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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE BEAMINSTER
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1942.

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Veterinary Surgeon (part-time). K.I. Marshall, M.R.C.V.S.
Clerk to the Medical Officer... Miss A.M. Johnson.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Deaths.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
	48	39
Total:	87	

Deaths from Special Causes.

	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)...	17 ...	10 ...	7
" " Measles (all ages)...	- ...	- ...	-
" " Whooping Cough (all ages)...	- ...	- ...	-
" " Diarrhoea (under 2 years)...	- ...	- ...	-
" " Puerperal Causes...	- ...	- ...	-
" of Infants under one year of age	2 ...	1 ...	1

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

There has been no alteration in the provision of health services in the area during the year 1942.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES.

Water Supply.

There has been no change in the water supply during 1942. Regular analyses have been made, the Beaminster supply being sampled as a routine once a month. Chlorination is employed.

Sanitary Inspections.

No. of Inspections	...	1,301.		
No. of Informal Notices	...	127	No. complied with	...
No. of Statutory Notices	...	1	No. complied with	...

FOOD

Milk Supply.

Three samples of ordinary milk and one of tuberculin tested milk were taken; the latter passed the Methylene Blue Test.

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Bond

Waterloo

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Waterloo Bond

Food. Continued.

Meat Supply.

The meat supply comes from a slaughter house in the Bridport Rural District where all the slaughtering of animals is done for West Dorset; all the meat is inspected on these premises by a veterinary surgeon employed for the purpose.

Food and Drugs Act.

Food stores in the district were inspected.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There were 72 cases of notifiable infectious disease during the year, as follows:

32 cases of Measles	16 cases of Scarlet Fever
9 " " Pneumonia	5 " " Pulmonary Tuberculosis
5 " " Erysipelas	1 " " Whooping Cough
1 " " Diphtheria	1 " " Non-pulmonary Tuberculosis.

(See following page for table of incidence)

From the Schools, the following cases of infectious and other diseases were notified:

21 cases of Whooping Cough	21 cases of Chickenpox
1 " " Rubella	32 " " Infectious Jaundice
2 " " Conjunctivitis	38 " " Scabies.
7 " " Scarlet Fever	30 " " Impetigo
8 " " Rash	5 " " Varicella
4 " " Acne	1 " " Dermatitis
1 " " Psoriasis	11 " " Measles
5 " " Ringworm	2 " " Influenza.

TUBERCULOSIS

One pulmonary male, two non-pulmonary males and two non-pulmonary females were removed from the Register after their recovery had been notified by the County Tuberculosis Officer. Two pulmonary females and one non-pulmonary female case left the county.

Deaths.

<u>Age.</u>	<u>Sex.</u>	<u>Type.</u>	<u>Duration.</u>	<u>Occupation.</u>
40 years.	M.	Pulmonary.	10 months.	Ship's steward; retired
36 "	M.	"	1 month.	Gas Stoker.
40 "	M.	"	5 months.	Mason.
37 "	F.	"	17 years.	Domestic.

(See following pages for table of incidence and mortality)

Local Survey.

The whole survey covers from a single house to the highest point of the district where all the surrounding of animals is done for the purpose of the survey. The survey is conducted on these premises by a veterinary surgeon employed for the purpose.

Food and Drink Act.

Food stores in the district were inspected.

INVESTIGATING OFFICERS.

There were 10 cases of notifiable infectious diseases during the year, as follows:

25 cases of Notifiable		10 cases of Notifiable	
1	Scarlet fever	1	Scarlet fever
2	Dysentery	2	Dysentery
3	Shigellosis	3	Shigellosis
4	Shigellosis	4	Shigellosis
5	Shigellosis	5	Shigellosis
6	Shigellosis	6	Shigellosis
7	Shigellosis	7	Shigellosis
8	Shigellosis	8	Shigellosis
9	Shigellosis	9	Shigellosis
10	Shigellosis	10	Shigellosis

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Infectious Diseases - 1942.

Disease	Total all ages.	Under 1 yr.	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	Over 65	Total to Hospital	Total Deaths
Smallpox ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Diphtheria ...	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Erysipelas ...	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	5	-	-	-
Scarlet Fever.	16	-	1	1	2	-	6	6	-	-	-	-	-	16	1
Enteric Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia & Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Malaria ...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Trench Fever.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery ..	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-
Encephalitis Lethargica	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia...	9	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	3	2	2	1	-	-
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	-	-	-	-
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Measles ...	32	1	-	1	1	3	17	7	1	1	-	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	72	1	1	2	4	4	24	13	3	6	4	9	1	17	1

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION 1942.

The following table shows the position with regard to Diphtheria Immunisation in the Schools in Beaminster Rural District at the end of 1942, as well as the number of injections given during that year.

School	Total no. on Register Dec. 1942.	Locals.	Evacuees.	Total Locals Imm'd.	Total Ev. 's Imm'd.	Per cent Loc. Imm.	1st Inj. 1942.	2nd Inj.
Beaminster Grammar School	137	134	3	120	1	89%	3	1
Beaminster Boys' School	71	55	16	50	15	91%	11	12
Beaminster Girls' & Infants' School	135	109	26	69	13	63%	14	18
Broadwindsor	77	62	15	61	6	98%	6	6
Chedington	11	10	1	8	-	80%	-	1
Corscombe	32	23	9	20	-	87%	8	2
Drimpton	28	24	4	20	1	86%	9	11
Evershot	101	82	19	66	12	80%	31	45
Halstock	16	15	1	5	1	33%	2	2
Holditch	33	32	1	32	1	100%	-	2
Hooke	26	23	3	21	1	91%	2	3
Marshwood	60	44	16	43	12	98%	15	31
Melbury Osmond	41	34	7	29	7	85%	5	4
Melplash	31	23	8	17	2	74%	2	2
Mosterton	37	29	8	20	2	69%	14	6
Netherbury	48	47	1	47	1	100%	6	7
Powerstock	64	42	22	42	22	100%	15	12
Rampisham	23	23	0	23	0	100%	1	3
Salway Ash	43	35	8	29	8	83%	3	14
South Perrott	17	10	7	10	5	100%	1	4
Stoke Abbott	20	13	7	9	-	69%	3	-
Thorncombe	89	72	17	63	12	87%	4	17
Slape Manor Ev.	20	5	15	4	15	80%	4	8
TOTALS ...	1,170	946	224	708	138	84%	159	211

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION 1942.

The following table shows the position with regard to Diphtheria Immunization in the Borough of Bournemouth Rural District at the end of 1942, as well as the number of injections given during that year.

School	Total no. on Register Dec. 1942.	Localities	Known	Total Localities	Total no. injected	Localities	Known	Total Localities	Total no. injected
Bournemouth Grammar School	137	134	3	150	1	84	3	1	1
Bournemouth Boys' School	71	32	16	50	12	31	11	12	12
Bournemouth Girls' & Infants' School	122	102	20	69	12	63	14	18	18
Broadland School	77	62	12	61	6	55	6	6	6
Chalton School	11	10	1	8	-	8	-	1	1
Corwood School	32	23	3	20	-	20	8	3	3
Driffield School	58	24	4	20	1	19	9	11	11
Everest School	101	82	19	62	12	50	31	42	42
Halstock School	16	12	1	2	1	1	2	2	2
Holmsley School	33	32	1	32	1	100	-	3	3
Hook School	26	23	3	21	1	21	2	3	3
Marwood School	60	44	16	43	12	31	12	31	31
Melbury Common School	41	34	7	29	7	22	2	4	4
Melbury School	31	23	8	17	2	15	2	2	2
Mosley School	37	29	8	20	2	18	14	6	6
Netherbury School	48	47	1	47	1	100	6	7	7
Poole School	64	42	22	48	22	100	12	12	12
Rushmore School	23	23	0	23	0	100	1	3	3
Selby School	42	32	10	22	2	20	2	10	10
South Park School	17	10	7	10	2	100	1	4	4
Stoke Abbott School	20	13	7	9	-	9	3	-	-
Thornhill School	69	72	17	62	12	50	4	17	17
White Horse School	20	2	12	4	12	12	4	8	8
TOTALS	1,170	844	224	708	128	580	129	211	211

Diphtheria Immunisation

Continued.

The following table shows the progress of Diphtheria Immunisation among pre-school children (those under 5 years of age) in the Beaminster Rural District during 1942. Out of 562 children, 362 or 64% were immunised at the end of December, 1942.

Month.	Maternity & Child Welfare Centres.			School Clinics.		
	1st.	Inj.	2nd.	1st	Inj.	2nd.
January ...	2		-	...	10	10
February ...	-		-	...	10	3
March ...	-		-	...	-	-
April ...	-		-	...	-	-
May ...	7		3	...	30	14
June ...	4		5	...	22	17
July ...	3		4	...	-	-
August ...	-		-	...	-	-
September ...	13		6	...	3	4
October ...	-		4	...	24	10
November ...	9		7	...	9	9
December ...	2		3	...	24	35
TOTALS ...	40		32	...	132	102

TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

Table of New Cases and Mortality for 1942.

Age Periods.	NEW CASES				MORTALITY.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-pulmonary.		Pulmonary		Non-pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	2	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	1	4	1	-	1	-	-	-
35	3	-	-	-	2	1	-	-
45	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
55 (and over)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS	6	5	1	1	3	1	-	-

The following table shows the progress of Diphtheria Immunization among school children (those under 5 years of age) in the Hamamti Rural District during 1945. Out of 562 children, 562 or 100% were immunized at the end of December, 1945.

Month	Hamamti A. Girls		Hamamti A. Girls		School Children	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
January	...	...	...	...	10	10
February	...	...	...	...	10	3
March	...	...	...	...	-	-
April	...	...	...	...	-	-
May	...	...	...	...	30	14
June	...	...	...	...	35	17
July	...	...	...	...	-	-
August	...	...	...	...	-	-
September	...	...	...	...	7	4
October	...	...	...	...	24	10
November	...	...	...	...	9	9
December	...	...	...	...	24	32
TOTAL	40	35	...	...	135	102

Table of New Cases and Mortality for 1945
TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

Age Period	NEW CASES		MORTALITY		NEW CASES	
	1st	2nd	1st	2nd	1st	2nd
0	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-
2	-	-	-	-	-	-
3	1	1	-	-	-	-
4	1	1	-	-	-	-
5	1	1	-	-	-	-
6	1	1	-	-	-	-
7	-	-	-	-	-	-
8	-	-	-	-	-	-
9	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 (and over)	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	6	5	1	1	1	1