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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR



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OSWESTRY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Public Health Office,
8, Oswald Road,
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Shropshire.

To the Chairman and Councillors,

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to present for your perusal the Annual Report for 1959.

The contents include the information required by the Minister of Health.

Total births numbered 289 (7 stillborn), and 250 deaths were registered.

(Oswestry R.D). (England and Wales)

The Birth Rate was	14.66	16.5
The Death Rate was	12.5	11.6
The Infant Mortality Rate was	27.3	22.0
The Still Birth Rate was ...	23.3	20.7

Prematurity, birth injury and malformations were the chief causes of the infant deaths, three quarters of which occurred during the first 2 or 3 days of life.

More than half of the adult deaths (127 out of 250) were due to lesions of the circulatory system. Cancer took second place, cancer of the lung and bronchus showing an increase.

During the year we experienced the anticipated measles epidemic (304 cases notified), and a localised outbreak of a mild form of Scarlet Fever (50 cases), but otherwise there was little notifiable infectious disease.

New homes have been built at Weston Rhyn (6) and West Felton (12) during the year. The subject of Old People's Bungalows has been discussed. I was very favourably impressed by the happy atmosphere of such a scheme developed by Shrewsbury Borough Council.

The last of the wartime hutments at Brookside Camp, Kinnerley are now no longer in use as dwellings.

The comprehensive scheme to bring water from Ruyton-Xl-Towns to Pentre, Edgerley, Melferley and the southern area of the district has been started. The Crickheath and Llanymynech water scheme has been put into operation.

Work on the sewerage scheme for Weston Rhyn is in progress, and schemes for Llanymynech and Ruyton-Xl-Towns are being planned.

The Chief Public Health Officer and Engineer have contributed sections to this report on the sanitary circumstances and water supply of the district.

I wish to thank all those who have at all times so willingly assisted me in the discharge of my duties, and in the preparation of this report.

As I now come to the end of my term of office as Medical Officer of Health to the Oswestry Rural District Council I take this opportunity of thanking the many Councillors both past and present for courtesy, help, and support which has been extended to me. My years of service in this beautiful county, first solely on the County Public Health Staff and now for nearly seven years also as your M.O.H have been very interesting and happy ones, as I have watched "my" babies and school children grow up and settle in homes with families of their own.

It is satisfactory to note how during these years health, and living conditions have improved.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

C. B. McARTHUR,

Medical Officer of Health.

June, 1960.

GENERAL STATISTICS

1959

The following are the General Statistics for the Oswestry Rural Health Districts:-

Area in acres	61,524.
Population figure given by the Registrar General.....	19,990
No. of inhabited houses on Rate Book at end of 1958....	5,148
Rateable value	£153,614
Sum represented by a penny rate	£561 7s. 6d.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR, 1959

<u>LIVE BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	154	128	282
Illegitimate.. ...	8	3	11
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population.			14.66
Birth Rate after correction by comparability factor			17.15
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births. ...			3.75

<u>STILL BIRTHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	4	3	7
Illegitimate.. ...	-	-	-
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still births			23.3
TOTAL LIVE AND STILL BIRTHS	166	134	300

<u>DEATHS</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
	136	114	250
Death Rate per 1,000 population			12.5
Death Rate after correction by comparability factor			11.37

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

Number of children under 1 year of age who died in 1959.	8
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births.	
Legitimate	27.3
Illegitimate.. ...	-

MATERNAL DEATHS

Maternal deaths (including abortion).. ...	-
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births.	-

Neo Natal (first four weeks) Infant Mortality; rate per 1,000 live births - 20.48

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	4	2	6
Illegitimate.. ...	-	-	-

Early Neo Natal (under 1 week); rate per 1,000 total live births - 20.48

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	4	2	6
Illegitimate.. ...	-	-	-

Perinatal Mortality Rate (still births and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 total live and still births - 43.3

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Legitimate	8	5	13
Illegitimate.. ...	-	-	-

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
Deaths from Measles (All ages).. ...	-	-	-
Deaths from Whooping Cough (All ages)..	-	-	-
Deaths from Diarrhoea (Under 2 years)..	-	-	-

BIRTHS, DEATHS, STILL BIRTHS, INFANT MORTALITY, MATERNAL MORTALITY

DISTRICT	Total Births	Birth Rate	Total Deaths	Death Rate	Still Births	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 live and still Births	Infant Deaths	Infant Mortality per 1,000 Live Births	Maternal Deaths	Maternal Mortality per 1,000 live and still births
OSWESTRY R.D.	293	14.66	250	12.5	7	23.3	8	27.3	-	-
COUNTY OF SALOP (1958)	4,686	15.67	3,334	11.15	109	22.73	90	19.21	2	0.42
ENGLAND & WALES (1959)	750,170	16.5	527,574	11.6	15,889	20.7	16,471	22.0	291	0.38

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSE	1959	1958
Tuberculosis, respiratory	1	-
Other forms of tuberculosis	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
Measles	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	7
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	13	3
Malignant neoplasm, breast	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	3	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	16	14
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	3	1
Diabetes	3	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	40	59
Coronary disease, angina	30	27
Hypertension with heart disease	4	2
Other heart disease	46	74
Other circulatory disease	7	9
Influenza	3	-
Pneumonia	8	3
Bronchitis	13	1
Other diseases of the Respiratory system	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1
Gastritis, Enteritis and diarrhoea	2	2
Nephritis and Nephrosis	2	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	4	4
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
Congenital malformations	1	2

CAUSES OF DEATH (Cont).

CAUSE	1959	1958
Other defined and ill defined diseases	28	17
Motor vehicle accidents	5	6
All other accidents	4	7
Suicide	3	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	-
All causes	250	249

INFANT MORTALITY

DISTRICT	Under 1 day M. F.	1 - 7 days M. F.	7 days- 1 month M. F.	1 - 3 months M. F.	3 - 6 months M. F.	6 - 12 months M. F.	TOTAL M. F.	Combined Total	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live Births
OSWESTRY R.D.		4 2				2	4 4	8	27.3

NEO-MORTALITY

Deaths of infants under 1 month	Percentage of total infant deaths	Rate per 1,000 live births
6	75	20.5

CANCER

	Deaths		Total	Rate per 1,000 Population
	M.	F.		
Oswestry R.D.	29	15	44	2.2
County of Salop (1958)			513	1.715
England and Wales			97,116	2.14

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE TABLE

Dysentery	Food Poisoning	Measles	Pneumonia	Polio- myelitis	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough
10	2	304	13	1	51	10

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May.	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	8	-	-	-	-	2	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	4	2	1	2	72	91	48	33	3	25	17	6
Pneumonia	2	2	8	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Polio- myelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever	3	6	23	7	7	2	1	-	-	1	1	-
Whooping Cough	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	6	-

NOTIFICATION OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASE, 1959

Ages.	Dysentery		Measles		Food Poisoning		Pneumonia		Polio-myelitis		Scarlet Fever		Whooping Cough	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-	-	-	8	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-
1-	-	-	11	7	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
2-	-	-	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-
3-	-	-	22	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1
4-	-	-	12	12	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-
5-	1	2	95	78	-	-	-	-	-	1	15	19	1	1
10-	-	-	10	11	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	1
15-	-	4	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25-	-	-	1	-	-	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
45-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	-
65-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Not known	1	2	1	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-
TOTALS:-	2	8	172	132	1	1	6	7	-	1	21	30	6	4

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATIONS, 1959

District	Under 5	5-14	TOTAL	Re-inforcing Injections
Oswestry R.D.	141	26	167	129

SMALLPOX VACCINATIONS, 1959

Percentage of children under the age of 1 year vaccinated.	Under 1	1 yr.	2-4	5-14	Over 14	TOTAL	re- Vaccina- tions.
38.4	109	8	8	6	6	137	40

WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATIONS, 1959

District	Total Numbers Immunised in 1959
Oswestry R.D.	133

TETANUS IMMUNISATIONS, 1959

District	Total Numbers Immunised in 1959
Oswestry R.D.	81

B.C.G. VACCINATIONS, 1959

School	Consent Forms Given out	Refusals	* No. of Consents Received	* No. of Children skin tested	* Skin Test Readings Pos. Neg.	No. Vacc- inated	* Re-Mantoux Pos. Neg.
QUINTA	12	-	12	11	2 9	1	- -
ST. MARTINS MODERN	47	-	47	39	7 31	26	42 1
SELATTYN C.E.	34	-	34	34	3 31	31	30 -
	93	-	93	84	12 71	58	72 1

* Discrepancies in figures are due to absentees.

CANCER

The two main causes of death are diseases of the circulatory system and cancer.

Unfortunately in both cases more deaths at an age earlier than in former years are being recorded. In the first case this may well be due to the increased pace of living and richer diets now consumed, in the other the earlier deaths (chiefly in men aged 45-60) are most often due to that form of cancer of which a very potent cause has been discovered by the study of statistics.

For any given patient it matters little whether a factor has contributed to or caused his disease (or demise). The elimination of this factor will lead to a reduction of the incidence of the disease. In this sense smoking, and especially cigarette smoking, is to be regarded as the most important factor in the development of lung cancer.

Present data indicate that 80% of all lung cancer occurring in males to-day would not have occurred were it not for tobacco smoking, and that about 10% of males over the age of 25 who smoke in excess of 20 cigarettes daily will develop lung cancer by the age of 75.

Last year 13 cases of cancer of the lung and bronchus occurred in our district.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE AND VACCINATION

The great majority of school children and many under school age have been immunised against diphtheria, whooping cough and against poliomyelitis, including the administration of the booster dose.

The response of the 15-25 year group to poliomyelitis vaccination has been poor, and many of those who came for vaccination did so only as a result of personal persuasion or in fear after the death from poliomyelitis of a prominent footballer.

B.C.G. vaccination to protect against tuberculosis is offered to all school children aged 13 and to contacts of tuberculosis in every case where immunity has not already been developed. It is expected that the B.C.G vaccination will shortly be made available for all older school children and students. Most Hospitals insist on this protection for all their students on or before starting training.

TUBERCULOSIS

During the past 10 years the incidence of this disease has fallen dramatically to almost half the 1948 figures. The anti-biotic drugs by this rapid conquest over the tubercle bacilli have so shortened the period of hospitalisation for most cases of tuberculosis that newly discovered patients can be admitted within days of diagnosis, thus enabling them to be treated in the early stages of their illness and preventing infection of those with whom they are in contact.

Figures published by the Registrar General show that whereas women formerly suffered the greatest incidence of tuberculosis in the 15-25 and 25-35 age groups, now the proportion of men and women at this age is equal, and in all the older age groups the men are now two, four or five times more frequently affected. It is therefore among the middle-aged and elderly that we must search for the unrecognised disseminators of tuberculosis, the broken-down lesion of their youth now masquerading as a "smoker's cough".

TUBERCULOSIS

NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1959

	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		TOTAL	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	4	-	-	-	4	-
Service Cases	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	2	3	-	-	2	3
	6	3	-	-	6	3
Cured	-	-	-	-	-	-
Left District	4	2	-	-	4	2
Deaths	1	-	-	-	1	-

Number of Cases on Register at end of 1959

<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>Non-respiratory</u>		<u>TOTAL</u>	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
47	23	12	11	59	34

Number of Primary Notifications in 1959	6
Death Rate per 1,000 population	0.05
England and Wales	0.076

CLINICS AND HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICT

TUBERCULOSIS

The Physician attends at:-

OSWESTRY: The Clinic, Upper Brook Street,
Every Friday from 1.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.

SHREWSBURY: The Chest Clinic, Copthorne Hospital,
Every Wednesday from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

VENEREAL DISEASES

Facilities for treatment:- Clinics.

Clinics are administered by the Regional Hospital Board and the one available for this area is given below, the Medical Officer attending on the days and at the hours given.

SHREWSBURY: 1, Belmont.

Tuesdays and Fridays:	Men - 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.
Thursdays:	Women - 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.
Mondays:	Women - 3.30 p.m. to 5-30 p.m.

HOSPITALS

Oswestry and District Hospital.

Copthorne Hospital, Shrewsbury, treats cases of Enteric Fever, Meningitis, Acute Poliomyelitis or Acute Encephalitis.

Monkmoor Hospital, Shrewsbury, admits other cases of Infectious Disease such as Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Measles, Whooping Cough, etc.,

Other hospitals which provide accommodation for the district are:

The County Council Hospital, Cross Houses, Shrewsbury.

The Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury.

The Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Shrewsbury.

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Oswestry.

All these hospitals are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board which was constituted in accordance with the National Health Service Act.

AMBULANCE SERVICES

Under the National Health Service Act it became the duty of the County Council, the Local Health Authority under the Act, to make provisions for securing that ambulance and other means of transport are available for the conveyance of persons suffering from illness or mental defectiveness and expectant mothers or nursing mothers, from places in their area to places in or outside their area.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury. Telephone: Shrewsbury 4684.

The Bacteriologist is Dr. A. C. Jones, and the Pathologist Dr. G. Grant.

This service is based on the Royal Salop Infirmary and undertakes the work for local authorities free of charge in so far as it is relevant to diagnosis. It is invaluable particularly in the expeditious dealing with the bacteriological examination of food samples.

BLOOD TRANSFUSION SERVICE

For very many people during the course of serious illness, blood transfusion is a life saving treatment. Anaemia, loss of blood in accidents, childbirth or operation and severe burns all call for the transfusion of blood.

The National Blood Transfusion Service Unit based on Birmingham visits Oswestry twice each year when a large number of public-spirited citizens from the Borough and Rural District attend to give blood.

New volunteers are constantly required to take the place of those leaving the district or reaching "retiring age".

The Shrewsbury Office has kindly supplied the following figures:-

OSWESTRY1959

<u>Attended</u>	<u>Bled</u>
265	242

A proportion of the donors come from the Borough.

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LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Brompton Hospital, Brompton, London, W.19. The Brompton Hospital is a voluntary hospital and is not a public hospital. The service is based on the Royal Brompton Hospital and is available to work for local authorities free of charge in so far as it is relevant to diagnosis. It is therefore particularly in the examination dealing with the bacteriological examination of food samples.

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1930-1931

1930-1931

252

A proportion of the donors come from the Borough.

The Rural District Council of Oswestry.

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Castle View,
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Oswestry 3347/8.

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OSWESTRY 1947.

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Oswestry.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF DISTRICT

REPORT

OF

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

SANITARY CONDITIONS OF DISTRICT

RAINFALL:- The total rainfall for the year was 33.0
Average over the last ten years 31.70
POPULATION figure given by the Registrar General 19,990

WATER SUPPLY

The following parishes are provided with a public water supply:-

	No. of houses supplied direct	No. of houses supp- lied by stand-pipe.
Selattyn.....	292	1
Weston Rhyn...	555	4
St. Martins...	590	-
Whittington...	959	-
Oswestry Rural	807	11
Llanymynech...	218	3
Llanyblodwel..	123	6
TOTAL:-	3,544	25

RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF PIPED SUPPLIES FROM PUBLIC MAINS

CHLORINATED

Date	Supply	B. Coli per 100 ml.	Faecal coli
29.1.59.	Maesbury. (Tap).	0	0
4.4.59.	Maesbury. (Tap).	0	0
29.1.59.	Mardy. (Tap).	0	0
27.5.59.	Mardy. (Hydrant).	180+	Present
10.6.59.	Mardy. (Hydrant).	18+	0
12.6.59.	Mardy. (Reservoir).	0	0
6.7.59.	Mardy. (Hydrant).	16	0
9.7.59.	Mardy. (Tap).	0	0
9.7.59.	Mardy. (Hydrant).	0	0
15.7.59.	Mardy. (Hydrant).	0	0

RESULTS OF BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS OF PIPED
SUPPLIES (Cont).

CHLORINATED

Date	Supply	B. Coli per 100 ml.	Faecal coli.
16.2.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant).	0	0
16.2.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant).	6	0
24.2.59.	Nantmawr. (Tap).	0	0
24.2.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant).	16	0
2.3.59.	Nantmawr. (Tap).	0	0
8.4.59.	Nantmawr. (Tap).	0	0
26.5.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant 5).	18+	0
26.5.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant).	18+	18+
26.5.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant 6).	7	0
10.6.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant 5).	2	0
12.6.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant).	0	0
12.6.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant).	0	0
6.7.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant 5).	3	0
15.7.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant 5).	18+	0
21.7.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant 5).	18+	0
10.8.59.	Nantmawr. (Tap).	18+	18+
10.8.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant 5).	9	0
10.8.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant 6).	0	0
17.8.59.	Nantmawr. (Tap).	0	0
1.9.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant).	0	0
1.9.59.	Nantmawr. (Tap).	0	0
1.9.59.	Nantmawr. (Hydrant 6).	0	0
29.1.59.	Sweeney. (Tap).	0	0
4.4.59.	Sweeney. (Tap).	0	0
23.9.59.	Sweeney. (Hydrant).	0	0

UNCHLORINATED

Date	Supply	B. Coli per 100 ml.	Faecal coli.
24.2.59.	Nantmawr. (Chamber).	0	0
17.8.59.	Nantmawr. (Spring).	0	0

PUBLIC WATER SUPPLIES

Progress on water supplies has been satisfactory during the year. The Crickheath Hill area, Dummy's Wood and Blodwel Bank have all been supplied with mains, and construction of head works and laying of mains from Ruyton-Xl-Towns through to Pentre, Edgerley and Kinnerley have been in progress during the year. There has also been an extension from St. Martins to Penybryn and Glyn Morlas. When these areas are completed the most urgent places requiring water will be West Felton, Queens Head, Rednal and Frankton. These remaining areas are being considered by the Council and it is hoped that the village of Frankton will be able to receive a supply from mains serving the Rural District of Ellesmere.

It is hoped also that during 1960 work will be commenced on the Reservoir at Mardy. This will afford greater storage which at the moment is down to a minimum.

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

41 samples of water have been taken from various private supplies. 14 have been found to be unsatisfactory and 27 satisfactory. Many of the unsatisfactory supplies are from shallow wells and the preclusion of pollution creates difficult problems but it has been found that often the installation of a small filter does provide quite a satisfactory solution so far as drinking supplies are concerned. Where such a remedy is not practicable consumers are advised to boil water before using for domestic consumption and the preparation of food.

SEWERAGE WORKS

The joint sewerage scheme between Ceiriog R.D.C. and Oswestry R.D.C. has progressed during the year but unfortunately not completed. The scheme has presented difficulties, but nevertheless the slow progress made has been very disappointing particularly in view of the good weather experienced during the year.

It is now anticipated that the actual work on the new sewerage scheme to serve Pant and Llanymynech will be commenced during the spring of 1960.

HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959

The Council have decided to re-introduce the giving of Discretionary Grants in respect of improvements to houses and it is expected that applications for this and the Standard Grants will increase as water and sewerage schemes are completed. Many owners who have been willing to improve their property have been prevented doing so by the lack of unsatisfactory water supplies. 31 applications in respect of Discretionary Grants were received and 31 approved. 14 applications were received in respect of Standard Grants and 14 approved.

HOUSING ACT, 1957

1. Houses dealt with in Clearance Areas during the year 1959:

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|-------|-----|--|-----|
| (i) | (a) | Unfit for human habitation included in clearance areas ... | Nil |
| | (b) | Number of houses demolished | Nil |
| (ii) | | Houses by reason of bad arrangement. | Nil |
| | (a) | Included in clearance areas | Nil |
| | (b) | Houses demolished | Nil |
| (iii) | | Houses demolished on land acquired under Section 43(2) .. | Nil |

2. Other than in Clearance Areas:

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|-------|--|-----|
| (i) | Houses demolished as a result of informal procedure under Section 17(1) | Nil |
| (ii) | Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by M.O.H. No. demolished | Nil |
| (iii) | Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders. | Nil |

3. Unfit houses closed:

- | | | |
|-------|--|-----|
| (i) | Number of houses closed under Section 16(4), 17(1) & 35(1) ... | 25 |
| (ii) | Number of houses closed under Sections 17(3) and 26 | Nil |
| (iii) | Parts of buildings closed under Section 18 | 1 |

4. Unfit houses made fit:

(i)	Houses in which defects were remedied by owner and after informal action by local authority ...	...	...	...	Nil
(ii)	Under Section 9	:	By Owner .	...	Nil
		:	By Local Authority...	...	Nil
(iii)	Under Section 16	:	By Owner .	...	Nil
(iv)	Under Section 24	:	By Owner .	...	Nil

5. Unfit houses for temporary accommodation:

(i)	Retained for temporary accommodation under Section 48.	Nil
(ii)	Retained for temporary accommodation under Section 17(2)	Nil
(iii)	Retained for temporary accommodation under Section 46	Nil

6. Licence for temporary accommodation:

Number of licences issued under Sections 34 and 53 ... Nil

7. Purchase of houses by agreement:

Number of houses in clearance areas other than those included in confirmed clearance orders or compulsory purchase orders - Number purchased Nil

8. Estimated number of houses still unfit for human habitation:

(i)	To be dealt with by demolition .	...	...	...	375
(ii)	To be dealt with by reconditioning	...	...	...	480

9. No. of temporary housing units occupied on 31st December, 1959:

(a)	Prefabs.	...	28
(b)	Huts	...	Nil

HOUSING ACT, 1957. (Cont).

	Houses erected during year		Houses in course of erection		Gained from conversion of large houses or buildings into Flats or dwellings	Lost from conversion of two or more houses to one
	For Slum Clearance	For Other Purposes	For Slum Clearance	For Other Purposes		
Local Authority	10	-	14	-	Nil	Nil
Private Enterprise	18	-	31	-	-	-

Number of Post-War houses erected from 1st April, 1945, to 31st December, 1959. By Local Authority By Private Enterprise	House Building Programme for 1960	
	For Slum Clearance	For Other Purposes
816 Not available	98	-

FILTHY AND VERMINOUS PREMISES

One house only has been found to be in a filthy condition and as this was a Council House the Council took action immediately and served Notice to Quit on the occupier. This has seemed to have had a very desirable effect on the tenant who immediately took steps to have the premises cleaned and further inspections revealed a better standard of cleanliness. The Council therefore suspended further action so far as eviction was concerned.

REFUSE AND SALVAGE: COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Refuse is collected and disposed of by direct labour. The number of men employed is nine. The vehicles comprise one - 7 cu.yd., one 10 cu.yd., and one - 16/18 cu.yd., Total of three.

The greatest problem is finding suitable sites for disposal. It was hoped that tipping might have been commenced at the old Sewerage Works at Weston Rhyn but the slow progress made on the new works has caused delay and therefore necessitated haulage to more remote sites, thereby increasing the cost of collection.

Salvage is still collected and although the amount is small it does of course save useful tipping space.

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Probably the most serious nuisance in the district at the moment is caused by the emission of dust from a dolomite quarry in the area. This matter has been discussed with the Company during the year and I am informed that as there is a comparatively small amount of dolomite in the area, the Company have been forced to consider future plans and it is felt that the nuisance will not exist very much longer when the plans, now being considered, are implemented.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

11 Licences were granted during the year. All have been in respect of families requiring permanent living accommodation.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

The Council have decided to proceed with the erection of public conveniences at the Racecourse which is a favourite spot for visitors at weekends. They have also under consideration the erection of similar conveniences at Gobowen and Llanymynech. Those at Llanymynech, it is hoped, will be provided jointly with the Llanfyllin Rural District Council.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS

Oswestry Borough and the Rural District Council of Oswestry still continue to operate a joint scheme controlled by a Joint Committee.

The work over the past years in the inspection and treatment of premises is now evident by the far less numbers of major infestations in the district and it is hoped that co-operation between the public and the Local Authority in the work of rodent eradication will continue.

NUISANCES

Number dealt with by Informal Notice	92
Number complied with	87
Number of Abatement Notices	1
Number Complied with	1

FOOD PREPARING PLACES

Fried Fish Shops

Number of registered premises	3
Number of mobile shops	2
Number of Inspections	4
Number of Notices served	Nil
Number complied with	Nil

Bakehouses

Number of Premises	7
Number Inspected	7
Number of Inspections	7
Number of Notices served	Nil
Number complied with	Nil

Cafes, Restaurants, and Canteens

Number of Premises (Including School Canteens)	38
Number Inspected	17
Number of Inspections	20
Number of Notices served	Nil
Number complied with	Nil

Food Shops

Number of Premises	82
Number of mobile shops	5
Number Inspected	28
Number of Inspections	37
Number of Notices served	Nil
Number complied with	Nil

Meat Product Preparing Rooms

Number of Premises	5
Number Inspected	5
Number of Inspections	11
Number of Notices served	Nil
Number complied with	Nil

Ice-Cream Premises

Number of Registered Premises	53
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There are no manufacturing premises in the district.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949

Dealers Licences authorising Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested"	11
Dealers Licences authorising Special Designation "Pasteurised"	6
Dealers Licences authorising Special Designation "Sterilised"	2
Supplementary Licences authorising Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested"	10
Supplementary Licences authorising Special Designation "Pasteurised"	9
Supplementary Licences authorising Special Designation "Sterilised"	7
Number of Registered Distributors	21

MISCELLANEOUS MEAT AND FOODS CONDEMNED

Meat

4 x 6 lb. tins Corned Beef.
4 x 12 oz. tins Corned Beef.
2 x 7 oz. tins Corned Beef.
2 x 5 lb. 12 oz. tins Corned Beef
2 x 8 oz. tins Pork Roll.
1 x 12 oz. tin Pork.
1 x 4 lb. tin Pork Luncheon Meat.
1 x 12 oz. tin Lunch Tongue.
1 x 6 oz. tin Lunch Tongue.
6 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. Bacon.
2 x 16 oz. tins Stewed Steak.

Milk

3 x 2 pints tinned Evaporated
Milk.
3 x 1 $\frac{3}{4}$ pints tinned Sweetned
Milk.

Fruit

20 x 8 oz. tins Tomatoes.
13 x 14 oz. tins Tomatoes.
3 x 2 lb. 3 oz. tins Tomatoes.
3 x 1 lb. 13 oz. tins Pears.

Vegetables

12 x 15 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. tins Peas.
3 x 1 lb. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. tins Peas.
1 x 15 oz. tin Peas.
5 x 10 oz. tins Peas and Beans.
1 x 1 lb. 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. tin Broad Beans.

Fish

2 x 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ oz. tins Sardines.
2 x 7 $\frac{3}{4}$ ozs. Salmon.

MEAT INSPECTION

The following carcasses were inspected by the Rural Inspectors at the Meat Company's Slaughterhouse in the Borough of Oswestry:-

Cattle	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
783	24	5,507	2,139

MEAT INSPECTION

Number of Licenced Slaughterhouses in District 1

PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSE AT KINNERLEY

	Cattle exclud- ing cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	100	-	-	395	43
Number inspected	100	-	-	395	43
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part organ was condemned	33	-	-	21	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	33	-	-	5.3	7.0
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	1
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	1.0	-	-	-	2.3

One case of C. Bovis was found in the Private Slaughterhouse.

One cyst was found in the external masseter muscle. The carcass was treated in accordance with
MEMO 3.

In all cases an effort is made to trace the source of infection.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948

PART I OF THE ACT

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

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	6	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	52	21	-	-
(iii) Other Premises	10	10	-	-
TOTAL:	68	37	-	-

FACTORIES ACTS (Continued)

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases").

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were Instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To. H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7).					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	-	2	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	1	1	-	2	-

FACTORIES ACTS (Continued)

PART III OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	No. of out- workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in send- ing list to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecu- tions.
Wearing Apparel (Making etc).	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL:-	-	-	-	-	-	-

