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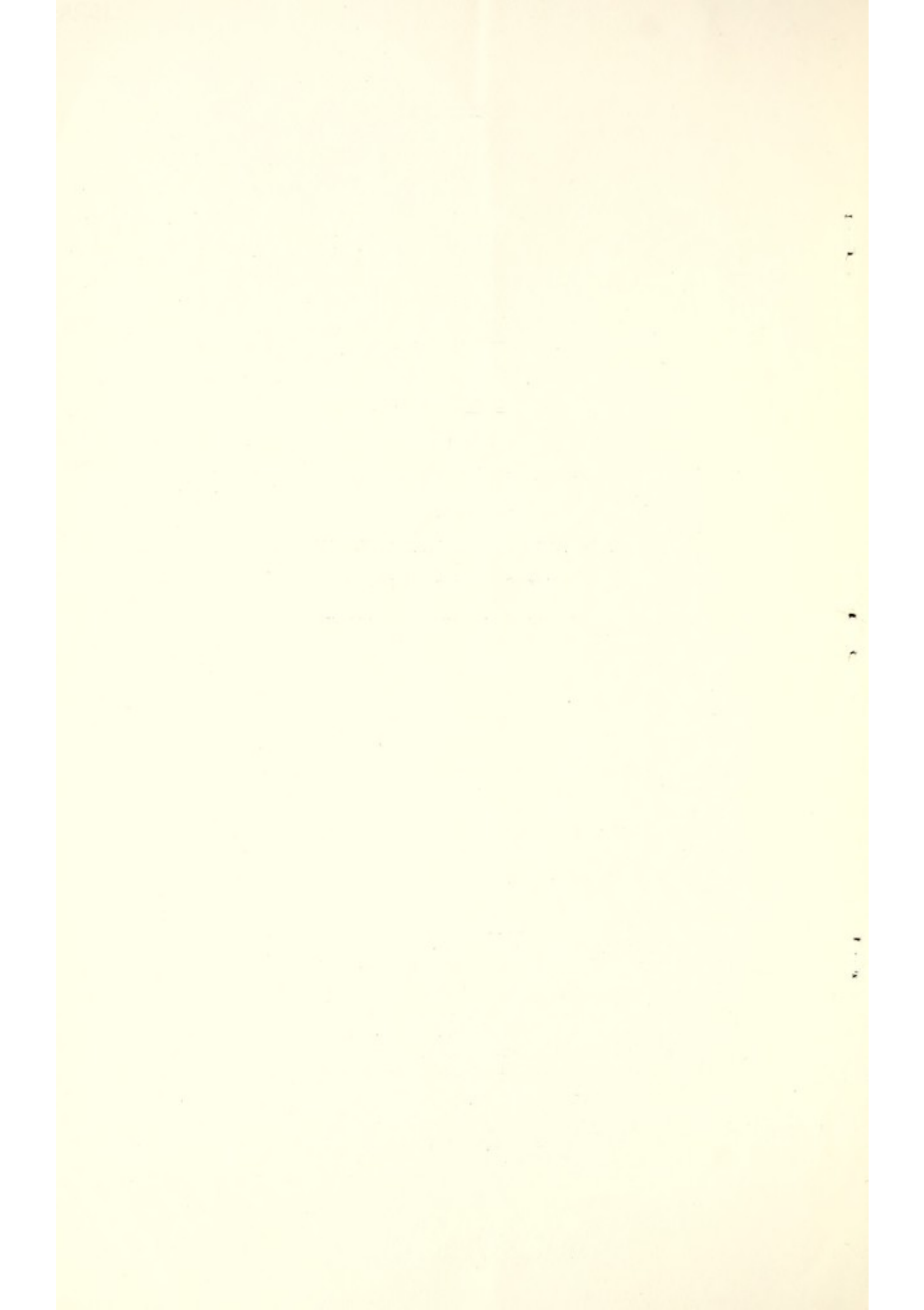
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A N N U A L R E P O R T
of the
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
for the
BASINGSTOKE RURAL DISTRICT
for the year 1949.





BASINGSTOKE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ROTHERWICK,

June 1950.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my report for the year 1949.

STATISTICS.

Population - 16,700.

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	
Live births	{ Legitimate	235	105	130	Birth rate - 15.5 (Eng. & Wales - 16.7)
	{ Illegitimate	11	7	4	
Still births	4			Rate per 1,000 total births - 16
Deaths	155	84	71	Death rate - 8.2 (Eng. & Wales - 11.7)
Death rate of infants under 1 year per 1,000 live births - 28					(Eng. & Wales - 32)

There were 55 deaths due to heart and arterial diseases.

8 " " " pneumonia.
7 " " " tuberculosis.
7 " " " suicides and violence.
1 death " " influenza.


NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

Scarlet Fever 8
Pneumonia 12
Paratyphoid 1
Ophthalmia 1
Measles 229
Whooping Cough 27
Dysentery 14

Tuberculosis - Respiratory - 16
 Other forms - 6

The district was fortunate in escaping the epidemic of polio myelitis; measles was prevalent and there was a small amount of dysentery at Park Prewett.

Diphtheria Immunisation - During the year 194 children under the age of five and 19 children between the ages of 5 and 14 years received this treatment.



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WATER.

It is estimated that 46% of the dwelling houses in the district are connected to water mains; standpipes are few.

The Council's schemes for extensions of piped supplies progressed. The shortage of materials interferes with the connection of houses to mains.

153 samples were analysed: 81 were unsatisfactory and in these cases steps were taken to obtain a satisfactory supply.

Samples of the piped supplies have given satisfactory results on analysis.

HOUSING STATISTICS.

New houses completed since 1945:-

Private building - 92.

Council " - 86.

Number of houses repaired in consequence of informal action - 76.
(year 1949)

RIVERS POLLUTION PREVENTION.

Steps were taken to prevent pollution of streams in 11 cases.

SCAVENGING.

The Council possesses two 10 cubic yard Dennis refuse vehicles, and refuse and salvage collections are made fortnightly throughout the district, with the exception of a few of the smaller parishes which receive a monthly collection. Refuse is taken to a controlled tip at Sherborne St. John.

Salvage collections amounted to:-

Paper -	64 tons	3 cwts.
Bones -	1 "	8 "
Rags -	2 "	8 "
Bottles & Jars -	3,543 doz.	
Scrap iron -	7 tons	16 cwts.
Other metals-		11 "

Value of salvage collected - £544.

The Council have a vacuum vehicle for emptying cesspools, which meets a real need.

1871

Received of the Hon. Secy of the Navy
the sum of \$1000.00 for the purchase of
the ship "Albatross" for the U.S. Navy

Witness my hand and seal this 1st day of
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FOOD INSPECTION & SUPERVISION.

Cowsheds and dairies - On October 1st inspection of cowsheds became the responsibility of the Ministry of Agriculture. Local Authorities are now responsible for supervision of milk distributors only.

Bakehouses - Periodical inspections of the 7 bakehouses are made.

Unsound food - 526 lbs. of unsound foods were surrendered and condemned during the year.

MOVABLE DWELLINGS.

Four licences for camping sites were issued during the year. The sanitary condition of the sites is satisfactory.

Yours faithfully,

M. AVENT,

Medical Officer of Health.

