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BOROUGH OF BANBURY

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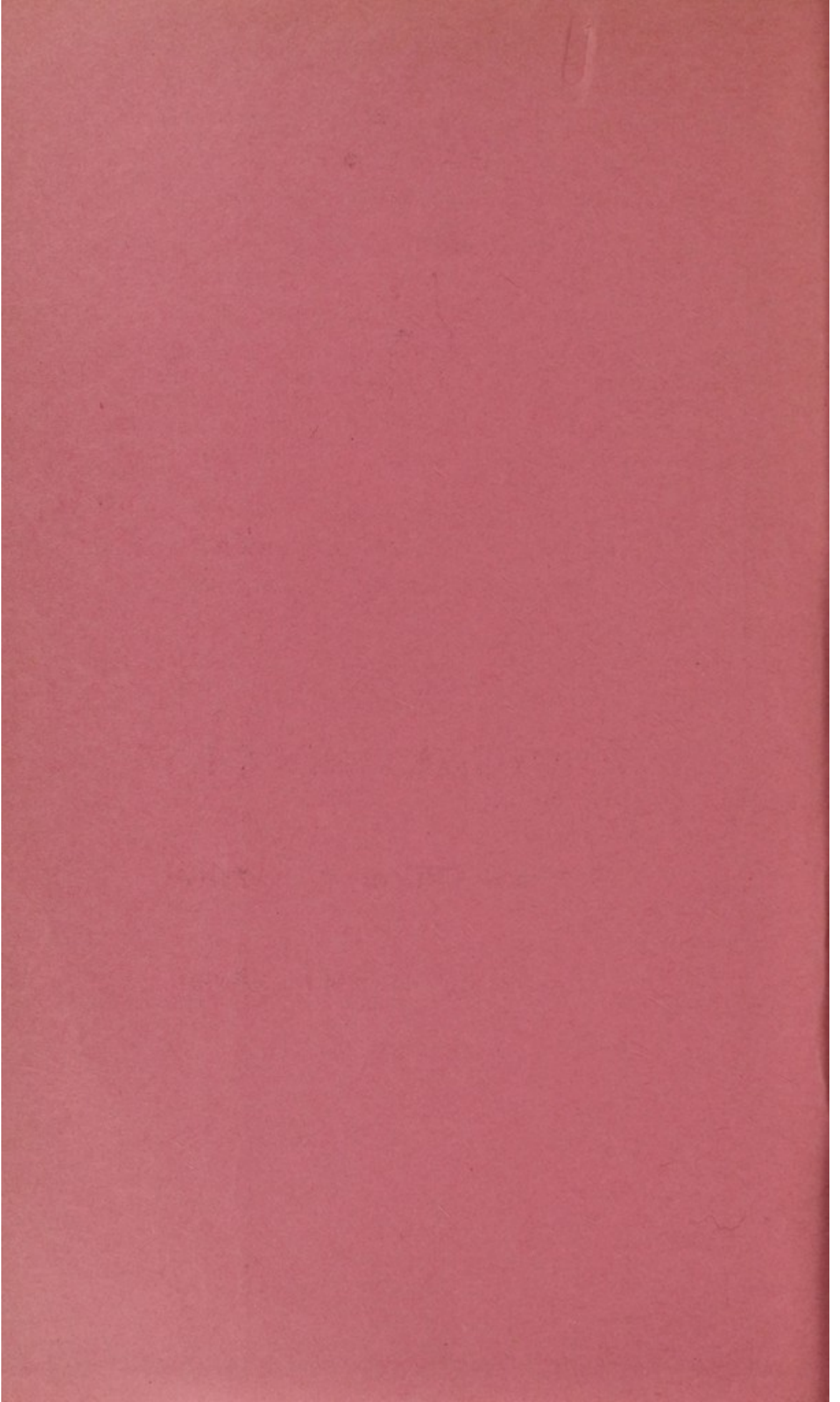
Medical Officer of Health

and

Chief Public Health Inspector

For the Year

1965



BOROUGH OF BANBURY

Mayor

COUNCILLOR MRS. GERTRUDE MARY WILSON, J.P.

Deputy Mayor

COUNCILLOR JACK WALKER AMOS, D.L.

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE -

Chairman - COUNCILLOR STOTON

Vice-Chairman - COUNCILLOR MRS. BURLEY

ALDERMAN MISS BUSTIN	COUNCILLOR HACKWORTH
ALDERMAN WALKLETT	COUNCILLOR KNIPE
COUNCILLOR BATTS	COUNCILLOR STOTON
COUNCILLOR MRS. BURLEY	COUNCILLOR WEAVER
COUNCILLOR MRS. COLEGRAVE	COUNCILLOR WIBLIN
COUNCILLOR GREENMAN	COUNCILLOR WORDSWORTH

The Mayor is ex-officio a member of all Committees.

Town Clerk and Clerk of the Peace - F. G. E. BOYS, Solicitor.

STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Chief Public Health Inspector and Certified Meat Inspector

F. APPLEYARD, D.P.A. (Lond)., F.R.S.H., A.M.I.S.E., M.I.H.(Hons).,
M.A.P.H.I.

Senior Additional Public Health Inspector and Certified Meat Inspector

C.R. PALING, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspectors

G.J. EASTBURY M.A.P.H.I. (Certified Meat Inspector)
(To March, 1965).

G. ROSS M.R.San. A. (Scot). (Certified Meat Inspector)

D.B. SUTHERLAND, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
(Certified Meat Inspector)
(From April, 1965)

A. BEATON, M.R.S.H., M.R.San.A. (Scot).
(Certified Meat Inspector)
(From July, 1965).

Clerk/Typist

MRS. C. F. HEDGES

Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders.

G. STEVENS

Rodent Operative and Disinfection Officer

G. W. LAMPITT (To December, 1965)

H. P. MILLIKEN (From December, 1965)

Manager of Public Slaughterhouse

P. J. KEARSE.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Banbury.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit my report on the Health of the Borough during 1965.

BIRTHS AND DEATHS

A perusal of the statistics shows a reasonable comparison with those for the nation with a birth rate above the national average and an infant death rate well below the national average. The peri-natal death rate was also pleasingly low.

The general death rate when corrected, was well below the national average and the main causes are given below:-

Cerebral Vascular Disease	30
Coronary Disease	55
Cancer (all types)	40
Lung Cancer	11
Breast Cancer	3
Stomach Cancer	5
Pneumonia	20

It can be seen that the "degenerative" diseases combined, were the main causes of death, whilst lung cancer remained the largest group amongst the cancers.

Although only 7 deaths were attributable to Bronchitis, this disease is one of the main causes of absence from work in England.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

As anticipated there was an increase in Measles notifications received during the year. Apart from this, however, the numbers of other notifications received were small. Notification of infectious diseases is by no means complete and with the change in the pattern of illness for many illnesses it would seem to serve little purpose. With certain exceptions, the infectious diseases are no longer the menace to life and well being in this country that they were 30 or 50 years ago.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

These circumstances are found in detail in the report that follows and perusal of these shows the considerable amount of work undertaken in the year by the staff of the Department.

Although considerable powers are invested in Local Authorities, much of this work is work of advice or encouragement, with results achieved by agreement rather than force. People by and large have a sense of responsibility that responds best to an approach of this nature.

I would close this introduction by conveying my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support to the officers of other Departments for their co-operation, and to the staff of the Public Health Department for their help and loyalty during the year.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

L. H. BREARLEY,

Medical Officer of Health.

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,051 acres
Population (1961 Census)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	20,996
Population (1965 Estimated Reg. Gen.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24,230
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£1,204,593
Product of Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£4,850
Number of Inhabited Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7,867

EXTRACTS from Vital Statistics for the Year 1965

LIVE BIRTHS

					<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	262	265	527
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	<u>21</u>	<u>25</u>	<u>46</u>
				Total	<u>283</u>	<u>290</u>	<u>573</u>

BIRTH RATE per 1,000 of Estimated Population 23.7
(England and Wales 18.1)

BIRTH RATE corrected for age and sex distribution 22.1

ILLEGITIMATE Live Births per cent of total live
births 8

STILLBIRTHS

					<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	-	4	4
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	-	-	-
				Total	<u>-</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>4</u>

STILLBIRTH RATE per 1,000 (Live and Stillbirths) 6.9
(England and Wales 15.7)

TOTAL live and stillbirths 577

DEATHS

					<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths	...	...	...	...	121	100	221

DEATH RATE per 1,000 of Estimated Population 9.1
(England and Wales 11.5)

Corrected Death Rate 8.5

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE

				Number	Rate
All infants per 1,000 Live Births				7	12.2
Legitimate Infants per 1,000					
Legitimate Live Births	...			5	9.5
Illegitimate Infants per 1,000					
Illegitimate Live Births	...			2	43.5
(Infant Death Rate England & Wales 1965 - 19)					
Neo-natal Mortality Rate - (Deaths under 4 weeks					
per 1,000 total live births)					5.2
(England and Wales 1965 26.9)					

Early neo-natal Mortality Rate - (Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)	...	...	...	...	5.2
Peri-natal Mortality Rate - (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined per 1,000 live and stillbirths)	...	...	...	...	17.

CAUSES OF DEATH

					<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
9 - Other infective and parasitic diseases					-	1
10 - Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	...	...			4	1
11 - Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus	...				9	2
12 - Malignant Neoplasm, breast	...	...			-	3
14 - Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms					9	11
15 - Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	...	...	...		1	-
17 - Vascular lesions of nervous system	...				15	15
18 - Coronary disease, Angina	...	...			33	22
19 - Hypertension with heart disease	...				-	1
20 - Other heart disease	...	...	...		12	10
21 - Other circulatory disease	...	...			4	8
23 - Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	8	12
24 - Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	7	-
25 - Other diseases of respiratory system					1	-
26 - Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	...	...			3	-
27 - Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	...				-	1
28 - Nephritis and Nephrosis	...	...	...		-	1
31 - Congenital malformations	...	...			2	1
32 - Other defined and ill-defined diseases					7	7
33 - Motor vehicle accidents		3	-
34 - All other accidents		3	4
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				Totals	121	100
					<hr/>	<hr/>

SECTION B

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

Notifiable Disease (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the
Year, 1965

<u>DISEASE</u>	<u>TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED</u>	<u>TOTAL DEATHS</u>
Erysipelas	5	-
Whooping Cough	5	-
Scarlet Fever	17	-
Measles	277	-
Food Poisoning	2	-
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	306	-
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AGE INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIED CASES

AGE OVER AND UNDER	0	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	
	1	2	3	4	5	10	15	20	35	45	65	-	
DISEASE													TOTAL
WHOOPIING COUGH	-	1	-	-	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	5
SCARLET FEVER	-	-	2	7	-	6	1	1	-	-	-	-	17
MEASLES	13	24	42	54	39	103	-	1	1	-	-	-	277
ERYSIPELAS	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	1	1	5
FOOD POISONING	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
TOTAL	14	26	44	61	40	111	1	3	2	2	1	1	306

Tuberculosis

AGE GROUPS	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY		PULMONARY		NON-PULMONARY	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1 to 5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5 to 15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15 to 25	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25 to 35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35 to 45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45 to 55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 to 65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & OVER	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Laboratory work for the Borough is carried out at :-

- (a) The Public Health Laboratories,
Walton Street, Oxford.
- (b) The Horton General Hospital, Banbury.
- (c) The Counties Public Health Laboratories,
66 Victoria Street, London, S.W.1.
(Chemical Water Examinations only).

The greater part of the work is now carried out at the Horton General Hospital, but full details of this work are not available

MATERNAL DEATHS - There were no maternal deaths during the year.

ILLEGITIMATE CHILDREN

There were 46 illegitimate children born during the year. Of these 2 died before reaching the age of one year. This represents an illegitimate Infant Mortality Rate of 43.5 per 1,000 as against 9.5 for legitimate children.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 - Section 47

No action has been necessary in the Borough during the year.

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1. Water Supply.

Water for the Borough was, up to the end of 1946, supplied by the Banbury Water Company but, during that year, a Bill was passed by Parliament under which the Town Council acquired the undertaking as from the 1st January, 1947 (Banbury Corporation Act, 1946).

The water supply is from the River Cherwell at Grimsbury and the Sor Brook at Bodicote; it is treated by settlement, filtration and chlorination. During 1965 the building of a new reservoir was commenced at Grimsbury adjacent to the treatment plant; this came into use in 1965.

During the year 102 samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination. All were reported to be satisfactory and suitable for a public supply.

With the exception of a few houses on the outskirts of the town, all are on the public supply.

2. Drainage and Sewerage.

Various extensions of the sewers in the Borough were carried out during 1965 as a result of the extensive building programme which is now in progress and work was continued in respect of the sewers on the proposed industrial development area in Southam Road.

Drainage work carried out under the supervision of the Public Health Department during the year included:-

Drains cleared of obstructions	...	...	53
Drains repaired, relaid or connected to sewers	...	...	8
New inspection chambers provided	...	...	3
Choked sewers cleansed	...	...	54

3. Rivers and Streams.

General supervision of the watercourses in the area is exercised by the Thames Conservancy Board but the cleansing of some of the water-courses conveying storm water was carried out during the year as a result of action by the Department.

4. Closet Accommodation.

Practically all the dwellinghouses and other premises in the Borough are provided with water-closets except a very few premises on the extreme outskirts of the town where the water-carriage system is not available. Improvements to closet accommodation completed as a result of the work of the Public Health Inspectors included:-

W.C's provided	...	...	...	...	...	5
W.C. Compartments repaired and cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	32
W.C. Pedestals provided	...	...	...	...	...	9
W.C.Cisterns repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	4
Artificial light provided to W.C's	...	...	...	...	...	4
Urinals repaired	...	...	...	...	...	1
New urinals provided	...	...	...	...	...	1

5. Public Cleansing.

This work is carried out under the supervision of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor and has been well maintained during the year.

6. Sanitary Inspection of the Area.

Particulars of the work of the Public Health Inspectors are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector attached hereto.

SECTION D

HOUSING

The Corporation's original Five-Year Slum Clearance Programme was completed during 1962, but, as a result of a re-survey of further low-standard properties as required by the provisions of Circular 2/60 of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, a further 40 individual unfit houses were added to the programme and have since been dealt with. The table given below gives a summary of the action taken in respect of Slum Clearance since 1956 and shows the position in this regard at the end of 1965:-

1. Houses dealt with under the Programme

(a) No. of houses in original programme	475
(b) No. of houses added to programme during the period	40
	<u>515</u>
(c) No. of houses excluded from programme as not being unfit on detailed inspections	64
(d) Actual No. of houses dealt with	<u>451</u>

2. Summary of Action taken	HOUSES
(a) 13 Clearance Orders made and confirmed	152
(b) 15 Compulsory Purchase Orders made and confirmed	173
(c) 4 Compulsory Purchase Orders reverted to Clearance Orders	33
(d) 2 Clearance Areas dealt with by Agreement	9
(e) Individual Unfit Houses dealt with	<u>84</u>
	<u>451</u>

3. Re-Housing and Demolition

(a) No. of families rehoused by Corporation	397
(b) No. of persons rehoused by Corporation	1,234
(c) Houses demolished	394
(d) Houses closed (Closing Orders or undertakings)	35

As mentioned in my last report, the statistics recorded above show that substantial progress has been made in the field of housing in the Borough during the last ten years and there is no doubt that, as a result of the Corporation's slum clearance work and extensive building programme, the standard of housing in the area has been materially improved.

In spite of this progress, however, many aspects of the housing problem still remain unsolved and the supervision of houses let in multiple occupation; the carrying out of surveys for prospective Improvement Areas (under the provisions of the Housing Act, 1964); the routine inspection of houses in respect of disrepair and lack of maintenance and possible future slum clearance work are all duties which will occupy the time of your public health officers for many years to come.

A good deal of routine work in some of the aspects mentioned above was carried out during 1965 and, as a result, 125 houses were improved following the service of notices under the Public Health and Housing Acts.

SECTION E

INSPECTION OF MEAT, MILK AND OTHER FOODS

(a) Milk Supply

As mentioned in previous reports, the duties of the local Public Health Department in connection with the supervision of the milk supply is now restricted to the inspection of dairies and, during 1965, 26 visits of inspection were recorded.

(b) Meat Inspection

As has happened for many years now, every animal slaughtered for human consumption in the Borough was inspected prior to sale, and in the period under review, the carcasses, parts of carcasses and offal detailed in the table below were condemned and surrendered.

The provisions of the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, were put into operation on the 1st October, 1963, and all carcasses inspected at the Public Slaughterhouse are now marked in accordance with the Regulations after being passed as fit for human consumption.

Total number of animals slaughtered and inspected	Cattle		Sheep		Pigs		Calves	
	1,676		7,796		4,605		25	
Carcases condemned	No.	Weight	No.	Weight	No.	Weight	No.	Weight
Tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other diseases	1	640	3	225½	-	-	1	40
TOTALS (A)	1	640	3	225½	-	-	1	40
Parts of carcasses & organs condemned								
Meat	-	304	-	171	-	138	-	-
Total Offal	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Livers	208½	2875	114	232	117½	369	1	3
Lungs	33	337	71	121	528½	1049	-	-
Heads	14	392	-	-	44	540	-	-
Tongues	14	98	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hearts	5	21	3	3	71	68½	-	-
Kidneys	2	4	-	-	39	21	-	-
Spleens	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stomachs	9	26	-	-	-	-	-	-
Bladders	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Testes. Fat	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trunks	-	-	1	6	24	171	-	-
Intestines	2	40	-	-	2	18	-	-
Uters	-	-	-	-	3	11	-	-
Testes	-	-	-	-	1	4	-	-
TOTALS (B)	287½	4097	189	533	830	2389½	1	3
Total Weight (A) & (B) in lbs	-	4737	-	758½	-	2389½	-	43

The following table in the form required by the Ministry of Health, gives further details of the incidence of tuberculosis, cysticercosis and other diseases occurring in food animals slaughtered and inspected in the Borough during 1965.

CARCASES AND OFFAL INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED IN WHOLE OR PART

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	1,595	81	25	7,796	4,605	-
Number inspected	1,595	81	25	7,796	4,605	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci Whole carcasses condemned	1	-	1	3	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	275	13	1	205	749	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	17.3%	16.1%	8.0%	2.6%	16.3%	-
Tuberculosis only:- Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	4	-	-	-	36	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0.25%	-	-	-	0.8%	-
Cysticercosis:- Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	4	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	4	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

(c) Other Foods

The following other articles of food were inspected at the requests of various food traders and were surrendered as being unfit for human consumption during the year:-

TINNED FOODS

Tinned Meat	...	...	...	...	...	124	Tins
Tinned Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	420	"
Tinned Milk	...	...	...	...	...	51	"
Tinned Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	135	"
Tinned Tomatoes	...	...	...	...	...	188	"
Tinned Soup	...	...	...	...	...	35	"
Tinned Juices	...	...	...	...	...	11	"
Tinned Corned Beef	...	...	...	...	...	50	"
Tinned Fish	...	...	...	...	...	118	"
Tinned Ham	...	...	...	...	...	10	"
Tinned Puddings	...	...	...	...	...	39	"
Tinned Cream	...	...	...	...	...	9	"
Tinned Sausages	...	...	...	...	...	2	"
Tinned Curry	...	...	...	...	...	2	"
Tinned Spaghetti	...	...	...	...	...	57	"
Tinned Baby Foods	...	...	...	...	...	3	"
Tinned Liver	...	...	...	...	...	1	"
Tinned Baked Beans	...	...	...	...	...	49	"
Tinned Peppers	...	...	...	...	...	25	"
Jars Jams and Preserves	...	...	...	...	...	14	
Jars Sauces and Pickles	...	...	...	...	...	21	
Jars Gherkins	...	...	...	...	...	2	
Packets Frozen Fish	...	...	...	...	...	139	
Packets Frozen Meat	...	...	...	...	...	30	
Packets Frozen Vegetables	...	...	...	...	...	287	
Packets Frozen Fruit	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Packets Frozen Chips	...	...	...	...	...	36	
Packets Frozen Sweet-Corn	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Frozen Pies	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Frozen Fruit Juices	...	...	...	...	...	4	
Frozen Chickens	...	...	...	...	...	7	
Packets Cereals	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Packets Flour	...	...	...	...	...	6	
Packets Stuffing	...	...	...	...	...	1	
Packets Jellies	...	...	...	...	...	3	
Meat	...	...	...	...	...	83 $\frac{1}{2}$	lbs.
Cheese	...	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	lb.
Tomatoes	...	...	...	...	...	840	lbs.
Bacon	...	...	...	...	...	76	lbs.
Butter	...	...	...	...	...	30	lbs.
Lard	...	...	...	...	...	$\frac{1}{2}$	lb.
Pork Pies	...	...	...	...	...	24	

(d) Food Poisoning.

2 cases of food poisoning occurred in the Borough during 1965.

(e) Public Slaughterhouse.

The Public Slaughterhouse, which was taken over by the Corporation in 1954, still continues to operate satisfactorily and is the only slaughterhouse in the Borough. The premises are regularly used by several of the local butchers in the area and in the adjoining rural districts and I am satisfied that slaughtering is carried out under hygienic and humane conditions.

Every animal slaughtered during the year was inspected - as has happened for many years now - and, since the 1st October, 1963, all carcasses passed as fit for human consumption have been marked as required by the Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963. Charges of 1/6d. per head for cattle, 6d. for calves and pigs, and 3d. for sheep were made in respect of this latter service.

Details of the animals slaughtered together with details of condemnations are given on page (30) of this report and, once again, these figures illustrate the excellent quality of the animals passing through the abattoir.

The Public Slaughterhouse is an undoubted public health asset to the Borough and, financially, it continued to operate satisfactorily during 1965.

(f) Food Hygiene.

No special courses of Food Hygiene lectures were given during the year, but, as in previous years, every opportunity was taken to publicise this important branch of our work in talks given to local organisations by the public health inspectors and myself. A good deal of such educative work is also carried out by the district inspectors in the course of their routine inspections of food premises and I consider that this method of emphasising the importance of food hygiene is most useful.

(g) Food Hygiene Regulations.

For many years now the administration of these Regulations has been given considerable attention by your public health officers and active work in this connection was continued during 1965. The statistics recorded in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector illustrate the efforts made in this connection and I would again comment on the very considerable improvement in the standard of food premises in the area which has occurred during the last few years. There is, however, no room for complacency in this regard and I would again stress the need for regular and frequent inspection of all premises where food is sold, stored or prepared for sale together with the importance of educating food handlers in hygienic methods. The need for strict personal hygiene by food handlers is a matter of great importance in this connection and the injunction to wash the hands thoroughly after the use of the toilet is one which cannot be stressed too often as a means of prevention of the spread of food poisoning organisms.

However well intended legislation is, it can only demand material things, and however well these are provided the personal factor is the final factor that regulates their usage.

FOOD PREMISES

The following statistics, required by the Ministry, are given in respect of food premises in the Borough :-

(1) No. of Food Premises on record.

Bakehouses	8
Butchers Shops	21
Cafes, Restaurants and Canteens ...	46
Confectioners and Sweet Shops ...	32
Dairies	5
Fishmongers	3
Fried Fish Shops	4
Food Manufacturing Premises	8
Greengrocers Shops	14
Grocers and General Shops	51
Public Houses and Licensed Premises	55

(2) No. of Premises Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

(a) For the manufacture or storage of ice-cream 121

(b) For the preparation or manufacture of sausages or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food ... 22

(3) No. of Dairies Registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1959. 5

(4) No. of Inspections of Registered Food Premises.

(Full details of this work are recorded in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector).

(5) Method of Disposal of Condemned Food.

Generally by disposal at the Corporation's refuse tip.

SECTION F

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1965 FOR THE BOROUGH
OF BANBURY IN THE COUNTY OF OXFORDSHIREPrescribed Particulars on the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1961PART 1 OF THE ACT1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to
health (including inspections made by Public
Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	16	2	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	117	59	7	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises)	5	24	-	-
Total.....	138	85	7	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred by H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	14	14	-	-	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outworkers)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	15	15	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORKERS - (ALL engaged in making wearing apparel).

No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (I) (C)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
No. of cases in default in supplying lists	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	NONE
No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	NONE

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

Corporation Swimming Pool.

The Corporation's open-air swimming pool comprises a rectangular enclosure, having an area of approximately one and a half acres. There is a spacious car park at the front of the main entrance block, which accommodates the purification plant, spectators' conveniences and stores, Superintendent's office and a central vestibule with registering turn-stile and ticket office. A raised circular terrace descends to the Gentlemen's and Ladies' changing rooms together with flower beds and complete with Cafe and paved areas round the pool.

The pool is 165 feet long x 60 feet wide with depths of 2' 9" to 10' 0". The capacity is 356,000 gallons with a surface area of nearly 10,000 square feet.

The water supply to the pool is from the town's main, and the purification plant, housed in the entrance block, is designed to maintain a standard of purity equal to that of drinking water.

An electrically operated centrifugal pump withdraws the water from the deep end of the pool at the rate of 59,000 gallons per hour and the water is passed through cylindrical pressure filters. Alumina and Soda are automatically added and the water is sterilised by the Chloramine process before returning to the pool via the Cascade. The entire contents of the pool are thus circulated once every six hours.

Bacteriological examinations of the water from the pool have been entirely satisfactory during the present and previous years.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR-1965.

To the Worshipful the Mayor, the Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Banbury.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I beg to submit on behalf of Mr. Frank Appleyard, who retired at the end of May, 1966, the usual report on the environmental health services of the Borough. Mr. Appleyard had been the Council's Chief Public Health Inspector since 1st February, 1946, and during his long service with the Authority he had acquired an unsurpassed reputation for efficiency, integrity and courtesy, both in his dealings with members of the Council and the general public alike. He took over the reins of office in the difficult immediate post-war period, and transformed the Department into an efficient and smooth running unit. In his usual efficient way, he had prepared the bulk of the report that follows in advance of his retirement, leaving little for me to do except to place the various tables &c. in their respective positions in the following pages.

The year 1965, like so many of its predecessors, was mainly a year of routine work, unrelieved by any spectacular highlights.

The work of the Department was however increased noticeably by the impact of the Offices, Shops & Railways Premises Act, 1963, which came into operation towards the end of 1964, and the Council in view of this and certain other additional duties appointed an additional public health inspector during the year under review. This officer (Mr. Beaton) took up his duties in July. Mr. Eastbury had left the Department in March, to take up an appointment in Bewdley, Worcestershire, and had been replaced by Mr. Sutherland in April. Staff changes seem to bedevil the operation of the Department, but this tendency seems to be inevitable during the early years of an officer's career.

The Public Slaughterhouse continued to function satisfactorily during the year, and is a useful asset to the meat trade locally and indeed to the town. The Manager (Mr. Kearse) and the four slaughtermen continued to cope cheerfully and efficiently with an arduous and sometimes unpleasant job, and as always succeeded in producing a first-rate final product. The standard of dressing has always been of the highest order.

The Medical Officer of Health (Dr. Campbell) finally retired at the end of June on account of a disabling illness, and will be remembered as a friendly and respected head of the Department. His successor (Dr. Brearley) whose report precedes this, has efficiently taken over the duties of the appointment, and on account of his office being in close proximity a high degree of day to day co-operation is possible.

Finally I am certain that Mr. Appleyard would wish me to convey his thanks again to the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, to the Town Clerk and other Chief Officers of the Corporation and their staffs, and not least to the staff of the Public Health Department for their willing co-operation and assistance during the year 1965.

I AM, MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient servant,

C.R. PALING

Chief Public Health Inspector.

DECEMBER, 1966.

VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE, 1965

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Houses inspected	337
Verminous premises	17
Infectious disease enquiries	57
Drainage inspections	226
Revisits and work in progress	912
Van dwellings	196
Smoke abatement	145
Streams and watercourses	37
Refuse dumps and vacant land	56
Offensive trades	28
Refuse accommodation	10
Keeping of animals	4
Canal boats	6
Cesspools	67
Water sampling	2

HOUSING ACTS

Houses inspected and recorded	8
Revisits and work in progress	136
Clearance areas	40
Houses let in multiple occupation	37
Improvement grant applications	284
Improvement area survey	73

FACTORIES ACTS

Factories inspected	59
Workplaces inspected	26
Outworkers premises inspected	40

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT

Premises given a general inspection	176
Revisits made	440

SHOPS ACT

Shops inspected (closing hours, records etc.)	74
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FOOD AND DRUGS ACT

Bakehouses	69
General food shops	325
Fried Fish Shops	20
Food preparing premises	84
Public slaughterhouse	689
Knackers yard	4
Public houses	14
Food inspection visits	104
Restaurants and cafes	113
Ice cream premises	6
Food vehicles	20
Dairies	26
Public market stalls	112
Annual Fair - food stalls	116
Licensed Clubs	4

MISCELLANEOUS

Rats and mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	178
Swimming pool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cinemas and public halls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Diseases of Animals Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	799
Interviews with owners and builders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	775
Pet animals premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
Sewage works	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Meetings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Miscellaneous inspections	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	207

TOTAL VISITS AND INSPECTIONS MADE

7,268

NOTICES SERVED AND COMPLIED WITH 1965

TYPE OF NOTICE	OUTSTANDING 31.12.64.	SERVED 1965	COMPLIED WITH 1965	OUTSTANDING 31.12.65.
Public Health Act - Informal	13	128	116	25
Public Health Act - Statutory	1	10	9	2
Housing Acts - Informal	-	4	-	4
Factories Acts -	1	7	7	1
Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act -	33	70	66	37
Food & Drugs Act -	15	71	59	27
Clean Air Act -	-	11	11	-
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act -	-	4	4	-
Caravan Sites & Control of Development Act	-	7	5	2
Shops Act 1950	-	4	4	-
TOTAL	63	316	281	98

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE, NOTICES SERVED,
NOTICES COMPLIED WITH, DEFECTS REMEDIED AND
PREMISES IMPROVED, 1965.

	PUBLIC HEALTH AND HOUSING ACTS	FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS	FACTORIES ACTS	MISC. ACTS & REGS.	TOTALS
Inspections made	2678	1706	125	2759	7268
Notices served	142	71	7	96	316
Notices complied with	125	59	7	90	281
Defects remedied	244	138	15	130	527
Premises improved	125	42	8	20	195

NUISANCES ABATED AND DEFECTS REMEDIED 1965

(a) Dwellinghouses

Roofs repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	8
Wall and ceiling plaster repaired	...	...	...	...	...	8
Floors repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	3
Windows repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	10
Fireplaces repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Sink and waste pipes renewed	...	...	...	...	...	5
Repairs to water supplies	...	...	...	...	...	6
Eaves gutters and rainwater pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	11
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Chimneys and stacks repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
Dampness abated	...	...	...	...	...	3
Additional ventilation provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
Overcrowding abated	...	...	...	...	...	2
Drains cleared of obstructions	...	...	...	...	...	53
Drains repaired or reconstructed	...	...	...	...	...	8
Inspections chambers provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	3
Soilpipes and vent. shafts repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4
Choked sewers cleared	...	...	...	...	...	54
Water closets repaired and cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	12
Water closets - new pedestals provided	...	...	...	...	...	7
Water closets - new cisterns provided	...	...	...	...	...	4
Verminous rooms disinfested	...	...	...	...	...	6
Offensive accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	15
Dirty premises cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	4
Premises rendered proof against rats	...	...	...	...	...	4
Burning of refuse - nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	5

(b) Factories

Pail closet provided (building site)	...	...	...	...	1
Int. vent. space provided to W.C.'s.	...	...	...	...	3
New pedestals provided to W.C.'s.	...	...	...	...	2
Water closets redecorated	...	...	...	...	2
Water closets repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Artificial light provided to W.C.'s.	...	...	...	...	2
Water closets properly marked re use by males and females	...	...	...	...	2
New chains provided to W.C. cisterns	...	...	...	...	3

(c) Bakehouses

Rooms redecorated	...	...	...	...	6
Rooms cleansed	...	...	...	...	9
W.C.'s. cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	...	2
Floors cleansed	...	...	...	...	5
Apparatus cleansed	...	...	...	...	3
Walls and ceilings repaired	...	...	...	...	2
Refuse removed	...	...	...	...	8
New dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	3
Soap, towels and nailbrushes provided	...	...	...	...	6

(d) Food Shops and Food Preparing Premises

Constant hot water supplies provided	...	...	...	...	7
Food rooms cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	...	3
W.C.'s. repaired	...	...	...	...	3
Artificial light provided to W.C.'s.	...	...	...	...	4
Int. vent. space provided to W.C.'s.	...	...	...	...	3
Sinks provided	...	...	...	...	2
Wash-hand basins provided	...	...	...	...	3
Additional dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	2
Apparatus cleansed	...	...	...	...	7
Structural repairs	...	...	...	...	6
Protection of foodstuffs improved	...	...	...	...	5
Soap, towels and nailbrushes provided	...	...	...	...	7
"Wash hands" notices provided	...	...	...	...	2
Warnings re smoking in food rooms	...	...	...	...	5

(e) Cafes, Restaurants and Public Houses

New W.C.'s. provided	...	...	...	...	3
Int. vent. space provided to W.C.	...	...	...	...	1
W.C.'s. repaired	...	...	...	...	4
New urinal provided	...	...	...	...	1
Urinal repaired	...	...	...	...	1
Sinks provided	...	...	...	...	2
Wash-hand basin provided	...	...	...	...	1
Constant hot water supply provided	...	...	...	...	1
New dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	3
Rooms cleansed and redecorated	...	...	...	...	6
Apparatus and floors cleansed	...	...	...	...	3
Structural repairs	...	...	...	...	2
Soap, towels and nailbrushes provided	...	...	...	...	6
Warning re smoking in kitchen	...	...	...	...	1

(f) Offices, Shops and Railway Premises

Thermometers provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
First aid outfits provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Hot water provided to wash-basins	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Hot water provided to sinks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Wash-hand basins and sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Additional water closets provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Int. vent. space provided to W.C.'s.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Water closets repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Water closets redecorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Artificial light and additional ventilation provided to W.C.'s.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
W.C.'s properly marked for sexes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Floor covering renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Rooms redecorated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Dangerous stairs made safe	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Seats provided for staff	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Additional heating facilities provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Structural repairs completed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Abstracts of Act provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Overcrowding of office remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
New guard provided for machinery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Proper records kept and notices exhibited	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4

COMPLAINTS

During the year 286 written or verbal complaints were received at the office in respect of the following matters:-

Defective water closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Defective house roofs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Choked and defective drains and sewers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	111
Offensive smells	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Defective water supply (burst pipes, etc.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Dumping of refuse	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Flooding of cellars etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Defective gutters and rainwater pipes.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Dampness	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Smoke, dust and chimney nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Insect pests	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	41
General defects	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Keeping of animals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Absence of or defective dustbins	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Defective sinks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Noise nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
TOTAL								286

DRAINAGE AND WATER CLOSETS

As a result of complaints or routine inspections 53 choked drains were dealt with by the Department, and at 8 premises drains were repaired or reconstructed under our supervision. In addition, 54 choked sewers were found, and in each case these were dealt with promptly by the Borough Engineer.

Improvements to sanitary accommodation effected included the provision of 5 new water closets, the repair or cleansing of 32 water closet compartments, the provision of 9 new W.C. pedestals, the repair of 4 flushing cisterns and the provision of artificial lighting to 4 water closet compartments. In addition 1 urinal was repaired and 1 new urinal provided.

As a result of action by your inspectors, 4 wash-hand basins and 4 sinks were provided at food premises in the area.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES AND DISINFECTION

The incidence of infectious disease was again low in the Borough but it was necessary for your inspectors to make 57 visits in this connection. A report on each notified case of infectious disease was submitted to the Medical Officer of Health.

HOUSING

(a) Slum Clearance.

The Council's original clearance programme which commenced in 1954 has now been completed and there is no doubt that the standard of housing in the Borough is now substantially improved. This is illustrated by the falling-off in the number of complaints made to the Department in respect of housing defects. No further slum clearance work was carried out during the year under review and no formal action was taken under the Housing Acts. A further 16 houses (dealt with as "individual unfits") were, however, demolished during the year.

(b) Overcrowding.

One case of statutory overcrowding was discovered during the year and was resolved as a result of informal action.

(c) Houses in Multiple Occupation.

A good deal of time was spent during the year in the supervision of premises of this type, and progress was made in several instances. 37 Visits of inspection were made, many during the evening, which appears to be the only time when a proper count can be made of the occupants, particularly when Pakistani and other immigrants are involved. The work is, moreover, made exceptionally difficult due to the rapid changes of occupancy which occur in premises of this nature.

(d) Caravans.

No material change in the number of caravans in the area occurred during the period under review. Twelve licensed sites exist in the Borough, containing approximately 87 caravans, and these were kept under surveillance during the year. No formal action was required on the part of the Department.

(e) Improvement Grants.

During the year 20 Standard Grants were approved by the Council, 18 of which were in respect of owner/occupied property and 2 in respect of tenanted accommodation. 18 of the schemes were completed during the year. As a result of the grants 16 baths were provided, 17 wash-hand basins, 18 hot water systems, 19 internal W.C.'s. and 12 ventilated food stores. A substantial amount of essential repair work was carried out in conjunction with the various schemes, and there is no doubt that work of this nature plays a very considerable part in upgrading the general standard of living accommodation in the town, and prolonging the useful life of older houses.

It is to be regretted that owners of tenanted properties have so far shown such little interest in the Improvement Grant facilities available to them, the vast majority of the grants which have been made over the years having gone to owner/occupiers.

During the later part of the year the Ministry of Housing and Local Government held an Exhibition in the Horse Fair designed to popularise improvement grant schemes, and as a follow up to this, and in accordance with the requirements of Circular 53/64 of the Ministry (Housing Act, 1964 - Part II - "Compulsory Improvement of Dwellings to provide Standard Amenities") a survey was carried out of a part of the Borough (Queens Road, Kings Road and parts of Bath Road and Park Road) which was thought to be particularly well-suited for the purpose of an Improvement Area.

The results of the survey were as follows:-

1. Total number of houses in the area	...	...	...	...	232
2. Number of houses inspected	...	...	...	...	186
3. Number of owner-occupiers in the houses inspected	...	...	...	...	99
4. Number of tenanted houses (including 61 Council houses)					
			inspected		87
5. Number of houses that have all the Standard Amenities	...	...	...	...	74
6. Number of houses with no Standard Amenities	...	...	...	...	18
7. Number of houses with some of the Standard Amenities					
			(including 38 Corporation houses)	...	94
8. Number of houses already improved with the aid of grants					12
9. Number of possible applicants for grants	...	...	...	...	8
10. Number of owner-occupiers (and owners) "not interested" on					
			interview		16

During the course of these inspections the possibility of obtaining a grant was explained to all the owner-occupiers (and some owners) of the houses visited and, on the whole, very little interest was shown by the persons interviewed, as is illustrated in the table given above.

In reviewing the information so obtained in respect of this area it appeared that in the light of the fact that the compulsory powers of the Act apply only to tenanted houses, coupled with the large number of owner-occupied and Corporation houses in this area, the particular area was not suitable for designation as an "Improvement Area".

It may well be, however, that the area may be suitable for dealing with by informal means - as is recommended by the Minister - and the survey carried out has, of course, already introduced action of this nature.

The Council has since decided as a matter of policy to provide standard facilities in all Council properties which lack these facilities.

(f) Housing Repairs.

As in former years a good deal of housing repair work was carried out following the service of notices under the various provisions of the Public Health and Housing Acts, - 125 houses being improved by this means during 1965.

(g) Rent Acts.

No action was found necessary under the provisions of the Rent Act during the period under review.

FACTORIES ACTS.

The usual routine inspections and visits were carried out at factories, workplaces and outworkers' premises during the year, 125 inspections being recorded under this heading. As a result of these inspections 7 notices were served in respect of defective sanitary conveniences and all but one had been complied with by the end of the year.

SMOKE ABATEMENT & CONTROL OF INDUSTRIAL EMISSIONS

Smoke abatement and its associated problems do not constitute a major problem in Banbury, although with the continued growth of the town there is no doubt that more and more time will have to be devoted to this branch of our work. During 1965, however, 145 visits and inspections were made under this heading, and as a result 11 notices under the Clean Air Act were served. All were complied with during the year. These comprised emissions of dense smoke from factory chimneys, nuisances created by burning refuse and the emission of grit from chimneys. This branch of our work is essentially one of advice and education, and your inspectors are always prepared to co-operate with industrialists and others with a view to reducing such incidents to the absolute minimum.

SHOPS ACTS

Shops Act, 1950.

The administration of the Shops Acts has been the responsibility of your public health inspectors for many years and during the year under review 74 visits of inspection were made, resulting in the service of 4 notices, all of which were complied with.

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act, 1963.

The duties under this complex Act are carried out, on a part-time basis by the Council's public health inspectors and, since the Act came into operation, good progress has been made in this work

By the end of 1965 approximately two-thirds of the registered premises had received a general inspection, details of the numbers of such inspections and re-visits being given in a previous table.

The following table gives details of the registered premises and the numbers of persons employed therein at the end of 1965.

<u>Type of Premises</u>	<u>No. Registered</u>	<u>Employees</u>	
		<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>
Offices	106	671	404
Retail Shops	179	473	884
Wholesale Shops and Warehouses	11	48	14
Catering Establishments and Canteens	26	77	183
Fuel Storage Depots	2	16	-
	<u>324</u>	<u>1,285</u>	<u>1,485</u>

In general, no major difficulties have been experienced in securing compliance with the Act and the Regulations made thereunder and the occupiers of the various premises surveyed have, on the whole, been most co-operative in meeting the requirements made upon them. It has been found that the previous work of the public health inspectors under the provisions of the Food Hygiene Regulations and the Shops Act, 1950, has made the administration of the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act somewhat easier in respect of shop premises as has the large amount of modernisation of such premises which has occurred locally in recent years.

The office premises so far surveyed have not presented any real difficulties and, as a general comment, it may be said that locally these premises were found to be more satisfactory than was anticipated. With regard to these premises again, a good deal of modernisation has occurred in recent years as a result of which the general standard has been raised.

In the central area a few very old premises - mainly shops - were found to need a good deal of reconstruction to secure compliance with the Act and these schemes have been put in hand by the firms concerned. Up to the end of 1965 it had not been necessary to report on any premises to the appropriate Committee of the Council in respect of failure to take the necessary steps to meet the requirements of notices served under the Act.

The improvements effected to registered premises as a result of the service of notices during the year will be found in a previous table. These improvements are, of course, in addition to those carried out voluntarily by occupiers of Offices and Shops on their own initiative prior to their premises receiving a general inspection.

RATS AND MICE DESTRUCTION

This work continued actively during the year and as in previous years the Council continued its policy of providing a free service to domestic premises and making a charge for dealing with infestations on business premises.

During the year 164 complaints were received and dealt with, 1,336 initial inspections were made and 729 re-visits made, a total of 2,065 inspections and visits. As a result of your rodent operative's work, 275 premises were cleared of infestation, 433 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs. of bait were laid and 645 rat bodies found.

The sewers in the area were also treated during the year, and 74 manholes treated in various parts of the Borough. None showed any evidence of the presence of rats. This most satisfactory result indicates that no build up of rat infestation in the sewers has occurred since last year (1964), when the sewer treatment showed no signs of rat infestation for the first time.

INSECT PESTS

The destruction of various forms of insect life (wasps, ants flies etc) continued during the year as a result of complaints from householders. Mr. Lampitt (who retired in December of the year) had developed a very considerable skill in dealing with problems of this nature, and tributes to his work, particularly in dealing with inaccessible wasps' nests, were frequently made to the Department by members of the public.

All the above work was carried out free of charge in continuance of the Council's policy.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

No applications for registration under the provisions of the above-mentioned Act were received during the year under review.

NOISE ABATEMENT ACT, 1960

No particular action was required during the year in respect of noise nuisances.

MILK CONTROL

As mentioned in previous reports, the Council's functions in respect of milk control are now, generally speaking, restricted to the registration and supervision of dairies and milk distributors' premises, under the provisions of the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959. The usual routine inspections of these premises were carried out during the year and, apart from minor contraventions which were remedied on request, no formal action was needed.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

(a) Meat Inspection

As in former years, all animals slaughtered for human consumption at the Public Slaughterhouse (which is the only slaughterhouse in the Borough) were inspected prior to sale, and the following table shows the number of such animals inspected together with the carcasses, parts of carcasses and organs which were rejected as being unfit for human food:-

	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs	Calves	Total
(1) Slaughtered and inspected	1,676	7,796	4,605	25	14,102
(2) Whole carcasses condemned:- (a) Tuberculosis (b) Other Diseases	1	3	-	1	5
(3) Parts of carcasses and organs condemned:- (a) Tuberculosis (b) Other Diseases (c) Cysticercosis	4 288 4	- 205 -	36 749 -	- 1 -	40 1,243 4

(b) The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963.

No difficulty was experienced in the carrying out of the requirements of these Regulations during the year, but, as mentioned in previous reports, the time spent on meat inspection work has been increased on account of the necessity to stamp all carcasses after inspection. The fact that all slaughtering in the area is carried out at the Council's Public Slaughterhouse has, however, helped considerably in the administration of the Regulations. No change was made during the year in the charges imposed by the Council for its function under the Regulations, i.e. 1/6d. per head for cattle, 6d. per head for calves and pigs and 3d. per head for sheep.

(c) Other Foods.

In addition to the unsound meat detailed in paragraph (a) above, the usual large amount of tinned and other unsound foodstuffs was dealt with during the year - mainly at the request of the retailers concerned. 104 visits of inspection were recorded for this purpose and full details of all unsound meat and other foods dealt with are given in the report of the Medical Officer of Health which precedes this report.

Five complaints were received during the year concerning alleged unsoundness or the presence of foreign bodies in foodstuffs purchased in the area and detailed investigations were made in each case followed by reports to the Public Health Committee of the Council. Two of the cases mentioned were found to be within the province of the Food & Drugs Authority for the area (Oxfordshire County Council) and were forwarded to the Chief Inspector of Weights and Measures for action. Of the three remaining cases, two of the offenders were given warnings by your Inspector and the third (concerning a .22 calibre lead slug found in a tin of stewed steak) received a caution from the Town Clerk on the instructions of the Committee.

Two new certificates of registration under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, were granted for the sale of ice-cream during the year.

(d) Public Slaughterhouse.

The Public Slaughterhouse, which has been operated by the Corporation since August, 1954, continued to function satisfactorily during the year 1965, although on this occasion a slight trading loss was incurred. In spite of this, however, the undertaking fulfils a definite need in the area, replacing as it does the several private slaughterhouses which formerly existed in the Borough. Centralised slaughtering has the advantages of making for an efficient meat inspection service coupled with hygienic and humane conditions of slaughter.

The Total kill of 14,102 animals showed a slight decrease on the previous year (14,409), but this was occasioned by economic reasons and conditions in the markets, and not by any change in the trading habits of our various customers.

The table below shows the number of animals slaughtered annually for the last 10 years together with the yearly receipts for the same period:-

<u>YEAR</u>	<u>ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED</u>	<u>RECEIPTS</u>
1955	9,100	£3,296. 9. 9.
1956	11,095	£4,083. 12. 4.
1957	12,664	£4,597. 19. 10.
1958	14,166	£5,087. 9. 5.
1959	16,087	£5,365. 17. 7.
1960	13,425	£4,667. 15. 2.
1961	13,202	£5,994. 19. 3.
1962	12,932	£6,306. 5. 4.
1963	13,160	£6,590. 6. 1.
1964	14,409	£7,527. 17. 4.
1965	14,102	£7,396. 7. 8.

A slight loss during 1965 has been more than offset by the profits made over the previous years.

I cannot complete this section of the report without making reference once again to the excellent services rendered by the Manager (Mr. Kearse) and his staff during the year. Their work is work of a most exacting nature, and calls for a high degree of skill acquired over years of practising their trade. The system of "line-slaughtering" practised today in the large abattoirs enables use to be made of persons skilled in only a section of their trade, but in the smaller centres such as Banbury, the complete all-purpose slaughterman is required, a class of person all too rare nowadays, as is evident when it becomes necessary to replace a man or add to the numbers of the staff. The standard of work in Banbury Slaughterhouse is of the highest order, and it is not too much to say that it is not carried out better anywhere.

The trainee-slaughterman appointed in 1964 is fast acquiring the necessary skills of the trade, and should provide a useful addition to the older staff.

(e) Slaughtermen's Licences (Slaughter of Animals Amendment) Act, 1954.

During 1965 the licences of 9 slaughtermen were renewed, including the conditional licence issued to the trainee-slaughterman mentioned above.

FOOD PREMISES

The usual routine inspections and visits were made in connection with the provisions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, and the following improvements were effected at 42 food premises of one type or another in the area:-

Food Rooms Cleansed	18
Food Rooms Redecorated	15
Floors cleansed	5
Structural improvements and repairs	10
Apparatus cleansed	10
Refuse removed	8
Dustbins provided or replaced ...	8
Protection of foodstuffs improved	5
"Wash hands" notices provided ...	2
Warnings re smoking in food rooms	6
New W.C.'s provided	3
W.C.'s repaired	7
W.C.'s cleansed or redecorated ...	2
Urinals provided	1
Urinals repaired	1
Intervening ventilated spaces provided to W.C.'s.	4
Artificial light provided to W.C.'s	4
Sinks provided	4
Wash-hand basins provided	4
Constant hot water supplies provided	8
Soap, towels and nail-brushes provided	12

The above improvements were all effected as a result of informal action, and generally speaking the local food traders co-operated well with the Department. A very useful liaison exists with the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Department, by which all plans concerning new food premises or alterations to existing ones are shown to this Department in order that any necessary amendments concerning food hygiene are made before the plans are finally passed and the work commenced. This has prevented the invidious position arising by which work could be carried out with the Corporation's approval but subsequently requiring additional works in order to comply with the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations.

Food hygiene and the standard of food premises generally in the area are now of a high order, but this is work of a progressive nature and will require the constant attention of your inspectors for some years to come.

BANBURY MICHAELMAS FAIR

During the period of the Annual Fair your Inspectors exercised very close supervision over the various food stalls and I am able to report that, in general, the standard of hygiene was satisfactory for stalls of this nature. This year (1965) there were 24 food stalls on the site - compared with 32 last year - and no serious contraventions of the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960, were observed. The caravans used by the showmen were also kept under notice whilst they were in the Borough and no nuisances were found nor were any cases of infectious disease discovered. Once again, the use of the Castle Street car park as a temporary site for many of the caravans proved most satisfactory.

Travelling showmen as a class are usually only too willing to fall in with the requirements of a local authority, and they and their official organisation (The Showmen's Guild) are fully aware of their obligations under the Food Hygiene Regulations.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

The annual licences of 4 premises coming within the purview of the above Act were renewed during the year. All the premises concerned were found to be satisfactory and conducted in a proper manner.

REPORT OF THE INSPECTOR UNDER THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS & ORDERS
FOR THE YEAR - 1965

To the Worshipful the Mayor, the Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Banbury.

MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to submit on behalf of Mr. Appleyard who retired on 31st May, 1966, his report on the Administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts & Orders for the year 1965. This is the twentieth Annual report which has been presented to you covering Mr. Appleyard's term of Office with the Corporation, and once again I am able to report the Borough was free of any of the scheduled animal diseases.

On the surface, therefore, the year was an uneventful one from the Diseases of Animals point of view, but as members will be well aware, the size of the local cattle market, coupled with the frequency of the various sales held there and the unequalled throughput of livestock make the administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts & Orders a major part of our work. In order to cope with the necessary inspectorial work and the routine issue of licences it is necessary for two of your inspectors to be in attendance on at least one (and sometimes two) licensing days per week. This is in addition to the daily visits necessary to ensure compliance with the Act & Orders at non-licensing sales.

As Mr. Appleyard has said in previous reports, much of the credit for the smooth running of this part of our work must go to Mr. George Stevens, the specialist Diseases of Animals Inspector. Mr. Stevens has acquired an unrivalled experience in the administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts & Orders, extending back over the years to his service with the County Police, and this with his wide local knowledge of persons and places has been of the utmost value to the Department.

A high degree of co-operation exists between your inspectors and the owners of the market, all of which helps in the smooth running of the task.

Once again, on behalf of Mr. Appleyard, I must express appreciation of the support and courtesy extended by the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee, and for the help always so readily available from the Town Clerk (Mr. Boys) and his staff. Thanks are also due to the Ministry's Divisional Veterinary Officer (Mr. R.A.A. Beament) and his staff for their help and co-operation during the year.

Set out below are the usual statistics and comments on the year's work:-

1. Anthrax.

No cases of this disease occurred in the area during the year.

2. Sheep Scab.

As has happened for many years now, no outbreaks of this disease were reported in the Borough during 1965.

3. Swine Fever.

Once again this disease was prevalent in certain parts of the Country, although no outbreaks occurred in our own area.

4. Foot & Mouth Disease.

No outbreaks of this disease occurred locally during 1965, although one outbreak occurred nationally.

5. Regulation of Movement of Swine Order, 1959.

As will be seen from the table below a record number of licences was issued during the year, and the throughput of swine in the market remains at a high level.

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>
Licences Issued	2,915	2,687	2,337	2,847	2,696
Animals involved	57,911	59,912	46,895	49,002	46,426

No offences in connection with the movement of swine were discovered during 1965.

6. Importation of Animals.

273 licences were received during the year authorising the movement of 19,726 Irish Cattle from the ports of disembarkation to the local market, and 883 licences were issued by your inspectors to authorise the movement of these animals on to private premises for the statutory period of detention.

The corresponding figures for the previous four years are shown in the table below:-

	<u>1965</u>	<u>1964</u>	<u>1963</u>	<u>1962</u>	<u>1961</u>
Licences Issued	883	1,795	2,302	1,057	662
Animals involved	19,726	39,189	31,297	22,605	13,878

No offences in connection with the movement of imported cattle were detected during the year.

7. Transit of Animals - Cleansing & Disinfection of Vehicles.

As in previous years supervision was exercised over the cleansing and disinfection of vehicles at the market during the year. No cautions were issued by your Inspectors for contraventions of the Order, and on the whole, little trouble was experienced in this connection.

8. The Live Poultry (Restrictions) Order, 1957.

As in previous years the poultry section of the market was licensed for the sale of poultry for immediate slaughter on Thursday only - the normal market day. These regular sales were kept under constant supervision and no action was called for by your officers.

9. The Markets, Sales & Lairs (Amendment) Order, 1926

Regular inspections, totalling 399 were carried out during 1965 to ensure that the cleansing and disinfection of the market and the railway sidings pens was being carried out satisfactorily.

6 Verbal cautions were made in respect of failure to cleanse the railway pens satisfactorily, but generally speaking the work was performed in a proper manner.

10. Fowl Pest.

No cases of this disease were notified in the Borough during the year.

11. Summary of Action taken during 1965 in the Administration of the Diseases of Animals Acts and Orders.

- (1) Regulation of Movement of Swine Order, 1959
 - (a) Legal Proceedings for failure to obtain licenses Nil
 - (b) Cautions issued by the Town Clerk following reports to the appropriate Committee Nil
 - (c) Cautions issued by the Inspector without reference to the Committee Nil
- (2) Transit of Animals

Cautions issued by Inspector in respect of failure to cleanse and disinfect Railway Siding Pens 6
- (3) Transit of Animals (Amendment) Order 1931

Cautions issued by Inspector in respect of failure to cleanse and disinfect Transport Vehicles Nil
- (4) Markets, Sales and Lairs (Amendment) Order 1926

Cautions issued by Inspector in respect of failure to cleanse and disinfect pens, etc., between Markets Nil
- (5) The Live Poultry (Restrictions) Order, 1957

Cautions issued by Inspector in respect of failure to clip back tail feathers Nil
- (6) Diseases of Animals Act, 1950 (Second Schedule)
 - (a) Legal proceedings taken in respect of moving animals without licences. Nil
 - (b) Cautions issued by the Town Clerk following reports to the Committee Nil
 - (c) Cautions issued by Inspector respecting use of unauthorised part of Market during Irish Cattle Sales Nil

I AM, MR. MAYOR, LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

Your obedient servant,

C.R. PALING, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.,

Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts & Orders.

January, 1966.

