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STATISTICS

Area of district	...	1,454 Acres
Population(estimated) Mid 1970	...	6,470
Population per acre	...	0.22
Rateable Value as at 1st April 1970	...	£146,477.
Number of Live Births	...	87
Birth Rate per 1000 Inhabitants,crude..	...	13.4
Number of Stillbirths	...	2
Stillbirths rate per 1000 total births.	...	22.0
Number of Deaths	...	90
Death Rate per 1000 Inhabitants,crude..	...	13.9
Number of Infant Deaths(under 1 year)..	...	2
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births	...	23.0
Perinatal Mortality Rate	...	34.0
Number of Infectious Diseases notified.	...	23
Infectious Diseases : -		
Attack rate per 1000 Inhabitants		3.56

Tuberculosis

Cases notified	...	1
Attack rate per 1000 Inhabitants	...	0.15
Deaths	...	0
Death rate per 1000 inhabitants	...	0

Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the Public Health in the Brynmawr Urban District during the year 1970.

In this report I have endeavoured to deal briefly with all matters within my responsibility regarding Public Health and Preventive Medicine, and I have included comments on the subjects specifically requested in Circular 1/71 (Wales), by the Welsh Board of Health.

I wish to tender my thanks to the Members of the Council for their helpful consideration and co-operation in all matters affecting Public Health. Also the Officers of the Council for their help in all matters appertaining to the duties of the Public Health Department.

I am,

Mr. Chairman and Members,

Your Obedient Servant,

J.K.JONES.

L.M.S.S.A., D.P.H., F.R.S.H.,

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Population :

Census	1931	...	7,285
	1951	...	6,434
	1961	...	6,471
Mid-year Estimate	1970	...	6,470

The Registrar General's mid year estimated population for each of the last ten years are shown below : -

<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>	<u>1969</u>	<u>1970</u>
6,470	6,420	6,400	6,410	6,370	6,330	6,310	6,610	6,530	6,470

Acreage ... 1,454 acres.

Rateable Value as at 1st April 1970 ... £146,477

Product of a Penny Rate : Actual : 1969/70 £550
1970/71 £550

Rate in the Pound : 1969/70 16/4d
1970/71 16/4d

Water Rate : 2/- in the pound.

Total Number of Domestic Dwellings ... 2,168

Number of Council Houses in the Domestic Dwelling Figure: 931.

1970	1969	1968	1967	1966	1965	1964	1963	1962	1961
17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5
17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5

BIRTHS

BIRTHS	BRYNMAWR U.D.C.			B.C.C.	National Average
	Male	Female	Total		
Live Births - Legitimate	43	37	80	717	
- Illegitimate	3	4	7	39	
Total Live Births	46	41	87	756	
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births			8.0	5.0	8.0
Registrar General's Comparability Factor			1.02	1.11	
Live Birth Rate per 1000 Pop.(crude)			13.4	13.8	
Live Birth Rate per 1000 Pop.(corr.)			<u>13.7</u>	<u>15.3</u>	<u>16.0</u>
Stillbirths - Legitimate	0	1	1	5	
- Illegitimate	1	0	1	1	
Total Stillbirths	1	1	2	6	
Stillbirth rate per 1000 Live and Stillbirths			<u>22.0</u>	<u>8.0</u>	<u>13.0</u>
Total Live and Stillbirths			89	762	

The corrected Live Birth rate of 13.7 was below the National Average of 16.0 per 1000 population and below the National rate for the fifth successive year. It was, however, higher than the local death rate of 12.9 per 1000 population. The Stillbirth rate of 22.0 was higher than the National average of 13.0 per 1000 Total Births.

Corrected Live Birth rates for the past five years are shown below: -

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
Brynmawr UDC	16.4	14.9	15.4	12.3	13.7
National Average	17.7	17.2	16.9	16.3	16.0

DEATHS

DEATHS	BRYNMAWR UDC			B.C.C.	National Average
	Male	Female	Total		
Total Deaths(all causes)	47	43	90	803	
Death rate per 1000 Pop.(crude)			13.9	14.7	
Registrar General's Comparability Factor			0.93	0.89	
Death rate per 1000 Pop.(corr.)			12.9	13.1	11.7
<u>Cancer Deaths</u>					
Cancer Deaths (All forms)	10	11	21	123.	
Cancer Deaths :					
Rate per Population			3.25	2.25	
<u>Maternal Mortality</u>					
Maternal Deaths(incl:abortion)			NIL	NIL	
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live and Stillbirths			NIL	NIL.	

The corrected local Death rate of 12.9 was above the National average of 11.7 per 1000 population but below the local Birth rate of 13.7 per 1000 population.

The corrected death rate for the past five years are shown below: -

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
BRYNMAWR UDC	13.9	11.6	11.4	14.0	12.9
National Average	11.7	11.8	11.9	11.9	11.7

DEATHS FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS

There were 21 Cancer deaths, giving a rate per 100,000 population of 325 as compared with the County rate of 225.

SITE	Rate per 100,000 Population		National Average
	BRYNMAWR	UDC	1966
Lungs, Bronchus	77		39
Stomach	77		27
Intestine	46		19
Oesophagus	15		6
Breast	0		40
Uterus	0		16
Prostate	0		17
Leukaemia	0		6
All Others	108		0

The Death rates for Cancer of the Lung, Stomach, Intestine and Oesophagus were all above the National average for 1966.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths from Maternal causes, including abortion.

1966-1967	1965-1966	1964-1965	1963-1964	1962-1963	1961-1962	1960-1961	1959-1960	1958-1959	1957-1958	1956-1957	1955-1956	1954-1955	1953-1954	1952-1953	1951-1952	1950-1951	1949-1950	1948-1949	1947-1948	1946-1947	1945-1946	1944-1945	1943-1944	1942-1943	1941-1942	1940-1941	1939-1940	1938-1939	1937-1938	1936-1937	1935-1936	1934-1935	1933-1934	1932-1933	1931-1932	1930-1931	1929-1930	1928-1929	1927-1928	1926-1927	1925-1926	1924-1925	1923-1924	1922-1923	1921-1922	1920-1921	1919-1920	1918-1919	1917-1918	1916-1917	1915-1916	1914-1915	1913-1914	1912-1913	1911-1912	1910-1911	1909-1910	1908-1909	1907-1908	1906-1907	1905-1906	1904-1905	1903-1904	1902-1903	1901-1902	1900-1901	1899-1900	1898-1899	1897-1898	1896-1897	1895-1896	1894-1895	1893-1894	1892-1893	1891-1892	1890-1891	1889-1890	1888-1889	1887-1888	1886-1887	1885-1886	1884-1885	1883-1884	1882-1883	1881-1882	1880-1881	1879-1880	1878-1879	1877-1878	1876-1877	1875-1876	1874-1875	1873-1874	1872-1873	1871-1872	1870-1871	1869-1870	1868-1869	1867-1868	1866-1867	1865-1866	1864-1865	1863-1864	1862-1863	1861-1862	1860-1861	1859-1860	1858-1859	1857-1858	1856-1857	1855-1856	1854-1855	1853-1854	1852-1853	1851-1852	1850-1851	1849-1850	1848-1849	1847-1848	1846-1847	1845-1846	1844-1845	1843-1844	1842-1843	1841-1842	1840-1841	1839-1840	1838-1839	1837-1838	1836-1837	1835-1836	1834-1835	1833-1834	1832-1833	1831-1832	1830-1831	1829-1830	1828-1829	1827-1828	1826-1827	1825-1826	1824-1825	1823-1824	1822-1823	1821-1822	1820-1821	1819-1820	1818-1819	1817-1818	1816-1817	1815-1816	1814-1815	1813-1814	1812-1813	1811-1812	1810-1811	1809-1810	1808-1809	1807-1808	1806-1807	1805-1806	1804-1805	1803-1804	1802-1803	1801-1802	1800-1801	1799-1800	1798-1799	1797-1798	1796-1797	1795-1796	1794-1795	1793-1794	1792-1793	1791-1792	1790-1791	1789-1790	1788-1789	1787-1788	1786-1787	1785-1786	1784-1785	1783-1784	1782-1783	1781-1782	1780-1781	1779-1780	1778-1779	1777-1778	1776-1777	1775-1776	1774-1775	1773-1774	1772-1773	1771-1772	1770-1771	1769-1770	1768-1769	1767-1768	1766-1767	1765-1766	1764-1765	1763-1764	1762-1763	1761-1762	1760-1761	1759-1760	1758-1759	1757-1758	1756-1757	1755-1756	1754-1755	1753-1754	1752-1753	1751-1752	1750-1751	1749-1750	1748-1749	1747-1748	1746-1747	1745-1746	1744-1745	1743-1744	1742-1743	1741-1742	1740-1741	1739-1740	1738-1739	1737-1738	1736-1737	1735-1736	1734-1735	1733-1734	1732-1733	1731-1732	1730-1731	1729-1730	1728-1729	1727-1728	1726-1727	1725-1726	1724-1725	1723-1724	1722-1723	1721-1722	1720-1721	1719-1720	1718-1719	1717-1718	1716-1717	1715-1716	1714-1715	1713-1714	1712-1713	1711-1712	1710-1711	1709-1710	1708-1709	1707-1708	1706-1707	1705-1706	1704-1705	1703-1704	1702-1703	1701-1702	1700-1701	1699-1700	1698-1699	1697-1698	1696-1697	1695-1696	1694-1695	1693-1694	1692-1693	1691-1692	1690-1691	1689-1690	1688-1689	1687-1688	1686-1687	1685-1686	1684-1685	1683-1684	1682-1683	1681-1682	1680-1681	1679-1680	1678-1679	1677-1678	1676-1677	1675-1676	1674-1675	1673-1674	1672-1673	1671-1672	1670-1671	1669-1670	1668-1669	1667-1668	1666-1667	1665-1666	1664-1665	1663-1664	1662-1663	1661-1662	1660-1661	1659-1660	1658-1659	1657-1658	1656-1657	1655-1656	1654-1655	1653-1654	1652-1653	1651-1652	1650-1651	1649-1650	1648-1649	1647-1648	1646-1647	1645-1646	1644-1645	1643-1644	1642-1643	1641-1642	1640-1641	1639-1640	1638-1639	1637-1638	1636-1637	1635-1636	1634-1635	1633-1634	1632-1633	1631-1632	1630-1631	1629-1630	1628-1629	1627-1628	1626-1627	1625-1626	1624-1625	1623-1624	1622-1623	1621-1622	1620-1621	1619-1620	1618-1619	1617-1618	1616-1617	1615-1616	1614-1615	1613-1614	1612-1613	1611-1612	1610-1611	1609-1610	1608-1609	1607-1608	1606-1607	1605-1606	1604-1605	1603-1604	1602-1603	1601-1602	1600-1601	1599-1600	1598-1599	1597-1598	1596-1597	1595-1596	1594-1595	1593-1594	1592-1593	1591-1592	1590-1591	1589-1590	1588-1589	1587-1588	1586-1587	1585-1586	1584-1585	1583-1584	1582-1583	1581-1582	1580-1581	1579-1580	1578-1579	1577-1578	1576-1577	1575-1576	1574-1575	1573-1574	1572-1573	1571-1572	1570-1571	1569-1570	1568-1569	1567-1568	1566-1567	1565-1566	1564-1565	1563-1564	1562-1563	1561-1562	1560-1561	1559-1560	1558-1559	1557-1558	1556-1557	1555-1556	1554-1555	1553-1554	1552-1553	1551-1552	1550-1551	1549-1550	1548-1549	1547-1548	1546-1547	1545-1546	1544-1545	1543-1544	1542-1543	1541-1542	1540-1541	1539-1540	1538-1539	1537-1538	1536-1537	1535-1536	1534-1535	1533-1534	1532-1533	1531-1532	1530-1531	1529-1530	1528-1529	1527-1528	1526-1527	1525-1526	1524-1525	1523-1524	1522-1523	1521-1522	1520-1521	1519-1520	1518-1519	1517-1518	1516-1517	1515-1516	1514-1515	1513-1514	1512-1513	1511-1512	1510-1511	1509-1510	1508-1509	1507-1508	1506-1507	1505-1506	1504-1505	1503-1504	1502-1503	1501-1502	1500-1501	1499-1500	1498-1499	1497-1498	1496-1497	1495-1496	1494-1495	1493-1494	1492-1493	1491-1492	1490-1491	1489-1490	1488-1489	1487-1488	1486-1487	1485-1486	1484-1485	1483-1484	1482-1483	1481-1482	1480-1481	1479-1480	1478-1479	1477-1478	1476-1477	1475-1476	1474-1475	1473-1474	1472-1473	1471-1472	1470-1471	1469-1470	1468-1469	1467-1468	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INFANT MORTALITY

DEATHS	BRYNMAWR U.D.C. B.C.C.				National Average
	<u>Male Female Total</u>				
Death of Infants under 1 year of age :					
-Legitimate	2	0	2	17	
-Illegitimate	0	0	0	2	
Total	2	0	2	19	
Infant Mortality rate per 1000 Live Births(Total)			23.0	25.0	18.0
-Legitimate			23.0	24.0	
-Illegitimate				1.0	
<u>Neonatal Mortality</u>					
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age :					
-Legitimate	1	0	1	7	
-Illegitimate	0	0	0	2	
Total :	1	0	1	9	
Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births			11.0	12.0	12.0
<u>Early Neonatal Mortality</u>					
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age :					
- Legitimate	1	0	1	5	
- Illegitimate	0	0	0	2	
Total :	1	0	1	7	
Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births			11.0	9.0	11.0
<u>Perinatal Mortality Rate</u>					
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age plus number of Stillbirths					
Rate per 1000 Total Live and Stillbirths :			34.0	17.0	23.0

There were two infant deaths during 1970, giving an Infant Mortality rate of 23.0 which was above the National average of 18.0 per 1000 Live Births.

There were two Stillbirths and one Infant death in the first week of life giving a perinatal Mortality rate of 34.0 which was double the County rate of 17.0 per 1000 total Births. The National rate was 23.0.

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS

1. Immaturity.
2. Haemolytic - Eraemia Syndrome.

CAUSES OF STILLBIRTHS

1. Cause Unknown
2. Cause Unknown

The Infant Mortality rates and Perinatal Mortality rates for the past five years are shown below and compared with the National average.

INFANT MORTALITY

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
BRYNMAWR UDC	0	11.0	30.0	25.0	23.0
NATIONAL AVERAGE	19.0	18.3	18.0	18.0	18.0

PERINATAL MORTALITY

	1966	1967	1968	1969	1970
BRYNMAWR UDC	19.2	22.0	48.1	37.0	34.0
NATIONAL AVERAGE	26.3	25.4	25.0	23.0	23.0

CAUSES OF DEATH

	Male	Female	Total
Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc.,	0	1	1
" " Oesophagus	0	1	1
" " Stomach	3	2	5
" " Intestine	1	2	3
" " Lung, Bronchus	5	0	5
Other Malignant Neoplasms	1	5	6
Diabetes Mellitus	1	1	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System	2	1	3
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1	2
Hypertensive Disease	4	0	4
Ischaemic Heart Disease	11	13	24
Other Forms of Heart Disease	2	2	4
Cerebrovascular Disease	2	6	8
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	1	3	4
Influenza	0	1	1
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Bronchitis and Emphysema	2	2	4
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	1	0	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	0	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	0	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	0	1
Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary System	2	0	2
Other cases of Perinatal Mortality	1	0	1
Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions	2	0	2
Motor Vehicle Accidents	2	0	2
Total All Causes	47	43	90

The main causes of death are shown below and the death rates compared with the National average for 1966 : -

CRUDE DEATH RATES PER 100,000 FROM CERTAIN CAUSES

	Brynmawr Urban District Council	National Average 1966
Ischaemic Heart Disease	370	235
Malignant Neoplasms	323	225
Cerebro Vascular Disease	123	164
Pneumonia & Bronchitis	92	70
Hypertensive Disease	62	17
All Accidents	31	51

NUMBER OF DEATHS IN SEX-AGE GROUPS

<u>Ages at Death</u>	Male	Female	Total	Percentage of Total
0 - 1	2	0	2	2.2
1 - 4	0	0	0	0
5 - 14	0	0	0	0
15- 24	2	0	2	2.2
25- 34	0	0	0	0
35- 44	1	0	1	1.1
45- 54	3	2	5	5.5
55- 64	5	4	9	10.0
65- 74	13	11	24	26.6
75 years and over	21	26	47	52.4
	47	43	90	100.0

79% of the deaths occurred at the age of 65 years and over

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFICATIONS

The following cases, other than Tuberculosis, were notified during 1970.

<u>Diseases</u>	<u>Number of Cases</u>
Measles	20
Infective Hepatitis	2

TUBERCULOSIS

Cases on Register at 1st January 1970	-	12
New Notifications during 1970	-	1
Removals during 1970	-	2
Cases on Register at 31st December 1970.		11

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936, S.172

No action was taken under this section which deals with the removal to Hospital by the Local Authority of infectious persons suffering from Tuberculosis, of the Respiratory tract.

PUBLIC HEALTH (PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS) REGULATIONS

No action was taken under these Regulations in respect of persons suffering from Tuberculosis, employed in the Milk Trade.

B.C.G. VACCINATION AND TUBERCULIN SERIAL TESTING-CHILDREN.

This is carried out by the Medical Staff of the County Health Department.

FOOD POISONING

There were no cases of suspected Food Poisoning notified during the year.

DYSENTERY

There were no cases of Dysentery notified during the year.

TYPHOID AND PARATYPHOID

No cases of Typhoid or Paratyphoid were notified during the year.

VENEREAL DISEASES

There were no cases notified during the year.

The County Council has an agreement with the Regional Hospitals Board for the treatment of these cases, there are no treatment centres in the area and patients attend at Swansea Mount Pleasant Hospital, Hereford County Hospital, Royal Gwent Hospital, Newport, and Moira Terrace, Cardiff.

Tracing of Contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, S.47.

No action was taken by the Council under S.47 of the above Act which provides for the removal to suitable premises of persons who : -

- (a) are suffering from grave chronic disease, or, being aged, or physically incapacitated, or living in insanitary conditions, and
- (b) are unable to devote to themselves and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES

Public Health Officers

Mr. Gwyn Jones remained as the Public Health Inspector.

Laboratory Facilities

During the year facilities were available at the Public Health Laboratories at Newport.

All Water Samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Newport, and Milk Samples were dealt with at Newport and Carmarthen.

Any investigations required in the control of Infectious Diseases were carried out at the Public Health Laboratory in Newport and Abergavenny.

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES

(A). Health Services

The County Council are responsible for the following services in the area.

1. Provision of Health Centres.
2. Care of Mothers and Young Children.
3. Midwifery Services.
4. Health Visiting and Health Education.
5. Home Nursing.
6. Vaccination and Immunisation.
7. Ambulance and Sitting Car Service.
8. Prevention of Illness, Care and After-care.
9. Domestic Help Service.

The Following Clinics are held in the area: -

Child Welfare Clinics.

Immunisation against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis, and Measles.

Relaxation Clinics for Expectant Mothers.

Dental Clinics for Expectant Mothers, and Children.

Supply of Welfare Foods.

Orthopaedic Clinics.

Chiropody Clinics.

Cervical Cytology Clinics.

Mental Health Services

Psychiatric Social Worker.

Miss Gwen Morgan remained as the Psychiatric Social Worker for the Area.

Mental Welfare Officer

Mr. T.V.Rees remained as the Mental Welfare Officer for the Area.

(B) WELFARE SERVICES

The County Council is responsible for the following services in the area :

1. Provision of Homes for the Aged.
2. Provision of Temporary Accommodation.
3. Registration and Provision of Services for Handicapped Persons.
4. Contributions to Old People's Organisations.
5. Temporary Protection of Property.
6. Meals on Wheels Services.
7. Provision of Grants towards Special Housing for the Elderly.
8. Welfare of the Blind and Partially -sighted.
9. Welfare for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

Hospitals

Hospital facilities are available at Blaina, Ebbw Vale and Tredegar, Merthyr Tydfil, Abergavenny and Newport.

Infectious Disease, Hospital

Cases are admitted to the Allt-yr-yn Hospital, Newport.

Smallpox Hospitals

Arrangements have been made for Smallpox cases to be admitted to Penrhys Hospital and for Consultants to be called in to suspected cases.

On diagnosing a case the Consultant will be responsible for arranging for Penrhys Hospital to be ready and staffed to receive the patient.

The patient will be removed by the County Council under their Ambulance Scheme made under S.27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

1. 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 out-put 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 inexhaustable 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 ft 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.

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 Surveyors' 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

2. 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.

In May 1963, the Council applied to the Usk River Board, in accordance with Section 1 of the Rivers(Prevention of Pollution) Act, 1961, for consent to discharge to the River Clydach a D.W.F of 340,000 g.p.d of fully treated sewage effluent from the Brynmawr Sewage Disposal Works. Following earlier discussions the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in November, 1964, suggested to the Council to consider a scheme to improve the treatment given at their Sewage Disposal Works.

In December, 1964, the River Board, sent to the Council a draft of the consent proposed, the principle conditions being the effluent should be of a Royal/Common 20/30 standard and there should be a dilution of not less than 8 to 1 in the receiving stream.

The maximum quantity of effluent which the River Board were prepared to accept at the existing effluent outfall in any weather was 64,000 g.p.d., and this fell short of the estimated dry flow of 340,000 g.p.d., being treated at the Works to say nothing of the expected future average in the D.W.F. In view of this the River Board suggested that : -

1. The provision of an authorised treatment plant to effect a much greater degree of purification, or,
2. Discharge the effluent to a point further down stream in the river where the flow would be sufficient to provide adequate dilution.

At about this time the Council had preliminary discussions with the Western Valley (Mon) Sewage Board about the probability of diverting to the latter trunk sewer about half of the sewage from Brynmawr.

In April 1965, the Council engaged Consulting Engineers to advise them on the methods and apparatus at present being used for sewage treatment and disposal within the Urban Area.

Accordingly,

1. Continuous flow recording of sewage inflow to the Works and river flow is now being made.
2. Investigations are proceeding in the relation of Trade effluents, but this will naturally take sometime to complete.
3. A survey of the complete sewage system is now being proceeded with.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

3. 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.

Two Bedford Tippers are employed full-time and one cubic yard Karrier is employed full-time on refuse collection.

4. PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The work of rats and mice destruction has proceeded satisfactorily and has 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 the metal baiting trays 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 Dept), the base bait and poison used are alternated for sewer treatment, and the results proved the efficiency of this change in bait and poison.

INSPECTIONS

<u>Properties other than Sewers</u>	<u>Type of Property</u>	
	<u>Non Agricultural</u>	<u>Agricultural</u>
1. Number of properties in the district	2763	2
2.a. Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification.	133	NIL
b. Number infected by (i) Rats	130	Nil
(ii) Mice	1	Nil
3.a. Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	125	Nil
b. Number infested by (i) Rats	12	Nil
(ii)	6	Nil
4. Sewers found to be infested	Nil	Nil

5. Surface Properties and Sewers

Council now have a contract with Messrs Rentokil Ltd., to cover the Rodent Control Works.

6. 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 treatment at intervals.

7. 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 were continued to be made and any infestation immediately treated.

8. Surface infestations

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

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

Type of Property		Inspections	
Non Agricultural	Agricultural	Properties other than Sewers	Properties other than Sewers
2	273	1. Number of properties in the district	1. Number of properties in the district
		2. a. Total number of properties (including newly purchased) inspected following notification.	2. a. Total number of properties (including newly purchased) inspected following notification.
112	177	b. Number infested by (i) Rats	b. Number infested by (i) Rats
111	130	(ii) Mice	(ii) Mice
111	1	3. a. Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification	3. a. Total number of properties inspected for rats and/or mice for reasons other than notification
111	120	b. Number infested by (i) Rats	b. Number infested by (i) Rats
111	12	(ii) Mice	(ii) Mice
111	6		
111	111	4. Sewers found to be infested	4. Sewers found to be infested

HOUSING PROGRAMME

Housing Position, 1968

No. of Private Dwellings	...	1219
No. of Public Houses (and Dwellings)	...	18
No. of Council Houses and Flats	...	931

1969/70

Total	...	2,168
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No. of Houses vacant as a result of action under the Housing Act, 1957	...	2
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No. of Houses and Flats built by the Council in 1969/70	...	37
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No. built by private builder	...	1
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No. in course of construction at 31st December 1970 -

(a) Council :

Aneurin Place	...	20
King Street.	...	4
		<u>24</u>

(b) Private

...	...	6.
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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MEAT

There is one Slaughterhouse in the Urban District and details of animals slaughtered during 1970 are given below : -

	Jan:	Feb:	Mar:	Apr & May :	Jun:	Jul & Aug:	Sep. & Oct:	Nov:	Dec:
Steers & Heifers	-	341	333	714	328	639	363	402	413
Cows & Bulls	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Calves	-	111	124	201	53	235	4	2	3
Sheep & Lambs	-	1152	977	1880	1483	3266	2590	3012	2446
Rams & Ewes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pigs	-	970	1085	1999	746	1373	1042	1246	1274
Sows & Boars	-	1	4	4	-	2	-	-	-

Milk

The responsibility for registering dealers and taking milk samples is the County Council.

Milk Samples - Brucella Abortus

No. of samples of raw milk examined	...	Nil
No. of positive ring tests	...	Nil
No. of animal inoculations	...	Nil.
No. of positive animal inoculations	...	Nil.

Milk and Dairies(Special Designation) Regulations

There is only one processor of Milk within the Urban area. He holds a 'Dealers' Licence' issued by the County Council.

Inspection of Dairy

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

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 to the public.

The undermentioned is a list of such premises : -

Grocer	...	26
Green grocers & Wet Fish Shops	...	7
Butchers	...	10
Restaurants & Cafes	...	4
Bakehouses	...	3
Canteens	...	4
Slaughterhouses	...	1
Fried Fish Shops	...	2

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

	Grocers	Green grocers	Butchers	Restaurants and Cafes	Bakehouses	Canteens	Fried Fish Shops
No. of Premises	26	7	10	4	3	4	2
No. fitted to comply with Regulation 16.	26	7	10	4	3	4	2
No. to which Regulation 19 applies	0	0	10	4	3	4	2
No. fitted to comply with Regulation 19	0	0	10	4	3	4	2

FOOD CONDEMNED

From January - December 1970

Vegetables	-	282 tins
Meat	-	337 tins
Fish	-	10 Pkts (Frozen.)
Fruit	-	45 Tins 28 Pkts.
Bacon	-	18 lbs.

All condemned foods not returned through the wholesalers are disposed of at the local authority's refuse tip.

BYELAWS UNDER SECTION 15 OF THE FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

Byelaws for securing the observance of sanitary and cleanly conditions and practice 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 regard to a good standard of food hygiene.

ICE-CREAM(HEAT TREATMENT)REGULATIONS, 1959

There are 24 registered retailers of ice-cream within the Urban Area. They are supplied from the central depots of the large ice -cream companies.

All the premises in the district comply with the legislation and maintain a good standard of food hygiene.

At present there are no manufacturers of ice-cream operating in the district.

LICENSED PREMISES

All licensed premises in the district were inspected regularly and the standard of cleanliness was generally good.

One informal notice was sent requiring certain defects to be remedied and the necessary work was carried out.

The number of licensed premises are give below : -

Public houses	-	18
Licensed Clubs	-	3
Off-licensed	-	1

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Details of the administration of the Act is given below : -

	No. of Premises Newly Registered	Total No. Registered at end of year.	No. of Premises Inspected during year.	No. of Persons employed
Offices	0	22	15	44
Retail Shops	0	74	50	228
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	0	2	2	13
Catering Establishments and Canteens	0	9	9	29
Fuel Storage Depots.	0	0	NIL	0
Total	0	107	76	314

Total number of inspections made to Registered Premises ... 155

Total number of persons employed ... Male - 87) - 314
 Females - 227)

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There are no caravan sites within the district.

POULTRY INSPECTIONS

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

The following is a list of trades carried out in Factories within the Urban area during 1970. : -

	No. of Factories	Mechanical Power used	Mechanical Power Not used
Joinery	6	6	-
Mineral Water Manufacture	1	1	0
Motor Vehicle Repairs	9	8	1
Raincoat Manufacture	1	1	0
Boot Manufacture	1	1	
Tufted Bedspreads	1	1	0
Slaughterhouse	1	1	0
Magnetic Tape (R.C.A)	1	1	0
Total :	21	20	1

There were no ou-workers employed within the Brynmawr area during the year.

FACTORIES ACT 1961

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in
Respect of the Year, 1970, for the Urban District
of Brynmawr in the County of Brecknock.

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	0	0	0	0
(ii) Factories not included in(i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	28	28	0	0
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises)	4	4	0	0
Total :	32	32	0	0

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found(If defects are found at the premises on two three or more occasions they should be reckoned as two,three or more cases.

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	0	0	0	0	0
Overcrowding (S.2)	0	0	0	0	0
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	0	0	0	0	0
Inadequate Ventilation. (S.4)	0	0	0	0	0
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	0	0	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences(S.7)	0	0	0	0	0
(a) Insufficient	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable/defective	0	0	0	0	0
(c) Not separate for Sexes	0	0	0	0	0
Other offences against the Act(not including offences relating to Outwork)	0	0	0	0	0
Total :	0	0	0	0	0

There was no out-work done in the district during the year.



