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October, 1962.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the Year 1961. On the whole this has been a quiet year.

I would like to draw your attention to the age distribution of cases of measles. This year was an "epidemic" year during which measles was prevalent over the whole of the country. Where conditions of hygiene and of nutrition are unsatisfactory in the community the average age at which measles attacks the individual becomes lower. You will see from the figures that most of the cases of measles occurred in the age group 5 - 10, which suggests that infection tends to spread during the first year or so at schools rather than at home and by close contact of adjacent families. This age distribution provides us with some evidence, therefore, that housing conditions have improved in Malvern over the past 10 years. (It is interesting that in my Annual Report for 1951 I reported 679 cases, of which a higher percentage between the ages of one and five were affected than between the ages of five and ten).

Section 47 of the National Assistance Act together with its amending Act is designed to acquire a reasonable standard of care and protection for the old and infirm and sick from the community and to enable the community to be protected from the nuisance caused by old people being unable to look after themselves. This Act is very much of a last resort and so it is apposite to record two cases in which action was taken and the National Assistance Act not involved.

In the first case home conditions had deteriorated to such a state as to constitute a nuisance to neighbours. Repeated persuasion failed to produce any improvement in the circumstances even though visits were made both by the Health Inspectors and the Health Visitors. It was found that the person concerned was suffering from a mental illness and that this was the cause of her inability to look after herself. Appropriate action was taken and no further trouble ensued. In this case the diagnosis was not self-evident because the person concerned showed no particularly unusual behaviour, so was regarded as merely being rather odd.

In the second case a confused old lady was removed to hospital tense, frightened and depressed. She had been found on the floor, did not know how she had got there and indeed had very little memory of the events around the time of her admission to hospital. It was found in her case that she was suffering from a form of arthritis of the cervical spine which from time to time caused an impairment of the supply of blood to the brain. Hence her symptoms which were terrifying to herself and to her relatives. Re-assurance of her relatives and neighbours and reorganisation of her home life enables the second old lady to return home and live a semi-independent life.

These two cases are illustrative of the way in which our Department becomes involved directly and through the Health Visitors in clinical and medical problems. As you see these problems are so varied that they could only be dealt with on a strictly personal basis and so long as the closest co-operation persists between the Urban District Health Staff,

the County Council Health Staff, the Hospital Services and the General Practitioners. I am happy to say that this co-operation seems firmly and well established.

H. F. GREEN

Medical Officer of Health.

TABLE 1

Live Births (per 1,000 total population)	17.5
Still-Births (per 1,000 live and still-born)	14.2
Still-Births (per 1,000 selected resident population)	15.8
Deaths (per 1,000 total population)	11.0
Infantile Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	10.5
Deaths of 15 years and under (per 1,000 live births)	10.5

TABLE 2

Live Births (per 1,000 total population)	17.5
Still-Births (per 1,000 live and still-born)	14.2
Deaths (per 1,000 total population)	11.0
Infantile Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	10.5

TABLE 3

Cause of Death - All Ages	1951	1952	1953
Ischaemic Heart Disease	12	13	14
Stroke	8	9	10
Other Circulatory Diseases	5	6	7
Cancer (all sites)	15	16	17
Respiratory Diseases	10	11	12
Diabetes Mellitus	2	3	4
Alcoholism	1	2	3
Accidents	3	4	5
Other	1	2	3
Total	58	62	66

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Administration. I am happy to see that this co-operation seems
to be well established.

Yours faithfully,

Medical Officer of Health.



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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS IN THE AREA

Area of land and inland water	7,400 acres
Registrar General's estimate of resident population				26,500
Number of dwelling houses	....	....	....	7,715
Total number of assessments	....	....	....	9,078
Rateable value at 31.3.62	....	....	....	£345,454
Sum represented by a penny rate at 31.3.62			....	£1,398

EXTRACT FROM THE VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

Live Birth Rate (per 1,000 estimated resident population)	16.5
Still-Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still-births)	14.3
Still-Birth Rate (per 1,000 estimated resident population)	0.23
Death Rate (per 1,000 estimated resident population)	11.0
Infantile Mortality Rate (per 1,000 live births)	16.9

No deaths in 1961 were attributable to puerperal or maternal causes.

COMPARABLE DATA FOR ENGLAND AND WALES, 1961

Live Births (per 1,000 total population)	....	17.4
Still-Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still-births)	...	18.7
Death Rate (per 1,000 home population)	....	12.0
Infantile Mortality (per 1,000 live births)	....	21.4

DEATHS

<u>Causes of Death - All Ages</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Tuberculosis (respiratory)	1	1	-
Syphilitic disease	1	1	-
Other infective & parasitic infections	1	-	1
Cancer (all forms)	52	29	23
" (of lung & bronchus)	9	9	-
Leukaemia	1	1	-
Diabetes	1	1	-
Disease of Heart & Arteries	180	67	113
Respiratory Diseases (excluding tuberculosis & cancer)	33	20	13
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	2	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	1	1	-
Nephritis & nephrosis	1	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	4	4	-
Congenital malformations	1	1	-
Violence	5	2	3
All other causes	33	12	21

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

Water Supplies

There are two main sources of Malvern Water. First a deep borehole at Bromsberrow which has been sunk in new red sandstone. It provides an abundant and good water supply showing an average total hardness of 17. It is not contaminated in any way. The second is water collected from the hills around the British Camp, the reservoir lying in a hollow in these hills. This supply is more in the nature of a standby than a main supply, and the analysis is typical of hill water, that is, containing few "Solids in Solution" and having a low total hardness.

Regular samples have been taken by your Surveyor and the reports have been uniformly satisfactory. An average report is given below.

MALVERN WATER

Physical Characters

5th October, 1961

Colour	Colourless
Odour	None
Deposit	None
pH	7.5

Chemical Examination (Results expressed in parts per million)

Solids in Suspension (Dried at 100°C)	-
Solids in Solution (Dried at 180°C)	235
" After Ignition	145
Chlorine Present as Chloride	23
Hardness Non-Carbonate	54
" Carbonate	136
" Total	190
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	0.01
Albuminoid Nitrogen	Trace
Nitrate Nitrogen	5.3
Nitrite Nitrogen	Nil
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C (1/80 Permanganate)	0.10
Toxic Metals	None detected
Residual Chlorine Free	----
Combined	Trace
Total	----

The monthly bacteriological examination of water taken from taps at various points in the town mains supply was uniformly satisfactory showing the absence of faecal coli on each occasion.

Water Supply from Wells

Only a few houses are supplied with water obtained from shallow wells and springs. Samples are submitted from time to time to the Laboratory for analysis. Nine samples of water were taken from spring supplies during the year 1961 and four were found to be bacteriologically unsatisfactory. In these cases the collecting tanks were either renewed or thoroughly cleansed and subsequently re-sampling proved the water to be fit for drinking.

Public Cleansing

This work is carried out under the direction of the Surveyor. The disposal of household refuse is undertaken at the Guarlford Sewage Works by means of tipping. Street sweeping in central area daily, elsewhere once weekly. Cesspool emptying by mechanical means as required.

Swimming Baths and Pools

- (a) Public swimming pools and baths - Public pool owned by
Local Authority.
- (b) Privately owned swimming pools
or baths open to public - None
- (c) Action taken to ensure the
satisfactory condition of water - Routine sampling

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

Laboratory Services

Chemical analysis is carried out, as before, by arrangement with the County Laboratory at the County Buildings. Bacteriological examinations are carried out at the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester Royal Infirmary.

Clinics

There are none provided by this Authority.

The following clinics are provided by Voluntary Committees in Malvern on behalf of the County Council.

Infant Welfare Centres

"Sydenham Villa", Newtown Road.	Tuesdays	2.0	-	4.0 p.m.
Free Church Hall, Malvern Link.	Wednesdays	2.0	-	4.0 p.m.
Methodist Church Hall, Lansdowne Crescent	1st, 3rd & 5th Fridays	2.0	-	4.0 p.m.
Village Hall, Lower Wyche	1st Tuesday in the month	2.45	-	4.0 p.m.
Sherrards Green Welfare Centre	2nd & 4th Fridays	2.0	-	4.0 p.m.

The following clinics are provided by the County Council:-

Ante-Natal

"Sydenham Villa" Newtown Road	1st and 3rd Thursdays	2.0	-	4.0 p.m.
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Eye

"Sydenham Villa" Newtown Road	As required (by appointment only)
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Speech Therapy

"Sydenham Villa" Newtown Road	Thursdays (cases referred by School Health Service)	10.0	-	12 noon
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Chiropody

"Sydenham Villa"
Newtown Road

By appointment only
(old aged pensioners,
expectant mothers,
handicapped people)

Minor Ailments

"Sydenham Villa"
Newtown Road

Fridays
(Schoolchildren only) 9.30 -- 10.30 a.m.

Chase County Secondary
School

Wednesdays
(during term time) 9.30 -- 10.30 a.m.

PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The following table shows the number of infectious diseases notified during 1961

<u>Disease</u>	<u>All Ages</u>	0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	25-	Age N.K.
Scarlet Fever	2	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	30	4	6	6	-	4	9	1	-	-	-
Measles	628	10	40	67	77	71	309	42	5	3	4
Dysentery	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-
	<u>All Ages</u>	0-	5-	15-	45-	65-	Age N.K.				
Ac. pneumonia	9	-	-	-	-	8	1				
Erysipelas	3	-	1	1	-	1	-				
	<u>All Ages</u>	0-	5-	15-	25-	45-	65-	Age N.K.			
Tuberculosis:											
respiratory	3	-	-	1	1	1	-	-			
meninges & C.N.S.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			
other	2	-	-	1	1	-	-	-			
Puerperal Pyrexia	1 case										

PROPHYLAXIS

Diphtheria Immunisation

	<u>Ages 0 - 4 years</u>	<u>Ages 5 - 14 years</u>	<u>Total for Year</u>
Children who received a full course of primary immunisation	421	82	503
Children who received a re-inforcing injection	19	397	416
Children who received a second re-inforcing injection	-	150	150

The Council House,
Malvern.

October, 1962

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I herewith present to you the following report dealing with the work carried out by your Public Health Inspectors during the year 1961.

We have continued to encourage property owners to consider the desirability of improvement of dwelling houses with the assistance of either a "Discretionary" or "Standard" grant, but the response has only been about equal to that in the previous year. This progress rate, is not entirely disappointing or discouraging since it cannot be expected that owner occupiers or private Landlords are willing or able to take advantage of monetary aid just because this may be available. There are many considerations to be taken into account, mostly of a personal nature. Be that as it may, the idea of an improved house, possessing the amenities one expects to find in a new house, is growing. Whilst I am satisfied that the majority of owners are aware that grants may be obtained, we are contemplating a street-by-street survey of the town with the object of persuading owners to make an effort to modernise their property where this is considered to be worthwhile.

The normal routine work does not call for any special mention, except to state, that it is most essential to maintain a constant surveillance in matters relating to environmental hygiene and sanitation. Much of our time is taken up by this "Watchdog" service, which as I have mentioned in previous reports, we strive to conduct unobtrusively and impartially, as it is our constant aim to foster reform where this can be influenced, by informal procedure wherever this is possible. The following tables, with informative comment, records the details of inspections and the results of action taken by your Inspectors.

SUMMARY OF VISITS AND INSPECTIONS

Inspections of Movable Dwellings	.....	.....	.....	.....	34
" " Shops	.....	.....	.....	.....	386
" " Factories	.....	.....	.....	.....	263
" " Bakehouses	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
" " Restaurant Kitchens	.....	.....	.....	.....	83
" " Outworkers Premises	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
" " Slaughterhouses	.....	.....	.....	.....	489
" " Butchers Shops, P.H. Meat Regs.	.....	.....	.....	.....	570
" " Stables and Piggeries	.....	.....	.....	.....	43
" " Dairies	.....	.....	.....	.....	176
" " Ice Cream Premises	.....	.....	.....	.....	173
" " Food Shops	.....	.....	.....	.....	694
" " FishFriers Premises	.....	.....	.....	.....	32
" " Places of Public Entertainment	.....	.....	.....	.....	23
" " Schools	.....	.....	.....	.....	43
" " Licensed Premises	.....	.....	.....	.....	61
" " Public Conveniences	.....	.....	.....	.....	115
Special Visits, Advisory Interviews etc.,	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,163
Visits re Infectious Disease	.....	.....	.....	.....	32
Rat Infestations	.....	.....	.....	.....	358
Atmospheric Pollution	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Miscellaneous	.....	.....	.....	.....	323
National Assistance Act	.....	.....	.....	.....	97
Housing Including Inspections of Dwelling Houses	946
Petroleum Storage Installations	46
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					7,176
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COMPLAINTS

The Register shows that 465 complaints were received during the year under review, these having reference to the following matters:-

Blocked and Defective Drainage	4 1/2
Defective Closet Accommodation	4

Defective Conditions in Dwelling Houses	58
Offensive Odours from Public Sewers	12
Offensive Odours from Drains	7
Non-collection of House Refuse	4
Verminous Premises	29
Wasps Nests	31
Infestations of Rats and Mice	183
Miscellaneous	93

SUMMARY OF SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS CARRIED OUT

Drainage and Sanitary Fittings

Number of houses and premises redrained	....	....	6
Repairs or amendments to existing drains	....	....	62
Drains or gullies unstopped or cleansed	....	....	49
Length in yards of stoneware drains laid	....	....	720
" " " " heavy cast iron drains laid	....	....	8
Manholes provided	....	....	56
Manholes repaired	....	....	62
Intercepting traps fixed	....	....	8
Fresh air inlets provided or repaired	....	....	4
New gully traps fixed	....	....	88
Gully curbs provided or repaired	....	....	26
New soil pipes and ventilating shafts provided	....	....	42
Soil pipes and ventilating shafts repaired	....	....	28
Water tests applied	....	....	156
Smoke tests applied	....	....	32
New W.C. pedestals fixed	....	....	63
W.C.'s unstopped, cleansed and repaired	....	....	33
Existing flushing cisterns repaired	....	....	14
New flushing cisterns fitted W.C.'s	....	....	53
Joints between W.C.'s and flush pipes repaired	....	....	26
New W.C. apartments provided	....	....	28
New urinals provided	....	....	1
Lavatory basins provided	....	....	50
Baths provided	....	....	53
New impervious sinks provided	....	....	41
Sinks repaired or refix	....	....	10
New waste pipes fixed	....	....	156
Waste pipes trapped, repaired or unstopped	....	....	8
Cesspools and stagnant ditches cleansed	....	....	1
W.C. apartments cleansed	....	....	19
Septic tanks provided	....	....	1
New roofs	....	....	12
Roofs repaired	....	....	43
Eaves gutters renewed, cleansed and repaired	....	....	42
Rainwater pipes provided, repaired or unstopped	....	....	48
Damp walls remedied	....	....	26
Walls repointed or repaired	....	....	83
Ventilation under floor provided	....	....	12
Yards paved	....	....	8
Paving of yards repaired	....	....	23
Floors of rooms relaid	....	....	54
Floors of rooms repaired	....	....	39
Rooms cleansed, distempered or repapered	....	....	136
New windows provided	....	....	74
Windows repaired and/or made to open	....	....	47
New sash cords provided	....	....	46
Window sills repaired and provided	....	....	39
Doors provided or repaired	....	....	86
Staircase repaired	....	....	10
Workrooms (including bakehouses) cleansed and repaired	....	....	12

Water service pipes repaired	....	....	86
Movable sanitary dustbins provided	....	....	10
Accumulations of refuse removed	....	....	1
Accumulations of manure removed	....	....	5
New ranges and stoves provided	....	....	46
Stoves and ranges repaired	....	....	8
Verminous rooms dealt with	....	....	34
Food stores provided	....	....	35

RENT ACT, 1957

The provisions of this Act so far as they relate to this department were set out in the report for the year 1958.

One application for a Certificate of Disrepair was received. This was investigated and the necessary Certificate was issued.

LAND CHARGES ACT, 1925

Requests for information concerning properties on which a Search for Local Land Charges is made to the Clerk of the Council are dealt with by this department where applicable; 347 enquiries were investigated during the year.

HOUSING (FINANCIAL PROVISIONS) ACT, 1958 as amended by HOUSE PURCHASE AND HOUSING ACT, 1959 and HOUSING ACT, 1961

DISCRETIONARY IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Twenty applications for Improvement Grants were received during the year 1961. Seventeen of these concerned improvements to small dwellings and three were proposals to provide five self-contained units of housing accommodation by conversion. Grants were authorised in each case.

STANDARD IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

Twenty-three applications were received during the year all of which were investigated and subsequently approved. The amenities provided were as follows:-

15 baths; 17 wash-hand basins; 22 domestic hot water supplies;
5 water closets; 16 ventilated food stores.

HOUSING ACT, 1957

The following two dwelling houses were demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders, at the owners' expense:

18, Link Terrace
Stanhope Cottage, Edith Walk.
16, Link Terrace was demolished by the owners as the result of informal action.

Demolition Orders were made in respect of the following properties:

6 & 8, Bosbury Road
1 & 2, Providence Cottages, Old Wyche Road
66, Newtown Road
33, 35, 37, 39, 41, 43, 45 & 47, Laburnum Walk
70, 72, 74, 76, 78, 80, 82 & 84, Newtown Road

OVERCROWDING IN DWELLING HOUSES

16 new cases of overcrowding were either reported or discovered during 1961, compared with 10 in 1960. This increased the number of cases on our records to 25.

The cases mainly refer to overcrowding of rooms normally used for sleeping purposes in excess of the statutory "permitted" number.

During the year 12 cases were abated, thus leaving 13 on record. 11 families were re-housed by the Council and 1 family found other alternative accommodation. The cases of overcrowding are placed in the following categories:

(a)	... Increase where one family are sole occupants	8 cases
(b)	... Increase where family is in lodgings	5 cases
(c)	... Married son or daughter making home with in-laws	12 cases

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 and 1951

Your Public Health Inspectors in co-operation with the Health Visitors continue to pay special attention to the needs of the aged members of the community in keeping a watchful eye on their welfare and the Medical Officer is kept informed as the need arises on the circumstances of individual cases which may require his special attention.

Section 50 of the National Assistance Act, 1948 provides that it shall be the duty of the Council to cause to be buried or cremated the body of any person who has died or has been found dead in the Urban District, in cases where it appears that no suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body have been made.

The department dealt with four cases to which the section of the Act applies, details of which are as follows:-

Mr. Robert Thomas White aged 23 years, 24, Sherrards Green Road.

Mrs. E. I. Phillips aged 80 years, 50, Geraldine Road.

Miss Mary A. Barnes aged 78 years, 28, Woodshears Road.

Mr. David Barry aged 57 years, 32, Redland Road.

DRAINAGE AND SANITATION

The drainage systems of some 62 dwellings were repaired and partially reconstructed and 6 dwelling houses were entirely redrained.

One dwelling situated in the outlying, unsewered part of the district was provided with water bourne sanitation, septic tank and filter disposal unit.

As in previous years the Building Contractors have continued to be co-operative in arranging appointments for your Inspectors for the purpose of deciding the details of sanitary work to be undertaken. Frequent visits are made whilst the drainage work is in progress to supervise the work and to undertake the necessary tests.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

When necessary, investigations are made on notification to the Medical Officer of Health of an infectious disease by medical practitioners. Contacts are traced and enquiries made in accordance with the usual practice or to meet the special requirements of the case and nature of the illness.

DISINFECTION AND DISINFESTATION

7 loads of bedding and clothing were collected and taken to St. Wulstan's Hospital for treatment by steam disinfection in accordance with an arrangement made with the South Worcestershire Hospital Management Committee.

The number of rooms funigated were 20.

Infestations of cockroaches, beetles, fleas, ants and flies were dealt with at various premises including dwelling houses, restaurant kitchens, a bakehouse, a bank and office buildings.

18 wasps nests were destroyed when these proved to be a nuisance to members of the public.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 - 1959

The provisions of the Factories Act, 1937 - 1959, which your Council has to administer, chiefly relate to the following matters:-

- (1) Factories where mechanical power is used.
 - (a) Provisions and maintenance of sanitary conveniences for both sexes.
- (2) Factories where mechanical power is not used.
 - (a) Cleanliness
 - (b) Overcrowding
 - (c) Ventilation
 - (d) Drainage
 - (e) Provision and maintenance of sanitary conveniences for both sexes.
 - (f) Temperature control.
- (3) Sanitary Regulations for Bakehouses.
- (4) Homework

The following table shows the list of factories on the Register.

Agricultural Engineers	2
Automatic Packing and Weighting Machine Mfs.	1
Bakehouses	6
Blacksmiths	3
Bicycle Repairs	3
Boot Repairing	11
Breeze Block Manufacturers	1
Builders, Plumbers etc.	43
Clothing Manufacturers	1
Concrete Slabs	2
Coppersmiths and Engineers	2
Dairies	5
Dressmakers, Millinery etc.	6

Fabricated Steel Products	1
Fireplace Manufacturers	1
Furniture Manufacturers	1
General Engineering	5
Glass Syringes	1
Glove Making	1
Hemp Drying and Processing	1
Joinery	21
Laundry	1
Machine Tool Manufacturers	2
Marine Dealer	1
Motor Cycle Cables	1
Motor Cycle Repairs	2
Motor Manufacturers	1
Motor Repairs	24
Organ Builders	1
Photographic	3
Piano Repairs	1
Picture Framer	1
Plant Repairs	1
Printers	2
Sausage Making	16
Saw Mills	1
Sheet Metal Work	1
Spectacle Makers	1
Stone Crushing	4
Stonemasons	3
Tailoring	3
Tarmac Manufacturers	1
Tinsmiths	3
Tool and Plastic Moulding	1
Upholsterers	8
Vehicle Painting	2
Watch Repairs	7
Wine, Mineral Waters Etc.	2
Wireless, T.V. and Electrical Repairs	12

The number of inspections made of factories are as follows, the table being in accordance with the requirements of the Home Office:--

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	124	134	--	--
Factories not included above in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	96	118	--	--
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (Excluding out-workers' premises)	3	11	--	--
TOTAL	223	263	--	--

Cases in which Defects were found:

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1.)	2	2	--	--	--
Overcrowding (S.2.)	--	--	--	--	--
Unreasonable temperature (S.3.)	--	--	--	--	--
Inadequate ventilation (S.4.)	1	1	--	--	--
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6.)	--	--	--	--	--
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.)					
(a) Insufficient	2	2	--	--	--
(b) Unsuitable or defective	5	5	--	--	--
(c) Not separate for sexes	--	--	--	--	--
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	6	6	--	--	--
TOTAL	16	16	--	--	--

OUTWORK - Part VIII of the Act (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of work	Section 110			Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list reqd. by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists.	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices served	Prosecutions
Wearing apparel Making etc.	1	--	--	--	--	--
Cleaning and Washing	--	--	--	--	--	--
TOTAL	1	--	--	--	--	--

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Your Public Health Inspectors are appointed inspectors for the purposes of this Act and the Regulations made thereunder.

The following is a summary of Improvements and Repairs carried out at Shop premises during the year:-

Additional Sanitary Accommodation	3
Lavatory Basins Fixed	5

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

The following is a table of action taken with regard to the administration of:

The Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959
The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960

The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960

These Regulations replace and consolidate, with amendments, the Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949 to 1954, and the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949 to 1953.

From the 1st January, 1961 all dealers' licences, other than those issued by the Minister, will be issued by the food and drugs authority for the area in which are situated the premises at or from which the milk is sold.

Samples of raw milk are taken to the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester, for statutory, biological and bacteriological examination, details are given in the table following:

Class	Number of samples taken for examination	Number Satisfactory	Number unsatisfactory
Designated "Tuberculin Tested"	130	126	4
"Pasteurised"	32	32	Nil
Ordinary	2	2	Nil

Biological Tests

Biological tests were made in respect of 66 samples referred to in this table in connection with evidence of infection with *M. tuberculosis* and *Brucella abortus*. One sample showed infection by *Brucella abortus*. The information was given to the appropriate authority.

Statutory examinations were carried out on 66 samples of milk. 2 samples did not conform to the required standard.

32 samples of pasteurised milk were subjected to the phosphatase test with satisfactory results.

The number of retail dairymen or milk purveyors is now 16. Distribution of milk is kept under observation and may be regarded as generally satisfactory.

176 visits were made to dairy premises for the purpose of inspection or to collect samples of milk on arrival from the place of production.

The Milk (Special Designation) (Specified Areas) Order, 1955 came into operation on the 21st March, 1955 which provides that all dairymen who retail milk in any part of the district must sell the milk under special designation, irrespective of whether the premises from which the milk is retailed are inside or outside the district, and, any other milk which is retailed outside the specified area from those same premises must also be sold under special designation.

ICE CREAM

101 premises are now registered for the sale of ice-cream. 6 new registrations were certified during the year.

Whilst most of the ice-cream is sold pre-packed, inspections are made as to the means of storage and methods of dispensing this article of food. 6 samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for analysis, all proved to be satisfactory.

FOOD HYGIENE

Inspections of catering establishments and food premises including retail shops have been maintained during the year under review. I am unable to add to what has been stated in reports for the past few years on this subject. Your Inspectors make every effort to disseminate knowledge amongst personnel engaged in food handling by bringing to their notice the requirements of the Food Hygiene Regulations and making sure these are properly understood.

The following is a list of the various types of business, whilst the list is comprehensive, certain duplications are unavoidable.

Bakers and Confectioners	10	Butchers	23
Canteens	12	Confectionery and Sweets	22
Dairies	5	Fishmongers	10
General Stores	19	Greengrocers	18
Grocers	58	Guest Houses	11
Hotels (Licensed)	9	Hotels (Private)	19
Licensed Premises	44	Restaurant and Refreshment Rooms	15

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Under this heading in the Annual Report for 1960 I briefly reviewed the position regarding Slaughterhouse provision, and steps taken to implement the policy of the Council as required by the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958, up to the stage of submitting a Report on Slaughterhouse Facilities to the Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

In May, 1961 the Minister informed the Council of his acceptance of the Report except that he proposed to appoint 1st October, 1961 in place of 31st August, 1961 as the day on which all Slaughterhouses in the Council's district must comply with the construction regulations. Notice of this was published in the local newspapers.

The owners of the Slaughterhouse which the Council had agreed might be improved in accordance with plans submitted, made representations in July stating they had given further consideration to the question of improving their Slaughterhouse premises and decided to abandon the idea in favour of making arrangements to use alternative premises situated outside the Urban District, but as the work of modernising these premises would not be completed until the end of the year they expressed a wish to

be able to continue using their Slaughterhouse in Malvern after the appointed Day.

In the light of these circumstances the Council resolved to make application to the Minister for deferment of the date of the Appointed Day until the 1st January, 1962.

In view of the changed circumstances the Minister agreed to the deferment and formal Notices were again inserted in the local press.

The slaughter of animals continued to take place on fixed days including Sunday at the following Slaughterhouses.

<u>Name of Occupier</u>	<u>Address of Slaughterhouse</u>
Mr. R. Hill	311, Worcester Road, Malvern
Messrs. C. Spencer and Son	Wedderburn Road, Malvern

MEAT INSPECTION

The following table shows the number of animal carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	174	NIL	48	689	36	NIL
Number Inspected	174	NIL	48	689	36	NIL
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	14	NIL	NIL	1	2	NIL
Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	8.0%	NIL	2.1%	0.1%	5.6%	NIL
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	2	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	1.1%	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Generalised and totally condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL

UN SOUND FOOD

The following is a detailed list of the diseased or unsound meat and other food examined by your Inspectors in slaughterhouses and shops and subsequently destroyed. Disposal of unsound food by incineration being no longer possible it has become necessary to bury condemned meat and tinned food. Every precaution is taken and the work is undertaken by our Disinfection Operator.

Tuberculosis

Bovines Mesenterics 2

Conditions other than Tuberculosis

Bovines

Carcass and organ of a calf	Septic pneumonia	1
" meat	Bone taint	130 lbs.
Livers	Abscesses	1
" (parts)	"	7 lbs.
" (parts)	Cirrhosis	6 lbs.
"	Distomatosis	3
" (parts)	"	24 lbs.
"	Hydatid cysts	1

Sheep

Carcass meat (frozen)	Brine damage	96 lbs.
Heart	Pericarditis	1

Swine

Lungs	Congestion	1 set
"	Pneumonia	1 set
Hearts	Pericarditis	2
Livers	Cirrhosis	2

Meat, Poultry, Fish and Miscellaneous Foods

French lard	56 lbs.	Bacon	46 lbs.
Frozen Cod Fillet	2 stone	Chickens	23
Mallows (packets)	12½ doz.	Mallows (loose)	25½ lbs.
Buttered cheese spread	3 ozs.		

Tinned Meats

2 Tins Tongue	12 lbs.	3 Tins Gammon	38½ lbs.
31 Tins Corned Beef	101 lbs.	11 Tins Stewed Steak	11 lbs.
2 Tins Pork (Shoulder)	20 lbs.	4 Tins Pork (chopped)	16 lbs.
40 Tins " (Luncheon meat)	39 lbs.	20 Tins Chicken	8½ lbs.
		1 Tin Beef Loaf	12 oz.

Tinned Ham

15 Tins 163 lbs.

Tinned Food other than Meat

Fish	9 Tins	Milk	7 Tins
Fruit	137 Tins	Vegetables	49 Tins
Soup	2 Tins	Miscellaneous	16 Tins

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT, 1958

Under the provisions of this Act four slaughtermen's licences were renewed for the period of one year.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

This Act prescribed certain standards of cleanliness in the manufacture, use and storage of rag flock and other filling materials, and provides for the registration of upholsterers and certain other businesses, such as toy-makers and the licensing of manufacturers of rag flock etc.

Two premises are registered under the provisions of this Act.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

323 treatments for the destruction of rodents were carried out during 1961, this figure being slightly higher than the figures for the two previous years. The infestations were all of a minor character, mostly traceable to migration of rats from the surrounding countryside which is agricultural.

Periodical surveys and treatments were made of streams and ditches likely to become infested, with the object of effectual control in preventing a build-up of the rodent population, especially at such places as the Council's refuse tips and Sewage Disposal Works. The same attention was paid to allotments where pigs are kept and farm land on the outskirts of the town.

We are fortunate in having a most conscientious Operator engaged on this work and I can say that the supervision by your Inspectors over the years has had a good effect.

The sewers throughout the town were again given a test treatment followed up by two maintenance treatments. The results are recorded as required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food. These details were reported to your Committee.

General Information

Name: [Illegible]
Address: [Illegible]
City: [Illegible]
State: [Illegible]
Zip: [Illegible]

Phone: [Illegible]
Occupation: [Illegible]
Education: [Illegible]
Marital Status: [Illegible]
Number of Children: [Illegible]

Reason for application: [Illegible]

References: [Illegible]

Signature: [Illegible]

Employment History

Employer: [Illegible]
Position: [Illegible]
Start Date: [Illegible]
End Date: [Illegible]
Reason for leaving: [Illegible]

Education

Institution: [Illegible]
Degree: [Illegible]
Year Graduated: [Illegible]

Other Education: [Illegible]

Additional Information: [Illegible]

Comments: [Illegible]

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

It was not necessary to institute legal proceedings during the year under review.

STAFF

Mr. W. D. Grey terminated his appointment in May to take a post with the Warminster Rural District Council.

Mr. G. J. Ainscough, formerly a member of the staff of the Gloucester City Health Department, was appointed to fill the vacancy; thus bringing the strength of our staff back to usual establishment.

CONCLUSION

My thanks are again due to Dr. Green for his personal interest in our varied duties and problems arising therefrom; to the Clerk of the Council and the Treasurer for their kindness and co-operation in matters relating to the Department.

We are indebted to the staff of the Surveyor's Department for their ready assistance and helpful liaison when the need arises in matters which are of mutual concern to our respective Departments.

It is my personal desire to record my gratitude to all members of the staff for their loyal services. Their endeavours to continue efficiency in our duties and responsibilities thus assures a sound basis for satisfactory relationship with members of the community of this town whose health and welfare is of first importance.

Sincere thanks are also due to the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee and Housing Committee for their continued support during the year.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

HUGH L. WHITWHAM.

It was not necessary to include the following information in the report.

NOTE

The following information was obtained from the report of the Special Agent in Charge, New York, dated 1/15/54.

Mr. J. J. [Name], formerly a member of the staff of the [Agency], was assigned to the [Agency] in [Month/Year]. The purpose of his assignment was to [Purpose].

CONCLUSION

It should be noted that the [Agency] has been advised by the [Agency] that the [Agency] is not in a position to [Action]. In the event of the [Agency], the [Agency] will be [Action].

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J. J. [Name], [Title]
[Address]
[City, State, Zip]



