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September, 1950.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE BEAMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1949, INCLUDING STATISTICS FOR THE PERIOD 1939 - 1949.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

M. F. Live Births. 78. 67. 76. 65. 2. 2. All Births. Birth Rate per 1,000 resident Legitimate. population - 18.1. Illegitimatc. Total Births - 145. M. F. Still Births. All Still Births. 2. 1. Still Birth Rate per 1,000 2. 1. Legitimate. resident population - 0.37. 'Illegitimate.

Total Still Births - 3.

Deaths of Infants under One year of Age.

Total.

Legitimate.

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Illegitimate.

1. - notified Births - 27.6.

Deaths from Puerperal Causes...... Nil.
Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births...... Nil.

Deaths at all Ages and from all Causes.

Total Deaths - 84.

Death Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population - 10.5. Crude 8,5. Corrected.

Comparability Factor - 0.81.

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SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

WATER SUPPLIES.

Corscombe and Halstock Scheme.

Nearly a year was taken in investigating various problems in connection with the above scheme, and because of difficulties especially in regard to the rights of the free users of the present Corscombe piped supply, a deputation from the Council visited the Ministry of Health in June. As a result, the Council was advised that in view of the difficulties in connection with the free supplies and in obtaining the consents of the riparian owners, to invoke the provisions of the Water Acts of 1945 and 1948 for the compulsory acquisition of the water rights and the land required together with the construction of the necessary works. The Council resolved to apply to the Ministry of Health for the necessary Order, and it was reported that a Local Enquiry would be held early in 1950 concerning the application for the issue of an Order.

Netherbury Scheme.

Work was commenced in September to take the main from the Beaminster supply at Parnham to Netherbury.

Toller Whelme Borehole.

In May, a Local Enquiry into the Toller Whelme Borehole Scheme was held, and in October an 8" borehole was commenced. By December the borehole had been sunk to a depth of 100 feet, and after a five days continuous pumping test, a yield of 2,250 gallons per hour was obtained. The Consulting Engineers concluded that nothing approaching a pumping rate of about 30,000 g.p.h., which is what would be required for the Regional scheme, could be obtained by the development of this site, and it would be necessary therefore to revert to the original proposal to take water from the Hooke source.

Thorncombe.

The water supply system in the village was transferred to the Council. An electric pump was installed replacing the ram.

Broadwindsor.

In December, the Broadwindsor Water Supply Committee informed the Council that 40% of owners and approximately 80% of tenants of 101 properties in the village wanted a piped water supply and were willing to have it connected to their properties, and asked the Council to take immediate action in the matter.

Water Samples.

53 samples were taken for analyses, with the following results:-

	Mains.	Springs.	Wells.	Boreholes.
Satisfactory.	11.	4.	7.	1,
Unsatisfactory.	1,	8,	8.	1,
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No major change has taken place in sewerage during the year. The rivers and streams still act as the sewers of the district, with the result that all these water courses are polluted, especially so at Beaminster, where the river Brit takes the effluents from a Milk Factory, a Gas Works, a Process Engravers and Printers Works, and all domestic sewage from the town. The Council's Consultant Engineers have been instructed to put forward definite proposals with estimates for Sewerage and Sewage Disposal for Beaminster and Netherbury.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

All household refuse and salvage is collected weekly from Beaminster parish. In the remaining parishes, indestructible household refuse and salvage is collected monthly, the work being carried out with a 2/3 ton 28 H.P. lorry owned by the Council, who employ two men for the purpose. The refuse is tipped on to the Council's dump about a mile north of Beaminster town. This dump is kept in a satisfactory condition.

Rodent Control.

The County Council act as agents for the District Council for the area over which the District Council is responsible.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA.

No. of Inspections No. of Informal Notices No. of Statutory Notices	1028; 62. 15.	(Including all Inspections). No. complied with No. complied with	51.
Allocation of Inspections.	MOVIE	be excretely discussed of big	
Factories Drains. Milk and Dairies. Refuse and Salvage. Building Bye-laws, Planning & Civil Building Control. Water Supplies.	165. 25. 27. 529. 148.	Foodstuffs Housing Infectious Disease Nuisances - General Petrol Storage Slaughter Houses and Knackers Yards	13. 69. 12. 27. 2.
Petroleum, Spirit and Carbide. No. of Licences	Nil.	No. of Inspections	26.

Verminous Premises.

1 House was dealt with during the year.

School Premises.

The 18 Schools in the area have been inspected regularly. Most of the buildings are very old and are out of date, 6 Schools have their water supply from Wells, 9 have piped supplies, and 3 have no water on the premises. As regards lavatory accommodation, 4 have water closets, and 14 have bucket or vault closets. Tuberculin Tested milk is supplied to 16 Schools, Accredited milk to 1, and Pasteurised milk to 1.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Milk Supply Gow Sheds and Dairies.

No.	of	Persons on the Register at end of September 1949	485.
No.	of	Dairy Farms and other Dairy premises on Register	484.
No.	of	Dairies (not Dairy Farms) on Register at 31.12.49	1,
No.	of	Distributors of Milk on Register at 31.12.49	1,
No.	of	Dairy Farms Inspected	18.
No.	of	Inspections	25.
No.	of	Notices served Nil. No. Complied with	Nil.
No.	of	Milk Shops inspected Nil. No. of Inspections	Nil.
No.	of	Notices Nil. No. Complied with	Nil.

No milk samples were taken for analysis.

The Food & Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act 1944 came into operation on the 1st October, 1949. Under this Act, all persons carrying on the trade of Dairy Farmer, and all Dairy Farms have to be registered with the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries, and every Local Authority shall keep a register of all persons carrying on the trade of distributor in their district, and of all premises which are used as Dairies not being Dairy Farms.

Data received from the County Council show that on 30th September, 1949, of 484 Dairy Farms in the district, 90 are on the Tuberculin Tested Register, 46 are on the Accredited Register, while 348 are producing Ungraded milk.

There are no Pasteurising Plants in the district. The Milk Factory in Beaminster town manufactures dried milk powder, and despatches by tanker liquid milk for sale by wholesale, and also supplies a small amount to retailers in the district.

Ice Cream.

No.	of persons on the Register at the end of 1949 for the:-	No.
	(a) Manufacture of Ice Gream	1,
	(b) Storage and sale of Ice Cream	7.
NO.	of Ice Gream premises inspected during 1949	3.
No.	of Inspections of Ice Cream premises	3.
No.	of Notices (I.C.H.T.R.) served Ni	1.

Meat Inspection.

All the Slaughtering for West Derset takes place at a Slaughter House in the Bridport Rural District. A Veterinary Surgeon, appointed by the Bridport Rural District Council is responsible for the inspection of carcases on every day that Slaughtering takes place. No report has been received from the Veterinary Surgeon regarding the condemnation of meat at the Slaughter House during the year.

Knackers Yard.

This is situated about 3 miles N.W. of Beaminster town.

Condemnation of Food,

The follow	ring foodstuffs	were	condemned	as	being	unfit	for	human
consumption.								

Various Foodstuffs	19 tins.		28 lbs.
Fish	112 lbs.	Oheese	6 lbs.

HOUSING.

No. of Dwelling Houses Inspected	38. 69. 8. 10. Nil.
Action under Statutory Powers. Housing Act 1936. Sections 9. 10.	& 16
No. of Houses in respect of which Formal Notices served No. of Houses rendered fit after Formal Notice	Nil.
Public Health Acts.	Line
No. of Notices served:- Informal 11. Formal 2. Total No. of Houses in which defects were remedied:- (a) By Owners:- Informal 7. Formal Nil. Total (b) By Local Authority in default of owner	
Housing Act 1936. Sections 11.& 12.	1 10
No. of Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made No. of Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders No. of Closing Orders	Nil. Nil. Nil.
Re-Housing.	
No. of additional units of accommodation provided by conversions and adaptations. No. of families re-housed. No. of persons re-housed (approx). No. of New Houses completed:- (a) By Local Authority. (b) By Other Bodies.	8. 8. 24. 28. 12. 40.
No. of families in New Houses	120,
(b) By Other Bodies. No. of New Houses in course of construction at 31.12.49:- (a) By Local Authority. (b) By Other Bodies.	32, 36, 12, 140,
No. of Houses owned by Local Authority	

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

There was one case of Diphtheria notified, the first in seven years. The patient was a man of 24 years who had never been immunised. 9 cases of Poliomyelitis were notified, from the following parishes — Evershot 4 cases, Corscombe 2 cases, Wraxall 1 case, Broadwindsor 1 case, and Blackdown 1 case. There were 4 deaths from the disease.

children attending a private school where other cases were occurring at the same time. Investigations led to the tracing of a carrier in the kitchen staff.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

The number of children who have completed a full course of Diphtheria Immunisation at any time up to 31st December, 1949, are as follows:-

Children under 5 years of age at 31.12.49.

Under 1 yr	l yr.	2 yrs.	3 yrs.	4 yrs.	Total.
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	Children	5 - 15	vears of ago	at 31.12.49	2.
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Total number of children under 15 years, immunised. 1405.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1449.

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Particulars of Deaths:-

Pulmonary Male. - 45 years. Occupation not known.
Duration of Disease - 1 year.

Non-Pulmonary Male - 26 years.Occupation None.

Duration of Disease - 12 years.

New Cases and Mortality 1939 - 1949.

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Removals from District into other Areas. Removed from Register-Cured Total on Register at end of 1949	6	326	1 - 1 1 3 8 3

