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CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1963.

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Mr. D.J. Turner.

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Mr. W.A. Hood.

Medical Officer of Health

Dr. E.N. Dowell.

CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Gate House,

CHEPSTOW...MON.

15th. December. 1964.

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. 1963.

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.

CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT 1963.

STATISTICS.

The estimated mid-year population for 1963 was 7410. In 1951 it was 5283.

The natural increase, i.e. the figure that the number of births exceeds the number of deaths, was 85.

BIRTHS.

<u>Live Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	87	98	185
Illegitimate.	5	7	12

The highest number of births recorded since 1950 was 173 in 1962 and the lowest was 81 in 1952.

The live birth rate per 1000 of population for Monmouthshire was 18.94.

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate.	1	2	3

The Registrar General arranged to supply Medical Officers of Health with details of transferable stillbirths (inward and outward) registered on and after 1st. January, 1963.

Two inward transferable still births were received and the cause of death of each was as follows :-

- (i) Male. (a) Foetal Anoxia.
(b) cord round neck.
- (ii) Male. (a) Intra-uterine death due to hydramnios and
toxaemia.
(b) macerated.

There were no still births in 1958.

INFANT MORTALITY.

<u>Deaths of Infants Under one year of age.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	1	2	3

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	Prematurity.	32 weeks.
(ii) Male	7 hours	Prematurity.	
(iii) Female	3 months	1.(a) Right heart failure.	
		(b) Primary pulmonary hypertension.	
		(c) Hamman Rich syndrome.	
		2. Bronchopneumonia.	

In 1952 and 1962 there were 5 deaths of infants under one year of age. The infant mortality rate per 1000 live births for Monmouthshire was 13.67.

DEATHS.

<u>Deaths.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
	62	50	112.

In 1962 there were 126 deaths registered.

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

In 1962 five deaths were attributed to malignant disease of the lung. The death rate per 1000 of population for Monmouthshire was 13.67. The following table gives a classification of the cause of death and the number attributed to each cause.

DEATHS IN CHEPSTOW URBAN DISTRICT 1963.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	3	
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	2
Diabetes		3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	14
Coronary disease, angina	9	2
Hypertension with heart disease	3	1
Other heart disease	13	11
Other circulatory disease	6	9
Pneumonia		1
Bronchitis	4	
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	
Congenital malformations		1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	4
All other accidents	1	1
Suicide	1	
Homicide and operations of war	1	
Total all causes	62.	50.

GENERAL EPIDEMIOLOGY.

DIPHTHERIA.

For the eleventh consecutive year, no case was notified.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION.

During the year 156 children were immunised against diphtheria. In 1962 the number of immunisations carried out was 109.

Of the number immunised, 52 were babies born in 1963 and 88 were born in 1962.

POLIOMYELITIS.

As in 1962 there were no cases notified. In the last eight years, only two cases have been notified and they occurred in 1957.

DYSENTERY.

For the fourth consecutive year, no notifications have been received.

FOOD POISONING.

For seven years, no cases have been reported.

TUBERCULOSIS.

There were no notifications of new cases of tuberculosis.

During the year 34 children who were pupils at Larkfield Grammar School and 13, who were pupils at Portwall Secondary School, were vaccinated against tuberculosis.

GENERAL EPIDEMIOLOGY
OF THE DISEASE

INTRODUCTION

For the eleven consecutive years, and over the period of the last ten years, the disease has been reported from the following localities:

DISTRIBUTION OF THE DISEASE

During the year 1905 children were vaccinated against the disease. In 1905 the number of vaccinations carried out was 10,000. Of the number vaccinated, 55 were under 10 years of age and 50 were over 10 years of age.

PREVALENCE

In 1905 there were no cases notified. In the last three years, only two cases have been notified and they occurred in 1903. The disease is therefore in a state of quiescence.

SYMPTOMS

For the four consecutive years, no notification has been received. The disease is therefore in a state of quiescence.

CAUSE OF THE DISEASE

For seven years, no cases have been reported. The disease is therefore in a state of quiescence.

PREVENTION

There were no notifications of new cases of the disease. During the year 1905 children who were pupils at the Grammar School and 15, who were pupils at the Central Secondary School, were vaccinated against the disease.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31st. DECEMBER. 1963.

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.

18 samples of water were 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.

With the advent of the Spencer Steel Works at Llanwern there has been an ever increasing pressure brought to bear to provide additional land within the Urban District for residential purposes, and with this in mind the Council has embarked upon a £250,000 Sewerage Scheme.

The main provisions of the scheme provide for additional lengths of new sewers to serve new residential areas, the provision of storm water over-flow sewers together with rising mains to pump the effluent from the old parts of the town to the new Sewerage Works situated at Thornwell, Bulwark.

The scheme which provides for the alteration of the sewerage and the provision of new sewage disposal arrangements is proceeding satisfactorily.

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, no 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, 12 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, 4 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 year, 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.

TYPE OF PREMISES	NO.
OFFICES	2
OTHER PREMISES (Church Hall Etc.)	2

HOUSE PURCHASE & HOUSING ACT. 1959
 (as amended by the Housing Act. 1961)

8 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.

	<u>Temporary</u>		<u>Permanent</u>	
	1962	1963	1962	1963
1. No. of separate dwellings owned by Local Authority on the 31. 12. 63	-	-	989	-
2. Total number of new separate dwellings completed during the year				
(a) By Local...			148	
(b) By Private Enterprise			15	
3. <u>Improvement Grants.</u>				
(a) Number of Standard Improvement Grants (Completed)			3	5
(b) Number of <u>OTHER</u> Improvement Grants			NIL	NIL
(c) Amount of Standard Improvement Grants			£335	£280
(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			=	=

FOOD & DRUGS ACT. 1955.

The enforcement of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960, continued throughout the year, with the result of improving Standards in food premises to which they apply.

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.

EIGHT 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) ...	...	-
Retailers ...	...	24

PET ANIMALS ACT. 1951.

2 premises are licensed to keep pet animals.

RODENT CONTROL.

The following extracts from Form PDP/63 as supplied to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food summarises the work carried out under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY.				(5) Agricultural
	Non-Agricultural				
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (Inc. Council Houses)	(3) All Other (Inc. Business Premises)	(4) Totals of Cols (1), (2) & (3)	
Number of properties in Local Authority's District	32	2075	492	2599	4
Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification	2	30	8	40	-
No. of such properties found to be infested by:-					
Common Rat (Minor)	2	21	8	31	-
House Mouse(Minor)	-	1	-	1	-
TOTAL inspections carried out including re-inspections	7	87	35	129	

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).

(1)	M/C Line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/C Line No. (7)
			Insp. (4)	Written Notices (5)	Occupiers Prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections, 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	2	2	-	-	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	2	43	36	-	-	2
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	3	-	-	-	-	3
TOTAL : -		45	38	-	-	

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').

	M/c Line No.	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecu- tions 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
N I L							
T O T A L : -							

NOTICES SERVED.

Preliminary Notices served	...	...	29
Preliminary Notices complied with	...	...	11
Statutory Notices served	...	...	-
Statutory Notices complied with.	...	...	-

GENERAL INSPECTIONS.

Council house repairs, rehousing etc.	...	...	230
Drainage	...	...	84
Factories	...	...	29
Rodent Infestation	...	...	22
Food Premises	...	...	21
Visits re: Unsound food	...	...	13
Water and Milk Samples	...	...	26
Public Utilities Street Works...	...	...	20
Refuse Collection and Disposal..	...	...	26
Interviews	...	...	230
Licenced Premises	...	...	-
Moveable dwellings	...	...	12
Miscellaneous	...	...	190
HOUSING (Public Health & Housing Acts)...	...	...	40
HOUSING (No. of inspections made for that purpose)	...	...	59
Smoke observations	...	...	4
Means of escape in Case of Fire from certain high Buildings	...	...	22
Visits in connection with Applications for Standard and Discretionary Grants	...	...	10
Building Byelaws (New dwellings Etc.)	...	...	210
Overcrowding	...	...	4

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	-	-	3	21
Beef	-	1	2	1
Lamb	-	-	2	9
Ox Livers	-	-	-	10
Pork	-	1	2	2
Chicken	-	-	1	15
TOTAL :-				-	5	0	2
TINS				259
PACKETS				13

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. 1963 were as follows :-

<u>CATTLE</u>	<u>CALVES</u>	<u>SHEEP</u>	<u>PIGS</u>	<u>TOTAL.</u>
721	347	6,060	482	7,610.

