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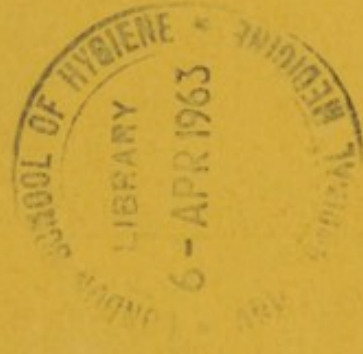
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RURAL DISTRICT OF ANDOVER

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

June, 1957.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Andover Rural District Council:

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my fourth Annual Report as your
Medical Officer of Health.

The vital statistics show that once again the District compared
very favourably with national averages. The corrected death rate at 8.2
is well below the figure for England and Wales, and although we should all
like to see a decrease in infant mortality, our rate is relatively low.

1956 was a year of non-prevalence of measles, and in all 92
notifications of infectious diseases were received (confirmed) as against
435 for 1955. This figure includes 1 confirmed case of non-paralytic
poliomyelitis.

The big public health event of 1956 was the issue, for the first time
in this country, of poliomyelitis vaccine, a step forward which we hope will
have a profound effect on the fight against this serious, and so often
disabling, disease. At the moment, although vaccine is in very short and
spasmodic supply, we hope to have enough to protect all children previously
registered, and we should soon be in a position to extend the list.

Another increase has taken place in the number of children primarily protected against diphtheria, but in smallpox vaccination we are still far short of the ideal of total infancy protection.

Throughout the year, I have had every co-operation and assistance from your Chief Officers and other members of the Council's staff, and I wish to record my appreciation.

I would again bring to your notice the team work which has been evident throughout the year, and this is shown also by the fact that I have received reports from your Surveyor and from Mr. Redman on housing, on which I have drawn for material.

I am grateful too, for the excellent work done by my secretary, Miss M.B. Lowman, particularly in connection with the increasing range of her work which has been occasioned by my duties undertaken on behalf of the County Council.

Your Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. L.J. Timothy, and the Additional Public Health Inspectors, Mr. P.D. Franklin and Mr. B.H. Young, have carried out their duties in their usual efficient and enthusiastic manner. A considerable amount of routine, unnoticed work falls on these officers, and I am grateful to them for their continued assistance throughout the year.

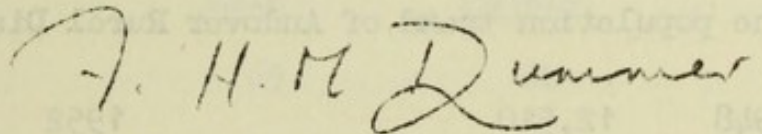
The extra work entailed in preparing the slum clearance programme and the supervision made necessary by the new Food and Drugs Regulations, have greatly added to their duties, and I express my thanks to them for their loyal co-operation and the high standards they have achieved.

The Department has been fortunate in having a Public Health Committee which has on numerous occasions shown its interest in the work, and I am grateful to all members both of the Committee and of the Council, for their kindness to myself and to my staff.

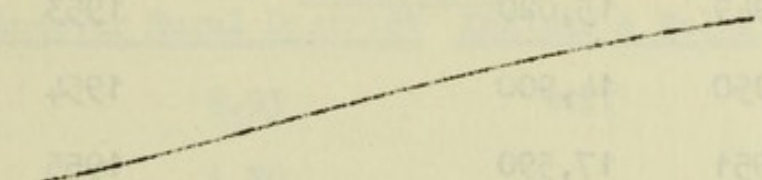
I am, Mr.Chairman,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,



Medical Officer of Health.



General Statistics

| | | |
|---|--------------|-------------|
| Area (in acres) | 67,811 | (67,811) |
| Registrar General's estimate of mid-year population | 21,730 | (21,240) |
| Number of inhabited houses | 4,439 | (4,355) |
| Rateable Value | £167,815 | (£113,664) |
| Estimated sum represented by penny rate | £788.10s.4d. | (£456.9. 3) |

The Registrar General's estimate of the population of this District at the end of June, 1956, was 21,730. The net gain for 1956 of births over deaths was 178.

The population trend of Andover Rural District is as follows:-

| | | | |
|------|--------|--------|--------|
| 1948 | 12,510 | 1952 | 19,690 |
| 1949 | 15,020 | 1953 | 20,670 |
| 1950 | 14,900 | 1954 | 20,210 |
| 1951 | 17,590 | 1955 | 21,240 |
| | 1956 | 21,730 | |

All figures in brackets in this report are comparisons with 1955.

Vital Statistics

| | <u>Births</u> | |
|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
| Total | 151 | 156 |
| Legitimate | 148 | 153 |
| Illegitimate | 3 | 3 |

| | <u>Birth Rate</u> | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | <u>Andover Rural District</u> | <u>England & Wales</u> |
| Live Births | 14.1 | 15.7 |
| Comparability Factor | 1.33 | |
| Corrected Birth Rate | 18.75 | |
| Still Births | 19.3 | 23.0 |

| | <u>Deaths (All Causes)</u> | |
|-------|----------------------------|---------------|
| | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
| Total | 65 | 64 |

| | <u>Death Rate</u> | |
|----------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | <u>Andover Rural District</u> | <u>England & Wales</u> |
| All Causes | 5.93 | 11.7 |
| Comparability Factor | 1.38 | |
| Corrected Rate | 8.2 | |

| | <u>Infant Mortality</u> | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | <u>Andover Rural District</u> | <u>England & Wales</u> |
| | 19.5 | 23.8 |

| | <u>Neonatal Mortality</u> | |
|--|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| | <u>Andover Rural District</u> | <u>England & Wales</u> |
| | 13.0 | 16.9 |

(The Birth and Death Rates are calculated per 1000 of the population.
The Infantile Mortality Rate is calculated per 1000 live births.)

The Death Rate

The local death rate, corrected for age and sex distribution was 8.2 per 1,000, which is 3.5 below the national average, and one of the lowest rates in the country.

As in previous annual reports, the main cause was heart disease which accounted for 38 per cent. of the total. This is a question of losing on "the swings" what one has gained on "the roundabouts", as far as the conquest of disease, in the earlier age groups, is concerned. Within this figure, however, is the appalling national increase in incidence of coronary thrombosis in people whom one would normally expect to have a considerable life expectation. In recent years, a great deal of interest - and research - has been concentrated on this subject. The disease has been attributed to many causes, among them being the stress of modern living. Possibly of even more importance is the "standard" of living now applicable to most sections of the community - richer foods and more "inactive" leisure, resulting in overweight, high blood pressure and the accumulation of predisposing products of diet. "All things in moderation" seems as good a slogan as one can devise in the prevention of cardiac onslaught.

Cancer deaths amounted to 22 per cent. of the total, a slight increase on last year. 3 people died of cancer of the lung. We still await a definitive pronouncement of the relationship of this disease to cigarette smoking and in the meantime the evidence is good enough to offer the advice "Don't !" to young people.

The infant mortality rate of 19.5 per 1,000 live births still remains below the national figure of 23.8. Although such a result must always be gratifying, I give the usual warning that with a small population such as ours, too much significance should not be placed on it. A slight change in aggregates, the one way or the other, makes a disproportionate difference to incidence and mortality rates. The statistics indicate, however, that on a comparative basis, your District is one of the healthiest in which to live.

Infectious Diseases

1956 was not a dominant year in measles, only 6 cases being notified. I show below a Table which brings out the two-yearly cycle of the disease very clearly:-

| | | | | | | | |
|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|------|-----|
| 1956 | 6 | 1954 | 4 | 1952 | 10 | 1950 | 30 |
| 1955 | 356 | 1953 | 202 | 1951 | 313 | 1949 | 149 |

Whooping cough was not very much in evidence during 1956, and only 9 cases were notified. We are reasonably optimistic that we shall see fewer serious cases of whooping cough and possibly fewer in number in all of this disease, through the wide-spread use of whooping cough vaccine, which in this District is being employed in an increasing degree.

There were 15 cases of scarlet fever notified during the year, all of a relatively mild nature. The hospital services are seldom used for scarlet fever nowadays, except in cases where social conditions make it advisable that admission should be sought.

There were no cases of diphtheria. Other notifications included those for erysipelas, puerperal pyrexia, and Sonne dysentery.

There was an outbreak of Sonne dysentery in Tidworth in February which lasted until about the middle of April. In all, 56 cases were notified and there may well have been some more which escaped detection.

Sonne dysentery is a very highly infectious disease and it is extremely difficult to trace the origin. The outbreak was investigated from the school staffing point of view, and specimens were taken for analysis over a wide area. Most of the cases were relatively mild but they did affect the attendance at the Junior Schools in Tidworth.

Poliomyelitis took less of a toll in 1956, and only 1 case (Non paralytic) was notified in January.

Vaccination and Immunisation

In the current interest, rightly being shown in the newer vaccines, we are apt to forget that basically one of the best-tried and proved protections is against smallpox.

At 31st December, 1956, 271 persons had been primarily vaccinated or re-vaccinated against smallpox. This is a considerable fall on last year's total (374). The percentage of infants vaccinated in the first year remained approximately the same - just over 50 per cent. - and this is still dangerously low. This is such a needless risk that it is surprising that parents should inflict it upon their children. In order to give a still wider choice, vaccination facilities are now available at Child Welfare Centres throughout the County. The response, however, falls very far below our hopes, despite the increased convenience.

Once again, no case of diphtheria was notified in the District in 1956. Every effort is being made to protect and maintain protection against this foul disease. Although there has been a welcome increase in the number of children receiving primary courses of immunisation, 283 as compared with 234 in 1955, the figure for re-immunisation is disappointing - 216 compared with 378 in 1955.

Last year, I said that I hoped facilities would soon be made available for protection against three diseases - diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus - in the one course of injections. I am very glad to be able to report that this is now an accomplished fact and the new vaccine is rapidly superseding the other types, for primary immunisation. Tetanus is not a common disease, but an extremely serious, often fatal one, and there is no earthly reason why any unnecessary risk should be run when the solution is so simple.

The time may not be too distant when the major infectious diseases can be regarded as a thing of the past. The new vaccine against poliomyelitis, although in very short supply at present, gives hopes of a strong attack against this, one of the most disabling of diseases. Last year, only a few weeks were available for immunisation and 30 children each received two injections, and 3 children, one. No child receiving the vaccine developed poliomyelitis, but of course the number is so small that no significance is yet attached to this result.

At the time of writing, vaccine is still in short supply, although we have enough to vaccinate all children registered in the District last year. Soon, it is hoped that regular issues will be made so that a much wider group of children can be protected. In this way, we are hopeful that poliomyelitis, like diphtheria, will become a thing of the past - a state, however, which can only be achieved by a wide acceptance and fullest sense of responsibility on the part of the parents.

No responsible Authority can fail to give its approval to any safe measure which will increase the chances of healthy living for the most important section of the community - the children.

Administration of Health Services

National Health Service Act, 1946.

The administration of these devolved services is carried out by the Andover and Kingsclere District Health Sub-Committee of the County Council.

The work brought before this Committee is largely in the form of report, and the view has been expressed that too little in the way of major decisions come before the Committee. This is undoubtedly true, but the main reason for the existence of this body is to interpret the needs of the district as expressed in the limited scope by which these requirements can be met short of full delegation.

The Committee has at its disposal a considerable amount of information on the health of the local districts and an important, if not spectacular side of the work, is the appointment of district nurses and the detailed knowledge of the work being undertaken in the respective districts.

Reports are submitted each meeting on infectious diseases, births and deaths, inspection of nurseries, immunisation and vaccination, midwifery and maternity services, home help services, nursing accommodation, and matters of health importance in which the three districts have a common interest.

The fact that a report is often submitted in the form of work done rather than for a decision for work to be done, should not detract from the interest in local health affairs nor the need for expressions of constructive criticism on how the administration can be improved.

National Assistance Act, 1948 - Section 47

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

Housing

I am grateful to the Assistant Clerk for the following report on housing progress during the year:-

At the end of the year properties under the control of the Council were as follows:-

| | | |
|---|-------|-------------|
| | | (31.12.55.) |
| Permanent Traditional Houses (pre-war) | 160 | 148 |
| Permanent Traditional Houses (post-war) | 637 | 603 |
| Prefabricated Temporary Bungalows | 32 | 32 |
| Converted ex-service hutments | 50 | 62 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 879 | 845 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> |

During the year under review, 12 pre-war houses were purchased by the Council increasing the number of older houses from 148 in 1955 to 160. These properties are situated at Goodworth Clatford (4) and Wherwell (8). The former have been the subject of extensive work of reconditioning and modernisation and now the work is completed the Council have a block of four modern cottages which are completely in keeping with the character of other dwellings in the village. The scheme has prevented the further deterioration and subsequent collapse of these cottages which was imminent. The Council intend to improve the cottages at Wherwell as soon as financial restrictions permit.

Completion of 34 permanent dwellings during the year enabled the Council to continue the policy of exercising priority in the rehousing of families from hatted camp sites and other dwellings coming within the category of Slum Dwellings.

The efforts to close down the hutte[?] camp sites has reduced the original 178 family units to 50. Strenuous efforts continue and every opportunity has been taken to rehouse families from huts and to demolish the unsatisfactory temporary dwellings which have proved useful during the post-war period but which cannot now remain occupied for any great length of time.

The Council had planned to build some 70 permanent dwellings during the year. The continual increase in prices and building costs has however prevented acceptance of tenders and consequently the housing list has not reduced during the year but actually increased and many genuine cases of overcrowding, poor housing and other urgent cases must wait until the present difficult conditions are eased.

The Council are always sympathetic to the housing needs of the aged and have provided to date 80 dwellings to accommodate either aged single persons or couples and several exchanges have been arranged for the purpose of releasing too large accommodation to families and transferring the aged persons to smaller dwellings.

Water Supplies

Stage 1 of the scheme was completed by the end of the year, and water supplies were made available to the following villages not previously supplied - Wildhern, Hatherden, Penton Mewsey and Upper and Goodworth Clatford.

The reservoir at Pill Heath was completed.

Work commenced on the permanent pumping station at Ibthorpe, and by the end of the year the structure of the building was completed.

Stage IIA of the scheme was continued and practically completed.

Areas serviced by this main are as follows:- Penton Corner to Weyhill, Thruxton, Fyfield and Clanville.

Following the completion of the work on the first parts of the scheme, and before a public supply was commenced, the mains were flushed and sterilised by the Council's staff. Sterilisation was ensured by the introduction of chlorine at the rate of 50 p.p.m. allowing a suitable contact period.

A certain amount of trouble was experienced with stones in the pipes causing the hydrant valves not to shut properly. Set-backs occurred when the 10" main at Penton Mewsey and the 6" main through Anna Valley burst, necessitating re-sterilisation of various lengths before a public supply could be made available.

In connection with Stage II(b) of the water scheme, a personal visit was paid to the Ministry by the Chairman, Engineer and Clerk of the Council to expedite progress on this stage. Samples of water were taken from wells and bores in the Grateley-Quarley area in the late summer to give a true picture of the state of the existing supplies. Of the 81 samples taken over this period, 37 proved to be unsatisfactory, and many wells dried up.

Towards the end of the year, a further series of visits were carried out in the Grateley - Quarley - Kimpton area in order to obtain the necessary details required for easments, etc., in the routing of the **Stage IIA main.**

Particulars of properties supplied from water mains are as follows:-

| | <u>No. of dwellings supplied from Mains</u> | <u>Population supplied by standpipe</u> |
|---|---|---|
| Appleshaw, part Fyfield, Kimpton. | 231 | 45 |
| Barton Stacey and Bullington | 215 | - |
| Abbotts Ann | 78 | - |
| Vernham Dean and Upton. | 128 | 18 |
| Shipton Bellinger (Cholderton Water Co.) | 208 | - |
| Longparish | 98 | - |
| Clanville | 1 | - |
| Goodworth and Upper Clatford | 122 | - |
| Hatherden | 33 | - |
| Hurstbourne Tarrant | 97 | - |
| Penton Mewsey | 11 | - |
| Tangley | 4 | - |
| Wildhern | 22 | - |

Bacteriological Examination of all Water Supplies
Private and Public

| | |
|---|-----|
| No. of samples taken | 159 |
| No. of samples reported satisfactory | 111 |
| No. of samples reported not entirely satisfactory | 6 |
| No. of samples reported unsatisfactory | 42 |

Drainage and Sewerage

Work on Shipton Bellinger sewage scheme was continued, the main phase of the work being completed, which includes the drainage of the Council Houses in Parkhouse Road.

The Sewage disposal works was 75% completed.

Ministry approval was sought and obtained to extend the drainage to include Shipton Bellinger Primary School.

A check on the effluent from the existing treatment plant at Sarum Close, discharging into the Bourne river, showed that there were no pathogenic organisms to be isolated.

Investigations following a complaint of trade effluent discharging into a stream untreated, showed that although the complaint was not entirely without foundation, there was no danger to the public health. The management of the factory concerned proved co-operative and the trouble has been largely eradicated.

Public Cleansing

A weekly collection of refuse was maintained, refuse being satisfactorily tipped at Appleshaw. It is estimated that there is space left for approximately 18 months further tipping on this site.

General Inspection of the Area

| | |
|--|-----|
| Inspection for Nuisances | 186 |
| Re-Visits for this purpose | 288 |
| Drainage Tests | 83 |
| Rooms Disinfected | 4 |
| Dairy inspections | Nil |
| Visits in connection with Infectious Disease enquiries | 17 |
| Petroleum Installations | 12 |
| Visits in connection with water supplies (including regional scheme) | 259 |
| Inspections of premises where offensive trades are carried on | 18 |
| Visits for the purpose of Rodent Control | 122 |
| Inspections of moveable dwellings | 88 |

There are 33 moveable dwellings in the district and 2 licensed sites.

Shops

No statutory action was taken during the year.

Factories

Inspections for the purpose of provisions as to health and of sanitary accommodation in the case of power factories.

| <u>Premises</u> | <u>No.</u> | <u>No. of Inspections</u> |
|--|------------|---------------------------|
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, or 6 are to be enforced by the Local Authority | 8 | 10 |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 29 | 19 |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises) | Nil | Nil |
| | <hr/> 37 | <hr/> 29 |

Cases in which defects were found - Nil.

Housing

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

| | <u>No. of applica- tions</u> | <u>No. of resultant dwellings</u> | <u>"Estimated Expense"</u> | | | <u>Amount of Grant</u> | | |
|--------------|--------------------------------------|---|----------------------------|-----|----|------------------------|----|----|
| Conversions | 32 | 43 | £23,986. | 12. | 5. | £10,862. | 0. | 0. |
| Improvements | 8 | 15 | £9,995. | 0. | 0. | £4,126. | 0. | 0. |
| Refusals | 5 | 6 | | | | | | |
| | 45 | 64 | £33,981. | 12. | 5. | £14,988. | 0. | 0. |

Work in respect of 61 dwellings was completed.

The five-year programme under the Housing Repairs and Rent Act has gone ahead during the year. It is of interest to note that in this time some 25 houses in the demolition category have voluntarily been reconditioned by their owners at considerable expense, often with the aid of an Improvement Grant.

Local Authority Housing

At the end of the year properties under the control of the Council were as follows:-

| | | <u>31.12.55.</u> |
|---|------------|------------------|
| Permanent Traditional Houses (pre war) | 160 | (148) |
| Permanent Traditional Houses (post war) | 635 | (603) |
| Prefabricated Temporary Bungalows | 32 | (32) |
| Requisitioned Houses (family units) | Nil | (Nil) |
| Converted ex-service hutments | 51 | (62) |
| | <u>878</u> | <u>845</u> |

The Permanent Traditional Houses (pre war) was increased by 12 due to the purchase of 4 houses at Goodworth Clatford and 8 at Chapel Road, Wherwell..

Steady progress was maintained during the year with the building of 32 new dwellings and the abandonment of 11 converted ex-service hutments.

A scheme was put in hand by the Council to purchase and renovate a block of four old cottages at Goodworth Clatford. An Improvement Grant was obtained and the conversion was almost completed at the end of the year. A further block of eight cottages at Wherwell were purchased in June with a view to carrying out a similar scheme. Council House maintenance and repairs, previously delegated solely to independent building contractors were taken over by direct labour. The former Pests Officer was appointed as foreman in connection with this and the work of pest control is now supervised directly by the Health Inspectors. The direct labour force has now increased from one plumber to a plumber, two carpenters and a labourer.

Housing Inspections

| | | |
|-----|--|-----|
| (1) | (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (Public Health and Housing Acts) | 582 |
| | (b) No. of inspections made for the purpose | 979 |
| (2) | (a) No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. | 370 |
| (3) | No. of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation. | 550 |
| (4) | Inspections carried out in connection with Improvement Grants (including re-visits) | 236 |

Informal Action

| | |
|--|----|
| No. of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers | 91 |
|--|----|

Statutory Action

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, and 16, Housing Act, 1936.

- | | |
|---|-----|
| (1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. | Nil |
| (2) No. of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notice. | |
| (i) by owners | Nil |
| (ii) by Local Authority in default of owners | Nil |

(b) Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 Housing Act, 1936.

- | | |
|---|-----|
| (1) No. of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | 8 |
| (2) No. of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders or by formal action | Nil |
| (3) No. of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to | |
| (a) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works | 1 |
| (b) the making of Demolition or closing orders | 12 |
| (4) No. of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under sub-section 2 of Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1930. | 3 |

(c) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

- | | |
|---|-----|
| (1) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit | Nil |
| (2) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made | 1 |

Housing Act, 1936, Part IV. Overcrowding.

- | | | |
|-----|---|----|
| (a) | (i) No. of dwellings overcrowded at end of year-estimated | 6 |
| | (ii) No. of families dwelling therein-estimated | 10 |
| | (iii) No. of persons dwelling therein-estimated | 44 |
| (b) | No. of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year | 1 |
| (c) | (i) No. of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year | 3 |
| | (ii) No. of persons concerned in such cases | 18 |

Inspection and Supervision of Food

(a) Milk Supply

No. of Registered Distributors Nil

No. of Registered Distributors outside area selling milk within the area 8

There have been no fresh applications for licences in the year.

(b) Slaughterhouses

There were no licensed slaughterhouses in the district during 1956.

(c) Ice Cream - Retail Premises

Of the 33 premises registered for the sale and storage of pre-packed ice cream, none has given cause for action to be taken in the past year, and all continue to be maintained at a satisfactory standard.

(d) Food Premises

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

(i) Grocers and General Stores 38

Bakers 9

Butchers 3

Cafes 14

Licensed Public Houses and Inns 36

(ii) No. of food premises registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

Sale of pre-packed ice cream 33

Preparation and manufacture of sausages etc. 3

(o) Food Inspection

- (i) No. of visits for the purpose of inspection of food premises (retail and preparation) 80
- (ii) No. of visits in connection with milk and water sampling 74
- (iii) The following foods were condemned during the year -
 - (a) Miscellaneous canned food 38 tins
 - (b) Other foods
 - 4 oz. tea.
 - 1 lb. jam.
 - 31 lbs. Dom. sugar.
 - 1 pint milk.

All food for which condemnation certificates are issued is buried.

It has been necessary to report to the Committee on instances of broken glass being found in school milk bottles. The dairy in question has gone to both expensive and extensive lengths to obviate this trouble, which it seems, will not be wholly resolved until the introduction of a cheap polythene or similar bottle, or by the general acceptance of the public of expendable containers for retailed milk.

As required by the provision of the new Food and Drugs Act, a general inspection of food shops in the area was carried out. Shopkeepers were notified of their increased liabilities and responsibilities and were generally co-operative regarding this.

There are a considerable number of mobile food-shops retailing in the area. These range from fully equipped large grocery vans to small 5 cwt. vehicles selling only cakes and pies. The full range of foodstuffs is covered including vegetables, fish and cooked meats. This does not include two mobile tea caravans and four ice-cream retailers.

In the absence of a legal ruling on the subject, no formal action has been taken to enforce washing facilities in the case of certain vehicles. The position is being closely watched and any necessary further action will be taken at the appropriate time.

During the spring, a butcher was three times found to be smoking while handling food. After several warnings, the Council gave instructions to proceed with a prosecution if the offence recurs. This has not been necessary to date.

The standard of hygiene in two cafes has given cause for some concern. In one, due to pressure from the Health Department, a certain improvement has made conditions temporarily tolerable. With regard to the other, the proprietor decided to shut down the establishment at the close of the year.

(f) Adulteration

The Council is not a Food and Drugs Authority under the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

(g) Food Poisoning Outbreaks

There were no recorded cases of food poisoning during the year.

APPENDIX 'A'

Tuberculosis

| <u>Age Periods</u> | <u>New Cases and Transfers</u> | | | | | | <u>Deaths</u> | | | | | |
|------------------------|--------------------------------|----------|--------------|------------------------|----------|--------------|--------------------|----------|--------------|------------------------|----------|--------------|
| | <u>Respiratory</u> | | | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> | | | <u>Respiratory</u> | | | <u>Non-Respiratory</u> | | |
| | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| 0 - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1 - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 5 - | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| 15 - | 1 | 2 | 3 | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 - | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 35 - | 1 | 2 | 3 | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| 45 - | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | | | | |
| 55 - | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 65 and upwards | | | | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| <u>Total</u> | 4 | 4 | 8 | 1 | 1 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | | | |

Number of Cases on the Tuberculosis Register on 31st December, 1956.
(31st December, 1955 in brackets)

| | | | | | | |
|-----------------|----|------|----|------|-----|------|
| Respiratory | 46 | (43) | 38 | (34) | 84 | (77) |
| Non-Respiratory | 5 | (4) | 12 | (11) | 17 | (15) |
| <u>Total</u> | 51 | (47) | 50 | (45) | 101 | (92) |

During the year the number of cases on the Tuberculosis Register has increased by 9 as shown in the second Table. There were 6 new cases, 4 transfers from other districts, and 1 death as shown in the first Table.

Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases

Final numbers according to sex and age after corrections of cases of infectious and other notifiable diseases notified during the year ended 31st December, 1956:-

| <u>Age Periods</u> | <u>Scarlet Fever</u> | | | <u>Whooping Cough</u> | | | <u>Measles</u> | | | <u>Acute Poliomyelitis Non-Paralytic</u> | | |
|--------------------|----------------------|----------|--------------|-----------------------|----------|--------------|----------------|----------|--------------|--|----------|--------------|
| | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Total</u> | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Under 1 year | | | | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | |
| 1 year | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| 2 years | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| 3 years | | | | 1 | | 1 | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | |
| 4 years | | | | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 1 | 1 | |
| 5 - 9 years | 4 | 7 | 11 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 1 | | 1 | | | |
| 10 - 14 years | 1 | 1 | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 15 - 24 years | 2 | | 2 | | | | | | | | | |
| 25 and over | | | | | 1 | 1 | | | | | | |
| Age Unknown | | | | 1 | | 1 | | | | | | |
| <u>Total</u> | 7 | 8 | 15 | 7 | 2 | 9 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 1 | 1 | |

| <u>Age Periods</u> | <u>Dysentery</u> | | |
|--------------------|------------------|----------|--------------|
| | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Under 1 year | 1 | | 1 |
| 1 year | | 1 | 1 |
| 2 years | 4 | 4 | 8 |
| 3 years | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| 4 years | 4 | 2 | 6 |
| 5 - 9 years | 13 | 11 | 24 |
| 10 - 14 years | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| 15 - 24 years | | 1 | 1 |
| 25 and over | | 7 | 7 |
| Age Unknown | | | |
| <u>Total</u> | 28 | 29 | 57 |

Erysipelas

15 - 44 years 2 Male

Puerperal Pyrexia

2 Female

Table of Deaths

| | <u>Male</u> | | <u>Female</u> | | <u>Total</u> | |
|---|-------------|------|---------------|------|--------------|-------|
| Tuberculosis, respiratory | 1 | (1) | 2 | (0) | 3 | (1) |
| Tuberculosis, other | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| Syphilitic Disease | 0 | (0) | 1 | (0) | 1 | (0) |
| Diphtheria | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| Whooping Cough | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| Meningococcal infections | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| Acute Poliomyelitis | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| Measles | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 0 | (1) | 0 | (1) | 0 | (2) |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus | 1 | (3) | 2 | (0) | 3 | (3) |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast | 0 | (0) | 3 | (3) | 3 | (3) |
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus | 0 | (0) | 1 | (1) | 1 | (1) |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 17 | (10) | 4 | (6) | 21 | (16) |
| Leukaemia, aleukaemia | 1 | (0) | 0 | (2) | 1 | (2) |
| Diabetes | 0 | (0) | 0 | (1) | 0 | (1) |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 5 | (9) | 12 | (11) | 17 | (20) |
| Coronary disease, angina | 12 | (12) | 6 | (6) | 18 | (18) |
| Hypertension with heart disease | 0 | (1) | 1 | (2) | 1 | (3) |
| Other heart disease | 8 | (11) | 15 | (13) | 23 | (24) |
| Other circulatory disease | 3 | (4) | 5 | (1) | 8 | (5) |
| Influenza | 1 | (1) | 0 | (0) | 1 | (1) |
| Pneumonia | 0 | (6) | 1 | (1) | 1 | (7) |
| Bronchitis | 3 | (3) | 2 | (0) | 5 | (3) |
| Other diseases of respiratory system | 0 | (0) | 0 | (1) | 0 | (1) |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | 0 | (1) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (1) |
| Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea | 0 | (0) | 0 | (1) | 0 | (1) |
| Nephritis and nephrosis | 0 | (1) | 1 | (0) | 1 | (1) |
| Hyperplasia of prostate | 2 | (2) | 0 | (0) | 2 | (2) |
| Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion | 0 | (0) | 1 | (1) | 1 | (1) |
| Congenital malformations | 0 | (0) | 1 | (2) | 1 | (2) |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases | 6 | (4) | 5 | (10) | 11 | (14) |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 3 | (4) | 0 | (2) | 3 | (6) |
| All other accidents | 2 | (3) | 1 | (1) | 3 | (4) |
| Suicide | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| Homicide and operations of war | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) | 0 | (0) |
| All causes | 65 | (77) | 64 | (66) | 129 | (143) |

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunisations
Completed during the year 1956

Age at date of
final primary
injection (as
regards Col.2)
or of rein-
forcing injection
(as regards Col.3.)

Number of
children
who completed
a full course
of primary
immunisation

Number of
children
who received
a rein-
forcing
injection

Diphtheria alone

| | | |
|--------------|----|-----|
| Under 1 year | 0 | 0 |
| 1 - 4 years | 5 | 0 |
| 5 - 14 years | 25 | 206 |
| <u>Total</u> | 30 | 206 |

Diphtheria/Whooping Cough Combined

| | | |
|--------------|-----|----|
| Under 1 year | 19 | 0 |
| 1 - 4 years | 153 | 2 |
| 5 - 14 years | 34 | 8 |
| <u>Total</u> | 206 | 10 |

Diphtheria/Whooping Cough/Tetanus Combined

| | |
|--------------|----|
| Under 1 year | 25 |
| 1 - 4 years | 14 |
| 5 - 14 years | 4 |
| <u>Total</u> | 43 |

Whooping Cough alone

| | |
|--------------|---|
| Under 1 year | 0 |
| 1 - 4 years | 3 |
| 5 - 14 years | 1 |
| <u>Total</u> | 4 |

Vaccinations (Smallpox)

| <u>Number Vaccinated</u> | <u>Under 1</u> | <u>1</u> | <u>2-4</u> | <u>5-14</u> | <u>15 & over</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------|------------|-------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 1st January-30th June | 72 | 2 | 5 | 5 | 14 | 98 |
| 1st July-31st December | 111 | 8 | 4 | - | 8 | 131 |
| <u>Number re-Vaccinated</u> | | | | | | |
| 1st January-30th June | 0 | 0 | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
| 1st July-31st December | 0 | 0 | 4 | 9 | 22 | 35 |
| | | | | | | <u>271</u> |

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Miss N. White

Miss D. D. Woodcock

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Barton Stacey

Miss V. J. Benson, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.

Shipton Bellinger

Miss J. Powell, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.

Weyhill

Miss E. Huscroft, S.C.M., S.E.A.N.

Bourne Valley

Mrs. E. Dean, S.R.N., S.C.M.

Child Welfare Clinics

| | | |
|-------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| Amport | The Hut | 1st Monday |
| Appleshaw | Church Hall | 3rd Wednesday |
| Barton Stacey | Garrison Club | 2nd and 4th Mondays |
| Chilbolton | The Hall | 1st Wednesday |
| Longparish | The Hall | 2nd Thursday |
| Shipton Bellinger | Church Hall | 4th Wednesday |
| Upper Clatford | The School | 1st Tuesday |

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Miss M. White
Miss P. D. Woodcock

District Nurses

Miss M. L. Gillingham, B.N.M., S.O.N., S.N.
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Home Stacey

Miss V. J. Stacey, B.N.M., S.O.N., S.N.

Stacy Ballinger

Miss J. Powell, B.N.M., S.O.N., S.N.

Worship

Miss E. Stacey, B.N.M., S.O.N., S.N.

Home Valley

Mrs. E. Dean, B.N.M., S.O.N., S.N.

General Hospital

| | | |
|---------------------|--------------|-------|
| 1st Monday | The Hut | Agent |
| 2nd Monday | General Hall | Agent |
| 3rd and 4th Mondays | General Hall | Agent |
| 1st Wednesday | The Hall | Agent |
| 2nd Thursday | The Hall | Agent |
| 3rd Thursday | The Hall | Agent |
| 1st Tuesday | The Hall | Agent |