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TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN, & BURGESSES OF THE BOROUGH
OF GLASTONBURY.

HEALTH
A 25 MAY 56
C.R. 17

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND SANITARY INSPECTOR'S
REPORT FOR 1955.

Mr. Mayor, Aldermen, and Councillors,

I have the honour to present to you my Annual Report for the year 1955. This is in accordance with Circulars 28/54 and 17/55.

VITAL STATISTICS.

POPULATION:- Registrar General's Estimate. ..5,230.....

<u>LIVE BIRTHS.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Live Birth Rate.</u>
Legitimate	53	32	85	per 1,000 of the estimated resident population. 16.8
Illegitimate	2	1	3	
	55	33	88	

<u>STILL BIRTHS.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>Total.</u>
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	0	1	1
	1	2	3

<u>DEATHS.</u>	<u>Males.</u>	<u>Females.</u>	<u>Total.</u>	<u>Death Rate.</u>
	33	36	69	per 1,000 of the estimated resident population. 13.18

Rates for England and Wales per 1,000 population:-
Live Birth Rate. Not available. Death Rate. Not available.

DEATHS FROM PUERPERAL CAUSES.....0.....
DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE.....2.....
DEATH OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE.....2.....
Rate per 1,000 Live Births.....12.72.....

NOTIFIABLE DISEASE(OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS):-

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>	<u>Cases Admitted to Isolation Hospital.</u>	<u>TOTAL DEATHS.</u>
Small Pox.	0	0	0
Scarlet Fever.	0	0	0
Diphtheria.	0	0	0
Enteric Fever (incl. Para-Typhoid).	0	0	0
Measles.	11	0	0
Whooping Cough.	2	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia.	1	0	0
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	0	0	0
Cerebro-Spinal Meningitis	0	0	0
Dysentery.	0	0	0
Malaria.	0	0	0
Pneumonia.	0	0	0
Acute Poliomyelitis.	0	0	0
Encephalitis Lethargica.	0	0	0
Other diseases notifiable locally e.g. Erysipelas.	1	0	0



REPORT FOR 1905

By Mayor, Aldermen, and Councilmen

This report is prepared for the year 1905. It is in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1897, and is published in accordance with the provisions of the Act of 1902.

VITAL STATISTICS

Year	Population	Births	Deaths	Marriages	Divorces
1905	10,000	100	50	10	5
1904	9,500	95	48	9	4
1903	9,000	90	46	8	3
1902	8,500	85	44	7	2
1901	8,000	80	42	6	1
1900	7,500	75	40	5	1



The Board of Health and Sanitary Investigation has the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the report of the Board of Health and Sanitary Investigation for the year 1905. The report is a valuable contribution to the knowledge of the health and sanitary conditions of the city of Albany.

Year	Total	Male	Female
1905	100	55	45
1904	95	50	45
1903	90	48	42
1902	85	46	39
1901	80	44	36
1900	75	42	33

T U B E R C U L O S I S .

Year 1955 - all Ages.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	1	4	0	0	0	0	0	0

Total cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at the end of 1954.	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Totals.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	22	6	1	0	23	6

Total on Register at end of 1955..	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Totals.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	18	10	1	0	19	10

W A T E R S U P P L Y .

Practically the whole of the dwelling houses in the Borough are supplied from the Council's public mains, the figures being as follows:-

Laid on direct to house.	1,728
Water fetched from distant standpipe.	<u>1</u>
	1,729
Houses (including isolated farms) relying on a private well supply.	<u>3</u>
Total Dwellings in Borough.	<u><u>1,732</u></u>

Sufficiency. During the latter part of the year it was necessary to impose an intermittent supply, turning off the supply from 10.p.m. until 6.a.m. for approximately two months.

Quality. The supply is hard. Galvanised iron, Polythene and Copper service pipes are used and no difficulty is experienced due to plumbo-solvent action. Permanent Chlorination Plants (Chloramine Process) are in continuous operation. The results of samples taken for Bacteriological examination during the year were as follows:-

Date Taken 1955.	Edgarley Supply	10 Acres Supply	Tor Hill Supply.
	(Low Level)	(Inter. Level)	(High Level)
	Probable No. of Coliform Bacilli per 100 ml.		
January 5th	1	0	0
" 19th	0	0	0
February 2nd.	1	1	0
" 16th	0	0	0
March 2nd.	0	0	0
" 16th	0	0	0
" 30th	0	0	0
April 13th	1	5	2
" 24th	0	0	0
May 11th	0	1	0
" 25th	0	0	0
June 8th	0	0	0
July 6th	1	-	-
" 20th	1*	3	8 ϕ
August 3rd	25+	8*	25+
" 17th	0	0	0
" 31st	25+	25+	25+
September 28th	3*	8*	2*
October 12th	3*	-	-
November 9th	0	0	0
" 23rd	0	0	0
December 7th	0	0	0
December 21st	0	0	0

+ 50% Non-Faecal ϕ 40% Non-Faecal *100% Non-Faecal

WATER SUPPLY. (Continued)

Extensions and Improvements during the Year. The laying of Water Mains on the Avalon Estate (Private Enterprise) Wells Road was carried out during the year.

Future Proposals. A Comprehensive scheme prepared by the Wells Rural District Council for supplying parts of their District and in which Glastonbury Borough Council has agreed to participate is still under consideration.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Extensions and Improvements during the year.

No extensions or improvements were carried out during the year.

Sewage and Trade Effluent Disposal Scheme.

Upon the instructions of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government further Tenders were invited during 1955 and a Tender accepted and approved by the Ministry. Agreement was reached with the two Factorics and it is hoped that the construction of the Works will commence early in 1956.

FOOD POISONING.

No outbreak of food poisoning occurred in the Borough during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

Section 47. Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention.

No action was taken under this section during the year.

HOME NURSING.

It should be noted that the provision of Home Nursing is the responsibility of the County Council and not of the Local Authority in this Area.

Two full-time and one part-time Nurses are responsible for the nursing in the area and in addition for the nursing of two neighbouring Villages, in general, their work consists principally of:-

1. Visiting the sick of all ages in their homes and giving such general attention and especial treatments as are required.
2. Ante-Natal care of Midwifery and the conduct of domiciliary midwifery with and without a doctor.
3. Work in conjunction with the School Medical Schemes.
4. Infant Welfare Work and routine visits to children of pre-school age.
5. Domiciliary visits for the purpose of giving insulin, liver extract, and other injections.
6. Routine visits to elderly house bound people.

The principle increase in work has occurred in Ante-Natal, Midwifery and Infant Welfare Departments and it is not found that the giving of routine or other injections is a heavy call.

HEALTH OF CHILDREN.

A voluntary "Moral Welfare Society" operates in the area and pays particular attention to cases where there is a threatened break-up in the family or children are in need of supervision, and their parents advice. No Scheme is administered by the Local Authority.

Extensions and improvements during the year. The laying of water mains on the main roads (Private Enterprise) which had been carried out during the year.

Water Treatment. A comprehensive scheme prepared by the Water Board for supplying a rate of their District and in which Glasgow Water Board Council has agreed to participate is still under consideration.

HEALTH AND GENERAL

Extensions and improvements during the year.

No extensions or improvements were carried out during the year.

SCOTLAND AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES

Under the instructions of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government further visits were made during 1955 and a further report was approved by the Ministry. Agreement was reached with the two local authorities and it is hoped that the construction of the works will commence early in 1956.

FOOD SUPPLY

No deficit of food supplies occurred in the period during the year.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47, 48 and 49 of the Act provide for the provision of certain services in the case of persons who are unable to support themselves.

No action was taken under this section during the year.

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H O U S I N G .

Total number of permanent dwellings in the Borough.....1,732.....

Total number of permanent dwellings owned by the Council.....434.....

Part 1. The total problem (as per Ministry Circular 55/54):-

- (1) Estimated number of houses unfit for human habitation within the meaning of Section 9 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, and suitable for action under Section 11 or Section 25 of the Housing Act, 1936.83.....
- (11) Period in years which the Council think necessary for securing the demolition of all the houses in (1).5.....

Part 2. Orders already made, etc.:-

- (111) Number of houses in (1) in clearance areas and already covered by operative clearance or compulsory purchase orders or owned by the Council.4.....
- (1V) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders have been submitted to the Minister but have not yet become operative.NIL.....

Part 3. Action in the first five years:-

- (V) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders are to be made or which are to be purchased by agreement within the five years.NIL.....
- (VI) Number of houses which are to be included in clearance areas still to be declared and which within the five years will be owned by the Council or will have been included in a clearance order or a compulsory purchase order submitted to the Minister.79.....
- (VII) Number of houses under (111), (1V), (V), and (VI) to be patched (if necessary) and retained within the five years under Section 2 of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, for temporary accommodation.NIL.....
- (VII1) Number of houses under (111), (1V), (V), and (VI) to be demolished in the five years.83.....
- (IX) Number of houses (including those already comprised in operative demolition orders) to be demolished in the five years as a result of action under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936.NIL.....

	Houses erected during year	Houses in course of erection.	Gained from conversion of large houses or buildings into flats or dwellings.	Lost from conversion of two or more houses to one.
Local Authority.	32	20	-	-
Private Enterprise.	17	9	3	-
TOTALS.	49	29	3	-

Total number of permanent dwellings in the Boroughs.....1,732
 Total number of permanent dwellings owned by the Council.....434

The local authority has got Ministry approval on (a) :-

(i) Estimated number of houses under the present legislation within the meaning of Section 8 of the Housing Acts and Housing Act, 1954, and suitable for letting under Section 11 of Section 85 of the Housing Act, 1956.....83

(ii) Period in years when the Council think necessary for securing the demolition of all the houses in (i).....3

Part 2. Orders already made, etc. :-

(iii) Number of houses in (i) in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders have been made by the Council.....4

(iv) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders have been submitted to the Ministry but have not yet become operative.....11

Part 3. Action in the first five years :-

(v) Number of houses which are already in clearance areas and for which clearance or compulsory purchase orders are to be made or which are to be purchased by agreement within the five years.....11

(vi) Number of houses which are to be included in clearance areas still to be demolished within the five years will be made by the Council or will have been included in a clearance order or a compulsory purchase order submitted to the Ministry.....19

(vii) Number of houses under (iii), (iv), (v), and (vi) to be demolished (if necessary) and retained within the five years under Section 8 of the Housing Acts and Housing Act, 1954, for temporary occupation.....11

(viii) Number of houses under (iii), (iv), (v), and (vi) to be demolished in the five years.....83

(ix) Number of houses (including those already demolished in operative demolition orders) to be demolished in the five years as a result of action under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1956.....11

Local authority	Houses grouped during year	Houses in course of erection	Number of houses in course of erection	Number of houses in course of erection
Local Authority	38	20	20	20
Parish Authorities	14	9	9	9
TOTALS	52	29	29	29

Number of Post-War Houses erected from 1st April, 1945 to 31st December, 1955.		Housing Programme for 1956.
<u>By Local Authority.</u>	<u>By Private Enterprise.</u>	
230	96	30

- (a) No. of temporary housing units occupied - (i) Prefabs.....Nil.....
(ii) Huts, etc...Nil.....
- (b) No. of houses found overcrowded.....Nil.....
- (c) No. of houses closed as a result of an undertaking given
by the owners or following the issue of Closing Orders.....5.....
- (d) No. of houses demolished during year.....Nil.....
- (e) No. of houses made fit during year.....12.....

Houses required:-

- (i) To abate overcrowding.....Nil.....
- (ii) To overcome unsatisfactory conditions, e.g. two
families living in same house but not included in (i).....Est..150....

Total number of applicants for Council Houses at the end of the year.150....

General Observations.

Since the War, up to the end of 1955 a total of 230 new dwellings have been completed by the Local Authority, 96 by Private Enterprise, and 18 units of accommodation have been provided by conversion or adaptation making provision for 344 families in all.

Up to the end of 1955 action has been taken under Section 11 of the Housing Act, 1936, in respect of fifty-eight houses, and in all cases the owners gave written undertakings in accordance with the Act not to relet them for human habitation when they became vacant. At the end of the year twenty-four of these dwellings remained occupied. One dwelling has been re-constructed and brought back into use as a dwelling.

Up to the end of 1955 Three Closing Orders had been issued and the Houses were vacated and seven dwellings had been voluntarily closed by the Owners without action by the Local Authority.

Improvement Grants made under the Housing Act, 1949-54.

No. of applications and houses dealt with by Local Authority:-

	(1) Received		(2) Approved.		(3) Rejected.		(4) Under consideration.		(5) Withdrawn	
	Aps.	No. of houses.	Aps.	No. of houses.	Aps.	No. of houses	Aps.	No. of houses.	Aps.	No of houses
31.7.49- 31.12.54.	4	4	4	4	-	-	-	-	-	-
During Year.	19	19	19	19	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS.	23	23	23	23	-	-	-	-	-	-

Average cost per dwelling approved:- £235. 0. 0.

Number of Post-War Houses erected from 1st April, 1945 to 31st December, 1955	Number of Post-War Houses erected from 1st April, 1956 to 31st December, 1956
By Local Authority	By Private Enterprise
230	30

(a) No. of temporary housing units occupied - (i) Private... 211
(ii) Local Authority... 211

(b) No. of houses found overcrowded..... 211

(c) No. of houses closed as a result of an order being given
by the Council or following the issue of Council Orders..... 211

(d) No. of houses demolished during year..... 211

(e) No. of houses made fit during year..... 211

Houses vacated:-

(i) To other accommodation..... 211

(ii) To various unsatisfactory conditions, e.g. two
localities living in some houses not included in (i)..... 211

Total number of applications for Council Houses at the end of the year..... 211

General Observations.

Since the War up to the end of 1955 a total of 230 new dwellings have
been completed by the Local Authority, 30 by Private Enterprise, and 20
units of accommodation have been provided by conversion or adaptation with
provision for 244 families in all.

Up to the end of 1955 action has been taken under Section 11 of the Housing
Act, 1936, in respect of fifty-eight houses, and in all cases the owners
have written undertakings in accordance with the Act not to refuse them for
human habitation when they become vacant. At the end of the year twenty-
four of these dwellings remained occupied. One dwelling has been re-
constructed and brought back into use as a dwelling.

Up to the end of 1955 three Council Orders had been issued and the houses
were vacated and seven dwellings had been voluntarily closed by the Owners
without action by the Local Authority.

Improvements made under the Housing Act, 1949-51.

No. of applications and houses dealt with by Local Authority:-

Year	No. of houses	No. of houses	No. of houses		No. of houses	No. of houses	No. of houses
			(1)	(2)			
1955	19	19					
1956	23	23					

MILK.

Number of registered Distributors.....6.....
Number of Registered Dairy Premises.....5.....
Number of Licensed Dealers of Designated Milk...3.....
Number of supplementary licences issued to
distributors whose dairy is outside area....2.....

MILK SAMPLING.

Pasteurised.....4 samples taken 3 satisfactory.

ICE CREAM.

Number of Premises registered for Manufacture and Retail...1.....
Retail only.44.....
Number of Samples taken.,137.....
Grade 1.....102
Grade 2..... 21
Grade 3..... 12
Grade 4..... 2

PREMISES FOR PREPARATION OF FOOD.

Premises Registered under Section 14 of the Food and Drugs Act,
1938 for the preparation of food.....16.....

FOOD PREMISES IN THE BOROUGH.

Meat.....7
Bakers.....3
Milk.....3
Cafes.....5
Hotels.....4
Grocers.....21
Greengrocers.....11
Fishmongers..... 2
Fish and Chips..... 1
Confectionery.....14

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

	<u>Number.</u>	
	<u>Licensed.</u>	<u>Operating.</u>
Private Slaughterhouses.	2	2

Number of registered Distillers
Number of Registered Dairy Producers
Number of Illinois Dealers of Distilled Spirits
Number of employees licensed to
distill spirits being in various areas

WINE SALES

Registered..... 14 sample cases & satisfactory.

WINE SALES

Number of licenses issued for wine sales in various areas

Wine only

Number of sample cases

157

Grade 1	100
Grade 2	10
Grade 3	10
Grade 4	10

REPORT FOR THE YEAR 1921

Wine and spirits sold in various areas of the State and District
for the year 1921

WINE SALES IN THE DISTRICT

Wine	100
Spirits	10
Wine and Spirits	10
Wine	10
Spirits	10
Wine and Spirits	10
Wine	10
Spirits	10
Wine and Spirits	10

WINE SALES

Wine

Wine

Wine

Wine and spirits

MEAT INSPECTION.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part during year.

	Cattle including Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.	Horses.
Number inspected.	247	9	698	914	Nil
<u>All disease except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned.	Nil	1	1	9	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	51	Nil	112	56	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	20%	11%	16%	7%	Nil
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	15	Nil	Nil	4	Nil
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	30	Nil	Nil	17	Nil
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	18%	Nil	Nil	2.3%	Nil
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
Weight of meat condemned (in lbs) for:-					
(a) Tuberculosis.	9,272	Nil	Nil	590	Nil
(b) Cysticercosis.	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
(c) Other.	1,520	90	354	1,262	Nil
Total (in lbs.) condemned	10,792	90	354	1,852	Nil

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS AND MATTERS DEALT WITH.

Visits and Inspections.

Housing and Sanitary Defects.	52
Drainwork and Alterations to Premises.	76
Factories Act.	4
Food and Drugs Act (including Ice Cream premises).	320
Milk and Dairies Orders.	11
Rodent Control.	315
River Pollution.	11
Tents, Vans and Sheds.	1
Infectious Diseases.	0
Refuse Removal and Disposal Works.	36
Vermin and Insect Infestations.	1
Housing Estate Visits.	400
Sewers, Sewage Works and Pumping Stations.	119
Public Conveniences.	66
Water Supplies, Reservoirs and Pumping Stations.	32
New Houses (Private Enterprise).	78
New Houses (Council).	21
Improvement Grants.	39
Slaughterhouses.	195
Market Yard.	6

1,783

Matters dealt with.

Defective Drain repairs.	14
Existing premises connected to Sewer.	1
Water Closets installed.	67
Lavatory Basins installed.	72
Baths installed.	61
Sinks installed.	57
Existing W.C.'s fitted with Flushing Cisterns.	5
Premises Disinfected.	0
Unfit Houses Closed or Undertakings not to relet.	2
Rats and Mice Infestations.	
Private Premises.	24
Refuse Tip.	1
Sewage Works and Pumping Stations.	1
Sewers.	0
Confemnation of Unsound Foodstuffs. - Certificates issued.	80
Factories Act - Defects Remedied.	1
Samples of Water Taken for Chemical Analysis.	7
Samples of Water Taken for Bacteriological Analysis.	65
Samples of Ice Cream taken for Bacteriological Analysis.	137
Samples of Milk taken for Bacteriological Analysis.	4
Samples of Sewage taken for Chemical Analysis.	12
Number of Written Informal Requests Issued.	16
Number of Statutory Notices Served.	2
New Premises Registered for the Sale of Ice Cream.	6
Houses Provided with entirely new Drainage System.	49
Premises Licensed under Pet Animals Act.	1

We are,
Your obedient servants,
T. H. A. PINNIGER.

Medical Officer of Health.

S. W. KING.

Sanitary Inspector.

