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ANNUAL REPORT  
ON THE HEALTH OF THE DISTRICT  
FOR THE YEAR 1965

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BUCKFASTLEIGH URBAN DISTRICT.

Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the Year 1965.

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To the Chairman and Members of the Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report for 1965. The undue delay in producing this Report has arisen due to an unfortunate series of events. Firstly, your Medical Officer of Health, Dr. McQuaid, resigned early in 1966, followed soon afterwards by the departure to another appointment of the Medical Officer of Health's Clerk. Then Dr. R.B. Walker, Medical Officer of Health, S.W. Devon, became Medical Officer of Health, but before he could write the Report he emigrated to Canada at the end of October, 1966. The Ministry of Health then wrote to your Council stating they had not received the 1965 Report, and this was the first I had heard of the omission.

Vital Statistics.

Population.

The Registrar General estimated that the mid-1965 population had increased by 10 persons to a total of 2,560 persons. However, because deaths exceeded births by 17 people, it means that a total of 27 people moved into the area during 1965.

Births and Deaths.

The standardised birth rate at 17.66 per thousand is a little lower than the National Average of 18.1, and the standardised death rate at 14.74 shows an increase over the previous year and is also well above the National Average of 11.5 per thousand. As is usually the case, cancer and diseases of the heart and circulation accounted for most deaths, and there were three deaths from cancer of the lungs and bronchus. There was one fatal motor accident, and two suicides occurred.

Infectious Illness.

I can trace records only of two cases of measles and one case of pulmonary tuberculosis.

BUCKINGHAM URBAN DISTRICT

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Intestinal Illness

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General Health.

Details are set out under Section C. by your Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, to whom I am greatly indebted.

Finally I wish to express my thanks to the members of the Public Health Committee, and particularly the Chairman, for the kind way they have received me during my spell of temporary duties, and also to Miss G. Prowse of Plympton who has typed and bound this Report.

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April, 1967.

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John Wilson,

Assistant Medical Officer of Health.  
(from 1st November, 1905)

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VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1965.

Table 1

Figures for 1964 are shown in brackets.

POPULATION:

Estimated Mid-Year Population of Buckfastleigh Urban District

2,560 (2,550)

|                              |     |     |       |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Natural increase or decrease | ... | ... | - 17  |
| Migration in or out          | ... | ... | + 27  |
| Total increase or decrease   | ... | ... | + 10  |
| Population at 1961 Census    | ... | ... | 2,558 |

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area of Buckfastleigh Urban District in Acres

1,365

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate Books

931 (925)

|                                |     |     |       |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Number of Houses per acre      | ... | ... | 1.467 |
| Number of Persons per acre     | ... | ... | 1.875 |
| Number of Persons per house    | ... | ... | 2.750 |
| Dwellings owned by the Council | ... | ... | 330   |

Rateable Value of District

£91,286 (£90,285)

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate

£366 (£360)

SECTION A

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1965

Table 1

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|                              |       |         |       |
|------------------------------|-------|---------|-------|
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| Population at 1961 Census    | ...   | ...     | 2,558 |
| Total increase or decrease   | ...   | ...     | + 10  |
| Migration in or out          | ...   | ...     | + 27  |
| Natural increase or decrease | ...   | ...     | - 17  |

GENERAL STATISTICS:

Area of Buckfastleigh Urban District in Acres

1,365

Number of Inhabited Houses according to Rate-Rates

921 (925)

|                                |     |     |       |
|--------------------------------|-----|-----|-------|
| Dwellings owned by the Council | ... | ... | 30    |
| Number of persons per house    | ... | ... | 2.70  |
| Number of persons per acre     | ... | ... | 1.87  |
| Number of houses per acre      | ... | ... | 1.467 |

Rateable Value of District

£21,286(20,287)

Sum Represented by a Penny Rate

£36 (36)

VITAL STATISTICS AND GENERAL STATISTICS 1965.

Table 2

Figures for 1964 are shown in brackets.

BIRTHS:

|  |              |                |              |
|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| <u>Standardised Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population</u> | ...          | 17.66          | (19.15)      |
| Area Comparability Factor for Births                     | ... ..       | 1.33           |              |
| <u>Number of Live Births</u>                             |              |                |              |
|  | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| <u>Total</u>   | 18           | 16             | 34           |
| Legitimate   | 17           | 15             | 32           |
| Illegitimate   | 1            | 1              | 2            |
| <u>Number of Still Births</u>                            | 1            | 0              | 1            |

DEATHS:

|   |              |                |              |
|---|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| <u>Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 population</u>   | ...          | 14.74          | (11.5)       |
| Area Comparability Factor for Deaths                  | ... ..       | 0.74           |              |
| <u>Number of Deaths</u>                               |              |                |              |
|   | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| <u>All Ages - Total</u>                               | 34           | 17             | 51           |
| <u>Deaths of Infants under 1 yr.</u>                  | 0            | 1              | 1            |
| Number under 4 weeks of age                           | 0            | 0              | 0            |
| Number under 1 week of age                            | 0            | 0              | 0            |
| <u>Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births</u> | ...          | 29.4           | (0.0)        |

COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

|                   |                                 |                   |             |
|-------------------|---------------------------------|-------------------|-------------|
| <u>Birth Rate</u> | 18.1 (18.4)                     | <u>Death Rate</u> | 11.5 (11.3) |
|                   | <u>Infantile Mortality Rate</u> | 19.0 (20.0)       |             |
|                   | (Infants under 1 year of age)   |                   |             |

Table 2

Figures for 1964 are shown in brackets.

BIRTHS:

| Standardized Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population ... 17.66 (19.12) |         | Area Comparability Factor for Births ... 1.33 |       | Number of Live Births |              |
|---|---------|---|-------|-----------------------|--------------|
| Total   | Females | Males   | Total | Legitimate            | Illegitimate |
| 34  | 16      | 18  | 17    | 1                     | 1            |
| 32  | 15      | 17  | 1     | 0                     | 1            |
| 2   | 1       | 1   | 1     | 0                     | 1            |
| 1   | 0       | 1   |       |                       |              |

DEATHS:

| Standardized Death Rate per 1,000 population ... 14.74 (11.2) |         | Area Comparability Factor for Deaths ... 0.74 |                  | Number of Deaths              |                            |
|---|---------|---|------------------|-------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Total   | Females | Males   | All Ages - Total | Deaths of Infants under 1 yr. | Number under 1 week of age |
| 21  | 17      | 24  | 0                | 0                             | 0                          |
| 1   | 1       | 0   | 0                | 0                             | 0                          |
| 0   | 0       | 0   | 0                | 0                             | 0                          |
| 0   | 0       | 0   | 0                | 0                             | 0                          |

Infantile Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births ... 20.4 (0.0)

COMPARISON WITH RATES FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

Birth Rate 18.1 (18.4)      Death Rate 11.5 (11.3)

Infantile Mortality Rate 19.0 (20.0)  
(Infants under 1 year of age)

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES: Cases Notified During 1965.

Table 1.

| <u>DISEASE</u>          | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>Age Group in Years</u> |           |           |            |            |                    |
|-------------------------|--------------|---------------------------|-----------|-----------|------------|------------|--------------------|
|                         |              | <u>Under<br/>1</u>        | <u>1-</u> | <u>5-</u> | <u>15-</u> | <u>25-</u> | <u>Over<br/>65</u> |
| Measles                 | 2            | 0                         | 1         | 1         | 0          | 0          | 0                  |
| Tuberculosis<br>(Lungs) | 1            | 0                         | 0         | 0         | 0          | 1          | 0                  |

Table 2.

| <u>DISEASE</u>          | <u>TOTAL</u> | <u>Incidence by Quarters</u> |            |            |            |
|-------------------------|--------------|------------------------------|------------|------------|------------|
|                         |              | <u>1st</u>                   | <u>2nd</u> | <u>3rd</u> | <u>4th</u> |
| Measles                 | 2            | 0                            | 0          | 2          | 0          |
| Tuberculosis<br>(Lungs) | 1            | 0                            | 0          | 1          | 0          |



PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

HOTELIER DISEASES: Cases Notified during 1967.

Table 1.

Age Group in Years

| DISEASE              | TOTAL | Under |    |     |     |     | Over 60 |
|----------------------|-------|-------|----|-----|-----|-----|---------|
|                      |       | 1-    | 5- | 10- | 15- | 20- |         |
| Hepatitis            | 2     | 0     | 1  | 0   | 0   | 0   | 0       |
| Tuberculosis (lungs) | 1     | 0     | 0  | 0   | 1   | 0   | 0       |

Table 2.

Incidence by Quarters

| DISEASE              | TOTAL | 1st |     |     | 4th |
|----------------------|-------|-----|-----|-----|-----|
|                      |       | 1st | 2nd | 3rd |     |
| Hepatitis            | 2     | 0   | 0   | 2   | 0   |
| Tuberculosis (lungs) | 1     | 0   | 0   | 1   | 0   |

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1965

| <u>Line No.</u> |  | <u>M</u> | <u>F</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------|--|----------|----------|--------------|
|                 | ALL CAUSES ... ..                              | 34       | 17       | 51           |
| 1               | Tuberculosis, respiratory ... ..               | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 2               | Tuberculosis, other ... ..                     | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 3               | Syphilitic disease ... ..                      | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 4               | Diphtheria ... ..                              | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 5               | Whooping Cough ... ..                          | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 6               | Meningococcal infections ... ..                | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 7               | Acute Poliomyelitis ... ..                     | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 8               | Measles ... ..                                 | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 9               | Other infective and parasitic disease ... ..   | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 10              | Malignant Neoplasms, stomach ... ..            | 1        | 1        | 2            |
| 11              | " " lungs, bronchus ... ..                     | 3        | 0        | 3            |
| 12              | " " breast ... ..                              | 0        | 1        | 1            |
| 13              | " " uterus ... ..                              | -        | 0        | 0            |
| 14              | Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ... .. | 1        | 1        | 2            |
| 15              | Leukaemia, aleukaemia ... ..                   | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 16              | Diabetes ... ..                                | 0        | 1        | 1            |
| 17              | Vascular lesions of nervous system ... ..      | 3        | 2        | 5            |
| 18              | Coronary disease, angina ... ..                | 11       | 2        | 13           |
| 19              | Hypertension with heart disease ... ..         | 0        | 1        | 1            |
| 20              | Other heart disease ... ..                     | 3        | 5        | 8            |
| 21              | Other circulatory disease ... ..               | 1        | 0        | 1            |
| 22              | Influenza ... ..                               | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 23              | Pneumonia ... ..                               | 0        | 2        | 2            |
| 24              | Bronchitis ... ..                              | 3        | 0        | 3            |
| 25              | Other diseases of respiratory system ... ..    | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 26              | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ... ..           | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 27              | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea ... ..      | 0        | 1        | 1            |
| 28              | Nephritis and nephrosis ... ..                 | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 29              | Hyperplasia of prostate ... ..                 | 1        | -        | 1            |
| 30              | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion ... ..         | -        | 0        | 0            |
| 31              | Congenital malformations ... ..                | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 32              | Other defined and ill-defined diseases ... ..  | 4        | 0        | 4            |
| 33              | Motor vehicle accidents ... ..                 | 1        | 0        | 1            |
| 34              | All other accidents ... ..                     | 0        | 0        | 0            |
| 35              | Suicide ... ..                                 | 2        | 0        | 2            |
| 36              | Homicide and operations of war ... ..          | 0        | 0        | 0            |

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|----------|---|----|----|-------|
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| 4        | Diphtheria                              | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| 5        | Whooping Cough                          | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| 6        | Meningococcal infections                | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| 7        | Acute Poliomyelitis                     | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| 8        | Malaria                                 | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| 9        | Other infective and parasitic diseases  | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| 10       | Malignant Neoplasms, stomach            | 1  | 1  | 2     |
| 11       | " " " " lung; bronchus                  | 3  | 0  | 3     |
| 12       | " " " " breast                          | 0  | 1  | 1     |
| 13       | " " " " uterus                          | -  | 0  | 0     |
| 14       | Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 1  | 1  | 2     |
| 15       | Leukemia, aleukemic                     | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| 16       | Diabetes                                | 0  | 1  | 1     |
| 17       | Vascular lesions of nervous system      | 3  | 2  | 5     |
| 18       | Coronary disease, angina                | 11 | 2  | 13    |
| 19       | Hypertension with heart disease         | 0  | 1  | 1     |
| 20       | Other heart disease                     | 3  | 2  | 5     |
| 21       | Other circulatory disease               | 1  | 0  | 1     |
| 22       | Influenza                               | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| 23       | Pneumonia                               | 0  | 2  | 2     |
| 24       | Bronchitis                              | 3  | 0  | 3     |
| 25       | Other diseases of respiratory system    | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| 26       | Ulcer of stomach and duodenum           | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| 27       | Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea      | 0  | 1  | 1     |
| 28       | Hepatitis and nephritis                 | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| 29       | Hypertasia of prostate                  | 1  | -  | 1     |
| 30       | Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion         | -  | 0  | 0     |
| 31       | Congenital malformations                | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| 32       | Other defined and ill-defined diseases  | 4  | 0  | 4     |
| 33       | Motor vehicle accidents                 | 1  | 0  | 1     |
| 34       | All other accidents                     | 0  | 0  | 0     |
| 35       | Suicide                                 | 2  | 0  | 2     |
| 36       | Homicide and operations of war          | 0  | 0  | 0     |

## SECTION B.

### GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

#### 1. Hospitals.

A general practitioner hospital with 15 mixed medical and surgical beds is situated in Ashburton. Other hospitals which serve the district are Newton Abbot Hospital and Torbay Hospital. There is a maternity unit at Broomborough Hospital, Totnes, to which many of the Buckfastleigh mothers are admitted for their confinement.

#### 2. County Council Health Services.

Under the National Health Services Act, 1946, the County Council provides the following services:-

Domiciliary midwives, home nurses, health visitors, supervisory care of expectant and nursing mothers and children under five, ambulance services, vaccination and immunisation procedures, home help services, and the aftercare of such persons.

One district nurse/midwife works in the district together with a health visitor and a nursing assistant. A child welfare clinic is held twice a month and the health visitor for the area is in attendance. The Home Help Service is provided by the County Council and the local organiser has her office at the Central Clinic, 14, Midvale Road, Paignton. A chiropody service is provided by the County Council and has been made available for the handicapped, aged, and expectant mothers. A chiropody clinic operates in Buckfastleigh for a whole day once a month.

#### 3. Laboratory Service.

Bacteriological examinations of pathological specimens and samples of milk, water and ice cream are carried out at the Public Health Laboratories at Exeter and Plymouth. The chemical analysis of water is undertaken by public analysts at Exeter.

#### 4. Health Centre.

Owing to building problems the Clinic was only half finished by the end of 1965, but it was hoped it would be opened early in 1966.

#### 5. Mass Miniature Radiography.

Facilities were available at Totnes and Newton Abbot for the general public to visit the Mass Radiography Unit, which called regularly every fortnight at those towns.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES.

1. Hospitals.

A general practitioner hospital with 15 mixed medical and surgical beds is situated in Apperton. Other hospitals which serve the district are Newton Abbott Hospital and Torbay Hospital. There is a maternity unit at Broomborough Hospital, Torbay, to which many of the Buckleigh mothers are admitted for their confinement.

2. County Council Health Services.

Under the National Health Services Act, 1946, the County Council provides the following services:-

Post-natal services, home nurses, health visitors, supervisory care of expectant and nursing mothers and children under five, ambulance services, vaccination and immunisation procedures, home help services, and the aftercare of such persons.

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Bacteriological examinations of pathological specimens and samples of milk, water and ice cream are carried out at the Public Health Laboratories at Exeter and Plymouth. The chemical analysis of water is undertaken by public analysts at Exeter.

4. Health Centre.

Plans for building a health centre at the clinic was only half finished by the end of 1955, but it was hoped it would be opened early in 1956.

5. Mass Mixture Radiography.

Facilities were available at Torbay and Newton Abbott for the general public to visit the Mass Radiography Unit, which called regularly every fortnight at those towns.

## 6. Mental Health.

Arrangements for treatment under the Mental Health Act, 1959, can be made either by the patient's own doctor or by the Mental Welfare Officer - Mr. Gliddon, Central Clinic, 14, Midvale Road, Paignton. Tel. Paignton 59131.

## 7. Family Planning Service.

A clinic is held at the Central Clinic, Midvale Road, Paignton, every first Monday of the month, 6.30 - 7.30 p.m., and every second and fourth Monday, 2 - 3.30 p.m. A clinic is also held at the Adult Education Centre, Shiners Bridge, Dartington, on the third Tuesday afternoon of alternate months beginning in January of each year.

## 8. Meals-on-Wheels Service.

This service is organised by the W.V.S. Mrs. D.M. Middleton, 12, Dart Bridge Road, Buckfastleigh (Tel. Buckfastleigh 3198), is the organiser. Meals are cooked by W.V.S. members in their own homes and are delivered twice a week.

6. Mental Health.

Arrangements for treatment under the Mental Health Act, 1959, can be made either by the patient's own doctor or by the Mental Welfare Officer - Mr. Gibbon, Central Clinic, 14, Midvale Road, Patinton. Tel. Patinton 29131.

7. Family Planning Services.

A clinic is held at the Central Clinic, Midvale Road, Patinton, every first Monday of the month, 6.30 - 7.30 p.m., and every second and fourth Monday, 2 - 3.30 p.m. A clinic is also held at the Adult Education Centre, Shinnars Bridge, Garsington, on the third Tuesday afternoon of alternate months beginning in January of each year.

8. Home-visit Services.

This service is organised by the W.V.S. Mrs. D.M. Middleton, 12, Port Bridge Road, Bucklebury. (Tel. Bucklebury 2988), is the organiser. Meals are cooked by W.V.S. members in their own homes and are delivered twice a week.

## SECTION C.

### SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

#### 1. Refuse.

Refuse is collected weekly and taken to the refuse tip which is a disused quarry situated well away from the town. While measures are taken to ensure nuisances do not occur at this tip, it must be realised that fully controlled tipping is not carried out in Buckfastleigh. Some measure of control over fly and rat infestation is obtained by controlled burning. This has become necessary because of the bulky volume of the refuse due to the double and treble wrapping of some goods and packages. Burning reduces this bulk and kills fly eggs and larvae and deters the scavenging of rats.

The increasing bulk of the refuse results in more journeys to the tip, and with the erection of more houses will spread the load over the week to a much greater extent. With this in mind the Council are considering the purchase of a larger vehicle in the near future.

#### 2. Sewage.

The Works have settled down to a regular rythm, but it was noticed that the severe frosts resulted in icing up at various stages and so allowed the effluent to slide over the media without any interaction, bringing about a low degree of purification.

Details were received and approved for the acceptance of up to a total of 6,000 gallons per day of domestic sewage from the parish of Dean Prior, in the Totnes Rural District.

Whilst the pilot plant experiment conducted by Imperial Chemical Industries,Ltd., is being carried out at the Disposal Works, advantage is being taken of the presence of Imperial Chemical Industries personnel to have a comprehensive report prepared on every stage of the working of our Purification Processes, and of those at the Industrial Concerns in the Town.

#### 3. Caravans.

There are two licensed caravan sites in the district, one of which is owned by the Council. Both are well run and managed.

#### 4. Factories.

This local authority is responsible for enforcing the provisions in the Factories Act, 1961, relating to sanitary conveniences and the regulations made in connection with these in all factories. The district council is also responsible for enforcing the provisions of the Act dealing with cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation, and drainage of floors, in all factories not using mechanical power.



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in the Town.

3. Catchpits.

There are two licensed catchpits in the district, one of which  
is owned by the Council. Both are well run and managed.

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dealing with cleanliness, overcrowding, temperature, ventilation, and  
drainage of floors in all factories not using mechanical power.

Visits were made to the factories in the area by the Public Health Inspector. 21 of the 29 premises in Buckfastleigh do not use mechanical power. Conditions at all the factories were found to be satisfactory.

Part 8 of the Factories Act 1961 deals with home work and the provisions relating to this are enforced by the District Council. One outworker lives in the town.

#### 5. Swimming Pool.

The swimming pool has a capacity of 59,100 gallons. The water is obtained from a leat running through the town, the origin of which is an upland surface source on Dartmoor. The leat however runs through a part of the town and some mixed farming country before arriving at the pool, and the water is not filtered before it fills the pool, which is open-air. The water is chlorinated by hand and is changed at least once a week. The Council have approved in principle a scheme for the automatic chlorination of the water.

It is pleasing to note that an increasing use of the swimming pool is made by the youth of the Town, due no doubt to the continuance of this type of recreation after leaving school, and to the fact that it is so readily accessible in the centre of the Town.

#### 6. Rodent Control.

Under the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949, this Local Authority has an obligation to ensure that, as far as is practicable, the area is kept free from rats or mice. For this purpose frequent inspections are necessary, and, in addition, occupiers of land are required to give notice to the Local Authority whenever it comes to their knowledge that rats or mice are present on the land in substantial numbers. In the case of food premises, the notification must be made to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food.

The control of rodents has proved satisfactory; no large infestations have occurred or been reported. Although some lengthening in the time of "kill" in some places has been noticed, due possibly to alternative food sources, no Warfarin-resistant colonies have shown themselves.

#### 7. Water.

Upland surface water is collected on Dartmoor and reaches the district by gravity from a large storage reservoir. The water is chlorinated, and hardened by adding soda ash. The treated water is not plumbosolvent.

The South West Devon Water Board carry out bacteriological examinations at regular intervals. No contamination of the water has been reported. The quality and quantity of the water was satisfactory throughout the year.

Visits were made to the factories in the area by the Public Health Inspector. It is noted in the report that no mechanical power conditions at all the factories were found to be satisfactory.

Part B of the Factories Act 1901 deals with house work and the provisions relating to this are enforced by the District Council. The outworker lives in the town.

5. Swimming Pool.

The swimming pool has a capacity of 50,000 gallons. The water is obtained from a lead running through the town, the origin of which is an underground source on Hartwood. The lead however runs through a part of the town and some mixed farming country before arriving at the pool, and the water is not filtered before it fills the pool, which is open-air. The water is chlorinated by hand and is changed at least once a week. The Council have approved in principle a scheme for the automatic chlorination of the water.

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The control of rodents has proved satisfactory; no large infestations have occurred or been reported. Although some infestations in the form of "kitts" in some places has been noticed, the possibility of alternative food sources, as certain resistant colonies have shown themselves.

7. Water.

Under surface water is collected in Hartwood and reaches the district by gravity from a large storage reservoir. The water is chlorinated and hardened by adding soda ash. The treated water is not pumped.

The South West Down Water Board carry out bacteriological examinations at regular intervals. No contamination of the water has been reported. The quality and quantity of the water was satisfactory throughout the year.

8. Quarry Dust.

A petition, signed by 40 residents, was received during the year concerning the nuisance of dust arising from a nearby quarry. As it was felt that this nuisance was a contravention of Planning Control, it was referred to the County Council which intimated that dust arresters and suppressors were being installed by the Quarry Owners, and that a trial period be given to the Company to install and observe the working of the new plant.

9. Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963.

The total number of premises affected is only 4, and apart from the offices the other premises were already being inspected under other Acts, so that the impact was not as great as was at first anticipated.

No changes, other than personnel, took place during the year under review. All conditions were again found to be satisfactory according to the Act.

3. General Work.

A small quantity of illegal food was surrendered, this apparently due to bad warehousing. The batch of food surrendered for destruction consisted of a number of packets of instant food, which had turned out over a period due to the breakdown of a deep freeze cabinet. Another batch of 41 tins of food was surrendered owing to packing damage.

4. Inspection.

Food inspection was carried out as in previous years. The following table shows the most inspected and the quantity surrendered.

|   | Salmon | Salmon | Salmon | Star | Total |
|---|--------|--------|--------|------|-------|
| No. killed  | 137    | 10     | 333    | -    | 580   |
| No. inspected   | 137    | 10     | 333    | -    | 580   |
| No. of tins<br>surrendered                                  | -      | -      | -      | -    | -     |
| No. packages of<br>which were part<br>of the<br>surrendered | 72     | -      | -      | -    | 72    |

8. Quarry Dust.

A petition signed by 20 residents, was received during the year concerning the nuisance of dust arising from a nearby quarry. As it was felt that this nuisance was a contravention of Planning Control, it was referred to the County Council which instructed that dust extractors and suppressors were being installed by the Quarry Owners, and that a trial period be given to the Company to install and observe the working of the new plant.

9. Offices, Shops and Retail Premises Act, 1955.

The total number of premises inspected is only 4, and apart from the offices the other premises were already being inspected under other Acts, so that the target was not as great as was at first anticipated.

No changes, other than personnel, took place during the year under review. All conditions were again found to be satisfactory according to the Act.

SECTION D.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

1. Food Premises.

There were 43 food premises operating in the district during the year and this figure includes 10 cafes, hotels and restaurants, and 33 retail food shops. All were visited and found to be well-managed and clean.

2. Food Hygiene.

The shopkeepers and their assistants have now become 'hygiene conscious', but the opinion is expressed that it is now time to educate the public as so many customers attempt to handle goods even though they do not intend to buy. This is most noticeable in the fruit and greengrocery trade.

3. Unsound Food.

A small quantity of tinned food was surrendered, some apparently due to bad warehousing. One batch of food surrendered for destruction consisted of a number of packets of frozen food, which had thawed out over a weekend due to the breakdown of a deep freeze cabinet. Another batch of 41 tins of fruit was surrendered owing to packing damage.

4. Meat Inspection.

Meat inspection was carried out as in previous years.

Two slaughterhouses cater for the district. The following is a table showing the meat inspected and the quantity condemned:-

|  | <u>Cattle</u> | <u>Calves</u> | <u>Sheep &amp;<br/>Lambs</u> | <u>Pigs</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|---------------|---------------|------------------------------|-------------|--------------|
| No. killed   | 197           | 10            | 333                          | -           | 530          |
| No. inspected  | 197           | 10            | 333                          | -           | 530          |
| No. of entire<br>carcasses condemned                 | -             | -             | -                            | -           | -            |
| No. carcasses of<br>which some part<br>was condemned | 7             | -             | -                            | -           | 7            |

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4. Meat Inspection.

Meat inspection was carried out as in previous years.

Two slaughterhouses enter for the district. The following is a table showing the meat inspected and the quantity condemned:-

|  | Cattle | Goats | Sheep & Pigs | Total |
|--|--------|-------|--------------|-------|
| No. killed                                     | 197    | 10    | 333          | 540   |
| No. inspected                                  | 197    | 10    | 333          | 540   |
| No. of entire carcasses condemned              | -      | -     | -            | -     |
| No. carcasses of which some part was condemned | 7      | -     | -            | 7     |

## SECTION E.

### HOUSING.

#### 1. General.

Of the 931 inhabited houses in the district 326 were owned by the Council.

Approval was received for the go-ahead to erect 77 houses and 30 garages on the Barn Park Estate.

#### 2. Housing Survey.

Out of 26 houses appearing in the preliminary housing survey as worthy of further inspection, the Medical Officer of Health found 20 to be unfit and accordingly made Representations to the Council for their closure or clearance.

The Buckfastleigh Urban District Council (No.1) Clearance Order 1965 was made in respect of three cottages in Station Road.

#### 3. Housing improvement grants.

Improvement grants were approved in respect of 10 properties in the town.

#### 4. Infestation.

One house was found to be infested with fleas, and, following the removal of the occupant to hospital, spraying and fumigation was carried out and proved effective.



SECTION 2.

HOUSING.

1. General.

Of the 22 inhabited houses in the district 20 were owned by the Council.

Approval was received for the proposal to erect 77 houses and 30 garages on the Barn Park Estate.

2. Housing Survey.

Out of 20 houses appearing in the preliminary housing survey as worthy of further inspection, the Medical Officer of Health found 10 to be unfit and accordingly made representations to the Council for their closure or clearance.

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Improvement grants were approved in respect of 10 properties in the town.

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SECTION F.

FACTORIES ACT 1961.

The following is a summary of information required in respect of the year 1965. A total of 41 inspections was made in respect of 29 premises listed in the Factories Register.

Part I of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

(i) Factories without Mechanical Power.  
(Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6).

|                      |     |     |     |   |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Number on Register   | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Inspections          | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Written Notices      | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Occupiers prosecuted |     | ... | ... | 0 |

(ii) Factories with Mechanical Power.  
(Section 7)

|                      |     |     |     |    |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number on Register   | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| Inspections          | ... | ... | ... | 31 |
| Written Notices      | ... | ... | ... | 0  |
| Occupiers prosecuted |     | ... | ... | 0  |

(iii) Other Premises under the Act  
(Section 7)

(Electric Stations, Institutions, Sites of Building Operations, Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Outworkers' Premises)

|                      |     |     |     |   |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Number on Register   | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Inspections          | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Written Notices      | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Occupiers prosecuted |     | ... | ... | 0 |

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

See table overleaf.

SECTION 7.

FACTORIES ACT 1901.

The following is a summary of information required in respect of the year 1905. A total of 41 inspections was made in respect of 29 premises listed in the Factory Register.

Part I of the Act.

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health.

(i) Factories without Mechanical Power.  
(Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5).

|                      |     |     |     |   |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Number on Register   | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Inspections          | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Written Notices      | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Offenders prosecuted | ... | ... | ... | 0 |

(ii) Factories with Mechanical Power.  
(Section 7)

|                      |     |     |     |    |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Number on Register   | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| Inspections          | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| Written Notices      | ... | ... | ... | 0  |
| Offenders prosecuted | ... | ... | ... | 0  |

(iii) Other Premises under the Act  
(Section 7)

(Electric Stations, Installations, Sites of Buildings, Operation Works of Engineering Construction, but excluding Contractors' Premises)

|                      |     |     |     |   |
|----------------------|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Number on Register   | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Inspections          | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Written Notices      | ... | ... | ... | 0 |
| Offenders prosecuted | ... | ... | ... | 0 |

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

See table overleaf.

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

| Particulars   | Number of cases in which defects were found |          |               |               | Number of cases in which prosecutions were made |
|---|---|----------|---------------|---------------|---|
|   | Found                                       | Remedied | Referred      |               |   |
|   |   |          | By H.M. Insp. | To H.M. Insp. |   |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1.)  | -   | -        | -             | -             | -   |
| Overcrowding (S.2.)   | -   | -        | -             | -             | -   |
| Reasonable temp.  | -   | -        | -             | -             | -   |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)   | -   | -        | -             | -             | -   |
| Sanitary conveniences   |   |          |               |               |   |
| a) Insufficient   | -   | -        | -             | -             | -   |
| b) Unsuitable or defective  | -   | -        | -             | -             | -   |
| c) Not separate for sexes   | -   | -        | -             | -             | -   |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) | -   | -        | -             | -             | -   |
| Total   | -   | -        | -             | -             | -   |

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

| Number of cases in which prosecution were made | Number of cases in which defects were found |              |       | Particulars   |
|--|---|--------------|-------|---|
|  | Referred                                    |              | Found |   |
|  | To H.M. Ins.                                | By H.M. Ins. |       |   |
| -  | -   | -            | -     | Want of cleanliness (2.1.)  |
| -  | -   | -            | -     | Overcrowding (2.2.)   |
| -  | -   | -            | -     | Reasonable temp.  |
| -  | -   | -            | -     | Inadequate ventilation (2.4.)   |
| -  | -   | -            | -     | Sanitary conveniences   |
| -  | -   | -            | -     | a) Insufficient   |
| -  | -   | -            | -     | b) Unavailable or defective   |
| -  | -   | -            | -     | c) Not adequate for sexes   |
| -  | -   | -            | -     | Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outdoor) |
| -  | -   | -            | -     | Total   |

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK.

(Sections 133 and 134)

| Nature of Work           | Section 133  |  |   | Section 134                                      |                |              |
|--------------------------|--|--|---|--|----------------|--------------|
|                          | No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 133(1)(c) | No. of cases of default in sending list to the Council | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises | Notices served | Prosecutions |
| (1)                      | (2)  | (3)  | (4)   | (5)  | (6)            | (7)          |
| Wearing apparel (making) | 1  | -  | -   | -  | -              | -            |

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK.

(Sections 133 and 134)

| Section 134       |                   | Section 133   |   |   | Nature of Work |
|-------------------|-------------------|---|---|---|----------------|
| Prose-<br>cutions | Notices<br>served | No. of<br>instances<br>of work<br>in un-<br>wholesome<br>premises | No. of<br>proc-<br>utions<br>for<br>failure<br>to<br>comply<br>with | No. of<br>cases of<br>default<br>in<br>August<br>being<br>list to<br>be<br>required<br>by Sec.<br>133(1)<br>(c) |                |
| (7)               | (6)               | (5)   | (4)   | (3)   | (2)            |
| -                 | -                 | -   | -   | -   | 1              |

Working  
agencies  
(existing)





