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Herefordshire

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of the
Medical Officer of Health
and of the
Public Health Inspector
for the year 1964

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(As at 31st December 1964)

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To the Chairman and Members of the Leominster and Wigmore
Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1964, together with the report of the Public Health Inspector.

During the year there have been complaints throughout the country about the sanitary conditions of "lay-bys" on main roads, which have been echoed in Herefordshire and arrangements are now being made for the collection of refuse by District Councils. It is further mooted that these lay-bys should have sanitary conveniences, although there is no doubt that keeping them clean and disposing of the effluent will be extremely difficult.

I have never yet seen any justification whatsoever for the existence of these "lay-bys" in this country, where few gaps exceeding 10 miles exist between towns. There can be no need at all of casual places to pull off main roads. Where there are natural beauty spots to attract summer picnickers, then I think a properly organised picnic area is the answer, as is done in America, with drinking water, refuse disposal and sanitation provided.

Other than this, I feel that the proper provision of sanitation etc., for the long-distance motorist should be in towns, by the increase of parking facilities and public lavatories.

Once this is done, I am sure that we should find that the petrol filling stations would find it worth their while to provide better sanitary accommodation for the passing motorist, and the roads would be rendered safer by the abolition of these arbitrary stopping places.

I would like to thank Mr. Emerson for his help in the past year, and for his report which contains a great deal of interesting and informative material.

G.D.K. NEEDHAM

Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND VITAL STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area (in acres)	94,101
Estimated mid-year home population	9,560
Average number of persons per acre102
Number of inhabited houses	3,188
Average number of inhabited houses per acre ..	0.03
Average number of persons per house	3.0
Rateable value	£192,111
Sum represented by a penny rate	£759. 9. 1d.

LIVE AND STILL BIRTHSLive Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	79	72	151
Illegitimate	4	7	11
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	83	79	162

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:

Comparability factor 1.16	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Leominster & Wigmore R.D. (Crude)	16.9	17.8	15.2	15.3	17.1
" " " " (Adjusted)	19.6	20.6	17.8	17.9	20.0
England and Wales	18.4	18.2	18.0	17.4	17.1

Illegitimate Live Births

Per cent of total live births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D. ..	6.8
England and Wales ..	7.2

Still Births

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	-	5	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total live and still births:

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	29.9	11.6	20.1	26.5	22.9
England and Wales	16.3	17.2	16.1	19.1	19.8

INFANT DEATH RATESEarly Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	1	1

Early Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	..	18.5
England and Wales	..	* (1963: 12.1)

Neonatal MortalityDeaths of Infants under 4 weeks old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	1	1

Neonatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	..	18.5
England and Wales	..	13.8

Perinatal MortalityStill Births and Deaths of Infants under 1 week old

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	6	7
Illegitimate	-	1	1

Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	..	47.9
England and Wales	..	* (1963: 29.3)

Infant MortalityDeaths of Infants under 1 year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	-	1	1

*figures not yet available

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 related live births:

		1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	(Total)	18.5	11.7	13.7	13.6	11.7
	(Legitimate)	13.2	6.3	14.1	7.0	6.1
	(Illegitimate)	90.9	76.9	Nil	250.0	125.0
England & Wales	(Total)	20.0	21.1	21.6	21.6	21.9
	(Legitimate)	*	20.8	21.3	21.2	21.5
	(Illegitimate)	*	26.0	27.2	25.3	26.4

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Total number of Maternal Deaths .. Nil

Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live and still births:

Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	.. Nil
England and Wales	.. 0.25

DEATHS

	Males	Females	Total		
Total number of deaths from all causes:	52	50	102		
Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
Comparability factor: 0.89	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Leominster & Wigmore R.D. (Crude)	10.7	13.4	12.3	14.2	10.0
" " " " (Adjusted)	9.5	11.9	11.2	12.2	8.6
England and Wales	11.3	12.2	11.9	11.9	11.5

Cancer

	Males	Females	Total		
Total deaths from Malignant Disease:	10	5	15		
Cancer Death Rate per 1,000 estimated mid-year home population:					
	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	1.57	2.71	2.19	2.50	1.80
England and Wales	2.00	2.17	2.18	2.15	2.16

Cardio-Vascular Disease

	Males	Females	Total
Total deaths from Cardio-Vascular Disease:	27	33	60

*figures not yet available

Cardio-Vascular Disease Death Rate per 1,000 mid-year home population:

	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	6.27	6.58	7.93	7.71	5.69
England and Wales	5.73	5.22	6.14	6.10	6.00

Respiratory Disease (excluding Tuberculosis)

	Males	Females	Total		
Total deaths from Respiratory Disease:	9	2	11		
Respiratory Disease Death Rate per 1,000 mid-year home population:					
	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Leominster & Wigmore R.D.	1.15	1.46	1.25	1.66	1.00
England and Wales	1.37	1.71	1.57	1.60	1.26

CAUSES OF DEATH (all ages)

	Males	Females	Total
Infective and parasitic diseases	-	1	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	4	-	4
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	2	2
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	5	1	6
Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	8	13
Coronary disease, angina	12	6	18
Other heart disease	7	16	23
Other circulatory disease	3	3	6
Pneumonia	4	2	6
Bronchitis	4	-	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
Congenital malformations	-	2	2
Other defined & ill-defined diseases	5	6	11
Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
Suicide	-	1	1
Total:	52	50	102

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN THE LEOMINSTER & WIGMORE RURAL DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR 1964

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	4	4	2	11	12	-	-	-	3	-	-	-	36
Measles	-	-	-	3	-	-	11	17	2	18	67	107	225
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	3
Dysentery	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	3
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	1	-	2	-	-	-	9	-	12
Tuberculosis: Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	2

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED IN NORTH HEREFORDSHIRE DURING THE YEAR 1964

Disease	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	TOTAL
Whooping Cough	10	6	6	14	16	8	5	1	3	1	-	-	70
Measles	27	2	2	14	16	37	37	55	7	56	122	234	609
Scarlet Fever	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	2	8
Erysipelas	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	2
Acute Pneumonia	1	-	2	-	3	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	8
Dysentery	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	3
Food Poisoning	1	-	-	-	1	1	2	-	-	-	9	-	14
Paraperal Pyrexia	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tuberculosis:													
Pulmonary	1	1	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	2	-	-	10
Non-Pulmonary	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	3

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASECOMPARATIVE FIGURES FOR PREVIOUS YEARSLeominster & Wigmore Rural District

Disease	1964	1963	1962	1961	1960
Whooping Cough	36	11	11	30	30
Measles	225	10	141	163	22
Scarlet Fever	3	3	4	4	3
Erysipelas	1	2	2	3	-
Acute Pneumonia	3	6	6	4	4
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	2	2	-	2
Post-Infectious	-	-	2	-	1
Dysentery	3	4	-	53	22
Food Poisoning	12	2	3	9	31
Paratyphoid Fever	-	2	-	-	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	2	3	1	1	2
Non-Pulmonary	-	-	1	-	1

North Herefordshire

Whooping Cough	70	29	13	126	70
Measles	609	507	337	583	189
Scarlet Fever	8	12	9	11	23
Erysipelas	2	3	5	3	4
Acute Encephalitis:					
Infective	-	2	2	1	3
Post-Infectious	-	1	2	-	1
Acute Pneumonia	8	13	15	18	18
Dysentery	3	7	1	62	123
Food Poisoning	14	7	5	11	39
Paratyphoid Fever	-	2	1	-	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	1	1	-
Tuberculosis:					
Pulmonary	10	9	7	9	7
Non-Pulmonary	3	1	2	2	3
Malaria (Contracted abroad)	-	-	1	-	-

NOTIFICATION OF INFECTIOUS DISEASECOMPARATIVE CASE RATES FOR CERTAIN INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Disease	North Herefordshire	England & Wales
Whooping Cough	1.90	0.67
Measles	16.55	6.46
Scarlet Fever	0.22	0.42
Erysipelas	0.06	0.03
Acute Pneumonia	0.22	0.19
Dysentery	0.08	0.42
Food Poisoning	0.38	0.11
Tuberculosis:		
Pulmonary	0.27	0.32
Non-Pulmonary	0.08	0.05
* Puerperal Pyrexia	1.60	6.78

* per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births.

TUBERCULOSIS

	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Males	Females	Males	Females
Number on Register at 31st December, 1963.	35	15	12	10
New cases notified	2	-	-	-
Died from other causes	1	-	-	-
Moved out of district	-	1	-	-
Number on Register at 31st December, 1964.	36	14	12	10

TUBERCULOSIS (Continued)

Year	New Notifications	Total cases on Register	Deaths	Recoveries
1960	4	78	-	1
1961	1	78	1	1
1962	2	75	1	3
1963	3	72	1	3
1964	2	72	-	-

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948, Section 47

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action needed to be taken under this section during the year.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S SECTION OF REPORTSUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

1. Inspections of houses under Housing & Public Health Acts	243
2. Caravans	215
3. Overcrowding	4
4. Housing Applicants	79
5. Nuisances (other than drainage)	25
6. Drainage	73
7. Verminous Premises	7
8. Water Supplies	339
9. Food Premises	42
10. Food Vans and Stalls	3
11. Slaughterhouses	124
12. Knackers Yard	4
13. Milk Regulations	12
14. Infectious Diseases	58
15. Factories Acts	7
16. Refuse Collection and Disposal	86
17. Rodent Control	26
18. Petroleum Acts	82
19. Local Land Charges	50
20. Miscellaneous	115
21. Revisits	188
22. Flooding	1
23. Moveable Dwellings	1
24. Dangerous Buildings	2
25. Agricultural Safety and Health	1
26. Clean Air	2
27. Animal Boarding Establishment Act	1

WATER SUPPLIES - Public Supplies

The Herefordshire Water Board are responsible for the various public undertakings in the district as follows:

Parish	Houses supplied direct	Houses sharing Standpipes
Adforton	32	3
Aymestrey and Yatton	46	1
Leintwardine	158	9
Lingen	27	-
Luston	79	4
Orleton	58	-
Richards Castle	34	-
Shobdon	83	-
Wigmore	76	-

WATER SUPPLIES - Public Supplies (Continued)Council House Supplies Taken over by Water Board

Parish	Houses supplied direct	Houses sharing Standpipes
Bodenham	16	-
Brimfield	27	-
Kimbolton	13	-
Little Hereford	8	3
Lucton	8	-
Monkland	11	-

By the end of the year the situation at Orleton where mains are laid was as follows:

Houses connected to main:	58
Houses with own internal supply (satisfactory):	6
Houses with own internal supply (unsatisfactory):	3
Houses without own internal supply:	29

The owners of houses without satisfactory supply indoors have been requested to provide such a supply.

Schemes for supplying the villages of Kingsland, Yarpole, Bircher, Leinthall Starkes, Monkland, Kimbolton, Leysters, Pudleston and Middleton were in hand at the end of the year and are expected to be started in 1965.

Periodical sampling of the Board's supplies is carried out and the water submitted for bacteriological examination. Where evidence of contamination is found the Water Board is informed and immediate steps taken to render the water safe. The supply at Lucton, previously the cause of some concern, was satisfactory during the year.

Contamination of the Richards Castle bore occurred early in the year and an activated charcoal filter was installed by the Board. Samples taken from the main after the middle of April were all satisfactory.

Other Water Supplies

Throughout the district a number of houses are without individual water supply, and in parts without main supplies, water is mainly from shallow wells and springs, often not of a satisfactory quality.

Other Water Supplies (continued)

Owing to the prolonged dry weather many wells and springs in the district dried up, in some instances for the first time known to the local inhabitants. The Water Board and Fire Service were in constant demand to carry water to the premises concerned.

Where private water supplies are in use, great care must be taken in disposing of drainage, and the practice of discharging house or farm drainage effluents direct into disused wells is to be depreciated. In one instance, upon investigating the reason for water in a well being undrinkable, it was found that farm drainage from a holding nearby was piped to a disused well, heavily polluting the underground water and consequently the well that was in use.

Water Sampling

Two hundred and fiftyeight samples of water were taken for bacteriological examination during the year and sent to the laboratory at Hereford. These samples produced the following results:

Unsatisfactory	150
Satisfactory	108

Public Swimming Baths

There is no public swimming bath in the district.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGEPublic Sewers, other than Council House Estates:

Location	Number of dwellings connected	Sewage Disposal
Brampton Bryan	27	Septic tank
Kingsland	85	None
Leintwardine	159	Septic tank
Wigmore	82	Land irrigation
Shobdon	48	Settlement and filtration

Work started on the Kingsland sewerage scheme in November, and the details of the Leintwardine scheme are awaiting final settlement with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

During the year the Council drew up a programme for sewerage other main village areas and instructions were given to Consultants to prepare the following joint schemes:

1. Yarpole and Luston.
2. Orleton, Brimfield and Richards Castle.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE (Continued)

The programme also includes the provision or improvement of public sewers in Bodenham, Wigmore, Brampton Bryan, Monkland, Stoke Prior, Shobdon and Kimbolton.

Public sewers are also required in Aymestrey, Hope-under-Dinmore and Lingen and the provision of mains water supplies to Leinthall Starke and Leysters may reveal a need for sewers in these villages also.

Sewage disposal works on council house estates have received frequent inspection. These plants are working satisfactorily. The contents of the settling tanks and humus tanks are removed at regular intervals.

In the remainder of the district sewage disposal at individual premises where facilities exist, is mainly by private septic tank, and in other cases pail closets and some privies are in use.

REFUSE COLLECTION

A curbside collection of refuse, operated by the Council, is carried out twice monthly in the built-up areas of the larger parishes and once monthly in the remainder of the district. The Council have agreed to introduce a fortnightly collection throughout the district in 1965 and this should remove many of the difficulties experienced under the existing scheme.

On behalf of the County Council, weekly cleansing of lay-bys on the A.49 was started and a considerable improvement made. The cost of this work is ultimately borne by the Ministry of Transport.

All refuse is disposed of by tipping at Shobdon, Leintwardine, Brimfield and Risbury. For a short period in the summer, waste from a local hatchery was disposed of at Shobdon tip pending the completion of disposal facilities at the hatchery.

The main tip at Shobdon was fenced during the year and animals from the adjacent fields no longer gain access to the tip, previously a constant cause for concern.

HOUSING

6 houses were built at Wigmore and 8 at Brimfield, providing accommodation for 4 families from unfit houses.

14 houses were completed by the Council during the year and 36 built by private persons.

Inspection of Dwelling Houses during the year.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects under the Public Health & Housing Acts	114
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose	128
(2) (a) Number of houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	99

HOUSING (Continued)Houses dealt with under Sections 16 & 17
of the Housing Act, 1957

Demolition orders made	8
Closing Orders made	6
Undertakings accepted	4

Notices Issued

Informal	18
Statutory	2

Action under Statutory Notices during the year

Proceedings under Public Health Acts	1
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Appeals were lodged by an owner against two demolition orders made by the Council, at a hearing at Ludlow County Court in January. The Judge adjourned the hearing for a period of 6 months in order that the appellant could submit proposals for making the cottages fit. No proposals were submitted and the orders were confirmed at the resumed hearing in July.

Owners have generally been very slow to comply with demolition orders made by the Council and this tardiness causes considerable extra work in the department.

Improvement Grants

Discretionary Grants approved	9
Standard Grants approved	11

The Housing Act, 1964, came into operation in July, among other things this Act provided for amendments to the Standard Grant scheme and introduced powers for the compulsory improvement of certain areas, the procedure is somewhat protracted and cumbersome however.

At the end of the year the Protection from Eviction Act, 1964, came into force, giving a certain amount of protection to tenants. However, there are still many instances where Public Health Inspectors refrain from taking the necessary action to secure the repair of houses because of the tenants fear of eviction.

Council Houses

Parish	Name of Housing Estate	Number of Dwellings	Source of Water Supply	Sewage Disposal
Adforton	Orchard Close	6	Borehole (HWB)	Complete Works
Aymestrey	Council Houses	2	River (HWB)	Septic tank
Bodenham	Caldervale	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
	Old Houses	4	"	" "
Brimfield	Wyson Avenue	24	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
	Old Council Houses	2	Shallow well	Septic tank

Council Houses (Continued)

Parish	Name of Housing Estate	Number of Dwellings	Source of Water Supply	Sewage Disposal
Hope-under-Dinmore	Council Houses	4	Shallow well	Septic tank
Humber	Humber close	27	Borehole	Complete works
Kimbolton	Chestnut Ave.	12	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
Kingsland	New Road	2	Shallow well	Septic tank
	Boarsfield	12	Shallow well	Sewer ditch
	Old Council Houses	6	Shallow well	Sewer ditch
Leintwardine	Hostel	6	Shallow well	Septic tank
	Rosemary	12	Shallow well (HWB)	Septic tank (Public sewer)
Lingen	Council Houses	4	Borehole (HWB)	Septic tank
Little Hereford	Temple Meadow	8	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
	Aynall Lane	2	Spring	Septic tank
	Old Council Houses	4	Shallow well	Cesspool
Luston	Westland View	12	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
	Eye Lane	4	Shallow well	Cesspool
Lucton	St.Peter's Square	6	Land spring (HWB)	Complete works
Monkland	Baker Lea	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
Orleton	Green Lane	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
	Halletts Well	12	Shallow well	Septic tank
Richards Castle	Springfield	10	Borehole (HWB)	Complete works
Shobdon	The Grove	30	River (HWB)	Public sewer
Wigmore	Ford Street	16	Borehole (HWB)	Land irrigation (Public sewer)
	Old Council Houses	8	Borehole (HWB)	" "
Yarpole	James Close	8	Shallow well	Septic tank

HWB - Herefordshire Water Board Supply.

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There are 25 permanent and temporary residential sites in the district licenced for a total of 37 caravans. During the year 6 licences were renewed and 3 new licences were issued in respect of these sites. In 2 cases the sites were licenced pending the erection of dwellings.

In addition to the above there are 5 sites, catering for 71 vans, approved for holiday purposes in respect of which 1 renewal licence was issued during the year.

The only real caravan problem in the district is caused by itinerant traders and gypsies parking their vans etc., for limited periods on waste land and lay-bys, fouling the hedgerows and leaving behind indescribable accumulations of rubbish.

Camping

There is still no camping problem within the District.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPSFactories Acts 1937 and 1948

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Secs. 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by L.A.	19	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Sec.7 is enforced by L.A.	31	5	1	-
(3) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by L.A.	3	2	-	-

Cases in which defects were found:

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>
Sanitary Conveniences: Insufficient and Defective	1	1

There are no factories in the district known to employ outworkers and no notifications of outworkers within the District were received.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Fortytwo inspections were made at various foodshops in the district.

The undermentioned food was condemned as being unfit for human consumption:

Meat	..	688 $\frac{1}{2}$ lb.
Other Foods	..	4 lb. Pork Luncheon Meat.

Number and Type of Food Premises

(a) Grocers (including sale of fruit, fish, Game, Vegetables, and pre-packed ice-cream, sweets, and sugar confectionery)	..	30
(b) Restaurants and catering establishments	..	5
(c) Licences Premises (Hotels, Inns and Clubs)	..	31
(d) Bakers and Confectioners	..	2
(e) Butchers	..	3
(f) Central Kitchen for school meals	..	1
(g) Mobile canteens	..	None

Number of Food Premises Registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955

(h) Sale of ice-cream (including premises above)	34
(i) <u>Preparation or Manufacture of sausages, or potted, pressed, pickled or preserved food</u>	
Butchers	.. 1

Milk Supply

The whole of the district is a specified area under the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, and only heat treated and T.T. milk is allowed to be sold retail.

The heat treated milk retailed in the district is supplied to the retailers by two firms outside the area. T.T. (farm bottled) milk is supplied by several local farmers.

There are five dairies (excluding farm dairies) registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959.

During the year seven samples of raw milk were taken from producer/retailers and submitted to the Public Health Laboratory at Worcester for tests to be carried out for the presence of M. Tuberculosis and Brucella Abortus - all samples were found to be negative.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Inspection of 100% of all animals killed in the slaughterhouses was carried out during the year. Only one of the two slaughterhouses was in regular use, both now being under the same ownership. Improvements are being carried out to the High Street slaughterhouse and it is anticipated that this will then be the only one to be licenced.

Thanks are due to R.F. Saunders Esq., Chief Public Health Inspector to Ludlow Rural District Council and to his staff for carrying out meat inspection during my absence.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	195	-	-	893	232	-
Number inspected	195	-	-	893	232	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses Condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	36	-	-	128	31	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	18.5%	-	-	14.3%	13.4%	-
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned, and carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	5	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned, and carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	6	-	-	-	-	-

PETROLEUM LICENCING

Sixty licences were renewed during the year and four new licences were issued.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Parts of this Act came into force in February and May, 1964 and persons already employing people in offices, shops or railway premises were given until 31st July, 1964 to register with either the Local Authority or the Factories Inspector, whichever was applicable. Since 1st May persons intending to employ people are required to notify the Authority responsible for enforcing the Act.

Annual and quarterly returns have to be made by the Local Authority giving details of inspections, enforcement and accidents.

Table A. Registrations and General Inspections

Class of Premises	No. of premises registered during the year	Total registered premises at end of the year	No. of registered premises receiving general inspection during the year
Offices	5	5	Nil
Retail Shops	8	8	Nil
Wholesale shops, warehouses	Nil	Nil	Nil
Catering establishments open to the public, canteens	1	1	Nil
Fuel Storage depots	1	1	Nil
TOTALS	15	15	Nil

Table B. Number of Visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises

NIL

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963 (Continued)Table C. Analysis of Persons employed in Registered Premises or Workplace

Class of Workplace	Number of persons employed
Offices	39
Retail Shops	33
Wholesale departments, Warehouses	1
Catering establishments open to the public	4
Canteens	2
Fuel storage depots	2
TOTAL	81

Total Males: 54 Total Females: 27

Table D. Exemptions

Part I	Space (Sec.5(2))	Nil
Part II	Temperature (Sec. 6)	Nil
Part III	Sanitary Conveniences (Sec. 9)	Nil
Part IV	Washing Facilities (Sec. 10)	Nil

Table E. Prosecutions

NIL

Table F. Inspectors

No. of Inspectors appointed under
Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act: One

No. of other staff employed for
most of their time on work in
connection with the Act: Nil

From the Table it will be seen that only 15 employers in the district have registered. Owing to the many other demands upon my time little has so far been done to enforce the Act.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

All local authority refuse tips are treated at regular intervals for rats and vermin, and sewer outfalls received treatment when infested.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				
	Non Agricultural				Agricul- tural
	Local Authority	Dwelling Houses	All other including Business Premises	Total	
Number of properties in Local Authority's District	7	3135	320	3462	996
Number of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	1	5	1	7	Nil
(b) Survey under the Act	Nil	1	1	2	2
(c) Otherwise (e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose)	4	Nil	1	5	Nil
Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested by					
(a) Rats Major	2	-	-	2	-
Minor	3	4	2	9	2
(b) Mice Major	-	1	-	1	-
Minor	-	-	-	-	-
Number of infested properties treated by Local Authority	5	1	-	6	-
Total number of treatments carried out - includg. re-treatments	6	1	-	7	-
Number of Notices served under Sc. 4 of the Act (Treatment and structural work)	-	-	-	-	-
Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	-	-	-	-	-

A farm adjacent to the Steens Bridge Housing Site is treated for rats under contract. The farmer sought the Council's co-operation in treating the bank of the stream owned by the Council and as no rodent operative is employed by the Council a contract was entered into for regular treatment by the firm treating the farm.



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