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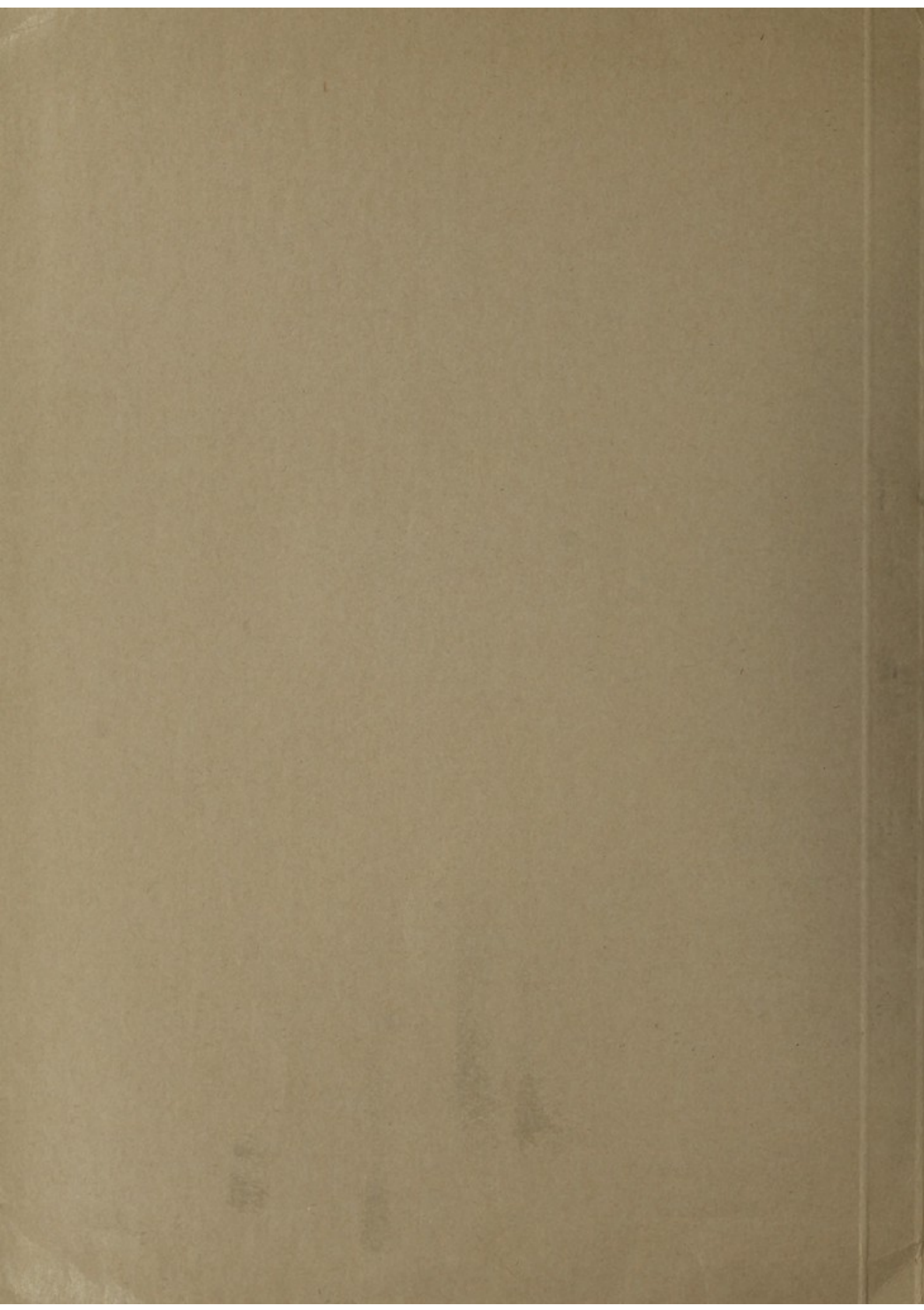
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NEATH BOROUGH COUNCIL
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1968.



BOROUGH OF NEATH

Mayor Alderman
Deputy Mayor
Aldermen
Councillors

ANNUAL

REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1968.

Chairman
Vice-Chairman

RECORDS OF HEALTH

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REPORT

OF THE

STATE OF TEXAS

FOR THE YEAR 1911

BOROUGH OF NEATH.

MEMBERS OF NEATH BOROUGH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1968.

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Deputy Mayor Councillor L. Morris.
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F.S.Evans, J.P., F.W.James, M.W.Jennings,
D.G.John, W.J.Brown, Wm.R.Hopes, D.A.Jeffs,
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Vice-Chairman Councillor J.E. Emanuel.

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Chairman Councillor Wm. R. Hopes.
Vice-Chairman Councillor D. G. John.

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MEMBERS OF HEALTH COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1938.

Mayor	Alderman A. L. Davis, J. I.
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Aldermen	M. J. Thomas, W. R. Jones, N. Jones, I. G. Tainey, J. I., Mrs. M. Morris, J. I.
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Chairman	Alderman I. G. Tainey, J. I.
Vice-Chairman	Councillor J. E. Bannell

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Chairman	Councillor W. R. Jones
Vice-Chairman	Councillor E. G. John

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS.

Medical Officer of Health ... A.G.Alexander,
B.Sc.,M.B.,B.Ch.,D.P.H.,

Senior Public Health Inspector ... G.J.Phillips,
C.R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B.,R.S.I.
Meat Cert.

District Public Health Inspector ... T.G.Hopkins,
C.R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B.,R.S.I.
Meat Cert.(Retired 31/5/68)

J.H.James,
C.R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B., R.S.I.
Meat Cert.

Mrs.M.E.Hopkins, (Resigned 1/7/68)
C.R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B.,R.S.I.
Meat Cert.

G.Hughes-Williams,C.R.S.I.&
S.I.E.J.B.,R.S.I. Meat Cert.
(Commenced 4/9/68)

Student Public Health Inspector ... Miss L. Richards.

Meals-on-Wheels Supervisor ... Mrs. S. Thornbery.

Technical Assistant ... L. Havard.

Senior Clerk ... Miss D.M. Bruce.

Junior Clerk ... Miss F. Williams.

Rodent Operative ... W. Evans.

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Deputy Public Health Inspector	... T.G. Hopkins, C.R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B., R.S.I. Health Cert. (Retired 31/5/68)
	J.H. James, C.R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B., M.S.I. Health Cert.
	Mrs. M.E. Hopkins, (Resigned 17/6/68) C.R.S.I. & S.I.E.J.B., R.S.I. Health Cert.
	G. Hughes-Williams, C.R.S.I. S.I.E.J.B., S.I. Health Cert. (Commenced 1/7/68)
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Nurse-in-Chief Supervisor	... Mrs. S. Thornberry.
Technical Assistant	... P. Havard.
Senior Clerk	... Miss B.M. Bruce.
Junior Clerk	... Miss E. Williams.
Robent Operative	... W. Evans.

Public Health Department,
Civic Centre,
Neath.
GLAM.

August 1969.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the Health Department for 1968.

VITAL STATISTICS:

The infant and perinatal mortality rates were still above those of the county and the U.K. and are a reflection of living standards including housing. Progress in reducing these rates is slow despite improvements in the Medical and Social Services. The illegitimate birth rate was down from the very high figure for 1957. 81 deaths were due to malignancy but those due to lung cancer were a relatively small proportion of the total. Ischaemic heart disease e.g. coronary thrombosis, accounted for almost 25% of the total deaths. Many of these deaths are thought to be preventable although the causes seem to be numerous and include, stress, heredity, hypertension, smoking and possibly our soft water supplies. Infectious diseases were virtually of no importance except for the 134 cases of measles which causes more chronic illness than is usually supposed. It is hoped that vaccination of infants against measles will be of considerable help in reducing both the number of cases and complications which often follow, but initially the number of applications from parents has been low.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE:

The general condition of the buildings at the Borough Abattoir at Eastland Road had deteriorated, and much work was needed to bring it up to a better standard. I reported fully on this matter and the Markets Committee authorised a considerable expenditure in order to improve matters.

MEALS ON WHEELS:

The total number of meals supplied during the year was 16,501. These were purchased from Messrs Vacarri. However the demand was greater than the capacity of this caterer and it was decided to set up a kitchen in co-operation with the Neath R.D.C. at Blaenhonddan School Bryncoch. Building operations commenced at the end of the year.

Public Health Department,
Civic Centre,
Health,
Glenn.

August 1969.

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but initially the number of applications from parents has been low.

GENERAL COMMENTS:

The general condition of the buildings in the Borough
Abertawe 3 Eastern Road had deteriorated, and much work was needed to
bring it up to a better standard. I reported fully on this matter and
the Health Committee authorized a considerable expenditure in order to
improve matters.

MEASLES CONTROL:

The total number of measles notified during the year was
15,301. These were purchased from Measles Vaccines. However the demand
was greater than the capacity of this center and it was decided to set
up a kitchen in co-operation with the Health A.E.C. at Bismarckton
School Gymnasium. Building operations commenced at the end of the year.

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STAFF:

It is with regret that I record the retirement through ill health of Mr T.G. Hopkins, who had been a Public Health Inspector in the department for many years. Mr Hopkins had carried on with his duties under great stress for sometime until forced to retire prematurely. I wish to thank him for his excellent work and co-operation during the time he was a member of the staff. Mrs Marion Hopkins also left to take up a post elsewhere so that we were left with Mr Phillips and Mr James. Only essential work was possible with such a small staff and many of the duties normally carried out had to be left undone.

I wish to thank the staff of the health department for their loyal support during the year and also the Officers and Staff of other departments, and the Members of the Council for their co-operation.

I am,
Your obedient Servant,

A.G. ALEXANDER.

Medical Officer of Health.

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS.

The total number of illegitimate live births registered during the year 1967 was 19, giving a rate of 19.00 per 1,000 total live births.

The total number of illegitimate births registered during the last ten years is as follows:

Year	Illegitimate Births	Year	Illegitimate Births
1958	10	1963	12
1959	16	1964	23
1960	23	1965	16
1961	12	1966	18
1962	9	1967	19

STILLBIRTHS.

The number of stillbirths was 9, giving a rate of 9.00 per 1,000 live and still births and 0.26 per 1,000 population.

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 the health of Mr T.G. Watkins, who had been a Public Health
 Inspector in the department for many years. Mr Watkins had
 carried on with his duties under great stress for sometime
 until forced to resign prematurely. I wish to thank him for
 his excellent work and co-operation during the time he was a
 member of the staff. Mrs Watkins Watkins also held a high
 post elsewhere so that we were left with Mr Watkins and
 Mr James. Only essential work was possible with such a small
 staff and many of the duties normally carried out had to be
 left undone.

I wish to thank the staff of the health department for
 their loyal support during the year and also the Officers and
 Staff of other departments, and the Members of the Council for
 their co-operation.

I am,
 Your obedient servant,

A. S. ALLEN

Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL INFORMATION.

Area (in acres)	Including Foreshore	5,040
	Excluding Foreshore	4,502
Rateable Value		£1,076,231
Sum produced by Penny Rate		£4,248
Population-Registrar's figure for 1968		29,910

BIRTHS.

The number of births in the Borough was 386, made up of 204 males and 182 females, giving an adjusted birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated population of 13.4.

Year	Birthrate	Year	Birthrate
1967 ...	13.80	1962 ...	14.46
1966 ...	15.50	1961 ...	13.92
1965 ...	15.60	1960 ...	14.97
1964 ...	17.27	1959 ...	14.17
1963 ...	16.97	1958 ...	15.81

ILLEGITIMATE BIRTHS.

The total number of illegitimate live births registered to residents of the Borough was 19, giving a rate of 2.03 per cent of total live births.

The total number of illegitimate births registered during the last ten years is as follows:

Year	Illegitimate Births	Year	Illegitimate Births
1958 ...	10	1963 ...	12
1959 ...	16	1964 ...	23
1960 ...	23	1965 ...	16
1961 ...	12	1966 ...	19
1962 ...	9	1967 ...	31

STILLBIRTHS.

The number of stillbirths was 8, giving a rate of 20.00 per 1,000 live and still births and 0.26 per 1,000 population.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Area (in acres)	2,040
Including Foresters	4,202
Excluding Foresters	2,076,231
Rateable Value	28,248
Sum produced by Penny Rate	29,210
Population-Register's figure for 1936	

BIRDS

The number of birds in the Borough was 366, made up of 204 males and 162 females, giving an adjusted birth-rate per 1,000 of the estimated population of 13.4.

Year	Birth-rate	Year	Birth-rate
1937	13.30	1932	14.46
1936	12.50	1931	13.92
1935	12.00	1930	14.97
1934	17.27	1929	14.17
1933	16.97	1928	12.81

ILLEGITIMATE BIRDS

The total number of illegitimate live birds registered to residents of the Borough was 19, giving a rate of 1.03 per cent of total live birds.

The total number of illegitimate birds registered during the last ten years is as follows:

Year	Illegitimate Births	Year	Illegitimate Births
1937	10	1933	12
1936	16	1932	23
1935	23	1931	19
1934	12	1930	19
1933	9	1929	21

STILLBIRDS

The number of stillbirths was 8, giving a rate of 20.00 per 1,000 live and still birds and 0.26 per 1,000 population.

STILLBIRTHS - CAUSES.

1. Intra-uterine asphyxia and prolapsed cord.
2. Pre-eclamptic toxæmia.
3. Intra-uterine anoxia.
4. Intra-uterine death, placental insufficiency.
5. Placental insufficiency.
6. Foetal anoxia, maternal pyrexia.
7. Foetal abnormality, encephally and hydramnios.
8. A.P.H. accidental hæmorrhage.

COMPARISON OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS.

	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	27.43	14.00	15.32	25.16	30.00
Perinatal Mortality Rate	40.87	40.85	29.86	44.80	26.66
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	33.53	28.51	13.33	23.00	26.00
Perinatal Mortality Rate	34.95	28.14	24.07	37.00	36.00
<u>GLAMORGAN:</u>					
	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	28.13	29.49	22.89	24.60	27.46
Perinatal Mortality Rate					
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	26.66	20.79	21.17	19.00	21.00
Perinatal Mortality Rate	33.39	29.94	30.38	30.00	30.00
<u>ENGLAND AND WALES:</u>					
	<u>1959</u>	<u>1960</u>	<u>1961</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1963</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	22.00	21.07	21.04	21.04	20.29
Perinatal Mortality Rate					
	<u>1964</u>	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>	<u>1967</u>	<u>1968</u>
Infant Mortality Rate	20.00	19.00	19.00	18.03	18.00
Perinatal Mortality Rate	28.20	26.90	26.03	25.04	25.00

DEATHS.

The number of deaths registered during the year of all ages was 390, 210 males and 180 females. This gives a crude death-rate of 13.0 and may be compared with the previous years in the following table:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Death Rate</u>	<u>Year</u>	<u>Death Rate</u>
1967 ...	12.30	1962 ...	16.40
1966 ...	14.45	1961 ...	14.25
1965 ...	13.61	1960 ...	14.11
1964 ...	15.39	1959 ...	13.84
1963 ...	14.36	1958 ...	12.56

1. Intra-uterine asphyxia and prolonged cord.
2. Pre-eclampsic toxemia.
3. Intra-uterine anoxia.
4. Intra-uterine death, placental insufficiency.
5. Placental insufficiency.
6. Postnatal anoxia, maternal pyrexia.
7. Postnatal abnormality, encephaly and hydranoxia.
8. A.S.D. accidental haemorrhage.

COMPARISON OF VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE LAST 10 YEARS.

	1933	1934	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
Infant Mortality Rate	27.43	27.15	27.32	27.40	27.45	27.50	27.55	27.60	27.65	27.70
Perinatal Mortality Rate	40.87	40.80	40.85	40.90	40.95	41.00	41.05	41.10	41.15	41.20
Infant Mortality Rate	33.53	33.30	33.33	33.35	33.40	33.45	33.50	33.55	33.60	33.65
Perinatal Mortality Rate	34.95	34.85	34.90	34.95	35.00	35.05	35.10	35.15	35.20	35.25
Infant Mortality Rate	28.13	28.05	28.10	28.15	28.20	28.25	28.30	28.35	28.40	28.45
Perinatal Mortality Rate	39.13	39.05	39.10	39.15	39.20	39.25	39.30	39.35	39.40	39.45
Infant Mortality Rate	26.66	26.55	26.60	26.65	26.70	26.75	26.80	26.85	26.90	26.95
Perinatal Mortality Rate	33.39	33.30	33.35	33.40	33.45	33.50	33.55	33.60	33.65	33.70
Infant Mortality Rate	22.00	21.95	22.00	22.05	22.10	22.15	22.20	22.25	22.30	22.35
Perinatal Mortality Rate	28.20	28.15	28.20	28.25	28.30	28.35	28.40	28.45	28.50	28.55

DEATHS.

The number of deaths registered during the year of all ages was 390, 310 males and 180 females. This gives a crude death-rate of 13.0 and may be compared with the previous years in the following table:

Year	Death Rate	Year	Death Rate
1933	12.36	1938	13.84
1934	12.39	1939	14.11
1935	12.61	1940	14.25
1936	12.45	1941	14.40
1937	12.30	1942	14.40

The Ward distribution of deaths was as follows:-

North Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	125
South Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	160
Briton Ferry Ward	...	...	...	...	...	...	105
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>390</u>

The Table on Page 4 gives a classification of the causes of death as recorded by the Registrar General. Age groups are given below:

Under 4 weeks	...	7	35-44 years	...	...	8
4 weeks & under 1 yr.	...	3	45-54 years	...	...	27
1-4 years	...	1	55-64 years	...	...	70
5-14 years	...	0	65-74 years	...	...	113
15-24 years	...	5	75 and over	...	...	146
25-34 years	...	5				

Transferable Deaths:

Thirty-four deaths occurred outside the district, i.e., being persons belonging to this district. These deaths are included in the total number of deaths 390 given above.

Seasonal Death Rate:

The following table gives the number of deaths for each quarter of 1968.

First quarter	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
Second quarter	...	...	...	...	...	...	90
Third quarter	...	...	...	...	...	...	79
Fourth quarter	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	<u>390</u>

CANCER DEATHS.

The age distribution was as follows:-

<u>Ages.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>
1 - 4 yrs.	0	0
5 - 14 yrs.	0	0
15 - 24 yrs.	0	0
25 - 34 yrs.	1	0
35 - 44 yrs.	1	2
45 - 54 yrs.	5	5
55 - 64 yrs.	11	5
65 - 74 yrs.	21	12
75 and over	8	10
Total	<u>47</u>	<u>34</u>

South Ward	100
Britton Ferry Ward	102
Total	202

The table on page 4 gives a classification of the causes of death as recorded by the Registrar General. Age groups are given below:

Under 4 weeks	7
4 weeks to under 1 yr.	3
1-4 years	1
5-14 years	0
15-24 years	5
25-34 years	5
35-44 years	3
45-54 years	2
55-64 years	1
65-74 years	1
75 and over	14

Transmissible Diseases:

Thirty-four deaths occurred outside the district, being persons belonging to this district. These deaths are included in the total number of deaths 200 given above.

Seasonal Death Rates:

The following table gives the number of deaths for each quarter of 1920.

First quarter	132
Second quarter	50
Third quarter	78
Fourth quarter	80
Total	390

CANCER DEATHS.

The age distribution was as follows:-

Age.	Males.	Females.
1 - 4 yrs.	0	0
5 - 14 yrs.	0	0
15 - 24 yrs.	0	0
25 - 34 yrs.	1	0
35 - 44 yrs.	1	2
45 - 54 yrs.	2	2
55 - 64 yrs.	11	11
65 - 74 yrs.	11	11
75 and over	11	11
Total	47	34

CAUSES OF DEATH.

	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Enteritis and Other Diarrhoeal Diseases	1	0	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0	1	1
Meningococcal Infection	0	1	1
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	0	1
Malignant Neoplasm - stomach	10	5	15
Malignant Neoplasm - lung, bronchus	13	1	14
Malignant Neoplasm - breast	0	6	6
Malignant Neoplasm - uterus	0	1	1
Leukaemia	2	1	3
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.	22	20	42
Diabetes Mellitus	1	2	3
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.,	0	4	4
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1	2
Hypertensive Disease	6	4	10
Ischaemic Heart Disease	57	37	94
Other Forms of Heart Disease	14	25	39
Cerebrovascular Disease	21	23	44
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	9	5	14
Influenza	2	0	2
Pneumonia	12	13	25
Bronchitis and emphysema	13	4	17
Other diseases of Respiratory System	7	2	9
Peptic Ulcer	1	3	4
Appendicitis	0	1	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	0	2	2
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	0	1
Other Diseases of Digestive System	0	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1	3
Other Diseases, Genito-urinary system	0	1	1
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissue	1	1	2
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	0	2	2
Congenital Anomalies	1	0	1
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.,	3	2	5
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	1	2
Symptoms and Ill-defined conditions	0	3	3
Motor Vehicle Accidents	6	1	7
All other Accidents	2	4	6
Suicide and Self-inflicted injuries	0	1	1
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	210	180	390
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CAUSES OF DEATH.

Causes of Death	Males	Females	Total
Suicide and Self-inflicted Injuries	0	1	1
All other accidents	2	4	6
Motor Vehicle accidents	6	1	7
Syncope and ill-defined conditions	0	3	3
Other Causes of Perinatal Mortality	1	1	2
Birth Injury, Difficult Labour, etc.,	3	2	5
Congenital Anomalies	1	0	1
Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System	0	2	2
Diseases of Skin, Subcutaneous Tissues	1	1	2
Other Diseases, Genito-urinary system	0	1	1
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	1	3
Other Diseases of Digestive System	0	1	1
Cirrhosis of Liver	1	0	1
Intestinal Obstruction and Hernia	0	2	2
Appendicitis	0	1	1
Peptic Ulcer	1	3	4
Other Diseases of Respiratory System	7	2	9
Bronchitis and Emphysema	12	4	17
Influenza	12	13	25
Influenza	2	0	2
Other Diseases of Circulatory System	9	5	14
Coronary Arteriosclerosis	21	13	44
Other Forms of Heart Disease	14	15	30
Ischaemic Heart Disease	27	27	54
Hypertensive Disease	6	4	10
Chronic Rheumatic Heart Disease	1	1	2
Other Diseases of Nervous System, etc.,	5	4	9
Diabetes Mellitus	0	2	2
Other Malignant Neoplasms, etc.,	22	20	42
Lymphomas	2	1	3
Malignant Neoplasms - uterus	0	1	1
Malignant Neoplasms - breast	0	6	6
Malignant Neoplasms - lung, bronchus	13	1	14
Malignant Neoplasms - stomach	10	2	12
Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	1	0	1
Haemorrhagic Infection	0	1	1
Tuberculosis of Respiratory System	0	1	1
Bacterial and Other Bacterial Diseases	1	0	1

210

180

390

INFANT DEATHS.
(Under 1 year)

Cause of Death	Under 4 weeks (Neo-natal)	4 weeks and under 1 yr.	Total
Prematurity	2	0	2
Intracranial Haemorrhage, difficult instrumentation	1	0	1
Meningococcal Meningitis	0	1	1
Intracranial haemorrhage, prematurity, Rh. incompatibility	1	0	1
Bilateral broncho-pneumonia, inhalation of mucous	1	0	1
Peripheral circulatory failure, total atelectasis of lungs	0	1	1
Marasmus; failure to thrive; intractable diarrhoea	0	1	1
Bilateral pneumothorax	1	0	1
Respiratory failure; myelomeningocele; spina bifida	1	0	1

The 10 infant deaths gives an Infant Mortality Rate
of 26.0

Comparative Figures of Infant Deaths for Previous Years.

1967	...	9	1962	...	12
1966	...	6	1961	...	7
1965	...	13	1960	...	7
1964	...	17	1959	...	13
1963	...	15	1958	...	17

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

					<u>No. of</u>	<u>Rate per</u>
					<u>Notifications.</u>	<u>1,000 population.</u>
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	4	.13
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	5	.16
Measles	...	...	...	...	134	4.48
Dysentery	...	...	...	...	0	0
Meningococcal infection	...	...	...	...	0	0
Acute poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	0	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	0	0
Acute pneumonia	...	...	...	...	0	0
Acute encephalitis	...	...	...	...	0	0
Typhoid fever	...	...	...	...	0	0
Paratyphoid fever	...	...	...	...	0	0
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	0	0
Food poisoning	...	...	...	...	1	.03
Smallpox	...	...	...	...	0	0
Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	...	...	...	...	2	.06
Tuberculosis (Non Pulmonary)	...	...	...	...	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	0	0
Ophthalmia neonatorum	...	...	...	...	2	.06
Anthrax	...	...	...	...	0	0

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

<u>Rate per</u> <u>1,000 population.</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Notifications.</u>						
.13	4	...	...	...	...	Scarlet Fever	
.16	2	...	...	...	...	Whooping Cough	
4.48	134	...	...	...	...	Meningitis	
0	0	...	...	...	...	Dysentery	
0	0	...	...	...	...	Staphylococcal Infection	
0	0	...	...	...	...	Acute poliomyelitis	
0	0	...	...	...	...	Diphtheria	
0	0	...	...	...	...	Acute pneumonia	
0	0	...	...	...	...	Acute encephalitis	
0	0	...	...	...	...	Typhoid fever	
0	0	...	...	...	...	Erysipelas	
.03	1	...	...	...	...	Food poisoning	
0	0	...	...	...	...	Szalmon	
.06	2	...	...	...	...	Tuberculosis (Pulmonary)	
0	0	...	...	...	...	Tuberculosis (Non Pulmonary)	
0	0	...	...	...	...	Enteric typhoid	
.06	2	...	...	...	...	Ophthalmia neonatorum	
0	0	...	...	...	...	Anthrax	

TUBERCULOSIS.

The following Table shows particulars of cases of Tuberculosis and the deaths from the disease in the area during 1968.

Age Groups	No. of Notifications of Tuberculosis				No. of Deaths from Tuberculosis			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
20-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
75-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS...	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	-

The number of cases remaining on the Tuberculosis Register on 31st December, 1968 was as follows:

PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY		TOTAL
Male	Female	Male	Female	
141	116	38	38	333

The following Table shows particulars of cases of Tuberculosis and the deaths from the disease in the area during 1963.

Age Group	No. of Notifications of Tuberculosis		No. of Deaths from Tuberculosis	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
0-	-	-	-	-
1-	-	-	-	-
2-	-	-	-	-
3-	-	-	-	-
4-	-	-	-	-
5-	-	-	-	-
6-	-	-	-	-
7-	-	-	-	-
8-	-	-	-	-
9-	-	-	-	-
10-	-	-	-	-
11-	-	-	-	-
12-	1	-	-	-
13-	-	-	-	-
14-	-	-	-	-
15-	-	-	-	-
16-	-	-	-	-
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44-	-	-	-	-
45-	-	-	-	-
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91-	-	-	-	-
92-	-	-	-	-
93-	-	-	-	-
94-	-	-	-	-
95-	-	-	-	-
96-	-	-	-	-
97-	-	-	-	-
98-	-	-	-	-
99-	-	-	-	-
100-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	1	1	-	-

The number of cases remaining on the Tuberculosis Register on 31st December, 1963 was as follows:

TOTAL	NON-PULMONARY		PULMONARY	
	Male	Female	Male	Female
333	30	30	110	141

GLAMORGAN ADMINISTRATIVE COUNTY VITAL STATISTICS 1968.

	Estimated population 1968	Live Births			Ratio of local adjusted rate to national rate	Deaths			Ratio of local adjusted rate to Nat.rate
		No. of live Births	Rate per 1,000 population			No. of Deaths	Rate per 1,000 Population		
			Crude	Adjusted			Crude	Adjusted	
England and Wales Administrative County	48,593,000	822,000	16.9		577,000	11.9			
Urban Districts	742,920	12,225	16.5	1.01	9,285	12.5	14.3	1.20	
Rural Districts	524,650	8,215	15.7	0.96	6,723	12.3	14.6	1.23	
Health Division	218,270	4,010	18.4	1.11	2,562	10.0	13.6	1.14	
Constituent Districts									
Aberdare Urban	38,560	679	17.6	1.14	586	15.2	15.2	1.28	
Mountain Ash Urban	28,150	442	15.7	0.93	369	13.1	15.9	1.33	
Caerphilly Urban	39,130	774	19.8	1.15	452	11.6	14.4	1.21	
Gelligaer Urban	34,640	616	17.8	1.05	409	11.8	15.3	1.29	
Bridgend Urban	15,190	188	12.4	0.76	156	10.3	11.1	0.93	
Maesteg Urban	21,280	340	16.0	0.98	268	12.6	15.5	1.30	
Ogmore & Garw Urban	20,390	327	16.0	0.98	262	12.8	15.6	1.31	
Porthcawl Urban	13,120	206	15.7	1.10	177	13.5	10.8	0.91	
Penybont Rural	49,310	1,052	21.3	1.21	607	12.3	11.7	0.98	
Neath M.B.	29,910	386	12.9	0.79	390	13.0	13.9	1.17	
Neath Rural	40,960	652	15.9	0.98	519	12.7	15.4	1.29	
Llantrisant Rural	31,800	742	23.3	1.42	352	11.1	15.3	1.29	
Pontypridd Urban	35,060	547	15.6	0.94	470	13.4	13.9	1.17	
Glyncorrwg Urban	9,480	185	19.5	1.12	104	11.0	16.2	1.36	
Port Talbot M.B.	51,310	756	14.7	0.86	557	10.9	14.8	1.25	
Barry M.B.	42,450	636	15.0	0.91	462	10.9	12.0	1.01	
Cardiff Rural	28,030	536	19.1	1.04	338	12.1	13.3	1.12	
Cowbridge M.B.	1,350	35	25.9	1.52	11	8.1	8.4	0.71	
Cowbridge Rural	22,530	363	16.1	1.09	167	7.4	13.0	1.09	
Penarth Urban	22,960	370	16.1	1.03	325	14.2	13.4	1.12	
Gower Rural	15,960	256	16.0	0.99	171	10.7	12.0	1.01	
Llchwyr Urban	26,080	408	15.6	0.99	321	12.3	13.5	1.14	
Pontardawe Rural	29,680	409	13.8	13.8	408	13.7	14.3	1.20	
Rhondda M.B.	95,590	1,320	13.8	0.84	1,404	14.7	16.8	1.41	

	INFANT MORTALITY		PERINATAL MORTALITY		STILLBIRTHS	
	Deaths under one year	Rate per 1000 live births	Still births and deaths under one week	Rate per 1000 live and still births	No. of still births	Stillbirths rate per 1000 total births
England and Wales		18		14 25		14
Administrative County	254	21	372	30	212	17
Urban Districts	185	23	270	32	151	18
Rural Districts	69	17	102	25	61	15
Health Division.						
Constituent Districts.						
Aberdare and	19	28	19	28	6	9
Mountain Ash	9	20	20	44	13	29
Caerphilly Urban	22	28	27	34	13	17
Gelligaer	12	19	12	19	6	10
Mid Glamorgan	3	16	8	41	5	26
Bridgend Urban	4	12	10	29	8	23
Maesteg Urban	7	21	12	36	6	18
Ogmore and Garw Urban	4	19	3	14	1	5
Porthcawl Urban	4	19	3	14	1	5
Penybont Rural	21	20	32	30	18	17
Neath M.B.	10	26	14	36	8	20
Neath Rural	16	25	17	26	8	12
Llantrisant Rural	12	16	18	24	12	16
Pontypridd Urban	12	22	16	29	6	11
Llantrisant	9	49	10	52	6	31
Port Talbot and	17	22	27	35	15	19
Glyncorrwg	6	9	13	20	12	19
South East	8	15	9	17	5	9
Glamorgan	-	-	1	28	1	28
Cardiff Rural	5	14	9	24	7	19
Cowbridge M.B.	5	14	9	24	7	19
Penarth Urban	2	8	4	16	2	8
Gower Rural	7	17	16	38	12	29
Llchwyr Urban	5	12	13	31	9	22
Pontardawe Rural	39	30	50	37	24	18
Rhondda M.B.						

HOUSING INSPECTIONS.

Number of houses inspected under the Public Health and Housing Acts	3787
Number of visits of inspection in respect of the same ...	650
Number of houses found not in all respects to be fit for human habitation	78
Number of houses rendered fit after service of Notice ...	84
Number of houses subject to Notice at the end of 1968, the time having not expired	6

DEFECTS FOUND DURING INSPECTION AND REMEDIED DURING THE YEAR

DRAINS: Defective, absence of, defectively constructed, defective fittings	5
DRAINS: Cleansed	50
WATER CLOSETS: Defective fittings, broken and defective pans, structural defects and dilapidations of the closet building	2
WATER SUPPLY: No supply, defective and insufficient supply, defective fittings	2
PAVING OF YARD AREAS: Defective yard paving, defective dish to gullies	1
GENERAL HOUSE REPAIRS: Dampness, defective roofs, rainwater troughings and downpipes, defective internal plastering, walls, woodwork, light and ventilation, defective firegrates and chimneys, absence of or defective food stores and coal stores	32
OTHER NUISANCES: Insanitary stables, pig sties and outbuildings, accumulation of refuse from domestic chimneys, house and trade refuse	31
All the defects were dealt with under the Public Health Acts.	

NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED.

(i) Informal	131
(ii) Statutory	9

Results of service of such notices.

(i) Informal Notices complied with	123
(ii) Statutory Notices complied with	9

HOUSING INSPECTIONS.

3787	Number of houses inspected under the Public Health and Housing Acts	...
650	Number of visits of inspection in respect of the same	...
70	Number of houses found not in all respects to be fit for human habitation	...
84	Number of houses rendered fit after service of Notice	...
6	Number of houses subject to Notice at the end of 1960, the time having not expired	...

DEFECTS FOUND DURING INSPECTION AND REPAIRS DURING THE YEAR

2	Drains: Defective, absence of, defective, constructed, defective fittings	...
20	Drains: Cleaned	...
2	Water Cisterns: Defective fittings, broken and defective pans, structural defects and dislocations of the cistern bedding	...
2	Water Supply: No supply, defective and insufficient supply, defective fittings	...
1	Paving of Yard Areas: Defective yard paving, defective flash to gutters	...
32	General House Repairs: Damages, defective roofs, rainwater troughs and downpipes, defective internal plastering, walls, woodwork, light and ventilation, defective fireplaces and chimneys, absence of or defective food stores and cost stores	...
31	Other Matters: Insanitary scullies, pig sties and enclosures, accumulation of refuse from domestic chimneys, houses and trade refuse	...

NUMBER OF NOTICES SERVED.

131	(1) Informal	...
9	(11) Statutory	...
Results of service of such notices.		
123	(1) Informal Notices complied with	...
9	(11) Statutory Notices complied with	...

UNFIT HOUSES BEYOND REPAIR.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED:

As a result of formal or informal procedure under S.16 or S.17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	14
Local Authority owned houses	...	...	...	...	0

UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED:

Under S.16 (4) 17 (1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957, and S. 26 Housing Act, 1961	...	...	...	...	0
Under S.17 (3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	0
Parts of Buildings closed under S.18 Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	0

PERSONS DISPLACED:

From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas	...	...	...	...	123
From houses to be closed	...	...	...	...	0

FAMILIES DISPLACED:

From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas	...	...	...	...	44
From houses to be closed	...	...	...	...	0

<u>REHOUSED IN COUNCIL PROPERTIES</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
	123	44

RENT ACT, 1957.

There were no certificates of disrepair issued under the above Act during the year.

DISINFECTIONS DURING THE YEAR.

No disinfections of houses were done during the year following illness.

An arrangement has been made with the Pontardawe Rural District Council for the cleansing of persons at their Cleansing Station, at an agreed charge per case. Similarly, with the Mid-Glamorgan Hospital Board for the steam disinfection of bedding and clothing.

HOUSES DEMOLISHED:

As a result of formal or informal procedure under S.16 or S.17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	14
Local Authority owned houses	...	...	...	...	0

WRETT HOUSES CLOSED:

Under S.16 (A) 17 (1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957, and S. 26 Housing Act, 1951	...	...	...	...	0
Under S.17 (3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	0
Parts of buildings closed under S.16 Housing Act, 1957	...	...	...	...	0

REPAIRS DEFERRED:

From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas	...	...	...	...	123
From houses to be closed	...	...	...	...	0

REPAIRS DEFERRED:

From houses to be demolished not in or adjoining clearance areas	...	...	...	...	44
From houses to be closed	...	...	...	...	0

<u>REPAIRS IN COUNCIL PROPERTIES</u>	<u>Persons</u>	<u>Families</u>
123	44	

RENT ACT, 1957.

There were no certificates of disrepair issued under the above Act during the year.

DISTRICTS DURING THE YEAR.

No disinfestations of houses were done during the year following illness.

An arrangement has been made with the Lancashire Rural District Council for the cleaning of persons at their Cleansing Station, at an agreed charge per case. Similarly, with the Mid-Glasgow Hospital Board for the steam disinfection of bedding and clothing.

DISINFESTATIONS DURING THE YEAR.

Slum Clearance houses during displacement	...	...	0
Council houses reported infested	...	...	6
Privately owned houses reported infested	...	...	6

NEW DWELLINGS.

The number of New Dwellings erected during the year:

(a) By the Local Authority	...	...	...	...	30
(b) By other Bodies or Persons	...	...	...	...	72

Total number of dwellings built by Neath Corporation 2815

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

All areas are sewered except outlying farms, and one small semi-rural development of 7 bungalows. Existing sewerage system is not adequate and proposals for new outfalls, etc., have been prepared in draft and are awaiting Ministry of Housing and Local Government permission to proceed with first section. Disposal is by outfall into tidal waters and the present proposals for new outfalls include for sewage purification works at a later stage.

Number of dwellings without water closets	22
Number of dwellings drained to cesspools	7

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

Re-registration of his premises was requested by the keeper of the undermentioned Common Lodging House:

<u>Name of Keeper</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>No. of Reg. Rooms</u>	<u>No. of Reg. Lodgers</u>
Mr H.T. Rosser	63, Water Street, Neath.	3	15

On the 31st December, 1968, 6 men were staying in these premises. The majority of these lodgers were resident rather than casual.

Particulars are given below of the number of lodgers staying in common lodging houses on the 31st December for the past five years:

DISTRICTIONS DURING THE YEAR.

0	...	...	...	...	Six clearance houses during displacement
6	...	...	...	...	Council houses reported infested
6	...	...	...	...	Privately owned houses reported infested

NEW DWELLINGS.

The number of New Dwellings erected during the year:

30	...	...	...	...	(a) By the local authority
72	...	...	...	...	(b) By other bodies or persons

Total number of dwellings built by Health Corporation 2012

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

All areas are sewered except outlying farms, and one small rural development of 7 dwellings. Existing sewerage system is not adequate and proposals for new outfalls, etc., have been prepared in draft and are awaiting Ministry of Housing and Local Government permission to proceed with first section. Disposal is by outfall into tidal waters and the present proposals for new outfalls include for sewage purification works at a later stage.

22	Number of dwellings without water closets
7	Number of dwellings drained to cesspools

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

Re-registration of the premises was requested by the keeper of the underectioned Common Lodging House:

<u>No. of</u> <u>Reg.</u> <u>Rooms</u>	<u>No. of</u> <u>Reg.</u> <u>Lodgers</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Name of Keeper</u>
3	12	60, Water Street, Heath.	Mr H.T. Resser

On the 31st December, 1960, 6 men were staying in these premises. The majority of these lodgers were resident rather than casual. Particulars are given below of the number of lodgers staying in common lodging houses on the 31st December for the past five years:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Lodgers</u>
1963	8
1964	5
1965	8
1966	8
1967	8

A total of 6 visits were made to this Common Lodging House during the year to ensure the maintenance of cleanliness and good state of repair.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health:

<u>Premises</u>	<u>No. on Reg.</u>	<u>No. of Inspections</u>	<u>No. of Written Notices</u>	<u>No. of Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Auth.	16	8	5	0
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	178	50	6	0
(iii) Other Premises in which Sec.7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	4	2	2	0
Total	198	60	14	0

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND:

<u>Particulars</u>	<u>No. of cases in which defects were found</u>				<u>No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.</u>
	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred</u>		
				<u>To H.M.</u>	<u>By H.M.</u>
Want of Cleanlines (S.1)	6	6	0	0	0
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	0	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	0	0	0
(c) Defective water supply.	2	2	0	0	0
	14	14	0	0	0

1953
1954
1955
1956
1957

0
2
3
3
0

A total of 6 visits were made to this Common lodging house during the year to ensure the maintenance of cleanliness and good state of repair.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1952

Inspections for purpose of provisions as to health:

Premises	No. on Reg.	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	No. of Generators Prosecuted	Total	
					60	14
(1) Factories in which Sections 16, 17, 18, 19, 20 and 21 are to be enforced by local Auth.	16	6	2	0	18	0
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the local authority.	178	20	6	0	184	0
(11) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	4	2	2	0	6	0
Total	198	60	14	0	198	0

CASES IN WHICH INSPECTORS WERE FOUND:

Particulars	No. of cases in which defects were found		No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	
	Found	Referred to H.M. by H.M.	Instituted	Instituted
(a) Inadequate supply of clean water (B.1)	6	0	0	0
(b) Unhygienic or defective water supply	1	0	0	0
(c) Defective water supply	2	0	0	0
Total	14	0	0	0

OUTWORK:

Section 110

<u>Nature of works</u>	No. of out-workers in Aug. list required by <u>S.110(I)(c)</u>	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.
Making etc. Wearing apparel Cleaning and Washing	1	0	0

Section 111

<u>Nature of works</u>	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.	Not-ices served.	<u>Prosecutions</u>
Making etc. Wearing apparel Cleaning and Washing	0	0	0

DYFED ROAD SWIMMING POOL.

This pool has been operating since 1961 and has the following dimensions: 110ft. long, 40ft. wide, 3ft. 6ins. to 11ft. 6ins. deep. There is a smaller pool used by children 40ft. long, 12ft. wide and 2ft. 6ins. to 4ft. deep. The total capacity is 203,000 gallons and the pools are drained annually and refilled from the domestic mains supply. Filtration is by one horizontal pressure filter which has a capacity of 250 gallons per sq. ft. per hour. This results in 48,000 gallons being filtered per hour so that the turnover time is 4½ hours. The water is chlorinated by the "breakpoint" method and this is rigidly controlled by frequent sampling taken throughout each day. Results of water analyses are consistently good. There are a footbath and showers for males and females with 36 male and 27 female changing cubicles. Safety provisions include one minuteman resuscitation apparatus, one lifesaving pole 20 feet long and two direct Brooks' airway tubes. Two qualified lifesavers are on duty at all times. The building also contains public baths and a sauna bath.

Section 110

<u>Measure of works</u>	<u>No. of out-workers in Aug. 1951 reported by S.110(1)(c)</u>	<u>No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council, Aug. 1951.</u>	<u>No. of prosecutions for failure to send lists to Council, Aug. 1951.</u>
Washing etc. Washing and Washing	1	0	0

Section 111

<u>Measure of works</u>	<u>No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises.</u>	<u>No. of cases served.</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
Washing etc. Washing and Washing	0	0	0

WATER MAINS SYSTEMS

This pool has been operating since 1951 and has the following dimensions: 110ft. long, 40ft. wide, 3ft. dia. to 11ft. dia. deep. There is a smaller pool used by children 40ft. long, 12ft. wide and 2ft. dia. to 4ft. dia. The total capacity is 203,000 gallons and the pools are drained annually and refilled from the domestic water supply. Filtration is by one horizontal pressure filter which has a capacity of 120 gallons per sq. ft. per hour. This results in 48,000 gallons being filtered per hour so that the turnover time is 4 1/2 hours. The water is chlorinated by the "breakpoint" method and this is rigidly controlled by frequent sampling taken throughout each day. Results of water analyses are consistently good. There are a footbath and showers for males and females with 36 male and 27 female changing cubicles. Safety provisions include one automatic reconnection apparatus, one life-saving pole 20 feet long and two direct breaks, airway tubes, two qualified lifeline operators on duty at all times. The bathing also contains public baths and a sauna bath.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, ORDERS AND REGULATIONS.

The number and nature of Food Samples taken for examination during the year 1968 were as follows:-

Apricot Chutney,	1	Lobidan Tablets	1
Adams Best Butter	1	Lyons Bakery Lemon & Orange	1
Almond essence	1	Lemon Pie Filling	1
Butter	2	Lard	2
Beef Curry with Rice	1	Lemon Juice	1
Beechams powders	1	Margarine	6
Bearnaise Sauce	1	Milk	45
Beef Stock Cubes	1	Mince Pies	1
Baked Beans	1	Mincemeat	2
Chicken stock tablets	1	Mixed Dried Fruit	1
Chloramphenicol tablets	1	Mint Jelly	1
Cystex tablets	1	Malt Vinegar	1
Chilblain tablets	2	Marmalade	1
Cookeen Cooking Fat	1	Mustard Sauce	1
Chocomallows	1	Mixed Peel	1
Cream of Tartar	2	Menthol & Eucalyptus	
Chocolate Dessert	1	Inhalation	1
Creamed Coconuts	1	Mushroom Flavour Ketchup	1
Condensed Milk	2	Meringue Pie	1
Cherries	1	Mapletons Fru-Grains	1
Cheese	3	Non-Alcoholic Stimulant	1
Cooking Fat	1	Orange Drink	1
Chocolate Spread	1	Oxtail Soup	1
Caramel Dessert	1	Oxo Cubes	1
Cetavlon P.C.	1	Orange flavoured fillings	1
Cod Liver Oil Capsules	1	Peak Freaps Twiglets	1
Cream	1	Prune Juice	1
Cake Mix	1	Piccalilli Sauce	1
Chlorodyne	1	Petrolagar	1
Digoxin Tablets	1	Peanut Butter	1
Dried Mint	1	Plain flour	1
Diabetic Blackcurrant Preserve	1	Self Raising Flour	1
Double Devon Cream	1	Sage & Onion Stuffing Mix	1
Fruit Cake Mixture	1	Sausages	3
Ground Allspice	1	Sunny Spread	1
Gravy Browning	1	Swiss roll	1
Ground Cinammon	1	Sugared Strands	1
Horseradish Sauce	1	Sponge Mixture	1
Ice-Cream	10	Tea	1
Instant Coffee	1	Vegetable & Chicken Baby	
Jelly	2	Food	1
Jaffa Juice	1	Vinegar	1
Junior Veal Dinner	1	Yeast	1
		Vi-dafin	1
		Welsh Rarebit	1
		Yoghurt	2

The number and nature of food samples taken for examination during the year 1955 were as follows:-

1	Lobban Tablets	1	Apricot Chutney
1	Lynns Bakery Lemon & Orange I	1	Adams Best Butter
1	Lemon Tea Kitting	1	Almond essence
2	Lard	2	Butter
1	Lemon Juice	1	Best Curry with Rice
6	Margarine	1	Beechams powders
45	Milk	1	Bearnaise Sauce
1	Mince Pie	1	Best Stock Cubes
2	Mince Meat	1	Baked Beans
1	Mixed Dried Fruit	1	Chicken stock Tablets
1	Mint Jelly	1	Chlorophenicol Tablets
1	Malt Vinegar	1	Cyster Tablets
1	Marmalade	2	Chitblain Tablets
1	Mustard Sauce	1	Cookson Cooking Fat
1	Mixed Pies	1	Chocolonies
1	Hamlet & Biscuits	2	Cream of Tartar
1	Inhalation	1	Chocolate Biscuits
1	Mustard Flavour Ketchup	1	Creamed Coconut
1	Mustard Pie	2	Condensed Milk
1	Mustard Flavour Ketchup	1	Cherries
1	Mustard Pie	3	Chesse
1	Non-Alcoholic Stimulant	1	Cooking Fat
1	Orange Drink	1	Chocolate Spread
1	Oxali Soup	1	Caramel Dessert
1	Oxo Cubes	1	Catavon T.C.
1	Orange Flavoured Filling	1	God Liver Oil Capsules
1	Pork Brawn Tablets	1	Cream
1	Pine Juice	1	Cake Mix
1	Black Hill Sauce	1	Chlorophyll
1	Pesto	1	Digoxin Tablets
1	Peanut Butter	1	Dried Mint
1	Plain Flour	1	Diabetic Biscuitant Preserve
1	Self Raising Flour	1	Double Devon Cream
1	Sage & Onion Stuffing Mix	1	Fruit Cake Mixture
3	Sausages	1	Ground Allspice
1	Sunny Spread	1	Gravy Browning
1	Sweet roll	1	Ground Cinnamon
1	Sugared Strands	1	Horseradish Sauce
1	Sponge Mixture	10	Ice-Cream
1	Tea	1	Instant Coffee
1	Vegetable & Chicken Baby Food	2	Jelly
1	Vinegar	1	Apple Juice
1	Yeast	1	Junior Vost Dinner
1	Vi-dalin		
1	Welsh Rarebit		
2	Yoghurt		

SUMMARY.

Milk Samples	...	...	...	...	45
Other Foods	...	...	...	...	112
					<u>157</u>
Number of food samples taken - informal					111
Number of food samples taken - special					1
Total food samples analysed					<u>112</u>

RATION OF FOOD SAMPLES TO POPULATION:

Milk Samples (45)	...	...	...	...	1.50
Other Food Samples (112)			...	...	3.74
All Food Samples (157)	...	...	...	...	5.24

QUARTERLY DISTRIBUTION:

	<u>Milk</u>	<u>Other Foods</u>	<u>Total</u>
First Quarter	18	34	52
Second Quarter	18	34	52
Third Quarter	0	19	19
Fourth Quarter	9	25	34

BOROUGH ANALYST

Dr. L.E. Coles, B.Pharm., Ph.D., F.P.S., F.R.I.C., County Public Analyst, was appointed Public Analyst for the Borough on the 24th September, 1963.

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES.

No. 118 "Non-Alcoholic Stimulant" which was unsatisfactory in that it was incorrectly labelled because it contained 2.6 parts per cent (v/v) of alcohol. The person concerned was interviewed and the contravention drawn to his attention.

No. 97N Prune Juice was unsatisfactory in that it contained an excessive amount of tin (Sn) and the can was extensively etched on the inside.

These were withdrawn from sale at retail outlet. The wholesaler was also contacted and further stock was withdrawn.

QUANTITATIVE

45	...	...	...	Milk Samples
112	...	...	...	Other Foods
<u>157</u>				
111	Number of food samples taken - Informal			
1	Number of food samples taken - special			
<u>112</u>	Total food samples analysed			

RELATION OF FOOD SAMPLES TO POPULATION

1.50	...	...	...	Milk Samples (45)
3.74	...	...	...	Other Food Samples (112)
5.24	...	...	...	All Food Samples (157)

QUANTITATIVE DISTRIBUTION:

Total	Other Foods	Milk	
52	34	18	First quarter
52	34	18	Second quarter
19	19	0	Third quarter
34	25	9	Fourth quarter

LABORATORY ANALYST

Dr. L. E. Cole, B. Pharm., Ph.D., F.R.S., F.R.I.C., County Public Analyst, was appointed public analyst for the Borough on the 24th September, 1953.

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES

No. 118 "Non-Alcoholic Stimulant" which was unsatisfactory in that it was incorrectly labelled because it contained 2.6 parts per cent (v/v) of alcohol. The person concerned was interviewed and the concentration drawn to his attention.

No. 271 Irish Juice was unsatisfactory in that it contained an excessive amount of tin (24) and the can was extensively etched on the inside.

These were withdrawn from sale at retail outlets. The wholesaler was also contacted and further stock was withdrawn.

UNSATISFACTORY SAMPLES (Continued)

The special sample referred to above relates to a complaint from a resident in the Borough, of a foreign body in a tin of beans. The Public Analyst examined same and found that the insect was a wood louse (Isopoda) and that it had not been subjected to a heat treatment process of pasteurisation or sterilisation. He was further of the opinion, therefore, that the insect was unlikely to have been in the tin of beans before the can was opened.

ARTIFICIAL CREAM

All artificial cream sold in the Borough was in unopened receptacles, as received from the manufacturers. It is mainly used in the preparation of cakes, fancy pastries and trifles.

CONDENSED AND DRIED MILK REGULATIONS.

On inspection of stocks held in various food premises no case of incorrect description was found.

MERCHANDISE MARKS ACT, 1926

The Marking Orders under the above Act are operative and apply to imported eggs, bacon, dried fruit, meat and poultry, butter and margarine, apples, tomatoes, chilled salmon, honey, oats and malt products. Routine inspections were made to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Act.

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1960

Two licences were issued during this year under the above regulations.

TUBERCULOSIS (AREA ERADICATION) ORDER, 1954

No animals were brought under licence into the Abattoir under the above Order.

INSPECTION OF DAIRY CATTLE

Routine inspection of dairy cattle in the Borough is the responsibility of the Animal Health Division of the Ministry of the Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Any matters of particular interest, including information relating to carcasses found during inspection at the Borough Abattoir to be affected with tuberculosis, are reported to the Divisional Veterinary Officer.

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ARTIFICIAL CREAM

All artificial cream sold in the Borough was in unopened tins, as received from the manufacturers. It is mainly used in the preparation of cakes, fancy pastries and trifles.

CONDENSED AND DRIED MILK REGULATIONS

On inspection of stocks held in various food premises no case of incorrect description was found.

MERCHANTS MARKS ACT, 1926

The Merging Orders under the above Act are operative and apply to imported eggs, bacon, dried fruit, meat and poultry, butter and margarine, apples, tomatoes, chilled salmon, honey, cereals and milk products. Routine inspections were made to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Act.

MILK (SPECIAL INSPECTIONS) REGULATIONS, 1920

Two licences were issued during this year under the above regulations.

TUBERCULOSIS (AREA EMALCATION) ORDER, 1924

No animals were brought under licence into the Borough under the above Order.

INSPECTION OF MILK CATTLE

Routine inspection of dairy cattle in the Borough is the responsibility of the Animal Health Division of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. Any matters of particular interest, including information relating to diseases found during inspection of the Borough Abattoir to be affected with Tuberculosis, are reported to the District Veterinary Officer.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF MILK.

During the year 45 samples of milk were taken and submitted for examination to the Public Health Laboratory, Cardiff, as follows:

<u>Description</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Submitted</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Unsatisfactory</u>
Pasteurised	13	13	0
Sterilised	12	12	0
Pasteurised (Channel Islands)	9	9	0
Homogenised	10	10	0
Pasteurised (School Contract)	1	1	0
	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>0</u>

The following table will indicate the percentage of unsatisfactory results of milk samples from 1963 to 1968:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Samples</u> <u>examined</u>	<u>Number</u> <u>Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Percentage</u> <u>Unsatisfactory</u>
1963	69	0	0.00
1964	95	1	1.05
1965	59	0	0.00
1966	36	1	2.77
1967	48	1	2.08
1968	45	0	0.00

An analysis of the Quarterly Return shows:

	<u>No.</u> <u>Submitted</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Satisfactory</u>	<u>No.</u> <u>Unsatisfactory</u>
First Quarter , ...	18	18	0
Second Quarter ...	18	18	0
Third Quarter ...	Nil	Nil	0
Fourth Quarter ...	9	9	0

WATER SUPPLY

Water samples were taken monthly over the year for bacteriological and chemical examination at the Public Health Laboratories, Cardiff and Swansea, and copies of the results were submitted to the Borough Engineer. They were taken from the town supplies which are drawn from the Gnoll, Briton Ferry and Ystradfellte Reservoirs, after treatment. The first two supplies are filtered and chlorinated, but the latter is only chlorinated.

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<u>Description</u>	<u>No. Submitted</u>	<u>No. Satisfactory</u>	<u>No. Unsatisfactory</u>
Insteamed	13	13	0
Sterilised	12	12	0
Insteamed (Channel Islands)	9	9	0
Homogenised	10	10	0
Insteamed (School Contract)	1	1	0
	<u>45</u>	<u>45</u>	<u>0</u>

The following table will indicate the percentage of unsatisfactory results of milk samples from 1933 to 1937:

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. of Samples Examined</u>	<u>Number Unsatisfactory</u>	<u>Percentage Unsatisfactory</u>
1933	62	0	0.00
1934	92	1	1.02
1935	59	0	0.00
1936	36	1	2.77
1937	48	1	2.00
1938	45	0	0.00

An analysis of the Quarterly Return shows:

<u>Quarter</u>	<u>No. Submitted</u>	<u>No. Satisfactory</u>	<u>No. Unsatisfactory</u>
First Quarter	18	18	0
Second Quarter	18	18	0
Third Quarter	11	11	0
Fourth Quarter	9	9	0

WATER SUPPLY

Water samples were taken monthly over the year for bacteriological and chemical examination at the Public Health Laboratory, Cardiff and Swansea, and copies of the results were submitted to the Borough Engineer. They were taken from the town supplies which are drawn from the Gwili, Briton Ferry and Ystwyth Reservoirs, after treatment. The first two supplies are filtered and chlorinated, but the latter is only chlorinated.

Results of water sampling for the year are as follows:-

Number of samples taken

Period	<u>Bacteriological</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>	
1st Quarter, 1968 ...	4	0	4
2nd Quarter, 1968 ...	5	0	5
3rd Quarter, 1968 ...	2	2	4
4th Quarter, 1968 ...	1	1	2

Chemical

Period	<u>Satisfactory.</u>	<u>Unsatisfactory.</u>	<u>Total</u>
1st Quarter, 1968 ...	2	0	2
2nd Quarter, 1968 ...	5	0	5
3rd Quarter, 1968 ...	1	0	1
4th Quarter, 1968 ...	1	0	1

The unsatisfactory results were followed up and check samples taken with satisfactory results.

RAINFALL

	<u>Neath.</u>	<u>Briton Ferry.</u>
January ...	5.77	5.94
February ...	2.13	1.76
March ...	3.21	3.59
April ...	3.19	3.03
May ...	3.24	3.64
June ...	5.80	6.33
July ...	4.67	4.52
August ...	2.72	2.65
September ...	7.30	6.30
October ...	6.62	6.27
November ...	3.77	3.85
December ...	4.90	4.66
Totals	<u>53.32</u>	<u>52.54</u>

MEAT INSPECTION

Meat inspection was regularly carried out in the Borough Slaughterhouse during the year and, when necessary, in the butchers' shops and stalls.

Results of water sampling for the year are as follows:-

Number of samples taken

Period	Bacteriological		Total
	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	
1st Quarter, 1968 ...	4	0	4
2nd Quarter, 1968 ...	2	0	2
3rd Quarter, 1968 ...	2	2	4
4th Quarter, 1968 ...	1	1	2

Chemical

Period	Satisfactory.		Total
	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.	
1st Quarter, 1968 ...	2	0	2
2nd Quarter, 1968 ...	2	0	2
3rd Quarter, 1968 ...	1	0	1
4th Quarter, 1968 ...	1	0	1

The unsatisfactory results were followed up and check samples taken with satisfactory results.

WATER

Month.	Water	Water
	Supply	Supply
January	2.77	2.94
February	2.13	1.76
March	2.21	2.29
April	2.19	2.03
May	2.24	2.64
June	2.80	6.33
July	4.67	4.22
August	2.72	2.62
September	7.30	6.30
October	6.62	6.27
November	2.77	2.82
December	4.90	4.66
Totals	23.22	22.24

WATER INSPECTION

Water inspection was regularly carried out in the Borough Slaughterhouse during the year and, when necessary, in the butchers' shops and scales.

MEAT INSPECTION (continued)

Complete inspection is maintained and one or other of your Public Health Inspectors is engaged on a full time basis on this work. It will be appreciated that this involves evening work, as well as Saturdays and Bank Holidays.

Some butchers brought their own animals in for slaughter, but the majority are obtaining their supplies from wholesale dealers.

Most of the stock slaughtered was for butchers' meat and proved of good quality.

Regulations for the prevention of cruelty to animals and the provisions of the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, were complied with.

Condemned carcasses, parts of carcasses and offal, were detained in the condemned room pending collection by the disposal contractors, and were coloured before being released.

The number of animals slaughtered in the Borough Slaughterhouse in 1968 was:

<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
1,500	192	55	13,563	4,237	19,547

Cysticercus Bovis:

Particulars have been kept of the cases of this disease as found in the Borough Slaughterhouse since 1963 and are set out in the following table:

No. of Cattle killed and examined.

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Total</u>
1963 ...	2722	166	2888
1964 ...	2810	176	2986
1965 ...	2443	165	2608
1966 ...	2404	181	2585
1967 ...	2329	252	2581
1968 ...	1500	192	1692

Carcasses of which parts of organs were condemned

Carcasses sent for treatment by refrigeration

Generalised and totally Condemned

Skirts	12	12	0
Milks	15	15	0
Flunks	15	15	0
Intestines	12	12	0
Tails	6	6	0
Kidneys	6	6	0

MEAT INSPECTION (continued)

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<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
1,200	192	22	13,263	4,237	19,257

Cysticercus Bovis:

Particulars have been kept of the cases of this disease as found in the Borough Slaughterhouse since 1963 and are set out in the following table:

<u>Year</u>	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Total</u>
1963 ...	2722	166	2888
1964 ...	2810	176	2986
1965 ...	2443	162	2605
1966 ...	2404	161	2565
1967 ...	2329	222	2551
1968 ...	1200	192	1392

Carcases of which parts of
organs were condemned:
Carcases sent for
treatment by refrigeration
Generalised
and locally
condemned

12	12
12	12
12	12
12	12
0	0
0	0
0	0

Carcases Inspected

	Cattle (excluding Cows)	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>	<u>Total</u>
Number Killed	1500	192	55	13563	4237	19,547
Number inspected	1500	192	55	13563	4237	19,547

All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:

	Cattle (excluding cows)	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Whole carcasses condemned	0	4	2	6	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	675	186	6	3022	1078
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease (other than T.B. or Cysticerci)	45	96.3	10.9	15.5	25.2

Tuberculosis only:

	Cattle (excluding cows)	<u>Cows</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0	0	0
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0	0	0	0	32
Percentage of number affected with T.B.	0	0	0	0	.75

CONDEMNED MEAT AND OFFAL

	<u>Cattle</u>	<u>Calves</u>	<u>Sheep</u>	<u>Pigs</u>
Carcases (complete)	4	1	6	3
Heads and Tongues	5	2	2	22
Heads only	0	0	0	12
Lungs	184	0	2382	731
Livers	301	0	1348	378
Part Livers	235	0	0	0
Hearts	4	0	0	27
Skirts	2	0	0	0
Melts	3	0	0	0
Plucks	0	2	32	38
Intestines	4	2	2	6
Tails	1	0	0	0
Kidneys	1	0	0	0
Udders	2	0	0	0
Parts of Carcasses	552	0	5	19½

Number Killed	1500	192	25	13563	4237	19,247
Number Inspected	1500	192	25	13563	4237	19,247

All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis:

Whole carcasses condemned	Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Percentage of number inspected affected with disease (other than T.B. or Cysticercosis)
0	6	10.0
0	3022	12.2
0	1078	22.2

Tuberculosis only:

Whole carcasses condemned	Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	Percentage of number affected with T.B.
0	0	0
0	0	0
0	0	0

CHEMICAL HEAT AND CURE

Parts of Carcasses	Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Parts of Carcasses	232	0	2	197
Udders	2	0	0	0
Kidneys	1	0	0	0
Tails	1	0	0	0
Intestines	0	2	2	0
Hocks	0	2	32	38
Hoofs	3	0	0	0
Skirts	2	0	0	0
Heart	4	0	0	27
Part livers	232	0	0	0
Livers	301	0	1348	378
Lungs	184	0	2302	731
Heads only	0	0	0	12
Heads and tongues	2	2	2	22
Carcasses (complete)	4	1	6	3

Weight of Condensed Carcass Meat:

Cattle. 1 cow 3 Cwts. 2 qtrs. 8 lbs.
Sheep. 3 C. 3 q. 18 lbs. 1c. 3 q. 6 lbs. 6c. 1 q. 10 lbs.
Calves.
Pigs.

Weight of Condensed Offal:

Cattle. 1 T. 12c. 1 qtr. 23 lbs.
Sheep. 1 T. 14 C. 1 q. 18 lbs. 2c. 18 lbs. 16 C. 1 q. 23 lbs.
Calves.
Pigs.

Total Weight of Condensed Carcass Meat (all animals)

1 Ton 17 Cwts. 2 qtrs. 13 1/2 lb.

Total Weight of Condensed Offal (all animals)

2 Ton 6 Cwts. 1 qtr. 24 lbs.

WIRE CARCASSES COLLECTED DURING PERIOD 1963-66

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Cattle ...	3	0	0	0	1	0
Cow ...	2	2	4	2	7	4
Calves ...	3	0	1	2	0	2
Sheep ...	11	10	8	16	23	6
Pigs ...	3	7	6	8	4	3
	22	27	19	26	35	15

Animals slaughtered during the period 1963-66

	1963	1964	1965	1966	1967	1968
Cattle ...	2722	2010	2443	2404	2329	1500
Cow ...	166	176	162	161	222	192
Calves ...	104	27	20	26	161	22
Sheep ...	20717	21034	19076	19276	20637	13263
Pigs ...	10213	10129	11471	8923	4021	4237
	34622	24199	23972	30170	26230	19247

MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS, 1968
MEAT INSPECTION CHARGES.

The following table shows the amounts which were paid for inspection of carcasses at Neath Borough Abattoir during 1968:

Cattle - 1692 inspections @ 2/6d	£211 - 10 - 0d.
Calves - 55 inspections @ 9d	2 - 1 - 3d.
Sheep - 13563 inspections @ 6d	£339 - 1 - 6d.
Pigs - 4237 inspections @ 9d	£158 - 17 - 9d.
Total	<u>£711 - 10 - 6d.</u>

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1933 to 1954

Renewal of licences under the provisions of the above Act were granted to 4 licensed slaughtermen during the year.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955

Premises and vehicles are regularly inspected to ensure the proper handling of food, protection against contamination and to ensure compliance with these Regulations. Twenty-eight Notices were served during the year under these Regulations.

BUTCHERS' SHOPS

There were 23 shops and 5 stalls, mostly owned by individual butchers.

All these shops and stalls are periodically visited, mainly to determine the general conditions of the premises, equipment, cleanliness and disposal of waste. The visits were also made to examine their products and issue certificates where unsound goods were voluntarily surrendered.

OTHER PREMISES WHERE FOOD IS SOLD, STORED
OR PREPARED FOR SALE.

1. BAKEHOUSES:

There were 2 premises used in the production of bread and flour confectionery. No complaint of vermin was received during the year in respect of any of these premises.

2. AERATED WATER WORKS:

Two factories were engaged in the production of soft drinks, vinegar and gravy browning.

Samples of their products and the water supplies were taken during the year, with satisfactory results.

MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS, 1952
MEAT INSPECTION CHARGES

The following table shows the amounts which were paid for inspection of carcasses at Heathborough abattoir during 1952:

4211 - 10 - 04.	1592 inspections @ 2/6d	Cattle -
2 - 1 - 3d.	22 inspections @ 2d	Calves -
4339 - 1 - 0d.	1353 inspections @ 6d	Sheep -
4152 - 17 - 2d.	4237 inspections @ 2d	Pigs -
<u>4711 - 10 - 04.</u>	<u>Total</u>	

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1933 to 1952

Number of licences under the provisions of the above Act were granted to 4 licensed slaughtermen during the year.

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1952

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There were 23 shops and 2 stalls, mostly owned by individual butchers. All these shops and stalls are periodically visited, mainly to determine the general conditions of the premises, equipment, cleanliness and disposal of waste. The visits were also made to examine their produce and issue certificates where unsound goods were voluntarily surrendered.

OTHER PREMISES WHERE FOOD IS SOLD, STORED OR PREPARED FOR SALE

1. BAKING SHOPS:

There were 2 premises used in the production of bread and flour confectionery. No complaints of vermin were received during the year in respect of any of these premises.

2. BEVERIDGE WATER WORKS:

The factories were engaged in the production of soft drinks, vinegar and gravy brewing.

Samples of their products and the water supplies were taken during the year, with satisfactory results.

3. ICE CREAM:

Ice cream production in the area was made by the Cold Mix Method and supplied to businesses associated with the producers.

The main ice cream supply in the Borough is obtained from national firms but small quantities are procured from suppliers in neighbouring towns.

Ten samples were collected and submitted for examination in the Public Health Laboratory, Cardiff, and the results given as follows:

<u>Submitted</u>	<u>Grade 1</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>	<u>No results</u>
10	7	3	0	0	0

LABORATORY EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR PERIOD 1961-68

<u>Year</u>	<u>No. Submitted</u>	<u>No. Grade 1</u>	<u>No. Grade 2</u>	<u>No. Grade 3</u>	<u>No. Grade 4</u>	<u>No. with no results</u>
1961 ...	17	12	1	0	0	4
1962 ...	11	10	1	0	0	0
1963 ...	17	15	0	1	1	0
1964 ...	7	1	1	0	1	4
1965 ...	7	7	0	0	0	0
1966 ...	12	11	1	0	0	0
1967 ...	22	17	3	2	0	0
1968 ...	10	7	3	0	0	0

There were 112 premises licensed to sell ice cream.

4. FISH FRYING BUSINESSES:

Seventeen premises were used in the sale of fried fish and chipped potatoes. No change in the structure or major alterations to equipment was noticed, but they were kept clean, waste was suitably stored and disposed of and no complaints received.

5. FISH SHOPS AND HAWKERS

There were 4 premises used for the sale of fresh fish. Conditions were satisfactory and no complaint was received.

Five persons used their vehicles for hawking fresh fish in the Borough, two of them being residents in the area.

6. HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND CANTEENS:

There were 45 hotels, restaurants and cafes catering for the needs of the public. On inspection some minor improvements and redecoration were carried out in some of these premises. No complaints were received during the year in the Borough.

3. ICE CREAM:

Ice cream production in the area was made by the Cold Mix Method and supplied to businesses associated with the producers. The main ice cream supply in the Borough is obtained from national firms but small quantities are procured from suppliers in neighbouring towns. For samples were collected and submitted for examination in the Public Health Laboratory, Cardiff, and the results given as follows:

Submitted	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	No results
10	7	3	0	0	0

LABORATORY EXAMINATION RESULTS FOR PERIOD 1961-62

Year	Submitted	Grade 1	Grade 2	Grade 3	Grade 4	No. with no results
1961 ...	17	12	1	0	0	4
1962 ...	11	10	1	0	0	0
1963 ...	17	12	0	1	1	0
1964 ...	7	1	1	0	1	4
1965 ...	7	7	0	0	0	0
1966 ...	12	11	1	0	0	0
1967 ...	22	17	3	2	0	0
1968 ...	10	7	3	0	0	0

There were 112 premises licensed to sell ice cream.

4. HIGH RAYING BUSINESSES:

Seventeen premises were used in the sale of fried fish and chipped potatoes. No change in the structure or major alterations to equipment was noticed, but they were kept clean, waste was suitably stored and disposed of and no complaints received.

5. FISH SHOPS AND HAWKERS

There were 4 premises used for the sale of fresh fish. Conditions were satisfactory and no complaints were received.

Five persons used their vehicles for hawking fresh fish in the Borough, two of them being residents in the area.

6. HOTELS, RESTAURANTS, CAFES AND CATERERS:

There were 62 hotels, restaurants and cafes catering for the needs of the public. On inspection some minor improvements and redecoration were carried out in some of these premises. No complaints were received during the year in the Borough.

7. HOSPITALS:

Periodical visits were made to Neath General Hospital in order to carry out examination of foodstuff, so as to ascertain its fitness for human consumption.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955.

The following foodstuffs were surrendered as unfit for human consumption at various shops, stores and warehouses in the Borough during 1968:

	Cwts.	Qtrs.	lbs.	Ozs.
1579 Tins Fruit, various	17	0	18	4
159 Tins and Pkts. Fish	1	0	0	8
2332 Pkts. Frozen Foods, Fish, Veg., etc.	10	2	27	14
612 Tins etc., Meat Products	15	3	24	5
393 Tins Milk and Milk Products	2	1	13	4
103 Tins & containers - Miscellaneous	1	2	9	1
1036 Tins, cases, etc., Vegetables	6	0	4	11
	<u>54</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>12</u>	<u>15</u>

Total: 2 Tons 14 Cwts. 3 Qtrs. 12 lbs. 15 ozs.

GENERAL INSPECTION OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

The following tables give a summary of the numbers and types of premises registered during the year, together with the numbers of persons employed therein, visits made, exemptions, etc.

TABLE "A" - REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS:

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>No. of premises registered during the year</u>	<u>Total No. of registered premises at the end of year</u>	<u>No. of reg. premises receiving inspection during the year.</u>
Offices	4	159	4
Retail shops	9	307	9
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	0	23	0
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens... ..	1	48	1
Fuel storage depots	0	6	0
	<u>14</u>	<u>543</u>	<u>14</u>
Totals			

Periodical visits were made to Health General Hospital in order to carry out examination of foodstuffs, so as to ascertain its fitness for human consumption.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1932.

The following foodstuffs were surrendered as unfit for human consumption at various shops, stores and warehouses in the Borough during 1938:

	Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs.	Qrs.
1272 Tins Fruit, various	17	0	10	4
159 Tins and Tins, Fish	1	0	0	0
2332 Tins, Frozen Foods, Fish, Veg., etc.	10	2	27	14
612 Tins etc., Meat Products	12	3	24	5
353 Tins Milk and Milk Products	2	1	13	4
107 Tins & Containers - Miscellaneous	1	2	9	1
1036 Tins, Cakes, etc., Vegetables	6	0	4	11
Total	24	3	12	15

Total: 2 Tons 14 Qwts. 3 Qtrs. 12 Lbs. 15 Qrs.

GENERAL INSPECTION OFFICERS, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1934

The following tables give a summary of the numbers and types of premises registered during the year, together with the numbers of persons employed therein, visits made, exemptions, etc.

TABLE "A" - REGISTRATION AND GENERAL INSPECTIONS:

Class of premises	No. of premises registered during the year		Total No. of registered premises at the end of year		No. of reg. premises receiving inspection during the year.
	Year	Year	Year	Year	
Office	4	...	159	...	4
Retail shops	9	...	307	...	9
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	0	...	23	...	0
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens ...	1	...	48	...	1
Fuel storage depots	0	...	6	...	0
Totals	14	...	243	...	14

TABLE "B" - NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED PREMISES:

875

TABLE "C" - ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED PREMISES BY WORKPLACE:

<u>Class of Workplace.</u>	<u>No. of persons employed</u>
Offices	1053
Retail shops	1780
Wholesale establishments open to the public	240
Canteens	5
Catering establishments open to the public	347
Fuel Storage depots	22
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	3447
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Total males ...	1308
Total females ...	2139

TABLE "D" - EXEMPTIONS

No applications for exemptions were received during the year 1968, and no current exemptions were in force under Part 1 - SPACE (Section 5 (2) or Part 11 - TEMPERATURE (Section 6).

Part 111 Sanitary Conveniences (Section 9):

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>No. of exemptions current at 31st Dec.</u>	<u>No. of exemptions granted or extended during year</u>	<u>No. of applications refused or withdrawn during year</u>
Offices	2	0	0
Retail shops	6	0	0
Wholesale shops, warehouses	0	0	0
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	0	0	0
Fuel storage depots	0	0	0

TABLE "B" - NUMBER OF VISITS OF ALL KINDS BY INSPECTORS TO REGISTERED TANNERS

875

TABLE "C" - ANALYSIS OF PERSONS EMPLOYED IN REGISTERED TANNERS BY WORKPLACE

Class of Workplace	No. of persons employed
Offices	1033
Retail shops	1780
Wholesale establishments open to the public	240
Canteens	3
Catering establishments open to the public	347
Fuel storage depots	22
Total	3447
Total males ...	1308
Total females ...	2139

TABLE "D" - EXEMPTIONS

No applications for exemptions were received during the year 1965, and no current exemptions were in force under Part I - STATE (Section 2 (2) or Part II - TERRITORIES (Section 6).

Part III Sanitary Conventions (Section 7):

Class of premises	No. of exemptions granted or extended during year	No. of exemptions refused or withdrawn during year
Offices	2	0
Retail shops	6	0
Wholesale shops, warehouses	0	0
Catering establishments open to public	0	0
Canteens	0	0
Fuel storage depots	0	0

Part IV Washing Facilities (Section 10):

<u>Class of Premises</u>	<u>No. of exemptions granted or current at 31st Dec.</u>	<u>No. of exemptions extended during year</u>	<u>No. of applications refused or exemptions withdrawn during year</u>
Offices	1	0	0
Retail shops	0	0	0
Wholesale shops, warehouses ...	0	0	0
Catering establishments open to public, canteens	0	0	0
Fuel storage depots	0	0	0

TABLE "E" - PROSECUTIONS:

There were no prosecutions during the year.

TABLE "F" - INSPECTORS:

No. of inspectors appointed under Section 52 (1) or (5) of the Act	4
No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act	1

CONTRAVENTIONS:

Number of notices served year ending 31st December, 1968	88
Number completed	63

ACCIDENTS:

Ten non-fatal accidents were reported. These were fully investigated and there being no evidence of any negligence or failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in this respect, it was decided that no further action was required.

Advice was give in certain instances on additional safety precautions which would minimise the possibility of any further accident.

Class of premises	31st Dec. during year		No. of applications refused or exemptions with- drawn during year
	No. of exemptions granted or current at extended	No. of exemptions	
Fuel storage depots	0	0	0
Public, canteens	0	0	0
Catering establishments open to	0	0	0
Wholesale shops, warehouses	0	0	0
Retail shops	0	0	0
Offices	1	0	0

TABLE "B" - PROSECUTIONS:

There were no prosecutions during the year.

TABLE "C" - INSPECTORS:

No. of inspectors appointed under Section 22 (1) or (2) of the Act
 No. of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act 1

TABLE "D" - ACCIDENTS:

Number of notices served year ending 31st December, 1968 28
 Number complied 23

Ten non-fatal accidents were reported. These were fully investigated and there being no evidence of any negligence or failure to comply with the provisions of the Act in this respect, it was decided that no further action was required.

Advice was given in certain instances on additional safety precautions which would minimise the possibility of any further accidents.

2. HAIRDRESSERS' ESTABLISHMENTS:

Inspections of these premises were carried out during the year to determine the conditions of the premises, cleanliness and removal of waste. Conditions were found to be satisfactory and no complaints were received. There are 25 of the premises used, 7 gentlemen, 17 ladies and 1 for mixed sexes.

3. OFFENSIVE TRADES:

An application was received from one person to continue the established offensive trade in the Borough, and consent was given. This was for one Rag and Bone Dealer: Messrs. Foner and Co., The Latt, James Street, Neath.

Frequent visits are made to these premises and considering the nature of the trade it was found to be satisfactory.

4. TENTS, VANS AND SHEEDS:

The Fairfield was used by persons associated with the Fairs and Circus, and it is provided with a water supply and sanitary conveniences.

5. CINEMAS AND BILLIARD HALLS:

The one cinema in the Borough was inspected to determine the condition of the sanitary conveniences and the general state and cleanliness of the premises.

Inspections were made of the one Billiard Club in the Borough. This was found to be satisfactory as to cleanliness and general maintenance.

6. LICENSED PREMISES:

There were 66 licenced premises and 22 registered clubs in 1967 situated within the Borough. On inspection conditions were found to be satisfactory.

7. PET ANIMALS ACT:

Three licences were granted under the above Act to persons trading in pet animals. The premises were visited and the conditions of the licences complied with.

8. THE RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951:

The re-registration of one premises under this Act was granted in 1968. On inspection of these premises the filling materials were found to have been obtained from licensed factories.

2. INSPECTIONS, ESTABLISHMENTS:

Inspections of these premises were carried out during the year to determine the conditions of the premises, cleanliness and removal of waste. Conditions were found to be satisfactory and no complaints were received. There are 22 of the premises used, 7 gentlemen, 17 ladies and 1 for mixed sexes.

3. OFFENSIVE TRADES:

An application was received from one person to continue the established offensive trade in the Borough, and consent was given. This was for one Rag and Bone Dealer: Messrs. Tomer and Co., The Lane, James Street, North.

Proposed visits are made to these premises and considering the nature of the trade it was found to be satisfactory.

4. THEATRE, MUSIC AND CIRCUS:

The Theatre was used by persons associated with the Fair and Circus, and it is provided with a water supply and sanitary conveniences.

5. CLUBS AND BILLIARD TABLES:

The one club in the Borough was inspected to determine the condition of the sanitary conveniences and the general state and cleanliness of the premises.

Inspections were made of the one Billiard Club in the Borough. This was found to be satisfactory as to cleanliness and general maintenance.

6. LICENSING MATTERS:

There were 66 licensed premises and 22 registered clubs in 1927 attached within the Borough. On inspection conditions were found to be satisfactory.

7. THEATRE MATTERS:

Three licences were granted under the above Act to persons trading in the Borough. The premises were visited and the conditions of the licences complied with.

8. THE ACT FOR THE REGULATION OF THE THEATRE MATTERS, 1921:

The re-regulation of one premises under this Act was granted in 1928. On inspection of these premises the Billiard tables were found to have been obtained from licensed factories.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

RATS AND MICE INFESTATION.

	<u>Local</u>	<u>Dwelling</u>	<u>Agricul-</u>	<u>Business &</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>Auth.</u>	<u>Houses.</u>	<u>tural.</u>	<u>Industrial</u>	
1. Properties inspected by Local Authority:					
(a) Notified as infested	13	261	0	59	333
(b) Otherwise	19	973	0	23	1015
2. Properties found to be infested by mice:					
(a) Major	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Minor	0	3	0	2	5
3. Properties found to be infested by rats:					
(a) Major	0	0	0	0	0
(b) Minor	32	1231	0	80	1343
4. Properties treated by Local Authority.	32	1234	0	82	1348

Surface Treatment:

Baits laid	4413	Dead rats found	459
Takes	2134	Dead mice found.....	7
No Takes.....	2279		

REFUSE TIP

The only Refuse Tip in the Borough is situated on marshland at Giant's Grave, Briton Ferry. Controlled tipping is carried out and the Council have a contract with Rentokil Laboratories for regular monthly treatment for rodent control.

INVENTORY OF LOTS BY TYPE ACT. 1942

LOTS AND HIGH INVESTMENT

	Local each.	Residing Business.	Agricultural- Commercial.	Business & Industrial	Total
1. Properties imposed by Local Authority: (a) Notified as imposed (b) otherwise	13 19	281 273	0 0	29 23	333 1012
2. Properties found to be imposed by acts: (a) Major (b) Minor	0 0	0 2	0 0	0 2	0 2
3. Properties found to be imposed by acts: (a) Major (b) Minor	0 32	0 1231	0 0	0 80	0 1343
4. Properties created by Local Authority.	32	1234	0	82	1340

Surface Treatment:

Notified	4413	Lead rate found	432
Imposed	2134	Lead rate found	7
Not Imposed	2272		

REVISIONS

The only Revisions to the Borough is situated on Marshland at
Stant's Grove, Wilson Ferry. Controlled tipping is carried out and the
Council have a contract with Hestonki Laboratories for regular monthly
treatment for rodent control.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The long standing complaint of dust emission from the cupola chimneys at a local Foundry was finally resolved during the year by the provision of 'wet grit arresters'. These seem to be working effectively and there have been no further complaints since they came into operation.

Some local industries are still operating older type plant burning solid fuel but generally the position in the Borough on both the industrial side and the domestic is satisfactory.

One application for prior approval of chimney height was submitted and the planned stack height was corrected in accordance with the Clean Air Act. Consultation was also made during the year with the Alkali Inspector in connection with emissions from the local heavy industry.

NEW FURNACES:

Two applications were received for prior approval during the year.

MEASUREMENT:

Pollution levels were continued to be monitored by the recording equipment at the Civic Centre but recording at Hengwrt School, Briton Ferry, was discontinued as the survey being carried out by Professor Lowe of the Welsh School of Medicine was completed during the year.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

The disposal of unclaimed bodies in the Borough (excluding hospitals) is the responsibility of the local authority, and arrangements to do so were made by the Health Department (Section 50, National Assistance Act, 1948).

Arrangements were made for the burial of one female under the provisions of this Act during the year.

The long standing complaint of dust emission from the cupola chimneys at a local Foundry was finally resolved during the year by the provision of 'wet type extractors'. These seem to be working effectively and there have been no further complaints since they came into operation.

Some local industries are still operating older type plants burning solid fuel but generally the position in the Borough on both the industrial side and the domestic is satisfactory.

An application for prior approval of chimney height was submitted and the planned stack height was corrected in accordance with the Clean Air Act. Consultation was also made during the year with the Air Pollution Inspector in connection with emissions from the local heavy industry.

NEW BUILDINGS:

Two applications were received for prior approval during the year.

MEASUREMENT:

Religion levels were continued to be monitored by the recording equipment at the Civic Centre but recording at Hengrove School, Hinton Park, was discontinued as the survey being carried out by Professor Jones of the Welsh School of Medicine was completed during the year.

BURIAL OF THE DEAD.

The disposal of enclosed bodies in the Borough (excluding hospitals) is the responsibility of the local authority, and arrangements to do so were made by the Health Department (Section 50, National Assistance Act, 1940).

Arrangements were made for the burial of cat remains under the provisions of this act during the year.

