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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1961.

To:-

Mr. Chairman and Councillors of Burry Port Urban District Council

Introduction.

Although there were no serious epidemics of infectious diseases during the year, the vital statistics of the year compared unfavourabl with the National figures. The estimated population of the area decreased by 240 and deaths exceeded births by 32.

The main causes of death were:
Cardio-Vascular Conditions which caused

Malignant growths or conditions which caused

Respiratory diseases, excluding Tuberculosis, and

Cancer, which caused

11.2% of the

There was one death caused by an accident in the home.

E.H. BEYNON HOPKINS,

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

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Health and Housing Committee.

Councillor I.LI. Jones. Councillor L. Anthony.

Chairman of Health Committee. Chairman of Housing Committee.

Members of Council.

Councillor E.R.G. Davies. Councillor L. Anthony. Councillor L. Dennis. Councillor A.T. Wilkins. Councillor D.W. Thorburn. Councillor W.J. Williams. Councillor W.J. Williams
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Councillor A.E. Putz.
Councillor E.S. Narbett.

Chairman. Vice Chairman.

Public Health Department.

E.H. Beynon Hopkins. M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.,

Medical Officer of Health.

J.E. Vaughan Evans. F.R.I.C.S., M.I.Mun.E., (Testamur) Public Health Officer. Registered Architect.

Chartered Surveyor & Engineer,

SECTION A - STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE URBAN AREA.

Your district covers an area of. 1,543 Acres Population (Mid-Year 1961) Est. by Registrar General. 5,680 Number of inhabited houses at end of 1961. Number of families or separate occupiers. 2,010 2,044 £515/2/6 £128,377 Sum represented by Penny Rate on R.V. Rateable Value.

Unemployment. The average number of unemployed for the year was 84 weekly, out of an insurable population of 2,700. This is equivalent to 3% of this population.

EXTRACT FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR.

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	Male.	Female.	Total.
Live Births Rate per 1,000 population:-	31.	36.	67.
(a) Crude Rate (b) Adjusted Rate			11.49
Illegitimate Live Births Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	2.	Nil	2.
Deaths Rate per 1,000 population:-	55.	34.	89.
(a) Crude Rate (b) Adjusted Rate			15.67. 17.71.
Deaths (65 and over)	33.	25.	58.
Stillbirths. Rate per 1,000 total Live and Stillbirths Total Live and Stillbirths	4.	Nil	4. 56.3 <i>L</i> . 71.
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	1.	2,	3.

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Infant Mortality Rates.

Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total live births Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 legitimate live Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 illegitimate	births live births	44.78. 46.15. Nil
	Male Fen	nale total.
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (deaths under 4 weeks) Rate per 1,000 total live births	Nil	1. 1. 1. 14.93.
Early Neo-Natal Mortality (deaths under 1 week)	Nil Ni	il. Nil
Perinatal Mortality Rate (Stillbriths and deaths of infants under 1 week) Rate per 1,000 total live and stillbirths	of 4.	1. 5.42.
Maternal Mortality (including abortion) Number of Deaths Rate of Stillbirths per 1,000 live and stillbirths		Nil Nil
Cruc Rate		
Rate per Thousand of Estimated Population.		
Deaths 15	.97. 11.49 .67. 17.71	
	.34. .78. c	18.7.
Corresponding Rates for Burry Port.	1060 1061	

	195~.	1958.	1959.	1960.	1961.
(a)	195°. 14.49.	8.84.	15.08.	12.97.	11.49.
(b)	13.12.	18.55.	13.55.	19.67.	17.71.
(c)	10.99.	54.55.	10.75.	37.5	44.78.

CAUSES OF DEATH IN BURRY PORT URBAN DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR 1961.

	Male	Female	Total.
Malignant Neoplasm Lung Bronchus. Malignant Neoplasm Uterus. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms. Diabetes. Vascular Lesion of Nervcus System. Coronary Disease Angina. Hypertension with Heart Disease. Other Heart Disease. Other Circulatory Disease. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum. Influenza. Pneumonia. Bronchitis. Other Diseases of Respiratory System. Nephritis and Nephrosis. Hyperplasia of Prostate. Congenital Malformations other Defined and III Defined Diseases Motor Vehicle Accidents. All Other Accidents.	1. 1. 5. 14. 2. 7. 2. 1. 1. 2. 1. 2. 2. 1. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2. 2.	2. 2. 3. 1. 2. 4. 2. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1. 1.	3. 1. 2. 8. 1. 7. 18. 4. 13. 3. 1. 2. 1. 5. 3. 2. 1. 8. 2. 3. 2. 3. 2. 3. 2. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3. 3.
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CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS.

CAUSE. AGE OF DEATH. SEX.

Acute Bronchitis. 5 Weeks Male.
Idiopathic Convulsion. 11 Months Female.
Meningitis (Congenital Meningocale) 3 Weeks Female.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES. The following notifications of Infectious Diseases were made during the year:132 Measles. 3 Scarlatina. 1 Dysentery. 1 Meningitis. 1 Whooping Cough.

TUBERCULOSIS.

New Tuberculosis.

Non. Pulmonary.

Male. Female.

Pulmonary.

Male. Female

Experiences in wales and elsewhere continue to show the value of maintaining a high level of immunisation in the population against certain diseases.

SMALLPOX.

No. of children under 1 year vaccinated against Smallpox in Carmarthenshire 1,191.

Estimated as 51.56% of the registered births for the year.

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION (Whole County)

	Received 1	Received 2
the second second second	Injection.	Injections.
Children born 1943-1961.	500.	3.468.
Persons born 1933-1942.	-	3,468. 1,843.
Persons born before 1933 who	have not	
passed 40th birthday.	-	3,291.
Expectant Mothers.	-	3,291. 199.
Others.	100.	-

Number of persons who received 3rd injection during year - 8,478.

DIPHTHERIA.

Figures of Diphtheria immunisation for Burry Port for the year:-

Ages	Years 5-14	Boosters	Total
62	18	31	111

WHOOPING COUGH.

Figures for Whooping Cough immunisation for Burry Port for the year:-

Ages - Years 0-5 5-15	Total
50 13	63

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MASS RADIOGRAPHY.

The Mass Radiography Unit visited the Carmarthen Bay Power Station during the year.

Details of examinations are given below.

Carmarthen Bay Power Station.

	Male.	Female.	Total.
Total Number Examined Total found to be abnormal cases	260 29	18 2	278. 31.
(a) Referred to Chest Physician as requiring further investigation		1	7.
(b) Other abnormalities of the che	est 23	1	24.

Unit "J" of the Mass Radiography Service is stationed at the neighbouring town of Llanelly (Mondays except Bank Holidays and August month) for the service of the general public who wish to avail themselves of the opportunity of a Chest X-Ray.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE.

The National Blood Transfusion Service visited Carmarthen Bay Power Station during the year.

Number of donations received were 183. This compares with a figure of 198 for the previous year.

Regular sessions for the general public are held at the neighbouring town of Llanelly. Most people can donate blood to the "Blood Bank" and the amount of blood taken is quickly restored from the body's reserve which is replaced in a matter of days. With the everlasting and ever increasing need for blood, I appeal that, in the future, more people will donate blood for this most worthy and needy cause.

The figure of usage of blood in the hospitals serving the area is not known, but it can be assumed to be higher than that for the previous years.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT SECTION 47.

No action under this act was found to be necessary during the year.

GENERAL HEALTH AND SOCIAL SERVICES.

Clinic.	where Held	when Held Times
Infant Welfare.	Memorial Hall	Alternate 1.30.pm4.0.pm. Tuesdays 9.30.am12Noon.
Antenatal.	Memorial Hall	Mondays 2.0.pm4.30.pm.
Gynaecological.	Nursing Inst.,	2nd and last Friday each month 2.0.pm 4.0.pm.
Venereal Disease.	Bryntirion Hospital, Llanelly	Males-Thursday-6.30.pm. Females- Wedensday- 2.0.pm.

Chest Clinic. Bay View, Capel Rd., Daily - 9.0.am. - 5.0.pm.

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DISTRIBUTION OF WELFARE FOODS.

National Welfare Foods which were formerly distributed by the Ministry of Food are now distributed under the management of the Carmarthenshire County Council at the Council Offices, Burry Port, from Mondays to Fridays.

Home Help Service Nursing Service Mental Health Service Welfare Service These are under the control of the Carmarthenshire County Council. A close liason is kept between the Health Department and the Officials responsible for these services, as well as with the National Assistance Board Officers.

HOUSING.

nousing.
(1) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing
(2) Number of dwelling houses (included under Sub-head 1 above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925-1932
(3) Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the proceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitationll.
(4) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so danagerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation
REMEDY DEFECTS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.
Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers
ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.
Proceedings under Section 9,10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1957. Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:-
1. (a) Owners
2. Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs
PROCEEDINGS UNDER PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS.
Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied
Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:- (a) By Owners

Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .. 11.

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HOUSING ACT 1957 - PART 1V - OVERCROWDING.

Nun Nun Nun	mber of dwelling houses overcrowded at end of the year mber of families dwelling therein mber of persons dwelling therein mber of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year mber of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year mber of persons concerned in such cases	32. 96. Nil.
OVC	rticulars of any case in which dwelling houses have again become ercrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abater overcrowding	ment
8 F The	Private houses were completed during the year 1961. ere are no vacant houses in the Urban area.	
IMP	PROVEMENT GRANTS - HOUSING ACT.	
the	Under Section 30 of the Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, I following grants were made:-	1958,
	Discretionary Grants Standard Grants	21 7 28
HOU	ISING PROGRAMMES OF THE COUNCIL PRE WAR.	
Hou	ises already built and occupied at Woodbrook Terrace	7 1
	SES BUILT SINCE 1946- POST WAR.	
House Flat 2 Bu		
	ses being built at Colby Road	CONTRACTOR BOOK

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INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

	No.	No. Registered.	Inspections.
Butchers	ó	6	13
Grocers	30	30	30
Confectioners	7	7	14
Bakers		2	24
Fish Shops		1	11
Dairies		6	12

CLEAN FOOD. Posters are displayed in Public Buildings drawing the attention of the Public to food hygiene.

CONDEMNED FOOD. Condemned food is buried in lime on the Council's refuse tip.

CONDEMNED CERTIFICATES. 5 Condemnation Certificates were issued during the year in respect of fruit., meats, creams, etc.,

MILK - MILK DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS 1960.

Under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations 1960 Carmarthenshire County Inspectors take samples of milk for examination in regard to addition of water and percentage of fat.

ICE CREAM. 32 Samples of Ice Cream were taken and upon examination were found to be in the following grades:-

Grade 1 - 24. Grade 2 - 6. Grade 3 - 2. Grade 4 - Nil.

ADULTERATION etc., No action was necessary under the various powers.

SHELL FISH FACTORY. There are no shell-fish beds in the district.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE. There are no active Slaughterhouses in the area at the present time.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA - WATER.

The whole of the town's supply is obtained from the Llanelly Borough and Llanelly Rural District Councils under agreement. The supply from the Llanelly Borough was commenced on the 25th August, 1952. This additional supply was necessary to augment the other supply and to provide the Carmarthen Bay Power Station with water for Industrial purposes.

DAILY CONSUMPTION.

The consumption of water for the year was:-

	Domestic Consumption per head of population Industrial Consumption per head of population	25.12. 62.96. 88.08.
Number of	Schemes Completed during the year Schemes Under Construction during the year Schemes Under Consideration during the year	Nil. Nil. Nil.

DRAINAGE AND SANITATION.

The whole of the Urban Area is now sewered and all except four houses have been conected up.

Number o	f	Schemes	Comple	ted during the year	Nil.
Number o	I	Schemes	Under	Construction during the year	Nil.
Number o	I	Schemes	Under	Consideration during the year	One.

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RIVERS AND STREAMS.

The Dyfatty Stream from the rear of Bethany Chapel to the culvert under the main line has been piped in with 3 feet diameter concrete pipes.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Houses inspected for nuisance
Factories21.
Factories
Dairies12.
Too Croom Promises
Bakehouses
Butchers Shops
Rat Infestation
Dweine
Water Courses
Sewers
Public Conveniences52.
Refuse Tip
Water Sunnly
Back Lanes12.

LIST OF REPAIRS EXECUTED.

Donaine	+0	Walls
uebarra	-	Roofs9.
Repairs	to	7
Repairs	to	Floors
Donning	+0	Cailings
Ponoine	to	Doors
Ropairo	+0	Windows
Repairs	to	Windows
Repairs	to	SkirtingsNil.
Donoine	+0	Grates
Repairs	to	Chimney1.

PREVALENCE OF RATS AND MICE.

Number of properties in Local Authority's Area in which infestation was reported is given overleaf.

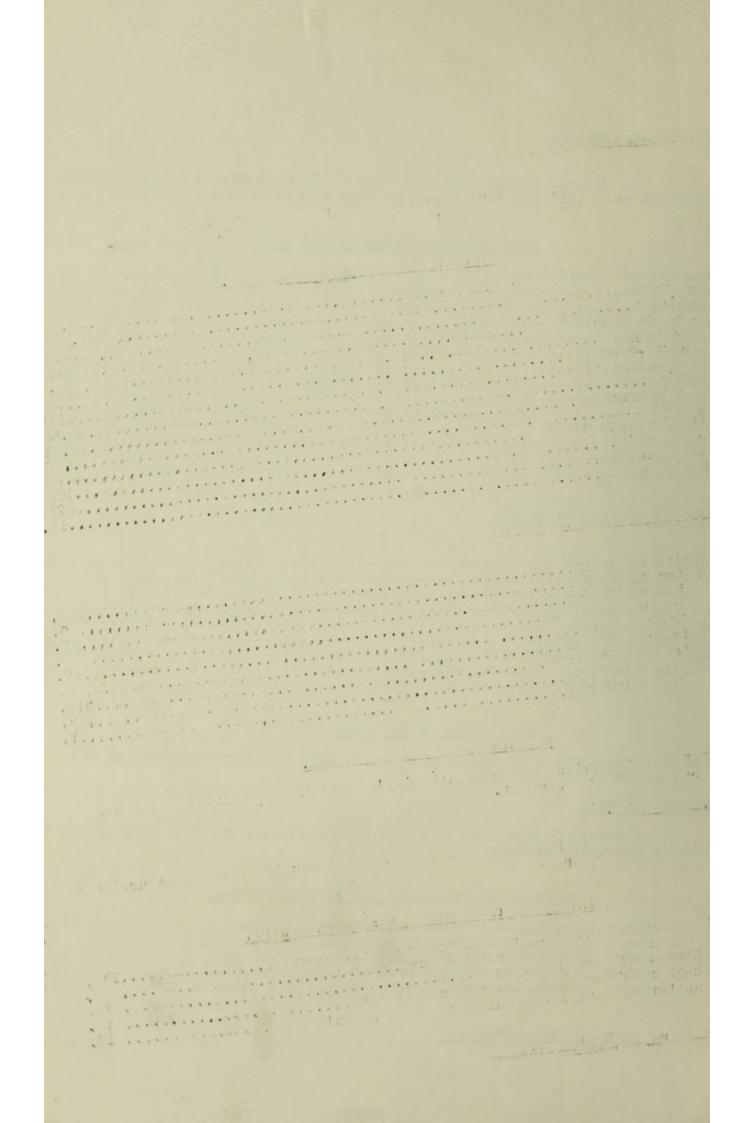
RODENT CONTROL.

A Rodent Operator is employed by the Council for the destruction of Rats in the Urban Area.

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers.

Total number	of manholes in foul and connected system	
Total number	of treatments carried out	
Total number	of manholes baited	
Total number	of manholes showing prebait take	
Total number	of manholes showing complete prebait take	

Copy of Form PDP/R10. overleaf



	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	Business & Indust- ry.	Total	Agricult- ural	
1. No. of properties in Local Authority's District.	20	2004	106	2130	10	
2. No. of properties inspected by L.A. during 1961 as a result of (a) notification or (b) otherwise	a b c	218 -	5 34 -	48 252 -	1 1	
No. of properties (under 2 found to be infested by rats)	Major Minor	261	28	289	-	
4. No. of properties (under 2) found to be seriously infested by mice.	-	- /- /-	2	2	-	
5, No. of properties infested (under 4 & 5 treated by L.A.	-	261	30	291	-	
No. of "block" control schemes carried out.		10	-	10	-	

SHOPS. No action was necessary under Section 10 of the Shop Act, 1934.

CAMPING SITES. There is one Camping Site in the Urban Area, situated at Derwydd near the foreshore, which is used as a Holiday Camp.

ERADICATION OF BED BUGS.....One

SCHOOLS. The Schools are kept in a sanitary condition. All schools and school kitchens are connected to the main sewer.

RAG FLOCK ACTS 1911 and 1928. There are no Rag Flock Premises in the area.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS. There are no such pools in the area. During the summer months sea bathing is enjoyed by a large number of inhabitants and visitors to the town.

LIVING VANS. There are 9 living vans at the Harbour View Site, occupied by 16 persons.

COUNCIL CEMETERY. There were 31 burials during the year as compared with 38 burials for the previous year.

COUNCIL MORTUARY. All Post Mortem examinations are carried out at the Llanelly Hospital by Dr. A.L. Wells.

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UAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1961 THE URBAN DISTRICT OF BURRY PORT IN THE COUNTY OF CARMARTER SHIRE. Tr. . 77 1961 DET or corrish by L.A. Helm. result of

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

1. INSPECTIONS for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by the Public Health Inspector).

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of Inspections		Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	13	13	-	-
(ll) Factories not included in (l) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	1	1	1	-
(111) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out workers premises).	_	_	_	_
Total	14	14	1	-

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

	Number	of cases in	which defe	cts were found	
Particulars.	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	Referred by H.M. Inspector	cases in which prosecut- ions were
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	institut- ed.(6)
Want of cleanliness (S.1.	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2.)	-	-	-	-	
Unreasonable Temp- erature(S.3.)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Vent- ilation (S.4.)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of Floors (S.6.)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conven- iences (5.7.) (a) Insufficient (b) Unsuitable or defective (c)Not separate for	1	1	-	-	-
sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences again the Act (not in- cluding offences relating out-work)	nst				
Total	1	1	-	-	-
		e remain.	Your obe	edient Servants	3

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