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Public Health Office, 32, South Street, Bridport,

September, 1952.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TO THE BEAMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL FOR THE YEAR 1951.

## PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

## STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres	58,693.
Registrar General's estimate of population	8,160.
No. of inhabited houses (according to the as at the end of	Rate Books 1951) 2,597.
Rateable Value	., ., ., £39,310,
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£160.
EXTRACTS FROM VITAL	STATISTICS.
Live Births. M. F.	
Illegitimate. 70. 60. reside: 4. 2.	Rate per 1,000 estimated nt population - 16.67 crude. 18.50 corrected. ability Factor- 1.11
Still Births. M. F.	
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Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age.	
Total. H. F. Legitimate 1. Illegitimate	
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# CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES.

# Registrar General's Official Returns.

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	Total.	65	53	118

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### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

#### Water Supplies.

#### Hooke Source.

In the early part of the year, the Consultant Engineers reported that after carefully considering all the factors involved, they were satisfied that sufficient water would be available for the Council's requirements from the springs feeding the lower parts of the eastern watercress beds.

After receiving a Report from the Sub-Committee and the Consultant Engineer of the meeting which they attended on 24th April, 1951, and at which representatives of the owner of the cressbeds were present, the Council resolved that the District Valuer be asked to negotiate the purchase of the cressbeds and land on the basis of the agreement reached at the joint meeting.

Seven samples were taken from the proposed source and all were found to be satisfactory. It was agreed that samples from the springs feeding the eastern beds be taken at two monthly intervals and that they be submitted for chemical and bacteriological analyses.

#### Corscombe and Halstock Scheme.

Much progress was made regarding the extinguishment of water rights and purchasing land for the above scheme. The Ministry awarded 1st April, 1951, as the starting date for the construction of the service reservoir. Tenders were received for this construction but owing to the steel position, the Consulting Engineers were instructed to re-design the reservoir in mass concrete and to obtain a revised tender from the contractors. Plans showing the proposed pipe line were approved in September, and in October, the Ministry awarded 1st January, 1952, as the starting date for the laying of the water mains.

#### Netherbury Scheme.

In February, the Council resolved to extend the water main from Netherbury village to Whitecross, and to defer the proposed extension from Whitecross to Great Strode until the results of the Water Engineer's investigations into the amount of surplus water on the Beaminster supply, are known. In June, it was decided to ask the Ministry for a loan of £2,566, that an application for a grant be made, and that the necessary pipes and castings be ordered.

#### Thorncombe Supply.

In the beginning of the year a chlorinating plant was installed. Monthly samples taken for analyses were all satisfactory except that for October when the chlorinator was out of order.

#### Beaminster Supply.

A suitable pressure reduction valve was ordered in January. The Water Engineer continued his search for leaking pipes, stop-cocks, and valves which are leading to so much waste in the supply. 12 samples taken for analyses were all satisfactory.

#### Chedington.

The water supply to this village was being investigated towards the latter part of the year.

#### Melbury Osmond.

The Strangeways Estate agreed to install a chlorinating plant as the source is liable to pollution.

## Water Samples.

95 samples were taken for analyses, with the following results.

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#### Sewerage.

#### Beaminster and Netherbury.

Long and careful consideration was given to the choice of a site upon which to construct the sewage works to serve both Beaminster and Netherbury, and close liason was maintained between the Council, the Dorset County Council, and the Avon and Dorset River Board on the question. After discarding a proposal to site the works below Netherbury the Council resolved in December, to approve a site at Olenham Mill which would serve Beaminster by means of a gravity sewer and to which a scheme serving the village of Netherbury could be added later by pumping, provided that the owner approved. The Ministry agreed to accept this scheme for the purpose of a grant under the 1944 Act.

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In September, it was decided to have a combined sewage disposal scheme prepared to serve the proposed Council Houses and the village of Nettlecombe.

## Public Cleansing.

All household refuse and salvage is collected weekly from Beaminster Parich. In the remaining parishes, indestructible household refuse only and salvage is collected monthly, the work being carried out with a 2/3 ton 28 H.P. lorry. Two men are employed in the collection. The refuse is tipped on the Council's dump a mile north of Beaminster town. This dump is kept in a satisfactory condition.

## Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

### Allocation of Inspections.

Factorics	Food Premises
Milk Shops	Infectious Disease 4.
water Supplies	Slaughter Houses & Knackers yards
Building Byclaws and Civil Building control	"TEON one remerind the age with
Nuisances - Ge	eneral42.

Petroleum Spirit and Carbide.

## Rodent Control.

As no agreement could be reached between the four Local Authorities of West Dorset, the Council agreed to participate in the North Dorset Joint Control Scheme and in October, an operative was appointed and commenced duties. The Council's two refuse collectors also attended a course of instruction on Rodent Control.

## Eradication of Vermin.

No action was necessary.

#### Smoke Abatement.

No complaints were received.

## Camping Sites.

There is no wide spread camping in the district. Licences were granted for a few single sites on which to keep a caravan.

## Schools.

The 16 schools in the area have been inspected regularly. 9 have piped water supplies, 6 have wells, and 1 has no water on the premises. 5 have water closets, and the rest, bucket or vault closets. Tuberculin Tested milk is supplied to 14 schools, Pasteurised milk to 1, and Accredited milk to 1, Stoke Abbott school was permanently closed during the year. during the year.

# INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

## Meat Inspection.

All the slaughtering for West Dorset takes place at a Slaughter House in the Bridgort Rural District. The Council shares the cost, along with the other three West Dorset Authorities for the services of a Veterinary Surgeon who is responsible for the inspection of carcases on every day that slaughtering takes place.

## Milk Supply.

No. of persons registered as distributors of milk at end of 1951... 2. No. of premises registered as a Dairy not being a Dairy Farm...... 1. No. of Dealer's licences granted to use the designation "Tuberculin Tested" under the milk (S.D. Raw Milk) Regs. 1949... 3.

121 samples were taken for analyses, with the following results.

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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 Licences
No. of premises on the Register at the end of 1951 for the - (a) Manufacture of Ice Gream
No. of Ice Gream premises inspected during 1951
No samples were taken for analyses during the year.
Knackers Yard.
This is situated about 3 miles N.W. of Beaminster town.
Condemnation of Food.
The following foodstuffs were condemned as being unfit for human consumption.
Various Foodstuffs
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No. of Dwelling Houses inspected
No. unfit for human habitation
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Action under Statutory Powers. Housing Act 1936. Secs. 9. 10. & 16.
No. of Houses in respect of which Formal Notices served Nil. No. of Houses rendered fit after Formal Notice
Public Health Act. 1936.
No. of Notices served - Informal 8, Formal Nil. Total
Housing Act. 1936. Secs. 11 & 12.
No. of Houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 1. No. of Houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 1.
No. of Closing Orders
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No. of additional units of accommodation provided by conversions and adaptations
(a) By Local Authority
No. of families in New Houses 48. No. of persons (approx)
(a) By Local Authority
(b) By Other Bodies
(a) By Local Authority
No. of Houses owned by Local Authority

The 41 houses completed by the Local Authority during 1951 were sited as follows - Beaminster 10, Netherbury village 2, Salway Ash 5, Stoke Abbott 2, Melplash 6, Halstock 2, Marshwood 8, Mosterton 6.

14 houses are in course of construction in the following places - Melplash 2, Beaminster 8, Drimpton 4.

The 136 post war houses have been built in the following parishes -Beaminster 42 (Fairfield 32, Hogshill Mead 10,), Broadwindsor 14, Burstock 4, Evershot 4, Halstock 4, Marshwood 8, Melbury Osmond 4, Mosterton 6, Netherbury 22 (Village 4, North Bowood 2, Salway Ash 10, Melplash 6,), Poorstock (West Milton) 4, Rampisham 4, Stoke Abbott 4, Thorncombe 16.

At the end of the year there were 177 applicants for housing accommodation in the district.

#### INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Quite a large outbreak of Measles occurred, lasting from February to July when 395 cases were notified mostly in the eastern and middle districts of the area. The schools at Corscombe and Halstock were closed because of Measles from 8th.- 23rd. March, 1951. There were no deaths from the disease. Influenza was prevalent in the early part of the year and caused six deaths.

No cases of Food Poisoning were notified.

Close co-operation was maintained between the Head Teachers, the School Nurse, and the Medical Officer of Health regarding the control of Infectious Disease. The following cases were notified from the schools:- Measles 136, Whooping Cough 28, Conjunctivitis 4, Jaundice 15, Mumps 8, Sore Throat 2, Discharging Ear 1, Colds 1, Chicken Pox 8, Scabies 4.

#### Diphtheria Immunisation and Vaccination.

This is the responsibility of the County Council. When not performed by the child's own Doctor, immunisation is given at the schools & Child Welfare Centres. The following tables show the number of children and others who have been immunised or vaccinated during the year.

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## FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948.

## Part 1 of the Act.

 INSPECTIONS made for the purpose of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

		Number		Number of	
-	Premises.	on Register.	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
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Part VIII of the Act.

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# OUTWORK .

# (Sections 110 and 111).

	SE	CTION 110	SECTION 111				
Nature of Work.	No. of Out- workers in August list reqd. by Sect.110 (1) (c)	cases of	No. of prosecu- ticns for failure to supply.	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises.	Notices Served	Prosecu- ticns,	
Wearing apparel. (Making etc)	6	-	-	-	-	-	
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TOTAL.	131	-	-	-	-	-	

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