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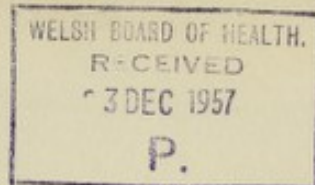
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B O R O U G H O F T E N B Y

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE
YEAR 1956.



To his Worship the Mayor and Members of the Council,

I beg to submit the Annual Report for the year 1956.

V I T A L S T A T I S T I C S

Resident Population (Registrar General's Estimate).....1956.....
.....4,410.....

	Borough of Tenby 1956	Borough of Tenby 1955	County of Pembroke	England & Wales
Birth Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	12.0	13.3	16.3	15.7
Death Rate (per 1,000 pop.)	15.6	13.1	11.34	11.7
Infant Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births).	37.7	14.4	32.5	23.8

Live Births

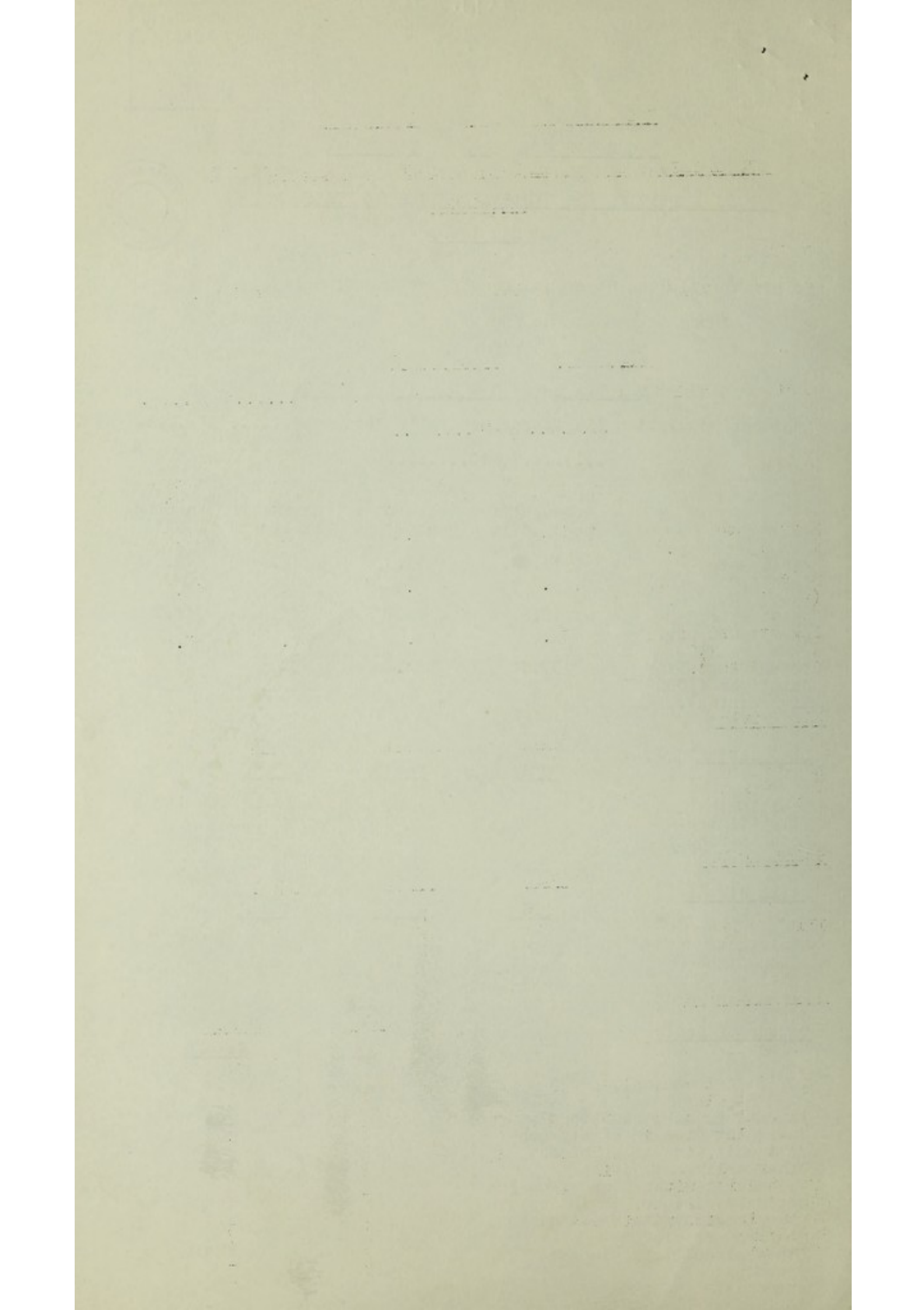
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	22	27	49
Illegitimate	2	2	4
Total Births	24	29	53

Still Births

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	nil	1	1
Illegitimate	nil	nil	nil
Total	nil	1	1

Causes of Death

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
TOTAL (All causes)	35	34
Infective and parasitic diseases	1	-
Malignant disease of stomach	1	1
Malignant disease of breast	-	1
Other malignant disease	2	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	4
Coronary disease, angina	5	4
Hypertension with heart disease	-	1
Other heart disease	6	4
Other circulatory disease	1	3
Pneumonia	2	1
Bronchitis	2	-
Influenza	1	-



	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	13
Motor Vehicle Accidents	-	-
All other accidents	2	1

The death rate is slightly higher than that for 1955. 71% of the deaths occurred in persons aged over 70 years and of these, 37.7% occurred in persons aged over 80 years.

The infant mortality rate shows an increase. There were 2 deaths of infants under one year, 1 being due to prematurity at the age of five days and the other to congenital heart disease at one month.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Malaria 1

TUBERCULOSIS

There was 1 case of pulmonary tuberculosis notified during the year and 1 which had been transferred from another district.

Prevention of Tuberculosis. B.C.G. Vaccination.

B.C.G. Vaccination of school leavers has now been carried out in the Borough since the Autumn term in 1955, and during 1956, 123 children were skin tested and of these 108 were vaccinated. Clinic sessions are held twice a month at the Warren Street Clinic for the vaccination of contacts and school leavers.

Mass Radiography.

The Mobile Unit of the Mass Radiography Service visited the County during the year.

<u>TENBY CENTRE</u>		<u>Grand Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Total no. of persons examined		971	439	532
No. found to be abnormal	10.2%	99	53	46
No. requiring further observation	1.24%	12	5	7
Other abnormalities of chest	8.96%	87	48	39

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIO-MYELITIS

Vaccination against polio-myelitis was commenced in 1956 and children born between 1947 and 1954 and in certain months, were eligible for vaccination. At the request of the Ministry of Health, this work had to be completed by the end of June.

NATIONAL HEALTH SERVICE ACT 1946.

LOCAL HEALTH SERVICE

Vaccination Free vaccination against smallpox is offered to all babies and to any other persons for whom it may be advisable. This is carried out by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council for notifications of either successful vaccination or failure after the second attempt. Records were received during the year of 5 primary and 9 secondary vaccinations.

Immunisation Immunisation against diphtheria is also carried out by the local practitioners, who are paid by the County Council on receipt by your Medical Officer of the record cards. Records were received during the year of 38 immunisations and 1 reinforcing injection.

Ambulance Service

This is the responsibility of the County Council, which has seven ambulances in the County and an arrangement for the provision of cars for "sitting cases". In 1956, the Tenby Ambulance dealt with 1787 patients, 469 of whom were stretcher cases and 1318 sitting cases. The total number of miles travelled was 30,363, an average of 16.43 miles per case.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948.

Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was necessary under this section.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

PHYLLIS M. BOWEN. M.R.C.S.,

L.R.C.P., D.P.H., D.C.H.

REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE
YEAR 1956.

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES FOR THE YEAR 1956.

Total No. of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health and Housing Acts).	- 322
No. of dwelling houses inspected and recorded under the Housing (Consolidated) Regulations 1925 and 1932, included in previous heading.	- nil
No. dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation.	- 38
No. of dwelling houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.	- 9
No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the local authority or their officers.	- 8

ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING YEAR

Housing Act 1936. Section 9.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs.	- nil
No. of dwelling houses rendered fit after service of formal notices (By Owners).	- nil

Public Health Act 1936.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied.	- nil
No. of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices. (By Owners).	- nil

Housing Act 1936. Sections 11 and 13.

No. of dwelling houses in respect of which demolition orders were made.	- nil
No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of demolition orders.	- nil

Housing Act 1936. Section 12.

No. of closing orders made.	- nil
No. of undertakings received, not to use premises for human habitation.	- 2

Housing Act 1936. Section 25.

By resolution dated 28th. August 1956, the Council declared Saint Domingo Place, Tenby, to be a clearance area.

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS FOR THE YEAR 1955

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HOUSING ACT 1936. PART IV - OVERCROWDING

The number of houses in the Borough which are overcrowded, cannot be ascertained without a survey.

HOUSING

84 dwellings were completed on the Council's Knowling Mead Estate during the year. These comprise 2 four bedroom houses, 52 three bedroom, 3 two bedroom, 20 two bedroom flats and 4 single bedroom bungalows.

10 dwellings, built by private enterprise, were completed during the year, the principal sites being North Cliff Estate and Glen View Crescent, Narberth Road.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Following the completion of the Marsh Road Sewerage Scheme, two houses on the Marsh Road were connected to the sewer and the septic tank previously used was isolated and will be demolished. Three more houses on the Marsh Road can now be served by this sewer and negotiations to this end are proceeding.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

A Bedford 12 cubic yard covered vehicle is used daily for refuse collection. The personnel of the department consists of one driver, two loaders, and two tip attendants.

Since the Council resolved to enforce the provisions of the Public Health Act 1936 relating to the provision of covered refuse bins, there has been a gradual improvement throughout the area in the type of receptacle used.

The Council's new refuse disposal site on Clickett's Lane was used continuously throughout the year. Covering material was readily available and every effort was made to prevent nuisance by adhering strictly to the Ministry's recommendations regarding controlled tipping.

WATER SUPPLY

All samples taken were found to be satisfactory.

RODENT CONTROL

One trained Rodent Operator is employed full time on this work under the general supervision of your Public Health Inspector.

Regular surveys are made and all complaints are dealt with promptly. Sewers in the town received two treatments during the year in accordance with the methods approved by the Ministry of Agriculture.

The following table shows the number of inspections and treatments carried out during the period under review:-

No. of properties inspected	-	688
No. of treatments carried out:-	(a)	Dwelling houses - 192
	(b)	Business premises - 37
	(c)	Local Authority premises - 13

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CAMPING SITES

5 Licences were issued under Section 269 of the Public Health Act 1936 in respect of caravan sites within the Borough, and each site was regularly inspected during the season.

The names of the sites and the numbers of caravans permitted are as follows:-

Kiln Park Trailer Caravan Co.	250 resident caravans 50 touring caravans tents for 200 persons
Saltern Caravan Site	40 resident caravans 10 touring caravans
Zion Gardens, St. John's Hill	19 resident caravans 9 touring caravans
Waterwynch	8 resident caravans 4 touring caravans
Windmills	6 resident caravans

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Milk Supply

Nc. of retailers	- 6
Nc. of inspections	- 40

Milk Samples

Satisfactory	- 24
Unsatisfactory	- 5

The unsatisfactory samples were due to a defect in the pasteurizing plant at the dairy, which was promptly attended to. This points to the importance of regular sampling in detecting any defect in the process of pasteurization.

Three dealers licences were issued to retail designated milk within the Borough. A quantity of loose milk is still being sold although this will cease as from April 1st. 1957, when Tenby is included in the specific areas where only specially designated milk may be sold. Even so, the bulk of the milk sold at the present time is pasteurized at the local dairy.

All schools are supplied with pasteurized milk.

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS 1949

Nc. of dealers licences issued during 1956	
(a) Tuberculin tested milk	- 3

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (PASTEURIZED & STERILIZED MILK) REGULATIONS 1949

Nc. of dealers licences issued during 1956	
(a) Pasteurised Milk	- 3
(b) Sterilized Milk	- nil

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955. Section 16.

Ice Cream

No. of premises registered to sell ice cream	..	17
No. of inspections	..	38
No. of manufacturers	..	2
No. of inspections	..	10

Ice Cream Samples

Satisfactory	..	4
Unsatisfactory	..	2

Meat and Other Food

No. of food premises:-

Grocers	..	15
Butchers	..	5
Confectioners	..	6
Greengrocers	..	9
Fish Friers	..	2
Cafes	..	18

Regular inspections were carried out during the year.

The following table gives the quantity of foodstuffs examined during the year and found unfit for human consumption.

<u>Description of Food</u>		<u>Weight Condemed</u>			
		<u>Owts.</u>	<u>Qrs.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>	<u>oz.</u>
Fresh meat	..	1	2	7	10
Tinned meat	..	-	3	18	10
" fruit	..	4	1	5	13
" vegetables	..	1	0	9	12
" milk	..	-	1	2 1/2	0
" scup	..	-	-	9	10
" fish	..	-	-	5	12
Miscellaneous	..	-	-	16	13
Total		8	2	4 1/2	0

All unfit food is buried at the Corporation's refuse disposal tip.

FOOD PREPARING PREMISES

A systematic survey of food preparing premises was commenced during the year. Following advice and suggestion, several cafe and hotel kitchens were completely renovated and re-equipped. One unsatisfactory bakehouse was closed and later in the year plans were approved for a new bakery on this site. It is hoped that the work will be completed early in 1957. A great deal remains to be done in achieving a reasonably good standard at premises concerned with the preparation of food, but the work done during the year is encouraging for the future.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955.

The Pembrokeshire County Council is the Food and Drugs Authority and the undernoted are the particulars of the sampling carried out during the year 1956.

No. of samples taken	..	23
Satisfactory	..	22
Unsatisfactory	..	1

FACTORIES ACT 1937 and 1948

	<u>No. on Register</u>	<u>Inspections</u>	<u>Notices</u>	<u>Prosecutions</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are enforced by Local Authorities.	7	10	nil	nil
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities.	45	55	nil	nil
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authorities (excluding outworkers' premises).	4	12	nil	nil
TOTAL	56	77	nil	nil

H.P. LAWRENCE

Public Health Inspector and
Housing Officer.

