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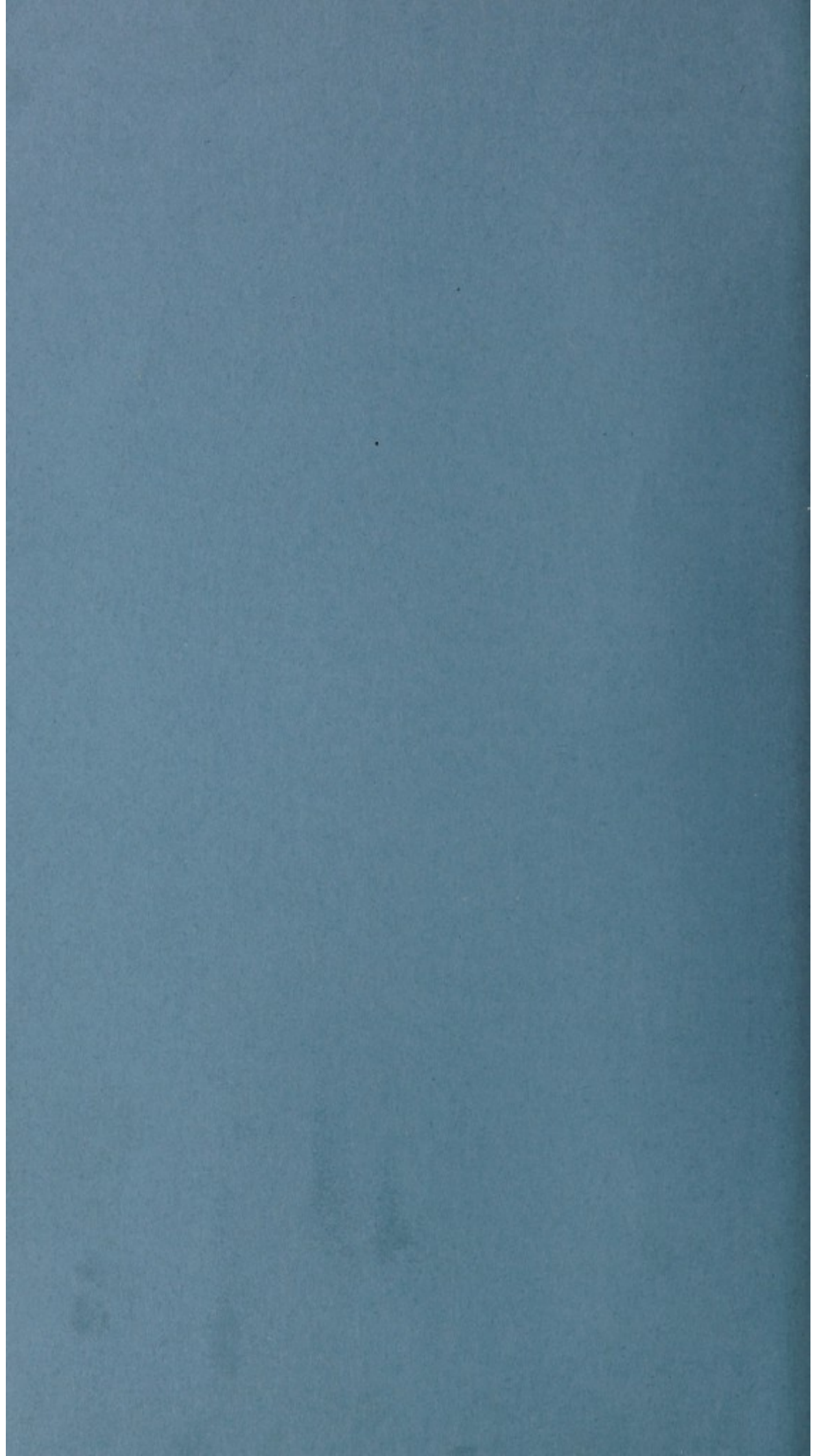
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# ANNUAL REPORT

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## LUDLOW RURAL DISTRICT

### Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year ending 31st December, 1966

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Report on the Health of your District for 1966.

The vital statistics compare very favourably with those for England and Wales and with the figures for the Rural District in 1965. The Standardised Birth Rate is above the national figure this year and the Standardised Death Rate is below the national figure. The Infant Mortality Rate and Perinatal Mortality Rates are well below the national figures. These Rates are a valuable guide to the health of a community. The Death Rate is about the same as last year and is below the national average.

There were 41 more births than deaths - compared with 26 last year - but even so there was a very slight fall in the total population. There is a surprisingly large "floating" population in this District.

Steady progress is being made to improve water supplies, sewerage and refuse disposal but much still remains to be done to bring many rural houses up to adequate standards.

There were only 98 notifications of Infectious Diseases received compared with 152 last year and 377 in 1964. Most of these were for measles, but there were 2 for tuberculosis. Last year no cases of tuberculosis were notified.

I should like to express my thanks to Mr. Saunders, the Chief Public Health Inspector, and to Mr. Shaw, the Engineer, Surveyor and Housing Manager, for their help in the preparation of this report.

Elizabeth Capper.

LADLOW WELSH DISTRICT

Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health  
for the year ending 31st December, 1923

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Report on the  
Health of your District for 1923.

The vital statistics compare very favourably with those for  
England and Wales and with the figures for the Welsh Districts in  
1923. The birth-rate is above the national figure  
this year and the standardized death rate is below the national  
figure. The infant mortality rate and Potentially Mortality Rates  
are well below the national figures. These rates are a valuable  
guide to the health of a community. The death rate is above the  
same as last year and is below the national average.

There were 47 more births than deaths - compared with 32  
last year - but even so there was a very slight fall in the total  
population in this District.

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Steady progress has been made in the reduction of infantile diseases  
and in the control of infectious diseases. The number of cases of these  
diseases has fallen from 175 last year and 177 in 1922. Most of these  
were for measles, but there were 4 for tuberculosis. Last year no  
cases of tuberculosis were notified.

I should like to express my thanks to Mr. Williams, the Chief  
Public Health Inspector, and to Mr. Evans, the Registrar, for their  
and Housing Manager, for their help in the preparation of this report.

Elizabeth Ogden.

# SECTION A

## GENERAL & LOCAL STATISTICS

### VITAL STATISTICS FOR ENGLAND AND WALES

|                          |      |
|--------------------------|------|
| Birth-rate               | 17.7 |
| Death-rate               | 11.7 |
| Infant Mortality Rate    | 19.0 |
| Neo-natal Mortality Rate | 12.9 |
| Perinatal Mortality Rate | 26.3 |

### VITAL STATISTICS OF THE DISTRICT

#### BIRTHS

|             |              |     |
|-------------|--------------|-----|
| Live Births | Legitimate   | 239 |
|             | Illegitimate | 15  |
|             | Total        | 254 |

Illegitimate Live Births as % of Total Live Births 5.9

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| Crude        | 15.6  |
| Standardised | 18.17 |

|              |              |   |
|--------------|--------------|---|
| Still Births | Legitimate   | 5 |
|              | Illegitimate | 0 |
|              | Total        | 5 |

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 of Total Births 19.3

Total Live and Still Births 259

#### INFANT DEATHS

Death of Infants under one year 3

Rate per 1,000 Live Births 11.8

Deaths Legitimate 2

Rate per 1,000 legitimate Live Births 8.4

Deaths Illegitimate 1

Rate per 1,000 illegitimate Live Births 66.7

Death under 4 weeks 1

Neo-natal Mortality Rate 3.9

Death under 1 week 1

Early Neo-natal Mortality Rate 3.9

Perinatal Mortality Rate 23.2

#### MATERNAL MORTALITY

NIL

#### DEATHS

Total Deaths from all causes 203 Male 112  
Female 91

Death Rate per 1,000 Population -

|              |       |
|--------------|-------|
| Crude        | 12.47 |
| Standardised | 10.85 |

## Population

The estimated mid-year population was 16,280 which is 10 less than the figure given for 1965.

## Births

There were 254 live births (120 male 134 female) and of these 15 were illegitimate. The percentage of illegitimate live births is the same as last year.

The Standardised Birth Rate is above the national average and is higher than the rate for 1965.

## Still Births

There were 5 still births (3 male 2 female) all of which were legitimate. The still birth rate of 19.3 is much lower than the rate for 1965.

## Infant Mortality Rate

There were 3 deaths of children under one year of age (2 male 1 female) and one of these was illegitimate. The Infant Mortality Rate of 11.8 is very low. The rate for England and Wales for 1966 was 19.0.

## Perinatal Mortality

The Perinatal Mortality Rate of 23.2 compares favourably with the rate for England and Wales (26.3).

## Deaths

There were 203 deaths in 1966 - 112 male and 91 female. The Crude Death Rate of 12.47 and the Standardised Rate of 10.85 are almost the same as the rates for Ludlow Rural District and Church Stretton Urban District last year. The Death Rate is below the national figure (11.7). A table showing the chief causes of death is given at the end of this report.

This year the number of births exceeds the number of deaths by 41.

## SECTION B

### Personal Health Services

#### Child Welfare Centres

These are provided at Ludlow, Cleobury Mortimer, Church Stretton and Clee Hill - this latter centre being opened in 1966.

|                                                |                                   |
|------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| Cliftonville, Dinham, Ludlow                   | Mondays 1.30-4.30 p.m.            |
| East Hamlet Hall, Ludlow                       | Thursdays 1.30 - 4.30 p.m.        |
| Parish Hall, Cleobury Mortimer                 | 1st and 3rd Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.   |
| Sylvester Horne Institute,<br>Church Stretton. | 1st and 3rd Thursdays 2-4.30 p.m. |
| Clee Hill Village Hall                         | 1st Wednesdays 2-4 p.m.           |

Cliftonville, Dinham is the only County Council owned building and clinics for dental care, ante natal care, mothercraft and relaxation, child guidance, speech therapy and audiology are also held there - attendance by appointment.

#### Care of Unmarried Mothers and Illegitimate Children

The Moral Welfare Worker employed by the Hereford Diocesan Association works in the whole Rural District and has the use of a room at the Dinham Clinic for one session per week,

#### Health Visitors

There are two full-time Health Visitors in the Rural District, one of whom also works in the Ludlow Borough.

#### District Nurses and Midwives

The area is covered by full and part-time nurses - except that the Burford area is without a midwife.

#### Ambulance Service

The new station at Craven Arms has now been in use for a year. Ambulances are normally obtained by family doctors or hospitals but in case of accident or emergency a telephone call should be made immediately to the telephone operator who contacts the Central Ambulance Station in Shrewsbury. By doing this the nearest ambulance can be directed to the scene of the accident and valuable time is not wasted.

#### Home Helps

Local branches of the County Council Services are in Ludlow at the Dinham Welfare Centre, and at Church Stretton. The service is used chiefly by the elderly but is available also in cases of need resulting from illness, - chronic or acute - and for maternity cases. The full charge is 5/6d. an hour but this can be adjusted according to means.

#### Veneral Disease Clinic

Belmont, Shrewsbury

|         |                      |                       |
|---------|----------------------|-----------------------|
| Males   | Tuesdays and Fridays | 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.       |
| Females | Mondays              | 3.30 p.m. - 5.30 p.m. |
|         | Thursdays            | 5.0 p.m. - 7.0 p.m.   |

## Family Planning

There are Family Planning Association Clinics at Shrewsbury Hereford, Kidderminster and Leominster. Details of these can be obtained from Family Doctors and from the Child Welfare Centres.

## Laboratory Facilities

We have excellent facilities at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Salop Infirmary and Dr. Jones and his staff are readily available for help and advice.

Chemical analyses of water and of sewage effluents are made by the Public Analyst at Warrington.

## Health Visitors

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Gloucester House and Mill Lane are the two Health Visitor centres. The Gloucester House centre is situated in the town and the Mill Lane centre is situated in the country. Both centres are equipped with modern facilities and are staffed by experienced Health Visitors. The Gloucester House centre also has a small day nursery for the use of mothers who are unable to leave their children at home.

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## Veneral Disease Clinic

Salop, Shrewsbury

|                    |                      |
|--------------------|----------------------|
| Monday             | 10.0 a.m. - 5.0 p.m. |
| Tuesday and Friday | 10.0 a.m. - 5.0 p.m. |
| Wednesday          | 10.0 a.m. - 5.0 p.m. |
| Thursday           | 10.0 a.m. - 5.0 p.m. |
| Friday             | 10.0 a.m. - 5.0 p.m. |

# SECTION C

## Environmental Health Services

### Water Supplies

#### Purity of Supplies

The undermentioned samples were taken for bacteriological examination from public supplies in the area.

| Source                                       | Total No.<br>of samples | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|----------------------------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|----------------|
| All Stretton                                 | 5                       | 4            | 1              |
| Birmingham Aqueduct (a) Unchlorinated        | 4                       | 3            | 1              |
| (b) Chlorinated                              | 5                       | 5            | -              |
| Bitterley                                    | 7                       | 6            | 1              |
| Burford (a) East                             | 6                       | 6            | -              |
| (b) West                                     | 5                       | 4            | 1              |
| (c) North West Worcestershire<br>Water Board | 5                       | 2            | 3              |
| Bushmoor                                     | 4                       | 4            | -              |
| Church Stretton                              | 26                      | 24           | 2              |
| Clee Hill                                    | 7                       | 7            | -              |
| Clee St. Margaret (a) Council Houses         | 13                      | 3            | 10             |
| (b) Well                                     | 7                       | 3            | 4              |
| Cleobury Mortimer                            | 6                       | 6            | -              |
| Coreley                                      | 7                       | 7            | -              |
| Craven Arms                                  | 8                       | 8            | -              |
| Diddlebury                                   | 5                       | 3            | 2              |
| Hope Bowdler                                 | 4                       | 3            | 1              |
| Little Stretton                              | 4                       | 4            | -              |
| Longville                                    | 4                       | 4            | -              |
| Middleton                                    | 6                       | 6            | -              |
| Munslow                                      | 4                       | 4            | -              |
| Onibury                                      | 3                       | 3            | -              |
| Seifton                                      | 4                       | 4            | -              |
| Soudley                                      | 5                       | 5            | -              |
| St. Milburgha's Well                         | 42                      | 6            | 36             |
| Wall-under-Heywood                           | 3                       | 3            | -              |
| <u>Total</u>                                 | <u>199</u>              | <u>137</u>   | <u>62</u>      |

During 1966 the East Shropshire Water Board provided a new supply at the Sheet to replace the unchlorinated Birmingham Aqueduct Supply. This was done by extending the main from Ludlow town supply. Samples taken since the change over have all been satisfactory.

Users of the water from St. Milburgha's Well and the Council's bore at Clee St. Margaret were warned during the year to boil all water before used for drinking as the supplies were polluted. Both these supplies will be replaced by mains supplies from the Board's reservoir at Stoke St. Milborough in the near future.

The Department co-operated with the Board by arranging for regular samples to be taken from St. Milburgha's Well.

The degree of pollution to the North West Worcestershire Water Board's supply at Clee Hill Road, Burford was quite low. Samples taken by the Board were mainly satisfactory.

#### New mains

New mains have been laid to serve large areas, mainly in the centre and North of the district and it is hoped that many properties will be connected during the current year.

The provision of small diameter mains in the Doddington, Crumps Brook area is still awaited as this scattered area cannot be adequately served by a trunk main only passing through it.

#### Private Supplies

| Samples Taken |                | No. | Percentage |
|---------------|----------------|-----|------------|
|               |                |     |            |
|               | Satisfactory   | 24  | 24.5%      |
|               | Unsatisfactory | 74  | 75.5%      |
|               | Total          | 98  |            |

Investigations of some private supplies on the Earl of Plymouth's Estate were still proceeding at the end of the year.

#### Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

At the end of the year the work of laying new sewers at Burford was almost complete but, with the exception of one short branch which has been made, connections cannot be made until the work in the Tenbury Rural District has been completed. This is expected to be in the spring of 1967.

More connections were made at Church Stretton and many owners have improved facilities (Bathroom, W/C, Etc.).

There are still areas in the district where the provision of a public sewer would allow the improvement of houses up to full grant standard.

#### Sewage Disposal Plants

Until the 31st December, 1966 the Council had the following sewage disposal works under its control:-

- 1) Ashford Carbonell
- 2) Church Stretton
- 3) Clee Hill
- 4) Cleobury Mortimer
- 5) Craven Arms and 20 other small installations on Housing Sites

The Plants are all of traditional design and have been erected since the war. The Craven Arms Plant did not at all times turn out a satisfactory effluent throughout the year due to overloading from the abattoir of the Shropshire Fatstock Society but, steps were taken to install a recirculation pump and this has improved matters considerably.

#### Tips

At the 31st December, 1966 the following tips were being used by the Council:-

- 1) Little Stretton
- 2) Craven Arms
- 3) Woofferton
- 4) Cleobury Mortimer
- 5) Onibury
- 6) Diddlebury

As a result of the implementation of the reorganisation proposals under the Salop Order, it was decided during the year that the Onibury and Diddlebury tips would be discontinued. Although there were very few complaints reaching the Council as result of the tipping arrangements, the situation was not considered to be entirely satisfactory, as it was not possible to employ controlled tipping methods on these widely separated tipping area. Consequently, during the year, the Council was advised to look into the possibility of setting up a central pulverisation or incineration scheme and to close down all the tips in the area. This position was still being discussed at the 31st December, 1966.

#### Private Drainage

The main cause of complaint during the year was the difficulty in making satisfactory arrangements for the emptying of septic tanks by one contractor working in the area. Even when all the villages have been sewered there will still be many hundreds of septic tanks in the district. The disposal of the contents can be a major problem particularly as more new building takes place and the public become more willing to complain of unsatisfactory conditions.

#### Rodent Control

The Council's operator, Mr. F. Mear, continued his work during the year and it was agreed by the Council to retain his services until his 70th birthday in August, 1967.

Due to the extra work and cost involved in the warfarin resistant area and the policy of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food in giving free treatments to agricultural premises in the "barrier area" it was decided to abolish contracts as from 31st March, 1966. Both contracts and single treatment charges were replaced by a charge of 7/- per 20 minutes of the operator's time spent actually treating the premises. At first the change was not greeted with enthusiasm by the general public; but the new system was subsequently accepted.

Regular treatments were carried out at Council properties, refuse tips, sewage disposal works and sewers.

A few suspected cases of warfarin resistance in the area outside the barrier area were reported to the Ministry but all proved to be negative. There was, therefore, no evidence of any significant spread of warfarin resistance during 1966.

#### Factories and Workshops

##### Number in Register

|                                        |           |
|----------------------------------------|-----------|
| (a) Factories with mechanical power    | 77        |
| (b) Factories without mechanical power | 9         |
| Total                                  | <u>86</u> |
| No. of inspections during the year     | 21        |
| No. of contraventions dealt with       | 2         |

#### Offices Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

|                                                                |     |
|----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| No. of premises so far registered                              | 141 |
| No. of persons employed in these premises                      | 329 |
| No. of premises receiving a general inspection during the year | 78  |
| No. of visits paid during the year                             | 90  |

It is thought that there is still a small number of premises not registered. These will be found during the course of visits.

## Inspections by the Public Health Inspectors

|                                           |              |
|-------------------------------------------|--------------|
| Housing (Public Health and Housing Acts)  | 887          |
| Drainage                                  | 809          |
| Water Supply                              | 518          |
| Rodent Control                            | 281          |
| Caravans and Caravan Sites                | 259          |
| Food Premises and Food Inspection         | 152          |
| *Abattoir Supervision and Meat Inspection | 126          |
| Air Pollution                             | 118          |
| Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act   | 90           |
| Nuisances                                 | 56           |
| Infectious Diseases                       | 27           |
| Miscellaneous                             | 227          |
| Total                                     | <u>3,550</u> |

\*This figure does not include the work carried out by the full time Meat Inspectors.

The above figures do include the work carried out for the former Church Stretton Urban District Council during the first three months of 1966.

Most of the rodent control inspections were made by the Inspectors during a period when the Rodent Operator was away as the result of an accident at work.

### Number of Informal Notices served:-

|                                         |           |
|-----------------------------------------|-----------|
| Drainage                                | 17        |
| Food Hygiene                            | 16        |
| House repairs                           | 12        |
| Caravans                                | 12        |
| Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act | 9         |
| Water Supply                            | 9         |
| Slaughterhouse hygiene                  | 5         |
| Animals kept so as to be a nuisance     | 3         |
| Air pollution                           | 2         |
| Rodent Control                          | 2         |
| Knackers Yards                          | 2         |
| Filthy houses                           | 1         |
| Total                                   | <u>90</u> |

Most of the above notices were complied with before the 31st December, 1966.

## Housing

### General Statement

(a) Number of inhabitable houses, including Council Houses and premises with living accommodation, as at 1st January, 1966 - 4453

(b) Number of houses from former Church Stretton Urban District Council 31st March, 1966 - 1102  
5555

### Additions

Number of houses constructed during the year

1. Council Houses 0
2. Private Houses 81

Number of additional houses provided by the conversion of buildings into houses or the division of large houses - 2

Number of houses brought back into use as a result of complying with undertakings - 8

91

91  
5,646

### Deductions

|                                                                               |           |              |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|
| Number of houses closed                                                       | 11        |              |
| Number of houses demolished<br>(Excluding 6 previously reported as<br>closed) | 13        |              |
| Parts of buildings closed                                                     | 1         |              |
|                                                                               | <u>25</u> | <u>25</u>    |
|                                                                               |           | <u>5,621</u> |

Number of inhabitable houses,  
including council houses and business  
premises with living accommodation,  
as at 31st December, 1966 5,621

### Action under Housing Acts

The following is a summary of statutory action taken during 1966,  
regarding unfit houses.

|                                                                            |    |
|----------------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Number of houses demolished<br>(excluding 6 previously reported as closed) | 13 |
| Number of houses closed under the terms of<br>Closing Orders               | 5  |
| Number of houses closed under terms of<br>Undertakings given by owners     | 6  |
| Number of houses made fit and Undertakings<br>revoked.                     | 8  |

### Informal Action

|                                                             |   |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---|
| Number of houses made fit as a result of informal<br>action | 4 |
|-------------------------------------------------------------|---|

A considerable number of houses still remain to be improved to full  
modern standard. The provision of piped water and a public sewer is  
a great help in this connection. Many owners are awaiting the provision  
of these facilities, particularly piped water, before attempting to  
recondition their houses.

### Caravan Sites

#### Licences

Number of site licences in force as at 31st December, 1966.

|                            | <u>Residential Holiday</u> |            |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|------------|
| (a) Individual             | 24                         | 12         |
| (b) Multiple (more than 3) | -                          | 6          |
| Total number of caravans   | <u>27</u>                  | <u>303</u> |
| Number of contraventions   | 5                          |            |
| Remedied informally        | 5                          |            |

The poorest holiday site, at Acre Farm, Cleobury Mortimer has  
changed hands and the new owner is in the process of improving it to  
a good standard.

For this site the Council approved an increase from 40 to 60  
caravans in respect of the existing area of land.

All sites were visited during the year and conditions generally  
found to be satisfactory.

## Inspection and Supervision of Food

### (a) Meat Inspection

Only one slaughterhouse - at Craven Arms - was in use during the year. Staff rota system continued.

Conditions at the Slaughterhouse were in general satisfactory at the end of the year; much maintenance work was carried out during the year.

The total number of animals slaughtered was the highest ever (143,854). There was some export of carcasses, - chiefly sheep and lambs, - to Continental countries during the year.

Number of animals slaughtered and inspected in 1966 (figures for 1965 in brackets).

|                   | Cattle    |        |        |         |         |          |
|-------------------|-----------|--------|--------|---------|---------|----------|
|                   | (Ex Cows) | Cows   | Calves | Pigs    | Sheep   | Total    |
| Numbers killed    | 8699      | 2146   | 3546   | 27813   | 101650  | 143854   |
| Numbers inspected | 8699      | 2146   | 3546   | 27813   | 101650  | 143854   |
|                   | (8843)    | (1606) | (2716) | (31727) | (79029) | (128003) |

#### All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercus Bovis

|                           |        |        |       |       |       |   |
|---------------------------|--------|--------|-------|-------|-------|---|
| Whole carcasses           | 11     | 26     | 48    | 64    | 327   | - |
| Organs or parts condemned | 1513   | 658    | 9     | 2502  | 2479  | - |
| Percentage affected       | 17.58% | 31.87% | 1.61% | 9.23% | 2.76% | - |

#### Tuberculosis

|                           |   |   |   |       |   |   |
|---------------------------|---|---|---|-------|---|---|
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | -     | - | - |
| Organs or parts condemned | - | - | - | 172   | - | - |
| Percentage affected       | - | - | - | 0.62% | - | - |

#### Cysticercus Bovis

|                           |       |   |   |   |   |   |
|---------------------------|-------|---|---|---|---|---|
| Whole carcasses condemned | -     | - | - | - | - | - |
| Organs or Parts condemned | 10    | - | - | - | - | - |
| Percentage affected.      | 0.11% | - | - | - | - | - |

#### Weight of meat condemned

1. On account of Tuberculosis 1677 lbs.
2. On account of Cysticercus Bovis 854 lbs.
3. On account of other diseases 87435 lbs.

= 40 Tons 3 Cwts 30 lbs.

### Poultry Inspection

Regular visits have been made to the packing station at the Grove where vast numbers of poultry and turkeys are processed. Inspection of these birds was carried out during the year on the lines recommended by the Ministry of Health. The "spotter" system using trained personnel on the dressing lines and public health inspectors to examine reject or doubtful birds was used.

Standards of hygiene at this plant have improved enormously in a few years and now, using modern machinery and appliances on the dressing lines, are at a high level.

### Condemnation of Food

The following foods were inspected and voluntarily surrendered as unfit for human consumption:-

22 lbs Fish.  
72 lbs Fruit and vegetables.  
39 lbs Canned meat.  
20 lbs Ham.  
60 lbs Mixed tinned foods.  
2841 lbs Broiler chickens (1252 birds).

### Ice-Cream

Sixty-eight premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream.

There are two manufacturers registered.

Vehicles in which soft mix ice-cream is manufactured will be inspected under the Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966.

### Knackers Yards

The two premises in the district were both maintained satisfactorily. Most of the slaughtering was done at the Sparchford Yard; the yard at Lower Stanway was almost unused throughout the year.

### Air Pollution

Two main items were dealt with during the year. The first was the work of checking deposit gauges on Clee Hill being used to ascertain the amount of pollution in the area of the quarries. Average and highest results for the year are as follows:-

| <u>Tons/Sq.Mile/Month</u>     | <u>Cornbrook Cottage</u> | <u>The Crescent</u> |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|---------------------|
| Total for Year. Total Deposit | 175.51                   | 163.02              |
| Insoluble                     | 98.03                    | 73.85               |
| Soluble                       | 77.48                    | 89.17               |
| Average Deposit               | 14.625                   | 13.585              |
| Insoluble                     | 8.17                     | 6.154               |
| Soluble                       | 6.456                    | 7.43                |
| Highest monthly Total Deposit | 28.24 (Oct.)             | 31.32 (Nov.)        |

A meeting was held with the quarry manager and he put forward proposals for reducing so far as possible dust emission from the plant. These proposals have now been altered to include a new arrestation plant to part of the works. This plant is to be installed in the early summer of 1967 so the gauges are being kept in use for purposes of checking.

Complaints were received about the burning of scrap wood at Cleobury Mortimer. An incinerator was installed at the end of the year but it suffered from "teething troubles" at first and so its efficiency cannot yet be judged.

### Scrap Metal Dealers Act, 1964

Nine dealers are registered under this Act.

Prevalence of and Control over  
Infectious Diseases

There were 98 infectious diseases notified during the year

|                 |    |
|-----------------|----|
| Scarlet Fever   | 3  |
| Measles         | 86 |
| Acute Pneumonia | 4  |
| Dysentery       | 2  |
| Tuberculosis    | 2  |
| Food Poisoning  | 1  |

In 1965 152 notifications were received and there were 377 in 1964.

There were no deaths from Tuberculosis, but there were two new cases notified.

Number of cases of Tuberculosis Registered December, 1966.

|               |    |
|---------------|----|
| Pulmonary     | 41 |
| Non pulmonary | 15 |

Details of the immunisation and vaccination figures for each County District are not now available from the County Health Office because of changes in their statistical methods.

Protection can be given against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Smallpox and Poliomyelitis by the Family Doctor or at the Child Welfare Centres.

Protection against some other diseases can also be given by the Family Doctor and/or the County Health Department e.g. Tuberculosis, Yellow Fever, Typhoid.

Appendix

| <u>Causes of Death 1966</u>             | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|--------------|
| Other infective and parasitic diseases  | -           | 2             | 2            |
| Malignant disease, stomach              | 3           | 3             | 6            |
| Malignant disease, lung, bronchus       | 5           | 1             | 6            |
| Malignant disease, breast               | -           | 4             | 4            |
| Malignant disease, uterus               | -           | 1             | 1            |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 7           | 5             | 12           |
| Leukaemia, aleukaemia                   | 2           | -             | 2            |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system      | 17          | 25            | 42           |
| Coronary disease, angina                | 25          | 13            | 38           |
| Hypertension with heart disease         | 2           | 2             | 4            |
| Other heart disease                     | 7           | 12            | 19           |
| Other circulatory disease               | 4           | 2             | 6            |
| Influenza                               | 4           | -             | 4            |
| Pneumonia                               | 6           | 6             | 12           |
| Bronchitis                              | 10          | 3             | 13           |
| Other diseases of respiratory system    | 1           | -             | 1            |
| Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea      | 1           | -             | 1            |
| Nephritis and nephrosis                 | -           | 1             | 1            |
| Hyperplasia of prostate                 | 2           | -             | 2            |
| Congenital malformations                | -           | 1             | 1            |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases  | 10          | 7             | 17           |
| Motor vehicle accidents                 | 2           | 1             | 3            |
| All other accidents                     | 2           | 2             | 4            |
| Suicide                                 | 1           | -             | 1            |
| Homicide and operations of war          | 1           | -             | 1            |
|                                         | <u>112</u>  | <u>91</u>     | <u>203</u>   |

