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TUBERCULOSIS.

Year 1956 - all Ages.	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.		Pulmonary.		Non-Pulmonary.	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
	3	0	4	6	0	0	0	0

	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>		<u>Totals.</u>	
	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>	<u>M.</u>	<u>F.</u>
Total cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at the end of 1955.	18	10	1	0	19	10
Total on Register at end of 1956.	20	9	6	5	26	14

WATER SUPPLY.

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.	1,762
Water fetched from distant standpipe.	<u>1</u>
	1,763
Houses (including isolated farms) relying on a private well supply.	<u>3</u>
	<u>1,766</u>

Sufficiency. During June and July it was necessary to impose an intermittent supply, turning off the supply from 10.p.m. until 6.a.m. for approximately one month. An emergency pumping plant and rising main was installed to take water from the River Brue to augment the supply during the months of July and August.

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.

WATER SUPPLY

Year	Palmonsey		Govt Palmonsey		Totals	
	M	E	M	E	M	E
1955	18	10	1	0	19	10
1956	20	9	0	0	20	9

Investigation was made of the dwelling houses in the Borough etc. and the following are the results:

1,750	Laid on direct to house.
1,750	Water fetched from distant standpipes.
1,750	
1,750	House (including leaded tank) relying on a private well supply.
1,750	

On the 1st and 2nd July it was necessary to place an intermittent supply, during all the supply from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m. for approximately one week. In consequence of this the water was not available to the houses and the water had to be fetched from the standpipes during the absence of the supply.

The supply is being delivered from the Palmonsey and Govt Palmonsey pipes and the water is being used for drinking and other purposes. The water is being used for drinking and other purposes. The water is being used for drinking and other purposes.

WATER SUPPLY. (Continued).

The results of samples taken for Bacteriological examination during the year were as follows:-

<u>Date Taken.</u> 1956.	<u>Edgarley Supply</u> (Low Level)	<u>10 Acres Supply</u> (Inter. Level)	<u>Tor Hill Supply.</u> (High Level)
	Probably No. of Coliform Bacilli per 100 ml.		
January 4th	1	0	0
" 18th	0	0	1
February 1st	1	0	0
" 15th	3*	0	1
" 29th	0	0	0
March 14th	0	3*	0
" 28th	0	0	0
April 11th	0	0	0
" 25th	0	0	0
May 9th	0	0	0
" 23rd	0	0	0
June 6th	0	3*	3*
" 20th	0	-	-
July 5th	1	0	0
" 5th	5	-	-
" 18th	0	0	0
" 18th	3	-	-
August 1st	25+	25+	25+
" 10th	0	0	0
" 29th	1	0	0
Sept. 12th	0	0	0
" 26th	1	0	0
Oct., 10th	0	0	1
" 24th	0	1	0
November 7th	1	5	0
" 20th	1	0	0
December 5th	0	0	0
" 19th	0	-	0
" 19th	-	-	1

+ 50% Non-Faecal    † 40% Non-Faecal    \* 100% Non-Faecal

Future Proposals.

Extension of water mains to supply the New Secondary Modern School at Land Mead and the Grope Lane Redevelopment Area.  
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, and following receipt of Ministry of Housing and Local Government Circular No.52/56, negotiations for the take over of the Glastonbury Water Undertaking by the Bristol Waterworks Company were opened.

The results of samples taken for bacteriological examination during the year are as follows:-

Date of Sample	Low Level	High Level	For Hill Supply
January 1st	1	0	0
" " 15th	0	0	0
February 1st	1	0	0
" " 15th	0	0	0
March 1st	0	0	0
" " 15th	0	0	0
April 1st	0	0	0
" " 15th	0	0	0
May 1st	0	0	0
" " 15th	0	0	0
June 1st	0	0	0
" " 15th	0	0	0
July 1st	0	0	0
" " 15th	0	0	0
August 1st	0	0	0
" " 15th	0	0	0
September 1st	0	0	0
" " 15th	0	0	0
October 1st	0	0	0
" " 15th	0	0	0
November 1st	0	0	0
" " 15th	0	0	0
December 1st	0	0	0
" " 15th	0	0	0

1. 202 High-Level & 202 Low-Level \* 100% Non-Contaminated

Water Treatment  
 Extension of water mains to supply the new  
 County Water Works at Leam Road and the  
 Great Lane Development Area.  
 A Comprehensive scheme proposed by the Water  
 Board District Council for supplying parts  
 of their district and in which Birmingham  
 Borough Council has agreed to participate  
 is still under consideration, and following  
 receipt of Ministry of Housing and Local  
 Government Order No. 25/52, negotiations  
 for the sale of the Birmingham Water  
 Undertaking by the District Council  
 Company were opened.

WATER SUPPLY. (continued)

Chemical Analysis. The results of the examination of seven samples of water taken on 24th April, 1956, were as follows:-  
All results in parts per million.

	North Wootton Borehole	Low Level System.	Ringwell Spring.	West Compton Spring.	West Compton Borehole.	Well-house Spring.	Edgarley Reservoir
<u>Physical Characters.</u>							
<u>Reaction</u>	Clear & Bright Very Slightly Alkaline pH 7.2	Clear & Bright Very Slightly Alkaline pH 7.3	Clear & Bright Very Slightly Alkaline pH 7.5	Clear & Bright Very Slightly Alkaline pH 7.2	Clear & Bright Very Slightly Alkaline pH 7.3	Clear & Bright Very Slightly Alkaline pH 7.1	Clear & Bright Slightly Alkaline pH 8.1
<u>Total Solids.</u>	2,790.0	745.0	620.0	476.0	424.0	469.0	528.0
<u>Alkalinity (as Ca Oo3)</u>	230.0	345.0	430.0	360.0	360.0	355.0	305.0
<u>Total Hardness</u>	1,660.0	580.0	500.0	400.0	370.0	410.0	400.0
<u>Permanent</u>	1,460.0	270.0	100.0	70.0	40.0	80.0	130.0
<u>Temporary.</u>	200.0	310.0	400.0	330.0	330.0	330.0	270.0
<u>Chlorides (in terms of sodium chloride)</u>	62.0	34.0	37.0	27.0	31.0	39.0	31.0
<u>Nitrogen as Seline and free Ammonif</u>	Nil	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.002	0.21	0.002
<u>" " Albuminoid</u>	0.020	0.012	0.068	0.034	0.024	0.032	0.16
<u>" " Nitrates.</u>	0.8	1.0	0.6	1.4	2.2	Nil	0.8
<u>" " Nitrites.</u>	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
<u>Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate (4.hrs. at 80°F)</u>	0.2	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.1	0.3	0.6
<u>Free Carbon Dioxide</u>	11.0	13.0	9.0	9.0	13.0	15.0	Nil
<u>Iron</u>	-	-	-	-	-	0.55	-
<u>Sediment</u>	None	None	None	None	None	Very small, consisting of iron compounds.	None



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.

The construction of the Sewage and Trade Effluent Disposal Plant was commenced at 1st March, 1956, and good progress was made during the year.

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 CHILDREN.

There is an Infant Welfare Clinic which is held on the first and third Wednesdays in the month, the Medical Officer of Health attending at all sessions.

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.

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FOOD POISONING

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Housing Programs for 1957		Number of Post-War Homes Occupied from 1st April, 1945 to 31st December, 1956	
For Other Purposes	For State Subsidies	By Private Enterprise	By Local Authority
15	15	181	580

(a) No. of temporary housing units occupied - (i) Private... (ii) State...  
 (b) No. of houses found overcrowded...  
 (c) No. of houses made fit during year...  
 (d) To state overcrowding...  
 (e) To replace houses scheduled for demolition...  
 (f) For other purposes...  
 Total number of applications for Council House at the end of the year 1956...  
 Total number of Council House sold during year...

General Characteristics  
 Since the year 1956 to the end of 1956 a total of 1,000 new dwellings have been completed by the Local Authority, 181 by Private Enterprise, and 819 units of accommodation have been provided by conversion or adaptation of existing premises for use as dwellings in all...  
 Up to the end of 1956 a total of 1,000 new dwellings have been completed...  
 In the year 1956, in respect of sixty-one houses, and in all areas the Council gave written undertakings in connection with the not to raise rates for houses in which they were vacant. At the end of the year fourteen of these dwellings remained occupied. The dwellings have been reconstructed and brought back into use as dwellings. Twenty-one houses have been demolished.

Up to the end of 1956 four Council Orders had been issued and the houses were vacated and such dwellings had been voluntarily closed by the Owners without action by the Local Authority.  
 The Council will make the houses...  
 of applications and houses...  
 of applications and houses...

Year	Approved		Refused	
	No. of Applications	No. of Dwellings	No. of Applications	No. of Dwellings
1956	23	23	15	15
1957	18	18	8	8

Total - Number of applications approved in respect of owner/occupied...  
 Number of applications for...  
 Number of applications for...

MILK.

Number of Registered Distributors.	6
Number of Registered Dairy Premises.	5
Number of Licensed Dealers of Designated Milk.	4
Number of supplementary licences issued to distributors whose dairy is outside area.	4

DESIGNATED MILK SAMPLING.

Tuberculin Tested.	2 samples taken.	1 satisfactory.
Pasteurised.	25 " " "	23 " "

ICE CREAM.

Number of premises registered for Manufacture and Retail.	1
Retail only.	46
Number of Samples taken.	146
Grade 1.	125
Grade 2.	15
Grade 3.	3
Grade 4.	3

PREMISES FOR PREPARATION OF FOOD.

Premises Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, for the preparation of food. 16

FOOD PREMISES IN THE BOROUGH.

Meat.	6
Bakers.	2
Milk.	3
Cafes	5
Hotels.	4
Grocers.	21
Greengrocers.	8
Fishmongers.	2
Fish & Chips.	1
Confectionery.	14

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS.

Copies of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, with an explanatory leaflet were sent to all Food premises in the Borough and information given to subsequent enquiries. Seventeen premises were inspected under the Regulations and sixteen informal notices requiring works executing were served as a result thereof.

CONDEMNED FOOD.

The large quantities of meat unfit for human consumption are disposed of to firms connected with the manufacture of glue, fertilisers etc., as referred to in Circular M.F.10/54. Other condemned food is disposed of to local processors of waste food or by burying on the Corporation's Refuse Tip.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

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

Number of registered distributors  
Number of registered dairy processors  
Number of licensed dealers of packaged milk  
Number of supplementary licenses issued to  
distributors whose dairy is outside area.

REGISTERED MILK DISTRIBUTORS

Theoretical Testers  
Tested  
Number of registered distributors for Manufacturers and Retail  
Retail only  
Number of licenses issued.

THE GRADE

Grade 1  
Grade 2  
Grade 3  
Grade 4

REGISTERED MILK PROCESSORS

Registered under Section 16 of the Food and  
Drug Act, 1938, for the production of food.

FOOD TESTERS IN THE PROVINCE

Meat	1
Dairy	2
Milk	3
Butter	4
Cheese	5
Ice cream	6
Confectionery	7
Pharmaceuticals	8
Wine & Cider	9
Food generally	10

FOOD INSPECTION DIVISION

Staff of the Food Inspection Division, 1938, with an explanatory  
leaflet sent to all food processors in the Province and information  
given to each about inspection.  
Inspection of food is required under the Regulations and within  
certain months reporting after inspection will result in a report  
thereof.

CONSUMER WORK

The latest compilation of milk and cream inspection are prepared  
of the form prepared with the assistance of the Dairy Producers  
is referred to as Circular M.S. 10/38. Other pamphlets are prepared  
as to local processors of meat, food or by buying on the Corporation's  
behalf.

STATIONERS

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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 killed (if known) estimated	620	90	2,130	1,680	-
Number inspected	594	83	2,085	1,659	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	1	2	5	6	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	153	Nil	499	102	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	25%	2%	21%	6%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	5	Nil	Nil	2	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	53	Nil	Nil	9	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	9%	Nil	Nil	0.6%	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-	-	-	-
Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.) for:-					
(a) Tuberculosis	4,303	Nil	Nil	256	Nil
(b) Cysticercosis	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Other	2,516	130	1,258	744	Nil
Total (in lbs) condemned.	6,819	130	1,258	1,000	Nil



FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 and 1948.

PART 1 OF THE ACT.

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provision as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted.
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	-	-	-	-
Factories not included in (i) above in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	52	22	-	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	52	22	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more cases)

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found.				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted.
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	1	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	Nil	Nil	1	Nil
(c) Not separate sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)					
Total	2	Nil	Nil	2	Nil





EXHIBIT

No. of instances of work in connection with the various services and professions	No. of professions for which the service is usually listed	No. of instances of service in each of the various professions for which the service is usually listed	No. of instances of service in each of the various professions for which the service is usually listed	No. of instances of service in each of the various professions for which the service is usually listed
111	111	111	111	111

RECORD OF INSPECTIONS AND MATTERS DEALT WITH.

Visits and Inspections.

Housing and Sanitary defects. (including Council Houses)	672
Drainwork and Alterations to Premises.	62
Factories Act.	22
Food and Drugs Act, (including Ice Cream premises)	197
Rodent Control.	6
River Pollution.	2
Infectious Diseases.	1
Refuse Removal and Disposal Works.	47
Sewers, Sewage Works and Pumping Stations.	140
Public Conveniences.	56
Water Supplies, Reservoirs, and Pumping Stations.	118
New Houses (Private Enterprise).	58
New Houses (Council).	20
Improvement Grants.	43
Slaughterhouses.	365
Market Yard.	7
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	1,816
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Matters dealt with.

Defective Drain Repairs.	12
Existing premises connected to Sewer.	0
Water Closets installed.	58
Lavatory Basins installed.	56
Baths installed.	55
Sinks installed.	50
Existing W.C.'s fitted with flushing cisterns.	4
Premises Disinfected.	0
Unfit Houses Closed or Undertakings not to relet.	5
Rats and Mice Infestations.	
Private Premises.	41
Refuse Tip	4
Sewage Works and Pumping Stations.	0
Sewers.	1
Condemnation of Unsound Foodstuffs - Certificates issued.	140
Factories Act - Defects Remedied.	0
Samples of Water Taken for Chemical Analysis.	1
Samples of Water Taken for Bacteriological Analysis.	78
Samples of Ice Cream taken for Bacteriological Analysis.	146
Samples of Milk taken for Bacteriological Analysis.	27
Samples of Sewage taken for Chemical Analysis.	4
Number of Written Informal Requests Issued	10
Number of Statutory Notices Served.	2
New Premises Registered for the Sale of Ice Cream.	2
Houses Provided with entirely new drainage system.	45
Premises Licensed under Pet Animals Act.	1

We are,  
Your obedient servants,

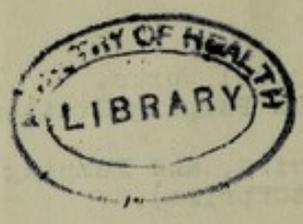
T. H. A. PINNIGER.

Medical Officer of Health.

S. W. KING.

Public Health Inspector.

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