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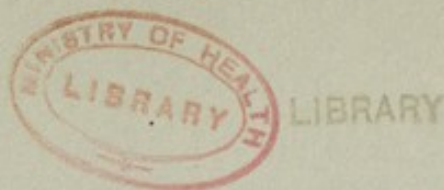
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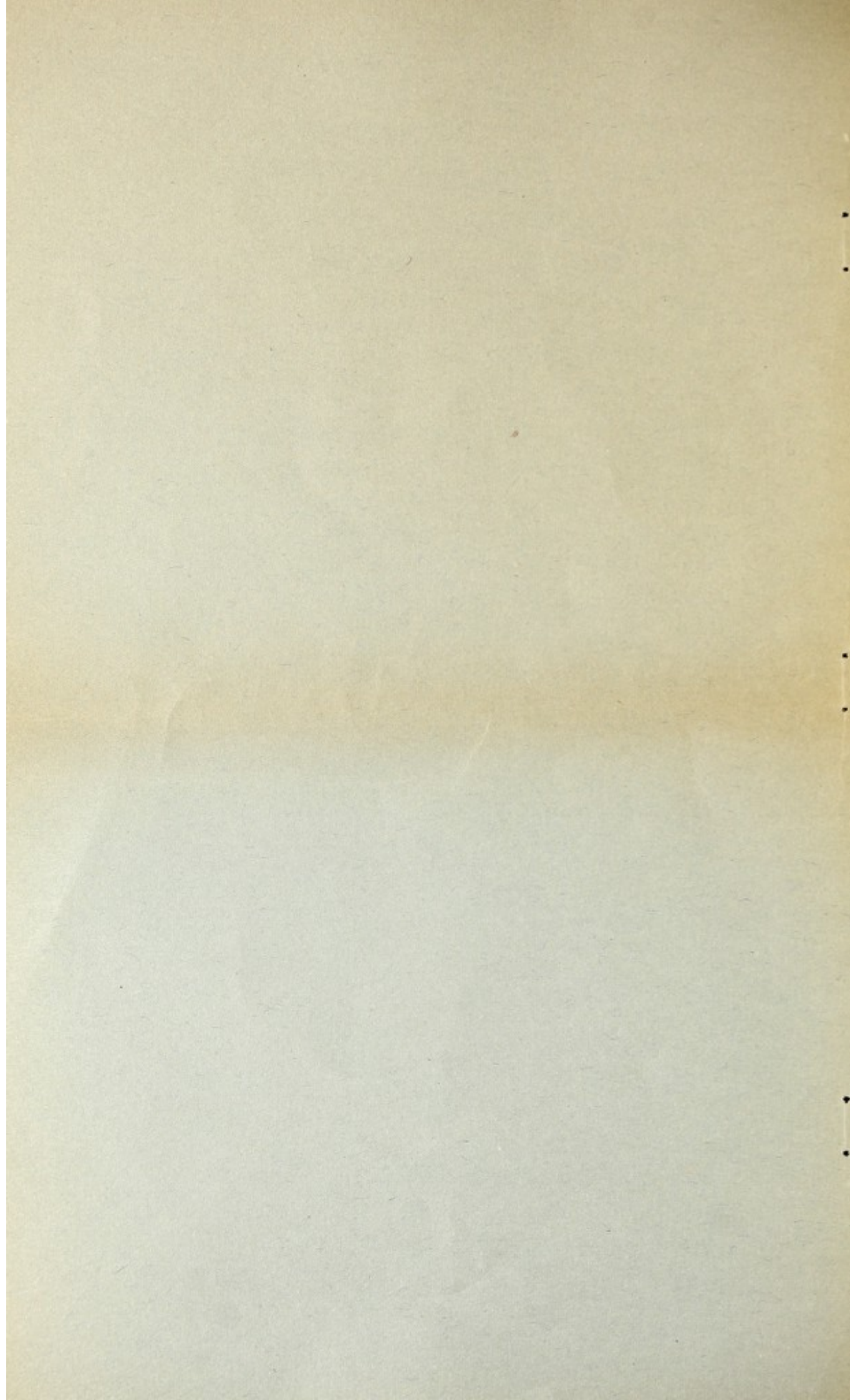
ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year

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ROTHERWICK.

June 1938.

Ladies & Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1937:-

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GENERAL STATISTICS.

Area (acres).....	74,788
Population (estimated).....	14,610
Number of Inhabited Houses.....	3,929
Sum represented by a penny rate..	£374
Rateable Value.....	£87,642

The District is entirely residential and agricultural, and the amount of unemployment is very small.

VITAL STATISTICS.

	Legitimate	Total	Male	Female	
		186	86	100	
Live Births					Birth Rate 13.5
	Illegitimate	11	4	7	
Still Births.....	6	2	4	Rate per 1000	
				Total Births 30	
Deaths.....	156	88	68	Death Rate	
				(corrected) 10.6	

Deaths from Puerperal causes - 0.

Death rate of infants under one year per 1,000 live births - 45.6

There were no deaths from Measles, one from Whooping Cough and none from Diarrhoea.

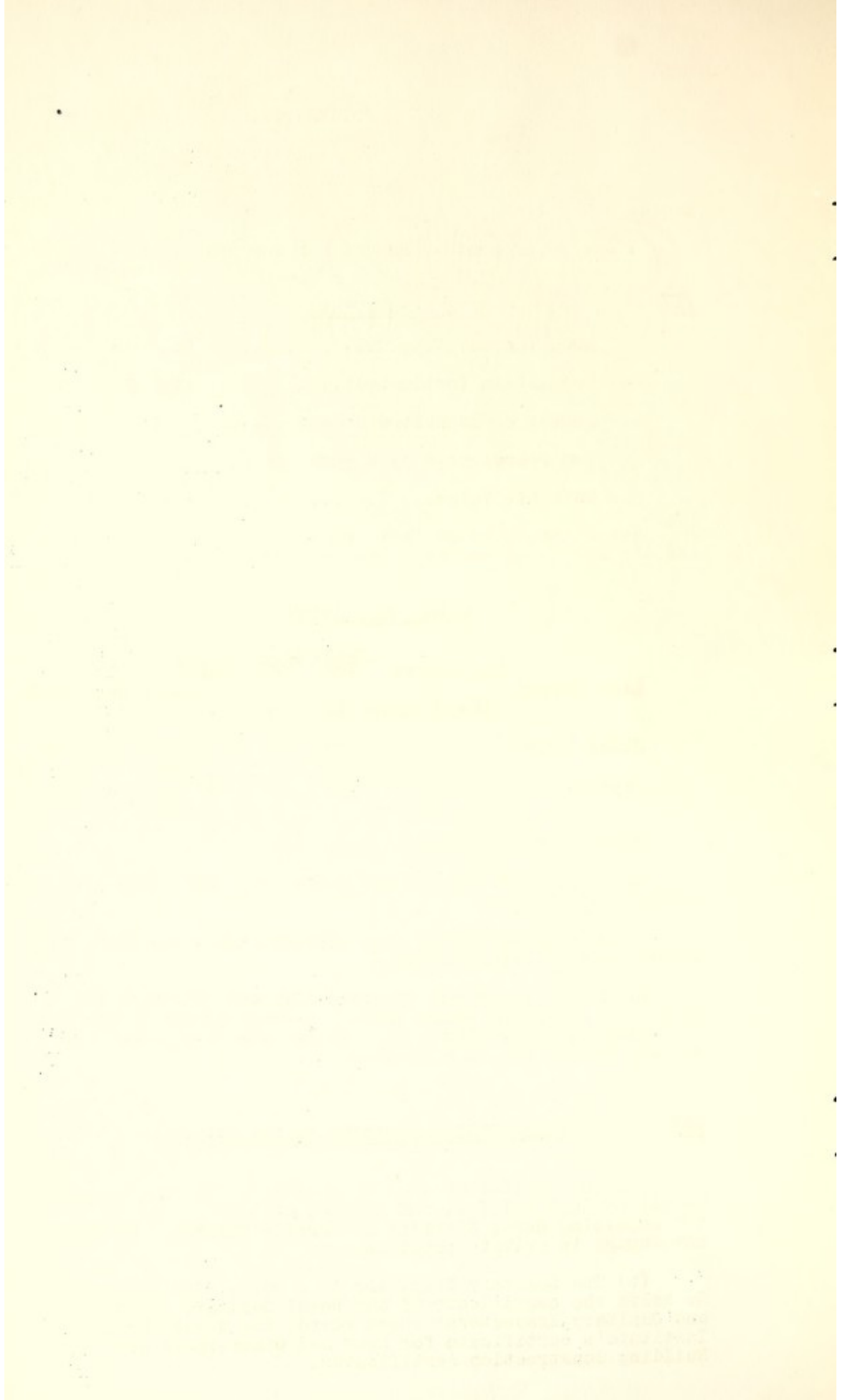
As usual, heart and arterial diseases provided the principle causes of death (42). Cancer caused 23 deaths, influenza 8, tuberculosis 3. There were 3 suicides and 6 other deaths due to violence.

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE COUNCIL.

(a) The Medical Officer of Health is also Assistant County Medical Officer, and Medical Officer of Health of the adjoining Rural District of Hartley Wintney. He does not engage in private practice.

(b) The Sanitary Inspector is a whole time officer. He holds the certificate of the Royal Sanitary Institute and Sanitary Inspectors' Joint Board, the Royal Sanitary Institute's certificate for Meat and Other Foods and Building Construction certificates.



(1) Water. The Mid-Wessex Water Company are beginning to extend their mains in the northern and eastern parts of the District. In time, their mains will cover the whole north eastern half of the District.

In the Parish of Basing, new houses on the Byfleet Estate are, in nearly all cases, supplied from Company's mains.

Analysis of water in Sherborne St. John show that serious pollution exists. The provision of an alternative supply is under consideration.

(2) Sewers. In view of the extension of the Water Company's mains in the Parish of Basing, and the fact that an alternative supply for the village of Sherborne St. John (probably by the Mid-Wessex Water Co.) has become necessary, the problem of sewage disposal in both these villages is bound to become acute sooner or later. Conditions in these two villages are very similar, and difficult on account of their low lying situation.

A firm of engineers are investigating the matter, and schemes of sewerage and sewage disposal are in course of preparation.

(3) Scavenging. The collection of indestructible house refuse is carried out in the Parishes of Basing, Newnham, Bramley, Sherfield, Wootton St. Lawrence, Sherborne St. John, North Waltham, Monk Sherborne, Mortimer West End, Stratfield Turgis, Pamber, Dummer and Steventon. The work is done by contract & the refuse is disposed of by controlled tipping. The scheme meets a real need & is appreciated by householders. The provision of proper dustbins is becoming general, although not yet universal.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

NUMBER & NATURE OF INSPECTIONS.

Public Health Inspections.....	39
Public Health Re-inspections.....	17
Housing Inspections.....	194
Housing Re-inspections.....	252
Cowsheds & Dairies.....	49
Bakehouses.....	20
Petroleum.....	35
Slaughterhouses & Butcher's Shops.....	245
Drainage.....	191
Water.....	99
Disinfections.....	16
Overcrowding.....	4
Milk.....	5
Refuse.....	14
Miscellaneous.....	125
Housing Act 1935/36.....	4
Housing (Rural Workers) Act.....	181
	<u>1,490</u>

Swimming Baths. There is one privately owned swimming bath, open to the public, at Basing. It is fed by the River Loddon, is open to the air, and the water is untreated.

Schools. The sanitary conditions and water supply of the schools in the area is for the most part satisfactory. My position as Assistant School Medical Officer facilitates dealing with outbreaks of infectious disease.

(1) <u>Inspection of dwelling houses during the year.</u>	
(a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected ...	194
(b) Number of Inspections made.....	252
(all recorded under Regulations 1925)	
(c) Number of houses found so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for habitation.....	57
(d) Number of houses exclusive of (c) found not in all respects reasonably fit.....	66
(2) <u>Remedy of Defects.</u>	
(a) Number of houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action.....	56
(b) Housing (Rural Workers) Act 1926 included in above.....	8
(3) <u>Action under Statutory Powers.</u>	
(a) Secs. 9, 10 & 16, Housing Act 1936.	
Number of Notices served.....	0
Number of Houses rendered fit.....	5
(1) By Owners.....	0
(2) By Local Authority on default of owners..	5
(b) Public Health Acts.....	0
(c) Secs. 11 & 31, Housing Act 1936.	
Number of Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.....	0
Number of houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders.....	13
(4) <u>Housing Act 1936 - Overcrowding.</u>	
(a) Number of houses overcrowded at end of the year.....	
Number of families dwelling therein.....	68
Number of Persons dwelling therein.....	399
(b) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year.....	4
(c) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.....	0

Houses are being erected at Bramley, Cliddesden and North Waltham. Probably more will be required before overcrowding is materially abated.



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Meat and Other Foods.

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	94	168	699
Number inspected	54	134	599
All diseases except tuberculosis. Whole carcasses condemned.	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3	0	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	5.5%	0	.5%
Tuberculosis only. Whole carcasses condemned	0	0	0
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	0	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	3.7%	0	.6%

Licensed Slaughtermen.

There are 15 licensed slaughtermen in the area. These are licensed under the 1933 Slaughter of Animals Act, after satisfying the Authority that they are capable slaughtermen.

Slaughterhouses.

There are three licensed slaughterhouses in the area at Sherborne St. John, Monk Sherborne and Preston Candover.

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NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

	<u>Notified.</u>	<u>Admitted to</u> <u>Hospital.</u>	<u>Deaths.</u>
Scarlet Fever.....	7	5	0
Diphtheria.....	19	13	1
Pneumonia.....	10	0	13
Dysentery.....	4	0	0
Erysipelas.....	7	0	0
Enteric Fever.....	1	1	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum..	3	0	Vision not impaired
Tuberculosis.....	(Males 4. Ages 24,32,35,53.		
Respiratory 13	(Females 9. Ages 15,20,22,26,31, 33,37(2),41.		
"	(Males 2. Ages 3,7.		
Other forms 3	(Females 1. Age 50.		
"	(Males 0. Females 3.		
Deaths (all ages)	(Other forms 0.		
Respiratory 3			

From the above figures it will be seen that the amount of infectious disease was considerably less than the average of recent years.

An epidemic of diphtheria at Park Prewett involved 13 female nurses and 6 female patients. One elderly female patient died from a superadded streptococcal infection. The source of infection was traced to a patient who was admitted 9 days before the first case occurred, and proved to be a persistent carrier. Her condition was cured by tonsilectomy. Active immunisation was applied to all contacts.

Diphtheria Immunisation. During the year the number of infants who received treatment was 32; approximately 17% of the one-year old children.

I am, Ladies & Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

MARK AVENT.

Medical Officer of Health.

