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CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1961.



GATE HOUSE,
CHEPSTOW, MON.

AUGUST. 1962.

TEL. NO. 2657.

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Dr. E.N. Dowell.



CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gate House,

CHEPSTOW, Mon..

December, 1962.

To:- The Chairman and Members of the
Chepstow Urban District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Conditions of your District for the year ended 31st December, 1961.

The health of the district continues to be satisfactory.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank Mr. Taylor and Mr. Turner for their help and co-operation.

I remain,

Your obedient Servant,

E.N. Dowell.

Medical Officer of Health.

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CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT. 1961.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA.

Area (Acres) ...	...	...	...	1,350
<u>Population</u>				
(1931 Census)..	...	...	...	4,303
(1951 Census)..	...	...	...	5,283
(1961 Census)..	...	...	...	6,041
Estimated population (Mid 1961)	...	...	...	6,041
Estimated population (Mid 1951)	...	...	...	5,317
Number of inhabited houses..	...	...	...	2,142
Rateable Value (31st.March.1961)	...	...	...	£74,334
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	1960-61	...	£292.4.9.274d.
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	1961-62	...	£310.8.5.634d.

BIRTHS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	53	49	102
Illegitimate	2	1	3

There were 122 live births in 1960 and 81 in 1952.

The live birth rate per 1000 of population for Monmouthshire was 17.85.

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2

There were no still births in 1958.

INFANT MORTALITY.

Deaths of Infants under one year of age.

<u>Legitimate.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	-	2	2

The following gives a list of the deaths of infants under one year of age, giving age at and cause of death :-

- | | | |
|------------|----------|--|
| (i) Female | 12 hours | 1a. Atelectasis.
b. Prematurity. |
| (ii)Female | 4 hours | 1a. Placental insufficiency.
b. Essential hypertension. |

In 1952 there were 5 deaths of infants under one year of age.

The Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births for Monmouthshire was 27.97.

DEATHS.

Deaths.	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	53	55	108

In 1958 there were 120 deaths registered.

Of the deaths registered in 1961, 41 had died in hospitals in your District and although they were not residents, had been in hospital for more than six months before the occurrence of death.

For the tenth consecutive year no deaths were attributed to childbirth.

In 1958 four deaths were attributed to malignant disease of the lung.

The death rate per 1000 of population for Monmouthshire for 1961 was 12.49.

The following table gives a classification of the causes of death and the number attributed to each cause.



DEATHS IN CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT 1961.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung,	3	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	3
Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	2	5
Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	-	1
Diabetes.	-	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system.	12	6
Coronary disease, angina.	5	7
Hypertension with heart disease.	2	-
Other heart disease.	9	11
Other circulatory disease.	5	3
Influenza.	3	4
Pneumonia.	1	1
Bronchitis.	3	1
Other diseases of respiratory system.	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Congenital malformations.	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	3	5
All other accidents	-	3
TOTAL	53	55

GENERAL EPIDEMIOLOGY.

DIPHTHERIA.

For the ninth consecutive year, no case was notified.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATIONS.

During the year 155 children were immunised against diphtheria and 23 were given a booster dose. In 1960 the number fully immunised was 51 and those who received a booster dose the number was 10.

Owing to the occurrence of a case of paralytic poliomyelitis in the Rural District, it was necessary to suspend immunisations from the 28th June to 27th July.

VACCINATIONS (Smallpox)

During the year 89 primary vaccinations against smallpox were carried out. Of this number 35 were children born in 1961 and 30 were born in 1960. There were 82 primary vaccinations in 1960.

SCARLET FEVER.

For the last three years no case has been notified.

WHOOPING COUGH.

One case was notified. Previous to this for four years no case had been notified.

During the year 117 children were immunised against whooping cough and of that number 68 were children born in 1960. Immunisations against whooping cough in 1960 were 71.

MEASLES.

60 notifications were received this year. In 1960 there were only 2.

POLIOMYELITIS.

No cases were notified. In the last six years only two cases have been notified and they occurred in 1957.

During the year the vaccination scheme against poliomyelitis was extended. Owing to the greater risk of infection that school children appear to have, it was decided that a 4th re-inforcing dose should be offered to children when they enter school and also to children already at school who are five years old but who have not reached the age of 12 years.

DYSENTERY.

As in 1960 there were no notifications. In 1956 there were 21 notifications.

FOOD POISONING.

For five years no cases have been notified.

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following were the notifications of primary cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis received during the year:-

- | | | | |
|------|-------|-----------|--------|
| (i) | Male. | 79 years. | Lungs. |
| (ii) | Male. | 19 years. | Lungs. |

ANALYSIS OF TOTAL CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) ACCORDING TO AGE GROUPS.

DISEASE	CASES NOTIFIED								TOTAL All ages.
	Under 1 yr.	1 2	3 4	5 6	10 14	15 24	25 & ever		
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-spinal Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Enteric Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	1	12	13	25	5	2	1	59	
Whooping Cough	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Other Diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
TOTAL:-	1	12	14	25	5	2	1	60	

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE
YEAR ENDED 31st. DECEMBER. 1961.

WATER SUPPLY.

The whole of the district is supplied with a piped water supply. As from the 1st. October, 1960, the Chepstow Water Co., a private Company which had previously supplied water to the Urban District for a long number of years, ceased to operate and was taken over by the newly constituted Board, The Newport and South Monmouthshire Water Board, comprising the County Borough of Newport, Urban Districts of Caerleon, Chepstow and Cwmbran and the Rural Districts of Chepstow and Magor & St. Mellons.

Owing to the rapid development of the Council's housing schemes in the Bulwark area, difficulty had been experienced during dry summers in maintaining an adequate supply. The new Board have already carried out works of ring maining with additional supplies within their area which has considerably improved the situation.

Samples of water are regularly taken for both chemical and bacteriological examination, the results being satisfactory. The water is not subject to plumbo-solvency.

SWIMMING & BATHING POOLS.

There are no swimming pools within the area.

DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE.

In view of the extensions being made and to be made to the Council's sewerage system, the Council have engaged the services of Consulting Engineers to investigate and report upon the situation in Chepstow as regards sewerage and sewage disposal.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Almost the whole of the dwelling houses within the Urban District are provided with waterclosets connected to the Council's sewerage system. A small number of dwellings are drained into cesspools, but as these are situated in the sparsely populated parts of the district, very little trouble is experienced.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

At the present time, domestic and trade refuse is collected once weekly from all premises with a more frequent collection for the business premises within the Town Centre.

Disposal is effected by tipping in a large depression adjacent to the Chepstow Racecourse.

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT. 1936 Section 60.

HOUSING ACT. 1961 Section 16.

MON. COUNTY COUNCIL ACT. 1956. Section 95.

Regular inspection of all premises coming within the scope of the above mentioned Acts, for the provision of adequate means of escape in case of fire, continued throughout the year. In this respect, I must record my appreciation to the County Chief Fire Officer (Cyril Thomas Esq., O.B.E.) and his Fire Prevention Officers who so readily assist my Department in this connection.

During the year under review, 18 premises were inspected for this purpose, and following upon recommendations made for the carrying out of certain work to provide adequate means of escape in case of fire, 10 premises complied with all of the recommendations made.

The understanding and cooperation of all those people concerned in this important aspect of our work has to be readily appreciated, and it is hoped that within the course of the next two years, ALL premises coming within the provisions of the above mentioned Acts will be provided with adequate means of escape in case of fire.

The table below, will indicate the type of premises dealt with and the preventive measures undertaken.

TYPE OF PREMISES	NO.	WORKS CARRIED OUT.
HOTELS	3	Provision of smoke stop screens & doors. Provision of external steel staircase.
HOUSES (occupied by members of more than one family)	2	Provision of smoke stop screens & doors. Provision of external steel staircase.
SHOPS (with offices above)	2	Provision of smoke stop screens & doors. Provision of alternative internal means of escape.
YOUTH HOSTEL	1	Provision of smoke stop screens & doors. (External steel staircase already provided)
CLUBS	1	Provision of smoke stop screens & doors. Provision of alternative means of escape. Rehanging of doors to open outwards. Recommendations made as to number of people to be accommodated at any one time.

TYPE OF PREMISES	NO.	WORKS CARRIED OUT.
OTHER PREMISES (Church Hall Etc.)	1	Re-hanging of doors to open outwards Recommendations made as to number of people to be accommodated at any one time.

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT. 1959.

Four applications for Standard Grants were received and approved during the year, the amenities provided and the amount of grant being available varying in each case.

HOUSING.

	Temporary		Permanent	
	1960	1961	1960	1961
1. No. of separate dwellings owned by Local Authority on the 31.12.61.	-	-	632	841
2. Total number of new separate dwellings completed during the year				
(a) By Local			46	208
(b) By Private Enterprise			31	46
3. <u>Improvement Grants.</u>				
(a) Number of Standard Improvement Grants (Completed)			8	13
(b) Number of <u>OTHER</u> Improvement Grants			NIL	NIL
(c) Amount of Standard Improvement Grants			£582	£1149
(d) Amount of <u>OTHER</u> Improvement Grants			=	=
4. <u>Improvement Loans.</u>				
(a) Number of Improvement Loans			=	=
(b) Amount of Improvement Loans			=	=
5. <u>Rent Act. 1957.</u>				
Number of Certificates of Disrepair issued			NIL	1

INSPECTION OF COUNCIL HOUSES.

Regular inspection of houses owned by the Local Authority again continued during the year, selected areas being chosen from time to time. Generally, the houses were maintained in a very good condition, and the general state of cleanliness was found to be excellent.

FOOD & DRUGS ACT. 1955.

Satisfactory co-operation has been achieved with the food traders, and during the year under review, there were complete alterations to several premises, resulting in a higher standard of hygiene being able to be maintained.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

MILK SUPPLY.

The whole of the milk supplied within the district is imported, all consisting of bottled milk of the designated grades.

Nineteen samples of milk were abstracted from retailers during the year, and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service for examination, and in each case satisfied the prescribed test.

ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT, ETC.) REGULATIONS,

1959.

REGISTRATION OF PREMISES.

Manufacturers (Cold Mix)...	...	...	NIL
Retailers	...	...	22.

FACTORIES ACTS 1961.

The under-mentioned visits were carried out during the year in connection with the administration of the Factories Acts :-

PART I OF THE ACT.

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

	M/c Line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Insp. (4)	Number of Written Notices (5)	of Occupiers Prosecuted (6)	M/c line No. (7)
(i) Factories in which Sections, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	1	3	3	-	-	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	2	42	38	-	-	2
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	-	-	-	-	3
TOTAL : -		45	41	-	-	

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').

(1)	M/c Line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found			No. of cases in which prosecut- ions were instituted		M/c Line No.
		Found	Remedied	Referred TO H.M. Insp.	BY H.M. Insp.		
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)	(8)
Want of cleanliness (S.I.)	4						4
Overcrowding(S.2.)	5						5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	6						6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	7						7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	8						8
Sanitary conveniences(S.7.)							
(a) Insufficient	9						9
(b) Unsuitable or defective	10						10
(c) Not separate for sexes	11						11
Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork).	12						12
NIL							
TOTAL : -							

NOTICES SERVED.

Preliminary Notices served	...	...	...	...	16
Preliminary Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	25
Statutory Notices served	...	...	...	...	-
Statutory Notices complied with	...	...	...	...	-

GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Council house repairs, rehousing etc.	...	...	...	...	301
Drainage	...	...	...	...	167
Factories	...	...	...	...	41
Rodent Infestation	...	...	...	...	23
Food Premises	...	...	...	...	63
Visits re: Unsound Food	...	...	...	...	46
Water and Milk Samples	...	...	...	...	59
Public Utilities Street Works...	...	...	...	...	15
Refuse Collection & Disposal	...	...	...	...	17
Interviews	...	...	...	...	128
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	11
Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	5
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	135
HOUSING (Public Health & Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	43
HOUSING (No. of inspections made for that purpose)	...	...	...	...	98
Smoke observations	...	...	...	...	2
Means of escape in Case of Fire from certain high Buildings	...	...	...	...	30
Visits in connection with Applications for Standard and Discretionary Grants	...	...	...	...	20
Building Byelaws (New dwellings etc.)..	...	...	...	...	137
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	2

CONDEMNATION OF UNSOUND FOOD.

				Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
<u>TUBERCULOSIS</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	...			-	-	-	-
Meat		-	-	-	-
Offal		-	-	-	-
TOTAL :				-	-	-	-
<u>NON-TUBERCULOSIS</u>							
Whole carcasses condemned	...			-	-	-	-
Meat		-	-	-	-
Offal		-	-	-	-
TOTAL :				-	-	-	-
Total amount - Tuberculosis and Non-Tuberculosis :-				-	-	-	-
<u>OTHER FOODS</u>							
Cooked Ham		-	1	3	9
Beef		-	1	3	-
Pork Sausage		-	-	-	12
Beef Sausage		-	-	1	20
Tongue		-	-	1	8
Corned Beef		-	-	-	18
Coco Mallows		-	-	1	26
TOTAL :				-	5	-	9
TINS				617
PACKETS				173.

CATTLE MARKET.

The Council control the Cattle Market, markets being held on alternate Mondays.

Animals entering the Market during the twelve months ending the 31st. December. 1961, were as follows :-

<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>CALVES</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>	<u>PIGS</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
844	519	8,935	768	11,066



