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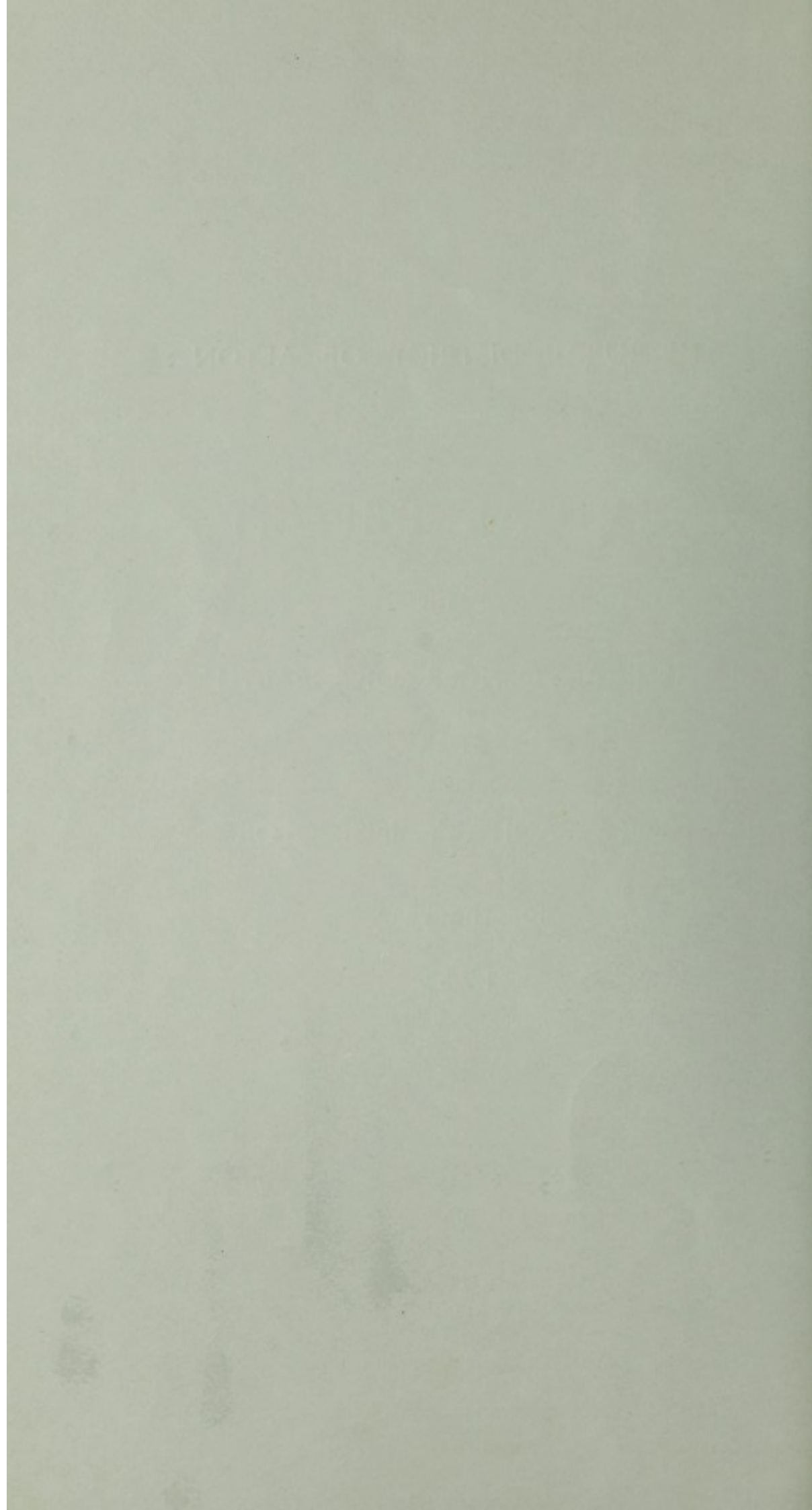
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September, 1956.

To the Chairman and Members of the Alton Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my last Annual Report as your Medical Officer of Health, giving the vital statistics and an account of the sanitary circumstances and administration in your District for the year 1955.

There are no unusual trends to report in the vital statistics; although there are fewer births and a drop in the Birth Rate, the adjusted Birth Rate is higher than the national figure. The number of deaths shows a slight increase but the adjusted Death Rate is lower than the national one. The fall in the number of stillbirths, neonatal deaths and infantile deaths all indicate that present practice is succeeding in reducing lives lost in these categories and the statistics generally indicate a healthy community. A warning note is sounded, however, when it is noted that lung cancer deaths show a further increase of three cases. Cancer accounted for 20% of the deaths, and heart and blood vessel disease for 38% of deaths. It is remarkable, however, to note that eight people were aged 90 and over before they died, the oldest being a man of 93 and a woman of 97.

Amongst infectious diseases measles dominates the picture, there having been a widespread epidemic in the early months of the year, with one death. There was a smaller number of cases of whooping cough and only one case of poliomyelitis. There was no case of diphtheria in the District. Nine years have now passed in succession without a case being notified, a remarkable tribute to all concerned and to the success of the immunisation work. Children today can get protection from many diseases. In fact, with the absence of the disease and its fears and anxieties, it is said that there are too many injections to which the baby is subjected. However, many of the injections can be combined; all are relatively simple and safe and the great saving of lives must commend these prophylactic procedures to all concerned and in fact such is their success that we look to the future for other like methods to save our children's lives and suffering.

In the section of the report dealing with housing, water supplies, supervision of food etc. the figures indicate the amount of work done by the Department. What the figures do not show is the amount of time and care which have been expended on this work and the assiduity of the sanitary inspectors in following up all the details in connection therewith.

The Health Services of the Welfare State are divided into three main sections, the family doctors, the hospitals and the public health services. The latter has two great sections, the personal health services and the environmental health services, each so important that the Health Services might be considered as having four main divisions and it is this latter basic service that you, as a Council, and your Public Health Committee are concerned. No one can deny the importance to the community's health of good sound houses free from damp, well lit and ventilated, with all the facilities for food storage and preparation, and with modern conveniences for heating, lighting and cleaning. Likewise the importance of wholesome food, good clean water and efficient sewerage and scavenging schemes is self-evident for the sound health of every individual.

The facts and figures in the report indicate how well as a Council these factors are being dealt with in Alton Rural District.

Division in the Health Services is, however, not what is wanted. It is the reverse, the closest linking of all services working towards the one end and I am glad to say that during my time as your Medical Officer of Health I have always found that there existed the closest contact and co-operation. This report gives me an opportunity of thanking all the family doctors in the area for their help and advice during my time in Alton. It also gives me, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen, the opportunity of acknowledging the encouragement and help which I so unflinchingly had from your Public Health Committee and from your Council. As representative of the people of the Rural District, whom I also served in the capacity of School and Clinic Medical Officer I say thank you for the courtesy and consideration shown me.

I take this opportunity also of recording my thanks to all members of my staff. For the accurate record keeping and gathering of statistical information, as well as efficiently carrying out the day to day routine, I am indebted to my clerks. I also owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Bennett, the Chief Sanitary Inspector, and his staff, Mr. Johnson and Mr. Wesley. During my term of office they have always been most loyal and efficient and conscientious. They have multifarious duties to carry out but the manner in which these have been done leaves nothing to be desired. For their ready assistance and the cheerful manner in which all these tasks were performed I am indeed grateful for it has led to a happy harmonious Department. I conclude by wishing my successor, Dr. J. Coutts Milne, every success whilst in Alton.

(Signed) RANDALL MARTIN.

Medical Officer of Health.
Alton Rural District Council.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA

As at 31st December, 1955.

Area, in acres 65,526

Total estimated home population
(including military) 24,556

Number of inhabited houses 6,291

Rateable value £174,184

Product of the penny rate 1953-54 £668

Estimated product of the penny rate
1954-55 £656

NAMES OF PARISHES, ACREAGE, HOUSES & POPULATION

Parish	Area in acres	Population 1955	No. of houses at 31.12.55	Persons per house
Bentley	2,483	778	265	2.93
Bentworth	3,763	623	192	3.24
Binsted	7,799	1,755	479	3.65
Chawton	2,194	525	150	3.50
East Tisted	2,621	189	68	2.78
Farringdon	2,105	447	180	2.48
Four Marks	1,502	1,360	465	2.92
Froyle	4,641	654	211	3.10
Grayshott	901	1,457	477	3.05
Headley	4,771	2,930	893	3.28
Kingsley	1,540	417	144	2.89
Lasham	1,797	191	53	3.60
Medstead	2,809	1,400	443	3.16
Newton Valence	2,069	221	89	2.48
Ropley	3,704	1,187	428	2.77
Selborne	4,830	1,251	385	3.25
Shalden	2,160	415	124	3.34
West Tisted	2,356	181	65	2.78
Whitehill	5,509	7,972	990	@
Wield	2,104	215	69	3.11
Worldham	3,868	388	121	3.20
Totals:-	65,526	24,556	6,291	3.10

@ Large military population included in population figures. Separate civilian population not known.

VITAL STATISTICS

B I R T H S

Total Population		1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
		22,920	25,330	25,080	24,690	25,280
Live Births Legitimate	Male	218	200	209	215	191
	Female	199	221	210	201	198
	Total	417	421	419	416	389
Live Births Illegitimate	Male	18	13	20	14	14
	Female	16	16	19	17	13
	Total	34	29	39	31	27
Total Live Births		451	450	458	447	416
Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Population.		19.7	17.8	18.3	18.1	16.5
England & Wales		15.5	15.3	15.5	15.2	15.0
Still Births Legitimate	Male	2	6	3	6	3
	Female	5	4	8	3	5
	Total	7	10	11	9	8
Still Births Illegitimate	Male	1	0	0	0	0
	Female	0	0	0	0	0
	Total	1	0	0	0	0
Total Still Births		8	10	11	9	8
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Births (Live & Still)		17.7	22.2	24.2	19.7	18.9

Comparability Factor is 1.16, so the adjusted Birth Rate for this District is 19.1 which is the figure for comparative purposes with England and Wales.

VITAL STATISTICS

D E A T H S

From all causes		1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
	Male	134	123	117	128	133
	Female	117	100	104	104	106
	Totals	251	223	221	232	239
Death Rate per 1,000 total population.		10.9	8.8	8.8	9.4	9.5
Average for England & Wales total population		12.5	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.7

The Death Rate Comparability Factor for this District is 1.03, allowance thus being made for local differences in the sex and age distribution of the population.

The adjusted Death Rate for this area is, therefore, 9.8.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no deaths attributable to this area during the year arising from pregnancy, childbirth or abortion. This is the second year in succession that no deaths from these causes have been recorded.

1. Tuberculosis	1	0	0
2. Cancer	0	0	0
3. Syphilis	0	0	0
4. Diphtheria	0	0	0
5. Whooping cough	0	0	0
6. Measles	0	0	0
7. Rubella	0	0	0
8. Chickenpox	0	0	0
9. Mumps	0	0	0
10. Polio	0	0	0
11. Typhoid	0	0	0
12. Typhus	0	0	0
13. Dysentery	0	0	0
14. Cholera	0	0	0
15. Scarlet fever	0	0	0
16. Erysipelas	0	0	0
17. Tetanus	0	0	0
18. Diphtheria	0	0	0
19. Hypertension with heart disease	0	0	0
20. Coronary disease, angina	0	0	0
21. Stroke	0	0	0
22. Diabetes	0	0	0
23. Liver disease	0	0	0
24. Kidney disease	0	0	0
25. Other diseases	0	0	0
26. Unspecified	0	0	0
27. Gastritis, Enteritis	0	0	0
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	0	0	0
29. Attention is drawn to the fact that these rates for the District are based on the small number of deaths recorded in this area.	0	0	0
30. Congenital malformations	0	0	0
31. Other defined and ill-defined	0	0	0
32. Motor vehicle accidents	0	0	0
33. All other accidents	0	0	0
34. Suicide	0	0	0
35. Homicide and operations of war	0	0	0
All causes	0	0	0

VITAL STATISTICS

INFANTILE MORTALITY

Deaths under 1 year of age. (legitimate)		1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
	Male	12	3	2	8	6
	Female	5	2	3	4	3
Deaths under 1 year of age. (illegitimate)	Male	0	0	0	0	0
	Female	0	1	1	0	0
Totals:-		17	6	6	12	9
Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births.		37.7	13.3	13.3	26.8	21.6
England and Wales Rate per 1,000 live births.		29.6	27.6	26.8	25.5	24.9

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Number of Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age (legitimate)		1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
	Male	8	2	2	1	3
	Female	3	2	3	2	1
	Totals	11	4	5	3	4

Attention is drawn to the fact that these rates for the Rural District owing to the small numbers involved are not statistically significant and rate comparisons with other areas or earlier years is misleading.

ANALYSIS OF CAUSES OF DEATH

Diseases.		Male	Female	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory ..	0	0	0
2.	Tuberculosis, other ..	0	1	1
3.	Syphilitic disease ..	0	0	0
4.	Diphtheria ..	0	0	0
5.	Whooping Cough ..	0	0	0
6.	Meningococcal infections ..	0	0	0
7.	Acute poliomyelitis ..	0	0	0
8.	Measles ..	1	0	1
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	1	0	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach ..	2	4	6
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..	11	1	12
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast ..	0	4	4
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus ..	0	2	2
14.	Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms ..	13	10	23
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ..	2	0	2
16.	Diabetes ..	0	0	0
17.	Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	11	19	30
18.	Coronary disease, angina ..	22	15	37
19.	Hypertension with heart disease ..	5	3	8
20.	Other heart diseases ..	15	21	36
21.	Other circulatory disease ..	8	1	9
22.	Influenza ..	0	2	2
23.	Pneumonia ..	8	3	11
24.	Bronchitis ..	6	2	8
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system ..	1	0	1
26.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	0	3	3
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ..	1	2	3
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis ..	1	1	2
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate ..	3	0	3
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth and Abortion ..	0	0	0
31.	Congenital malformations ..	1	2	3
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	10	7	17
33.	Motor vehicle accidents ..	4	0	4
34.	All other accidents ..	5	2	7
35.	Suicide ..	2	1	3
36.	Homicide and operations of war ..	0	0	0
All causes		133	106	239

THE SEX AND AGE DISTRIBUTION OF DEATHS

	<u>Age</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	Under 1	7	3
	1 - 9	3	1
	10 - 19	4	1
	20 - 29	3	1
	30 - 39	5	1
	40 - 49	4	3
	50 - 59	14	11
	60 - 69	21	14
	70 - 79	49	39
	80 - 89	21	26
	90 - 99	2	6
		<hr/> 133	<hr/> 106
	Total:-	239	

From the above tables it will be seen that:-

BIRTHS

There have been 31 fewer births in 1955 compared with 1954 and that the Birth Rate is the lowest over the last five years. The Still Birth Rate is slightly down. For the last quinquennium the Still Birth Rate is 20.7 which is a fairly satisfactory figure.

DEATHS

The deaths are the highest for four years as is the Death Rate although this figure is much the same as last year. The deaths of infants under one year, however, show a welcome drop of three and the infantile and neo-natal mortality over the last four years has been fairly steady and shows up 1951 as a year when these figures were high.

The disturbing increase in lung cancer and cancer of the bronchus is evidenced again, there being an increase of three, making the total 12 as compared with 1954. Eleven of these deaths were in males (9 males - 1954). Whether or not smoking has caused these deaths in the Rural District, there is no doubt now in the minds of the majority of doctors that cigarette smoking is definitely a factor in the production of lung cancer and all young people, especially boys about to leave school, should be warned of these facts. Prevention is better than cure, and prevention means telling, teaching and warning in this case.

PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following is an analysis of the infectious diseases which were notified during the year, with the four preceding years for comparison:-

Disease	Totals for				
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Scarlet Fever	17	15	26	11	6
Whooping Cough	106	69	115	75	74
Acute poliomyelitis (paralytic)	-	4	3	-	1
Acute poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-
Measles	381	233	329	144	432
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-
Acute pneumonia	17	10	14	26	8
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	1
Typhoid & paratyphoid fever	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	1	2	-	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	1	-
Meningitis, unspecified	-	-	-	1	-
Food poisoning	-	-	1	-	6
Puerperal pyrexia	1	1	2	1	2
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	-	-	-	1
Totals:-	522	333	492	259	531

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

MEASLES

The total of 531 cases in infectious diseases notified during the year is the highest for some time and is entirely attributable to the measles epidemic which started in the last quarter of 1954 and spread unhampered into the summer months of 1955. In all, 575 children in the Rural District were affected by this epidemic but no fatal cases were recorded. Measles has a definite mortality of its own and cannot be neglected. Many of the cases in this epidemic were reported as mild.

WHOOPING COUGH

With 74 notifications and no deaths, whooping cough was the second most prevalent disease. The national incidence and mortality was recorded in my report for 1954 and shows this disease to be a serious one, especially for the very young (i.e. under one year). It is also a disease which may damage the lungs with effects subsequently. During the year an immunisation scheme (see infra) was started in the District.

POLIOMYELITIS

One case of non-paralytic poliomyelitis was notified in the District early in the year (in April). Fortunately no other cases were reported. At the time of writing, a national scheme of vaccination against this disease is about to commence.

FOOD POISONING

The six cases notified all belonged to one family where an explosive outbreak occurred. All cases made a rapid recovery. The cause was attributed to a staphylococcus exo-toxin but the source of staphylococcus was never definitely established. The food was junket which had been prepared overnight; an excellent medium was thus provided for the germs which in the warm night multiplied, rapidly producing their poison. This underlines the three main points in food handling, clean ingredients, clean preparation and proper storage.

Earlier in the year, in June, a short sharp outbreak of food poisoning occurred in connection with a school canteen. 44 children and staff were affected. All made rapid recoveries. No causal organism was found in this case either.

Considering the warm summer and autumn which was experienced, the small incidence of food poisoning bears tribute to all food handlers in the District.

There was only one case of dysentery, notified in April, and none of the other gastro-intestinal diseases was notified.

OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

One case of ophthalmia neonatorum and two cases of puerperal pyrexia were also notified. In accordance with the Regulations which came into force on 1st March, 1955, the cause of the latter condition was required to be stated, if known, on the certificate. This is a further measure to trace the cause of this condition and thus its eradication from the community.

TUBERCULOSIS

Another remaining scourge is tuberculosis. The number of new cases in this District however shows a decrease from last year.

The age and sex distribution of cases notified is:-

Age	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Meninges & C. N. S.</u>		<u>Other</u>	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 5	-	-	-	-	-	1
25 - 44	3	2	-	-	-	2
45 - 64	1	-	-	-	1	1
Totals:-	6		0		5	

PROPHYLACTIC IMMUNISATION SCHEMES

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

During the year no case of diphtheria was notified in the Rural District, this nine years have now passed without a case of diphtheria occurring. This reflects the national trends which show that in 1955 in the whole of England and Wales there were only 161 notifications and 11 deaths (provisional figures). This has been achieved by the success of the immunisation campaign. This campaign has been pursued with vigour in this District. The parents of every child are contacted when the child is four months old and again at five years and at ten years old, and they are invited to have their children immunised or re-immunised either by their own doctor or at clinics. The response has been good, - 64% of children who during 1955 attained one year of age having received treatment. This is a much improved figure on last year (41%).

In May, 1955, a combined scheme of diphtheria and whooping cough immunisation started. The number of children protected during 1955 is shown in Table I.

(I) Number of children who completed a course of primary immunisation and who received reinforcing injections.

Ages	Diphtheria only		Diphtheria & whooping Cough		whooping Cough only	
	Prim.	Bstr.	Prim.	Bstr.	Prim.	Bstr.
Under 1	87	1	94	2	-	-
1 - 4	52	1	83	-	3	-
5 - 14	31	59	7	5	-	-
Totals:-	170	71	184	7	3	-

To assess the extent to which children in this area have been protected, the proportion of children of each age who have received at some time or other a course of injections against diphtheria as well as the ages at which the course was received must be taken into consideration. Therefore, the immunisation state is shown in the following table by (a) age at inoculation, and by (b) age attained.

(II) Number of children at 31st December, 1955, who had completed a course of immunisation at any time between 1.1.41 and 31.12.55.																
Age at 31.12.55, i.e. born in year	Under 1 1955			1-4 51-54			5-9 46-50			10-14 41.45			Total under 15 years			
Last complete course of injections 1951-55	D	C	W	D	C	W	D	C	W	D	C	W	D	C	W	
	2	61	-	863	164	3	1444	14	-	948	-	-	3257	239	3	
1950 or earlier	-	-	-	-	-	-	859	-	-	1729	-	-	2588	-	-	
Totals:-	63			1030			2317			2677			6087			

Note:- D - Diphtheria Immunisation only.
C - Combined Diphtheria and Whooping Cough.
W - Whooping Cough only.

VACCINATION

District Councils have no responsibilities in the matter of vaccination. It is a responsibility of the County Council who keep records etc. and who make payment to general practitioners for the return of the vaccination forms. However, the vaccination state of the community is one of concern to all. The higher the immunity state of the community, the less likelihood will there be of disaster should smallpox invade the District.

Vaccination is not compulsory. Since the introduction of the National Health Service Act, vaccination of children has been left to the good sense of the parents and the measure of success this simple procedure has had in banishing smallpox from the country should convince all of the efficacy of the procedure.

The percentage of babies vaccinated in the Rural District in 1955 under twelve months of age, expressed as a percentage of babies born in 1955, is 99.5%.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 (Section 47)

No statutory action was required under Section 47 of the Act regarding the removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

PROVISION OF GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES OF THE AREA.

As reported last year there is in the county a scheme of devolution to District Health Sub-Committees of certain functions of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

Membership of the No. 7 (Alton) District Health Sub-Committee is as follows:-

NO. 7 (ALTON) DISTRICT HEALTH SUB-COMMITTEE

Chairman of Committee - Mrs. E. J. Champney.

Vice-Chairman of Committee - Mrs. C. P. Thomson-Glover.

MEMBERS

Alton Rural District Council Representatives

Lady Bonham-Carter
The Hon. Mrs. T. Brand
Mrs. H. M. Cumberbatch
Miss A. M. Littlejohn
Mrs. N. S. Ryder
Countess of Selborne

Alton Urban District Council Representatives

Mrs. C. Kerridge
Mrs. C. Hareckham

Nursing Association Representatives

Miss M. R. Allam (Selborne)
Mrs. G. Coke (Bentley)
Mrs. I. M. Durham (Grayshott)

Special Nominees

The Hon. Mrs. V. L. Gilmour (Medstead)
Mrs. H. H. Sheldon (Alton)

County Council Representatives

Brig. E. W. Rogers
Lt.-Col. R. M. Digby

British Medical Association

Dr. W. S. Larcombe

WHITEHILL: Child Welfare Centre,
Men's Club.

WILD: Mrs. G. J. Baker,
2 Manor Farm Cottages,
Upper Wild.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The Ambulance Service is conducted by the County Council who supply monthly details of journeys to the Public Health Committee. The ambulances for the area are stationed at Alton.

Applications for the use of ambulances are made to:-

The Aldershot Ambulance Station,
(Telephone:- Aldershot 2244)

CHILD WELFARE

Child Welfare Centres are situated throughout the District at the following places and on the dates and times given. These centres are for the attendance of mothers and babies, and children under five. Activities at the clinics, at which a doctor and nurse attend, include advice on feeding and child management, immunisation, weighing and the distribution of welfare foods and certain medicaments.

Centres for children under the age of 5 years are available as follows:-

<u>Centre.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Day of clinic per month</u>	<u>Time.</u>
Alton	Assembly Rooms	Every Tuesday	2-4 p.m.
Bentley	Memorial Hall	3rd Wednesday	2-4 p.m.
Binsted	Institute	4th Wednesday	2-4 p.m.
Bordon	Military Welfare Centre	1st and 3rd Thursday	2.45 - 4 p.m.
Froyle	Methodist Hall	1st Wednesday	2-4 p.m.
Grayshott	Village Hall	1st Friday	2-4 p.m.
Headley	Village Hall	2nd and 4th Fridays	2-4 p.m.
Kingsley	Cadet Hut	3rd Friday	2-4 p.m.
Longmoor	Military Welfare Centre	2nd and 4th Mondays	2-4 p.m.
Oakhanger	Village Hall	3rd Friday	3-4 p.m.
Selborne	Village Hall	2nd Wednesday	2-4 p.m.
Whitehill	Men's Club	2nd and 4th Thursdays	2-4 p.m.

NATIONAL WELFARE FOODS

Subsequent to the closure of the local offices of the Ministry of Food and the end of food rationing, arrangements were made for the distribution of welfare foods in the District at the centres and times shown below:-

Distribution Centres in Alton Rural District

<u>Centre</u>	<u>Time of Opening</u>
BENTLEY: Bentley Post Office, London Road.	Business hours.
BENTLEY: Child Welfare Centre, Memorial Hall.	3rd Wednesday in month from 2 p.m.
BINSTED: Child Welfare Centre, The Institute.	4th Wednesday in month from 2 p.m.
BORDON: Child Welfare Centre, Medical Inspection Room, The Barracks.	Every Thursday from 2 p.m.
EAST TISTED: Mr. Budd, The Stores.	Business hours.
FOUR MARKS: Mr. Tomlinson, The Post Office.	Business hours.
FROYLE: Child Welfare Centre, Methodist Church School.	1st Wednesday in month from 2 p.m.
GRAYSHOTT: Child Welfare Centre, Village Hall.	1st Friday in month from 2.30 p.m.
HEADLEY: Child Welfare Centre, Village Hall.	2nd and 4th Fridays in month from 2 p.m.
KINGSLEY: Child Welfare Centre, Cadet Hut.	3rd Friday in the month from 2 p.m. to 2.45 p.m.
LASHAM: Mrs. Pearce, The Post Office.	Business hours.
LINDFORD: Mr. Pears, Cross Road Store.	Business hours.
LONGMOOR: Child Welfare Centre, Medical Inspection Room, The Barracks.	2nd and 4th Mondays in month from 2.30 p.m.
MEDSTEAD: Women's Institute.	Every Monday 2.30 p.m. to 4 p.m.
OAKHANGER: Child Welfare Centre, Village Hall.	3rd Friday in month from 3 p.m. to 4 p.m.
ROPLEY: Mrs. Knowles, Coffee Rooms.	1st Friday in month from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
SELBORNE: Child Welfare Centre, Village Hall.	2nd Wednesday in month from 2 p.m.
WHITEHILL: Child Welfare Centre, Men's Club.	2nd and 4th Thursdays in month from 2 p.m.
WIELD: Mrs. G. J. Baker, 2 Manor Farm Cottages, Upper Wield.	By arrangement.

HEALTH VISITING.

The following are the Health Visitors and the areas which they serve:-

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>District.</u>
Mrs. J. E. Morrow.	13 Whitedown, Alton. (Phone: Alton 2097)	Alton, Holybourne, Chawton, Farringdon.
Miss A. M. Knapp.	161a London Road, Holybourne. (Phone: Alton 2829)	Bentley, Froyle, Rowledge, Blackmoor, Binsted, Worldham, Headley, Kingsley & Whitehill (part)
Miss V. Gawthorp.	No. 1 Bungalow, Infant Welfare Centre, Bordon. (Phone: Bordon 369)	East Tisted, Grayshott.
Miss M. Saville.	No. 2 Bungalow, Infant Welfare Centre, Bordon. (Phone: Bordon 292)	Whitehill (part) & Bordon Camp (civil and military)
Miss E. M. May.	No. 3 Flat, The Grange, Blackmoor. (Phone: Bordon 364)	Longmoor, Selborne, Newton Valence.
Miss B. B. Reynolds.	Adbeji, Hattingley Road, Medstead. (Phone: Medstead 3192)	Ropley, Medstead, Four Marks, Bentworth, Wield, & West Tisted.
Miss D. McKenzie.	c/o Hampshire County Council Health Centre, Brambllys Grange, Basingstoke. (Phone: Basingstoke 1897) (Home Number)	Lasham, Shalden.

DAY NURSERY.

During the year the number of priority cases attending the Nursery gradually dropped and eventually it was decided to close it on 30th July, 1955.

In future if there any children requiring to be looked after during the day a daily minders' scheme can be instituted.

HOME HELP SERVICE

A scheme of domestic help is available. The helpers are experienced women carefully chosen for their suitability for the work. They will run the home carefully, their job being to take over the housewife's work.

Home Helps are available for the following types of cases - when the housewife is sick or has to have an operation; when a new baby is expected; when several members of a household are ill at one time; and to give help to the elderly and infirm.

Application for a Home Help, accompanied by a medical certificate, should be made to the District Organiser. The charge depends on the hours worked and the income of the family after certain allowances have been made.

Division VI includes the Rural District of Alton and the Divisional Organiser now has her office at the Town Hall, Petersfield (Telephone:- Petersfield 771/773 - Ext 18), to whom application should be made for a Home Help.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological examinations of clinical matter (sputum, swabs, etc.) and of water, milk and foodstuffs are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Hampshire County Hospital, Winchester.

Chemical analyses of water, sewage, milk and other samples are carried out by arrangement with the Public Analyst, Portsmouth.

Thanks are expressed to the Director of the Public Health Laboratory Service and the Public Analyst, Portsmouth, for their ready advice and assistance granted during the year.

ANTE-NATAL CLINICS

Clinics were held every Thursday at Alton General Hospital and at the Ante-natal Clinic, Whitehill.

The Medical Officers attending the Alton Clinics at the end of the year were as follows:-

1st Thursday	- Drs W. S. Larcombe and E. P. H. Shortt.
2nd Thursday	- Dr. T. C. Wilson.
3rd Thursday	- Dr. Helen E. Larcombe.
4th Thursday	- Mr. A. F. Goode.

SCHOOL HEALTH SERVICES

Clinics are held as follows:-

Orthopaedic	- Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital.
Ear, nose and throat	- Alton General Hospital.
Dental	- At Schools.
Ophthalmic and orthoptic	- Alton General Hospital.
Child guidance	- Health Centre, Winchester.
Speech therapy	- Leightons, 8 High Street, Alton.

MIDWIFERY AND HOME NURSING.

These services are administered as follows:-

District served.	Nurse.	Service given
Alton Chawton Farringdon E. & W. Worldham	Miss D. R. Hull, S.C.M., Gas/Air, 4 Edward Road, Alton (Tele: Alton 2379) (Retired 27.10.55)	Midwifery & general nursing.
Alton	Mrs. M. Coombes, S.R.N., Hill Crest, Windmill Hill, Alton. (Tele: Alton 3141)	General nursing only
Bentley Froyle Binsted	Miss M. Poole, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., 10 Babs Field, Bentley. (Tele: Bentley 3158)	Midwifery & general nursing.
Grayshott Headley Down Headley Common Barford, Hearn, Bramshott Chase.	Miss M. A. Cuff, S.C.M., Gas/Air, Nurse's Cottage, School Road, Grayshott. (Tele: Hindhead 409)	Midwifery & general nursing.
Headley Kingsley Arford Lindford Deadwater Standford Wishanger	Miss E. M. Cook, S.R.N., S.C.M., 57 Church Fields, Headley. (Tele: Headley Down 2158) (Resigned 20.8.55) Miss I. K. Brown, S.C.M., (Appointed 12.12.55)	Midwifery & general nursing.
Medstead Bentworth Shalden Lasham Four Marks(part) Wield	Mrs. J. Kercher, S.R.N., 3 Green Stile, Medstead. (Tele: Medstead 2100)	Midwifery & general nursing.
Ropley East Tisted West Tisted Four Marks(part)	Miss J. A. Johnson, S.C.M., Gas/Air, Kingsley, Church Lane, Ropley. (Tele: Ropley 3141)	Midwifery & general nursing.
Selborne Empshott Hartley Mauditt Newton Valence Oakhanger Blackmoor Longmoor	Miss E. M. May, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.Cert., No. 3 Flat, The Grange, Blackmoor. (Tele: Bordon 364)	Midwifery & general nursing & health visiting.
Whitehill Bordon Hollywater	Miss M. Saville, S.R.N., S.C.M., Gas/Air, H.V.Cert. No. 2 Bungalow, Infant Welfare Centre, Bordon. (Tele: Bordon 292)	Midwifery & general nursing & health visiting.

MIDWIFERY AND HOME NURSING

The abbreviations on the preceding table indicate the following qualifications:-

S. R. N.	- State Registered Nurse.
S. C. M.	- State Certified Midwife.
Q. N.	- Queen's Nurse.
Gas/Air.	- Gas and Air Analgesia Certificate.
H. V. Cert.	- Health Visitor's Certificate.

TUBERCULOSIS

Clinics are held at Aldershot, Basingstoke and Winchester, whilst sanatoria are available at Bishopstoke, Chandler's Ford, Liphook and Alton (Henry Gauvain Hospital and Lord Mayor Treloar Hospital).

VENEREAL DISEASES

Clinics are held at Aldershot and Winchester.

AREA WELFARE OFFICER

The Area Welfare Officer is Mr. C. Hemsley, whose office is at Manor Park House, Aldershot. (Telephone:- Aldershot 2341).

His assistant is Mr. P. H. Dean, County Council Health Centre, Bramblys Grange, Basingstoke. (Telephone:- Basingstoke 934).

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WATER SUPPLY.

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Samples of water from the mains supplies are regularly taken, for analysis, by the Water Undertakers themselves.

Other domestic supplies in the District are from wells. ANNUAL REPORT
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The following gives the number of properties and the population served by main water in each Parish:

PARISH	BUILDING SURVEYOR (acres)	Houses. supplied.	Houses supplied.	Population supplied
	FOR THE YEAR			
Bentley	24	192	263	770
Bentworth	2768	192	158	544
Binsted	7799	192	324	1182
Chawton	2194	180	92	322
East Tisted	2691	68	38	105
Farrington	2198	130	142	352
Four Marks	1802	468	350	1082
Frome	2411	192	768	2499
Great	2411	192	108	303
Headley	2411	192	51	123
Kingsley	2411	192	254	834
Leacham	1797	82	36	89
Medstead	2411	192	248	670
Newton Valence	2069	89	36	89
Ropley	3704	-0-	248	670
Selborne	4630	385	389	939
Shalden	2180	124	108	344
West Tisted	2368	65	31	86
Whitehill	6502	990	786	2436
Wield	2104	69	57	177
Worlham	3869	121	101	283
Totals:	65526	6291	4975	15235

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WATER SUPPLY.

There are piped main supplies in every Parish of the District. These supplies, from the Wey Valley Water Co. and the Mid Wessex Water Co. have been satisfactory throughout the year both in regard to quantity and quality.

Samples of water from the mains supplies are regularly taken, for analysis, by the Water Undertakers themselves.

Other domestic supplies in the district are from wells, springs and underground rain water storage tanks, from which samples for analysis were taken during the year as follows:-

For bacteriological analysis.....	11.
Results - satisfactory.....	11.
- unsatisfactory.....	0.

The following indicates the number of properties and the population served by main water in each Parish:

PARISH	Area (acres)	No. of houses.	Houses supplied.	Population supplied
Bentley	2483	265	263	770
Bentworth	3763	192	168	544
Binsted	7799	479	324	1182
Chawton	2194	150	92	322
East Tisted	2621	68	38	105
Farringdon	2105	180	142	352
Four Marks	1502	465	350	1022
Froyle	4641	211	197	610
Grayshott	901	477	474	1445
Headley	4771	893	762	2499
Kingsley	1540	144	105	303
Lasham	1797	53	51	183
Medstead	2809	443	264	834
Newton Valence	2069	89	36	89
Ropley	3704	428	242	670
Selborne	4830	385	289	939
Shalden	2160	124	103	344
West Tisted	2356	65	31	86
Whitehill	5509	990	786	2436
Wield	2104	69	57	177
Worldham	3868	121	101	323
Totals:	65526	6291	4875	15235

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DRAINAGE.

There was again a large increase in the number of private properties connected to the Council's sewers during the year.

In the Whitehill area, 107 new connections were made making a total of 267 private connections in all. In addition, all the Council's 272 properties are connected.

In the Holt Pound area, a further 22 private connections were made, making a total of 55 private connections in all.

In addition to the number of properties installing domestic drainage with connection to the Council's sewers, there was an increase in the number of septic tank installations.

RURAL HOUSING.

The Housing Acts 1949-54 contain provisions for Local Authorities to make grants for the improvement or adaptation of private dwellings, provided that the dwellings after improvement comply with specified conditions.

During the year 37 formal applications in respect of 57 properties were approved for grant, and schemes in respect of 60 properties were completed.

HOUSING ACTS.

Number of houses demolished as a result of formal procedure.....	8.
Number of houses closed in pursuance of undertakings still in force.....	9.
Number of houses closed as a result of closing orders.....	1.
Number of unfit houses rendered fit as a result of informal action.....	37.
Number of unfit houses rendered fit as a result of formal action.....	2.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

There are no private slaughterhouses in the district but the Alton Rural and Urban District Councils combined to provide a public slaughterhouse which came into use on 5th July 1954.

This slaughterhouse reverted to private ownership in October 1955.

Regular slaughtering has taken place at these premises and all animals slaughtered were inspected by sanitary inspectors of the Rural and Urban Councils, working alternate weeks.

Until grading was taken over by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries in May 1955, the sanitary inspectors acted at the Joint Public Slaughterhouse as certifying officers under the Fatstock Guarantee Scheme, Deadweight Certification, Pigs, and all pigs entered under the scheme were classified, weighed and marked and payment certificates were prepared in accordance with official instructions.

The following foodstuffs were inspected in shops and stores and surrendered for condemnation:-

Coffee.....	6	tins.
Cream.....	1	"
Fish.....	5	"
Fruit.....	67	"
Jam.....	1	"
Meat.....	15	"
Milk.....	9	"
Soup.....	1	"
Vegetables.....	13	"

The number of food premises in the area are as follows:-

Licensed victuallers' and clubs.....	56
Bakehouses.....	6
General stores.....	58
Greengrocers.....	3
Confectioners.....	9
Cafes.....	18
Wholesale grocers' warehouses.....	2
Butchers.....	11
Chemists.....	2
Hotel.....	1
Registered dairies.....	2

Thirty-five food premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955.

Routine inspections of food premises are carried out. There are no ice cream manufacturers in the District and no clean food organisation exists.

Sampling of food for adulteration is carried out by the Hampshire County Council and I am indebted to Mr. C.O. Perry, Chief Inspector, Weights and Measures, Hampshire County Council for the following information which he has supplied:-

4	samples	of	butter	and	other	fats	-	genuine.
2	"	"	drugs	-	"			
66	"	"	milk	-	"			
6	"	"	meat	products	-	"		
6	"	"	spirits	-	"			
12	"	"	other	foods	-	"		

The 66 samples of milk contained an average of 3.89 % milk fats and 8.80 % solids not fat.

All milk sold in the District is now pasteurised, sterilised or Tuberculin Tested. The following shows the number of designated milk licences granted during the year:-

Pasteurised Milk:

Pasteurising licences.....	0
Dealers' licences.....	10
Supplementary licences.....	6

Sterilised milk:

Sterilisers' licences.....	0
Supplementary licences.....	1

Tuberculin Tested milk:

Dealers' licences.....	4
Supplementary licences.....	6

Twenty-seven samples of milk were taken and submitted for examination by the Analyst, with satisfactory results.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

During the year, 18 licences were issued for moveable dwellings, making a total number of 51 licences in force at the end of the year.

Visits were made to all of the above to ensure the maintenance of sanitary conditions.

HOP PICKERS ACCOMMODATION.

Routine attention was again given during the season to this special type of accommodation.

There are in all 16 hop growers in 5 different parishes, providing separate hutted encampments, with, in addition, 7 tented encampments for travellers. These were all inspected before, during and after occupation.

PETROLEUM ACTS.

Seventy-seven licences were issued during the year for the storage of petroleum.

All new installations were inspected and routine visits made to all others.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT 1949.

The Council's rodent operator during the year carried out general inspections and treatments throughout the District as follows:

	Type of Property				
	Council	Private	Farms	Other	Total
Number of properties in district	10	5920	370	300	6600
Number of properties inspected	10	699	370	140	1219
Number of properties infested	5	150	170	29	354
Number of properties treated	5	131	-	4	140

NOTES:

Council houses are included under column "private".

The above figures relate to the number of properties inspected and/or treated and not to the number of inspections or visits made.

Disinfestations on properties not treated by the Local Authority are carried out by the occupiers upon advice from the rodent operator or by contract with commercial undertakings.

The number of visits made during the year by the Council's rodent operator are as follows:

Council properties.....	86
Dwelling houses.....	917
Business properties.....	155
Agricultural premises.....	715

Total number of visits..... 1873

FACTORIES ACTS 1937 and 1948.

The following particulars are those prescribed on the administration of the above Acts.

Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health:

Premises.	On register.	Inspections.
Factories in which Sections 1/4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	8	5
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	47	30
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority, excluding out workers premises.	69	69

Written notices were served in respect of the following:-

Want of cleanliness..... 4.
Insufficient san. accomm..... 2.
Defective san. accomm..... 4.

In addition one case of unsuitable sanitary accommodation, referred by H.M. Inspector, was remedied.

BUILDING BYELAWS AND PLANNING.

The total number of plans deposited with the Council during the year was as follows:

New dwellings..... 84.
Alterations and additions..... 81.
Conversions and adaptations..... 23.
Domestic garages..... 54.
Domestic drainage..... 82.
Farm and other buildings..... 13.
Sheds and stores..... 4.
Planning only..... 208.

Total number of plans..... 549.

The number of new dwellings erected by private enterprise during the year was 69.

There are 30 temporary building licences in force (none issued during the year). These are all regularly inspected.

I am indebted to the Council's Engineer, (Mr. John Blackwell, M.I.Mun.E., Chartered Municipal Engineer) for the following information as regards Local Authority housing, sewerage and public cleansing.

(Public cleansing was transferred from the Public Health Department to the Engineer's Department during 1954).

HOUSING.

The number of dwellings provided by the Council as at 31st December 1955 were as follows:

Pre-war dwellings.....	62.
Post-war temporary bungalows.....	116.
Post-war permanent dwellings.....	624.
Total.....	<u>802.</u>

During the year 1955, 34 new permanent Council houses were completed and another 90 were under contract.

SEWERAGE.

Part of the Parish of Bentley is sewered, the effluent being treated by broad land irrigation.

The greater part of the Parish of Whitehill is sewered, with discharge into treatment works at Lindford. These works also receive sewage from Bordon Military Camp.

During the year, an extension from the Whitehill sewers was made to drain the Council's housing estate at Headley.

Sewage was received and treated at the Lindford Sewage Disposal Works as follows:

Month.	Gallons.
January	8697000
February	9812000
March	9925000
April	8962000
May	10271000
June	8739000
July	9574000
August	9140000
September	8801000
October	8897000
November	8975000
December	9383000

The installation of sewers in the Holt Pound area of the Parish of Binsted was completed during the year.

Work commenced towards the end of the year on the sewerage scheme for the Parish of Headley.

Generally, the larger Council Housing Estates where sewers are not available are provided with estate treatment works.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

A general scheme of full refuse collection is in operation throughout the district.

Weekly collections are made in the Parishes of Grayshott and Whitehill, the remainder being served fortnightly.

The Council also undertake a weekly collection from the married quarters in the Bordon and Longmoor Military Camps, and regular removal of refuse from unit incinerators, approximating 80 cubic yards per week.

The Council's refuse vehicles averaged a total of 3,071 miles per month, collecting an average per month of 1,824 cubic yards of refuse.

Salvage of waste paper realised a total of 23 tons 12 cwt.

Disposal of refuse is by means of controlled tipping at various tips throughout the District. The main tip is on Council land at Bordon.

Cesspools and septic tanks were emptied throughout the District upon application as follows:

Private properties.....	1171 loads
Council properties.....	301 loads
Total.....	<u>1472 loads.</u>

Nightsoil collections are made in defined areas of the various Parishes, some twice weekly and some once weekly.

New public conveniences were completed during the year at Grayshott.

NOTE:

All public cleansing work is carried out by the Council's own vehicles and staff.

