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BOROUGH OF MARLBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT



of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and of the

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

for the year

1959




EAST WILTS UNITED DISTRICTS
MARLBOROUGH M.B.
MARLBOROUGH AND RAMSBURY R.D., PEWSEY R.D., AMESBURY R.D.

*With the Compliments
of the
Medical Officer of Health*

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Statistical information is contained in the body of the report, which is followed by that of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

It gives me great pleasure to record my appreciation of the assistance and co-operation I have received from the staff and my colleagues at all times. I am especially grateful to Miss Grace Boswell, Clerk/Secretary in the East Wilts M.O.H.s. office for her invaluable assistance with the compilation of the report, more especially on this occasion.

I have the honour to be,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

RODERICK MACKAY.

Medical Officer of Health

21st May, 1960

ANNUAL REPORT

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BOARD OF HEALTH

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

ROBERT GARY

Health Officer of Health

Chief May, 1950

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health	R. Mackay, M.D., D.P.H.
Chief Public Health Inspector	H.C. Yeoman, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Additional Public Health Inspector	R.J. Blandamer, M.A.P.H.I. (Resigned 30.6.59) R.H. West, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. (Commenced 1.8.59)

The Medical Officer of Health acts also in that capacity for the other three constituent authorities of the East Wilts Combined Districts, viz: Amesbury R.D., Pewsey R.D., and Marlborough & Ramsbury R.D., and is responsible for the public health duties imposed by statute upon his office, he holds, in addition the appointment of assistant County Medical Officer, and in this respect carries out, on behalf of the County Council duties in connection with welfare service for which it is mainly responsible.

The Public Health Inspector also holds the office of Borough Surveyor and together with his assistant carries out within the Borough, in consultation with the Medical Officer of Health the statutory duties, which are placed upon the authority in general in connection with the public health.

The duties of the Public Health Inspector and the Medical Officer of Health are satisfactorily integrated.

Matters of public health are normally dealt with by the General Purposes Committee of the Borough Council, but there is a separate committee for housing, and one for waterworks and sewerage.

Medical Officer of Health E. Mackay, M.D., D.F.P.
 Chief Public Health Inspector H.C. Mackay, M.D., D.F.P.
 Additional Public Health Inspector W.L. Mackay, M.D., D.F.P.
 (Resigned 10.8.30)
 H.C. Mackay, M.D., D.F.P.
 (Commenced 1.8.30)

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 separately for the other two constituent authorities of the
 East Ayrshire Council District, viz. Ayrshire M.D., Paisley
 M.D., and North Ayrshire M.D., and is responsible
 for the public health duties imposed by statute upon his
 office, he holds, in addition the appointment of Assistant
 County Medical Officer, and in this respect carries out, on
 behalf of the County Council duties in connection with
 welfare services for which he is wholly responsible.

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 Borough Surveyor and together with his assistant carries out
 within the Borough, in consultation with the Medical Officer
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 authority in general in connection with the public health.

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 Medical Officer of Health are intimately interrelated,
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 General Purposes Committee of the Borough Council, but there
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 and sewerage.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres...	1496
Population in mid-1959 as estimated by the Registrar General...	5560
Number of inhabited houses	1662
Number of new houses erected in 1959:-	
By Private Enterprise	14
By Local Authority	nil
Rateable Value	£64410
Sum represented by a Penny Rate (estimated)...	£300

VITAL STATISTICS

	M.	F.	Total
Live Births	39	32	71
Legitimate	38	31	69
Illegitimate	1	1	2
Live Birth Rate per 1000 population			16.3
Still Births	1	-	1
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-
Still Birth Rate per 1000 total live and still births			14.1
Total Live and Still Births	40	32	72
Deaths of Infants under one year:-			
Total	1	1	2
Legitimate	1	-	1
Illegitimate	-	1	1
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births			28.2
Neo-natal Mortality Rate (under 4 weeks)			0.0
Early neo-natal Mortality Rate (under 1 wk.)			0.0
Maternal Deaths			nil
Maternal Mortality Rate			0.0
Number of Deaths from all causes	32	30	62
Death Rate per 1000 population			12.2

NOTE:

The number of births, still-births and deaths are those registered during 1959 after adjustment has been made for inward and outward transfers.

BIRTH RATE, INFANT DEATH RATE, TOTAL DEATH RATE, 1959

	Marlborough Borough	Administrative County	England and Wales
Birth Rate (per 1000 popn.)	16.3	18.77	16.5
Death Rate (per 1000 popn.)	12.2	10.64	11.6
Death Rate of Infants under one year per 1000 live births	28.2	20.97	22.0

GENERAL STATISTICS

1992	...	...	...	After in service...
1991	...	...	...	Registration in 1991 as indicated by the Registrar
1990	...	...	...	General
1989	...	...	...	Number of licensed houses
1988	...	...	...	Number of new houses erected in 1988
1987	...	...	...	By private individuals
1986	...	...	...	By local authority
1985	...	...	...	Statistical Year
1984	...	...	...	Sum represented by a penny rate (estimated)
1983	...	...	...

VITAL STATISTICS

Total	...	...	...	Live Births
1991	...	...	...	Legitimate
1990	...	...	...	Illegitimate
1989	...	...	...	Live Birth Rate per 1000 population
1988	...	...	...	Still Births
1987	...	...	...	Legitimate
1986	...	...	...	Illegitimate
1985	...	...	...	Still Birth Rate per 1000 total live and still births
1984	...	...	...	Still Births
1983	...	...	...	Total live and still births
1982	...	...	...	Deaths of infants under one year
1981	...	...	...	Total
1980	...	...	...	Legitimate
1979	...	...	...	Illegitimate
1978	...	...	...	Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births
1977	...	...	...	Non-natal mortality rate (under 5 years)
1976	...	...	...	Early neonatal mortality rate (under 1 week)
1975	...	...	...	Neonatal Deaths
1974	...	...	...	Infant Mortality Rate
1973	...	...	...	Number of Deaths from all causes
1972	...	...	...	Death Rate per 1000 population

NOTE: The number of stillbirths, stillbirths and deaths are those registered during 1992 after adjustment has been made for infant and child mortality.

DEATH RATE, INFANT DEATH RATE, TOTAL DEATH RATE

1992	...	...	...	Birth Rate (per 1000 population)
1991	...	...	...	Death Rate (per 1000 population)
1990	...	...	...	Infant Mortality Rate (per 1000 live births)
1989	...	...	...	Death Rate of infants under one year
1988	Birth Rate (per 1000 live births)
1987	Death Rate (per 1000 population)
1986	
1985	
1984	
1983	
1982	
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1970	

PRINCIPAL VITAL STATISTICS OF THE BOROUGH, 1950-59

YEAR	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959
Population	5360	5421	5281	5327	5390	5430	5480	5530	5560	5560
Live Births	77 14.4	56 10.3	61 11.6	71 13.3	65 12.1	69 12.7	63 11.1	69 12.5	84 15.1	71 12.8
Still Births	1 12.8	0 0.0	0 0.0	3 40.3	0 0.0	2 28.2	3 45.4	2 28.0	0 0.0	1 14.1
Total Deaths	35 6.5	52 9.6	48 9.1	58 10.9	54 10.0	55 10.1	57 10.4	54 9.8	63 11.3	62 11.2
Infant Deaths	1 12.9	1 17.9	1 16.4	4 56.3	1 15.4	1 14.5	2 31.7	1 14.5	0 0.0	2 23.2
Tuberculosis Deaths	1 0.2	2 0.4	0 0.0	1 0.2	1 0.2	0 0.0	0 0.0	1 0.2	0 0.0	0 0.0
Cancer Deaths	7 1.3	8 1.5	8 1.5	9 1.7	8 1.5	11 2.0	11 2.0	6 1.1	8 1.4	10 1.8
Pneumonia Deaths	1 0.2	2 0.4	1 0.2	5 0.9	1 0.2	4 0.7	5 0.9	0 0.0	3 0.5	4 0.7

N.B. The corresponding rate is given underlined together with the figure on which it is based. With the exception of the infant death rate which is calculated per 1000 live births, and the still-birth rate per 1000 total births, the rates given above are computed per 1000 of the population. The birth and death rates are not corrected in this table for area comparability.

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Eighty notifications were received during 1959. Measles accounted for 77 of these. There were 2 notifications of pulmonary tuberculosis. The month of highest incidence was February with 45 notifications for measles.

There were no deaths from infective diseases.

IMMUNIZATION AND VACCINATION

These services are rendered by the County Medical Officer's department under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946.

Immunization against diphtheria, whooping cough and poliomyelitis are carried out at welfare clinics, and at special sessions under direct control of the County Medical Officer by the County medical staff, and by general practitioners who also perform all vaccinations against smallpox.

Of the 71 children born in the Borough during 1959, 53 were immunized before one year of age.

There were in addition 79 re-inoculations against diphtheria below 15 years of age during 1959, and 64 primary inoculations for whooping cough.

Primary immunizations against diphtheria carried out during the last ten years are as follows:-

Age group (years)	Year										Total
	1950	'51	'52	'53	'54	'55	'56	'57	'58	'59	
Under 5	36	65	50	58	50	29	64	51	66	62	531
5 - 15	22	25	18	7	15	12	4	4	3	2	112
Totals	58	90	68	65	65	41	68	55	69	64	643

Vaccinations against smallpox for 1959 in the Borough give a total of 95 primary vaccinations.

Inoculations against poliomyelitis were continued during 1959.

Details of Water Supply, Sewerage and Food Supervision etc., are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Eight "well" positions were recorded during 1957.
 The results are summarized in Table 1. There were 7 results
 of pulmonary tuberculosis. The results of chest
 x-rays were also satisfactory for several.

There were no deaths from infectious diseases.

INVESTIGATION AND VACCINATION

Investigations were conducted by the Health Officer.
 The Health Department under the Health Officer.
 Service Act, 1957.

Investigation against diphtheria, whooping cough and
 poliomyelitis was carried out in various clinics, and in
 special cases in homes. These were carried out by the Health
 Officer by the Health Officer, and by General
 Practitioners who also carried out investigations against
 measles.

Of the 7 children born in the Borough during 1957,
 65 were vaccinated before one year of age.

There were 10 children in the Borough during 1957
 who were vaccinated before one year of age. The
 results are summarized in Table 2.

During the last two years the following
 results have been achieved:

Year		1956		1957		1958		1959		1960	
Total		100		100		100		100		100	
Measles	5	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25	25
Diphtheria	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Whooping cough	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Poliomyelitis	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10
Total	5	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10

Vaccination against measles for 1957 is the highest
 since a total of 50 primary vaccinations.

Investigation against poliomyelitis was continued
 during 1957.

Details of other health work done during 1957
 are given in the report of the Health Officer.
 Inspector.

NOTIFICATIONS OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES, 1959

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Measles	17	45	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	77
Pneumonia	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Pulmonary Tuberculosis...	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	2
Totals	17	46	15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	80

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS)

Disease	Total	Age (years)											
		0-	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	65-
Measles	77	-	9	9	9	7	41	2	-	-	-	-	-
Pneumonia	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	78	-	9	10	9	7	41	2	-	-	-	-	-

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CAUSES OF DEATH

REGISTRAR GENERAL'S RETURN, 1959

	M.	F.	Total
1 Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2 Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3 Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
4 Diphtheria	-	-	-
5 Whooping cough	-	-	-
6 Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7 Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8 Measles	-	-	-
9 Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
10 Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	1	1
11 " " lung bronchus	1	-	1
12 " " breast	-	2	2
13 " " uterus	-	-	-
14 Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	3	3	6
15 Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16 Diabetes	-	-	-
17 Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	3	8
18 Coronary disease, angina	6	6	12
19 Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
20 Other heart disease	1	2	3
21 Other circulatory disease	1	1	2
22 Influenza	1	-	1
23 Pneumonia	2	2	4
24 Bronchitis	4	-	4
25 Other disease of respiratory system	-	-	-
26 Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
27 Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28 Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1
29 Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30 Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31 Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32 Other defined and ill-defined diseases	4	9	13
33 Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1
34 All other accidents	-	-	-
35 Suicide	-	1	1
36 Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
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Total of all causes	32	30	62
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A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

C H I E F P U B L I C H E A L T H I N S P E C T O R

for the year

1959.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my eleventh Annual Report on the work carried out by this department. A change of staff took place during the year, Mr.R.J. Blandamer moving to Eton U.D.C. His place was taken by Mr.R.H. West from Sidmouth U.D.C. in August.

The Report is in accordance with the Ministry of Health's Circular 1/60 dated 8th January, 1960.

I would like to place on record my thanks and appreciation to Dr. Mackay for his help and guidance not only in the past year, but for the whole of his term as Medical Officer of Health.

Your obedient servant,

H.C. YEOMAN.

Chief Public Health Inspector.

Council Offices,
1, The Green,
Marlborough.

ANNUAL REPORT

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FOR THE YEAR
1914

WASHINGTON

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Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen: I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in regard to the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the year 1914. I am glad to hear that the report has been received and that you are interested in the work of the Department of Health. The report is a summary of the work of the Department during the year, and it is a pleasure to submit it to you. The report shows that the Department has been successful in its work, and that it has been able to keep the city healthy and free from disease. I am sure that you will be satisfied with the results of the work of the Department.

Very respectfully,
J. J. H. H. H.

Chief Public Health Inspector

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PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S VISITS.

A total of 654 visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors during the year and these are summarized as follows:-

Water Supplies.	12
Drainage.	35
Moveable Dwellings.	8
Factories.	15
Refuse Disposal.	16
Rodent Control.	21
Petroleum Installations.	22
Housing.	45
Verminous Premises.	6
Infectious Diseases.	4
Inspection of Meat and Other Foods.	28
Dairies.	38
Food Premises.	22
Improvement Grants.	32
Swimming Bath.	48
Shops.	6
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits.	34
Building Byelaws.	262
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	654

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

Food and Drugs Acts. The following premises are registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act 1955.

Sale of Ice Cream	26
Manufacture of Ice Cream	Nil
Manufacture and sale of sausages and preserved meats	5
Fish and Chips	1

Food Premises. Following is a list of Food Premises within the Borough:

Bakehouses	4
Butchers Shops	4
Cafes and Restaurants	11
Grocers Shops	16
Greengrocers Shops	4
Fishmongers Shops	3
Licensed Premises	20
(9 of which hold catering licences).	

Condemned Food. During the year the following foodstuffs were condemned, their disposal taking place, by burial, at the Council's Refuse Tip.

Tinned Fruit.	7½ lbs.
Tinned Meat.	420½ lbs.
Meat and Offal.	73 lbs.
Poultry.	51 lbs.
Other Tinned Foods.	1½ lbs.
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	553½ lbs.

The tinned meat consisted of corned beef, ham, tongues, etc. almost entirely imported from Australia, Argentine or Germany.

REPORT ON THE HEALTH INSPECTION OF VISITS

A total of 624 visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors during the year and these are summarized as follows:

Water Supplies	1
Drainage	1
Household Drains	1
Factories	1
Refuse Disposal	1
Robert's Hospital	1
Petroleum Inspection	1
Housing	1
Verminous Premises	1
Intoxicant Premises	1
Inspection of Bays and Other Boats	1
Bathrooms	1
Food Premises	1
Improvement Grants	1
Swimming Baths	1
Shops	1
Miscellaneous Sanitary Visits	1
Building Bye-laws	1

624

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Food and Drink Acts. The following premises are registered under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act 1939:

Sale of Ice Cream	26
Manufacture of Ice Cream	117
Manufacture and Sale of	2
Manufactures and preserved meats	1
Fish and Game	1

Food Premises. Following is a list of food premises within the Borough:

Bakery	4
Butcher Shop	4
Coffee and Confectionery	15
Coffee Shop	10
Confectionery Shop	1
Flour Shop	1
Licensed Premises	20
(2 of which have extensions)	
(Licenses)	

Imported Food. During the year the following foodstuffs were concerned, their disposal being made, by contract, at the Council's Refuse Tip.

Tinned Fruit	74 lbs.
Tinned Meat	450 lbs.
Meat and Bones	75 lbs.
Poultry	51 lbs.
Other Tinned Food	21 lbs.
	521 lbs.

The tinned meat consisted of corned beef, ham, tongues, etc., almost entirely imported from Australia, Argentina or Germany.

Food Hygiene Regulations. Changes in staff have reduced the number of inspections, but conditions generally are satisfactory. No prosecutions have been necessary, but a number of informal notices were served.

Meat Inspection. The following schedule, in accordance with the Ministry's requirements, refers to animals slaughtered at the only Licensed Slaughterhouse in the district, 13 New Road.

Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed.			15	15		
Number inspected.			15	15		
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.			2			
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.						
Percentage affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci.			13.3			
<u>Tuberculosis only.</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned.						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.						
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis.						
<u>Cysticercosis.</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned..						
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration.						
Generalised and totally condemned.						

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Next Inspection. The following schedule, in accordance with the Ministry's requirements, refers to animals slaughtered at the only licensed slaughterhouse in the district, 13 New Road.

Carcasses and Offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part

Whole carcasses condemned.	Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.	Percentage affected with disease other than tuberculous or cystic.	Cattle excluding Cows	Cow Carcasses which and Lungs	Other Parts
Number Killed.	Number Inspected.		15	15	
All classes except Tuberculous and Cystic.					
Whole carcasses condemned.					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.					
Percentage affected with disease other than tuberculous or cystic.		15.3			
Tuberculous only.					
Whole carcasses condemned.					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.					
Percentage affected with Tuberculous.					
Cystic.					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned.					
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration.					
Generalised and locally condemned.					

Slaughter of Animals Act 1933 - 1954.

The number of persons licensed to slaughter animals remains at 4. In addition a Cash Captive Bolt Pistol is held in the office by the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Milk Regulations.

There are 3 dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949.

Under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations 1949-1953 the following licences were issued:-

Dealers Licence to sell Pastourised Milk	3
Dealers Licence to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk	2
Supplementary Licence to sell Tuberculin Tested, Pastourised and Sterilised Milk	1

During the year 59 milk samples were taken, 36 Statutory and 23 Biological.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

At the end of 1959 the number of licensed caravans had risen to 8. All are on separate sites, and generally are in first class condition.

HOUSING.

Slum Clearance. The position at the end of December was as follows:-

Original list of properties to be dealt with	37
Added later	<u>8</u>
	45
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Properties demolished	2
Properties empty and undertakings given not to re-let	20
Properties occupied, but undertakings given not to re-let	4
Demolition Order in Force	2
Closing Orders in Force	1
Properties improved and taken off list	7
Properties converted to stores	<u>4</u>
	40
Properties inspected and action pending	<u>4</u>
	44
No action, to date	<u>1</u>
	45
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Milk Regulations

There are 3 dairies registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1945.

Under the Milk (Special Regulations) Regulations 1952-1953 the following licences were issued:

3	Dealers' licences to sell pasteurised milk
2	Dealers' licences to sell tuberculin tested milk
1	Supplementary licences to sell tuberculin tested, pasteurised and sterilised milk

During the year 59 milk samples were taken, 36 satisfactory and 23 unsatisfactory.

MOVABLE DUTIES

At the end of 1953 the number of licensed carriers had risen to 5. All are on separate rates, and generally are in first class condition.

HOUSING

Public Houses. The position at the end of December was as follows:

Outstanding list of properties to be dealt with

45

2	Properties designated
20	Properties empty and unoccupied
4	Properties not to be let
2	Properties occupied, but unoccupied
1	Properties not to be let
1	Properties in force
1	Properties in force
1	Properties improved and taken off list
1	Properties converted to stores
40	
4	Properties inspected and action pending
44	
45	No action to date
45	

Housing Consolidated Regulations.

The statistics called for in Article 31 of the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 and 1932 are set out below:-

- | | | |
|-----|---|-----|
| (1) | Number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation. | 18 |
| (2) | Number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. | 4 |
| (3) | Number of representations made to the Local Authority with a view to (a) the serving of notices requiring the execution of works or (b) the making of demolition or closing orders. | 6 |
| (4) | The number of notices requiring the execution of works. | 10 |
| (5) | The number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices. | 6 |
| (6) | The number of demolition or closing orders. | Nil |
| (7) | The number of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under subsection (2) of section 19 of the Housing Act, 1930. | 8 |
| (8) | The number of houses demolished. | Nil |

Council Housing. For the first year since 1946 no houses have been erected by the Council, and the total number of post war houses remains at 242.

The Council has, however, continued its policy of modernization of older Corporation Property.

Private building has also slowed down, only 14 new houses being occupied during the year.

Improvement Grants. During 1959, nine applications for Improvement Grants were made involving a total of £2,904. With the introduction of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, a further 5 applications were received for Standard Grants. The maximum Grants which could be paid in these cases total £650.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

The collection and disposal of house and trade refuse continued satisfactorily. Delivery was taken of a new 10 cubic yard Karrier Refuse Vehicle during the year, thus enabling two Refuse Vehicles to operate when necessary. Some difficulty was experienced in October with fire at the Refuse Tip, and an opportunity was taken of tidying up generally, and covering the older parts of the Tip with soil etc. The collection of waste paper, iron and rags continued, and the following are weights of paper collected since 1955:

1955	77 tons 10 cwt.
1956	105 " 15 "
1957	93 " 1 "
1958	92 " 7 "
1959	96 " 12 "

WATER SUPPLY.

The water supply for the area continues to be highly satisfactory, and all bacteriological samples have, without exception, shown "no evidence of pollution." 12 bacteriological and 1 chemical samples were taken during the year. The following is an extract from the Report of Chemical Analysis carried out on 18-2-59:

Physical Characters...Clear.colourless.water:no.deposit.....

Parts per million

Reaction....Slightly.alkaline.pH.7.1.....	.....
Saline and free Ammonia.....	Nil....
Organic (or "albuminoid") ammonia.....	Nil....
Oxygen absorbed from permanganate in three hours at 37°C.	0.1.
Chlorides.....	14..
Nitrates (nitric nitrogen).....	5.0.
Total Hardness.....	238.
(a) Temporary.....	180.
(b) Permanent.....	58.
Metals.....	Nil.
Nitrites (nitrous nitrogen).....	Nil..

Opinion: Normal.

During 1959 the new 6" trunk feeder main from the Pumping Station to the High Street was laid, together with a short length of 24" chlorination main. This new main duplicates the feed to the town, and it is hoped will also improve pressures in the Bath Road area. The work was carried out by the North Wilts Sanitary and Heating Co. Ltd. and cost approximately £6,200.

PETROLEUM.

The number of licensed premises remained at 28, although at the end of the year a further installation was under construction. All installations were inspected at least once during the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

Work has at long last commenced at the Sewage Works on the improvements and alteration. It is anticipated that the work will take a year, and includes a new pump house and pumps, new filter media, new primary sedimentation tanks, and improved humus tanks. The disposal of sludge, however, remains a major problem. This is not included in the present scheme.

RODENT CONTROL.

64 complaints were received in 1959, and disinfection continues to be carried out by the Borough Foreman, of these complaints only 5 came from business premises.

In October a sewer treatment was carried out in 10% of the manholes. 24 baiting points were used, and almost all showed "no take."

The water supply for the area continues to be highly satisfactory, and all bacteriological samples have, without exception, shown no evidence of pollution. In particular, and chemical samples were taken during the year. The following is an extract from the Report of Chemical Analysis carried out on 15-2-55:

Physical Characteristics: Clear, colorless, water, no deposit.
 Purity per million

Residual Chlorine (after 15 min)	0.5
Saline and other solids	0.0
Organic (as chlorophenol)	0.0
Oxygen absorbed from permanganate in three hours at 17°C	0.0
Alkalinity	0.0
Nitrate (nitro-nitrogen)	0.0
Total hardness	0.0
(a) Temporary	0.0
(b) Permanent	0.0
Metals	0.0
Nitrite (nitro-nitrogen)	0.0

Opinion: Good.

During 1955 the new 6" fresh water main from the Pumping Station to the High Street was laid, together with a short length of 24" distribution main. This new main supplies the feed to the town, and it is noted with approval that the water is of good quality. The work was carried out by the North Wales Electricity and Heating Co. Ltd. and cost approximately £5,500.

EXHIBITION

The number of visitors to the exhibition was 28, although at the end of the year a further installation was under construction. All installations were inspected at least once during the year.

SEWAGE AND EFFLUENT

Work has been done at the sewage works on the improvements and alterations. It is anticipated that the work will take a year, and involves a new pump house and pump, new effluent tank, new effluent distribution tank, and improved effluent tank. The disposal of sludge, however, remains a major problem. This is not included in the present scheme.

WATER CONTROL

At present there were received in 1955, and installation continues to be carried out by the Borough Engineer, Mr. Jones.

In October a water treatment was carried out in 10% of the population. 24 bottles were used, and almost all showed "no taste".

FACTORIES.

15 inspections were made last year, and the details are set out in the Appendix to this Report. A Means of Escape in case of Fire Certificate was issued for 1 factory.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS.

There is an open air swimming bath used by the general public, schools and other swimming organisations. The bath is 100' x 40' and holds approximately 110,000 gallons. The water used is from the adjoining River Kennet, and is chlorinated as it enters the bath. Further applications of liquid chloros are made as required to maintain a minimum of .3 ppm free chlorine. The bath is normally emptied and cleaned each week.

During the past season 19 bacteriological samples were taken, 18 showed "no evidence of pollution" whilst 1 only showed "slight degree of pollution with non-faecal type coliform organisms." The bath was open from 1st May - 19th September.

Particulars		Number of cases in which defects were found		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	
		Found	Referred to S.E. by S.E. Inspector		
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
1 - Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are so far as concerned by Local Authorities.....					
(a) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....					
(b) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-stations) (premises).....					
Total.....		55	15	3	-
2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found (If defects are discovered at the premises of two, three or more separate persons they should be recorded as two, three or more "cases")					
Particulars		Number of cases in which defects were found		Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	
		Found	Referred to S.E. by S.E. Inspector		
		(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Part of standards (A.1)					
Overcrowding (A.2)					
Ventilation (A.3)					
Temperature (A.4)					
Humidity					
Ventilation (A.5)					

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APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1959 FOR THE BOROUGH OF MARLBOROUGH IN THE COUNTY OF WILTS

Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.....	16	3	-	-
(11) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	39	12	5	-
(111) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises).....				
Total.....	55	15	5	-

2 - Cases in which DEFECTS were found (If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	3	3			
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-			
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-			
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1			

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 TO 1938

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1937 FOR THE BOROUGH OF HAMILTON IN THE COUNTY OF WEST

Presented Pursuant to the Administration
of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1 - INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including
inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number of Registered Persons	Number of Inspections	
		(1)	(2)
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.....	16	7	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.....	39	15	5
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers; premises).....			
Total.....	55	22	5

2 - Cases in which BREATHERS were found
(if before the discovery of the premises on two, three or
more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three
or more "cases")

Particulars	Number of cases in which breathers were found	Number of cases in which provisions were instituted	
		(1)	(2)
Year of installation			
(a) 1937	3	3	
(b) 1938	-	-	
(c) 1939	-	-	
(d) 1940	1	1	

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found			Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted	
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	(6)
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6).....	-	-			
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient..	1	1			
(b) Unsuitable or defective.....	2	2			
(c) Not separate for sexes.....	1	1			
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork).....					
Total.....	8	8			

PART VIII OF THE ACT (Sections 110 to 111)

reference Outworkers -

NIL RETURN.

Number of cases in which the following were found:		Percentage	
Total		Total	
1. Inactive		1. Inactive	
2. Inactive of		2. Inactive of	
3. Inactive (S.S.)		3. Inactive (S.S.)	
4. Inactive		4. Inactive	
5. Inactive		5. Inactive	
6. Inactive		6. Inactive	
7. Inactive		7. Inactive	
8. Inactive		8. Inactive	
9. Inactive		9. Inactive	
10. Inactive		10. Inactive	
11. Inactive		11. Inactive	
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95. Inactive		95. Inactive	
96. Inactive		96. Inactive	
97. Inactive		97. Inactive	
98. Inactive		98. Inactive	
99. Inactive		99. Inactive	
100. Inactive		100. Inactive	

(1) The first of the two questions is "Is the
 subject of the question a person?"
 The answer is "Yes".

