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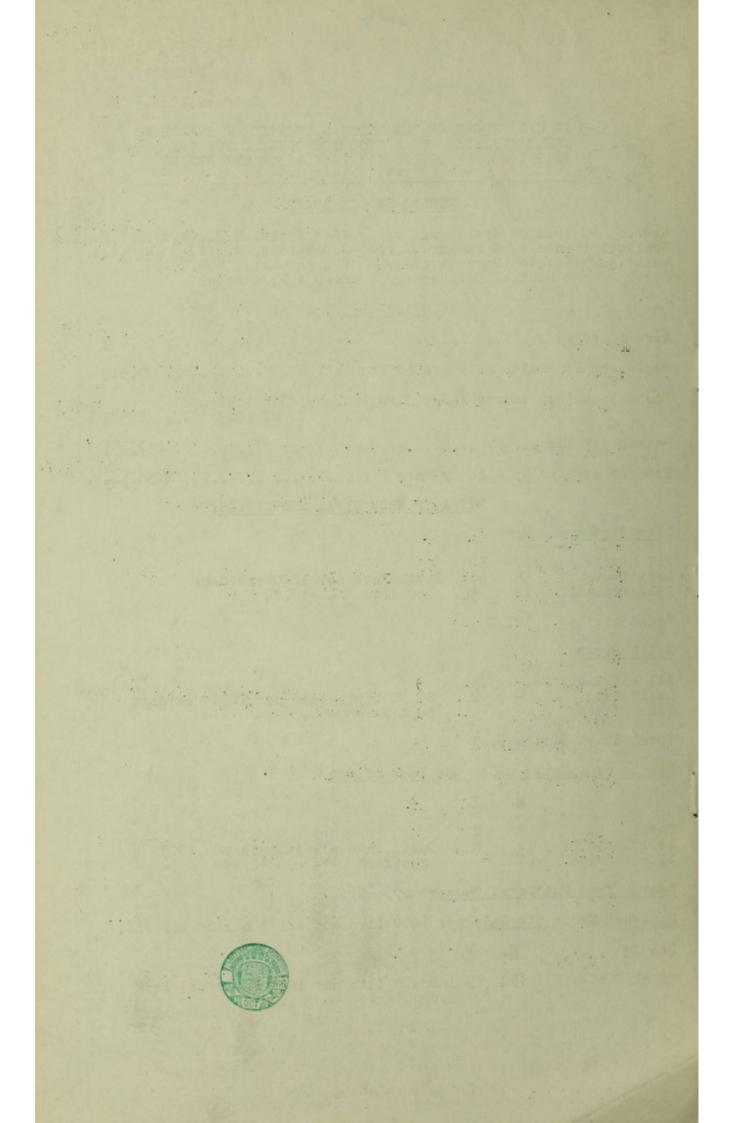
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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE BEAMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1945, INCLUDING STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD 1938 - 1945.

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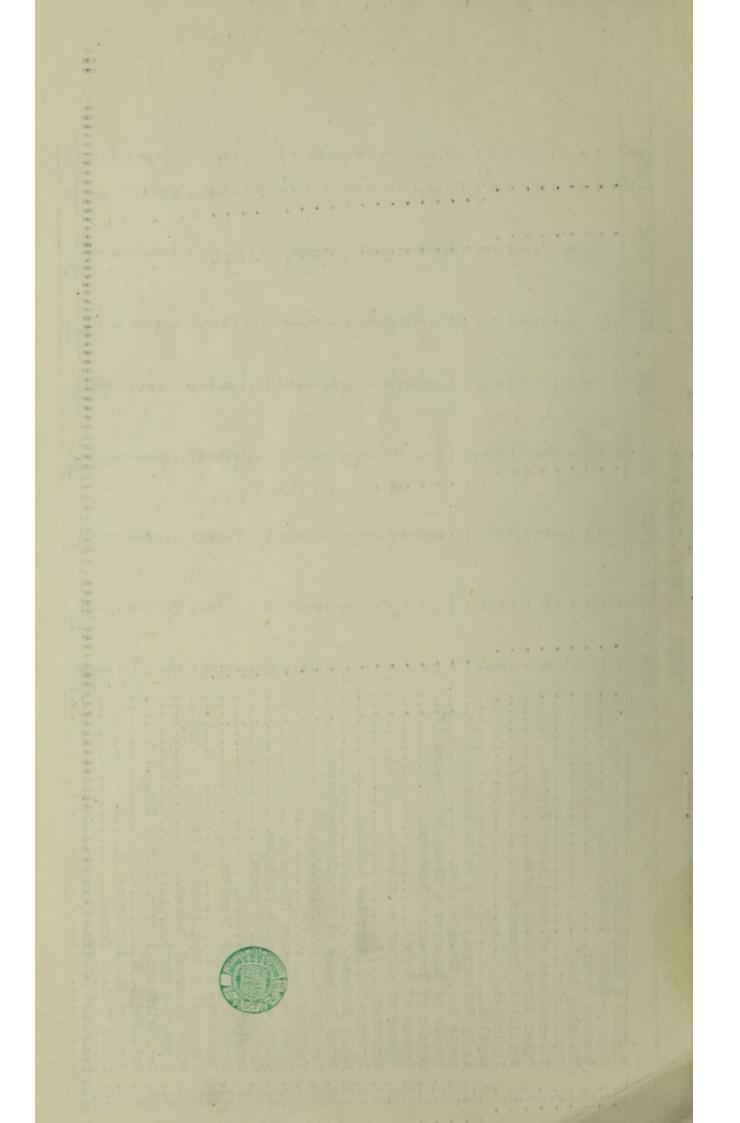
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STATISTICS OF THE AREA.
Area in acres
Registrar General's estimate of Population
No.of inhabited houses (according to Rate Books) at end of 1945 2,523
Rateable Value
Sum represented by a Penny Rate
EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.
Live Births M. F.
All births 67 55 Legitimate 55 50 Birth Rate per 1000 resident Illegitimate 12 5 population = 16.22
Total births 122
Still Births
All still births - 3 Legitimate - 2 Illegitimate - 1 Still birth rate per 1000 resident population = 0.39
Total Still Births 3
Deaths of Infants under One Year of Age.
<u>M</u> . <u>F</u> .
Total22Legitimate12Illegitimate1-notified births = 32.79
Deaths from Puerperal Causes Nil.
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1000 live and still births Nil.
Deaths M. F.
Total Deaths (54 34) Death rate per 1000 estimated resident = 88 population = 11.70.



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### SANIJARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

### Water Supply.

The Council only own one piped supply, namely in Beaminster Parish. This supply, which is continuously chlorinated, yields approximately 100,000 gallons per day, and serves a population of 1,700. Thirteen samples were taken for analysis and all were satisfactory except three which were investigated and the cause of the contamination eliminated. There are piped supplies in the Villages of Cheddington, Corscombe, Evershot, Melbury Osmond, Halstock, South Perrott and Thorncombe, all privately owned. The remaining Villages depend unpon wells. Although the Council have had their scheme ready for a piped supply to the whole of the District as put forward by Messrs. Lemon and Blizzard for nearly a year, no progress towards the formation of a Joint Water Committee for West Dorset has been made up to the end of this year. As soon as the other Authorities, namely Bridport Borough and Bridport Rural District, are ready with their schemes, a Joint Water Committee can be set up to discuss the whole cuestion of a comprehensive scheme and the formation of a Joint Water Board to take over the responsibility of supplying water to West Dorset. In the meantime, samples from the proposed source have been taken and have proved satisfactory. Altogether thirty six water samples have been taken for analysis from various other sources in the District.

#### Drainage and Sewerage.

Apart from a few septic tanks, the rivers and streams act as the sewers of the District, resulting in gross pollution of all these water courses. This is especially so at Beaminster, where the river Brit is very foul. Messrs.Lemon and Blizzard, Chartered Civil Engineers and Surveyors, issued a preliminary report on Sewerage and Sewage Disposal, covering all the Villages and classifying them according to their urgency, i.e. whether they cause, or are likely to cause in the near future, serious pollution or local nuisance. In Class I are those which should be dealt with in the early post war years. This group includes the Parishes of Beaminster, Netherbury, Broadwindsor and Hooke. Class II to be dealt with over a period of say five years, while Class III could be postponed for say ten years or longer.

#### Rodent Control.

Under the Rats and Mice Destruction Act, the Council accepted Delegated Powers from the County Council. As the latter was responsible for Rodent Control in over 90% of the area, the Rural Council asked the County Council to take back the Delegated Powers. This was refused, but an agreement was made whereby the County Council act as Agents for the District Council in Rodent Control for the area over which the District Council is responsible.

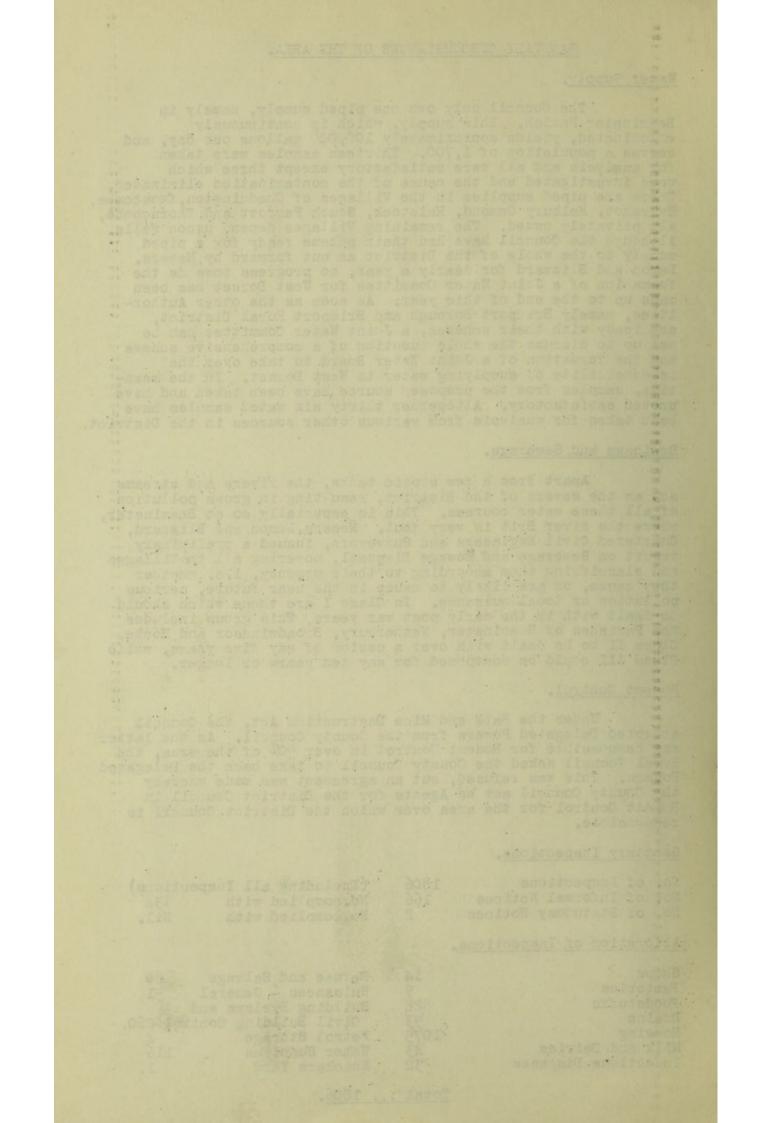
#### Sanitary Inspections.

No.	of Inspections	1806	(Including all Inspections)
	of Informal Notices	166	No. complied with 134
No.	of Statutory Notices	. 2	No. complied with Nil.

#### Allocation of Inspections.

Shops	14	Refuse and Salvage 80	
Factories	9	Nuisances - General 51	
Foodstuffs	28	Building Byelaws and	
Drains	93	Civil Building Control 260.	
Housing	1075	Petrol Storage 4	
Milk and Dairies	43 32	Water Supplies 116	
Infectious Diseases	32 .	Knackers Yard 1.	

### Total ... 1.806.



#### Cowsheds and Dairies.

No.	of persons on Register	465	No,			
No:	of Dairy Farms inspected.	32	No.	on Register of Inspections	:::	
	of Notices served of Milk Shops inspected					10
	of Novices			complied with		Nil.

A sufficient and wholesome water supply is essential for a good milk supply. The proposed comprehensive water scheme should help the milk industry in the whole of the Rural District, where at present the majority of Dairies have to depend on shallow wells which are so liable to contamination and drying up.

#### Meat Inspection.

All the slaughtering for West Dorset takes place at a Slaughter House in the Bridport Rural District, where a Veterinary Surgeon, appointed by the four Councils concerned, is responsible for the inspection of carcasses on every day that slaughtering takes place.

#### Food and Drugs,

The following foodstuffs were condemned :-

Fish	97 1bs	Biscuits	3 1bs
Oranges	56 1bs	Oheese	19 1bs
Bacon	37 lbs	Various	93 tins.

### HOUSING.

No. of dwelling houses inspected 873 No. of Inspections 1075 No. unfit for human habitation 154 No.not reasonably fit 472 No. of houses in respect of which Notices served under P.H.A. 57 (55 Informal, 2 Formal) No. of houses in which defects remedied by the owner after Informal Notice 39 Total no. of new houses erected Nil No. of houses owned by L.A. 90 Approximate number of working class houses in District 2186.

A Preliminary Housing Survey was commenced with a view to finding out the condition of the houses which will be classified as follows :--1.Satisfactory or with minor defects only. 2.Requiring repair, structural alterations or improvements.

3, Appropriate for re-conditioning under the Housing(Rural Workers) Act.

4. Houses requiring demolition.

A temporary Sanitary Inspector has been appointed to help in this survey, which when finished, will be followed by a detailed house inspection.

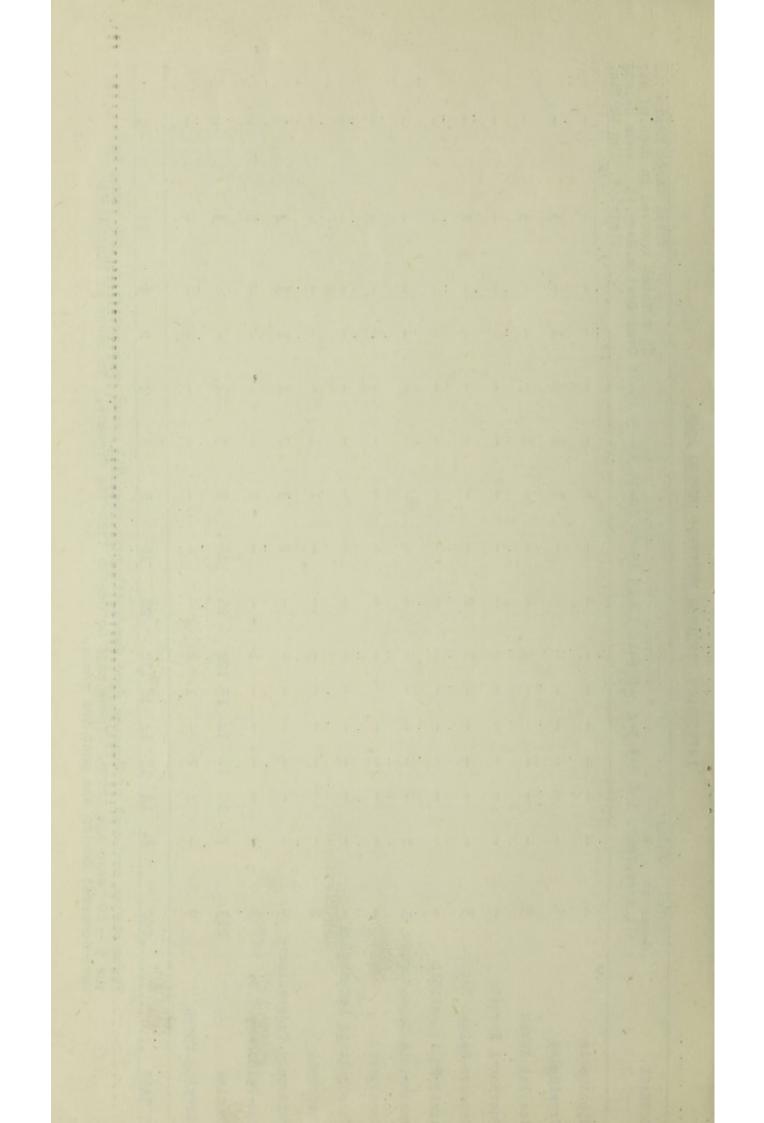
The Council own housing sites in the following Parishes, in which for their immediate Post War Housing Programme, they intend to build the following number of houses:-

Netherbury (North Bowood 2, Salway Ash 2), Thorncombe 8, Marshwood 2, Melbury Osmond 4, Stoke Abbott 6, Beaminster 34, Evershot 4, Mosterton 2, Corscombe 4, Halstock 8.

In October the Ministry of Health gave sanction for tenders to be invited for the erection of ten houses viz:-Stoke Abbot 6, North Bowrod 2 and Salway Ash 2.

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INFECTIOUS DISEASES 1938 - 1945.

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## New Cases and Mortality during 1945.

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Particulars of deaths as follows :-

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# New Cases and Mortality 1938 - 1945.

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1941	1	3	1	-	1	1	-	1
1942	6	5	1	l	1	2	-	-
1943	5	4	1	2	1	-	1	-
1944	4	2	2	2	1	-	-	1
1945	5	4	3	-	3	-	-	-
TOTALS.		28	12	8	12	5	2	2

