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### To the Chairman and Members of the BRADFORD AND MELKSHAM RURAL DISTRICT

Mr. Chairman, Ladies, and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting the Annual Report for 1950 on behalf of Dr. Jean Murray, who relinquished her appointment on 31st December, 1950.

This report is based on Ministry of Health Circular 112/50, dated 6th December, 1950.

Yours faithfully,

R. BRUCE KILLOH,

Medical Officer of Health.

### PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY

### Medical Officer of Health:

JEAN MURRAY, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H., who is also Medical Officer of Health for the Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon Urban Districts.

### Sanitary Inspector:

W. A. NOBLE, M.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

### **GENERAL STATISTICS**

| Area of the District (Acres)      |        |            | <br>26,881  |
|-----------------------------------|--------|------------|-------------|
| Number of Parishes                |        |            | <br>13      |
| Estimated Population (including S | ervice | Personnel) | <br>11,950  |
| Number of Inhabited Houses        |        |            | <br>2,813   |
| Rateable Value                    |        |            | <br>£61,151 |
| Sum represented by a penny rate   |        |            | <br>£251    |

### **EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS**

### Births

### Live Births

|                            | Births    |        | Male        | Female | Total    |
|----------------------------|-----------|--------|-------------|--------|----------|
| Legitimate<br>Illegitimate |           |        | <br>94<br>— | 79     | 173<br>6 |
| Total number               | r of live | births | <br>94      | 85     | 179      |

| Birth Rate for the District (i.e., per 1,000 population | ) 15.0 |
|---|--------|
| Comparative figure for England & Wales                  | . 15.8 |
| Male Female   | Total  |
| Still Births 3 2  | 5      |
| Still Birth Rate for the District                       | . 0.42 |
| Comparative figure for England & Wales                  | . 0.37 |
|   |        |

### Deaths

|                                     | Male       | Female | Total |
|-------------------------------------|------------|--------|-------|
| Number of Deaths in the Area        | 68         | 55     | 123   |
| Local Death Rate (i.e., per 1,000 p | opulation) |        | 10.3  |
| Comparative figure for England & V  | Wales      |        | 11.6  |

### Infant Mortality

### DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR

| Deaths       |          |      | Male | Female | Total |   |
|--------------|----------|------|------|--------|-------|---|
| Legitimate   |          |      | ,    | 2      | ' -   | 2 |
| Illegitimate |          |      |      | 1      | -     | 1 |
| Total number | r of dea | aths |      | 3      | _     | 3 |

### DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE

| D                          | eaths     | Male       | Female | Total    |
|----------------------------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|
| Legitimate<br>Illegitimate |           | <br>-<br>1 |        | -<br>1 · |
| Total number               | of deaths | <br>1      | _      | 1        |

### INFANT MORTALITY RATE

| Number of | Deaths of Inf  | ants under | I year of | fage |      |
|-----------|----------------|------------|-----------|------|------|
| per 1,000 | live births    | Marie S    |           |      | 16.7 |
| Comparat  | ive figure for | England &  | Wales     |      | 29.8 |

### Causes of Deaths

| Causes of Deaths                       |      |  |                |
|--|------|--|----------------|
|  | Male | Female   | Total          |
| Tuberculosis (respiratory)             | 1    | 1  | 2              |
| (other)                                | —    | - 900  | 1000-12        |
| Syphilitic disease                     | 2    | -  | 2.             |
| Diphtheria                             | —    | _  |                |
| Whooping Cough                         |      |  | REAL PROPERTY. |
| Meningococcal infections               |      | _  | _              |
| Acute Poliomyelitis                    | 31   | - NO.  |                |
| Measles                                |      | -india-india   | -              |
| Other Infective and Parasitic disease  |      | 1  | 1              |
| Malignant Neoplasm (stomach)           | 3    | _  |                |
| (lung bronchus                         |      |  | 2              |
| (breast)                               | –    | 2  | 3<br>2<br>2    |
| (uterus)                               | —    | 1  | 1              |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neopla   | 1000 | 4  | 6              |
| Leukaemia, aleukaemia                  | 1 .  |  | 1              |
| T                                      | 1    | 1  | 1              |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system     | 10   | 12   | 22             |
|  |      | 2  | 8              |
| Coronary disease, Angina               |      | The state of the s | , 0            |
| Hypertension with heart disease        | 12   | 15   | 27             |
| Other heart disease                    | 12   |  |                |
| Other circulatory disease              | 5    | 4  | 9              |
| Influenza                              | 1    | _  | 1              |
| Pneumonia                              | 1    | 2  | 3              |
| Bronchitis                             | 1    | _  | 1              |
| Other diseases of the respiratory syst | em 1 | -  | 1              |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum          | 1    | -  | 1              |
| Gastritis, Enteritis, and Diarrhoea    |      | 2  | 2              |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis                | —    | 1  | 1              |
| Hyperplasia of prostate                | 2    | THE -  | 2              |
| Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion        | 2.3- | DECEMBER OF THE PERSON OF THE  | I BENTAL       |
| Carried forward                        | 51   | 48   | 99             |
| Carried forward                        |      |  |                |

| Brought forw                       | Male<br>ard 51 | Female 48 | Total<br>99 |
|------------------------------------|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Congenital malformations           | 1              | _         | 1           |
| Other defined and ill-defined dise | eases 13       | 5         | 18          |
| Motor vehicle accidents            | —              | _         | _           |
| All other accidents                | 1              | _         | 1           |
| Suicide                            | 1              | 1         | 2           |
| Homicide and Operations of Wa      | ar 1           | 1         | 2           |
| Тот                                | ALS 68         | 55        | 123         |

### PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The distribution of cases according to age and sex are shown in the following tables.

| Age Groups | Scarlet<br>Fever |    | Whooping<br>Cough |    | Acute<br>Poliomyelitis |    | Measles |    |
|------------|------------------|----|-------------------|----|------------------------|----|---------|----|
|            | M.               | F. | M.                | F. | M.                     | F. | M.      | F. |
| 0          | _                | _  | 1                 | 3  | -                      | _  | _       |    |
| 1          | -                | -  | 7                 | 5  | -                      | 1  | 1       | 2  |
| 3          | 2                | -  | 7                 | 5  | -                      | -  | 7       | 8. |
| 5          | 2                | 2  | 12                | 5  | -                      | -  | 23      | 8  |
| 10         | 1                | -  | -                 | -  | -                      | -  | -       | 2  |
| 15         | 9                | -  | _                 | _  | _                      | -  | 1       | _  |
| 25         | _                | -  |                   | 1  | -                      | 2  | -       | -  |
| Not Known  | -                | -  |                   | -  | -                      |    | 1       | 3  |
| Тотаі,     | 14               | 2  | 27                | 19 | -                      | 3  | 33      | 23 |

| Age Groups | Pneu | monia | Erysipelas |    |  |
|------------|------|-------|------------|----|--|
| Age Groups | M.   | F.    | M.         | F. |  |
| 0          | /    | 1     | _          | _  |  |
| 5          | 1    | -     | -          | _  |  |
| 15         | 8    | 1     | -          | 1  |  |
| 45         | -    | -     | 1          | -  |  |
| 65         | 1    | _     | -          | _  |  |
| Not Known  | -    | -     | -          | -  |  |
| TOTAL      | 10   | 2     | 1          | 1  |  |

It will be observed that the new decision to incorporate non-civilian cases of infectious diseases with civilian has altered the incidence as shown in the age group table of Scarlet Fever.

### **Poliomyelitis**

The two cases specified in the age group 25 and over occurred each in young married women with young children.

Each also lived just within the boundaries of the rural district at opposite ends to each other. One was a farmer's wife who had mixed with very few people and had nothing to do with the farm work.

The other had returned from Singapore owing to the illness (entirely unrelated) of her child, and had been in the district for a very few weeks only. Her only excursions had been to the adjacent town for necessary shopping.

It will be appreciated that the commonly used name of Infantile Paralysis for this disease is more than ever a misnomer.

### Tuberculosis

Distribution of new cases according to age, sex, and localisation of disease, is as follows:—

|              |      | New    | Cases  |          |
|--------------|------|--------|--------|----------|
| Age Periods  | Puln | nonary | Non-Pu | ilmonary |
|              | M.   | F.     | M.     | F.       |
| Under 1 Year | -    | _      | -      | _        |
| 1-5 Years    | -    | _      | _      | -        |
| 5-15 ,,      | 1    | 1      | -      | -        |
| 15-25 "      | 1    | -      | -      | -        |
| 25-35 "      | _    | 1      | _      | _        |
| 35-45 ,,     | _    | _      | _      | _        |
| 45-55 ,,     | 2    | 1      | -      | -        |
| 55-65 ,,     | _    | _      | _      | _        |
| Over 65      | -    | -      | -      | -        |
| Unknown      | -    | -      | -      | -        |
| TOTAL        | 4    | 3      | _      |          |

From the above table it will be seen that 7 cases of pulmonary tuberculosis were notified during 1950. One death from tuberculosis was recorded.

### Diphtheria Immunization

Diphtheria immunization is carried out systematically throughout the district by General Practitioners and County Medical Officers, in homes and schools.

Diphtheria immunization was suspended for a time during the summer owing to the prevelance of Poliomyelitis in this and neighbouring districts.

### Immunization Statistics, 1950

| Number of primary immunizations    | completed   | d during 1 | 950 : | -    |
|------------------------------------|-------------|------------|-------|------|
| Up to 4 years of age               |             | ď          |       | 70   |
| From 5-14 years of age             |             |            |       | 10   |
| Number of reinforcing injections   | administer  | ed         |       | 232  |
| Total immunized child population a | at 31st Dec | cember, 19 | 50 :- | -    |
| Up to 4 years of age               |             |            |       | 403  |
| From 4-14 years of age             |             |            |       | 1102 |
|                                    |             | TOTAL      |       | 1505 |

### Food Poisoning

There were no outbreaks or known cases of food poisoning in the district during 1950.

### National Assistance Act, 1948

Section 47: Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons in Need of Care and attention

During the year several cases were investigated and dealt with. As far as I am aware it was not found necessary to obtain a Court Order for the removal of any persons against their will from their homes.

### REPORT

OF THE

### SANITARY INSPECTOR

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my third Annual Report to this Council.

I would like to express my thanks for the helpful guidance received from the Chairmen and Members of the Council and Committees. It has always been a considerable support to know that I can take problems of policy to the Committees and obtain, so readily, the considerate direction required.

My sincere thanks are due to Dr. Killoh for the presentation of this joint report in its present form.

To Miss A. J. Knight, who left in October, 1950, and to Miss M. S. Wells, I am greatly indebted for assistance, so readily given. The Rodent Operators and the members of the Refuse Collection and Disposal Staff have also worked admirably, often under adverse weather conditions.

I have the honour to be Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

W. NOBLE,

Sanitary Inspector.

### STAFF

Clerk/Typist Miss M. S. Wells (from 16th Oct., 1950)

Rodent Operator Mr. A. J. Boddy (from 23rd Oct., 1950)

Refuse Collection Mr. J. H. Goodenough

MR. R. HINTON

Mr. F. A. Goodenough (from 13th Nov.,

1950)

Tip Operators Mr. T. Cox

MR. G. E. HALLAM

### MEAT AND FOODS

|                         | Number | Inspections | Notices<br>Served | Notices<br>complied<br>with |
|-------------------------|--------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Fish Frying Premises    | <br>1  | 2           | 1                 | 1                           |
| Bakehouses              | <br>3  | 7           | 2                 | 2                           |
| Slaughterhouses         | <br>3  | . 39        | 1                 | 1                           |
| Butchers' Shops         | <br>3  | 2           |                   | _                           |
| Catering Establishments | 48     | 37          | 5                 | 3                           |
| Food Shops              | <br>35 | 6           | -                 | 1                           |
| Licensed Premises       | <br>30 | 113         | -                 | 10                          |
| Licensed Slaughtermen   | <br>7  | -           | -                 | _                           |

Note—It will be noticed throughout this report that on occasion, more notices are shown as "complied with" than "served." This is explained by work, requested in 1949, being completed in 1950.

During the year, 116 horses have been killed for human consumption. 8 lungs and 28 livers were condemned as unfit for food.

It is of interest to say that no evidence of Tuberculosis was observed, and that the meat is remarkably free from disease.

At various other premises, the following articles were condemned:—

| Cheese Macaroni      |       | <br> | <br>213 | tins |
|----------------------|-------|------|---------|------|
| Christmas Puddings   |       | <br> | <br>176 | tins |
| Braised Beef Steak   |       | <br> | <br>944 | tins |
| Mixed Dried Fruit    |       | <br> | <br>13  | tins |
| Honey                |       | <br> | <br>24  | tins |
| Golden Syrup         |       | <br> | <br>3   | tins |
| Casserole Steak      |       | <br> | <br>74  | tins |
| Braised Steak and Or | nions | <br> | <br>409 | tins |
| Beef Loaf            |       | <br> | <br>55  | tins |
| Curried Beef Steak   |       | <br> | <br>221 | tins |
| Barley Sugar Sweets  |       | <br> | <br>21  | lb.  |
| Pastry Mix           |       | <br> | <br>1   | pkt. |
| Dripping             |       | <br> | <br>1   | tin  |
| Braised Steak and Ki | dney  | <br> | <br>10  | tins |
| Condensed Milk       |       | <br> | <br>43  | tins |
| Fruit Mincemeat      |       | <br> | <br>9   | tins |
| Chopped Pork         |       | <br> | <br>3   | tins |
| Minced Beef Loaf     |       | <br> | <br>3   | tins |
| Crushed Pineapple    | 7     | <br> | <br>86  | tins |
| Sliced Peaches       |       | <br> | <br>6   | tins |
| Asparagus            |       | <br> | <br>2   | tins |
|                      |       |      |         |      |

Wherever possible the condemned food is re-processed or used for animal foodstuffs.

As a result of the survey of licensed premises, several more improvement schemes have been completed and steady progress is being maintained in this direction.

On the adoption of the Ministry of Food's Model Byelaws dealing with the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and the Sale of Food in the Open Air, the Council gave permission for a circular to be sent to all persons connected with the sale of food. This circular gave a brief resumé of the Byelaw provisions, and enquiries were invited. Little response was evident and it is obvious that progress will depend upon visits and personal discussion. This is difficult with the existing staff.

### ICE CREAM

| vent district for | 1    | Number | Inspections | Notices<br>Served | Notices<br>complied<br>with |
|-------------------|------|--------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Retailers         | <br> | 13     | 181         | 2                 | 1                           |
| Manufacturers     | <br> | 1      | 2           |                   | -                           |

The results of the year's sampling are set out in Appendix "A" of this report. Enquiries and check samples are made following a poor sample result.

Dr. H. W. H. Kennard, of the Public Health Laboratory, Salisbury, expressed the following opinion on the results:—

"I feel it cannot be too strongly stressed to your Committee that continued vigilance of ice cream cleanliness is most important. The results you have obtained over the past year, although not grossly bad, show a high enough percentage of Grade IV and successive III's and IV's to indicate that you are dealing with some manufacturers who, unless perpetually checked, are liable to produce a dirty and dangerous product.

The steps you have taken are giving satisfactory results and it is my opinion that it would be most unwise to curtail any of these activities."

### MILK AND DAIRIES

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS

|                        | Number       | Inspection  |       | otices<br>erved | Notices<br>complied<br>with |
|------------------------|--------------|-------------|-------|-----------------|-----------------------------|
| Dairies                | 1            |             |       |                 |                             |
| Distributors           | 4            | 81          | *     | 2               | 1                           |
| Producer/Retailers     | 33           |             |       |                 |                             |
| MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNA  | TION) REGU   | LATIONS     |       |                 |                             |
| "Tuberculin Tested" D  | ealers' Lice | ences       |       |                 | 3                           |
| "Pasteurised" Dealers  | Licences     |             |       |                 | 2                           |
| Supplementary "Tuberco | ulin Tested  | " Dealers"  | Licer | ices            | 1                           |
| Supplementary "Pasteur | rised" Deal  | lers' Licer | ices  |                 | 1                           |

Appendix "C" of this report sets out the sample results of "designated" milk. Immediate investigations into unsatisfactory results have resulted in improvement and I wish it were possible to extend the scope to include biological samples, and a stricter check on undesignated milk.

A lot of work remains before the full requirements of the new Regulations are fulfilled, particularly in respect of mechanical refrigerators and distribution methods. It is now unlawful for retailers to transfer milk from churns to cans during the course of delivery. This applies to both "distributors" and "producer/retailers" and it is, obviously, a point difficult to control.

### WATER

| Number of | Public W   | ater Suppl | ies in the | District  |         | 17 |
|-----------|------------|------------|------------|-----------|---------|----|
| Number of | Bacteriolo | ogical Sam | ples obtai | ned durir | ig 1950 | 90 |
| Number of | Samples    | taken for  | chemical   | analysis  | during  |    |
| 1950      |            |            |            |           |         | -  |

Appendix "B" of this report sets out the sample results for the year. None of the water supplies appear to be liable to plumbosolvent action. I am not in a position to give with any degree of accuracy the number of houses and the population in each Parish supplied from public water mains direct to houses, or by means of standpipes.

It will be noted that several supplies are contaminated and that no action, other than fixing warning notices, could be taken. It is earnestly hoped that schemes to provide alternative main supplies will proceed with the utmost dispatch.

A typical report of a satisfactory bacteriological examination is given below:—

### SALISBURY AREA PATHOLOGICAL SERVICE

Pathological Department,
The General Infirmary,
Salisbury.

### REPORT ON BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATION OF WATER

- 1. Bacteriological Count. Total colonies growing on agar at 37°C. in 48 hours:—NIL per 1 m.l. of water.
- 2. B. Coli Counts at 37°C. in 48 hours and 44°C. in 48 hours.

|                             | Acid and Gas from lactose |          |  |  |
|-----------------------------|---------------------------|----------|--|--|
| Quantity of water tested    | at 37°C.                  | at 44°C. |  |  |
| Five tubes of 10 m.l. water |                           |          |  |  |
| Five tubes of 1 m.l. water  |                           |          |  |  |

As a result of calculation made from above :-

- (1) Number of Coli Aerogenes per 100 m.l. growing at 37°C. ... NIL
- (2) Number of Faecal types of B. Coli per 100 m.l. growing at 44°C. ... NIL.

OPINION

Bacteriological examination shows no evidence of pollution. Date: 29/9/50.

### **FACTORIES**

|  | Number | Inspections | Notices<br>Served | Notices<br>complied<br>with |
|--|--------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Factories with power Factories without power |        | 28          | 5.                | 3                           |
| Outworkers                                   | <br>97 | 22          | 11                |                             |

The requirements of the Factories Act, 1937, appear to be complied with but it is not possible to make as many inspections as are really necessary. Full details, as required by the Ministry, are contained in Appendix "D."

### SHOPS

|       |      | Number | Inspections | Notices<br>Served | Notices<br>complied<br>with |
|-------|------|--------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Shops | <br> | 36     | 6           | _                 | -                           |

Pressure of other work has rendered it impossible to make the required inspections. The new Shops Act, 1950, has now become operative and an endeavour will be made to carry out a thorough re-survey.

### PETROLEUM

|          |          | Number | Inspections | Notices<br>Served | Notices<br>complied<br>with |
|----------|----------|--------|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------------|
| Licensed | Premises | 32     | 26          | 2                 | /_                          |

The Model Conditions for Petroleum Spirit Licences in respect of Electrical Equipment were adopted by the Council in August, 1950. Licence Holders have been informed that all new appliances are required to comply. The new Conditions will not be brought into effect for existing equipment until the 1st January, 1960.

### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

|                     |      | 1    | Vumber | Inspections |
|---------------------|------|------|--------|-------------|
| Site Licences       | <br> | <br> | 12     | 7           |
| Individual Licences | <br> | <br> | 1200   | £ 45        |
| Licences Refused    | <br> | <br> |        | ]           |

During the year, the Wiltshire County Council has adopted the Home Office Model Byelaw as to the Control of Caravan Dwellers. Copies of the Byelaw were posted on Norrington and Broughton Commons, Broughton Gifford.

The Byelaws deal with "injury, disturbance or annoyance" by gypsies and, thus, appear to be a matter for enforcement by the Police and not by the local sanitary authority.

In this connection it is interesting to quote an expert's reply to a question at the Rural District Councils Association's 1950 Conference—"the gypsy problem is quite insoluble and the best you can do is to get the police to move them on from time to time."

### RODENT CONTROL

| Number of visits made by Rodent Operator | <br> | 793   |
|--|------|-------|
| Estimated number of rats destroyed       | <br> | 1,060 |
| Estimated number of mice destroyed       | <br> | 286   |

Mr. R. B. J. Cleverley left our employ in October, 1950, and the post of Rodent Operator is now filled by Mr. A. J. Boddy. It is to Mr. Boddy's credit that this change has resulted in little inconvenience to the public.

The re-survey of our district continues and the approved methods of the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries are used at all premises including sewage disposal works, refuse tips and sewers.

Details, as required by the Ministry for the period from the 31st March to the 31st December, 1950, are contained in Appendix "E."

### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This service, with a mainly weekly collection, has been maintained throughout the year with remarkably few complaints. Credit is due to the driver and loaders for this satisfactory record.

There have been various staff changes and I think we now have workmen who are willing and who can work together without friction.

During the year, the Ministry of Health approved Byelaws to be adopted by the Council. These Byelaws require occupiers of premises to place their bins adjacent to the roadway. This has always been the practice in the district and the Byelaws merely regularise the position.

A secondary tip has now been brought into operation. We now have one tip at Beanacre and another in Westwood. This saves both time and travelling and was essential as the one vehicle has to deal with increased loads by collections from new houses. We have also endeavoured to cope with the position by altering our collection routine to some extent.

### SALVAGE

During the year, the following items of salvage have been sold:—

|       |       |      |                       | Approx | . Va | lue |
|-------|-------|------|-----------------------|--------|------|-----|
| Waste | Paper |      | <br>26 tons 13½ cwts. | £107   | 0    | 0   |
| Rags  |       | <br> | <br>18 cwts.          | £12    | 0    | 0   |
| Bones |       | <br> | <br>17 cwts.          | £5     | 0    | 0   |
| Scrap | Metal | <br> | <br>7 tons 9 cwts.    | £13    | 0    | 0   |
|       |       |      | Тотац                 | £137   | 0    | 0   |

It is most pleasing to say that our hopes for an improved position regarding the sale of baled waste paper have been realised. The dealers can now take all the paper available and the price makes the work an economical proposition.

### CESSPOOL EMPTYING SERVICE

This service, which was brought into operation in 1948, has been utilised to clear 120 cesspools and septic tanks during 1950. The contractors, employed by the Council, visit the district every three months and carry out work notified to my office following newspaper advertisements.

To save correspondence, a standing order scheme has been established, and instructions have been received for 118 clearances every year, quite apart from any enquiries made following our quarterly advertisement.

### HOUSING

| Number of houses inspected and recorded   | 7 |
|---|---|
| Number of houses suitable for action under Section 11 of<br>the Housing Act, 1936 | 4 |
| Number of houses suitable for action under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936     | 3 |
| Number of Demolition Orders issued  | _ |
| Number of undertakings accepted under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936         |   |
| Number of notices under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1936                        |   |
| Transper of Hottes ander poetron you the Troubing rice, 1900                      |   |

No progress has been made under the Rural Housing Survey and it now seems that the Ministry are not pressing Councils to make such a survey.

With building labour and resources being mainly directed to the erection of new houses, old property continues to deteriorate and we shall be faced with a most difficult and large problem in later years.

The improvement grants under the Housing Act, 1949, do not appear to be popular, only one application having been received. No proceedings have been taken under Sections 12, 25, 26 or the Overcrowding Sections of the 1936 Act.

Three certificates as to state of repair were issued under the Rent and Mortgage Interest Restrictions Acts, 1920-1936.

### PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

| Number | of | inspections          | ENP.    | 001231 | <br> | 107 |
|--------|----|----------------------|---------|--------|------|-----|
| Number | of | informal notices ser | rved    |        | <br> | 29  |
| Number | of | statutory notices se | erved   |        | <br> | -   |
| Number | of | informal notices co  | omplied | with   | <br> | 43  |
| Number | of | statutory notices co | omplied | with   | <br> | -   |

Once again, a variety of complaints have been received and investigated. It is only if friendly informal action is unsuccessful that the cases are reported to the Public Health Committee for consideration of statutory action.

A summary of work carried out from informal action is given in Appendix "F" of this report.

### RIVERS AND STREAMS

Informal action has been taken in various parts of the district to prevent pollution of streams and water courses by drainage and overflowing cesspools. Sewer ditches continue to be a problem. This strengthens the view that sewerage systems are urgently needed in rural districts.

### SWIMMING BATHS

There are no public and privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public in this area.

### SMOKE ABATEMENT

No action was found to be necessary during the year with regard to smoke abatement.

### **GENERAL**

The following visits have been made in connection with miscellaneous items requiring attention:—

|          |                                | Z 1   |   | E   |      | 353   |
|----------|--------------------------------|---|---|---|------|---|
| ply      |                                |   |   |   |      | 197   |
|          |                                |   |   |   |      | 3   |
|          |                                |   |   |   |      | 7   |
| appli    | cants (fo                      |   |   |   |      |   |
| owding   | g points)                      |   |   |   |      | 51  |
| Diseas   | ses                            |   | 9   |   |      | 8   |
| llection | and Disp                       | oosal   |   |   |      | 152   |
| ntrol    |                                |   |   |   |      | 33  |
| nce      |                                |   |   | 7   |      | 18  |
|          | oply ous H appli owding Diseas | oply ous Housing vis applicants (fo owding points) Diseases llection and Disp ntrol | oply ous Housing visits, including points) Diseases llection and Disposal | oply  ous Housing visits, including visits applicants (for allocation of owding points)  Diseases  llection and Disposal  ntrol | oply | ous Housing visits, including visits to Council applicants (for allocation of insanitary and owding points) |

### APPENDIX "A"

ICE CREAM RETAILERS - SAMPLE RESULTS, 1950

|   | Grade IV                                      |                                | 7              | 1              | 1                   |                           | 27      | -                         |                                   | -             | -                   | 11                              | -                | 14                   | -                         | 1                                      | 5 per cent.  |
|---|---|--------------------------------|----------------|----------------|---------------------|---------------------------|---------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---------------------------------|------------------|----------------------|---------------------------|--|--------------|
| Percentage of Samples.  | Grade III (                                   |                                | 21             | 1              | 1                   |                           | 6       | 1                         |                                   | 14            | 17                  | 1                               | -                | 1                    | 1                         | 10                                     | 6 per cent.  |
| Percenta  | Grade I or II                                 |                                | 71             | 100            | 100                 |                           | 64      | 100                       |                                   | 98            | 83                  | 68                              | 100              | 85                   | 100                       | 06                                     | 89 per cent. |
|   | Grade I                                       |                                | 29             | 80             | 98                  |                           | . 46    | 99                        |                                   | 50            | 99                  | 33                              | 50               | 43                   | 44                        | 09                                     | 54 per cent. |
| Provisional Grading of Samples<br>as laid down by Public Health | Laboratory Service and<br>Ministry of Health. | II, I, I, III, III, IV, I, II, | 'п, п, ш, п, п | I, I, II, I, I | п, г, г, г, г, г, п | II, I, I, IV, IV, IV, II, | ш, і, і | 1, П, І, І, І, П, П, П, І | 1, 11, 1, 11, 111, 11, 1, 11, 11, | 1, п, п, т, п | I, II, III, I, I, I | I, II, II, IV, II, II, II, I, I | п. г. п. п. г. п | П, І, П, І, ІУ, І, П | П, П, І, І, П, П, П, І, І | 1, 111, 11, 1, 11, 11, 11, 11, 11, 11. | Average      |
| Retailer.   |   | A                              |                | В              | C                   | D                         |         | 五                         | H                                 |               | 5                   | H                               | I                | -                    | X                         | T                                      |              |

Note—The Public Health Laboratory Service suggests that 50 per cent. of a vendor's samples should fall into Grade I, 80 per cent. into Grade I or II, no more than 20 per cent. into Grade III, and none into Grade IV.

APPENDIX "A" (continued)

ICE CREAM MANUFACTURERS - SAMPLE RESULTS, 1950

|   | Grade IV            |  | 3    |   | 3    |   | 1              | 9   |                                   | 27 | 8 per ce     |
|---|---------------------|--|------|---|------|---|----------------|---|-----------------------------------|----|--------------|
| Percentage of Samples.  | Grade III           |  | 18   |   | 3    |   | 1              | 9   |                                   | 6  | 7 per cent.  |
| Percen  | Grade I or II       |  | 79   |   | 93   |   | 100            | 87  | ;                                 | 45 | 84 per cent. |
|   | Grade I             |  | 39   |   | 61   |   | 62             | 46  | 1,                                | 64 | 50 per cent. |
| Provisional Grading of Samples<br>as laid down by Public Health<br>Laboratory Service and | Ministry of Health. | II, I, II, I, I, I, III, III, III, III | П, П | I, III, II, II, II, II, II, I, I, I, I, | I, İ | I, II, II, I, II, II, I, I, I, I, I, I, | II, I, I, I, I | I, I, II, II, II, III, IV, I, II,<br>I, II, II, I, I, I | II, I, I, I, IV, IV, IV, II, III, |    | Average      |
| Manufacturer  |                     | ^                                      |      | ×                                       |      | ×                                       |                | >   | 7                                 |    |              |

Note—The Public Health Laboratory Service suggests that 50 per cent. of a vendor's samples should fall into Grade I, 80 per cent. into Grade I or II, no more than 20 per cent. into Grade III, and none into Grade IV.

cent.

| APPENDIX "B"  BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER SAMPLE RESULTS, 1950  Name of Supply  S(1) U(2) — S(1) — S(1) — C  Chalfield Supply  S(1) — S(1) — D  Conkwell Supply  U(1) — S(1) — U(1) — C  Conkwell Supply  U(1) — S(1) — D  Conkwell Supply  U(1) — D  Conkwell Supply  Expring  Limpley Stoke  U(1) — U(1) — U(1) — D  Conkwell Supply  Limpley Stoke  U(1) — D  Conkwell Supply  Limpley Stoke  U(1) — D  Conkwell Supply  Limpley Stoke  U(1) — D  Conkwell Supply  Conkwell Sup |              | Dec. Remarks.         | -Chlorinator     | February, 1949.  Warning notice fixed in | January, 1949.              | -Chlorinator       | April, 1949.  Warning notice fixed in March 1949 | Warning notice<br>fixed in     | January, 1949.  — Warning notice fixed in | - Warning letters issued in         | September, 1950        |
|--|--------------|-----------------------|------------------|--|-----------------------------|--------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|------------------------|
| O The D N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N  | ;            | Nov.                  | 1                | 1  | 1.                          | -                  | 1  | 1                              | 1   | 1                                   | coli.                  |
| O The D N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N  |              | Oct.                  | S(3)             | 1  | 1                           | 1                  | 1  | 1                              | . 1                                       | 1                                   | faecal                 |
| O The D N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N  | rs, 1950     | Sep. S(1)             | U(1)             | S(1)                                     | S(1)                        | S(1)               | U(1)   | U(1)                           | S(1)                                      | S(1)                                | resence of             |
| O The D N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N  | RESULT       | Aug.                  | 1                | 1  | 1                           | 1                  | 1  | 1                              | T   | U(4)                                | due to pr<br>month.    |
| O The D N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N  | APLE :       | 国一                    | 1                | 1  | S(1)                        | S(1)               | - 1  | 1                              | U(2)<br>S(3)                              | 1                                   | y result               |
| O The D N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N  | R SAN        | S(1)                  | S(1)             | U(1)                                     | 1                           | 1.                 | U(1)   | U(1)                           | U(1)                                      | ı                                   | tisfactory<br>ned duri |
| O The D N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N  | WATE         | May                   | 1                | 1  | 1                           | 1                  | 1  | 1                              | 1   | 1                                   | s unsat                |
| O The D N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N N  | CAL          | Apr. S(1)             | S(1)             | S(1)                                     | S(1)                        | S(1)               | U(1)   | U(1)                           | S(1)                                      | 1                                   | U denote<br>samples    |
| O The D T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T  | OLOGI        |                       | 1                | L  | 1                           | 1                  | 1  | 1                              |   | 1                                   | result. I              |
| O The D T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T  | CTERI        | reb.<br>U(2)<br>S(12) | 1                | 1  | 1                           | 1                  | 1  | 1                              | 1   | 1                                   | actory<br>tes nur      |
| O The D T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T T  | BA           | S(1)                  | S(1)             | U(1)                                     | S(1)                        | y S(1)             | U(1)   | U(1)                           | S(1)                                      | 1                                   | es satisfa             |
| APPENI Nam. Avoncli Avoncli Combe Water Holt Water Holt Water Conkwe Spring Limple Limple Spring Farleigl Supply Farleigl Supply Farleigl Supply Farleigl  | APPENDIX "B" | Avoncliff Supply      | Chalfield Supply | Conkwell Supply                          | Combe Down<br>Water Company | Holt Water Company | Limpley Stoke Middle Village Spring              | Limpley Stoke<br>Lower Village | Spring<br>Farleigh Wick<br>Supply         | Farleigh Wick<br>(Capt. Whitehead's | _                      |

APPENDIX "B" (continued)

|                                       |      | BACTE | RIOLO | GICAL       | WA  | TER  | BACTERIOLOGICAL WATER SAMPLE RESULTS, 1950 | RESL | JLTS, | 1950 |      |      |
|---------------------------------------|------|-------|-------|-------------|-----|------|--|------|-------|------|------|------|
| Name of Supply.                       | Jan. | Feb.  | Mar.  | Apr.        | May | Jum. | Jul.                                       | Aug. | Sep.  | Oct. | Nov. | Dec. |
| Farleigh Wick<br>Pump Supply          | 1    | -     | 1     | 1           | 1   | 1    | U(2) S(1)                                  | U(2) | S(1)  | 1    | 1    | 1    |
| Monkton Farleigh<br>Ministry of Works | S(1) | 1     | 1     | S(1) - S(1) | 1   | S(1) | 1  | 1    | S(1)  | 1    | 1    |      |

September, 1950

Remarks. ..

Warning notice

fixed in

Warning notice August, 1949. fixed in S(1) S(1) S(1) S(1) S(1) S(1) U(1) S(1) S(1) New Mendip Supply S(1) Norrington Common S(1) Turleigh Troughs Staples Hill Dip Ministry of W Water Scheme Hole Supply Chippenham (Atworth) Supply Supply

August, 1949 fixed in S(1) S(1) S(1) S(1) Trowbridge Water Supply

Note—S denotes satisfactory result. U denotes unsatisfactory result due to presence of faecal coli. (Number) denotes number of samples obtained during the month.

Warning notice

S(1)

S(1)

S(1)

### APPENDIX "C"

## BACTERIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLE RESULTS, 1950

### Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949

TUBERCULIN TESTED

Retailer

# Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949

TUBERCULIN TESTED (PASTEURISED)

Retailer

Feb. Mar. Apr. May Jun. Jul. Aug. Sep. Oct. Nov. S(2) — S(1) S(1) U(2) S(2) S(1) S(1) S(2) S(1)

Note-S denotes satisfactory Methylene Blue and Phosphatase Test. U denotes unsatisfactory result.

PASTEURISED

Feb. Mar. Apr. May Jun. Jul. Aug. Sep. Oct. Nov. S(2) — S(1) S(1) S(2) S(2) S(1) S(1) S(2) S(1)

Note-S denotes satisfactory Methylene Blue and Phosphatase Test. U denotes unsatisfactory result.

PASTEURISED (Licence issued in November, 1950)

Feb. Mar. Apr. May Jun. Jul. Aug. Sep. Oct. Nov. Jan.

Note-S denotes satisfactory Methylene Blue and Phosphatase Test. U denotes unsatisfactory result.

Retailer

|    | APPENDIX "D"                          | FACTORIES     | NES                 |   |          |                    |
|----|---------------------------------------|---------------|---------------------|---|----------|--------------------|
|    |                                       | Number on     | Inspections         |   | Written  | Occupiers          |
|    | Inspections                           | Register      |                     |   | Notices  | Prosecuted         |
|    | (1) Factories in which Sections 1 2 3 |               |                     |   |          |                    |
|    | 4 and 6 are enforced by Local         |               |                     |   |          |                    |
|    | Authority (non-nomer)                 |               | ,                   |   |          |                    |
|    |                                       | +             | 7                   |   | 1        | -                  |
|    | (2) Factories not included in (1) in  |               |                     |   |          |                    |
|    | . 77                                  |               |                     |   |          |                    |
|    |                                       | 1             | ,                   |   | 9        |                    |
|    | Local Authority (power)               | 97            | 26                  |   | 2        | 1                  |
|    | (3) Other premises in which Section 7 |               | 4                   | 23.   |          |                    |
|    |                                       |               |                     |   |          |                    |
|    | is enforced by the Local Authority    |               |                     |   |          |                    |
| 25 | (excluding outworkers premises)       | 1             | - Commonth          |   | 1        | with the           |
|    |                                       |               |                     | Substantial State of the State |          | 97/60              |
|    |                                       | Found         | Remedied            | 1   | Referred | Number of cases in |
|    |                                       |               | A STATE OF STATE OF | To H.M.   | By H.M.  |                    |
|    | D. 6. 4.                              |               |                     | Inspector   |          |                    |
|    | Derects                               |               |                     |   |          |                    |
|    | Want of cleanliness (S.1)             | por of proper | nick in 1 wash      |   |          |                    |
|    |                                       |               |                     |   |          | 1                  |
|    | Overcrowding (5.2)                    | 1             | 1                   | 1   | 1        | 1                  |
|    | Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)        | SCHOL SE      | 00-31               | STOR -  | 1        | 1                  |
|    | Inadequate Ventilation (S4)           | -             |                     |   |          |                    |
|    | (1:0)                                 |               |                     |   | 1 000    | -                  |

(a) Insufficient ... (b) Unsuitable or Defective ...

Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) Drainage of Floors (S.6)

APPENDIX "E"

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Report for period from the 31st March to the 31st December, 1950

### PREVALENCE OF RATS AND MICE

| September of descriptories (Print) | Nur        | nber of properties in<br>Authority's Area | Number of properties in Local<br>Authority's Area |          |       | Analysis           |       |
|------------------------------------|------------|---|---|----------|-------|--------------------|-------|
| Type of Property                   |            | in whi                                    | in which infestation was                          | was      | Num   | Number infested by | ed by |
| Grader to add.                     | Total      | Notified by                               | Otherwise   | Recorded | Rats  | ıts                | Mice  |
| Address of the same of             | Salatare 3 | Occupier                                  | discovered  | Total    | Major | Minor              | only  |
| Local Authority's Property         | 4          | 9   | 6   | 15       | 2     | 13                 | 1     |
| Dwelling Houses                    | 2750       | 21  | 4   | 65       | 2     | 62                 | 1     |
| Business Premises                  | 150        | 10  | 3   | 13       | 2     | ==                 | 1     |
| Agricultural Property              | 220        | 2 (Par<br>Block T                         | 2 (Par t of —<br>Block T reatment)                | 2        | N     | 2                  |       |
| TOTAL                              | 3124       | 39  | 56  | 95       | 9     | 88                 | 1     |

APPENDIX "E" (continued)

MEASURE OF CONTROL BY LOCAL AUTHORITY

| its of<br>ferent                               | Sect. 6(1)<br>angement                                     | Assoc-<br>iated<br>Sewers      | No. of<br>manholes<br>treated          | 1                             | 1               | 1                 | 1                     | 1     |
|--|--|--------------------------------|--|-------------------------------|-----------------|-------------------|-----------------------|-------|
| Block treatments of<br>properties in different | occupancies under Sect. 6(1)<br>or by informal arrangement | Surface                        | No. of<br>separate<br>occupan-<br>cies | 1                             | 24              | 1                 | 3                     | 27    |
| Bloc   | occupanci<br>or by inf                                     | Number                         | of<br>Blocks                           | 1                             | ∞               | 1                 | 1                     | 6     |
|  | Under<br>Section 5(1)                                      | 2                              | only                                   | 1                             | 1               | 1                 | 1                     |       |
| Number of treatments<br>carried out            | Un   |                                | Rats                                   | 1                             | 1               | 1                 | 1                     | 1     |
| umber of treat<br>carried out                  | By arrangement<br>with Occupier                            | Wigo                           | only                                   | 1                             | 1               | 1                 | 1                     | -     |
| N  | By arra<br>with O  |                                | Rats                                   | 15                            | 49              | 13                | 2                     | 46    |
| Number of                                      | under Section 4  |                                | Works                                  | 1                             | 1               | 1                 | 1                     | 1     |
| Number of                                      | under S  | Treat                          | ments                                  | 1                             | 1               | -                 | 1                     | 1     |
|  | No. of   | inspec-<br>tions<br>made       |  | 4                             | 932             | 45                | 2                     | 1023  |
|  | No. of   | proper-<br>ties in-<br>spected |  | 9                             | 817             | 23                | 2                     | 848   |
|  |  | Type of Property               |  | Local Authority's<br>Property | Dwelling Houses | Business Premises | Agricultural Property | TOTAL |

### APPENDIX "F"

# SUMMARY OF IMPROVEMENTS AND WORK OBTAINED BY INFORMAL ACTION

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| Water Supply—improved water supply Factories—new sanitary accommodation provided          | Schools—improvements in means of escape in case of fire         | Drainage-improvements to drainage system                        | Private Houses-repairs to house          | Private Houses-house fumigated | Private Houses—house cleansed and redecorated | Private Houses-improvements to drainage                           | Various premises connected to public sewer          |
|---|---|---|--|--------------------------------|---|---|---|
| 7 -   | -   | -   |  | -                              | rc.   | ∞   | 7   |
| Bakehouses—bakehouse and flour store limewashed Slaughterhouses—slaughterhouse limewashed | Food Shops—store-room and sanitary accom-<br>modation completed | Food Shops—redecoration—refrigerator and water heater installed | Fried Fish Premises-preparation shed re- | decorated                      | Licensed Premises—water heaters installed     | Licensed Premises—improvements to sanitary accommodation provided | Licensed Premises—improvements to drainage system 2 |

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