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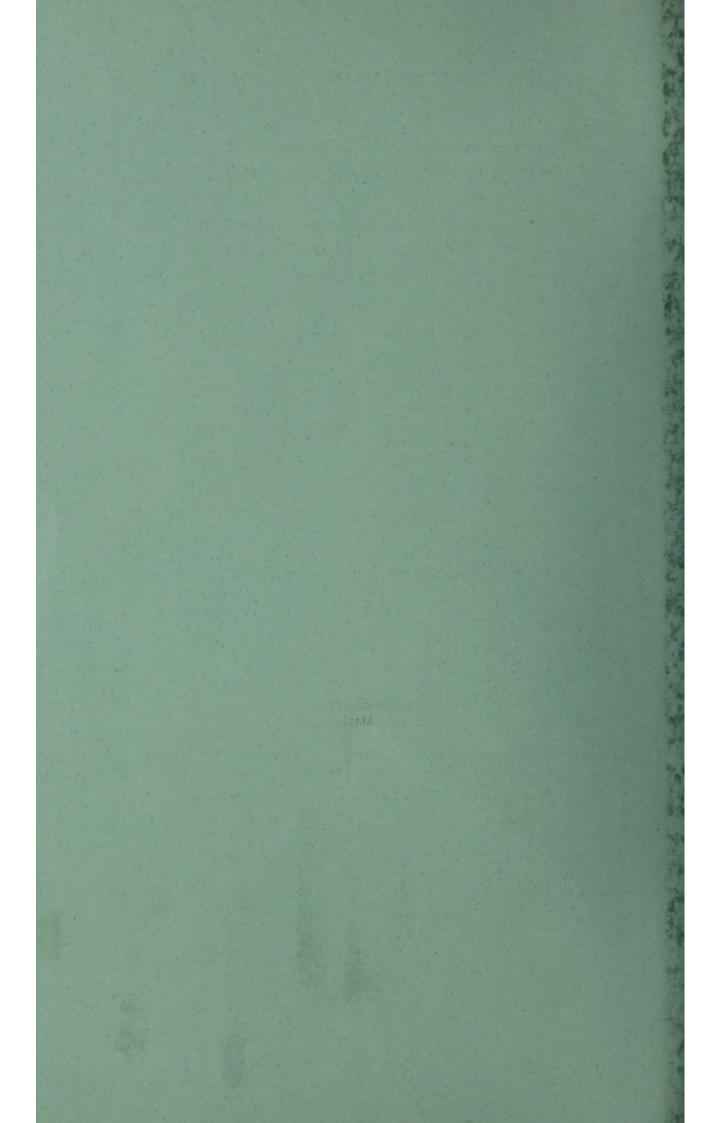


# Annual Reports

# **OF THE**

# MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1965



### MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE (as at December, 1965)

Chairman: Alderman Dr. T. K. Maurice, J.P.

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Councillor Capt. R. H. Maurice, D.S.O., D.S.C., RN.(retd.)

### PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT OF THE AUTHORITY

Medical Officer of Health: F. D. F. STEEDE, M.B., B.CH., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector:

H. C. YEOMAN, M.I.P.H.E., M.INST.H.E., M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspector:

W. H. JONES, M.A.P.H.I.

Clerk (M.O.H.) Office: Miss G. M. Boswell

Clerk (Borough P.H. Office)

Mrs. T. Holbrook

Public Health Department, Council Offices, 1 The Green, Marlborough.

Telephone:

Medical Officer of Health: Public Health Inspector:

Marlborough 487 Marlborough 296

The Medical Officer of Health acts in a similar capacity for the Rural Districts of Amesbury, Marlborough and Ramsbury, and Pewsey. These combined districts have a population of 64,910 and an area of 235,289 acres. They have appointed a Joint Committee, The East Wilts United Districts (Medical Officer of Health) Committee, to deal with all matters relating to the office of Medical Officer of Health. The Medical Officer also performs duties for the Wiltshire County Council under the National Health Service, Education and Mental Health Acts.

### BOROUGH OF MARLBOROUGH

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

For the Year, 1965

Council Offices, 1 The Green, Marlborough.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors:

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my second report, for the year 1965 which is compiled on similar lines as last year to comply with the requirements of the Ministry of Health. I am grateful to the Chief Public Health Inspector Mr. Yeoman, for his report which is included. I am also indebted to Dr. Lycett, County Medical Officer for supplying details of immunisation procedures carried out during the year, to Mr. Hampshire, Water Engineer, Borough of Swindon, for supplying me with a summary of bacterial and chemical analysis, and to Mr. and Mrs. Spray for their account of the newly formed Council of Community Services.

Marlborough is situated on the river Kennet at an elevation of approximately 470 feet above sea level, and although a small Borough, has an importance which is not related to its size.

The mid-year estimated population at 5,800 shows no change, and there has been little evidence of population growth for many years; in 1949 the mid-year population was 5,397 and in 1939 the figure was 4,667.

Primarily a shopping centre, it is also an important educational centre, as in addition to Marlborough College there is the Grammar School dating from 1550 and also a Secondary Modern School, which I am pleased to say has now moved into its new modern building.

With no significant unemployment the livelihood of the population is provided in the main by, work in local trades and services, a little light industry, agricultural pursuits, and further afield the industrial town of Swindon.

The town is very fortunate in having a good hospital of 72 beds, within two miles of the centre, in pleasant surroundings, which provides for general hospital services, and which also houses a first class maternity unit.

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The general health of the town is very satisfactory. Both the birth rate and the death rate are a little lower than the national figures. Infant mortality rate at 55.6 per 1,000 live births is very high this year, but as this figure is based on only four deaths, too much importance should not be attached to it. A glance at the table giving the position for the past five years, shows that in the preceding four years only three deaths occurred and in two years - 1961 and 1963 there were no deaths.

Deaths from cancer at sixteen this year, has displaced heart disease as the largest single group; four of these were due to cancer of the lung, all in males. Cigarette smoking is in practice the cause in nearly all lung cancer deaths, and particularly is this so in those parts of the country which have no atmospheric polution problems. This disease claims over 20,000 victims a year, almost half the total deaths from cancer in males, and the figures are rising. Apart from lung cancer, cigarette smoking plays an important part certainly in the aggravation - and probably also in the incidence of chronic bronchitis, - a disease responsible for a very great deal of incapacity, with a national annual death rate of over 30,000. However, perhaps the most serious effect of cigarette smoking may be the part it has to play in the incidence of coronary thrombosis, the evidence for which, particularly in the younger smoker, is increasing.

During the year I suggested that the Council might display permanent notices in their offices and public buildings SMOKING DISCOURAGED. I do feel that individuals and organisations with responsibilities for health, particularly health education, should try to lead public opinion in this matter since, until the cigarette smoking habit becomes generally regarded as undesirable and unnecessary socially, we are unlikely to see much significant reduction in its prevalence. There are however, encouraging indications that the younger more intelligent adolescent is less likely to become addicted to it in the future.

Coronary heart disease shows a slight decline with only six deaths, and there is little to add to my advice last year, that adults should in their middle age guard against excesses in their diet, their smoking habits and, on the positive side take regular daily exercise rather than bursts of activity only at week-ends. Home accidents accounted for three deaths, all in children and all were due to asphyxia due to inhalation of vomit, the oldest being two years and the youngest two months. Accident deaths in and around the home are greater in number annually than those on the roads, and it is a matter to which we should give more attention to as regards prevention. Accident deaths on the road accounted for two males both in their early twenties.

During the year there was little infectious disease, apart from an outbreak of measles. A vaccine is now available which could have a useful part to play in preventing something which if not a serious matter, is always a real nuisance and wasteful of general medical practitioners time. The graceful health of the town is very estimactory. Soch the birth rate and the death rate are a little fower than the national figures, latent mortality rate at 55.6 per 1,000 live births is very high this year, but as this figure is based up only four deaths, too much importance should not be attached to it. A glance at the table giving the position for the past five years, shows that is the the preceding four years only three deaths occurred and in two years - 1961 and 1963 there were no deaths.

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I was very pleased indeed that the Council supported unanimously a recommendation -

"That in the interest of dental health this Council is in favour of the addition of fluoride to the public water supply and that a request be made to the Wilts. County Council as the Local Health Authority, in conjunction with the statutory water undertaking, for the adjustment at an early date of the fluoride content of the water supply within this Borough to 1 ppm."

I hope that no undue delay will occur in implementing this measure, since this would rob many children of the town, in whole or in part, of the dental benefits which should be theirs.

On the whole housing conditions are reasonably good and a number of properties have been improved, either with or without the Improvement Grant procedure, but there are still some which can be brought up to a reasonable standard. Good housing conditions are a basic public health requirement and our aim must be to provide a single unit of accommodation for every family, with the five standard amenities. I am glad to know that the Council intends in their future housing development to provide for an old persons housing scheme in conjunction with the County Council, with community rooms and a warden. As I remarked in my report last year, I do not feel there is any danger of over-building for the older tenant. Numbers of persons reaching retiring age are increasing, and there is a lot to be said also for encouraging people to move to smaller accommodation as soon as their children have grown up and left them, and before a move becomes a major undertaking as it so often is later. This is probably best arranged in Council accommodation by adjusting the rent so that there is a financial incentive to move. At the present time there are 178 applicants on the Council's housing list 57 from addresses outside the Borough and 37 from old people.

I must again pay tribute to the voluntary work devoted to the welfare of the elderly and disabled, and it is good to know that in this matter youth is playing its full share. I am sure the newly formed Council of Community Services fill an important need in this field since it has as its main object the co-ordination of all interested persons and organizations. This organization came to be as a result of the enthusiasm of private individuals, particularly Mr. and Mrs. Spray of Marlborough College, with the support of a great many other people.

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Vital Statistics					M	17	Tota
Live Births - Legitim	ate				M. 38	F. 28	Tota 66
	nate				_2	4	_6
				Totals	40	32	72
Live Birth Rate per 1,000	population						12.4
Illegitimate Live Births pe	r cent of total live	e births					8.3
Stillbirths - Legitim	ate				1	-	1
	nate				-	-	-
Leukaemia, alcuka				Totals	1	-	1
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 to	tal live and stillb	irths					13.
Total Live and Stillbirths .					41	32	73
Deaths					34	35	69
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Death Rate per 1,000 popul							11.9
Infant Deaths (under one ye	ear) - Legitimate . Illegitimate				1	3	3
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Neonatal Deaths - Leg	gitimate				-	1	100.7
IIIe	gitimate				-		
				Totals	-	2	
Neonatal Mortality Rate (un	nder 4 weeks per 1	,000 tota	al live	births)			27.8
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				Totals	-	_2	
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	1961 1962	Year 1963	1964	1965			
Infant Deaths	- 1	-	2	4			
Infant Mortality Rate	- 11.2	-	25.3	55.6			

The elevation of the Barough is around 450 feat above sea level.

### CAUSES OF DEATH, 1965

	Cause of Death	Male	Female	Total
1.	Tuberculosis, respiratory	 -	- 34	
2.	Tuberculosis, other	 		-
3.	Syphilitic disease	 1	-	1
4.	Diphtheria	 -	-	-
5.	Whooping cough	 -	-	-
6.	Meningococcal infections	 -	-	-
7.	Acute poliomyelitis	 -	-	-
8.	Measles	 -	-	-
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	 -	-	-
0.	Malignant neoplasms, stomach	 -	-	-
1.	" " lung, bronchus	 4	-	4
2.	" " breast	 -	-	-
3.	" " uterus	 -	-	-
4.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	 5	6	11
5.	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	 1	-	1
6.	Diabetes	 -	-	-
7.	Vascular lesions of nervous system	 4	7	11
8.	Coronary disease, angina	 3	3	6
9.	Hypertension with heart disease	 -	2	2
0.	Other heart disease	 2	3	5
1.	Other circulatory disease	 5	-	5
2.	Influenza	 -	the state	-
3.	Pneumonia	 -	1	1
4.	Bronchitis	 1	-	1
5.	Other disease of respiratory system	 1	ab 2 p - m.	1
6.	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	 î	1	2
7.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	 1	of each - nor	1
8.	Nephritis and nephrosis	 î	_	1
9.	Hyperplasia of prostate	 -		-
0.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	 -	-	-
1.	Congenital malformations	 -	-	-
2.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	 1	8	9
3.	Motor vehicle accidents	 2	-	2
4.	All other accidents	 1	2	3
5.	Suicide	 -	2	2
6.	Homicide and operations of war	 -	-	-
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11 0	uses	34	35	69

### Comparison with England and Wales

Area Wellars	per 1,0	00 population	per 1,000 Live Births	per 1,000 Total Births
Bocial Weite	Live Births (Adjusted)	Death Rate (Adjusted)	Infant Mortality	Stillbirths
Marlborough Borough	16.2	12.3	55.6	13.9
England and Wales	18.0	11.5	19.0	15.7

### CAUSER OF DRATH, 1965

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### GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE BOROUGH (as at December, 1965)

### General Practitioners:

Dr. J. B. Maurice, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.) The Surgery,Dr. T. K. Maurice, M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., M.R.C.P., M.R.C.O.G.) High Street,Dr. T. R. Maurice, M.A., M.B., B.Chir., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.) Marlborough.Dr. R. O. Wheeler, M.B., B.S., F.R.C.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.) Tel: 587

### Hospitals:

Savernake Hospital. Tel: Marlborough 820.
Children's Convalescent Hospital. Tel: Marlborough 771.
Princess Margaret Hospital, Swindon. Tel: Swindon 6231.
Stratton St. Margaret's Hospital, Swindon. Tel: Stratton 3331.
Swindon Isolation Hospital. Tel: Swindon 5193.
(Venereal Disease Clinic - Tuesdays and Thursdays, 4-6 p.m.)

### Public Health Laboratory Services:

Salisbury General Infirmary (Dr. P. Wormald). Tel: Salisbury 3231.

### County Council Health Department Services:

(a) Ambulance Facilities

This service is based in Swindon. dial 999

(b) District Nurse/Midwife

Nurse Nightingale, 4 Barrow Close, Elcot Lane, Marlborough. Tel: 546

(c) Clinics

Maternity and Child Welfare, 8 Kingsbury Street, Tel: Marlborough 832. Every Friday at 2 p.m. Medical Officer of Health attends first Friday of each month.

Dental Clinic, 8 Kingsbury Street, Tel: Marlborough 831. By appointment.

### (d) Health Visitors

Miss B. Poulter, Pear Tree Cottage, Great Bedwyn. Tel: Gt. Bedwyn 283. Miss E. Chesney, The Barn, Easton Royal. Tel: Burbage 248. Miss J. Bown, Corner Cottage, Manningford Bruce. Tel: Pewsey 2221.

(e) Mental Welfare Officer

Health Centre, Milton Road, Swindon. Tel: Swindon 22668

(f) Chiropody Service

This is mainly a domiciliary service.

County Council Welfare Department:

Area Welfare Officer - Mr. A. P. A. Tucker, 66 New Park Road, Devizes. Tel: Devizes 976

Social Welfare Officer - Miss J. Harrison (for the blind), 20 St. Martin's, Marlborough. Tel: Marlborough 604

**Residential Homes** 

Coombe End House, London Road, Marlborough. Tel: Marlborough 75

County Council Children's Department:

The Area Children's Officer, 36 Milton Road, Swindon. Tel: Swindon 4102

The Marlborough Council of Community Services came into existence during 1965. By Autumn 1966 it is hoped that it will consist of representatives of all organisations, both voluntary and statutory, providing any kind of welfare service in the town. Its aims are to co-ordinate, and so to make more effective the activities of these bodies.

Action achieved or planned includes -

- Printing and distributing "E" cards to all persons living alone. When help is needed in an emergency the card can be displayed in a window.
- Instituting a diary in the local library for use in the fixing of dates for activities and functions - an attempt to avoid clashes.
- Setting up an Information Centre in the town to provide details of welfare services available. This is open two mornings per week and is manned by voluntary workers.
- Compiling a Directory of Community Services.
- 5. Printing and maintaining record cards that give information about the circumstances of, and services received by every known old person in Marlborough.
- Attempting to co-ordinate the distribution and allocation of Christmas charities of all kinds.

### NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948 SECTION 47 AS AMENDED BY THE NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

No action during the year was required to be taken under these powers.

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### IMMUNISATION STATISTICS, 1965

Year of Birth		1965	1964	1963	1962	1961	1956-60	1950-55	Others under 16
Primary Diph. 34 40 3 - 1	10	-	-						
Immunisation Wh/c. 33	33	40	1	-	-	2	-	-	
during 1965	Tet.	34	40	3	-	1	15	2	2
Reinforcing	Diph.	-	5	42	2	1	61	3	-
injections administered during 1965	Wh/c.	-	3	23	1	1	16	-	-
	Tet.	-	5	42	3	1	64	8	2

### Diphtheria, Whooping cough and Tetanus Immunisation

### Smallpox vaccination

		Mo	onths			Year	s
Age Group	0-3	3-6	6-9	9-12	1	2-4	5-15
Vaccinations	1	-	1	3	45	6	1
Re-vaccinations	-	-	-	-	-	-	27

### Poliomyelitis Immunisation

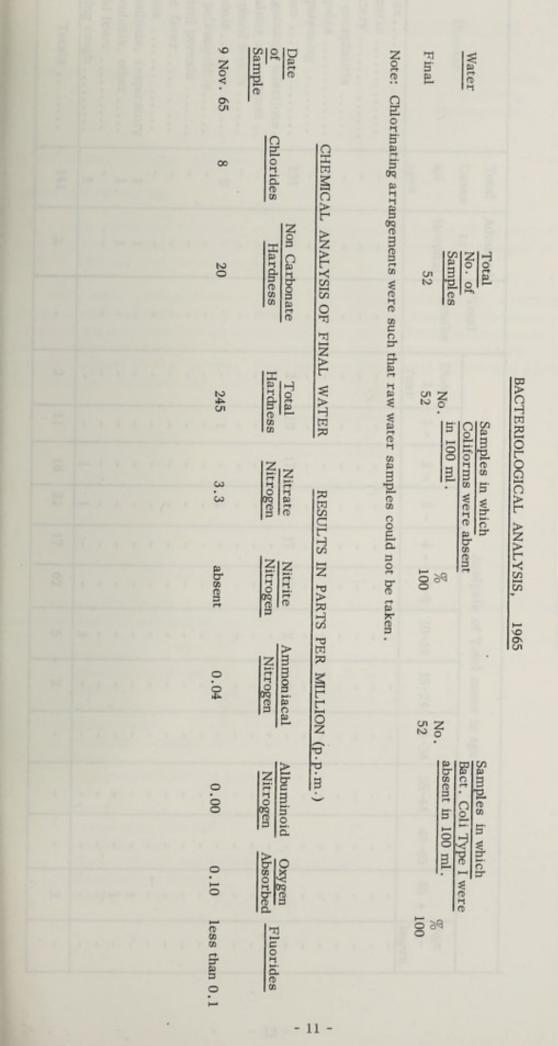
Age Group	3rd Quad	2nd inj.	3rd inj. or 4th Quad.	4th inj.	3 oral doses	2 orals after 2 inj.	4th oral after 3 inj. or 3 oral
1965		-	-	-	10	- 1	12 - 19
1964	-	-	-1212	-	74	-	15- E
1963	-	-		-	26	847	1
1962	-	-	- 310	-	3	-	-
1961	-	-	-	-	26	-	- 51
1956 - 1960	-	-	-21	-	17	1	60
1950 - 1955	-	-	-	-	4	-	1
Others under 16	-	-	-18 2	-		-	-
Others over 16	-	-	-	-	16	-	2
Totals	-	-	-izle i	-	176	1	64

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# WATER SUPPLY

	Totals	Whooping cough	Typhoid fever	Tuberculosis, other	Tuberculosis, respiratory	Smallpox	Scarlet fever	Puerperal pyrexia	Acute poliomyelitis	Pneumonia	Paratyphoid fevers	Ophthalmia neonatorum	Meningococcal infections	Measles	Food poisoning	Erysipelas	Acute encephalitis	Dysentery	Diphtheria	Anthrax		Diocase	Diego	a 01 a 01 a 01 a 01
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### BOROUGH OF MARLBOROUGH

### Report of the Chief Public Health Inspector for the year 1965

Telephone: Marlborough 296

Council Offices, 1 The Green, Marlborough.

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my seventeenth Annual Report on the work of the Public Health department. The Report is in accordance with the Ministry of Health's Circular 1/66 dated 11th January, 1966.

As a result of representation to the Council in September, 1965, a further change in staff was made, and it is now hoped that the Additional Public Health Inspector and Assistant Borough Surveyor will be able to devote more time to routine public health inspections. Mr. D. Jones, a junior assistant, left the Council's employ on 31st October, 1965, and was replaced by a Technical Assistant, Mr. Watts on 13th December, 1965.

Your obedient servant,

H. C. YEOMAN,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S VISITS

A total of 805 inspections were made by the Public Health Inspectors in 1965, and these are summarized as follows:-

Drainage	102
Moveable Dwellings	2
Factories	13
Refuse Disposal	20
Rodent Control	18
Petroleum installations	25
Housing	37
Inspection of Meat and other Foods	16
Dairies	35
Food Premises	15
Improvement Grants	27
Swimming Bath	12
Offices, Shops, and Railway Premises Act	84
Miscellaneous Visits	17
Building Byelaws	382
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### INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

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

Sale of Ice Cream	28
Manufacture of Ice Cream	nil
Manufacture and sale of sausages etc.	5
Fish and Chips	1

Food Premises

There are the following food premises within the Borough:

Bakehouses	3
Butchers	5
Cafes and Restaurants (unlicensed)	6
Dairies	1
Fishmongers	3
Fried Fish Shops	1
Greengrocers	5
Grocers	16
Licensed premises doing catering	13
Licensed premises not catering	12
Sweets and Sugar confectionery	5

Condemned Food

The following foodstuffs were condemned during the year:-

19 lbs.
$62\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
5 lbs.
12 lbs.
$98\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Meat Inspection

Food Hygiene Regulations

Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933-54

Milk Regulations

There remains no licensed slaughterhouse in the district and the only meat inspected was at the request of butchers in the shops.

The number of routine inspections again dropped, but as reported earlier the department has now been strengthened and marked improvement should be seen in 1966. Most premises were visited at some time during the year, and generally conditions are satisfactory. No formal action was necessary.

The number of persons licensed to slaughter animals remains at 3. The Cash Captive Bolt Pistol remains in the office for use by authorized persons.

There are 4 licensed dealers in the Borough - they are

J. M. & H. Paulson, Merlin Cafe. T.T. and Pasteurized. Church Farm Dairy (Marlborough)Ltd.T.T. Pasteurized and Sterilized.

B. Foster, 77 High Street.	T.T. Pasteurized and
	Sterilized.
Swindon & District Co-operative	Pasteurized, Sterilized
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### MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

The number of licensed sites remains at 2 with a total number of 3 caravans. Both sites are in a satisfactory condition.

### HOUSING

- Council Housing (1) During the year 8 dwellings were completed in Queens Way (7 - 3 bedroom and 1 - 2 bedroom houses). The total built since the War rises to 243.
  - A start was made on 8 2 bedroom houses at Cherry Orchard, (2) and these were almost complete at the end of December.
  - (3) Working drawings were being prepared for the St. Martins development comprising 13 flatlets and 4 bungalows.
  - (4) A lay-out for the development of 104 units at Portfields has been prepared.

### Private Housing

41 houses were completed in 1965 giving a total of 236 since 1945. At the end of the year a further 66 houses were under construction.

### Improvement Grants

Туре	Applications	Approved	Amount
Discretionary	5	5	£1800
Standard	6	6	£1037-5-0

Housing Act 1957 Undertakings under Section 16 were received in respect of 6

premises, and at the end of the year 4 of these were empty. An Undertaking received in 1964 was removed, the Owner having completed all the necessary works to bring the house up to standard.

### PUBLIC CLEANSING

There have been no difficulties with refuse collection, and a weekly system is in operation throughout the entire district, and a twice weekly collection for hotels and cafe's. At the Portfields tip the refuse is burnt daily, and no nuisance exists. There was no fly problem in the summer, and practically no rodent infestation.

Salvage collected again fell - only 47 tons. 13 cwts, were collected compared with 79 tons. 12 cwts. in 1964. This was mainly due to staff problems, and by the end of the year alternative arrangements for baling had been made.

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The Consulting Engineers report mentioned in the last Annual Report has not yet been received.

### RODENT CONTROL

There were 55 complaints during 1965, 10 of which were from business premises.

In January a Sewer Treatment was undertaken, and 40 Manholes (10% of the total) were test baited. Minor infestations were noted in St. Margarets Mead, London Road and Elcot Lane, and further treatment continued until all Manholes were clear.

### FACTORIES

13 inspections were carried out during the year and the details are set out in the appendix to this report.

### WATER SUPPLY

The Swindon Corporation are responsible for the water supply to the Borough. No inspections have been made and no samples taken.

### SWIMMING BATH

The open air swimming bath was open from 3rd May to 11th September, and continued to operate satisfactorily. For the first time the filtration and chlorinating plant was working for the entire season and the results were highly successful. A leaking valve gave some concern, and on one occasion it was necessary to "top up" from the mains. The replacement of the valve and a larger service pipe are scheduled for next season.

### OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAYS PREMISES ACT, 1963

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### Prescribed Particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act, 1961

### PART I OF THE ACT

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

	Premises	Number on	Nu	umber of	
	(1)	Register (2)	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	2	-	-
(ii)	Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	53	11	-	-
(iii)	Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
	Total	59	13	-	-

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").

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

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Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) (a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	-	2	
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	-	-	-	-	-
Total	2	2	-	-	-

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