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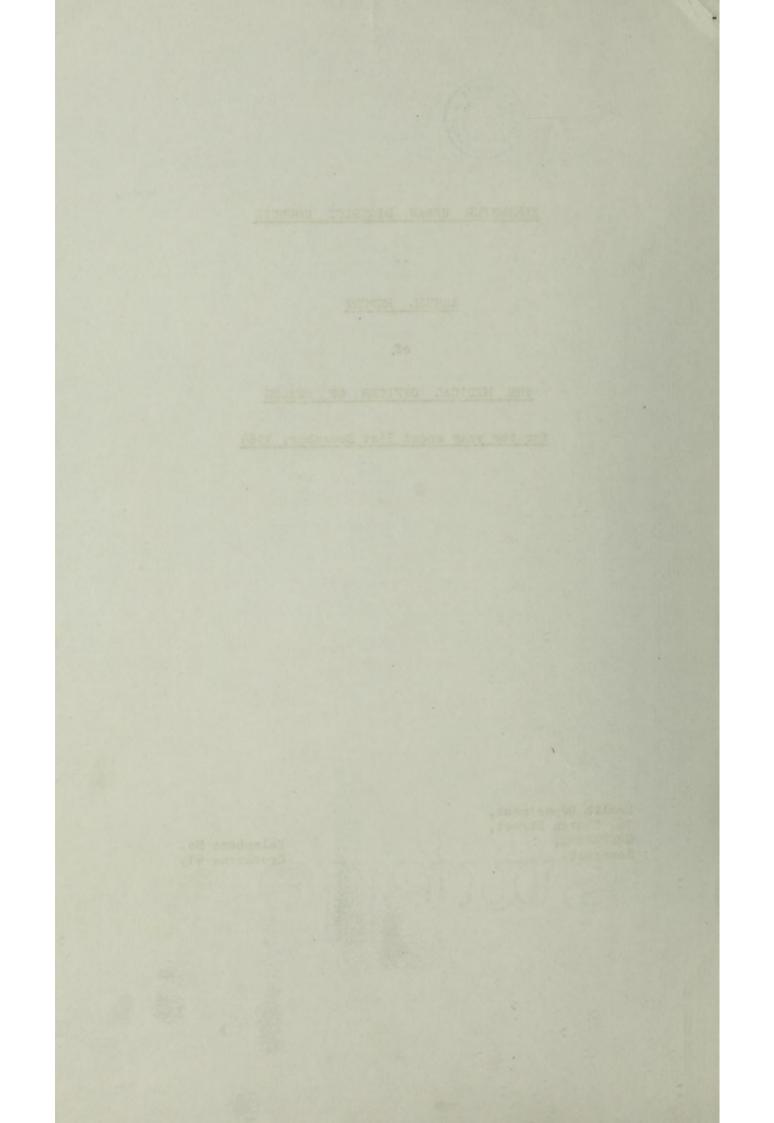
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THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for the year ended 31st December, 1964

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To the Chairman and Councillors of the Ilminster Urban District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for 1964.

It was a healthy year and apart from a small outbreak of measles, little infectious disease was notified.

With the appointment of Mr. Tawse as additional Public Health Inspector, we were again able to achieve 100% meat inspection.

A start was made to rehouse residents in Summervale and I hope to be able to report the completion of this project in my next report.

> I am, Mr. Chairman and Councillors, Your obedient Servant,

> > A. M. McCALL

Medical Officer of Health

SECTION A

Statistics and Social Conditions of the Area

Population

The Registrar General's estimated mid-year population for 1964 was 2,820, identical with 1963. This gives a population density of 5.3 per acre. The rateable value is £91,309 and the product of a penny rate is £356.

Birth Rate

The corrected Birth Rate for 1964 was 12.8 per thousand live births. This was very much below the national figure of 18.4. There were three illegitimate births. This gives a rate of 9.6% of total live births. In the country as a whole, there is an increase in the number of illegitimate children born each year. Many reasons have been put forward to account for this trend. Undoubtedly, there are many causes, but one found constantly in all surveys is the lack of parental control and supervision. Surveys have also shown that conception frequently takes place in the family home. The avoidance of the situation where intercourse could take place is important. Here parents have an opportunity to take positive action. One hears of parents who leave two teenagers alone in the house in front of television for the evening or go out while the teenagers hold a party in the house. Such action is just asking for trouble. There is no need for parents to be present at the party, but they can be in the house in another room. It may appear "square" to the children but if their friends are those who wish to indulge in behaviour not possible when parents are in the vicinity, then perhaps the children may realise their friends are not entirely satisfactory.

Death Rate

The corrected Death Rate for the year was 10.7, slightly below the national figure of 11.3. Details of deaths can be found in Appendix A, Table 3 and these show that there were ten deaths due to heart disease, eight people died of vascular lesions of the nervous system. There were seven deaths due to cancer.

Maternal Mortality

There were no maternal deaths in 1964.

Stillbirths

There was one stillbirth during the year.

Infant Mortality

There was one infant death due to congenital abnormality, the baby only surviving sixteen hours.

Social Conditions

The Council took every opportunity to safeguard the prosperity of residents and encouraged new industry to come to Ilminster. The railway between Ilminster and Taunton finally ceased to function during the year. Very soon afterwards, British Pailways removed the bridge spans over the road between the towns, no doubt forestalling any question of it being re-opened.

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SECTION B

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The services remained unchanged. While the need for a clinic building remains, it now appears unlikely that one will be provided in the next ten years. Therefore it is not envisaged that any vast change in health services will be provided by the County Council during that time.

Care of Mothers and Young Children

Antenatal Carc

Routine care is carried out by general pratitioners and by the district nurses. The health visitors are unable to organise mothercraft and relaxation classes due to the absence of a suitable building.

Midwifery

Domiciliary midwifery is supervised by the general practitioners and routine examinations are carried out by them and by the district midwives. Mothers requiring admission to hospital are sent to Musgrove Park Hospital, Taunton.

Infant Welfare Clinic

The infant welfare clinics are held in the Methodist Church Hall every week and Dr. Bond attended twice a month. This building is not ideal for clinic work but alterations and redecorations were being considered by the Hall Committee at the end of the year. These should result in improved working conditions as far as the clinic is concerned. Details of attendances are shown in Appendix B, Table 1.

Home Nursing

Domiciliary nursing is carried out by the district nurses and they continued to give a high standard of service throughout the year.

Health Visiting

Our district nurses are qualified health visitors and carried out these duties in addition to their other work.

The Tuberculosis health visitor, Mrs. Pitt, continued to followup all cases on the Tuberculosis Register and all cases seen by the Chest Physician in hospital. She accompanied me to the schools for all B.C.G. vaccination sessions and did more of the follow-up work afterwards. On 31st December she retired after a long and distinguished career in the County service which covered the difficult war years. I am most grateful for the help she gave me during my time in the area.

Immunisation

Immunisations are carried out at the clinic and by the private practitioners in their surgeries. A standard procedure of protection is now used throughout the County and commences with a course of injection with triple vaccine against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. This is followed by immunisation against acute poliomyelitis with oral vaccine followed by smallpox vaccination. At eighteen months, a booster dose of triple vaccine is offered. At the time of entry to infant school, the children receive a further booster of diphtheria and tetanus vaccine and a fourth poliomyelitis immunisation. Details of the immunisations given are shown in Appendix B, Table 2.

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Vaccination

Vaccinations are done by the private practitioners in their surgeries. The majority are primary vaccinations for infants but there are an increasing number for people travelling abroad. Details are also shown in Appendix B, Table 2.

Home Help Service

The County Council provide a home help service in the town and the arrangements were unchanged.

School Medical Service

I carried out medical inspections at all the County schools in the town during 1964. Details of these inspections can be found in Appendix B, Table 3.

After the shool medical examinations are completed, I inspect the building and as a result of the inspection made at the Junior Boys' School I found that the toilet facilities were most unsatisfactory and reported on them to the County Council. I am pleased to say that during the year these were completely rebuilt and now have been brought up to an excellent standard.

The parents of children who are for medical inspection receive an important questionnaire form in which they are able to fill in details of any illnesses their child might have had and, in addition, are able to inform the school doctor of any problems that are worrying them. When the child is examined these completed questionnaires are presented to the school doctor who already has the infant welfare record card in the case of entrants to school life, and the school medical card in the case of older children. These two are studied in conjunction with the examination. A further innovation was started in 1964. It was decided that the medical examination of children leaving school was not always necessary. Many of them had already been seen at least twice during school life and were probably quite fit so a system of selective medical examination was introduced. The parents of children leaving school received a questionnaire in which they entered details of any illness their child may have had since they entered secondary school and also have an opportunity to state if they have any problems. They are also asked whether they wish their child to be medically examined before leaving. These completed forms are studied in conjunction with the school medical record and any observations the Head Teacher may have. If it is considered that a medical examination is not indicated the school medical card is stamped accordingly and they are exempt, However, if the parents do not thirk a medical necessary but something in the medical record indicates that a further examination would be useful, then the child is medically examined. The result on the first year has been that the time spent on medical examinations in the secondary modern schools has been cut down and no difficulties have so far been experienced.

School Dental Service

As I reported in 1963, the Crewkerne Area Dental Officer carried out inspections at the Junior Schools and the Secondary Modern School during the year.

Speech Therapy

Arrangements were made for the Speech Therapist, Miss Ledamun, to hold a clinic in the medical inspection room at the Secondary Modern School. I am grateful to Mr. Tancock, the Headmaster, for allowing the use of this room for this purpose. At the end of the year mine children were attending for speech therapy in Ilminster.

Orthopaedic Service

Children requiring routine orthopaedic exercises and supervision were seen by Miss Read at the Chard clinic. She attended there once per month. Children were referred to the orthopaedic surgeon at regular intervals and copies of the reports mere sent to me.

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Ophthalmic Service

The arrangement where by the health visitors do an annual eye test on all children worked satisfactorily during the year and the number of children referred to the County Oculist increased. Unfortunately he had a period of illness and there was a fairly considerable delay in receiving appointments.

Epileptics.

Modern drug treatment has meant that many children who would have previously been incapacitated by their illness are now able to carry on normal lives attending ordinary schools. They are seen at hospital outpatients at regular intervals and reports on their medical progress are sent to me as well as to their private doctor. Any difficulties arising at school are rapidly sorted out. There have been no difficult episodes during 1954.

Spastics

Children with minor degrees of spasticity are, if it is possible, encouraged to attend the ordinary school. The more serious cases are placed in special schools by arrangement with the County Council. This system works well.

Blind Persons

Somerset County Association for the Blind keep a register of blind and partially sighted persons in the County. There were seven blind and one partially sighted person resident in Ilminster on the Register at 31st December, 1964.

Ambulance Service

The County Council are responsible for the ambulance service which covers the town and surrounding area. Some ambulances are geraged at Ilminster but the control centre is in Taunton. This arrangement worked well during 1964.

Mental Health

The Mental Health Sub-Committee of the County Council continued with their responsible work and encouraged the furtherance of the policy of treating mental disorders as far as possible in the home. This requiries careful selection but is proving to be of considerable value quite apart from lightening the load on hospital beds. Children and young adults in need of training are catered for at the Lopen Training Centre. They are conveyed there daily. The Centre holds nineteen split into groups and the work they do there is very encouraging.

Care of the Aged

The Council continued to pursue their policy of providing improved special housing for old people and ten dwellings for them were completed during the year. There was considerable publicity and correspondence about old people living in abnormally cold dwellings during the winter. It was suggested that the Government should give a special allowance to them for purchasing extra fuel during the winter months. One of the cases which triggered off this publicity was an elderly lady living in the town. It is true that the temperature in her home was below the generally acceptable temperature standards. However, it so happened that she had a sizeable sum of money of her own which could have been spent on fuel if she had so wished. She chose not to spend her money in that way. Presumably she had been living in the same sort of way for a number of years and despite her cold house in winter had survived to the age of 80 plus. Many people living in much warmer houses fail to reach this age.

Disabled Persons

The Ilminster Good Fellowship Club continued to maintain its membership and carred out an active programme during the year.

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Prevention and Control over Infectious Diseases and Other Diseases

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Immunisation of children against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus was carried out throughout the year be general practitioners and Dr. Bond and myself. Trivax was the vaccine used. Oral poliomyelitis vaccine was also used throughout. As reported in Section B, smallpox vaccination was continued as a routine.

The B.C.G. programme was carried out during February and March in the schools and all children born in 1950 were offered vaccination. I skin tested and subsequently vaccinated 71 children.

The Mass Miniature Radiography Unit came to Ilminster in July and a total of 526 miniature X-Rays were taken. No active cases of tuberculosis were found. Five non-tuberculous but significant cases were detected. The total number making use of the service was loss than at the previous visit. This was thought to be due to the site chosen which was not so central and it is hoped that on the next visit, a site in the centre of the town will be available and suitable for the positioning of the X-Ray caravan. Full details of the visit are shown in Appendix C. Table 2.

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Environmental Health Services_

A. Sanitary Circumstances

Climatic Conditions

1964 was a dry year and the reduced rainfall of 19.72 inches caused a certain amount of anxiety to the Wessex Water Board. The summer was a good one with plenty of sunshine for a change.

Water Supply

Sampling of water was carried out throughout the year by the Wessex Water Board and by our own department. No fewer than nine unsatisfactory samples were reported on. Various explanations were forthcoming but mainly the difficulties were with the chlorination plant. There were also complaints during May of excessive sand and grit in the water which caused considerable wastage from water overflows. The trouble was traced to sediment in the mains near the outlet of the Pretwood reservoir. This was removed and no further trouble experienced. There were complaints of discolouration of the water and these were found to co-incide with the flushing of the mains which is now carried out twice a month. Due to disturbance of sediment in the pipes, drawing off of water immediately after the flushing operation may well produce some discolouration of water.

Drainage and Sewage Disposal

The sewage works continued to give intermittent trouble during the year. Samples taken in February, April and May showed that effluent contained an excess of solids in suspension and the biological oxygen demand was at the upper acceptable limit, or above. Later in the year the reports were satisfactory. Occasional difficulties were experienced at the sewage works due to mechanical breakdowns which were promptly dealt with. In April a blocked sewer in Station Road took our workmen about two days to free and it was found to be due to an accumulation of fats in the effluent of a milk factory. The effluent from this factory has been the subject of negotiation between our Consulting Engineers and the firm and it is hoped to overcome these difficulties.

Public Cleansing and Refuse Collection

The Dowlish Ford tip which was filled by the end of 1963 was grassed over and the site cleared by February 1964. Now tipping during the winter months is carried on at the West Crescent site and during the summer months at Chilworthy. Both tips caught fire on one occasion during the year but this was promptly dealt with by our staff.

Public Conveniences

In common with other local authorities our conveniences are the target for vandals who appear to regard them as fair game. In this activity, females are just as destructive as males.

There is a type of person who cannot use a public convenience without writing on the walls or trying to remove some article of equipment. It is very difficult to detect the culprits. In large towns the presence of an attendant of course prevents a lot of the damage but in small towns the cost of repair and restoration in unattended conveniences is very considerable.

The Council try to maintain a high standard of cleanliness and provide hand washing facilities.

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Rodent Destruction

The rodent operator is shared by ourselves with Chard Borough and Crewkerne and he worked in the town one week per month. There were no heavy infestations.

Swimming Baths

The Secondary Modern School and Boys' Grammar School both have swimming baths. The former is hand chlorinated and difficulties were experienced with the bath construction which limited its use. The improvements carried out by the Governors of the Grammar School to their bath have proved very satisfactory and the bath was in constant use during the summer months. The County Council have produced an excellent handbook detailing the methods of maintenance of swimming bath and one of these is issued to every school which has one.

Smoke Abatement

There was no problem concerning smoke nuisance during 1964.

B. Factories Act

Details of the inspections carried out can be found in Appendix D, Table 2.

C. Housing

The Council erected twenty houses during the year and twenty-nine were in the course of erection at 31st December. There were fiftyeight urgent cases awaiting re-housing and another forty-five applicants for old peoples dwellings. The Council commenced to deal with the problem of re-housing the tenants of Summervale but at the end of the year this was still not completed. A medical inspector from the Ministry of Health visited the site in October and reported adversely on the living conditions obtaining there.

Appendix C, Table 3, gives full details of the housing situation.

D. Inspection and Supervision of Food

Milk

There are three registered distributors and one registered dairy premises. The County Council carried out routine milk sampling.

An increasing problem which is being encountered in untreated milk is the presence of brucella abortus. This is the causative arganism of undulant or relapsing fever, a prolonged and debilitating illness. Obviously those most exposed to infection are farmworkers and veterinary surgeons who may handle infected cows at the time of the birth of a calf. The cow excretes the organism in the milk and unless the milk is heat treated those who drink it are at risk.

There is a readily available vaccine which farmers can obtain for their cows. This has the effect of preventing the cows aborting but is does not prevent the organism occurring in the milk. During routine sampling of raw milk a brucella examination is carried out. If this is positive, I have a duty to see that all milk for human consumption is heat treated before retail. The routine pasteurisation of all milk before sale to the public is the only sure safeguard against this and other pathogens occurring in milk. instantia cupyrations a few papers of the blacks in our litchese int a removable life. Now paperly all are four operated. The case barge are cally to without in a W.C.

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Ice Cream

There are seventeen premises registered for the sale of ice cream all of which is manufactured outside the town and sold in pre-packed form. I regret to have to report that once again no ice cream sampling was done in 1964.

Meat

There are two licensed slaughter houses which are privately owned. One hundered per cent meat inspection was carried on throughout the year. This takes up a considerable amount of the inspectors time which is shown by the details given in Appendix D, Table A. Difficulty was experienced with blood entering the sewer from one of the slaughter houses and I visited it in company with the Chief Public Health Inspector in an endeavour to suggest a method of overcoming this difficulty. The owner agreed to our suggestions at the time of the visit but had not put them into effect by the end of the year. Negotiations are continuing.

Food Premises

Apart from those premises registered for the sale of ice cream, there are none on the register in respect of the preparation of meat and I hope that it will be possible for the public health staff to visit the food premises in the town during the coming year and arrange for their registration.

The appointment of an additional public health inspector has made routine visits to food premises possible. No statutory action was necessary under the Food Hygiene Regulations and improvements were obtained by co-operation.

E. Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Details of this are shown in Appendix D, Table 5.

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APPENDIX A - TABLE 1

Registrar General's estimate of population	mid 1954	2,820
No. of inhabited houses at the end of 1964	according	5
to the Rate Book		. 988
Ratsable Value	••• •••	£91,309
Sum represented by a penny rate		£ 356
Area		531 acres

APPENDIX A - TABLE 2

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BIRTH RATE 12.8		Comparability	Factor 0.98	
Live Births	Total	M 18	19	
	Legitimate	16	18	
	Illegitimate	2	1	
Still Births	Total		1	
	Legitimate	-	1	
	Illegitimate	-	-	
Death of Infants	Total	-	1	
under 1 year	Legitimate	-	1	
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	Illegitimate	-	-	
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under 1 week	Legitimate		1	
	Illegitimate	-	-	

APPENDIX A - TABLE 3

DEATH RATE	10.7					Co	mpara	bilit	y Fac	tor	0,98		
	Sex	Total All Ages	Under 4 weeks	Under 1 vr.	1-	5-	15-	25-	35-	45-	55-	65-	- 75+
Cancer of Stomach	M F	1 -	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Cancer of Lung	M F	1 .			-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Cancer of Breast	F	1	-	-	-	-	_	_	_	-	_	1	
Cancer of Other Sites	M F	2		1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
Vascular Lesions of Nervious System	M	26	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	+.6
Coronary Disease, Angina	M F	33	-	-	-	-	-	Ξ	-	-	-	2	1
Other Heart Disease	M F	<u>-</u> 4	-	-	-	÷.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-4
Other Circulatory Disease	M F	-2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Other defined or Ill dufined Diseases	- M F	- 2	-		-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 1
Motor Vehicle Accidents	M F	1 -	:	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-
All Other Accidents	M F	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL ALL CAUSES	M F	10 21	-	Ξ	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	65	3 14

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APPENDIX B - TAPLE 1

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Statistics for the twelve months ended

No. of children who attended for the first time (under one year)	77	
No. of children who attended during the year	302	
Total attendances of children during the year	978	
Average attendances of children per session	19	
Total number of consultations by Medical Officer	Not :	recorded
No. of sessions with Medical Officer	"	11
Total number of sessions	53	

APPENDIX B - TABLE 2

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNISATION

No. of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation in the year ended 31st December, 1964

Children born 1963 1962 in the years: 1964 1961 1960 1955 - 59 1950 - 54 Total 6 24 3 33 No. of children who received a reinforcing injection in the year ended 31st December, 1964 Children born 1964 in the years: 1963 1962 1961 1960 1955 - 59 1950 - 54 Total 1 3 1 2 51 58 WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION No. of children who completed a primary course (normally 3 injections) of pertussis vaccine (singly or in combination) in the year ended 31st December, 1964 Children born in the years: 1964 1963 1962 1961 1960 1955 - 59 1950 - 54 Total 6 23 3 32

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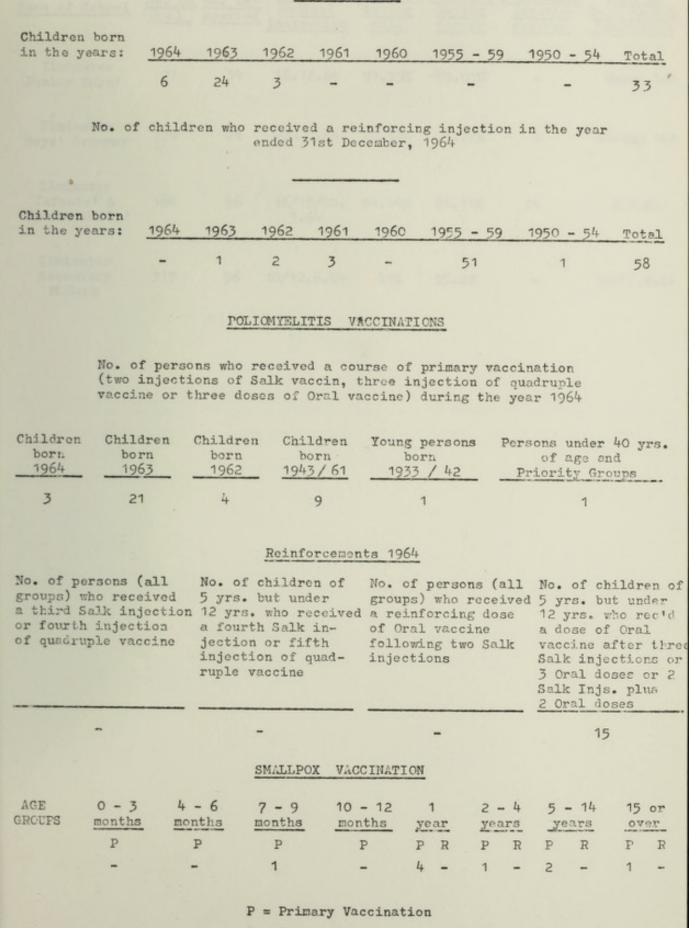
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APPENDIX B - TABLE 3

Name of School	No. on Roll	No. in- spected	Date of Medical Inspection	Children having milk	Children having dinner	Diphtheria Immuni- sation.	Date of last dental Inspection
Ilminster Junior Boys'	71	34	16.12.64	91.55%	69.01%	-	March 164
Ilminster Boys' Grannar	170	24	22 . 7.64	70.58%	71.77%	-	Autumn 163
Ilminster Infants' & Junior Girls'	180	96	16/18/20. 3.64	94.44%	81.11%	24	6.3.64
Ilminster Secondary Modern	317	96	10/12.6.64	41%	55.2%	-	10/11.2.64

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ATPYNDIX C - TABLE 1

Infectious and Other Notifiable Diseases

Measles	•••	•••	 84
Whooping Cough			 2
Erysipelas			 1

Analysis of Cases Notified

	Under 1 yr.	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20 20-35 35-45 45-65	65+	Age Unknown
Measles	1	3	9	7	6	53	4	1		
Whooping Cough						2				

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Erysipelas

Tuberculosis

Age Group	New Cases Respiratory Non-Respiratory	Deaths Respiratory Non-Respiratory
- 1	MF MF	M F M F
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35 - 45 45 - 55 55 - 65		
65+ Total		

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APPENDIX C - TABLE 2

Mass Radiography

Court Barton, Ilminster, July, 1964

	Male	Female	Total
Number X-Rayed (Miniature Films)	197	329	526
Significant	3	4	7
Inactive Tuberculosis	1	1	2
Non-Tuberculosis Cases	2	3	5
Analysis of those attending: Doctors' cases	1 87	1 120	2 207
Small Firms Public	109	208	317
Augustant as a responsible rare and see and			
Hyde Plastics, Ltd., Il	minster		
	Male	Female	Total
Number X-Rayed (miniature Films)	32	26	58
Horlicks Farms & Dairies,	Ilminster		
	Male	Female	Total
Number X-Rayed (Miniature Films)	39	28	67
C. & J. Clark, Ltd., Il	minster		•
	Male	Female	Total
Number X-Rayed (Miniature Films)	102	92	194
Analysis of those attending:			
C. & J. Clark employees	92	92	184
Other small firms	10	-	10
Wharf Lane Concrete Co. Ltd	., Ilmins	ter	
	Mole	Demole	meto7
	Male	Female	Total
Number X-Rayed (Miniature Films)	73	14	87
Analysis of those attending:			
Wharf Lane Concrete Co. employees Other small firms	72	12	84
Public		1	2 1

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APPENDIX D - TABLE 1

Water Supplies

Piped Supplies - results of samples taken for Analysis

Raw Wate	r	Treated af	ter going into	Supply
Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriologic	cal Ch	emical
	atis- Unsatis.			Unsatis-
factory factory f:	actory factory	factory fact	tory factory	
1 -		13 9	1	-
No. of dwellings (1)	on mains supply	986 (2) Not	on mains suppl	y 1
No. of parishes with	piped water supp	ply from (a) Publi (b) Priva	c mains Nil te sources	Nil
No. of parishes witho supplied at a rea	ut a piped suppl sonable cost	Ly and which canno	t be	
No. of houses relying				
	APPENDIX	D - TABLE 2		
	Factories A	cts, 1937 - 1959		
	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of written notices	No. of occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6 enforced by Local Authority	6	4		-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	23	. 5	-	-
(iii) Other premiees is which Section 7 is sufforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	5	3	-	-
Total	34	12	-	-
Cases in which defects	were found			1

Cases in which defects found were remedied

1

OUTWORKERS

No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 110 9

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HOUSING

Action taken during year

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2.	No. of houses in Clearance Areas still	NEL
	temporary accommodation under Section 48 of the Housing Act,	
3.	No. of houses closed or demolished under Section 42 of the Housing Act, 1957 (Clearance Areas)	Nil
4.	Housing Act. 1957 (individual under Section 17 of the	Nil
	(c) houses subject to Closing Orders now demolished	3 Nil 8
5.	no. of temporary dwellings (huts, etc.) demolished	Nil
0.	No. of houses declared unfit under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1957 (capable of repair)	
7.	No. of houses made fit during year	Nil
8.	No. of unfit houses occupied under licence	Nil Nil
9.	Houses in multiple occupation (Housing Act, 1961) Action taken	Nil
10.	Reconditioning of Condemned Houses - Exclusion from Clearance/ Demolition Orders (Housing Act, 1961)	a f desta
11.	Substitution of Closing Orden for D	Nil.
12.		Nil
	housing Act, 1964. Any action taken during year	Nil
13.	Mont Act, 1957 (1st Schedule) - Certificates of Disrepair:-	
	(a) No. of applications received	1
	(b) Certificates issued	1
	Houses erected Houses in course Conversion	
	during year of erection of large	Lost from conversion
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	rprise - 14 - 9 -	-
No. d	of Post-war houses erected from 1st April, 1945 to 31st Dec., 1964	Housing
	By Docal Authority By Private Enterprise	
	252 Exte	ension of mard Vale
	hous	ing site &
	the	erection of s - 48 units
(a) N	0. of temporary housing units occupied (i) prefabs 43 (ii) hut	n aka wa
(b) N	o. of houses found overcrowded	o, ecc. Nil
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Houses required

(i) (ii)	To replace houses scheduled for demolition To abate overcrowding	For all purposes		134
(iii)	For other purposes	per poood		
(lv)	Applications for Council houses at end of year :-			
	(a) Urgent bona fide cases			58
	(b) Applications for Old People's I	Owellings		45
				31
	Tota	al applicati	Lons	134
(v)	Total number of Council Houses sold during the year			Nil

	No. of permanent dwellings in District as at 31.12.63 (a)	Gained from con- versions and erected during 1964 (b)	Total (a) + (b)	Less Houses demolished, closed, etc. during year	dwell	ings in ct as at
L.A.	275	20	295	-	L.A. 295	P.E.
P.E.	682	14	696	3	-	693
Total	957	34	991			

OLD PEOPLES! DWELLINGS

No. erected to 31.12.64	No. in course	of erection
With County Without County	With County	Without County
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IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

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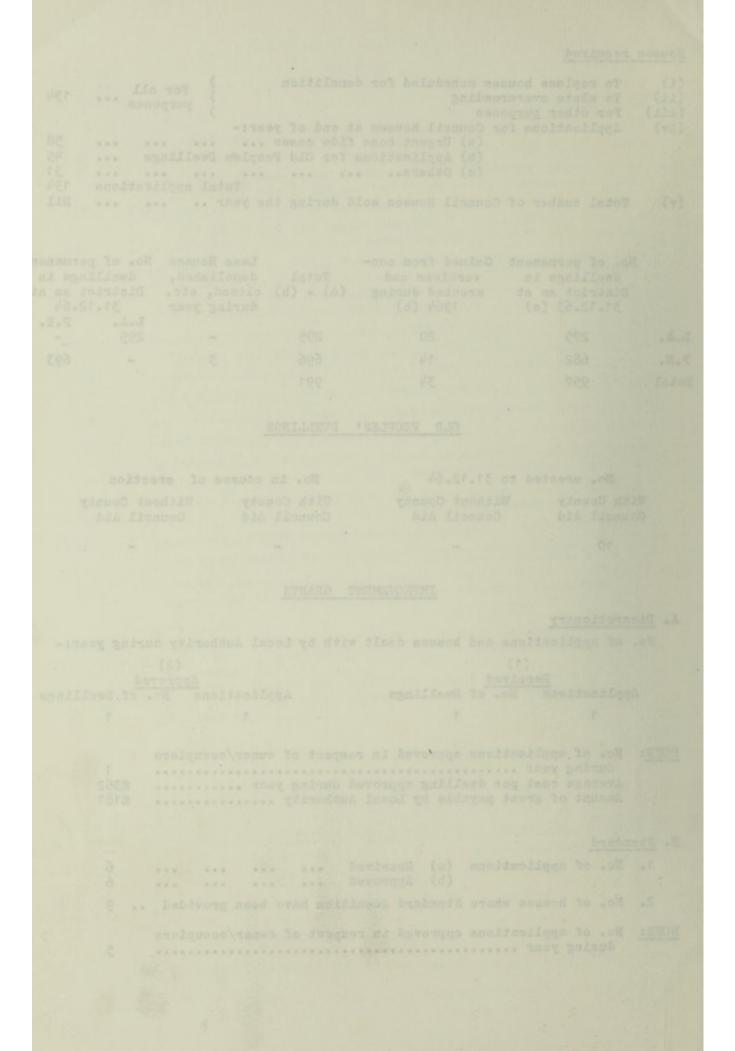
A. Discretionary

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No	. of applications and	houses dealt w	ith by Local	Authority	during	year:-
	(1) Received			(2 Appr	2) roved	
	Applications No. of	Dwellings	Applic			Dwellings
	1	1	1			1
NOTE:	No. of applications during year Average cost per dw Amount of grant pay	elling approved	during year		£3	1 62 81
B. St.	andard					
1.	No. of applications	(a) Received (b) Approved			::	6 6
2.	No. of houses where	Standard Ameni	ties have bee	n provide	d	9
NOTE:	No. of applications during year					5



APPENDIX D - TABLE 4

Meat Inspection

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	<u>Pigs</u>	Horses
No. killed (if known)	765	867	797	4079	554	-
Number inspected	765	867	797	4079	554	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned	1	20	3	15	13	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned Percentage of the number inspected affected with	159	458	16	213	112	-
disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	20.9	55.13	2.38	5.34	22.56	-
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned Carcases of which some part	-	-	-	-	-	-
or organ was condemned Percentage of the number inspected affected with	-	-	-	-	-	-
tuberculosis	-	-	-	-	-	-
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned Carcases submitted to treat-	3	3	-	28	-	-
ment by refrigeration	3	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Weight of meat condemned (in lbs.) for:-						
(a) Tuberculosis	-		-	-	-	-
(b) Cysticercosis (c) Other	181 1470	68 12650	219	29 1177	1559	1
Total (in 1bs.) condemned	1651 .	12718	219	1206	1559	-

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APPENDIX D - TABLE 5

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Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Δ.	No. of premis	es register	red und	er Act.					48
	Brief notes o	f action to	aken in	inplene	nting	Regulat	ions:	been i under No act been r to dat	niscs have inspected the Act. tion has necessary to except inor details.
в.	Additional st	aff employe	ed						Nil

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