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FOR THE

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I wish to tender my thanks to the Members of the Council for their helpful consideration and cooperation 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,

Creighton E. Edwards,
B.Sc., MB., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Officers of the Public Health Department.

Medical Officer Of Health - C.E. Edwards, B.Sc., M.B., B.Ch., D.P.H.

Public Health Inspector - Wm.D. Morgans, C.R.S.H.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Population : (Registrar Generals Estimate) 1967 - 1,340.

Acreage : (1961 census) - 370 acres

Rateable value as at 1st April 1967 - £29,884

Product of a Penny Rate : Actual 1966/67 - £116 .14 . 1d.
1967/68 - £121 . 0 . 0

Rate in the pound : 1966/67 - 16/-d
1967/68 - 16/-d

Water Rate : 3/- in the £.

Total Number of Domestic Dwellings - 498.

SECTION A

	Hay U.D.C.			Breconshire County Council
<u>BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	
No. of Legitimate Live Births	10	7	17	700
No. of Illegitimate Live Births	-	-	-	36
Total Live Births	10	7	17	736
Birth Rate per 1000 population 1967(Crude)			12.7	13.57
" " " " " "(Correct)			15.5	15.06
Registrar General's Comparability Factor			1.22	1.11
No. of Still Births Legitimate	-	1	1	16
No. of Still Births Illegitimate	-	-	-	-
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of Total Live Births -			-	4.89%
Total Live and Still Births			18	752
Still Birth Rate per 1000 Live and Still Births -			56	21.27
<u>DEATHS</u>				
Total No. of Deaths	5	5	10	703
Crude Death Rate per 1000 of Pop.			7.5	12.96
Registrar General's Comparability Factor			0.42	0.89
Corrected Death Rate per 1000 Pop:			3.2	11.5
<u>MATERNAL MORTALITY</u>				
Deaths from Maternal Causes			Nil	Nil
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 pop; Live and Still Births			NIL	NIL.

VITAL STATISTICS
(Continued)

A MONTH

	Hay U.D.C.			Breconshire County Council
	Male	Female	Total	
<u>INFANT MORTALITY</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 years of age : -				
Legitimate	-	-	Nil	8
Illegitimate	-	-	Nil	1
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births			Nil	12.22
Total :				
Legitimate			Nil	10.86
Illegitimate			Nil	1.35
<u>NEO NATAL MORTALITY</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age : -				
Legitimate			Nil	6
Illegitimate			NIL	1
Total			NIL	7
Neo Natal Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births			Nil	9.51
<u>EARLY Neo NATAL MORTALITY</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age :				
Legitimate			Nil	6
Illegitimate				1
Total				7
Early Neo Natal Mortality per 1000 live births:			Nil	9.51
<u>PERINATAL MORTALITY RATE</u>				
Deaths of Infants under 1 week of age, plus No. of Still Births			Nil	7
No. of Still Births		1	1	16
Perinatal Mortality Rate :			56	31.25
<u>CANCER DEATHS</u>				
No. of Deaths from Malignant Neoplasms & Lymphatic Neoplasms	1	1	2	89
Cancer Death Rate			1.47	1.64.

CAUSES OF DEATH

SECTION 2

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Females</u>
1. Pulmonary Tuberculosis	-	-
2. Tuberculosis (Other forms)	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-
6. Meningococcal Infections	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8. Measles	-	-
9. Other Infective or Parasitic Diseases	-	-
10. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	-	-
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus.	-	-
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	-
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	1	-
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	-	1
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	-
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous Systems	-	-
18. Coronary Disease, Angina.	2	2
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	-
20. Other Heart Disease	-	2
21. Other Circulatory Disease	-	-
22. Influenza.	-	-
23. Pneumonia	-	-
24. Bronchitis	1	-
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	-
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	-	-
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	-	-
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of Prostrate	-	-
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, abortion	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	-	-
32. Other Defined and Ill defined diseases	1	-
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-
34. Suicide	-	-
35. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-
36. All Other Accidents	-	-
All Causes	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICE

Public Health Officers There was a change in the public health officer of the Council during the year. Dr.T.C.R.George to Dr. C.E.Edwards. Mr. Wm.D.Morgans remained as your Public Health Inspector.

Laboratory Facilities

During the year laboratory facilities were available at Hereford, Cardiff, Newport, Carmarthen, Swansea and Brecon. All water samples were sent to the Public Health Laboratory at Hereford, whilst any investigation required in the control of infectious diseases was performed at the Public Health Laboratories at Cardiff and Hereford.

All the milk testing was done by the Public Health Laboratory at Carmarthen.

Nursing and other facilities

The County Council is responsible for the provision of the ambulance and home nursing services. The County also administer the maternity and child welfare clinics, where treatment is available for minor ailments, dental, eye and orthopaedic defects. Immunisation against diphtheria is also carried out by these clinics.

Hospitals.

The hospital needs of the residents of the district for all diseases apart from infectious disease are provided by Hereford Hospital and Brecon War Memorial Hospital. Merthyr Isolation Hospital receive cases of infectious disease.

SECTION C

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Notifications

The following cases other than Tuberculosis were notified during 1967:

<u>Disease</u>	<u>No. of cases</u>
Measles	59
Whooping Cough	NIL
Scarlet Fever	NIL

Tuberculosis a schedule of new cases and removals from the Register is given below.

New Cases				Removals from Register			
Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-

Number of cases remaining on Register 31st December 1967.

Respiratory			Non-Respiratory		
M	F	Total	M	F	Total
5	-	5	1	-	1

SCHOOLS No schools were closed during 1967, in consequence of infectious disease.

Venereal Disease. The County Council has an agreement with the General and Eye Hospital, Swansea for the treatment of these cases. The tracing of contacts and the following up of defaulters is the responsibility of the County Council.

SECTION D.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water Supplies

The Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board, which was formed in August 1965, took over all existing and proposed water supplies on 1st April 1966, when the Urban District Council ceased to be responsible for water supplies in their district.

The following water samples were taken by the Public Health Department and the results notified to the Water Board :

Hay Common Supply : - Number of samples taken	15
" " " satisfactory.....	5
" " " suspicious	2
" " " unsatisfactory	8
Llangwathan Supply :- Number of samples taken	14
" " " satisfactory.....	6
" " " suspicious.....	3
" " " unsatisfactory.....	5
Number of Houses in the district	498
Number of houses supplied from public mains	496

Hay Area Water Scheme

Messrs Grocock and Day of Leicester, the contractors engaged in carrying out this scheme, continued with the laying of mains and the construction of reservoirs and pumping stations in the Hay and Paincastle Districts. Work was also commenced on Intake Works and Purification Plant at Llanbwchlllyn Lake. As from the 1st April 1966 the Radnorshire and North Breconshire Water Board were responsible for the administration of this scheme.

Drainage and Sewerage -Hay Sewerage Scheme.

Contracts were drawn up and sealed by the Council for carrying out this scheme with the Droitwich Construction Company of Worcester and work commenced at the beginning of March. The laying of sewers and the construction of the sewage disposal works proceeded satisfactorily throughout the year and it was anticipated that the works will be completed and in operation by the middle of 1968.

Public Cleansing

Twice weekly collection of house and trade refuse is undertaken in the town by the Councils' lorry and workmen jointly with Hay and Paincastle Rural District Councils under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector. The refuse being disposed of by controlled tipping on the Clyro refuse tip.

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 1967 :

Nuisances.

Number of complaints received	25
Number of complaints investigated	25
Number of premises inspected	18
Number of premises re-visited.....	7
Number of Preliminary Notices served.....	5
Number of Abatement Notices served.....	0

Drainage.

Number of inspections to drainage work.....	8
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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 8 Licensed premises, 2 licensed clubs, and 3 off-licence shops in the district.

Number of inspections during 1967	11
Number of Preliminary Notices served.....	1.

Shops

Number of inspections.....	28
Number of Preliminary Notices Served.....	1.

Caravan Sites There are no licensed Caravan Sites in the District.

Eradication of Bed Bugs. No cases were investigated during the year.

Rodent Control.

One full time Rodent Operator is employed by the Council, jointly with Hay, and Paincastle Rural Districts Councils, and works under the supervision of the Public Health Inspector.

Number of Premises inspected during 1967	229
Number of premises found infested	64
Number of premises treated by Rodent Operator.....	41
Number of premises treated by occupier	23
Estimated number of rats killed in 1967	364
Number of dead rats picked up in 1967	41.

A total of 16 sewer manholes were treated during the year and 7 showed evidence of rat infestation. 4 road gullies were also treated, 4 of these showed rat infestation.

Legal Proceedings No legal proceedings were undertaken by the Council in 1967.

SECTION E

HOUSING

There were 50 applicants on the Councils' 'Waiting List' for houses at 31st Dec 1967 and these could be housed as follows:

12	applicants requiring bungalows,
21	" " 2 bedroom houses.
15	" " 3 bedroom houses.
2	" " 4 bedroom houses.

4 of the applicants were living in rooms and 2 in caravans.

13 applicants were living in houses which were considered to be unfit.

Housing Grants

One application for a Discretionary Grant was approved during the year for a total of £144.

5 applications for Standard Grant were approved during the year for a total of £1,357.

The following Table shows the number of applications received by the Council for Housing Grants during the past 5 years.

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967
Discretionary Grants	2	0	0	1	1
Standard Grants	4	3	5	6	5

It is disappointing to note that few property owners are taking advantage of this financial aid for the improvement of dwellings capable of being brought up to a higher standard of structural fitness and providing modern amenities.

Housing Act 1957

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|---|----|
| 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 ,,,..... | 4 |
| 4. Number of unfit houses in temporary use | 0 |
| 5. Number of Houses unfit at the end of the year..... | 69 |

Following representation by the Medical Officer of Health and a detailed report by the Public Health Inspector on the structural condition of the cottages Nos 3 - 11 Chancery Lane, and 10, 11 and 12 Brook St, the Council considered them unfit for human habitation and resolved to declare same a Clearance Area. It was decided to treat with various owners for purchase of the properties and this matter was referred to the District Valuer.

Failing agreement being reached to purchase by negotiation, the Council will apply for a Compulsory Purchase Order.

Following receipt of a Circular Letter from the Welsh Office on the question of the gypsy population and asking for some consideration to be given as to permanent housing of such families to improve, amongst other things, Their children, health, welfare and education; the Council considered two such families living in caravans in the Urban District and have now allocated 2 Council houses to them, which will be available in 1968.

Housing - Cont'd

Forest Road Housing Site

The erection of 18 houses and 12 bungalows on this site was commenced during the year, and these will become available in 1968 for occupation. Of the 9 plots for private development on this site, work on all these was commenced by the various owners during the year, and 5 dwellings were occupied

SECTION F

Inspection and Supervision of Food.

Milk.

There are two producer/retailers selling milk in the district who hold licences for designated milk. There is one dealer selling T.T., Pasteurised and Sterilised milk who operates from a Dairy situated in the town.

Meat

There is one licensed slaughterhouse in the town which is situated at the rear of the Butchers Shop at No.8 Broad Street.

Number of inspections to the Slaughterhouse.....	101	
Animals Killed and inspected	Cattle	189
	Sheep.....	841
	Calves.....	0
	Pigs.....	0

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>
Number killed and inspected	189	-	841	-	-
<u>All diseases except</u> <u>Tuberculosis & Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	4	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	12	-	4	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected with disease other than Tuberculosis & Cysticercosis	6.3	-	.95	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>					
Whole Carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	-	-	-	-	-

Carcases and Offal Inspected in whole or in Part - Cont'd

	Cattle	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

Meat Inspection Regulation 1963

The Hay Urban District Council make the maximum permitted charge under the regulations for inspection of animals at the slaughterhouse :-

2s .6d per beast (other than a calf)
9d per calf or pig.
6d per sheep or lamb.

Meat inspection Regulations 1966

In accordance with the requirements of these regulations the following days and times of slaughtering at the slaughterhouse were approved by the Council:

Mondays	8.30 am to 5 pm.
"	7 pm to 9 pm.
Wednesdays	2 pm to 5 pm
Thursdays	2 pm to 5 pm.

Other Foods.

There are 31 shops dealing in foods in the Urban District and these are tabulated as follows :

(General)	
Grocers	10
Greengrocers/Confectioners...	3
Greengrocers	2
Greengrocers/Fishmongers....	1
Grocers/Bakers.....	1
Confectioners/Tobacconists...	4
Restaurants.....	4
Fish and Chip Shops.....	2
Butchers Shops....	4

Foods condemned from Shops 38 tins.
31 lbs.

Food Preparation Rooms (including Bakehouses)

There are 9 such premises in the district as follows :

4 Butchers preparing pressed, pickled or potted meats and sausages.
4 premises where food is prepared in cafes, and 1 Bakery.

Number of inspections made during the year 41

Number of Preliminary Notices served..... 0

No special examination of a shops stock or consignment of food was necessary.

Ice Cream Premises

There are twelve Ice-Cream Retailers in the district, 10 of these sell pre-packed ice-cream, one is a producer/Retailer, one makes his product by the cold mix.

Number of inspections made during 196718

No samples were taken for analysis

Friad Fish Shops

There are two such premises in the district

No. of inspections made19

2. Item - 1971 at the time of inspection, the following

Ice Cream Premises

There are three ice-cream factories in the district, 10 of these are pro-
cessed ice-cream, and is a producer, and other his product by the
cold air.

Number of inspections made during 1967 11-18-1967
No samples were taken for analysis

Fruit Fish Shops

There are two such premises in the district
No. of inspections made 12

Inspection of fruit fish shops

1967-1968

Inspection of fruit fish shops and other shops in the district
No. of inspections made 12

1967-1968 (1967-1968)
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1967-1968

Inspection of fruit fish shops and other shops in the district
No. of inspections made 12

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No. of inspections made 12

APPENDIX

Factories Acts, 1937 to 1959

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1967 FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF HAY IN THE COUNTY OF BRECONSHIRE

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

Part 1 of the Act.

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

Premises (1)	No. on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
i. Factories in which Sects 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
ii. Factories not included in (1) in which Sect. 7 is enforced by Local Authority	15	12	-	-
iii. Other premises in which Sect 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premis.)	-	-	-	-
Total :	15	12	-	-

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)

Particulars (1)	No. of cases in which defects were found		No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	
	Found	Remedied	Referred to	
			HM. Inspector	by HM Inspector
(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (s.1)	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (s2)	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (S3)	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S4)	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage-floors (S6)	-	-	-	-
San: Conveniences. (S7)				
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not Separate for sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the act (not including offences relating to outwork)	2	2	-	-
Total :	2	2	-	-

There was no outwork done in the district during the year.

Yours faithfully,

Creighton E. Edwards.

Medical Officer of Health.

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FOR THE URBAN DISTRICT OF HAY IN THE COUNTY OF Herefordshire

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Food and Drugs Act, 1937

Part 1 of the Act.
1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to food (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

Particulars	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
1. Premises in which Sects 1, 2, 3, & 4 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-	-	-
2. Premises not included in (1) in which Sect. 5 is enforced by Local Authority	12	12	-	-	-	-
3. Other premises in which Sect. 5 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total:	12	12	-	-	-	-
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)						
Particulars	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)
Want of Cleanliness (a.1)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (a.2)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable Temperature (a.3)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate Ventilation (a.4)	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective Drainage-Flies (a.5)	-	-	-	-	-	-
San-Conveniences (a.6)	-	-	-	-	-	-
(a) Inadequate	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsanitary or defective	-	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for males	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork)	2	2	-	-	-	-
Total:	2	2	-	-	-	-

There was no outwork done in the district during the year.

Yours faithfully,

