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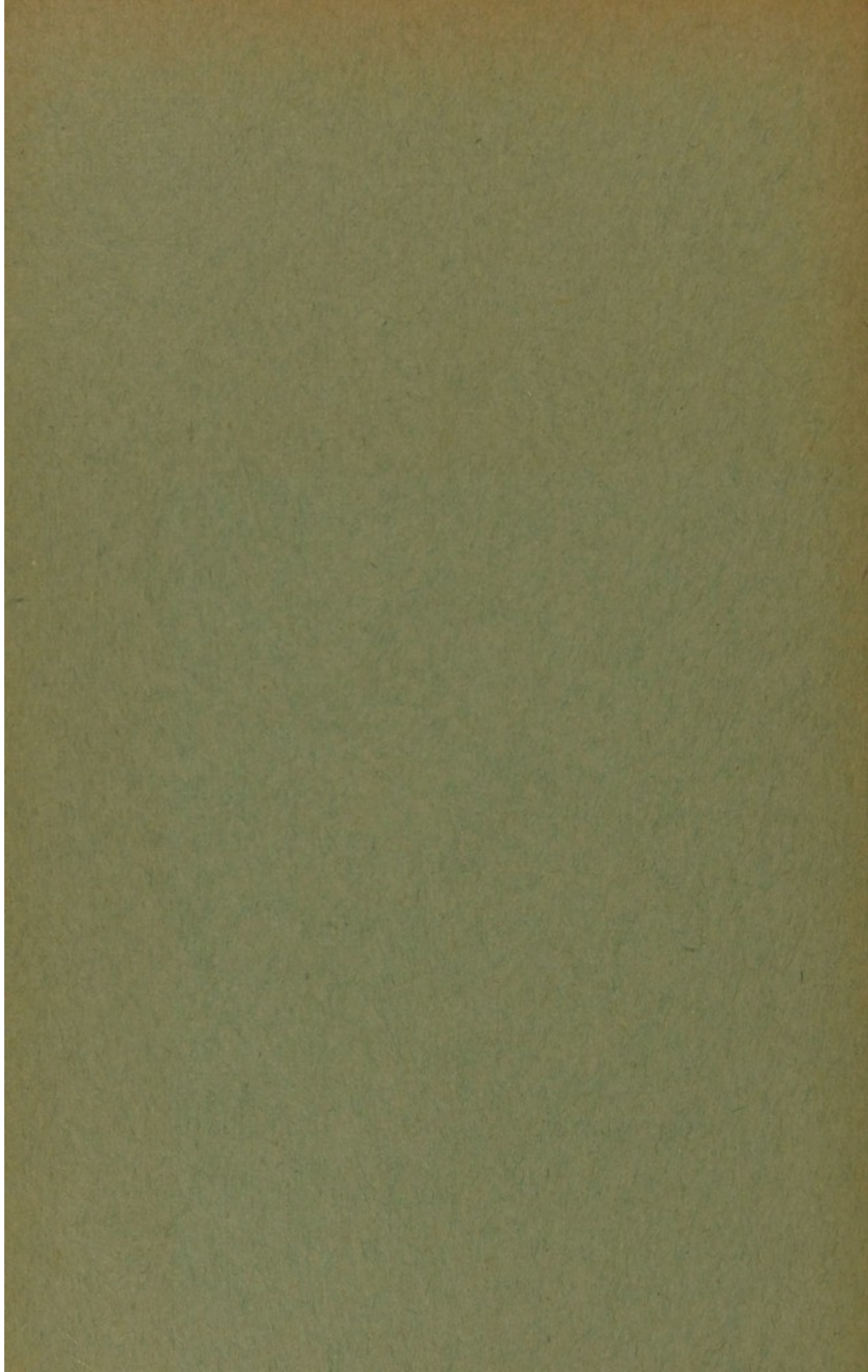
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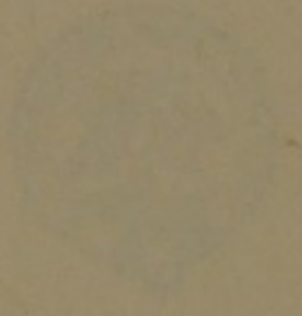
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## MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR 1959

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To the Chairman and Members of the  
Prestatyn Urban District Council.

I beg to submit for your consideration my Annual Report for the year 1959. It appears in the form laid down in Circular 1/60 Wales.

53 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified during the year. Of this number, 20 were cases of Measles and 19 were cases of Scarlet Fever.

Diphtheria Immunisation continues, 124 primary Immunisations and 44 re-inforcing injections being given during the year. It is gratifying to note that these figures represent a slight increase on those of 1958.

103 persons were vaccinated against Smallpox for the first time and 43 persons were revaccinated.

The vaccination of children against poliomyelitis is still playing a prominent part in combating this disease, and I am pleased to state that no cases of poliomyelitis occurred in this area.

2 cases of food poisoning were notified during the year. One case was due to *Salmonella typhimurium*. In the other case no organism was isolated. This satisfactory state of affairs would appear to indicate a good standard of hygiene in the town generally.

## Statistics

Our crude birth rate of 12.03 births per 1,000 of the population is lower than in 1958, when the figure was 14.98.

When corrected to compensate for our high proportion of elderly persons, the rate is 13.35 births per 1,000 population as compared with the national rate of 16.5.

The uncorrected death rate is 18.61 deaths per 1,000 of the population, compared with an uncorrected death rate of 17.49 for 1958.

Corrected for comparison with the rate for England and Wales, our death rate of 14.14 is somewhat higher than the national figure of 11.6. Here again is reflected the relatively high proportion of elderly persons over the age of 75 years.

There were 6 Infant deaths during the year, which gives an Infant mortality rate of 51.28 per 1,000 live births, compared with the national Infant mortality rate of 22.0 deaths per 1,000 live births.

### Elderly People and Elderly Sick People.

This problem of the elderly continues to a minor degree, but I have not been required to take any action for the removal of elderly persons to a place where they could receive care and attention during the year. The services of full-time home helps are available in the district and their work is greatly appreciated.

## Housing

Four 2-bedroom flats were completed in South Avenue by the end of the year, and a further 4 are due for completion early in 1960.

The total number of completed houses owned by the Council at the end of the year was as follows:—

Caradoc Terrace	15	7 x 3 bedrooms,	8 x 2 bedrooms
Dawson Park	72	60 x 3 bedrooms,	12 x 2 bedrooms
Bryn Melyd Road	22	18 x 3 bedrooms,	4 x 2 bedrooms
Isfryn Road	22	22 x 2 bedrooms.	
Bryn Rhosyn	178	174 x 3 bedrooms,	4 x 2 bedrooms
Maes Hendre	122	4 x 4 bedrooms,	106 x 3 bedrooms
		and	12 x 2 bedrooms

Pendyffryn

Gardens 22 22 x 2 bedrooms.

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Total 453

328 of these houses have been built since the war.

182 new houses were completed by private enterprise during the year and 99 houses were in course of construction at the end of the year.

The list of applicants for housing still remains heavy, but the position has now eased and the majority of applicants living under very bad conditions have now been housed.

All our essential services have been carefully supervised as you will note from the report, and the standard of milk and ice cream production has been most satisfactory.

Appended are the Reports of the Public Health Inspector, the Inspector under the Food and Drugs Act and the Climatology readings as taken by Mr Grant.

My Report would not be complete without an expression of thanks to the Health Committee for their keen interest, activity and co-operation and to the Public Health Inspector and Staff of the Public Health Department for their keenness and energy in tackling the problems which arose during the year. To the Clerk and my colleagues on the Council staff I express my gratitude for their helpful co-operation.

I remain,

Mrs. Evans and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

R. RHYDWEN.

## **Water Supply**

The Water Supply has been maintained at a high standard of purity.

All samples of treated water submitted for bacteriological examination were reported on as being satisfactory, with the exception of two samples, which were not quite up to the standard for treated water. The cause was due to faulty technique in sampling.

The number of samples submitted by the Water Dept. during the year was :

Bacteriological examination—

(a)	Raw Water.	...	....	0
(b)	Filtered Water	...	...	0
(c)	Filtered and Chlorinated Water			55

New mains were laid from Birch Grove along Cambrian Drive, Greenlanes, Linden Drive Extension, Seabank Road, Beverley Drive, Rhoslan Estate, Archers Green, Stephen Road, Ceg-y-Ffordd (Lindow). Beach Road West, Penley Avenue, Berwyn Estate, Fforddisa (Johnson), and Gas Works Lane.

Practically all houses in the area are supplied from the mains,

Number of dwelling houses served by public mains direct				
to house ..	...	...	...	3635
Estimated population of above dwelling houses			...	9486
Number of dwelling houses served by public mains by				
means of stand pipes	...	...	...	78
Estimated population of above dwelling houses			...	235
Five houses occupied by thirteen persons are supplied by wells, springs, etc.				

## Sewerage

The surface water system is in the main separate from the foul water system and in certain areas is unsatisfactory. Considerable flooding occurs during heavy thunderstorms, especially in the lower High Street area.

Some works have been in hand for several years and the construction of two air compressor stations to improve the operation of the sewage ejectors at the west

end of the district were under construction at the end of 1959. A contract had been entered into for the construction of an additional sewage ejector station at Bryn Rhosyn to relieve flooding. The open ditch at Maes Ffynnon was culverted during the year.

## **Food Supplies**

Careful supervision has been maintained over the premises of retailers, especially those of Butchers, Bakeries and Dairies. For number of inspections and details of shops, etc., see Public Health Inspector's report. All meat sold in the area is killed and inspected at the Public Abattoir, Rhyl.

The need for the greatest care in the preparation and handling of cooked meats, pies and pastries cannot be too strongly stressed in view of unfortunate experiences in past years. Inspection of premises has revealed a high standard of cleanliness in most premises and the department's advice has been readily accepted when tendered.

## **Food Poisoning Outbreaks**

Two cases of food poisoning were notified to me during the year. One case was found to be due to *Salmonella typhimurium*. In the other cases no cause was discovered.

## **National Assistance Act, 1948**

No formal action was taken under Section 47 of this Act during the year.

## **Refuse Collection and Disposal**

During the course of the year, the Council decided to use three vehicles for refuse collection throughout the Summer.

This action has somewhat alleviated the difficulties of maintaining a weekly collection, though the annual increase in the number of houses in the district will result in the situation recurring sometime in the future if no further action is taken.

## **Swimming Pools**

There are two swimming pools in the district, one being privately owned and one having been acquired by the Council. Samples of water taken were satisfactory in the main and the Council plans to make major improvements in the treatment of the water at their pool during the coming year.

## GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

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### Laboratory Facilities

These remain unchanged.

Pathological and bacteriological examinations of discharges, throat swabs, etc., are done at the Ministry of Health Laboratory, Conway. During 1959 they numbered 64.

In addition 113 samples of water and 37 samples of milk and 14 samples of ice cream were reported upon by the laboratory.

### Ambulance Service

This service is now provided by the County Council through its Ambulance and Sitting Car Service. The Service has its Headquarters at Holywell, the 'phone number being Holywell 3373.

### Home Nursing

This is County Council Service, the Queen's Nurses being under the direction of the County Health Services.

There is the equivalent of three full time Home Helps available in this district. Further particulars can be obtained from the County Health Office, Mold.

## Clinics

Ante-Natal and Child Welfare Clinics are under the control of the County Medical Officer of Health. Infant Welfare Centre held at the Prestatyn School Clinic, Kings Avenue, every Friday 1-30 to 4-30 p.m. A Medical Officer attends every first and third Friday.

Orthopaedic Clinic at The Clinic, Ffordd Las, Rhyl every second and fourth Tuesday mornings 10-30 to 12-30, Orthopaedic Nurse attends every session. Surgeon attends every two months.

Ante-natal Clinics are conducted by the Obstetrician and are held at the School and M. & C.W. Clinic, Kings Avenue on the first and second Friday in each month, at 9.30 a.m.

The Tuberculosis Clinic, in charge of the Medical Officers of the Welsh Regional Board has now removed to the Royal Alexandra Hospital, Rhyl and is held there every Friday morning at 10 a.m.

Free Hospital, Sanatorium, Clinical and Domiciliary treatment is available to all persons suffering from tuberculosis by arrangements made with the Welsh Regional Board.

## Venereal Disease

Treated at the Chester Royal Infirmary and St. Asaph General Hospital Out Patients Departments. All forms of venereal disease are examined and treated under conditions of strict secrecy. Cost of travelling to The Infirmary is paid, if patients cannot afford to do so. The tracing of contacts and the follow up of defaulters is undertaken by the County Medical Officer's Department. The Clinic at St. Asaph General Hospital is held on Tuesdays, from 5.15 p.m. to 7.15 p.m.

### TIMES OF CLINICS

#### **Wrexham & East Denbighshire War Memorial Hospital**

Mondays—Males, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Wednesdays—Males, 4 p.m. to 6 p.m.  
Fridays—Females, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### **Chester Royal Infirmary**

Mondays—Females, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Wednesdays—Males, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Thursdays—Females, 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.  
Saturdays—Males, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

### **H.M. Stanley Hospital, St. Asaph**

Tuesdays—Males and Females, 5.30 p.m. to 7 p.m.

### **Hospitals**

There are none in the Urban Area

Infectious cases are treated at the Colwyn Bay Isolation Hospital.

### **Notification of Births, Maternity & Child Welfare**

This service is entirely under the control of the Flintshire County Council and their health visitors.

### **Maternity Facilities**

There are two private Maternity Homes in the area, and one, Chatsworth House, under the control of the Clwyd and Deeside Hospital Board,

There are four registered midwives practising in the area.

### **Ophthalmia Neonatorum**

No cases have been reported during the year.

### **Scabies**

No cases have been notified during the year.

## Tuberculosis

For number of new cases, etc. see Table II.

No action required to be taken under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations 1926 (relating to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis employed in the milk trade ) or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936 (relating to the compulsory removal to hospital of persons suffering from Tuberculosis)

The aftercare of persons suffering from Tuberculosis is dealt with by a special Committee, which meets quarterly to consider the needs, financial or otherwise of each individual case.

All patients are visited in their homes by specially appointed nurses under direction of the County Medical Officer and Tuberculosis Physician.

All dwellings are disinfected as and when required. A register is kept of all cases in the area.

## Zymotic Diseases

The number notified during the year was 53 (fifty-three). Of these three received treatment at an Isolation Hospital. Care is taken to see that all necessary disinfection of premises and clothing is carried out.

## Immunisation

The above service was inaugurated in June, 1940. During the year 1959, 124 children received their primary immunisation, 99 of these were under 1 year of age, 22 between 1 and 4 years of age, and the remaining 3 were between the age of 5 and 14 years. In addition 44 children received a boosting dose.

Since 1940, 2772 children have been immunised against diphtheria.

Immunisation is carried out either by the family doctor, or at the Welfare Clinic, Kings Avenue on the fourth Wednesday in each month, from 2 p.m. to 3.30 p.m.

## **Vaccination**

87 children under 1 year, 2 children aged 1 year, 3 children between the ages of 2 and 4 years, and 1 child aged 5 to 14 years were successfully given a primary vaccination during the year. 10 people aged 15 years and over were similarly treated.

43 people were revaccinated. 3 were aged between 2 and 4 years, 8 between 5 and 14 years, and 32 were 15 years of age or more.

## **Rag Flock and Other Filling Material Act 1951**

Premises on Register—Nil.

No action necessary.

## **Public Places of Entertainment**

As required by Ministry of Health Circular 120/1920, all places of entertainment requiring Singing, Music and Dancing licences have been inspected for fire fighting apparatus, exits, general cleanliness, conveniences, etc., and except for minor defects, found to be satisfactory.

## **Smoke Abatement**

Complaints have been received from time to time concerning the emission of smoke and grit from a factory chimney in the area. The owners have been interviewed and have expressed their willingness to modify their plant with a view to minimising the nuisance. It is hoped that an improvement will be effected in the near future.

## Schools

Are under the control of the County Council Authority. The Heads of Schools are immediately notified of any cases of infectious diseases occurring amongst the scholars or in their homes.

## Lodging Houses

There are no Common Lodging Houses within the district.

## GENERAL STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS

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### Social Conditions

The district is purely urban, and as a seaside resort its chief interest is the catering for and entertainment of visitors. There is a large amount of residential property which would have greatly increased but for building restrictions during the war. The population largely consists of retired people.

Area (in acres)	...	...	...	...	3,655
Population (Census 1910)	...	...	...	...	4,083
" " 1931	...	...	...	...	4,511
Estimated population Mid 1959	...	...	...	...	9,720
Estimated number of inhabited houses 1921	...	...	...	...	770
" " " " 1931	...	...	...	...	1,579
" " " " 1958	...	...	...	...	3,702
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	£157,361
Sum represented by a 1d. rate	...	...	...	...	£620
General Rate in £1	...	...	...	...	21/11

## VITAL STATISTICS

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### Birth Rate

The number of births registered was 177.

		M	F	Total
Births	{ Legitimate	54	51	} 117
	{ Illegitimate	3	9	

This gives us a birth rate per 1,000 population of 12.03 births as compared with the rate for England & Wales of 16.5 births per 1,000 population. Corrected for strict comparison our rate would be 13.35 births per 1,000 of the population.

LIVE BIRTHS	...	...	...	...	117
Live birth rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	12.03
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	...	...	...	...	10.25
National Birth Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	16.5
STILL BIRTHS	...	...	...	...	3
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	...	...	...	...	25
National Still Birth Rate	...	...	...	...	20.7
Total Live and Still Births	...	...	...	...	120
Infant Deaths (deaths under 1 year)	...	...	...	...	6
INFANT MORTALITY RATES					
Total Infant Deaths per 1,000 total Live Births	...	...	...	...	51.28
Legitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births	...	...	...	...	47.6
Illegitimate Infant Deaths per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births	...	...	...	...	83.4
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate:					
(Deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total Live Births)	...	...	...	...	42.73
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate:					
(Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total Live Births)	...	...	...	...	17.09
Peri-Natal Mortality Rate:					
(Still Births and Deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total Live and Still Births)	...	...	...	...	41.66
MATERNAL MORTALITY (including Abortion)	...	...	...	...	nil
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	...	...	...	...	nil

## Death Rate

The total number of deaths of residents credited to the area was 181. The number of deaths of residents and non-residents registered by the local Registrar was 99. To this total there has to be added 94 deaths of residents who died outside the area and from this total of 193 deaths have to be subtracted the 12 deaths of non-residents who died in the Prestatyn Urban District, which leaves us with our final figure of 181 deaths of residents.

These 181 deaths in ratio to our population of 9720 gives the district a crude death rate of 18.61 per 1,000 of the population. Corrected for comparative purposes our rate is 14.14 deaths per 1,000 of the population which is to be compared with the national rate of 11.6 per 1,000 deaths of the population.

An outstanding feature is that 65 of the deaths were those of persons between 70 and 80 years of age, 56 those of persons between 80 and 90 years of age, and 7 those of persons over 90 years of age.

Heart diseases accounted for 54 deaths, Intracranial vascular lesions for 37 deaths, and cancer for 38 deaths. These diseases are in the main, those of the elderly

Tuberculosis accounted for no deaths.

For a complete list of causes of death see Table iii.

## Cemetery

There have been 55 interments in Coed Bell Cemetery during 1959 as compared with 58 in 1958.

Protestants—45  
Catholics—10  
Common Grave—0

I am,

Your obedient servant,

(Signed) R. RHYDWEN,

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE I  
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR 1959.

DISEASE.	At all Ages	Under 1 year	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-44	45-64	Over 65	Cases admitted to Hospital
Scarlet Fever ...	...	...	1	5	12	1	...	...	...	3
Diphtheria (Obs.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping Cough	...	...	1	4	3	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ...	...	...	6	6	5	2	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia ...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	2	1
Meningococcal Infection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Food Poisoning	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Dysentery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Polio-myelitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal Pyrexia	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...	...
Paratyphoid ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total ...	52	1	8	15	20	3	2	1	2	4

TABLE II.

## TUBERCULOSIS—New Cases and Mortality during 1959.

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20...	1	1	...	..	...	...	...	...
25...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
35...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
45...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
65 & upw'	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
d	2	4	...	...	..	...	...	...

## CASES ON REGISTER

	Males				Females				Total
	Pulm.	Non-Pulm.	Pulm.	Non-Pulm.	Pulm.	Non-Pulm.	Pulm.	Non-Pulm.	
Dec. 31st, 1958	... 73	... 4	...	...	55	... 6	...	...	138
Dec. 31st, 1959	... 72	... 4	...	...	56	... 6	...	...	139

TABLE III.—Causes of Deaths  
during the year 1959.

		Males	Females	Total
1	Tuberculosis Respiratory ...	0	0	0
2	"    Other .....	0	0	0
3	Syphilitic Diseases ...	0	0	0
4	Diphtheria ...	0	0	0
5	Whooping Cough ...	0	0	0
6	Meningococcal Infection ...	0	0	0
7	Acute Poliomyelitis ...	0	0	0
8	Measles ...	0	0	0
9	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	0	0	0
10	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	3	1	4
11	"    "    Lung	0	0	0
	"    "    Bronchus	5	0	5
12	"    "    Breast ...	0	4	4
13	"    "    Uterus ...	0	1	1
14	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms .....	12	12	24
15	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ...	0	1	1
16	Diabetes ...	0	0	0
17	Vascular Lesions of the Nervous System ...	12	25	37
18	Coronary Disease, Angina .....	21	16	37
19	Hypertension with Heart Disease ...	0	3	3
20	Other Heart Diseases ...	6	8	14
21	Other Circulatory Diseases ...	3	8	11
22	Influenza ...	1	0	1
23	Pneumonia ...	4	2	6
24	Bronchitis ...	7	2	9
25	Other Diseases of the Respiratory System ...	2	1	3
26	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	0	0	0
27	Gastritis, Enteritis, and Diarrhoea ...	0	0	0
28	Nephritis and Nephrosis ...	0	0	0
29	Hyperplasia of Prostate ...	0	0	0
30	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ...	0	0	0
31	Congenital Malformations ...	0	3	3
32	Other Defined and Illdefined Diseases ...	3	8	11
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	0	2	2
34	All other Accidents ...	0	4	4
35	Suicide ...	1	0	1
36	Homicide and War Operations	0	0	0
All Causes ...		80	101	181

## ADULTERATION, ETC.

**Food and Drugs Act, 1955**

Your Inspector under this Act has reported as follows:—

Herewith are particulars of samples taken under the Food and Drugs Act 1955, in the Prestatyn Urban District Council area, during the year ending December 31st, 1959:—

Description of Article	Number of Samples taken
Milk ... ..	8
Dairy Produce ... ..	4
Sausages ....	8
Fish and Meat Products ... ..	3
Confectionery ... ..	2
Alcoholic Drinks ... ..	3
Cooking Fats ... ..	2
Patent Medicines ... ..	4
Miscellaneous Groceries ... ..	15
Vegetables and Fruit ... ..	5
Total	<u>54</u>

One sample of milk contained traces of added water and a warning letter was sent to the producer retailer. Following information received from you, successful legal proceedings were instituted in respect of canned food stuffs. The labels on these cans did not comply with the requirements of the Merchandise Marks Act and labelling of food orders and five summonses were issued. The two companies involved were fined a total of £93 5/- inclusive of costs.

(Signed) E. LEWIS.

County Public Health Inspector.

## PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT FOR 1959

## General Summary of Visits, Etc.

## General Sanitation

Water Supply	...	...	...	...	...	63
Drainage	...	...	...	...	...	387
Stables, Piggeries, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	2
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	4
Camps, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	56
Factories and Workshops	...	...	...	...	...	27
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	7
Public Conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	99
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	...	143
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	3
Watercourses	...	...	...	...	...	6
Special Visits re Housing	...	...	...	...	...	28
Visits under Nat. Ast. Act, Sec. 47 and 60	...	...	...	...	...	—
Premises re insect pests	...	...	...	...	...	70
Miscellaneous Visits and Reinspections	...	...	...	...	...	265
Complaints received and investigated	...	...	...	...	...	544
Number of Nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	236
Number of Preliminary notices served for nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	21
Formal notices for nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	—

## Infectious Disease

Number of cases occurring	...	...	...	...	...	53
Enquiries	...	...	...	...	...	43
Number removed to Hospital	...	...	...	...	...	3
Disinfection	...	...	...	...	...	40

## Food &amp; Drugs Act

Butchers Shops	...	...	...	...	...	6
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	5
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	46
Ice Cream Premises	...	...	...	...	...	40
Food Preparing Premises	...	...	...	...	...	64
Dairies and Milk Shops	...	...	...	...	...	46
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	5

## Sanitary Defectsetc.

Defective Roofs	...	...	...	...	...	4
Defective Floors	...	...	...	...	...	9

Defective eaves and downspouts ...	...	...	...	...	12
Defective doors ...	...	...	...	...	4
Defective windows ...	...	...	...	...	13
Defective wall and ceiling plaster	...	...	...	...	25
Defective Grates ...	...	...	...	...	5
Defective Chimneys ...	...	...	...	...	1
Dampness ...	...	...	...	...	14
Defective sinks and washbasins ...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective gullies and wastepipes	...	...	...	...	2
Defective Pavings ...	...	...	...	...	4
Defective drains ...	...	...	...	...	12
Number of stopped drains	...	...	...	...	304
Defective inspection chambers ...	...	...	...	...	4
Defective septic tanks ...	...	...	...	...	3
Defective Water Closets	...	...	...	...	2
Defective W.C. cisterns and fittings	...	...	...	...	3
Insufficient W.C. accommodation ...	...	...	...	...	2
Insufficient Water Supply	...	...	...	...	12
Accumulation of refuse ...	...	...	...	...	2
Dilapidated dustbins ...	...	...	...	...	26
Dirty houses, outhouses and yards	...	...	...	...	0
Insect pests ...	...	...	...	...	70
Rats & Mice ...	...	...	...	...	139
Animals kept in insanitary conditions	...	...	...	...	3
Choked and insanitary ditches ...	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous ...	...	...	...	...	12

### Nuisances from premises other than dwellings

Farms & Dairies ...	...	...	...	...	1
Camps & Caravans	...	...	...	...	4
Cafes ...	...	...	...	...	6
Offices ...	...	...	...	...	—
Shops ...	...	...	...	...	3
Food Shops	...	...	...	...	5
Schools ...	...	...	...	...	2
Bakeries ...	...	...	...	...	1
Hotels ...	...	...	...	...	—
Garages, Etc.	...	...	...	...	—
Fried Fish Shops ...	...	...	...	...	—
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	7

### Refuse Collection and Disposal

Number of visits re Collection and Salvage...	...	85
Number of visits re Disposal	...	122

During the year a new 18 cubic yard Refuse Lorry was put into commission, and it would appear that this type of vehicle is more capable of dealing with the increased volume of refuse produced. It is hoped that, as the older 10 cubic yard vehicles become uneconomical to operate, they will be replaced by this type of vehicle.

The rate of building new properties continues to increase, resulting in a necessity to expand the services operated by the Council. If a regular collection of refuse is to be maintained consideration should be given to maintaining three Refuse Vehicles throughout the year.

Sick leave taken by the refuse staff (12 men) during the year totalled 100 days as compared with 123 days last year. This is a considerable improvement, and it is hoped that, with changes in the staff, the figure will continue to decline,

Work on the controlled tip is proceeding satisfactorily and an area of approximately five acres has been covered to a depth of six feet.

2791 loads were collected and disposed of, also, 26 night-soil pails are serviced each week.

A word of appreciation must go to the refuse collectors for their cheerfulness in carrying out their duties in all kinds of weather.

No charge is made for disposal of refuse at the Refuse Tip by private persons residing within the Urban Area.

No of loads of refuse collected	...	...	...	2791
No. of loads of refuse disposed of	...	..	...	2941
Area of district, in acres	...	...	...	3655
Population ...	...	...	...	9720
No. of Premises	...	...	...	4,515

## Salvage

		Tons	Cts	Qrs	Lbs	£	s.	d.
Mixed Paper ... ..	...	131	15	3	0	988	7	11 $\frac{3}{4}$
Fibreboard ... ..	...	42	11	0	7	404	5	7 $\frac{3}{4}$
White Paper ... ..	...	12	4	1	20	105	0	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rags ... ..	...	5	16	0	20	92	18	9
Mixed Metal ... ..	...		10	2	10	6	7	0 $\frac{3}{4}$
Heavy Scrap ... ..	...	6	12	0	0	26	8	0
		199	10	0	1	£1623	7	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Salvage 1958 ... ..	...	202	7	2	12	£1683	2	7

It is regretted that the value of salvage sold during the year is £59 less than that of 1958.

This is largely due to the difficulty in finding a market for Scrap Metal and the reduced quota imposed by the Mills in respect of Newsprint.

It is hoped that householders and traders will continue their efforts to put out salvageable materials since the income from this source continues to make a contribution to the rate fund. In addition, valuable tipping space is conserved, thus prolonging the life of the area available for this purpose.

## Water Sampling

			Bacterio- logical		Satisfac- tory		Unsatis- factory
Town Main supply	....	....	16	....	16	....	0
Holywell R.D.C. supply	...	...	9	...	8	...	1
Private Supply, Wells, etc.	...	...	1	...	1	...	0
Streams	...	...	8	...	2	...	6
Swimming Pools	...	...	30	...	28	...	2
Total samples taken	...	...	64	...	55	...	9

Regular samples are taken from the two Swimming Pools during the season and the results were generally satisfactory.

## Milk Supplies

Number of Samples taken of each grade						
Sterilised	...	...	...	...	...	0
Pasteurised	...	...	...	...	...	17
Tuberculin Tested	...	...	...	...	...	8
T.T. Pasteurised	...	...	...	...	...	11
Total	...	...	...	...	...	36

## Results of Examinations

	Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
Tuberculin Tested	...	8	...	0
Pasteurised	...	17	...	0
Sterilised	...	0	...	0
T.T. Pasteurised	...	11	...	0
Number of farms producing milk within the district	...	8	...	8
Tuberculin tested	...	...	...	8
Ungraded	...	...	...	0

The milk producers and retailers are to be congratulated on these results. The samples are taken monthly, so the results show a continued attention to clean milk production methods throughout the year.

## Milk Licenses

Dealers Licenses—	Tuberculin tested	...	10
	Pasteurised	...	18
	Sterilized	...	19
Supplementary Licenses—	Tuberculin tested	...	1
	Pasteurised	...	2
	Sterilized	...	2
Milk Distributors on Register.....	...	...	24
Visits to Dairies and Milk shops	...	...	41

## Ice Cream

Grade I	...	14	Grade III	...	0
Grade II	...	0	Grade IV	...	0

## Fried Fish Shops

Number of Fried Fish shops in District .... 5  
 These shops are well conducted.

## Food and Drugs Act, 1938. Section 14

(1) Number of Food Premises in the area, by type of premises :—

Grocers....	....	36	Sweet Shops	....	16
Greengrocers	....	12	Licenced Houses	....	8
Confectioners	....	11	Registered Clubs	....	9
Bakeries	....	14	Boarding Houses	....	5
Restaurants & Snack Bars		20	Hospitals	....	1
Butchers	....	11	Homes	....	5
Fishmongers and Game Dealers	....	4	Schools	....	6
Fried Fish Shops	....	5	Cinemas & Theatres		3
			Ice Cream Kiosks	....	5
			Candy Floss Kiosks		2
TOTAL			....	173	

This figure represents approximately one-third of the total business premises in the area.

(II) Food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

Grocers ...	... 18	Kiosks ...	... 5
Restaurants and Snack Bars	11	Fried Fish Shops	... 5
Sweet Shops	... 7	Butchers ...	... 1
Greengrocers	... 2		

Dairies registered under Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949-54 2  
 Number of shops retailing milk in closed containers .. .... 19

(III) 167 visits of inspection have been paid to Food premises in general, and 125 to those premises which are registered under the above mentioned Act and Regulations.

I am pleased to report that the food traders in general are continuing their efforts to provide a clean service in accordance with the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Due to the co-operation of those concerned, any breaches of the Regulations have been remedied without the necessity of resorting to formal action.

## Meat & other Food Inspection

All the town's Meat supply is slaughtered and inspected at the Rhyl Municipal Abattoir.

Other foods, canned goods etc., are inspected as necessary and the following is a list of unsound food condemned in shops.

SOLIDS			LIQUIDS
		lbs. ozs.	
Fruit	...	...2441 1½	2 Gallons Cream
Vegetables,	....	... 28 5½	51 Pints Tinned Milk
Fish	....	.... 48 6½	
Meat	....	.... 273 2	
Miscellaneous	...	.... 14 139½	
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		2805 13	
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## Byelaws under Section 15 of Food & Drugs Act 1938

No formal action was taken under the Byelaws during the year :

## Private & Adoptive Acts in force in Prestatyn Urban District Area

Prestatyn Urban District Act 1909.  
 Prestatyn Water Act 1909.  
 Infectious Disease (Prevention) Act 1890.  
 Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1890 (Whole Act)  
 Public Libraries Acts 1892 and 1893.  
 Private Street Works Act 1892  
 Public Health Acts (Amendment) Act 1907  
 (Except Parts V, VII and IX).  
 Public Health (Buildings in Streets) Act 1888.  
 New Streets Act 1951.  
 S D, A. Small Dwellings Aquisition Act 1899-1923.  
 Housing (Financial Provisions) Act 1958,  
 Public Health Act 1925.

## Byelaws

Sanitary and Cleanly Conditions in Handling Food 1950.  
 Building Byelaws 1939.  
 (Plus addition for Grates to burn smokeless fuel).  
 Tents, Vans, Sheds, and Similar Structures used for human habitation 1931.  
 Nuisances 1899.  
 Slaughterhouses 1899.  
 Water Bye-laws (made under Section 17, Water Act 1945).

## Factories, Workshops and Workplaces

### 1—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspect- tions	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2			
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities	42	27	3	
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>44</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>Nil</b>

### 2—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness ...	2	2		
Overcrowding ...				
Unreasonable temperature ...				
Inadequate ventilation ...	1	1		
Ineffective drainage of floors...	1	1		
Sanitary Conveniences				
(a) insufficient ...	1	1		
(b) unsuitable or defective ...				
(c) not separate for sexes ...				
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...				
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>Nil</b>	<b>Nil</b>

### PART VIII OF THE ACT—OUTWORK (Section 110 and 111)

Outworkers in August List required by Sec. 110 (1) (c) (2).

Wearing Apparel-Making, etc. ... .. 1

## Rodent Infestation

### Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The duties of the Rodent Officer are carried out by the General Assistant in the Health Department.

The number of small infestations, mostly in private dwellings is double the number for 1958. The majority of these are still being caused by bird lovers allowing unconsumed bread crumbs, etc., to remain on the ground. All such persons are requested to make use of bird tables or to place food in such a position that it is kept clear of the ground.

Residents are extremely co-operative in reporting the presence of rats or mice, and the Department endeavours to take prompt action on receipt of such reports.

The disinfection service is free to householders and a small charge is made for work done on business premises.

The Refuse Tip and Sewage Works are treated regularly, and there is no "resident" rat population, but numbers sometimes increase at harvest time.

The use of "Wafarin" has proved to be very effective and it has been possible to clear up all infestations, both major and minor, with safety as far as other animals are concerned.

#### TREATMENT CARRIED OUT:—

Private Dwellings	...	...	...	118
Council Dwellings	...	...	...	9
Business Premises	...	...	...	24
Council Property other than Dwellings	...	...	...	24
Farms	...	...	...	1
Total Visits	...	...	...	345

## Camps

There are eight licensed camping sites in the district.

Bastion Road Camp	30 acres	375 plots
Pen-y-Ffrith Camp	2½ acres	60 plots
Glan-y-Morfa Camp	3¼ acres	25 plots
Plas Morfa Camp	½ acre	9 plots
Morfa Du Camp	2 acres	25 plots
Prestatyn Holiday Camp	9 acres	135 plots
White House Camp	¼ acre	9 plots
Tan-y-Don Camp	3 acres	60 plots

Tan-y-Don is a Caravan Club Site.

The sites are very well conducted and the owners co-operate fully with this Department in keeping the sites clean and tidy. Bastion Road Camp has a Camping Association with a form of "self government" of the site.

The district is very popular with organisations such as Boy Scouts, Boys Brigade, etc., and individual Campers. During the month of August several fields are occupied by these camps. Inspections are made and I find that, almost without exception, they are maintained in good condition.

In addition to organised camping, the number of private persons who enjoy this type of holiday is on the increase. The indiscriminate use of various fields, and the sand dunes in the area is resulting in complaints of nuisances of varying kinds being received in the Department.

Whilst every effort is made to deal with such complaints, it would seem that this form of holiday-making is, like caravanning, here to stay, and that serious consideration will have to be given to the problem of providing satisfactory accommodation for tents in the near future.

## Talacre Warren

There are 77 hutments within the district, 23 of which are permanently occupied. The remainder are occupied during the summer months only.

The area is not sewered, nightsoil is disposed of by chemical closets and sullage water is drained to soakaways. Owing to the fact that much of this land is very low-lying, it is frequently flooded in winter, causing excessive dampness in many of the dwellings.

The water supply is provided by the Holywell Rural District Council and is not always sufficient to meet the very great demand made upon it during the summer months, when the population is very much increased by holiday makers.

Household refuse is collected once weekly by this Department, but difficulties are arising due to the indiscriminate dumping of refuse in the area by residents living elsewhere.

The standard of housing in this area is very low, the majority being suitable for inclusion in the Council's rehousing programme. It is possible that this area may revert to its original use for camping in the not too distant future, but if this scheme does not reach fruition, the Council will be obliged to take action.

## Public Conveniences

There are eight public conveniences in the town, and are situated at the Parking Ground, near the Palladium Cinema, Coronation Gardens, two at the Central Beach, near the Grand Hotel, at the Hillside Gardens, at Meliden, and on the Ffrith Beach.

It is with regret that I have to state once again, that although every effort is made to keep the conveniences clean they are often sadly misused and much wanton damage is done.

It has been previously reported that the Conveniences in the Central Beach area, Barkby Avenue, and the Hillside Area are substandard.

Improvements are to be carried out at the Central Beach, and this would appear to be an opportune time to deal with the problem of inadequate Conveniences in this area.

It is suggested that consideration be given to a rebuilding programme which would result in all inadequate and substandard buildings being replaced.

### Licensed Premises

All premises requiring a Magistrates licence were inspected during the year, and a report was presented to the Licensing Justices at the Brewster Sessions,

The premises inspected are as follows:—

Licensed Houses	...	...	...	9
Licensed Clubs	...	...	...	8
Public Halls, Cafe, etc.	...	...	...	6
Cinemas...	...	...	...	2

I am pleased to say that I did not have to report adversely on any of these premises.

### Mortuary

The mortuary was in use on 6 occasions and 4 postmortem examinations were carried out there.

## HOUSING

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Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year:—

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 28
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ... 35
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 2
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ... 16

## 2 Remedy of defects during the year without Service of formal Notices:—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ... .. 12

## 3 Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—

### (A) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act 1936 :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs ... .. 0

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—

(a) By owners ... .. 0

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

### (B) Proceedings under Public Health Acts

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ... .. 2

(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—

(a) By owners ... .. 2

(b) By Local Authority in default of owners 0

### (C) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ... .. 1

(1a) Number of houses for which Undertakings were accepted ... .. 0

(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ... .. 2

### (D) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957.

(1) Number of dwellings in respect of which Closing orders were made ... .. 0

(2) Number of dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the dwelling having been rendered fit ... .. 0

#### 4. Housing Act, 1936 (*Overcrowding*)

(a) (1) Number of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year	...	...	...	...	...	34
(2) Number of families dwelling therein	...					44
(3) Number of persons dwelling therein	...					169
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year	...	...	...	...	...	5
(c) (1) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year	...	...	...	...	...	6
(2) Number of persons concerned in such cases	...					22
(d) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	nil
(e) Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding conditions upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report	...					nil

The legal standard recognises living rooms as sleeping rooms, so that an ordinary 5 roomed house (2 living rooms and 3 bedrooms) could house 10 adults without been legally overcrowded.

In considering the cases of applicants for houses the Council recognises a "bedroom standard" for overcrowding and this has helped to relieve many cases of near legal overcrowding.

#### Rent Act, 1957

Certificates of disrepair issued	...	...	1
Certificates of disrepair cancelled	...	...	3

In conclusion of my report, may I express my appreciation for the help and kindness shown by the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, Dr. R. Rhydwen, Medical Officer of Health, Mr. J. Patterson, Clerk to the Council, the indoor and outdoor staff.

J. M. EDWARDS,  
Public Health Inspector.

## CLIMATOLOGY OF PRESTATYN

**Temperature**

Highest Temperature ... .. 81° on 20th August  
 Lowest Temperature 24 on 14th, 15th, 26th and 28th January  
 and 2nd February  
 Number of days below freezing point ... .. 23 days

**Sunshine**

Total for the year ... .. 1492.5 hours  
 Highest Monthly Total ... .. (June) 229.6 hours  
 Lowest Monthly Total .. ... (December) 19.6 hours

**Rainfall**

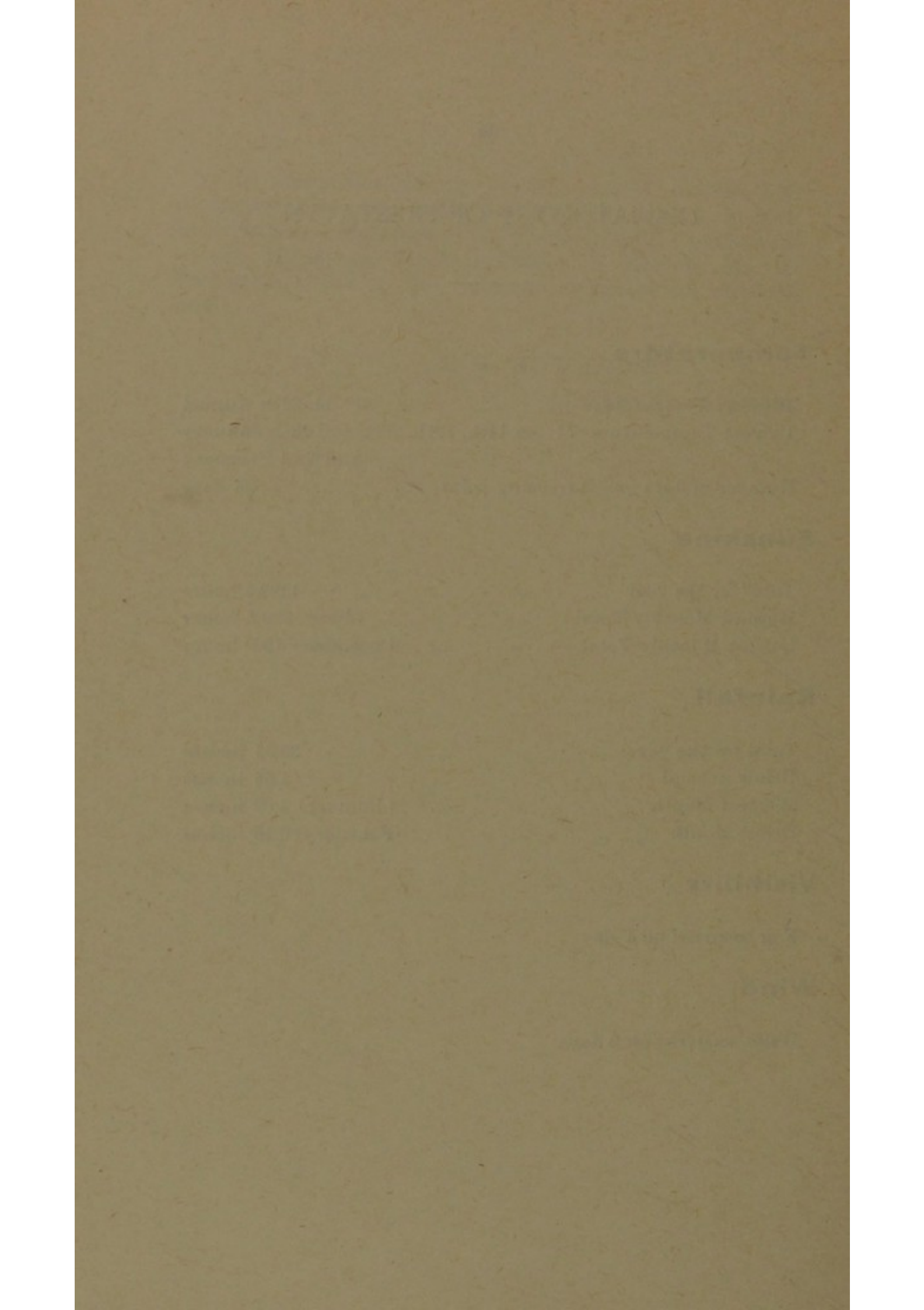
Total for the year ... .. 25.55 inches  
 Below normal ... .. 1.55 inches  
 Wettest Month ... .. (January) 4.09 inches  
 Driest Month ... .. (February) 0.16 inches

**Visibility**

Fog occurred on 1 day.

**Wind**

Gales occurred on 2 days.





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