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BEAMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1953.





Public Health Office,
32, South Street,
BRIDPORT,
Dorset.

July, 1954.

To the Chairman, and Members of the
Beaminster Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report on the
Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the District for the year 1953.

The health of the community has been good. There were no serious
outbreaks of Infectious Diseases. The Birth Rate is high compared with
the Rate for England and Wales, while the standardised Death Rate was
lower than that for the rest of the Country.

I am deeply grateful for the courtesy and consideration extended
to me by members of the Council and for the co-operation of my colleagues
on the Council staff, especially Mr. Rundle, the Sanitary Inspector.

I am your obedient servant,

A. Armit

Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health..... Adam Armit, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H..
Sanitary Inspector..... C.C. Rundle, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A..
Veterinary Surgeon. (Part-time).... K.I. Marshall, M.R.C.V.S..
Clerk to the Medical Officer..... Miss B.E. Lawrence.

STATISTICS OF THE AREA.

Area in acres.	..	..	..	..	..	58,693.
Registrar General's estimate of population.	..	..				8,091.
No. of inhabited houses (according to the Rate Books as at the end of 1953).					..	2,900
Rateable Value	..	..	..	..	..	£40,874
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	..	..	..	..	..	£164

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS.

<u>Live Births..</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Total Births.	85.	62.	Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated
Legitimate.	78.	61.	resident population - 18.17 Crude.
Illegitimate.	7.	1.	20.17 Corrected.
			Comparability Factor- 1.11

<u>Still Births.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Total Still Births.	-	1	Still Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated
Legitimate.	-	1	resident population - 0.12

Deaths of Infants under 1 year of Age.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Total.	7	1	Death Rate all Infants per 1,000
Legitimate.	7	1	notified Births - 54.42

Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Total.	6	-	Death Rate of Infants under 4 weeks per
Legitimate.	6	-	1,000 notified Births - 40.82

Deaths from Puerperal Causes..... Nil.

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still Births..... Nil.

Deaths at all ages and from all Causes.

	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	
Total.	61	44	Death Rate per 1,000 estimated
			resident population - 12.98 Crude.
			10.38 Corrected.
			Comparability Factor- 0.80.

Note. Comparability Factor.

This is worked out for each District by the Registrar General. Its object is to level out differences in the age and sex constitution of the Populations of the various districts and its use enables us to obtain standardised birth and death rates which are more fairly comparable and more accurate than the crude rates.

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE

Report of the Director of the Bureau of Plant Industry, United States Department of Agriculture, for the year 1907.

STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Area in acres..... 24,000
 Registered breeders' reports of production..... 2,000
 Total of registered horses (including those from foreign countries) as at the end of 1907..... 2,500
 Horses from foreign countries..... 200
 Horses represented by a foreign passport..... 200


STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Year	1907	1906	1905	1904	1903	1902	1901	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896	1895	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890	1889	1888	1887	1886	1885	1884	1883	1882	1881	1880	1879	1878	1877	1876	1875	1874	1873	1872	1871	1870	1869	1868	1867	1866	1865	1864	1863	1862	1861	1860	1859	1858	1857	1856	1855	1854	1853	1852	1851	1850	1849	1848	1847	1846	1845	1844	1843	1842	1841	1840	1839	1838	1837	1836	1835	1834	1833	1832	1831	1830	1829	1828	1827	1826	1825	1824	1823	1822	1821	1820	1819	1818	1817	1816	1815	1814	1813	1812	1811	1810	1809	1808	1807	1806	1805	1804	1803	1802	1801	1800	1799	1798	1797	1796	1795	1794	1793	1792	1791	1790	1789	1788	1787	1786	1785	1784	1783	1782	1781	1780	1779	1778	1777	1776	1775	1774	1773	1772	1771	1770	1769	1768	1767	1766	1765	1764	1763	1762	1761	1760	1759	1758	1757	1756	1755	1754	1753	1752	1751	1750	1749	1748	1747	1746	1745	1744	1743	1742	1741	1740	1739	1738	1737	1736	1735	1734	1733	1732	1731	1730	1729	1728	1727	1726	1725	1724	1723	1722	1721	1720	1719	1718	1717	1716	1715	1714	1713	1712	1711	1710	1709	1708	1707	1706	1705	1704	1703	1702	1701	1700	1699	1698	1697	1696	1695	1694	1693	1692	1691	1690	1689	1688	1687	1686	1685	1684	1683	1682	1681	1680	1679	1678	1677	1676	1675	1674	1673	1672	1671	1670	1669	1668	1667	1666	1665	1664	1663	1662	1661	1660	1659	1658	1657	1656	1655	1654	1653	1652	1651	1650	1649	1648	1647	1646	1645	1644	1643	1642	1641	1640	1639	1638	1637	1636	1635	1634	1633	1632	1631	1630	1629	1628	1627	1626	1625	1624	1623	1622	1621	1620	1619	1618	1617	1616	1615	1614	1613	1612	1611	1610	1609	1608	1607	1606	1605	1604	1603	1602	1601	1600	1599	1598	1597	1596	1595	1594	1593	1592	1591	1590	1589	1588	1587	1586	1585	1584	1583	1582	1581	1580	1579	1578	1577	1576	1575	1574	1573	1572	1571	1570	1569	1568	1567	1566	1565	1564	1563	1562	1561	1560	1559	1558	1557	1556	1555	1554	1553	1552	1551	1550	1549	1548	1547	1546	1545	1544	1543	1542	1541	1540	1539	1538	1537	1536	1535	1534	1533	1532	1531	1530	1529	1528	1527	1526	1525	1524	1523	1522	1521	1520	1519	1518	1517	1516	1515	1514	1513	1512	1511	1510	1509	1508	1507	1506	1505	1504	1503	1502	1501	1500	1499	1498	1497	1496	1495	1494	1493	1492	1491	1490	1489	1488	1487	1486	1485	1484	1483	1482	1481	1480	1479	1478	1477	1476	1475	1474	1473	1472	1471	1470	1469	1468	1467	1466	1465	1464	1463	1462	1461	1460	1459	1458	1457	1456	1455	1454	1453	1452	1451	1450	1449	1448	1447	1446	1445	1444	1443	1442	1441	1440	1439	1438	1437	1436	1435	1434	1433	1432	1431	1430	1429	1428	1427	1426	1425	1424	1423	1422	1421	1420	1419	1418	1417	1416	1415	1414	1413	1412	1411	1410	1409	1408	1407	1406	1405	1404	1403	1402	1401	1400	1399	1398	1397	1396	1395	1394	1393	1392	1391	1390	1389	1388	1387	1386	1385	1384	1383	1382	1381	1380	1379	1378	1377	1376	1375	1374	1373	1372	1371	1370	1369	1368	1367	1366	1365	1364	1363	1362	1361	1360	1359	1358	1357	1356	1355	1354	1353	1352	1351	1350	1349	1348	1347	1346	1345	1344	1343	1342	1341	1340	1339	1338	1337	1336	1335	1334	1333	1332	1331	1330	1329	1328	1327	1326	1325	1324	1323	1322	1321	1320	1319	1318	1317	1316	1315	1314	1313	1312	1311	1310	1309	1308	1307	1306	1305	1304	1303	1302	1301	1300	1299	1298	1297	1296	1295	1294	1293	1292	1291	1290	1289	1288	1287	1286	1285	1284	1283	1282	1281	1280	1279	1278	1277	1276	1275	1274	1273	1272	1271	1270	1269	1268	1267	1266	1265	1264	1263	1262	1261	1260	1259	1258	1257	1256	1255	1254	1253	1252	1251	1250	1249	1248	1247	1246	1245	1244	1243	1242	1241	1240	1239	1238	1237	1236	1235	1234	1233	1232	1231	1230	1229	1228	1227	1226	1225	1224	1223	1222	1221	1220	1219	1218	1217	1216	1215	1214	1213	1212	1211	1210	1209	1208	1207	1206	1205	1204	1203	1202	1201	1200	1199	1198	1197	1196	1195	1194	1193	1192	1191	1190	1189	1188	1187	1186	1185	1184	1183	1182	1181	1180	1179	1178	1177	1176	1175	1174	1173	1172	1171	1170	1169	1168	1167	1166	1165	1164	1163	1162	1161	1160	1159	1158	1157	1156	1155	1154	1153	1152	1151	1150	1149	1148	1147	1146	1145	1144	1143	1142	1141	1140	1139	1138	1137	1136	1135	1134	1133	1132	1131	1130	1129	1128	1127	1126	1125	1124	1123	1122	1121	1120	1119	1118	1117	1116	1115	1114	1113	1112	1111	1110	1109	1108	1107	1106	1105	1104	1103	1102	1101	1100	1099	1098	1097	1096	1095	1094	1093	1092	1091	1090	1089	1088	1087	1086	1085	1084	1083	1082	1081	1080	1079	1078	1077	1076	1075	1074	1073	1072	1071	1070	1069	1068	1067	1066	1065	1064	1063	1062	1061	1060	1059	1058	1057	1056	1055	1054	1053	1052	1051	1050	1049	1048	1047	1046	1045	1044	1043	1042	1041	1040	1039	1038	1037	1036	1035	1034	1033	1032	1031	1030	1029	1028	1027	1026	1025	1024	1023	1022	1021	1020	1019	1018	1017	1016	1015	1014	1013	1012	1011	1010	1009	1008	1007	1006	1005	1004	1003	1002	1001	1000	999	998	997	996	995	994	993	992	991	990	989	988	987	986	985	984	983	982	981	980	979	978	977	976	975	974	973	972	971	970	969	968	967	966	965	964	963	962	961	960	959	958	957	956	955	954	953	952	951	950	949	948	947	946	945	944	943	942	941	940	939	938	937	936	935	934	933	932	931	930	929	928	927	926	925	924	923	922	921	920	919	918	917	916	915	914	913	912	911	910	909	908	907	906	905	904	903	902	901	900	899	898	897	896	895	894	893	892	891	890	889	888	887	886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CAUSES OF DEATH AT ALL AGES.

Registrar General's Official Returns.

	Males.		Females.		Total.
	1-3 Qrt.	4 Qrt.	1-3 Qrt.	4 Qrt.	
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory.	1	-	1	-	2
2. Tuberculosis, other.	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic Disease.	-	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria.	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough.	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections.	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis.	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles.	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective & parasitic diseases.	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach.	2	-	-	-	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus.	1	-	-	-	1
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast.	-	-	2	1	3
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus.	-	-	-	-	-
14. Other Malignant & lymphatic neoplasms.	5	2	4	1	12
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia.	-	-	1	-	1
16. Diabetes.	-	-	-	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system.	3	2	5	2	12
18. Coronary disease, angina.	6	2	5	1	14
19. Hypertension with heart disease.	1	-	-	-	1
20. Other heart disease.	8	3	11	1	23
21. Other circulatory disease.	2	-	2	-	4
22. Influenza.	2	-	1	-	3
23. Pneumonia.	3	-	-	-	3
24. Bronchitis.	3	-	2	-	5
25. Other diseases of respiratory system.	1	-	-	-	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum.	1	-	-	-	1
27. Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea.	-	-	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis.	1	-	-	-	1
29. Hyperplasia of prostate.	-	-	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion.	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations.	1	-	-	-	1
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases.	6	4	3	1	14
33. Motor vehicle accidents.	-	-	-	-	-
34. All other accidents.	1	-	-	-	1
35. Suicide.	-	-	-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war.	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	48	13	37	7	105



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OTHER VITAL STATISTICS.

	1939	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Population.....	7635	7519	7682	7775	8002	8025	8113	8160	8093	8091
Rateable Value.....	£29603	£37851	£37851	£38246	£37929	£38029	£38590	£39310	£39507	£40874
Estimated Produce of Penny Rate.....	£131	£159	£160	£160	£158	£158	£160	£160	£162	£164
BIRTHS.										
Live Births.....	126	122	127	139	139	145	130	136	133	147
Legitimate.....	115	105	120	126	133	141	129	130	128	139
Illegitimate.....	11	17	7	13	6	4	1	6	5	8
Still Births.....	3	3	5	2	3	3	4	3	1	1
Live Birth Rate (Crude).....	16.5	16.2	16.5	17.9	17.4	18.1	16.1	16.7	16.4	18.2
Live Birth Rate (Corrected).....	15.6	16.1	19.1	20.5	17.9	16.7	15.8	15.5	15.3	15.5
Live Birth Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	15.6	16.1	19.1	20.5	17.9	16.7	15.8	15.5	15.3	15.5
DEATHS.										
Total Deaths.....	102	88	96	105	85	84	110	118	88	105
Death Rate (Crude).....	13.4	11.7	12.5	13.5	10.6	10.5	13.6	14.5	10.9	13
Death Rate (Corrected).....	11.6	11.4	11.5	12.0	10.8	11.7	11.6	12.5	11.3	10.4
Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	11.6	11.4	11.5	12.0	10.8	11.7	11.6	12.5	11.3	10.4
INFANT MORTALITY.										
Deaths under 1 year.....	9	4	6	7	4	4	7	1	2	8
Infantile Death Rate.....	71.0	32.8	47.3	50.4	28.8	27.6	53.8	7.4	15.1	54.4
Infantile Death Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	53	46	43	41	34	32	29.8	29.6	27.6	26.8
MATERNAL MORTALITY.										
Maternal Deaths.....	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Maternal Mortality Rate.....	-	-	7.57	-	-	-	-	-	7.5	-
Maternal Mortality Rate (Eng. & Wales).....	2.97	1.79	1.43	1.17	1.02	0.98	0.86	0.79	0.72	0.76

General Information (Date, Time, Place, etc.)

Particulars (Description of the case, etc.)

Medical History (Previous illnesses, etc.)

Physical Examination (Vital signs, etc.)

Diagnosis (Disease, etc.)

Prognosis (Likelihood of recovery, etc.)

Treatment (Medications, etc.)

Vital Signs and Physical Examination									
Temp	Pulse	Respiration	Blood Pressure	Heart	Lungs	Abdomen	Genitals	Neurological	Other
98.6	72	18	120/80	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
98.8	74	19	122/82	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
99.0	76	20	124/84	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
99.2	78	21	126/86	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
99.4	80	22	128/88	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
99.6	82	23	130/90	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
99.8	84	24	132/92	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
100.0	86	25	134/94	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
100.2	88	26	136/96	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
100.4	90	27	138/98	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
100.6	92	28	140/100	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
100.8	94	29	142/102	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
101.0	96	30	144/104	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
101.2	98	31	146/106	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
101.4	100	32	148/108	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
101.6	102	33	150/110	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
101.8	104	34	152/112	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
102.0	106	35	154/114	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
102.2	108	36	156/116	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
102.4	110	37	158/118	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
102.6	112	38	160/120	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
102.8	114	39	162/122	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
103.0	116	40	164/124	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
103.2	118	41	166/126	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
103.4	120	42	168/128	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
103.6	122	43	170/130	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
103.8	124	44	172/132	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
104.0	126	45	174/134	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
104.2	128	46	176/136	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
104.4	130	47	178/138	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
104.6	132	48	180/140	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
104.8	134	49	182/142	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
105.0	136	50	184/144	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
105.2	138	51	186/146	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
105.4	140	52	188/148	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
105.6	142	53	190/150	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
105.8	144	54	192/152	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
106.0	146	55	194/154	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
106.2	148	56	196/156	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
106.4	150	57	198/158	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
106.6	152	58	200/160	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
106.8	154	59	202/162	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
107.0	156	60	204/164	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
107.2	158	61	206/166	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
107.4	160	62	208/168	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
107.6	162	63	210/170	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
107.8	164	64	212/172	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
108.0	166	65	214/174	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
108.2	168	66	216/176	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
108.4	170	67	218/178	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
108.6	172	68	220/180	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
108.8	174	69	222/182	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
109.0	176	70	224/184	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
109.2	178	71	226/186	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
109.4	180	72	228/188	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
109.6	182	73	230/190	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
109.8	184	74	232/192	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
110.0	186	75	234/194	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
110.2	188	76	236/196	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
110.4	190	77	238/198	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
110.6	192	78	240/200	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
110.8	194	79	242/202	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
111.0	196	80	244/204	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
111.2	198	81	246/206	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
111.4	200	82	248/208	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
111.6	202	83	250/210	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
111.8	204	84	252/212	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
112.0	206	85	254/214	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
112.2	208	86	256/216	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
112.4	210	87	258/218	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
112.6	212	88	260/220	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
112.8	214	89	262/222	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
113.0	216	90	264/224	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
113.2	218	91	266/226	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
113.4	220	92	268/228	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
113.6	222	93	270/230	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
113.8	224	94	272/232	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
114.0	226	95	274/234	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
114.2	228	96	276/236	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
114.4	230	97	278/238	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
114.6	232	98	280/240	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
114.8	234	99	282/242	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal
115.0	236	100	284/244	Normal	Clear	Soft	Normal	Normal	Normal

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

Water Supplies.

Regional Water Supply - Hooke Springs.

In January, the Council, after careful consideration, resolved in favour of a Regional Scheme based on the Hooke river source, and to approve in principle, the making of a Compulsory Purchase Order for the acquisition of the land and water rights required at Hooke, and to submit to the Ministry as soon as the necessary details were prepared; (a), the Compulsory Purchase Order for confirmation; (b), the Regional Scheme outline as prepared by the Consulting Engineers with estimate of costs for approval in principle; (c), application for consent to loan to cover the total cost of this scheme; and (d), application for grant. It was also decided to open discussions with riparian interests on the river Hooke before a Local Enquiry is held. In December, the Council after considering the outline Regional Water Supply Scheme which had been received during the previous month from the Consultants, resolved that the scheme be agreed upon, that it be carried out in six stages, and that it be submitted to the Ministry for approval.

Corscombe and Halstock Scheme.

During the year this scheme was practically completed, comprising a mass concrete reservoir of 85,000 gallons capacity, collecting spring chambers, valve chambers, the laying of a 5" main through Corscombe, and a 4" main from Corscombe to Halstock, and then to Halstock Leigh. The total length of main is approximately four miles. The scheme will supply a population of 340 in Corscombe and 300 in Halstock with 16,000 gallons of water per day together with 60,000 gallons for agricultural purposes.

A supply will be taken from the mains at Halstock and boosted to Clarkham Cross, and then through a private main to East Chelborough.

Beaminster Netherbury Water Supply.

An extension of the main to Whitecross from Netherbury was completed during the year.

With a view to supplying South Bowood and Salway Ash by extending the mains from Netherbury, the Ministry agreed at the end of the year to the laying of a new duplicate main from the Beaminster source to Beaminster.

Thorncombe.

Extensions were made through the village during the year.

Hewood and Holditch.

The Council agreed to include these two villages in the proposed Regional Scheme after they had carefully considered a proposal to supply them from Chard Rural District.

Water Samples.

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

	Public Mains.	Private Supplies.	Proposed Sources.
Satisfactory. .	39	33	3
Unsatisfactory.	-	13	-
Suspicious.	1	6	-

Approximately 60% of the houses are supplied with piped water either owned by the Local Authority or privately, while 40% obtain their water from wells.

Sewerage.

Beaminster and Netherbury.

At the beginning of the year the Surveyor submitted drawings regarding the Clenham Mill site which the Council had approved and which they were prepared to purchase. The drawings showed sections along the proposed line of outfall, sewers, sewage works and effluent drain. A copy of these was submitted to the Consultants for their recommendations. The Consultants reported against the Clenham site, but the Council requested them to review the possibility of siting the works at Clenham.

The priorities for sewerage schemes after Beaminster town, to be installed in villages still stand, namely, (2) Nettlecombe, (3) Netherbury, (4) Thorncombe, (5) Powerstock, (6) Halstock, (7) Evershot, (8) Melbury.

Public Cleansing.

All household refuse and salvage is collected weekly from Beaminster parish. In the remaining parishes, salvage and indestructible household refuse only, is collected monthly, the work been 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. As the refuse tip is considered to be nearing the end of its capacity, the Council have decided to earmark a site on Beaminster Downs for the new refuse dump. This site which is convenient for road haulage will take at least 25 years to fill up.

Sanitary Inspections of the Area.

No. of Inspections.....	1239.	(including all inspections).	
No. of Informal Notices.....	92.	No. complied with.....	83.
No. of Statutory Notices.....	8.	No. complied with.....	1.

Allocation of Inspections.

Factories.....	19.	Food inspections.....	10.
Drains.....	172.	Food Premises.....	61.
Milk Premises.....	4.	Infectious Disease.....	9.
Refuse and Salvage.....	42.	Petrol storage.....	7.
Water supplies.....	185.	Knackers yards.....	2.
Building Byelaws Planning and			
Building licensing.....	590.	Housing	110.
Nuisances, general.....	50.	Slaughter houses.....	4.

Petroleum, Spirit and Carbide.

No. of Licences.....	42.		
No. of inspections.....	7.	No. of Notices served.....	Nil.

Rodent Control.

The North Dorset Joint Control Scheme of which this Council is a member is functioning satisfactorily in the District.

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; 10 have piped water supplies, 5 have wells, and 1 has no water on the premises. 5 have water closets, and the rest, vault or bucket closets. 31 samples of water were taken for analyses. 29 of these from well sources which are chlorinated. 2 samples were unsatisfactory. 14 schools have Tuberculin Tested milk, 1 Pasteurised, and 1 Heat Treated.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Meat Inspection.

All the slaughtering for West Dorset takes place at a slaughter house situated in the Bridport 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 carcasses on every day that slaughtering takes place.

Milk Supply.

No. of persons registered as distributors of milk at the end of 1953...2.
No. of premises registered as a Dairy not being a dairy farm.....1.
No. of dealers licences granted to use the designation,
"Tuberculin Tested Milk" under the Milk (S.D. Raw Milk) Regs 1949....3.
No. of supplementary licences authorising the use, "Pasteurised".....1.

70 samples were taken for analyses with the following results:-

Result.	Pasteurised.	T.T.	Accredited.	Non-Designated.	Total.
Passed.	1	23	4	19	47
Failed.	-	8	2	13	23

Regarding the samples that failed, the producers of these were notified of the failures and where two consecutive samples from a producer failed, the County Milk Production Officer was asked to visit the farm.

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.

The Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949.

It was not necessary to invoke these Regulations during the year.

Ice Cream.

No. of premises on the register at the end of 1953 for the :-
(a) Manufacture of Ice Cream..... 1.
(b) Storage and sale of Ice Cream.....19.
No. of Ice Cream premises inspected.....20.
No. of Inspections.....20.
No. of Notices (Ice Cream Heat Treatment Regulations) served.....Nil.

No samples were taken for analyses during the year.

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NAME	DATE	PLACE	REMARKS
John Doe	12/15/45	New York	Visited the office of the Director of the FBI.
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Food Premises by type.

(1) There are 49 food premises in the District as follows :-

General shops.....	14.
General and Ice Cream.....	13.
General, Ice Cream and T.T. bottled milk.....	1.
Cafes and Ice Cream.....	3.
Bakehouse, bakery shops and Ice Cream.....	1.
Bakehouses, general shops and Ice Cream.....	2.
Bakehouses.....	3.
Dried Milk Factory.....	1.
Butcher's shops and slaughter houses.....	3.
Butcher's shops.....	4.
Fresh fruit, greengrocery, and fruit.....	1.
Greengrocery and fruit.....	1.
Fish and chips.....	1.
Egg packing and liquid egg.....	1.

(2) Food Premises registered under Section 14 of Food & Drugs Act, 1938.

A total of 28 as follows :-

Ice Cream.....	20.
Preparation or manufacture of sausages, or potted pressed, pickled, or preserved food intended for sale...	7.
Cooked fish.....	1.
Dairies registered under Milk & Dairies Regs. 1949.....	1.

All the food premises in the District were inspected during the year, a total of 61 inspections, of which 31 were of the registered premises set out in paragraph (2) above.

Many improvements have been made, particularly with regard to the provision of washing facilities.

Byelaws under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938.

No Notice was served under the above Byelaws for infringement.

Clean Food Campaign.

No action was taken under this heading.

HOUSING.

26 new houses were completed by the Local Authority during the year and these were built in the following places; Beaminster town 10, Drimpton 6, Netherbury 4, Broadwindsor 4, South Perrott 2.

54 houses were in course of construction by the Local Authority in the following places; Beaminster town 36, Broadwindsor 6, Corscombe 4, Netherbury 6, South Perrott 2.

Since the war 188 houses have been built by the Local Authority in the following parishes; Beaminster 64 (Fairfield 32, Hogshill Mead 32), Broadwindsor 28, (Village 18, Drimpton 10), Burstock 4, Evershot 4, Halstock 4, Marshwood 8, Melbury Osmond 4, Mosterton 6, Netherbury 32, (Village 8, North Bowood 2, Salway Ash 14, Melplash 8), South Perrott 6, Poorestock (West Milton) 4, Rampisham 4, Stoke Abbott 4, Thorncombe 16.

At the end of the year there were approximately 150 applicants on the waiting list for housing accommodation in the District.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses.

No. of dwelling houses inspected.....	71.
No. of Inspections.....	110.
No. unfit for human habitation.....	35.
No. not reasonably fit.....	13.

Action under Statutory Powers.

Housing Act. 1936. Sections 9. 10. and 16.

No. of houses in respect of which Formal Notices were served....	Nil.
No. of houses rendered fit after Formal Notice.....	Nil.

Public Health Act. 1936.

No. of Notices served - Informal 5. Formal Nil.	Total.....	5.
No. of houses in which defects were remedied -		
(a) By Owners - Informal 5. Formal Nil.	Total.....	5.
(b) By Local Authority in default of owner.....		Nil.

Housing Act. 1936. Sections 11 and 12.

No. of houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made...	Nil.
No. of houses demolished following previous Demolition Orders...	Nil.
No. of Closing Orders.....	Nil.

Housing Act. 1936. Section 26.

No. of houses included in Clearance Orders.....	7.
No. of houses included in Clearance Orders confirmed by Ministry of Housing and Local Government.....	7.
No. of houses demolished as a result of Clearance Orders.....	Nil.

Two Clearance Orders involving 7 houses in East Street, Beaminster, were subject of a Public Enquiry held on 25th. August, 1953, by an Inspector of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, and these Orders were confirmed by the Ministry later in the year.

Re-Housing.

No. of additional units of accommodation provided by conversions and adaptations.....	6.
No. of New Houses completed -	
(a) By Local Authority.....	26.
(b) By Private Enterprise.....	19.
No. of families in new houses.....	45. No. of persons (approx). 140.
No. of new houses completed since the war -	
(a) By Local Authority.....	188.
(b) By Private Enterprise.....	80.
No. of new houses in course of construction at 31.12.53.	
(a) By Local Authority.....	54.
(b) By Private Enterprise.....	9.
No. of houses owned by Local Authority.....	284.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Whooping Cough was responsible for the largest number of notification half the total number of cases occurring in Beaminster town.

There were no cases of Poliomyelitis, and no notifications of Food Poisoning.

Close co-operation was maintained between the Head Teachers, School Nurse, and the Medical Officer of Health regarding the control of Infectious Diseases in schools. The following cases were notified by the Head Teachers:- Whooping Cough 32, Chicken Pox 64, Ringworm 3, Measles 4, German Measles 5, Impetigo 2, Scarlet Fever 4, Mumps 1.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

This is the responsibility of the County Council. When not performed by the child's own Doctor, immunisation is given at the schools and Child Welfare Centres; the following table shows the number of children who have been immunised up to 31.12.53.

0 - 4 years.						5 - 14 years.				
Under 1	1	2	3	4	Total 0 - 4	5 - 9	10 - 14.	Total 5 - 14.	Total. 0 - 14.	
1.	52.	69.	97.	116.	335.	487.	588.	1075.	1410.	

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47. Removal of Persons in need of Care
and Attention to Suitable Premises.

Proceedings were taken in one case under the provisions of the above Act.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1953.

DISEASES.		Total.	Under 1 year.	1-2	3-4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65 & over.
Erysipelas.....	6	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever.....	14	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	3	—
Pneumonia.....	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis (infective).....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles.....	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough.....	68	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals.	94	8	25	32	99	13	3	7	5	4	

QUARTERLY NOTIFICATIONS.

DISEASES.	Total.	1st. Quarter.	2nd. Quarter.	3rd. Quarter.	4th. Quarter.
Erysipelas.....	6	4	1	1	—
Scarlet Fever.....	14	7	6	1	—
Pneumonia.....	5	3	1	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1	1	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis (infective).....	1	—	—	—	—
Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	5	2	—	—	—
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.....	2	1	—	—	—
Measles.....	68	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough.....	94	60	57	10	—
Totals.	196	78	98	17	3

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1938 - 1953.

DISEASES.	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944	1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953
Food Poisoning.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	-
Diphtheria.....	6	2	3	5	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas.....	4	5	4	1	5	7	6	5	4	-	1	2	6	5	3	6
Scarlet Fever.....	17	6	4	8	16	28	2	5	11	4	2	5	4	6	2	14
Malaria.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia.....	1	-	2	4	-	3	1	-	1	-	2	-	1	-	-	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever.....	-	-	5	-	-	-	3	3	1	2	2	1	-	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis.....	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	8	6	4	2	-
Acute Encephalitis.....	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum....	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery.....	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	11	-	-	1	-
Encephalitis lethargica..	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia.....	4	3	8	2	9	2	4	2	6	2	5	7	4	12	7	5
Pulmonary Tuberculosis...	8	3	7	11	5	9	6	9	4	4	4	5	5	1	3	5
Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.	3	1	1	2	1	3	4	3	3	3	1	2	5	-	4	2
Measles.....	Unknown	1	60	277	32	36	9	213	11	21	42	25	121	395	8	68
Whooping Cough.....	Unknown	-	12	60	1	31	68	9	38	35	19	40	33	47	21	94
Totals.	46	21	108	370	72	120	107	250	79	72	78	108	169	470	51	196

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TUBERCULOSIS.

Age Periods.	New Cases Notified during 1953.				Deaths during 1953.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0-4.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5-14.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15-24.	1	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
25-34.	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-
35-44.	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
45-54.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55-64.	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & over.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	5	-	-	2	1	1	-	-

New Cases and Mortality.
1938 - 1953.

	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1938.	4	4	1	2	1	1	1	-
1939.	1	2	1	1	2	-	-	-
1940.	4	4	2	-	2	1	-	-
1941.	1	3	1	-	1	1	-	1
1942.	6	5	1	1	1	2	-	-
1943.	5	4	1	2	1	-	1	-
1944.	4	2	2	2	1	-	-	1
1945.	5	4	3	-	3	-	-	-
1946.	1	3	1	2	1	1	1	-
1947.	1	3	2	1	2	4	1	-
1948.	2	2	1	-	-	1	-	-
1949.	3	2	1	1	1	-	1	-
1950.	3	2	3	2	1	1	-	-
1951.	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
1952.	3	-	2	3	2	-	-	-
1953.	5	-	-	2	1	1	-	-

	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.
Total cases on Register at end of 1952.	14	7	12	7
New cases notified during 1953.	5	-	-	2
Cases from other areas who have come to live in the District.	2	1	-	-
Removals from District into other areas.	3	1	2	-
Removed from Register as Non-Tubercular.	-	-	-	-
Removed from Register - Cured.	1	-	4	-
Deaths during 1953.	1	1	-	-
Total on Register at end of 1953.	16	6	6	9

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948.

Part 1 of the Act.

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

Premises.	Number on Register.	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted.
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4, & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	13	-	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	30	19	2	-
(111) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority. (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total.	43	19	2	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecution were instituted.
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred.		
			To H. M. Inspector.	By H. M. Inspector.	
Want of cleanliness.	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding.	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature.	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation.	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors.	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences.					
(a) Insufficient.	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective.	2	2	-	2	-
(c) Not separate for sexes.	1	-	-	1	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).	1	1	-	-	-
Total.	4	3	-	3	-

REPORT ON THE ACT

Part I of the Act

REGISTRATION for purposes of provision as to health (including inspection and
by sanitary inspectors)

Particulars	Number of inspections	Number of inspections	Number of inspections
(1) Inspections in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 are enforced by local authorities.	10	-	-
(2) Inspections not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority.	20	10	2
(3) Other provisions in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding out-stations).	-	-	-
Total.	30	10	2

2. Cases in which Section 7 was enforced

Particulars	Number of cases in which Section 7 was enforced	Number of cases in which Section 7 was enforced	Number of cases in which Section 7 was enforced
Part I	1	1	1
Part II	1	1	1
Part III	1	1	1
Part IV	1	1	1
Part V	1	1	1
Part VI	1	1	1
Part VII	1	1	1
Part VIII	1	1	1
Part IX	1	1	1
Part X	1	1	1
Part XI	1	1	1
Part XII	1	1	1
Part XIII	1	1	1
Part XIV	1	1	1
Part XV	1	1	1
Part XVI	1	1	1
Part XVII	1	1	1
Part XVIII	1	1	1
Part XIX	1	1	1
Part XX	1	1	1
Part XXI	1	1	1
Part XXII	1	1	1
Part XXIII	1	1	1
Part XXIV	1	1	1
Part XXV	1	1	1
Part XXVI	1	1	1
Part XXVII	1	1	1
Part XXVIII	1	1	1
Part XXIX	1	1	1
Part XXX	1	1	1
Total.	30	10	2

Part VIII of the Act.

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 & 111)

Nature of Work.	Section 110.			Section 111.		
	No. of Out-workers in Aug. list required by Sec. 110 (1) (c).	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council.	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwhole- some premises.	Notices Served.	Prosecu- tions.
Nets, other than wire nets.	50	-	-	-	-	-
Wearing) Making apparel)	3	-	-	-	-	-
Total.	53	-	-	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act

TABLE

(Sections 110 & 111)

Section 111			Section 110				
No. of Persons	No. of Persons in custody	No. of Persons in custody in the last month	No. of Persons in custody in the last month	No. of Persons in custody in the last month	No. of Persons in custody in the last month	No. of Persons in custody in the last month	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	
-	-	-	-	-	-	-	