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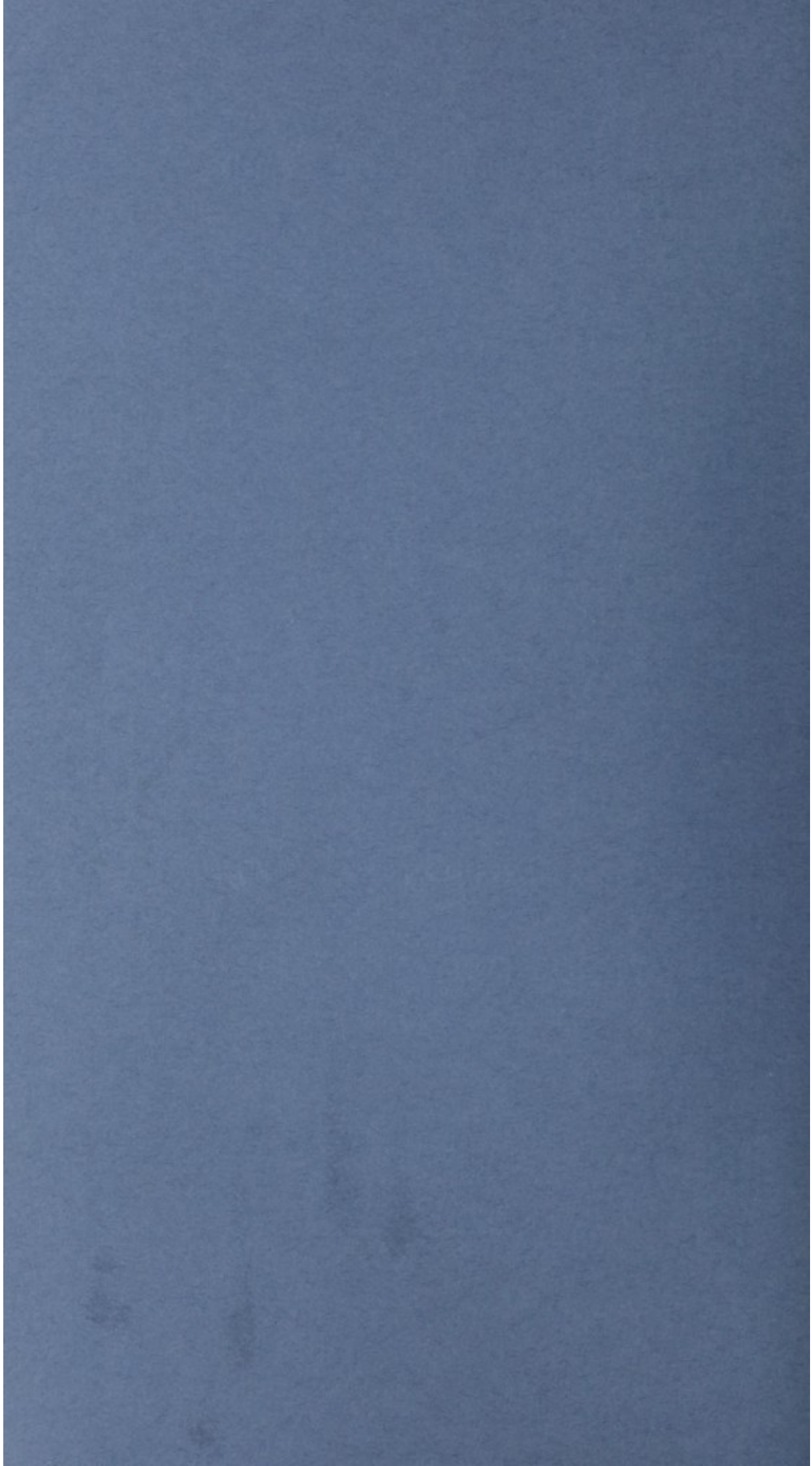
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and

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the Year 1970



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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the Year 1970

To :

The Chairman, and Members of the
HAY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Report on the sanitary conditions and the state of the Public Health in the Hay Rural 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

for the Year 1970

| | | |
|--|-----|----------------------|
| Area of District | ... | 39,153 acres |
| Population(estimated) Mid 1970 | ... | 3,480 |
| Population per acre | ... | 14.5 0.09 |
| Rateable Value as at 1st April 1970 | ... | £76,119 |
| Number of Live Births | ... | 43 |
| Birth Rate per 1000 inhabitants, crude .. | | 12.4 |
| Number of Stillbirths | ... | 0 |
| Stillbirth rate per 1000 inhabitants, crude | | 0 |
| Number of Deaths | ... | 62 |
| Death rate per 1000 inhabitants, crude.. | | 17.8 |
| Number of Infant Deaths(under 1 year)... | | 0 |
| Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births | | 0 |
| Perinatal Mortality Rate | ... | 0 |
| Number of Infectious Diseases notified.. | | 0 |
| Infectious Diseases - Attack rate per 1000 Inhabitants | | 0 |
| Tuberculosis: - | | |
| Cases notified | ... | 0 |
| Attack Rate per 1000 Inhabitants | ... | 0 |
| Deaths | ... | 1 |
| Death rate per 1000 Inhabitants | ... | 0.29 |

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Population:

| | | |
|------------------------|---|------|
| Census 1931 | - | 4028 |
| 1951 | - | 3869 |
| 1961 | - | 3728 |
| Mid Year Estimate 1971 | - | 3480 |

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> |
| 3660 | 3660 | 3670 | 3490 | 3480 | 3460 | 3410 | 3470 | 3460 | 3480 |

Acreage ... 39,153 acres

Rateable Value as at 1st April 1970 ... £76,119

Product of a Penny Rate: Actual : 1969/70 ... £284.
: 1970/71 ... £302.4094

Rate in the Pound : 1969/70 ... 15/11d
1970/71 ... 16/3d.

Water Rate in the Pound ... 3/-

Total Number of Domestic Dwellings ... 1,171

Total Number of Rated Properties ... 1,440

Number of Council Houses in the Domestic Dwellings figure 328

AREA UNIT 30 BIRTHS

BIRTHS

| BIRTHS | HAY RDC | | | B.C.C. | National Average |
|--|---------|--------|-------------|-------------|------------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | | |
| Live Births : | | | | | |
| Legitimate | 18 | 23 | 41 | 717 | |
| Illegitimate | 0 | 2 | 2 | 39 | |
| Total Live Births | 18 | 25 | 43 | 756 | |
| Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births | | | 5.0 | 5.0 | 8.0 |
| Registrar General's Comparability Factor | | | 1.27 | 1.11 | |
| Live Birth Rate per 1000 Pop. (crude) | | | 12.4 | 13.8 | |
| Live Birth Rate per 1000 Pop. (corr) | | | <u>15.7</u> | <u>15.3</u> | <u>16.0</u> |
| Stillbirths : Legitimate | | | 0 | 5 | |
| Stillbirths: Illegitimate | | | 0 | 1 | |
| Total: Stillbirths | | | 0 | 6 | |
| Stillbirth Rate per 1000 Live and Stillbirths | | | 0 | 8.0 | 13.0 |
| Total Live and Stillbirths | | | 43 | 762 | |

The corrected Live Birth Rate of 15.7 was just below the National Average of 16.0 per 1000 Population.

There were no Stillbirths during 1970.

The National Stillbirth Rate was 13.0 per 1000 Total Births.

The Local Birth Rate of 15.7 was almost double the Local Death Rate of 8.5 per 1000 Population.

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

| | <u>1966</u> | <u>1967</u> | <u>1968</u> | <u>1969</u> | <u>1970</u> |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Hay R.D.C. | 14.9 | 14.1 | 24.1 | 18.0 | 15.7 |
| National Average | 17.7 | 17.2 | 16.9 | 16.3 | 16.0 |

DEATHS

| DEATHS | HAY RDC | | | B.C.C. | National Average |
|---|---------|--------|------------|-------------|------------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | | |
| Total Deaths(all causes) | 29 | 33 | 62 | 803 | |
| Death Rate per 1000 Pop.(crude) | | | 17.8 | 14.7 | |
| Registrar Comparability Factor | | | 0.48 | 0.89 | |
| Death Rate per 1000 Pop.(Corr) | | | <u>8.5</u> | <u>13.1</u> | <u>11.7</u> |
| <u>Cancer Deaths</u> | | | | | |
| Cancer Deaths (all forms) | 2 | 2 | 4 | 123 | |
| Cancer Deaths Rate per 1000 Pop. | | | 1.15 | 2.25 | |
| <u>Maternal Mortality</u> | | | | | |
| Maternal Deaths (including Abortion) | | | Nil | Nil | |
| Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live and Stillbirths | | | NIL | Nil | |

The corrected Local Death Rate of 8.5 was well below the National Average of 11.7 per 1000 Population and also well below the Local Birth Rate of 15.7 per 1000 Population

The corrected Death rates for the past five years are shown below:

| | <u>1966</u> | <u>1967</u> | <u>1968</u> | <u>1969</u> | <u>1970</u> |
|------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Hay R.D.C. | 12.6 | 9.3 | 10.7 | 11.2 | 8.5 |
| National Average | 11.7 | 11.8 | 11.9 | 11.9 | 11.7 |

DEATHS FROM MALIGNANT NEOPLASMS

There were 4 Cancer deaths giving a rate per 1000 Population of 115 as compared with the County rate of 225.

The rates by specific site are shown below : -

| SITE | Rate per 100,000 Population | National Average 1966 |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Lungs, Bronchus | 29 | 39 |
| Stomach | 0 | 27 |
| Intestine | 0 | 19 |
| Oesophagus | 0 | 6 |
| Breast | 29 | 40 |
| Uterus | 0 | 16 |
| Prostate | 0 | 17 |
| Leukaemia | 0 | 6 |
| All other Malignant Neoplasms | 58 | 0 |

There was only one death from Cancer of the Lung in 1970.

Maternal Mortality

There were no deaths from Maternal causes, including abortions.

INFANT MORTALITY

| Deaths | H.Y RDC | | | B.C.C | National Average |
|---|---------|--------|-------|-------|---------------------|
| | Male | Female | Total | | |
| <u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:</u> | | | | | |
| Legitimate | 0 | 0 | 0 | 17 | |
| Illegitimate | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 19 | |
| <u>Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births (total)</u> | | | | | |
| | | | 0 | 25.0 | 18.0 |
| Legitimate | | | 0 | 24.0 | |
| Illegitimate | | | 0 | 1.0 | |
| <u>Neonatal Mortality :</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Deaths of Infants under 4 Weeks of Age :</u> | | | | | |
| Legitimate | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | |
| Illegitimate | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 9 | |
| <u>Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1000 live births</u> | | | | | |
| | | | 0 | 12.0 | 12.0 |
| <u>Early Neo-natal Mortality:</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Deaths of Infants under 1 week of Age:</u> | | | | | |
| Legitimate | 0 | 0 | 0 | 5 | |
| Illegitimate | 0 | 0 | 0 | 2 | |
| Total | 0 | 0 | 0 | 7 | |
| <u>Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate per 1000 live births</u> | | | | | |
| | | | 0 | 9.0 | 11.0 |
| <u>Perinatal Mortality Rate:</u> | | | | | |
| <u>Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age plus number of Stillbirths</u> | | | | | |
| | | | 0 | 13 | |
| <u>Rate per 1000 Total Live and Stillbirths</u> | | | | | |
| | | | 0 | 17.0 | 23.0 |

There were no Infant Deaths or Stillbirths during 1970.

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Infant Mortality Rates and Perinatal Mortality rates for the past five years are shown below and compared with the National Average : -

| <u>Infant Mortality :</u> | <u>1966</u> | <u>1967</u> | <u>1968</u> | <u>1969</u> | <u>1970</u> |
|-----------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| Hay R.D.C. | 0 | 53.0 | 30.3 | 20.4 | 0 |
| National Average | 19.0 | 18.3 | 18.0 | 18.0 | 18.0 |
| <u>Perinatal Mortality:</u> | <u>1966</u> | <u>1967</u> | <u>1968</u> | <u>1969</u> | <u>1970</u> |
| Hay R.D.C. | 0 | 51.0 | 15.1 | 0 | 0 |
| National Average | 26.3 | 25.4 | 25.0 | 23.0 | 23.0 |

CAUSES OF DEATH

| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|---|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Tuberculosis of Respiratory System | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity Etc., | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| " " Lung, Bronchus | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| " " Breast | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Other Malignant Neoplasms | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Diabetes Mellitus | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Hypertensive Disease | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Ischaemic Heart Disease | 10 | 13 | 23 |
| Other Forms of Heart Disease | 2 | 1 | 3 |
| Cerebro-vascular Disease | 1 | 6 | 7 |
| Other Diseases of Circulatory System | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Influenza | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Pneumonia | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Bronchitis and Emphysema | 2 | 0 | 2 |
| Other Diseases of Digestive System | 0 | 2 | 2 |
| Hyperplasia of Prostate | 1 | 0 | 1 |
| All Other Accidents | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Suicide and Self-Inflicted Injuries | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Total All Causes : | 29 | 33 | 62 |

CRUDE DEATH RATES PER 100,000 FROM CERTAIN CAUSES

| | H.Y RDC | National Average 1966 |
|--------------------------|---------|--------------------------|
| Ischaemic Heart Disease | 661 | 235 |
| Pneumonia and Bronchitis | 201 | 70 |
| Cerebro-Vascular | 201 | 164 |
| Malignant Neoplasms | 115 | 225 |
| All Accidents | 86 | 51 |

NUMBER OF DEATHS IN SEX-AGE GROUPS

| <u>Ages at Death</u> | <u>Male Female</u> | | <u>Total</u> | <u>Percentage of Total</u> |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| | | | | |
| 0 - 1 year | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 1 - 4 years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 5 - 14 years | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1.6 |
| 15-24 years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 25-34 years | 0 | 1 | 1 | 1.6 |
| 35-44 years | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| 45-54 years | 4 | 2 | 6 | 9.7 |
| 55-64 years | 4 | 5 | 9 | 14.5 |
| 65-74 years | 7 | 8 | 15 | 24.2 |
| 75 years and over | 13 | 17 | 30 | 48.4 |
| Totals : | 29 | 33 | 62 | 100.0 |

73% of the deaths occurred at age 65 years and over.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifications

No notifications of Infectious Diseases were received in 1970.

TUBERCULOSIS

| | | |
|---|-----|----|
| Cases on Register at 1st January 1970 | ... | 11 |
| New notifications during 1970 | ... | 0 |
| Removals during 1970 | ... | 3 |
| Cases on Register at 31st December 1970 | ... | 8 |

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 OF CHILDREN

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

FOOD POISONING

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

DYSENTRY

There were no cases of Dysentery notified during the year.

TYPHOID AND PARATYPHOID

There were no cases of Typhoid or Paratyphoid notified during the year.

VENEREAL DISEASES

There were no cases notified during the year.

The County Council has an agreement with the Regional Hospital 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. The 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 diseases, 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 SERVICE

Public Health Officers

Mr. Wm. D. Morgans remained as the Public Health Inspector.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

During the year facilities were available at the Public Health Laboratories at Cardiff, Newport, Swansea, Carmarthen and Aberystwyth.

All water samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Hereford and Milk samples were dealt with at Carmarthen.

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

COUNTY COUNCIL SERVICES

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 and Illness, care and After-Care.
9. Domestic Health 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 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. David J. Davies remained as the Mental Welfare Officer for the Area.

SOCIAL 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

There is no Hospital in the District.

Hospital facilities are available at the Brecon War Memorial Hospital and the Hereford Hospitals.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES, HOSPITALS

Cases are admitted to the Mardy Isolation Hospital, Merthyr Tydfil, and the Hereford Isolation Hospital.

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 County Council under their Ambulance scheme made under S.27 of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

HAY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

WATER SUPPLIES

The Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board is responsible for the water supplies in the district.

The following samples were taken by the Public Health Inspector for bacteriological examination and the results notified to the Water Board.

| <u>Point of Sampling</u> | <u>Total Number Taken</u> | <u>Analysis of Samples</u> | |
|--------------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------|-----------------------|
| | | <u>Satisfactory</u> | <u>Unsatisfactory</u> |
| Talgarth | 5 | 2 | 3 |
| Trefecca | 1 | 1 | 0 |
| Bronllys | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Llanigon | 6 | 6 | 0 |
| Gwernyfed | 5 | 5 | 0 |
| Ffordlas | 3 | 2 | 1 |
| Llyswen | 3 | 3 | 0 |
| Velindre | 4 | 4 | 0 |
| Three Cocks | 2 | 2 | 0 |
| | <u>34</u> | <u>30</u> | <u>4</u> |

Two samples were also taken from the Tyruched private supply which serves part of the village of Glasbury(Breconshire) and these were satisfactory.

Six samples were taken for bacteriological examination from various private sources; 4 were satisfactory, and 2 unsatisfactory. The owners being advised on works necessary to improve the sources where the samples were unsatisfactory.

| | | |
|--|-----|-------|
| No. of Dwelling houses in the District | ... | 1,171 |
| No. of Houses supplied from public mains | ... | 963 |

HAY AREA WATER SCHEME

The Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board is responsible for the administration of this scheme and water is being supplied to the district from Llanbwhllyn Lake and the River Wye at Llyswen. The Board is also responsible for the maintenance, repair and improvement of existing supplies intake works, reservoirs etc., formerly under the control of the Council.

During late September and early October of 1970 numerous complaints were received from consumers about the state of the water being supplied through the mains. The complaints mentioned the turbidity and discolouration sufficient to render the water impure, and the water also smelled heavily of residual chlorine. Consumers also brought a number of samples to the office and examination of these showed they contained dead algae growth(green vegetational growth) and ferrous oxide.

Each complaint was referred to the Water Board offices at Llandrindod Wells and discussions took place with the Board's Engineer and thorough investigations were made by the Board into the cause of the trouble and samples were referred to their Consulting Chemists. The water complained of was being supplied from the Llanbwhllyn Lake source.

The matter was of much concern to the Water Board who made every effort to do all things possible to prevent a recurrence of the difficulties and the situation was afterwards much improved and no further complaints were received.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The position with regard to public sewerage for the district was as follows : -

Talgarth & Bronllys

The Welsh Office gave approval for the scheme of sewerage and sewage disposal to proceed and tenders were invited from contractors. The tender submitted by Buttington Contractors Ltd., amounting to £143,393.13 .9d was accepted by the Council and approved by the Welsh Office. Work was commenced on the 5th October 1970, and has been proceeding satisfactorily.

Llanigon Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme.

The Welsh Office gave approval for this scheme of sewerage and sewage disposal for the village of Llanigon to proceed and tenders were invited from contractors. The tender submitted by Clee Hill Contractors Ltd., of Lichfield, Staffs amounting to £35,593 was accepted by the Council and approved by the Welsh Office. Work commenced on the 14th December 1970.

Glasbury(Breconshire) Sewerage and Sewage Disposal Scheme.

Consideration was given by the Council during the year for the provision of sewers and a sewage disposal works for this Village, and the Council's Consulting Engineers submitted their Preliminary Report together with estimated costs of various alternative schemes.

Velindre Sewage Disposal Works

The existing Velindre Village sewage disposal works has been enlarged to cater for the additional flow.

General

A sewage works maintenance team is employed by the Council, jointly with Paincastle Rural and Hay Urban District Councils, which comprises two workmen with small van fitted out with the necessary equipment and tools for regular maintenance of all sewage disposal works. The emptying of the tanks and cesspools is undertaken by a local Contractor.

| | | |
|--|-----|----|
| No. of inspections made to drainage work | ... | 14 |
| No. of Preliminary Notices served | ... | 0 |

Public Cleansing

The refuse collection service is carried out by the Council's workmen and lorry jointly with the Paincastle Rural and Hay Urban District Councils under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector. Refuse is collected once weekly in Talgarth, Bronllys, Llyswen, Pipton, Tregoyd and Velindre, Aberllynfi, Llanigon and Hay Rural Parishes. Some of the outlying parts of these parishes, including Pengeffordd and Capel-y-ffin, have a monthly collection. Refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping on the Council's refuse tip at Talgarth.

A new 20 cubic yard fore and Aft Tipper refuse vehicle with power-press mechanism was purchased in December 1970, and this is now being used throughout the three districts concerned. It will enable a greater quantity of refuse to be loaded than the old 12 cubic yard side-loader particularly cardboard boxes and so cut down the number of journeys to the tip. The old vehicle is being retained for the time being as a stand-by in case of emergency and for occasional use.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

The sanitary inspection of the area is undertaken by the Public Health Inspector and the following details give information for 1970:-

Nuisances

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----|
| Number of complaints received | ... | 29 |
| Number of complaints investigated | ... | 29 |
| Number of premises inspected | ... | 23 |
| Number of premises re-visited | ... | 12 |
| Number of Preliminary Notices served | ... | 5 |
| Number of Abatement Notices served | ... | 0 |

Verminous Premises(excluding rats and mice)

No cases were inspected during the year.

Offensive Trades

There are no offensive trades in the district.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Licensed Premises

There are 14 licensed Inns/Hotels, 1 licensed Club and 3 Off-licence shops in the district

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----|----|
| Number of inspections made : | ... | 10 |
| Number of Preliminary Notices served | ... | 0 |

Caravan Sites

There are three licensed caravan Sites in the district as follows: -

1. Anchorage Caravan Park, Bronllys, for holiday caravans and up to 18 residential caravans. Part of the site can also be used for camping purposes.
2. Riverside Caravan Park, Bronllys, for a maximum of 34 holiday caravans for the period Maundy Thursday to 31st October in each year. Part of the site can also be used for camping purposes.
3. Hollybush Inn, Hay-on-Wye, for a maximum of 10 Holiday caravans for the period Maundy Thursday to 31st October in each year.

There are adequate toilet and washing facilities provided in accordance with the requirements of the Site Licence conditions.

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----|
| No. of inspections to caravan sites | ... | 13 |
|-------------------------------------|-----|----|

Rodent Control

The Rodent Operator employed by the Council, jointly with Paincastle Rural and Hay Urban District Council, retired from full-time employment on the 23rd April 1970, on reaching the age of 65. He has since been employed on a temporary part-time basis(two days per week) and the following details give information of his work during 1970: -

| | | |
|--|-----|-----|
| No. of premises inspected | ... | 228 |
| No. of premises found infested | ... | 74 |
| No. of premises treated by the Rodent Operator | ... | 54 |
| No. of premises treated by the Occupier | ... | 20 |
| Estimated number of rats killed during 1970 | ... | 753 |
| Number of dead rats picked up during 1970 | ... | 171 |

Legal Proceedings

No legal proceedings were undertaken by the Council during the year.

HOUSING

The Council own 328 dwellings including 37 Bungalows. There is also a Warden's Flat and a Communal Room for the Old People's bungalows at Talgarth.

There were 4 Private houses erected in the district during 1970 making a total of 84 erected since 1945.

Housing Site at Llanigon.

The Drury South Western Ltd., completed the erection of 6 Council houses and Bungalows in the Village of Llanigon during the year and these were all occupied.

Future Housing Programme

The Council gave further consideration during the year to the erection of the following additional dwellings on land in the ownership of the Council.

| | | |
|------------------------------|-----|--------------|
| Woodlands Avenue, Talgarth | ... | 6 Dwellings. |
| Neuadd Terrace, Bronllys | ... | 10 dwellings |
| Gwernyfed Park, Three Cocks. | ... | 8 dwellings |

Bills of Quantities for Site Works and outline specification were prepared and the necessary details and calculations submitted to the Welsh Office for approval prior to the invitation of tenders.

Housing Site at Velindre

Plans and Sections were prepared and quantities calculated for the roads and services to be provided for development of a field in Velindre owned by the Council, on which it was proposed to build a 2-bedroom bungalow with shop on the lower corner and four 3 bedroom bungalows on the higher level of the site. Application for planning permission was submitted for the detailed layout.

Housing Site at Three Cocks

'Outline' planning application was made for future housing development of field No.96 opposite the Gwernyfed Park Housing Estate at Three Cocks. The Council decided to purchase this 6 acre field if planning permission was granted.

HOUSING APPLICATIONS

There were 63 Applicants on the Council's 'Waiting List' for houses and Bungalows at 31st December 1970 and these showed first preference for the following parishes : -

| | | |
|------------|-----|-----------|
| Talgarth | ... | 30 |
| Bronllys | ... | 14 |
| Gwernyfed | ... | 8 |
| Velindre | ... | 2 |
| Llanigon | ... | 5 |
| Llyswen | ... | 0 |
| Any Parish | ... | 4 |
| | | <u>63</u> |

The bedroom accommodation needed by the applicants based on the size of the family were : -

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|---|--------------------|
| 18 applicants requiring bungalows | | |
| 29 | " | 2 -bedroom houses. |
| 15 | " | 3 -bedroom houses. |
| 1 | " | 4 -bedroom houses. |

HOUSING GRANTS

7 applications for Discretionary Grants were approved by the Council during the year for a total of £5,341.

15 applications for Standard Grants were also approved by the Council to a maximum figure of £5,640.

The following table shows the number of applications received by the Council for Housing Grants over the last 5 years : -

| | 1966 | 1967 | 1968 | 1969 | 1970 |
|----------------------|------|------|------|------|------|
| Discretionary Grants | 4 | 2 | 4 | 4 | 7 |
| Standard Grants | 6 | 15 | 16 | 14 | 15 |

HOUSING ACT 1957

| | | |
|--|-----|----|
| 1. Number of houses demolished | ... | 0 |
| 2. Number of unfit houses closed | ... | 0 |
| 3. Number of unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied | ... | 6 |
| 4. Number of unfit houses in temporary use | ... | 0 |
| 5. Number of houses unfit at the end of 1970 | ... | 35 |

Slum Clearance 1970 - 1973

A list was prepared and submitted to the Council of sub-standard dwellings in the Rural District of Hay which it was considered could not be repaired at reasonable expense and may be determined as unfit under Section 4 of the Housing Act 1957.

In accordance with Circular 94/69 the Welsh Office was given details of the number of houses likely to be made subject to demolition or closing orders over the next four years and of the extent to which this programme will deal with the problem in the area and of further action to be taken if unfit houses will remain after 1973. A number of sub-standard dwellings could be brought up to a satisfactory habitable standard with assistance of the appropriate Grant under the Housing Act, 1969, and some owners are already taking advantage of the financial assistance available.

HOUSING GENERAL

| | | |
|--|-----|----|
| Number of Housing inspections by Public Health Inspector | ... | 70 |
| Number of Preliminary Notices served. | ... | 2 |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

MEAT

There is one licensed slaughterhouse in Talgarth owned by Mr. W.J.George.

Number of Inspections at the Slaughterhouse ... 74

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

| | <u>Cattle</u> | <u>Calves</u> | <u>Sheep & Lambs</u> | <u>Pigs</u> | <u>Horses</u> |
|--|---------------|---------------|--------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Numbers killed and inspected | 212 | 0 | 726 | 295 | 0 |
| <u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u> | | | | | |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Tuberculosis only :</u> | | | | | |
| Whole Carcasses condemned | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| <u>Cysticercosis:</u> | | | | | |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Generalised and totally Condemned | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

MEAT INSPECTION (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1966

In accordance with the requirements of the Regulations the Council approved the following days and times for slaughtering: -

Monday: 8 am to 4 pm Tuesday: 8 am to 4 pm.
 Sunday: 2 pm to 7 pm.

MILK

There are two dealers trading in the district who sell T.T, pasteurised and sterilised milk and these operate from dairies outside the district; one being in Hay Urban District and one in Brecon Borough.

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

Milk Samples - Brucella Abortus

| | | |
|--|-----|---|
| Number of samples of raw milk examined | ... | 6 |
| Number of Ring positive samples | ... | 0 |
| Number of animal inoculations | ... | 0 |
| Number of positive animal inoculations | ... | 0 |

| | Number of Prems. | Complying with Reg. 16. | Premises to which Reg.19 applies | Premises complying with Regulation 19 |
|--------------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---|
| Grocers | 10 | 6 | 10 | 8 |
| Grocers/Confectioners | 3 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| Confectioners/ Tobacconists | 4 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| Bakers | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Cafes | 5 | 5 | 5 | 5 |
| Greengrocers | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Fish and Chip Shops | 1 | 0 | 1 | 1 |
| Butchers | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 |

There are 26 shops which deal in food in the district and these may be classified as follows :

| | | |
|---------------------------|-----|----|
| Grocers (General) | ... | 10 |
| Grocers/Confectioners | ... | 3 |
| Confectioners/Tobacconist | ... | 4 |
| Bakers | ... | 1 |
| Cafes | ... | 5 |
| Greengrocers | .. | 1 |
| Fish and Chip Shops | .. | 1 |
| Butchers | ... | 1 |

FOOD CONDEMNED

| | | |
|--|-----|-----|
| Foodstuffs condemned from shops | ... | Nil |
| Number of inspections by Public Health Inspector | ... | 17 |
| Number of notices served | ... | Nil |

FOOD PREPARATION ROOMS(INCLUDING BAKEHOUSES)

| | | |
|----------------------------|-----|----|
| Number of inspections made | ... | 16 |
| Number of notices served | ... | 0 |

ICE-CREAM PREMISES

There are 20 retailers selling pre-packed ice-cream but no manufacture of ice-cream is carried out in the district.

| | | |
|---|-----|----|
| Number of inspections made | ... | 15 |
| Number of samples taken for Bacteriological examination | ... | 0 |

FRIED FISH SHOPS

| | | |
|--|-----|---|
| There is only one fish and chip shop in the district | | |
| Number of inspections made | ... | 6 |

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises in the district.

FACTORIES ACT,*1961

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

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

| Premises | No. on Register | No. of Inspections | No. of Written Notices | Occupiers Prosecuted |
|---|-----------------|--------------------|------------------------|----------------------|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| (i) Factories in which Sect.1,2,3,4 & 6 are enforced by Local Authorities | 3 | 2 | 0 | 0 |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 8 | 7 | 0 | 0 |
| (iii) Other premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers premises) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 11 | 9 | 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 | Number of cases in which defects found | | | | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|--|--|----------|--------------------------|-----------------|---|
| | Found | Remedied | Referred to HM Inspector | By HM Inspector | |
| (1) | (2) | (3) | (4) | (5) | (6) |
| Want of cleanliness (S1) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Overcrowding (S2) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Unreasonable temperature (S3) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Inadequate Ventilation (S4) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Ineffective drainage of Floors (S6) | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S7. | | | | | |
| (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 | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |
| TOTAL | 1 | 1 | 0 | 0 | 0 |

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



