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THE BLANDFORD RURAL DISTRICTIn the Administrative County of Dorset.ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR 1949SECTION A.General Statistics.

Civilian Population (Registrar General's Estimate)	8,637.
Total Population. " " "	11,981
Number of inhabited houses.	2,494
Acreage.	61,717 acres.
Rateable value.	£42,328
Sum represented by a Penny Rate.	£ 156

Extracts of vital Statistics
for the year.

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Legitimate.	151	80	71
Illegitimate.	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>4</u>
	<u>164</u>	<u>89</u>	<u>75</u>
Live Birth Rate per 1000 estimated total population.			13. 7.
Live Birth Rate per 1000 estimated civilian population.			19. 0.
England and Wales per 1000 estimated total population.			16. 7.

<u>Still Births</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Legitimate.	4	2	2
Illegitimate.	-	-	-
Total.	<u>4</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>2</u>

Still Birth Rate per 1000 Total Population.	0.33
Still Birth Rate per 1000 Civilian Population.	0.46
Still Birth Rate England and Wales per 1000 Total Population..	0.39

Deaths Registered in 1949

<u>Total.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
106.	<u>50</u>	<u>56</u>
Crude Death Rate per 1000 Total Population.		8.85
Crude Death Rate per 1000 Civilian Population.		12.27
<u>England and Wales.</u>		
Crude Death Rate per 1000 Total Population.		11. 7

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IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE REGISTER GENERAL'S OFFICE
ANNUAL REPORT OF THE REGISTER GENERAL'S OFFICE FOR THE YEAR 1904

TABLE A

General Statistics

Table A: General Statistics. The table contains multiple columns of data, including population figures, birth rates, and other demographic information. The text is mirrored and difficult to read due to the image quality. Visible fragments include 'Civilian Population (Register General's Office)', 'Total Population', and various numerical values.

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Number of Women dying in, or in consequence of childbirth .				0
Deaths of infants under one.	Legitimate.			6
	Illegitimate.			1
<u>Causes of deaths of Infants under one year.</u>				
a. Premature birth.				5
b. Intra-cranial injury.				1
Death rate of infants under one year per 1000 estimated Live Births.				43
England and Wales Death Rate of infants under one year per 1000 estimated Live Births.				32
Deaths from Measles (All ages)				0
Deaths from Whooping Cough.				0
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)				0
Deaths from Acute Polio-myelitis.				0
Deaths from Acute Polio-encephalitis.				0
Deaths from Respiratory Tuberculosis.				0
Deaths from other forms of Tuberculosis.				0
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)		<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total</u>
		4	11	15

SECTION B

Public Health Staff.

Medical Officer of Health (part-time) L.B. Scott. M.D., D.P.H.

Senior Sanitary Inspector with combined duties

as Surveyor..... G.S.C. Udall, M.R.San.O.

A.F.S. (Eng)

Additional Sanitary Inspector - whole time..... E.R. Chillingford, M.R.(San) I.

M.S.I.A.

Ambulance Facilities.

The Dorset County Council is responsible for the Ambulance operating in Conjunction with the Blandford Forum from Castlemain House, Blandford.

Welfare Centre. The Dorset County Council provide an Infant Welfare Centre twice a month in Milton Abbas run by a voluntary committee.

Laboratory Facilities.

The public health Laboratory Service at Dorchester has given the district very generous service.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

The Dorset County Council provide an Ante-Natal Clinic in Blandford twice a month.

0	Number of women dying in or in consequence of childbirth.
6	Deaths of infants under one year.
1	Deaths of infants under one year.
	<u>Deaths of infants under one year.</u>
2	a. Premature birth.
1	b. Intermittent injury.
43	Death rate of infants under one year per 1000 estimated live births.
32	Infant and other death rate of infants under one year per 1000 estimated live births.
0	Deaths from measles (all ages).
0	Deaths from whooping cough.
0	Deaths from diphtheria (under 2 years of age).
0	Deaths from acute poliomyelitis.
0	Deaths from acute poliomyelitis.
0	Deaths from respiratory tuberculosis.
0	Deaths from other forms of tuberculosis.
	Deaths from other causes (all ages).
<u>Total</u>	<u>12</u>

SECTION 2

Public Health Staff.
 Medical Officer of Health (part-time) I. B. Booth, M.D., D.P.H.
 Senior Sanitary Inspector with various duties
 as Surveyor..... G. S. G. Usher, M.R.S.M.C.
 Additional Sanitary Inspector - whole time..... R. N. Chillingworth, M.R.(San) I.
 W.S.L.A.

Sanitation Facilities.
 The Board of Health is responsible for the sanitation operating in
 connection with the Bradford Poor Law Sanitation House, Bradford.

Welfare Centre. The Board of Health provides an Infant Welfare Centre
 under a grant in Milton Adams run by a voluntary committee.

Laboratory Facilities.
 The Public Health Laboratory Service at Doncaster has given the district
 very generous services.

Anti-Typhoid Clinics.
 The Board of Health provides an Anti-Typhoid Clinic in Bradford twice a
 month.

SECTION C.
PREVALENCE OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

CASES NOTIFIED.

	<u>1949</u>
Scarlet fever.	4
Whooping Cough.	52
Measles.	100
Acute Pneumonia.	23
Erysipelas.	4
Polio-myelitis.	1
Polio-encephalitis.	1
Food Poisoning.	3
<u>Total</u>	<u>188</u>

AGE	INCIDENT						
	Scarlet fever.	Whooping Cough	Pneumonia.	Measles.	Erysipelas.	Polio-myelitis & Polioencephalitis.	Food Poisg.
0 - 1							
1 - 3	1	15	1	15			
3- 5	1	13		7			
5 -10	2	19		44		2	
10-15		2	5	28			
15-25		1	5	4	1		
25-45		2	5	2			2
45 -65			7		3		1
65 and over.							
<u>TOTAL</u>	4	52	23	100	4	2	3

TUBERCULOSIS

NUMBER OF PERSONS ON THE TUBERCULOSIS REGISTER on December 31st 1949.

<u>Pulmonary.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
and		
<u>Non-Pulmonary.</u>	9	5
Pulmonary.	10	7
Non-Pulmonary.	<u>19</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>New Cases Notified during 1949 included in the above figures.</u>		
Pulmonary.	3	1
Non-Pulmonary	2	3

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAK.

1. Number of outbreaks. One
2. Number of cases in Rural District. Three
3. Number of deaths. None in rural district.

An outbreak of food poisoning took place following a dinner at a hotel in Blandford. Thirteen people were taken ill, three in the Blandford Rural Area. The food causing the outbreak was not traced. The agent causing the outbreak was salmonella typhi murium.

SECTION D.

WATER SUPPLY.

BELOW is set out detailed information relating to each Parish.

<u>PARISH.</u>	<u>NUMBER OF PROPERTIES SERVED.</u>	<u>POPULATION SERVED</u> <u>Approximate.</u>	<u>SOURCE OF SUPPLY</u>
Charlton Marshall, Spettisbury, Blandford St. Mary, and part of Langton Long.	229 including by standpipes.	1050.	Under control of Blandford Borough (main supply)
Pimperne.	151	400	Under control of Blandford Borough (main supply)
Shroton parish less Farrington.	92 including standpipes.	400 approximately.	Bulk supply from Shaftesbury RDC.
Whole of Milton Abbass and parts of Hilton.	60 and by standpipes.	530	Spring and well Private supply
Bryanston and Durweston.	200	800	Well at Bryanston and River Stour (private supply)
Winterborne Stickland. Council houses only.	46	130	Temporary supply from deep bore- hole (BRDC) 160 feet deep and small private supply - shallow well.
Milborne and lower part of Winterborne Valley. Winterborne Whitechurch and Winterborne Kingston.	170 partly by standpipes.	600	Borehole (BRDC) 400 feet deep
Stourpaine village only	12 Council houses. Remainder by standpipe.		Borehole 80 feet deep Temporary service, source.

OTHER PARISHES ARE SUPPLIED BY SHALLOW WELLS.

Bryanston and Durweston.

The water in these villages is unsatisfactory and there is a scheme in hand to supply main water from a temporary borehole.

Water Samples.

Samples were taken from the Council's own supplies and the bacteriological results show that the waters were satisfactory for drinking purposes.

Details.

(a) Satisfactory.... 25, (b) Unsatisfactory.... 3 (c) Suspicious..... 6.

53 water samples from private sources were taken during the year. All were submitted to bacteriological examination. 27 supplies were found to be bacteriologically unsatisfactory or suspicious. 26 were found to be satisfactory. This points to the conclusion that a very high proportion of the older shallow wells in the district would prove to be bacteriologically unsatisfactory if sampled. The Council is well aware of this and schemes have been prepared, or are being prepared, to cover the whole of the district. 336 visits were made with respect to water supplies, excluding the visits made for the purpose of sampling.

SECTION E

<u>DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE PARISH.</u>	<u>PRESENT SYSTEM OF DRAINAGE IN VILLAGE</u>	<u>PRESENT SYSTEM OF COUNCIL HOUSES.</u>	<u>REMARKS</u>
SPETTISBURY.	No drainage.	10 houses have sewage disposal works.	10 houses are being constructed and will have a small sewage disposal works. A scheme is envisaged for this village in conjunction with Charlton Marshall
BLANDFORD ST. MARY.	The village has old surface water drains used as sewers and the drains empty into the river.	----	Efforts are being made to utilise the new disposal plant at the brewery for the disposal of the village sewage.
CHARLTON MARSHALL	No system of drainage except open gutters.	36 Council houses have a sewage disposal works.	See Spettisbury above.
PIMPERNE.	No system of drainage 70-80 houses have cess pits.	16 Council Houses have settlement tank and trench. Soakaways not satisfactory.	A new sewage scheme has been planned. This is an urgent matter as Pimperne lies in the Blandford Forum Watershed.
SHROTON.	This village has old surface water drains used as sewers and the drains open into the river.	6 Council Houses have a septic tank system with trench soakaways. Not satisfactory.	Efforts are being made to find a suitable site for sewage works.
MILTON ABBAS.	Open gutters leading into street.	12 Council Houses have sewage disposal works.	Sewage scheme for village has been prepared and awaiting public enquiry.
BRYANSTON AND DURWESTON.	Bryanston has a village drainage system, the crudely treated effluent passes into the river. Durweston has old surface water drains used as sewers and the drains empty into the river.		
WINTERBORNE STICKLAND.	No system of drains.	45 Council Houses have small sewage disposal works.	
WINTERBORNE WHITCHURCH.	No system of drains.	19 Council Houses have septic tanks and underground filter system. Fairly satisfactory but subject to flooding.	Sewage scheme for this village has been prepared and awaiting public enquiry.

VILLAGE	WASTEWATER SYSTEM	WASTEWATER SYSTEM	WASTEWATER SYSTEM
<p>10 houses are being constructed and will have a well sewage disposal works. A scheme is being planned for the village in connection with the new drainage works to be installed.</p>	<p>10 houses have sewage disposal works.</p>	<p>No drainage.</p>	<p>WASTEWATER SYSTEM</p>
<p>Drainage works are being installed in the new drainage plant at the disposal of the village sewage.</p>		<p>The village has old drainage works and the drainage is being put into the river.</p>	<p>WASTEWATER SYSTEM</p>
<p>10 houses have a sewage disposal works.</p>	<p>10 houses have a sewage disposal works.</p>	<p>No system of drainage except open gutters.</p>	<p>WASTEWATER SYSTEM</p>
<p>A new sewage treatment plant is being planned. This is on a site near the village. The works are being installed.</p>	<p>10 houses have a sewage disposal works.</p>	<p>No system of drainage. 10-15 houses have open pits.</p>	<p>WASTEWATER SYSTEM</p>
<p>10 houses have a sewage disposal works.</p>	<p>10 houses have a sewage disposal works.</p>	<p>The village has old drainage works and the drainage is being put into the river.</p>	<p>WASTEWATER SYSTEM</p>
<p>10 houses have a sewage disposal works.</p>	<p>10 houses have a sewage disposal works.</p>	<p>Open gutters leading into street.</p>	<p>WASTEWATER SYSTEM</p>
<p>10 houses have a sewage disposal works.</p>	<p>10 houses have a sewage disposal works.</p>	<p>Drainage system, the sewage is treated and flows into the river. The drainage is being put into the river.</p>	<p>WASTEWATER SYSTEM</p>
<p>10 houses have a sewage disposal works.</p>	<p>10 houses have a sewage disposal works.</p>	<p>No system of drainage.</p>	<p>WASTEWATER SYSTEM</p>

<u>PARISH.</u>	<u>PRESENT SYSTEM OF DRAINAGE IN VILLAGE.</u>	<u>PRESENT SYSTEM OF COUNCIL HOUSES.</u>	<u>REMARKS.</u>
WINTERBORNE KINGSTON.	No system of drains.	24 Council Houses, 2 sets of twelve share an efficient modern sewage disposal works.	
MILPOIN ST. ANDREW.	No system of drains.	(a) Six Council Houses have small septic tank system. (b) Four Council houses have small septic tank system. Neither very satisfactory.	Sewage scheme for this village has been prepared and awaiting public enquiry.
STOURPAINE	This village has old surface water drains used as sewers and the drains discharge into a large catch pit. The effluent from which discharges into the river.	12 Council Houses have adequate sewage disposal works.	
HILTON.	No system of drainage.	6 Council Houses have septic tank system which is not satisfactory due to lack of volume of water.	
TARRANT LAUNCESTON.	No drainage.	4 Council Houses have septic tanks and trench soakaways. Not very satisfactory.	

The other parishes have no system of drainage and no Council Houses.

DRY REFUSE.

The Council has the control of three tips at Durweston, Winterborne Kingston and Milton Abbas.

Particulars of salvable material collected and disposed of during 1949 :-

Waste Paper.	£44. 16. 7.
Books and newspapers.	£16. 6. 9.
Rags.	7. 6.
Bones.	5. 6.
Bottles and Jars.	£ 7. 11. 8
	£69. 8. 0.
Less weighing.	5. 9
	<u>£69. 2. 3.</u>

SECTION F.

NUISANCES AND COMPLAINTS.

126 inspections including re-visits were made for this purpose, with the under-mentioned results:-

Number of informal notices served.	10
Number of informal notices complied with.	7

SECTION G

HOUSING STATISTICS.

A. Number of new houses completed during the year:-

1. By Local Authority:-	
(a) With State Assistance for re-housing under Housing Act, 1936, and for overcrowding.	0
(b) With State Assistance for other purposes.	50
(c) Without State Assistance.	0
2.	
(a) With State Assistance.	0
(b) Without State Assistance.	24

B. Number of new houses commenced during the year but not completed.

(B) - contd.		
(1)	By Local Authority with State Assistance.	22
(2)	By other persons.	
	(a) with State Assistance.	0
	(b) without State Assistance.	4
(C)	<u>Number of existing buildings converted to dwelling houses and reconditioned premises previously unfit at end of year.</u>	
	(a) by Local Authority.	0
	(b) by persons other than Local Authority.	6
(d)	<u>Action under Statutory Powers during the year.</u>	
(1)	<u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts.</u>	
	(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defaults to be remedied.	21
	(b) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices.	
(1)	By owners.	16
(2)	By local authority in default of owners.	0
2.	<u>Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936</u>	
	(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	1
	(b) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition orders.	0
	(c) Number of houses rendered fit by owners and undertakings given cancelled.	0
	(d) Number of undertakings given not to occupy.	0
	(e) Number of undertakings given to render fit.	0

OVERCROWDING STATISTICS.

1.	(a) Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year.	9
	(b) Number of families dwelling therein.	12
	(c) Number of persons dwelling therein.	60
2.	Number of new cases of overcrowding reported, during the year.	2
3.	Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year.	4

PLANS AND NEW BUILDINGS.

Eighty seven plans of dwelling houses and other buildings were received and submitted to the Council during the year of 1949, these included:-

New houses and Flats.	11
Reconstructions and Additions.	27
Agricultural Buildings.	23
Miscellaneous.	26
	87

No plans were rejected by the Council as not complying with their Building By-Laws, but three plans were rejected by Town Planning.

443 inspections were carried out during the year to ensure that the Council's Building Byelaws were being complied with. It was necessary to correct builders' work on six occasions, each being in respect of method and workmanship.

REQUISITIONING OF UNOCCUPIED PREMISES.

The Council had eleven requisitioned properties under its control at the end of the year as well as eleven hutments at Bryanston.

ESSENTIAL WORKS ORDER

Building Licences.

1.	Housing:-	(a) Number of licences issued.	52
		(b) Total value of licences issued.	£28, 614
2.	<u>Other than housing:-</u>		
		(a) Number of licences issued.	3
		(b) Total value of licences issued.	£538

3. Number of applications for licences rejected, 0.

One case only was reported to the Regional Licensing Officer for action, but it was found that there was no case to bring before the Court.

SECTION H
INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF MEAT AND FOODS.

The following were condemned as unfit for human consumption and certificates issued accordingly:-

10½ tons rolled oats (Locally grown but found too bitter for human consumption)	
1 tin Victoria Plums.	1 tin Veal Leaf.
1 Tin Potted Meat.	1 tin Meat and Vegetables.
3 Tins Macedoine of vegetables.	14 lbs cocanut.
83 lbs cheese.	1 tin salmon.
1 tin Jellied veal.	1 tin Belgian Brawn
5½ lbs bacon.	14 lbs Bacon
1 tin Danish Pork.	1 tin Chopped Pork.

SECTION I
COWSHEDS AND DAIRIES.

The records of milk producers in the district as at 1st October 1949, were as under:-

Total number of producers registered.	211
Number of milk retailers.	53

The above included:-

Producers of accredited milk.	39
Producers of Tuberculin Tested Milk.	59
	<u>98</u>

115 visits were made during the year in connection with cowsheds and dairies. As the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries now administer the Milk and Dairies Acts and Regulations with the exception of retailers only, one person now remains on the Council's register of Dairy Premises.

SECTION J
FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS

Number of Factories and Workshops on Register at end of year.

(a) with mechanical power.	16
(b) without mechanical power.	15
(c) other premises coming within the Acts.	22
	<u>53</u>
Number of inspections made.	18
Number of informal notices.	4
Number of notices complied with.	4

SECTION K

RODENT CONTROL

The pest officer of the Dorset Agricultural Executive Committee has undertaken all the pest destruction in the rural district on request.

SECTION L

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS FOR THE YEAR 1949

Visits in connection with:-

Council House repairs.	573
Nuisances and Complaints.	126
Housing Acts.	12
Meat and Foods.	34
Cowsheds and Dairies.	115
Essential Works Order.	33
Building Byelaws.	113
Water Supplies General.	336
Water Samples.	67
Repairs to old, and laying new drains.	
E.C.'S replaced by W.C.'s and drainage.	78
Salvage and Materials.	6
Refuse Disposal Scheme.	103

Infectious Diseases.	3
Factories and Workshops.	18
Post War Housing.	26
Requisitioned properties.	36
Milk samples.	7
Rats and Mice Destruction.	3
Dangerous buildings.	11
Rights of way.	6
River Pollution.	3
Sewerage schemes.	106
Sewerage samples.	6
Petroleum installations.	6
Meetings.	89
Council house applications.	165
Disinfections.	18
Caravans.	17
Town Planning	22
Verminous premises.	19
Miscellaneous.	78

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