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FOR THE YEAR

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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1951

July, 1952.

To :-

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

I beg to present my Report for the year 1951.

Yours faithfully,

M. AVENT

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS

(a) <u>POPULATION</u> - Registrar General's Estimate.....17,000 (Mid 1951)

(b) BIRTHS:-

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	<u> </u>	otal Male	Female	
	(Legitimate Live(	266 136	130)Birth Rate	.0
	(Illegitimate	.12 9	3) England & Wales15.	5
	Still	••4 3	lRate per 1,000 Births14	
(0)	o) <u>DEATHS</u> :-	204 115	89)Death Ratell. ) England & Walesl2.	8
	Deaths of Infants und	er 1 year	9	
	He Pu Pn In Wh	art & Arter lmonary Tub eumonia fluenza	29 rial Diseases72 perculosis	



#### NOTIFIABLE DISEASE

Notifications Received :-

Soarlet Fever
Whooping Cough
Measles
Polio-myelitisl
Pneumonia
Pulmonary Tuberculosis20
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosisl
Puerperal Pyrexial
Ophthalmia Neonatorum2
Dysentery
Erysipelas

The Town was again fortunate in having only a small amount of Infectious Disease, apart from Measles and Whooping Cough in the winter and spring.

The Polio-myelitis case was a mild one without paralysis. The Scarlet Fever cases were mild and were treated at home except one (an Aircraftsman) who was admitted to the Military Isolation Hospital, Aldershot.

The virtual disappearance of Diphtheria, to which the immunisation Campaign has presumably contributed, and the diminished seriousness of Scarlet Fever, are noteworthy and gratifying features of today.

An outbreak of Dysentery in the adjoining rural districts among School children supplied with meals from the Fairfields Cooking Depot occurred in June. The organism responsible was one of the Salmonella group; investigations failed to establish the means by which the organism got into the food and what food was infected.

The incident is an example of the increased risk of such outbreaks under present day conditions, when large numbers of people are dependent on communal feeding arrangements, and of the importance of care on the part of all concerned with the handling of food at any stage.

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#### DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

In addition, 142 Children, previously immunised, were given "re-inforcing" injections.



#### MASS RADIOGRAPHY SURVEY

This Survey was carried out in June and July. The rather high figure of Tuberculosis notifications, lower actually than the year before, is probably due to this.

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#### WATER SUPPLY

The Water Supply of the Town has been analysed regularly and frequently and the Analyst's Reports shew that it is entirely satisfactory.

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

#### HOUSING

(a) During the year 1951 the following new dwelling-houses were completed :-

	Traditional	Type	Houses
Council Owned	1	n	Aged Persons' Dwellings4
	( 17	17	Nurse's Bungalow 1
	(Aluminium B	ungal	ows
Privately Owned			

(b) Since the War, to 31st. December, 1951, 617 Houses have been completed for the Council, and 125 for Private Persons and Associations.



#### ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOROUGH SANITARY INSPECTOR

#### (1)

#### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

## 1. MILK

Sixty-eight (68) Samples of Milk were taken during the year, and the results of the analyses were as follows :-

#### "Pasteurised" Milk:-

Samples	taken.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	57
Satisfac	story	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		49
Unsatisf	actory	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	.8

#### "Tuberoulin Tested Pasteurised" Milk:-

Samples	taken.	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•	•	8
Satisfac	tory	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•			6
Unsatisf	actory	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•			2

"Tuberculin Tested" Milk:-

Sterilised Milk :-

Samples taken....l Satisfactory.....l

## 2. MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

1,276 visits have been made to the Slaughterhouse and other Food Premises during the year, and 11,195 carcases have been inspected. In all, 6 tons 10 cwts. 1 qr. 8 lbs. of food have been condemned as unfit for human consumption. This weight does not include canned and packeted foods. During the year continued visits were made to Food Premises and special attention was again directed to washing facilities, sanitary accommodation and general cleanliness. As a result many improvements were effected, and the standard of general cleanliness, &c. is steadily improving.



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Condemned:-	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Total
Number Killed	40	64	1,600	9,099	392	11,195
Number Inspected	40	64	1,600	9,099	392	11,195
All Diseases except Tuberculosis:-						
Whole Carcases condemn	edl	9	7	13	24	54
Carcases of which some part or organ						
was condemned	11	29	5	1,011	82	1,138
Percentage Diseased	30.0	59.37	0.75	11.25	27.04	10.64
Tuberculosis:-						
Whole Carcases condemn	ed1	6	1	-	l	9
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	6	-	-	1	9
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis	7.50	18,75	0.06	-	0.51	0.60

## 3. NOTICES

185 Notices (Written and Verbal, & including 5 Statutory Notices) were served during the year.

#### 4. COMPLAINTS

403 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 199 complaints were received and 1,904 visits made in connection with baiting and poisoning at Rat and Mouse infested premises; maintenance treatment of Sewers was also carried out during the year, with satisfactory results. 1,497 poisoned baits were laid (including 8 in Sewers), with 47 complete takes, and 521 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.

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## 6. FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Part I

## (i) Inspections, &c.

(ii) <u>Defects found</u>:-Want of cleanliness.....4

Sanitary Conveniences: -

- (a) Insufficient.....l
- (b) Unsuitable or defective.....2(c) Not separate for sexes.....-

Part VIII Outwork:-

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## (B) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

7. TABLE I

## (a)

## CLASSIFIED STATEMENT OF PREMISES INSPECTED

Inspections under the Housing & Public Health Acts736 Works in Progress
Re-inspections
Visits to Slaughterhouse
Food Premises
In connection with Infectious Diseases
Public Conveniences
Shops Acts
Rats and Mice Destruction Act
Overcrowding
Petroleum Act
Factories Act
Dairies and Milkshops
Knackers Yardsl
Common Lodging House2
Tents, Vans and Sheds
Ice Cream Premises
Places of Amusement
Rag Flock Act
Marine Store Dealersl Miscellaneous Visits
Interviews
Total



	(ъ)		DRAINAGE							
		Wate	r Tests Applied							
	(0)									
	(0)	INFECTED ROOMS AND ARTICLES								
			ms Disinfected							
		Bed	ding Disinfected19 Lots							
		Bed	ding Destroyed Lot							
	(a)		INFESTATION							
			ms Disinfested							
			ding, &c. Disinfested17 Lots							
			DITION CONDITION DECODED							
-	8.	TABLE II	DEFECTIVE CONDITIONS RECORDED							
		Water Supply	Defective fittings, &c10							
			Internal supply provided							
		Water Closets	Defective buildings2							
			Defective pans15 Defective flush pipes							
			Defective flushing cisterns							
			Defective walls, floors, roofs etc6 Unventilatedl							
			Ouvertraged							
ł		Drains	Drainage systems needing reconstruction.6							
			Choked drains							
			Not provided with means of access4							
			Cesspools requiring cleansing5							
		Manholes	Defective brickwork, frames & covers3							
		Soil Pipes & V	entilation Shafts							
			Defective ventilation shafts							
		Sinks, Baths,	etc. and Waste Fipes							
I			Defective, insanitary, or absence of, sirks and lavatory basins10							
I			Defective waste pipes							
			Untrapped waste pipesll							
		Dustbins	Defective							
		Yards	Defective paving 2							
			Lack of drainagel							
			Requiring cleansing							
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Dampness	Defective roofs
<u>General</u>	Defective walls and ceilings
<u>Other Matters</u>	Shop premises requiring cleansing

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Wm. J. TILEY

## Senior Sanitary Inspector





