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August, 1950.

To:-

The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough of Basingstoke.

I beg to present my Report for the year 1949, this being my tenth report as your Medical Officer.

Yours faithfully,

M. AVENT

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

1. (a) <u>POPULATION</u> - Registrar General's Estimate.....	16,780
	(Mid 1949)
(b) <u>BIRTHS</u> :-	
	<u>Total</u> <u>Male</u> <u>Female</u>
Live.. (Legitimate....252 120 132) ..	Birth Rate.....15.0
(Illegitimate...12 5 7) ..	England & Wales...16.7
Still.....6 4 2...	Rate per 1,000
	Births....22
(c) <u>DEATHS</u> :-	
	167 89 78) ..
	Death Rate.....9.8
	England & Wales...11.7
Deaths of Infants under 1 year.....	1
Deaths from:-	
	Measles.....0
	Whooping Cough.....0
	Cancer.....32
	Heart & Arterial Diseases...51
	Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....4
	Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis...1
	Suicide and Violence.....4
	Pneumonia.....8
	Influenza.....3

2.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

Notifications Received:-

Scarlet Fever.....	13
Whooping Cough.....	40
Measles.....	190
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	3
Pneumonia.....	1
Erysipelas.....	1
Polio-myelitis.....	3
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	7

The Town was again fortunate in having only a small amount of Infectious Disease, apart from a moderate epidemic of Measles.

The Polio-myelitis cases were not severe and recovered satisfactorily.

1 Scarlet Fever and 2 Measles cases were admitted to Aldershot Isolation Hospital.

1 case of Polio-myelitis went to Winchester, and 1 to Southampton Hospital.

3.

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

Number of Children who completed treatment.....204

Under 5 years.....189

5 years and under 15 years...15

In addition, 41 children, previously immunised, were given "re-inforcing" injections.

4.

WATER SUPPLY

The Water Supply of the Town has been analysed regularly and frequently and the Analyst's Reports shew that chemically and bacteriologically it is a very satisfactory supply.

Only a very small number of houses have a private independent supply and are not connected to the main.

5.

HOUSING

(a) During the year 1949 the following number of new dwelling-houses were completed :-

	{	Traditional Type Houses.....	19
	{	" " Flats.....	16
Council Owned	{	" " Aged Persons' Bungalows....	7
	{	Prefabricated Houses - "ORLIT"....	48
	{	" " "REEMA"....	18
Privately Owned.....			9

(b) Since the War, to 31st. December, 1949, 33³ Houses (including 50 Prefabricated Bungalows and 11 Bungalows for Aged Persons) have been completed for the Council, and 66 for Private Persons.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOROUGH SANITARY INSPECTOR

(A) INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

1... MILK

One Hundred and Twenty-nine (129) Samples of Milk were taken during the year, and the results of the analyses were as follows :-

"Pasteurised" Milk:-

Samples taken.....	78
Satisfactory.....	63
Unsatisfactory.....	7
Not efficiently Pasteurised...	8

"Tuberculin Tested" Milk:-

Samples taken.....	6
Satisfactory.....	6
Unsatisfactory.....	-

Ordinary Raw Milk:-

Samples taken.....	45
Satisfactory.....	32
Unsatisfactory.....	13

2... MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

1,053 visits have been made to the Slaughterhouse and other Food Premises during the year, and 8,307 carcasses have been inspected. In all, 5 tons, 5 cwt. 13½ lbs. of food have been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This weight does not include canned and packeted foods.

During the year visits were made to certain Food Premises and special attention was directed to washing facilities, sanitary accommodation and general cleanliness. As a result many improvements were effected, especially with regard to the provision of hot water.

Condemned:-

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number Killed.....	46	69	1,466	6,426	300	8,307
Number Inspected.....	46	69	1,466	6,426	300	8,307
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis:-</u>						
Whole Carcases condemned...	1	6	4	4	3	18
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.....	15	31	5	199	17	267
Percentage Diseased.....	34.7	53.6	0.61	3.15	6.66	3.43
<u>Tuberculosis:-</u>						
Whole Carcases condemned...	3	2	1	-	1	7
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.....	-	2	-	-	6	8
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis.....	6.52	5.79	0.06	-	2.33	0.18

3...NOTICES

186 Notices (Written and Verbal, & including 2 Statutory Notices) were served during the year.

4...COMPLAINTS

350 Complaints have been received and dealt with.

5...RODENT CONTROL

The duties in connection with Rodent Control are carried out by the Additional Sanitary Inspector (part-time) and 1 Rodent Operative, under the supervision of the Senior Sanitary Inspector. During the year 127 complaints were received and 2,138 visits made in connection with baiting and poisoning at Rat and Mouse infested premises; 2 maintenance treatments of Sewers were also carried out during the year, with satisfactory results.

2,081 poisoned baits were laid (including 108 in Sewers), with 127 complete takes, and 1,342 partial takes; therefore it can be assumed that considerable numbers of Rats and Mice were destroyed. Whilst it is not possible to effect the complete eradication of Rats and Mice, it is by continued visits to infested premises, &c. with subsequent baiting and poisoning, that their increase can be checked. Treatment of business and commercial premises is chargeable, the inclusive charge locally being at the rate of 5/- per hour, with a minimum of 5/-, whilst private dwellings are treated free of cost.

(b)

DRAINAGE

Coloured Water Tests.....3
 Water Tests Applied.....6
 Smoke Tests Applied.....5
 Systems Exposed.....8

(c)

INFECTED ROOMS AND ARTICLES

Rooms Disinfected.....10 & 1 Shelter
 Books Disinfected.....61
 Bedding Disinfected.....14 Lots

(d)

INFESTATION

Rooms Disinfested.....18
 Bedding, &c. Disinfested...10 Lots

In addition, 1 building was sprayed on account of Flies.

8...TABLE II DEFECTIVE CONDITIONS RECORDED

<u>Water Supply</u>	Defective fittings, &c.....	16
	Unsatisfactory supply.....	1
<u>Water Closets</u>	Defective buildings.....	4
	Defective pans.....	29
	Defective flush pipes.....	5
	Defective flushing cisterns.....	18
	Defective walls, floors, roofs, etc.....	37
<u>Drains</u>	Defective drainage systems.....	13
	Choked drains.....	12
	Defective gullies.....	6
	Not provided with means of access.....	1
<u>Manholes</u>	Defective brickwork, frames & covers.....	4
<u>Soil Pipes & Ventilation Shafts</u>	Insufficient soil pipes.....	2
	Defective vent. shafts.....	1
	Defective F.A.I's.....	2
<u>Sinks, Baths, etc. and Waste Pipes</u>	Defective or insanitary sinks & Lavatory basins.....	25
	Defective waste pipes.....	3
	Untrapped waste pipes.....	26
	Insufficient baths.....	1
<u>Dustbins</u>	Defective.....	30
<u>Yards</u>	Defective paving.....	2
	Dirty.....	2

Dampness

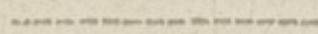
Defective roofs.....34
 Defective gutters & rain-water pipes.....18
 Absence of sub-floor ventilation.....2
 Defective window and door reveals.....2
 Defective external walls.....14

General

Defective walls and ceilings.....67
 Dirty rooms (walls and ceilings).....36
 Verminous rooms.....18
 Defective windows and doors.....44
 Defective floors.....29
 Defective stoves.....16
 Defective coppers.....6
 Defective and smoky chimneys.....5
 Defective food stores.....1
 Accumulations.....8

Other Matters

Shop premises requiring cleansing.....8
 Shop premises unventilated.....1
 Animals improperly kept.....2
 Choked water-courses.....1
 Defective or foul urinals.....4
 Lack of provision for hot water to Food
 Premises (Water Heaters provided).....9
 Miscellaneous.....39



Wm. J. TILEY

Senior Sanitary Inspector

