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MARLBOROUGH BOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT

on

THE HEALTH OF THE AREA

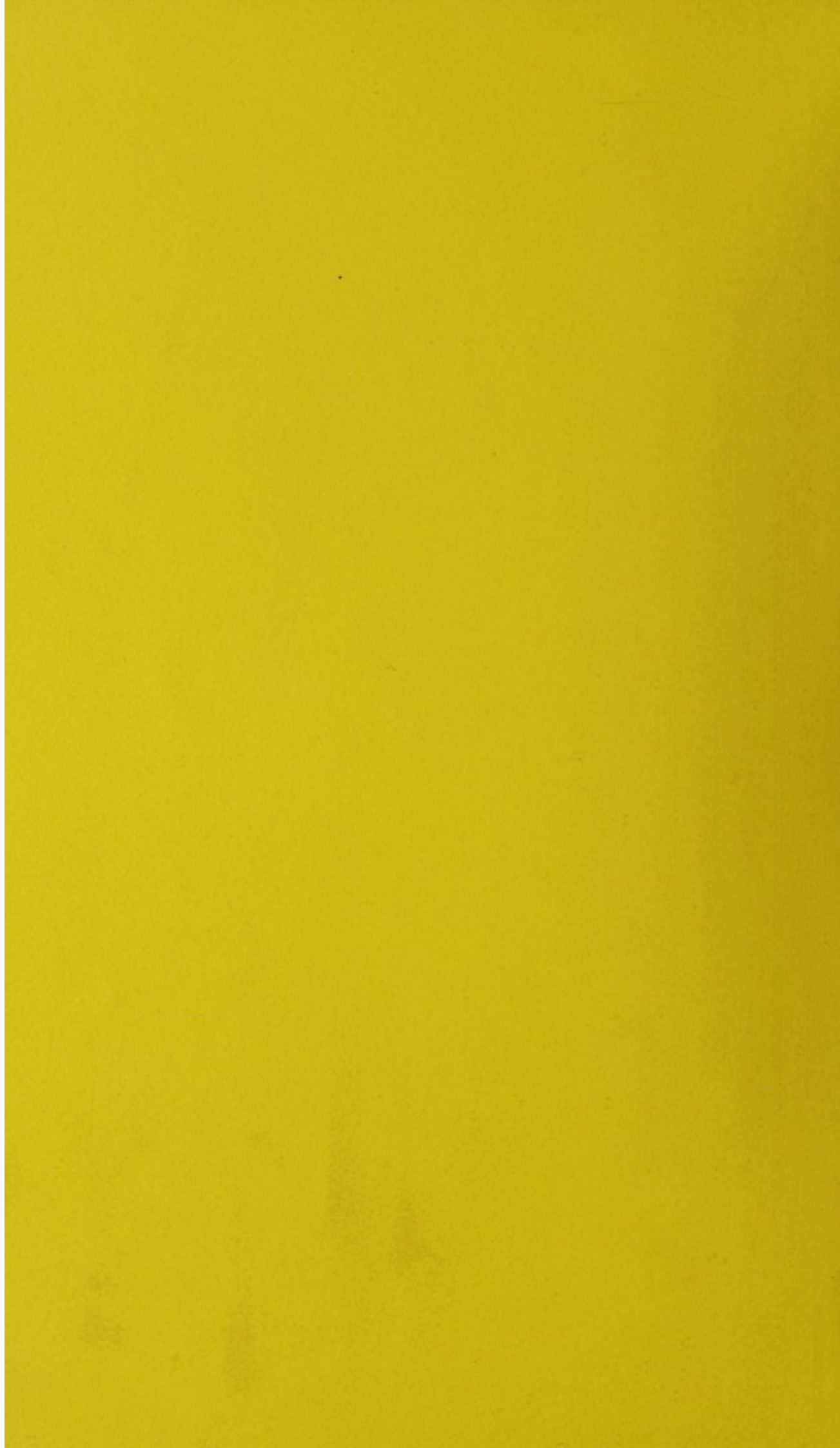
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The Work of the Public Health Department



for the year

1961



East Wilts United Districts (M.O.H.) Office,
1, The Green,
Marlborough.

Telephone, 487

To The Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors;

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health for the year 1961, in accordance with the requirements of Regulation 15(5) of the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959 and Ministry of Health Circular 1/62. The Report should deal with the sanitary circumstances, sanitary administration and vital statistics of the area, and particular information has been requested concerning water supply, sewerage and sewage disposal and the inspection of registered common lodging houses.

The post of Medical Officer of Health was unavoidably vacant during the period covered by this report, but my colleague, Dr. F.J.G. Lishman, kindly made himself available for consultation whenever necessary. The Report therefore, for 1961, has been assembled in the same form as previous Annual Reports, is brief and confined to facts.

The principal vital statistics calculated compare favourably with those for the country as a whole, but I must draw the Council's attention to the fact that vital statistics based on small numbers such as are inevitable with relatively small individual authorities can be quite misleading. Ministry of Health Circular 42/51 referred specifically to this matter. The vital statistics which could readily be obtained by combining the figures from each of the constituent authorities comprising the East Wilts United Districts, with a total population approaching 60,000, would be much more satisfactory in this respect.

Facts relevant to the specific sanitary matters mentioned above have been given by the Chief Public Health Inspector in his contribution to this Report, and it is not my intention to comment on these points on this occasion.

I am, your obedient servant,

H.I. Lockett

Medical Officer of Health
East Wilts United Districts.

5th June, 1962

Staff of the Public Health Department

Medical Officer of Health	H.I. Lockett, M.B., D.P.H. (from 1st March, 1962)
Chief Public Health Inspector	H.C. Yooman, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Additional Public Health Inspector	R.H. West, A.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.
Clerk (M.O.H. Office)	Miss G.M. Boswell.
Clerk (Borough Office)	Miss T. Maguire.

The Medical Officer of Health also holds the appointments of Medical Officer of Health to the Rural District Councils of Amesbury, Marlborough and Ramsbury and Pewsey and is under the control and direction of the East Wilts Combined Sanitary Districts Joint M.O.H. Committee; he also performs certain duties for the Wiltshire County Council. The Chief Public Health Inspector is also Borough Surveyor and the Additional Health Inspector, Assistant Borough Surveyor.

GENERAL STATISTICS

Area in acres	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,496
Population, Registrar General's mid-year estimate	...	...	...	...	...	...	5,600
Number of inhabited houses or flats	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,694
Number of houses or flats owned by the Council	...	...	...	...	...	...	531
Rateable Value (1961)	...	...	...	...	...	...	£78,445
Product of a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£310

VITAL STATISTICS

	M.	F.	Total
Live Births	30	45	75
Legitimate	28	44	72
Illegitimate	2	1	3
Still Births	-	1	1
Deaths of Infants under one year of age	-	-	-
Deaths from all causes	26	21	47

	Crude	Adjusted
Live Birth Rate per 1000 population	13.4	17.1
Death Rate per 1000 population	8.4	9.1

Still Birth Rate per 1000 Live and Still Births	13.2
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 Live Births	nil
Perinatal Mortality Rate per 1000 Total Births	13.2

Comparisons, 1961

	Marlborough Borough	Wiltshire County	England and Wales
Birth Rate per 1000 population	17.1	18.7	17.4
Death Rate per 1000 population	9.1	10.6	12.0
Infant Mortality Rate per 1000 live births	nil	19.4	21.4

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CAUSES OF DEATHS - 1961

Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic diseases	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-
5. Whooping cough	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
8. Measles	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-	-
11. " " lung, bronchus	5	1	6
12. " " breast	-	-	-
13. " " uterus	-	-	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ..	1	1	2
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
16. Diabetes	-	1	1
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	6	13
18. Coronary disease, angina	-	4	4
19. Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
20. Other heart disease	3	3	6
21. Other circulatory disease	2	1	3
22. Influenza	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	4	-	4
24. Bronchitis	-	1	1
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	-	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	3	3	6
33. Motor vehicle accidents	-	-	-
34. Other accidents	-	-	-
35. Suicide	-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
 Totals	 26	 21	 47

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1961, CLASSIFIED IN AGE GROUPS

Notifiable Diseases	Number of Cases Notified										
	At All Ages	Under 1 year	1 and under 3 years	3 and under 5 years	5 and under 10 years	10 and under 15 years	15 and under 25 years	25 and under 45 years	45 and under 65 years	65 years and over	Unknown
Brucellosis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Diphtheria ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Dysentery ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Encephalitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Erysipelas ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Food poisoning... ..	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Measles ...	130	4	25	33	62	3	3	1	1	1	1
Meningococcal infections ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ophthalmia neonatorum ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Paratyphoid fevers ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pneumonia ...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Acute Poliomyelitis ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Puerperal pyrexia ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Scarlet fever ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Smallpox ...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculosis, respiratory ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuberculosis, other ...	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Typhoid fever ...	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Whooping cough... ..	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Totals	135	4	28	33	62	3	4	1	1	1	1

IMMUNISATION STATISTICS, 1961

(1) DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH IMMUNISATION

Year of Birth		1961	1960	1959	1958	1957	1952-56	1947-51	Total, all ages
Primary imms. completed during 1961	Diph.	16	48	5	4	2	3	6	84
	Wh/c	15	48	5	4	2	1	3	78
Reinf. injections administered during 1961	Diph.	-	-	9	6	4	50	7	76
	Wh/c	-	-	9	2	2	11	1	25

(2) SMALLPOX VACCINATION

Age Group	Under 1	1	2 - 4	5 - 14	15 or over	Total, all ages
Vaccinations	61	1	2	-	5	69
Re-vaccinations	-	-	-	13	84	97

(3) POLIOMYELITIS IMMUNISATION

Born	1943-61	1933-42	Before 1933 but not yet 40 years old	Others	Total, all ages
2nd. injection	89	10	42	7	148
3rd. injection	40	14	95	2	151
4th. injection	339	-	-	-	339

(I am indebted to the County Medical Officer for the statistics concerning immunisation work carried out in the Borough during the year).

(1) DISTRICTS AND WHOLE COUNTRY

Year of Birth	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958-60	1959-61	Total, all years
Male	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	100
Female	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	100
Total	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	20	200

(2) DISTRICT VARIATION

Age Group	0-4	5-9	10-14	15-19	20-24	Total, all years
Male	10	10	10	10	10	50
Female	10	10	10	10	10	50

(3) POLYOMYELITIS I INFECTION

Year	1951-52	1953-54	1955-56	1957-58	Total, all years
Male	10	10	10	10	40
Female	10	10	10	10	40
Total	20	20	20	20	80

Indicated to the County Medical Officer for the statistics concerning poliomyelitis
 listed out in the Borough (and the town).

Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the year 1961.

Council Offices,
1, The Green,
Marlborough.

Telephone: Marlborough 118

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors:

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit my thirteenth Annual Report on the work carried out by this department. There have been no changes of staff during the year.

The Report is in accordance with the Ministry of Health's Circular 1/62 dated 18th January, 1962.

Your obedient servant

H.C. Yeoman

Chief Public Health Inspector

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S VISITS

A total of 704 visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors during the year, and these are summarised as follows :-

Water Supplies	12
Drainage	62
Moveable Dwellings	17
Factories	31
Refuse disposal	24
Rodent control	13
Petroleum installations	30
Housing	21
Inspection of Meat and other Foods	35
Dairies	3
Food Premises	48
Improvement Grants	20
Swimming Bath	36
Shops	7
Miscellaneous sanitary visits	28
Building Byelaws	317
	<u>704</u>

Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the year 1921.

General Director,
The Board,
Helsinki.

Telephone No. 118

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Commissioners

and Councilmen,

I have the honor to submit my thirteenth Annual Report on the work carried out by this department. There have been no changes of staff during the year.

The Report is in accordance with the Ministry of Health's Circular No. 10 dated 19th January, 1922.

Your obedient servant

H. C. Järvinen

Chief Public Health Inspector

TABLE OF THE WORK OF THE DEPARTMENT

A total of 104 visits were made by the Chief Public Health Inspector during the year, and these are summarized as follows:-

12	Water Supplies
62	Drainage
17	Movable Buildings
31	Factories
26	Refuse Disposal
13	Robert control
30	Petroleum installations
51	Heating
32	Inspection of meat and other foods
3	Patrol
48	Food provision
20	Improvement works
36	Sanitary work
7	Shops
36	Massive buildings and other visits
317	Building system
104	

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	30
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	3
Butchers	5
Cafes and Restaurants	12
Dairies	1
Fishmongers	3
Fried Fish shop	1
Groengrocers	4
Grocers	19
Hotels and Licenced premises doing catering	15
Hotels and Licenced premises not catering	5
Sweets and confectioners	6

Condemned Food. The following food was condemned during the year, disposal taking place at the Portfields Tip:

Fresh Meat	139 lbs.
Tinned Meat	239 lbs.
Tinned Fish	3 lbs.
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	381 lbs.
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The majority of the tinned meat was pork, produced in Germany, Yugoslavia or Czechoslovakia. The fresh meat was affected by bone taint and in one case decomposition.

Food Hygiene Regulations. The number of inspections during the year has been maintained, and whilst conditions generally were satisfactory, it was necessary to serve informal notices in respect of a few premises. No prosecutions were necessary.

Meat Inspection. There is no licenced slaughterhouse in the district, and therefore, the only meat inspected was in the shops, at the butchers' requests.

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933-1954. The number of persons licensed to slaughter animals is 3. In addition a Cash Captive Bolt Pistol is held in the office by the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Milk Regulations. On the 17th October the Council accepted delegation from the County Council under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960. The following licences were issued:-

Dealers Licence to sell Tuberculin Tested Milk -

R.A. & W.J. Harris.

Dealers (Pre-packed milk) licence to sell Tuberculin Tested, Pasteurised and Sterilized Milk -

R.A. & W.J. Harris,
Swindon & District
Co-op Society.

Dealers (Pre-packed milk) licence to sell Tuberculin
Tested and Pasteurised Milk -

R.C. Block.
A.E. Skittrall.
S.H. Taylor.

A comprehensive system of milk sampling to cover all the above supplies has been evolved and will come into operation on 1st January, 1962.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

Under the Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, applications were received in respect of 7 sites. Permission was granted to the following, each in respect of one caravan and for the periods stated:

Messrs G.E.Pocock; * B. G.Waterman; H.C.Honningham	-	5 years
Mrs. L.M. Cooper	-	22 months
Mr. D.H.Stevens; Marlborough Town Football Club	}	- 1 year
Messrs Fringevision Ltd.,		

A caravan occupied by Mr. C.C.Keen at Culvermead already holds a licence which will expire in January, 1963.

*Permission transferred to Mr. H. Trotman 6.11.61.

HOUSING

Council Housing For the third year in succession no new Council Houses were erected, and the figure of post war houses remains at 238. A contract has now been placed, however, for the erection of 8 two-bedroom houses, and it is expected that work will commence in March, 1962.

Private Housing Thirteen new houses were erected during the year, an increase of 3 on last year. The need for suitable building land is becoming more and more acute, and most building is now taking the form of "in filling" in the built up area of the district.

Housing Consolidated Regulations The information called for in Article 31 of the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 & 1932 is set out below;

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|---|-----|
| (1) Number of houses which on inspection were considered to be unfit for human habitation. | Nil |
| (2) Number of houses the defects in which were remedied in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers. | 5 |
| (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. | Nil |
| (4) The number of notices requiring the execution of works. | 8 |
| (5) The number of houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices. | 2 |
| (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. | Nil |
| (8) The number of houses demolished. | Nil |

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A comprehensive system of milk supply to cover all the
 above supplies has been evolved and will come into operation
 on 1st January, 1955.

REVENUE MATTERS

Under the General Rate and Control of Development Act, 1953,
 applications were received in respect of 7 sites. Permission was granted
 to the following, each in respect of one or more and for the periods stated:

Messrs G.E. Parnock, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 215, 216, 217, 218, 219, 220, 221, 222, 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2015, 2016, 2017, 2018, 2019, 2

Improvement
Grants.

During 1961, seven applications were received, the details of which are as follows:

	Applications Received	Granted	Amount
Discretionary	1	1	£300
Standard	6	5	£590

This is the smallest number of applications received in a year since Grants were available in 1954.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The collection of house and trade refuse has continued satisfactorily, and a weekly collection has been maintained (twice weekly for hotels and cafes). Disposal on the other hand, has not been easy due to two serious outbreaks of fire at the Tip, and the limited area available for tipping. At the end of year controlled tipping was restored, and when a new area for tipping is available in 1962 conditions should improve. During 1962 the old tip will be tidied and sealed as and when material is available.

Salvage collections were again satisfactory, and the amount of paper collected showed a substantial increase on last year.

1958	92 tons 7 cwts.
1959	96 " 12 "
1960	85 " 0 "
1961	92 " 12 "

PETROLEUM

At the end of 1961 the number of licenced installations increased by one to 27. A start has been made on the testing of tanks over 20 years old.

DRAINAGE AND SANITATION

The disposal of sewage at the main outfall works in Elcot Lane continues to be satisfactory, although trade wastes make it difficult to maintain good samples at all times. The new pumping arrangements are working well, and are a vast improvement on the old pumps. The number of septic tanks in the district went up slightly.

RODENT CONTROL

There were 61 complaints in 1961, all except 9 from private houses. Disinfestation is carried out by the Borough Foreman under the guidance of the Public Health Inspector.

FACTORIES

31 inspections were made during the year, and the details are set out in the appendix to this report.

WATER SUPPLY

The supply to the entire area continues to be highly satisfactory both as regards quality and quantity. Bacteriological samples are taken monthly, and all without exception showed "no evidence of pollution". No contamination or plumbo-solvent action has taken place. The number of houses in the Borough supplied by a piped supply is 1669, whilst approximately 15 are still supplied by standpipes.

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATH

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 chlorine are made as required to maintain a minimum of .3 ppm free chlorine. The bath is normally emptied and cleaned each week.

During the 1961 season 10 bacteriological samples were taken. All showed no evidence of pollution. The Bath was open from 8th May to 16th September.

Applicant's Name	Amount	Amount	Amount
Discretionary	1	1	1
Standard	2	2	2

This is the smallest number of applications received in four since Grants were available in 1954.

FIELD CLEANING

The collection of bones and teeth which has continued satisfactorily and weekly collection has been maintained (with weekly for bone and teeth) on the other hand, has not been easy due to two serious outbreaks of fire at the TSP, and the limited area available for storage. At the end of our controlled digging was resumed, and when a new area for digging is available in 1962 conditions should improve. During 1962 the old site will be added and added as the area available is available.

Salvage collection was again satisfactory, and the amount of bones collected showed a substantial increase on last year.

1958	25 tons 7 cwt.
1959	25 " 12 "
1960	25 " 12 "
1961	25 " 12 "

EXHIBITION

At the end of 1961 the number of bones and teeth in the collection increased by 27. A great deal has been made in the storage of bones over 20 years old.

IMPROVED AND MODERNIZATION

The disposal of bones at the site will continue to be satisfactory, although some bones were at the site of the site. The new digging area is satisfactory and will be used for the disposal of bones. The number of bones in the site will be up slightly.

HOUSEWORK

There were 21 complaints in 1961, all except 2 from private houses. Satisfaction is shown by the number of bones under the ground of the site.

EXHIBITION

11 applications were made during the year, and the details are set out in the appendix to this report.

FIELD CLEANING

The supply to the site was continued to be highly satisfactory both in quantity and quality. Bones and teeth were taken weekly, and the collection was maintained. The collection of bones in the site was continued to be satisfactory. The collection of bones in the site was continued to be satisfactory. The collection of bones in the site was continued to be satisfactory.

FIELD CLEANING

There is an open air museum built up by the ground, which is a very satisfactory collection. The bones in the site are taken weekly, and the collection is maintained. The collection of bones in the site is maintained. The collection of bones in the site is maintained. The collection of bones in the site is maintained.

APPENDIX

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1961 FOR THE BOROUGH
OF MARLBOROUGH IN THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE

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)
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	6	3	1	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	49	28	5	-
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	-	-	-	-
Total	55	31	6	-

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)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	3	3	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-

FACTORY ACTS, 1937 to 1938

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
IN RESPECT OF THE YEAR 1961 FOR THE BOROUGH
OF HALE, BORN IN THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE

Specified Provisions as the Administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

INSTRUCTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections and
by Public Health Inspectors)

Provision	Number of Factories	Number of Inspections by Public Health Inspectors	Number of Inspections by other authorities
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Provision in which Section 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be applied by Local Authorities	2	3	1
Provision not included in (1) is which Section 1 is applied by the Local Authority	48	88	2
(2) Other Provisions in which Section 1 is applied by the Local Authority (including out-workers' provisions) ..	-	-	-
Total	50	91	3

There is which INSPECTOR has found
It should be observed that the provisions on two, three or four separate
sections they should be regarded as two, three or four "units".

Provision	Number of Factories	Number of Inspections by Public Health Inspectors	Number of Inspections by other authorities
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
at least one (1.1)	1	1	-
working (1.2)	-	-	-
working (1.3)	-	-	-
working (1.4)	-	-	-
working (1.5)	-	-	-
working (1.6)	-	-	-
working (1.7)	-	-	-
working (1.8)	-	-	-

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

PART VIII OF THE ACT (Sections 110 to 111)

reference Outworkers -

NIL RETURN.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defective work found			Number of cases in which defective work found
	(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)
Defective finished goods (S.S.)	-	-	-	-
Defective materials (S.V.)	-	-	-	-
Defective work in progress	-	-	-	-
Defective work in stock	-	-	-	-
Defective work in transit	-	-	-	-
Defective work in warehouse	-	-	-	-
Defective work in other places	-	-	-	-
Total	-	-	-	-

PART VIII OF THE ACT (Sections 170 to 173)

Reference to the Act -

THE ACT

