoulder 1 tin.

Raspberries 3 tins.
Rice Pudding 20 tins.

Salmon 15 tins.
Sago 5 tins.
Sausages 24 lbs.
Stake and Kidney Pudding 16 tins.
Stewed Stake 2 tins.
Strawberries 3 tins.

Tomatoes 48 tins.

In no case were any of these foodstuffs exposed for sale and all were voluntary surrendered by the Retailers.

All such unsound food is, under strict control, conveyed to the refuse tip and buried well below the surface in such a manner as to prevent any access to them by any persons or animals.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED

HEATHCOTE SLAUGHTERHOUSE

KILLING FIGURE FOR 1963

TYPE	JULY	AUG	SEP	OCT	NOV	DEC
Steers and Heifers	177	342	315	386	360	385
Cows and Bulls	-	3	9	14	20	18
Calves	25	54	84	40	42	52
Sheep and Lambs	1143	2309	2793	3129	2770	2362
Rams and Ewes	2	15	40	37	17	21
Pigs	333	674	848	935	877	1091
Sows and Boars	3	9	6	9	2	5

TOTALS: Steers and Heifers 1965 Cows and Bulls 64
 Calves 297 Sheep and Lambs 14506
 Rams and Ewes 132 Pigs 4758
 Sows and Boars 34

HEATHCOTE SLAUGHTERHOUSE

CONDEMNED MEAT AND OFFAL FOR 1963

(Weight given in pounds)

MONTH	Cattle Killed	beef	Beef Offal	Calves Killed	Veal	Calves Offal	Sheep Killed	Mutton & Lamb	Sheep Offal	Pigs Killed	Pork	Pigs Offal
JULY	177	66	592	25	-	-	1145	5	50	336	63	68
AUG	345	-	927	54	-	-	2324	6	65	683	166	446
SEPT	324	6	848	84	14	10	2833	25	257	854	271	262
OCT	400	27	1069	40	-	-	3166	-	337	944	244	228
NOV.	380	12	1242	42	-	-	2887	34	247	879	231	195
DEC.	403	71	1629	52	-	-	2383	35	219	1096	348	250
TOTAL:	2029	182	6307	297	14	10	14738	105	1175	4792	1323	1449

I wish again to express my appreciation to members of the Council for their co-operation during the year of this Report.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Grubb and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

CREIGHTON E. EDWARDS,

Medical Officer of Health for the
Southern Combined Districts of
Breconshire.

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