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BUCKLEY URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

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MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

FOR THE YEAR 1 9 5 9.

COUNCIL CHAMBERS,

Flintshire.



Miss Catherall and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of the Buckley Urban District for the year 1959.

The 1951 Census gave a population of 7,699 (3,793 males and 3,900 Females), as compared with the 1931 Census of 7,053 (3,626 Males and 3,427 Females), an increase in the population of 646 or a percentage of 9.2% in 20 years.

The estimated polulation for June 1959 is 7,690, no change from last year.

The total number of live births was 98, 16 less than in 1958, and in consequence the birth rate is 13.2 per 1000 of the population in 1959 as compared with 15.4 per 1000 of the population in 1958.

For comparison with other areas the rate is 13.2 which is appreciably lower than that for England and Wales which is 16.5 per 1000 of the population.

The total deaths recorded during the year is 91, which is 1 more than in 1958, so that the death rate corrected is 13.2 per 1000 of the home population. It is higher than the rate for England and Wales, which is 11.6 per 1000 of the home population.

There was 1 death in infants under one year of age, giving an infantily mortality rate of 10.2 per 1000 live births as compared with a rate for England and Wales of 22.60.

The principal cause of death was disease of the heart and circulatory system, which accounted for 44 of the 91 deaths during the year, so that 48.3 of all deaths occurred in this group of diseases (17-21 inclusing in the Table - Causes of Death.)

Cancer accounted for 11 deaths, 10 less than in 1958. Cancer accounted for 12.0% of all deaths. There were 3 deaths from Cancer of the Lungs or bronchus, the same as the 1958 figure, all were males.

Accidents accounted for 2 deaths in 1959, as compared with 6 in 1958.

There were no deaths from Diphtheria, nor were there any maternal deaths in 1959.

As regards Infectious diseases, notifications were light with the exception of Measles in the 2nd and 3rd quarters of the year.

In conclusion, I must express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of your Health Committee and all your Officials, particularly Mr.R.Messham, whose local knowledge is invaluable, and your Public Health Inspector, Mr. Watkin, who supports me loyally.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

A. CATHCART.

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTIC	s 1959.
Area (In acres)	2677
Population (Census 1951)	7699
Population (Estimated 1959)	7690
Density (Number of persons per acre)	2.88
Number of inhabited houses	2368
Number of occupied houses owned by Local Authority	509
New Houses Certified	13
Births (Live)	98
Birth Rate (Per 1000 of home population)	13.2
Birth Rate (England and Wales)	16.5
Deaths	91
Death Rate (Per 100 of home population)	13.2
Death Rate (England and Wales)	11.6
Infantile Mortality (Per 1000 live births)	10.2
Death rate of all forms of Tuberculosis (Rate per 1000 population)	0.13
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Rateable Value	£70822.
Sum represented by 1d Rate	£279.

The Buckley Urban District is situated in a foothill of the Clwydian Range to the North East of the County of Flint, and is bounded on the North, East and South by the Hawarden Rural District and in the North, West and South by the Holywell Rural District.

The subsoil is clay in the greater part of the area.
Below are the lower coal measures now very little worked.
The principar industries are Cement, Brick and Tile and Pipe works, together with Agriculture

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EXTRACTS FROM THE VILL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

ESTIMATED MID-YEAR HOME POPULATION - 7690.

Comparability Factors.

BIRTHS.	DI.THS.
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LIVE BIRTHS.

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		м.	F.	Total	Birth rate per 1000 home population.	er -
	Total	47	51	98	13.2	100
	Legitimate	47	49	96	12.5	
	Illegitimate	-	2	2	1.27	22
	ž in a	<u>s</u>	T.I.	L L	BIRTHS.	12
_		м.	F.	Total.	Rate per 1000 total (Live and still) Births.	
	Total	1	2	3	29.7	88 1
	Legitimate	1	2	3	29.7	
	Illegitima te	-	-	-		
		M			F INE.NTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF .GE. Infantile mortality per 1000 live births.	
_	Total	1	-	1	10.2	
	Legitimate	1	-	1	10.4	
	Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	
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CAUSES OF DEATH.

		Males.	Females.
1	Tuberculesis - Regninatons		B.S.
2.	Tuberculosis - Respiratory -do- Other		1
	Syphilitis Disease	-	-
34.56.76	Diphtheria	-	-
5.	Whooping Cough	-	-
6.	Meningococcal Infection	-	-
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
	Measles	-V	-
9.	Other infective-Paracitic disease	-	-
10.	Malignant Meoplasm - Stomach	3	3
12.	-dodo Lung Bronchus -dodo Breast	2	1
13.	-dodo Uterus	-	ī
14.	Other malignant & Lymphatic neoplasm	5	1 6
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-
16.	Diabetes	-	1 0
17.	Vascular lesions of the nervous system	14	6
18.	Coronary diseases, angina.		4
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	1.	6
20.	Other heart diseases Other circulatory disease	1.	1
22.	Influenza	1	1
23.	Pneumonia	_	3
24.	Bronchitis	3	3
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	í	-
26.	Ulcer of stomach & Duodenum	-	
27.	Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	-	-
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-
29	Hyperplasia of prostrate	3	(Exalt
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31.	Congenital Malformation Other defined or ill-defined diseases	-	8
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	2	-
34.	All other accidents	1	1 11
35.	Suicide	ī	-
36.	Homicide and operations of war	1	
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		48	43
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COMPARATIVE TABLE OF BIRTH RATES. CIVILIAN DEATH RATES.
ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY, MATERNAL ORTALITY AND CASE
RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES in 1959. Rates per 1000 Civilian population. England & Wales. Buckley U. District. BIRTHS. Live Births 16.5 13.2 Still Births --29.70 Per 1000 Live and Still Births. All Causes
Typhoid & Paratyphoid
Whooping Cough
Diphtheris
Tuberculosis 11.5 13.0 0.00 0.00 0.003 0.00 0.00 0.00 0.11 0.15 0.00 Influenza 0.13 Small Pox 0.00 and Policencephalitis 0.003 0.00 Pneumonia 0.55 0.39 Rates per 1000 Live Births. All causes under 1 year of age 23.00 42.9 Enteritis & Diarrhoea under 2 years of age INF.NTILE MORT.LITY During the year there was one death in Infants under one vear of age - 1 boy.

HELLTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY. Public Health Officials of the URB.N AUTHORITY consist of -Medical Officer of Health - Dr.A. Cathcart, M.B. CH.B., D.T.M.& H.? D.P.H. Public Health Inspector - .. G. Watkin. M.S.I ... Certificate R.S.I.and S.I.J.B. Certificate R.S.I. Meat and Foods. Certificate R.S.I. Smoke Inspector. NURSING IN THE HONE - The District Nursing association is now administered by the Flintshire County Council.

MIDWIVES - There are three qualified Midwives in the Urban area. MATION L HEALTH SERVICE -Three qualified Medical Practitioners reside in the area and they are responsible for the treatment of persons under the above Act. Of these three Medical Practitioners, who are Principals in practice, two have one assistant each. One of these Assistant Medical Practitioners resides inside the Urban District, so that, in all, five Medical Proctitioners are available for the population of Buckley and contiguous rural areas. Laboratory Service at Conway and Birkenhead. The Laboratory attached to The Chester Royal Infirmary is also available for investigations of a particular or urgent nature. HOSPIT LS. ISCL.TION - Mone. Infectious disease cases needing isolation and treatment are now sent to the Isolation Hospital at Pentrobin in the H-warden Rural District or are accommodated by arrangement with the Clwyd and Deeside Hospital Management Committee. SM.LLPOY - None.
TUBERCULOSIS - None. Cases from the area are sent to the Welsh Mational Memorial Hospital at Meadowslea, Penyffordd, about three miles away, and may be trnasferred from there on the recommendation of the Tuberculosis Medical Officer for Denbighshire and Flintshire to the Sanitorium at Llangwyfan, Denbigh, or one of the other Welsh Sanitoria. M.TERNITY - None. .. County Maternity Hospital is situated at Mancot Royal, approximately four and a half miles away. Pathological cases may be sent to one of the Chester Hospitals. CHILDREN'S - None. Children are hospitalised at the Chester Royal Infirmary, Maelor General Hospital, Wrexham, or occasionally in special cases at the Children's Hospital, Myrtle Street, Liverpool. GENERAL HOSPITALS - Emergency cases may be sent to the Royal Infirmary or City Hospital, Chester, or occasionally to the Mold Hospital.

INSTITUTIONAL PROVISIONS FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS, ILLEGITIMATE INFANTS
AND HOMELESS CHILDREN. Provision is made by the County Council
at the St.Asaph Institution. MENTAL DEFECTIVES - The supervision of cases under the Mental Deficiency lcts is carried out by the County Council.

AMBULANCE FIGHLITIES - This service is provided by the County Council. 6 -

CLINIC AND TREATMENT CENTRES.

Maternity and Child elfare. There is an Anti-Natal Centre and Infant Child Welfere Centre conducted by the County Council at the Welsh C.M. Schoolroom, the former on the first and third Monday afternoon and the latter every Monday afternoon.

DAY NURSERIES - None.

SCHOOL CLINICS - A School clinic supervised by the County Medical Officer of Health and his Assistants is held on the Tuesday of each week in the Welsh C.M. Schoolroom.

TUBIRCULOSIS DISPENSARIES - None in the area. There is a visiting Station at "Caklands", Queensferry, at which the Tuberculosis Officer and his Assistants see patients once a fortnight. There is also a Clinic every Monday and Thursday afternoon at Meadowslea Hospital, Penyffordd.

VENUREAL DISEASES -None. Cases are sent to the Venereal Diseases Clinic at The Royal Infirmary, Chester, by arrangement between the County Authorities and the Chester Royal Infirmary.

Water - The Water supply is provided by the Hawarden and District Waterworks Company. This Company impounds upland water in the mountains at Cilcain about 10 miles distant from Buckley.

The Company now possesses at Pren Brigog, two covered Reservoirs having a total capacity of 1,000,000 gallons, equal to approximately four days' normal consumption.

All samples of water taken during the year have been reported as "Class 1 - Highly satisfactory.".

CLOSET ACCOMMODITION - Below I give a Table showing the number of dwelling houses in each Ward and the various types of Closets in use therein :-

Name of Ward.	No.of houses	Pail Closets.	Water Closets.	Total.
Ewloe Town	295	109	186	295
Ewloe Wood	284	138	146	284
Pentrobin	345	54	291	345
Argoed	331	20	311	331
Bistre East	406	54	352	406
Bistre West	657	21	636	657
TOTALS -	2318	396	1922	2318

PUBLIC CLEANSING - REFUSE COLLECTION is carried out by direct labour.

SMCKE .B.TEMENT - No, action was necessary with a view to smoke abatement.

SCHOOLS.

Name of School.	Situation.	Water Supp	oly.
Elfed Sec: Moder St. Matthew's St. Matthew's Int Lane End Infants Bistre C. of E. Buckley Council.	Church Road. fants. Church Road. Chester Road. Mold Road.	-do- -do- -do-	
The water is sur It is filtered, sesson.	ary were a gift of the oplied by the Hawarde	and Plunge Baths situe Miners Welfare Commin & District Waterwork ted continuously through Pools.	ittee. ks Company.
There are no suc	ch premises or occupa	tions.	
	HOUSI	N.G.	
1. Inspection	of dwelling houses du	ring the year -	
1.(a) Total r housing	number of dwelling ho g defects.(Under Publ	uses inspected for ic Health & Housing Ac	ets.)599
(b) Number	of inspections made	for the purpose -	858
hend (]	of dwelling houses (1) above, which were the Housing Consolida	inspected and recorded	i 44
(b) Number	of inspections made :	for this purpose	67
so dang	of dwelling houses for gerous or injurious to for human habitation		28
referre not to	of dwelling houses (ed to under the precedue in all respects relabitation	ding sub-head)found	324

(2)	Remedy of defects during the year without service	
	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	339
(3)	Action under Statutory Powers during the year 1959.	
	(a) Proceedings under Sections, 9, 10 and 16 of The Housing Act, 1936. (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs -	Nil.
	(2) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered	
	fit after service of format most service of	
	(a) By owners. (b) By Local Authority in default of owners -	Nil.
	(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts. (1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	Nil.
	(2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice.	
	(a) By Owners	Nil.
	(b) By Local Authorities (c) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of	10.7010
	The Housing act. 1930.	
	(1) Number of houses in respect of Which Demolition-Orders or Closing Orders	4
	were made (2) Number of houses demolished in persuance	
	of Demolition Orders	2
	(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the	
	Housing Ant. 1930.	
	(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders	Nil.
	were made underground	
	(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having	
	been rendered fit	Nil

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THE FOLLOWING SANITARY IMPROVED DURING THE YEAR ENDE	EMENTS H.VE E	BER 1959
Pail Closets abolished		5
New or additional Water Closets provided	- Whomba	28
Old Drains taken up		5
New Drains laid down		36
Inspection chambers provided		46
New Sinks provided		9
New trapped waste pipes provided	[]	11
Roofs repaired		61
Ashbins provided		72
Floors repaired and renewed		6
Taves, Gutters and downspouts repaired or renewed	#= (1 - 10 V2.2	59
Damp proof courses provided	-	3
Yards paved	-	12
Food Stores provided		26
Houses Inspected		599
Houses repaired and		339
Visits to houses re appointed		858
Visits to food premises		163
Hee thapped waste plans-seemed-		11
INFECTIOUS	DISEAS	5 E S.
Visits to infected houses		8
Houses disinfected		8
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Dang production - 10		3
Dang pros courses provided - 10 Pail Closets toolsahod Yardrayed		12
Sand St. providentian	**	58
tauste Inducated up		599
		339

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

DISEASE. Tota	l cases	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Small Pox		\$1-1-3-1 m	
Scerlet Fever	7	4	
Diphtheria		1 1 E - 1 E	
Enteric Fever	-		-
Pneumonia	8		3
Cerebo Spinal Fever.	1	1	
Measles	235	-	-
Whooping Cough	2	-	-
Drysipelas	-	-	- Franklin -
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	- 300
Ophthalmia Neonatorum			
Acute Polio Myelitis	-		

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) DURING THE YEAR 1959.

	Acute Polio	Cerebo Spinal Fever.	Small Pox	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Enteric Fever.	Puerperal Lyrexia.	Pneumonia.	Erysipelas.	Ophthalmis.	Measles.	Whooping Cough.
Under 1 year	1										6	
1 & 2 years								1			38	
3 C 4 years								1			42	2
5 to 9 years				5							146	
10 to 14 years				2							3	
15 to 24 years								1				
25 and over						!		5				
Total cases Notified.	1	1		7 -				8			235	2
Cases sent to Hospital.	1			4							1.0	
Total Deaths								3				

TUBERCULOSIS. NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1959.

		Halland.	NEV	CASES.		DEAT	THS.	
				ulmonary. R.				
Age Periods.	202010		en en en			Ma Sa		4
5 - 14	-						-	-
15 - 24		1	-	1	÷.		-	-
25 - 44		-	102	-13.41	-	-	-	-
45 - 64	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Over 65	======	=	-	¥	-	-	-	-
Totals -	3	1	-	1	-	-	-	-

OPHTHALMIA NEOATORUM.

Cases Notified.	Cases t	reated. .Hospital.	<u>Vision</u> <u>Unimpaired</u>	Vision Impaire	Total d.Blindness	s. Deaths
-	-	-	-	-	-	-

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK No samples of Milk were taken during the year.
This service is carried out by the Flintshire County Council.

Under The Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949, the enforcement of regulations and registration of Dairy Farms (except in so far as they relate to diseases communicable to man.) is now the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries.

The Local Authority is responsible for those provisions which apply outside dairy farms and Milk distributor's premises have been regularly inspected.

ICE CREAM PREMISES - No shops were registered for the sale of Ice Cream during the year.

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS -

MEAT INSPECTION - Slaughtering during the year has been carried out in three private slaughter-houses.

Inspection of all meat slaughtered has been carried out.

Meat is also inspected in Butcher's shops in the area.

During the year Meat and Offal have been condemned as follows :-

Forequarter of heifer			Large absess 120 I				
Carcase	& offal	- Cow	Ac.fever & emiciation	Carcas 450 I		-	Lbs
II .	11	Cow	Moribund & fevered	467	11	77	11
11	. "	Cow	Septic Meminitis	482	11	49	11

THE FOLLOWING FOODSTUFFS WERE EXAMINED AND CONDEMNED AS UNFIT FOR HUMAN CONSUMPTION.

Food Condemned	Amount.	Cause of condemnation.	Weight.
Corned Beef	1 tin	Decomposition	6 Lbs
n n S	1 "	Blown	6 "
Tinned Tomatoes	14 tins	Blown	10 " 8 ozs
Stewed Steak	2 "	u ·	1 "14 "
Corned Beef	3 "	- n - 1	1 " 12 "
Luncheon Meat	1 "	- 101 -	12 "
Baked Beans	2 "	n.	1 " 10 "
Tinned Soup	2 "	11	1 " 14 "
Pickle	1 Jar	Fermanted	12 "
Tinned Fruit	17 Tins	Blown	21 " 4 "
Tinned Vegetabl	e 22 "	п	21 " 11 "
Salmon	5 "	п	1 " 4 "
Tinned Milk	13 "	il	8 " 14 "
			84 11 3 11

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1959 FOR THE ORBAN DISTRICT OF BUCKLEY.

Prescribed particulars on the ..dministration of the Factories ..ct, 1937.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

(1) Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Sanitary Inspector.)

Premises. No.on Regis	ter]	Inspections	No. of written notices.	Occupiers concerned.	hama)
1. Factories in which Sections 1.2.3.4.& 6 are to be enforced by Local authority.	-	-		- 200	
2. Factories not included in 1 above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	34	41	-	1000	
3. Other premises in Which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority. (Excluding out-workers' premises.)	-	-	-	1 30	nom.cr
TOTL -	34	41		-	
2. CLSES IN WHICH DEFECTS	WERE F	OUND.			
	No.of defec	cases in	which und.		
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	Referred by	<u>r.</u>
"ant of cleanliness Cvercrowding Unressonable temperature Ineffective drainage of floors -	-	-	=	:	
Sanitary Conveniences (a) Insufficient (b) Unsuitable or defecti (c) Not separate for sexe Other offences against the	ss -	1 1 -	=	1 1 -	

PART VILL OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK.

(SECTIONS 110 and 111.)

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