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To the Chairman and Members of the Matlock Urban District Council.

Mr Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I present herewith my Annual Report as Medical Officer of Health on the sanitary circumstances and vital statistics affecting the Urban District of Matlock for the year 1956.

A study in the numbers and varieties of infectious diseases, whilst not giving reasons for complacency, affords general satisfaction. Pulmonary Tuberculosis shows the same number, five, as in the previous year but, in only two cases was the disease sufficiently active to justify removal to hospital. In other forms of Tuberculosis there was actually a 100% reduction, in fact there was no case recorded compared with two last year. This indicates that the milk supplied was highly satisfactory and that the up to date methods of sampling, bottling and distribution are more than justified. Scarlet Fever shows a small increase but, all the cases were of a mild type. The fact that there were no cases of diphtheria is no reason at all why mothers should not bring their children to be immunised both in infancy and again just before starting school, on the contrary the rarity of the disease only serves to demonstrate the value of immunisation. The number of cases of Whooping Cough was higher and, nearly half the cases were in the age group five, the age when starting school and, consequently closer contact with other children and also a time of stress and strain for a child when the initial step is taken of leaving the shelter of home surroundings and thus rendered more liable to contract infection. The spread of Whooping Cough is, by no means, rapid and every effort should be made to isolate suspected cases at the earliest opportunity. Ill effects, although rare, the lung complications can be dangerous and alas occasionally permanent, more particularly when the disease attacks infants.

No case of food poisoning is recorded and reflects credit on those responsible for it's storage, distribution and preparation. The general public have in great measure the remedy in their own hands by insisting on high standards in the handling of foodstuffs.

For prevention and control of disease or rather the ultimate goal of positive health, local authorities have played and will play an increasing part. Sanitation, a good and plentiful supply of water, the maintenance of a high standard of food hygiene are the special responsibilities of local authorities. Good living conditions are incorporated in the provision of good housing.

Added to this list is the question of air pollution and, measures to combat this are incorporated in the Clean Air Act 1956. Apart from the danger to health as for example in the deaths from Bronchitis and, the death rate from lung cancer, which is higher in urban than in rural areas, atmospheric pollution being, of course, greater in the former, the direct costs of air pollution are estimated at £152,500,000 per annum, and loss of efficiency through air pollution amounts to £125,000,000 per annum, making a grand total of £277,500,000. Therefore any measures taken to clear the air should be more than compensated by the saving incurred.

Finally let us hope that the day is not far distant when public opinion will demand legislation calculated to eliminate unnecessary noise.

I wish to thank the members of the Health Committee, and also other members of the Council for their help, and thank also Officials for their ready cooperation during the past year.

I am, Madam and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

G.L.Meachim,

Medical Officer of Health.

Town Hall,  
Matlock.

June 1957.



CASES OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AT VARYING AGES DURING 1956

MATLOOK DISTRICT

AGE GROUPS

Disease	Under One year	1-	2-	3-	4-	5-	10-	15-	20-	35-	45-	60-	TOTAL
Smallpox	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL
Scarlet Fever	-	1	1	2	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	5
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL
Enteric Fever:- Typhoid Para-typhoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL NIL NIL
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Whooping Cough	7	3	12	17	16	53	4	-	-	-	-	-	112
Measles	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL
Meningococcal Infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Poliomylitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	NIL

MATLOCK District  
INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

Cases notified during 1956.

	Number of Cases	
	<u>Noti-</u>	<u>Removed to</u>
	<u>fied</u>	<u>Hospital</u>
Tuberculosis - Pulmonary	5	2
Tuberculosis - Other forms	Nil	-
Smallpox:-		
No. vaccinated and re-vaccinated	Nil	
No. vaccinated in infancy	Nil	
No. unvaccinated	Nil	
Scarlet Fever	5	-
Diphtheria	Nil	-
Enteric Fever:-		
Typhoid	Nil	-
Para-typhoid	Nil	-
Puerperal Pyrexia	2	2
Cerebro-spinal fever	Nil	-
Erysipelas	Nil	-
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	Nil	-
Acute Encephalitis		
(a) Infective	Nil	-
(b) Post-infective	Nil	-
Acute Polio-Myelitis		
(a) Paralytic	Nil	-
(b) Non-paralytic	Nil	-
Pneumonia	2	-
Measles	3	-
Whooping Cough	112	4
Food Poisoning	Nil	-
Meningococcal Infection	1	1



Factories Acts, 1937 and 1948

1. INSPECTIONS for purposes of provision as to health  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspector)

1956

	Number on Register	Inspec- tions	Number of Written Notices	Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	31	13	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	130	102	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out- workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	161	115	-	-

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

	No. of cases in which defects were found Referred Found Reme- To H.M. by H.M. died died Inspector				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	2	2	-	-	-
Overcrowding (S.2)	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	-	-	-	-	-
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 (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	6	6	-	-	-

<u>OUTWORK</u>	No. of out-workers in August list reqd by Section 110(1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of Prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un- wholesome premises	Notices Prosec- Served utions
Nature of work					
Wearing apparel making etc	17	-	-	-	-

# EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS & SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Registrar-General's Estimate of Population Mid 1956	18,270
Population Census 1921	15,716
Population Census 1931	16,596
Population Census 1951	17,770
Area in acres	16,598
Rateable Value at 31/3/56	£196,317
Product of Penny Rate 1955-56	£765

	Male.	Female.	Total.
<u>Live Births:-</u>			
Total	122	124	246
Legitimate	116	120	236
Illegitimate	6	4	10
<u>Still Births:-</u>			
Total	2	1	3
Legitimate	1	1	2
Illegitimate	1	-	1
<u>Deaths all Ages:-</u>	96	111	207
<u>Deaths of Infants under 1 year of age:-</u>			
Total	1	5	6
Legitimate	1	5	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-
<u>Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of Age:-</u>			
Total	1	4	5
Legitimate	1	4	5
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Birth Rate is 13.46 per 1,000 population

Death Rate is 11.33 per 1,000 population

Phthisis Death Rate .10 per 1,000 population

Other Tuberculosis Deaths - NIL

Respiratory Death Rate .71 per 1,000 population

Infantile Death Rate under 1 year 24.39 per 1,000 Births

Infantile Death Rate under four weeks 20.32 per 1,000 Births

Still Births .16

## TABLE OF BIRTHS, DEATHS AND INFANT MORTALITY FOR 8 YEARS.

	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
Birth Rate	16.50	15.99	14.73	12.66	15.45	13.41	13.04	13.46
Death Rate all causes	12.04	12.48	13.21	10.98	10.73	11.89	12.06	11.33
Deaths under 1 year - all causes per 1,000 live births.	46.66	30.40	25.73	21.46	21.05	32.25	20.83	24.39



TABLE SHOWING NUMBER OF NEW TUBERCULOSIS CASES  
IN MATLOCK AREA

TUBERCULOSIS Age Period	NEW CASES				MORTALITY			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	2	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	3	2	-	-	-	-	-	-

Causes of Death	Males	Females	Total
1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1	1	2
2. Tuberculosis, Other	1	-	1
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	-	5	5
11. Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	4	1	5
12. Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	-	4	4
13. Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	-	1	1
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	8	10	18
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	1	-	1
16. Diabetes	1	1	2
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	17	20	37
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	11	11	22
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease	-	-	-
20. Other Heart Disease	20	25	45
21. Other Circulatory Disease	7	9	16
22. Influenza	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	2	1	3
24. Bronchitis	7	2	9
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	-	1	1
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	2	2	4
27. Gastritis, Enteritis & Diarrhoea	2	1	3
28. Nephritis and Nephrosis	-	3	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion	-	-	-
31. Congenital Malformations	-	2	2
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	5	9	14
33. Motor vehicle accidents	3	-	3
34. All other accidents	2	1	3
35. Suicide	1	1	2
36. Homicide and Operations of War	-	-	-
Total Deaths, all causes	96	111	207



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MATLOCK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

1956

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Councillor O.R.Tinti, J.P., C.C.

Vice-Chairman

Alderman J.Turner, J.P., C.C.

Health Committee

Chairman: Councillor T.N.Johnson

Vice-Chairman: Councillor T.W.Spencer, B.E.M.

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

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Public Health Inspector:-

C.Raymond Lill, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Housing Assistant:-

R.G.Childs

Clerk:-

A.S.Duncan

Statistical Summary

Rateable Value of General Rate at 31/3/56	£196,317
Estimated product of a Penny Rate 1956/57	£765
Area of District	16,598 acres
Population (Mid 1956 Census)	18,270
Number of inhabited houses	5,618
Council Houses at 1/4/56	692
Rainfall	32.34

To the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee,  
Mr Chairman, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting for your consideration and information my 12th Annual Report of work carried out by the Public Health Department.

I feel that this report, taken in conjunction with past Annual Reports, should convince the Committee that instead of discussion as to extra duties coming to the Department, extra staff is surely needed in this one Inspector District to carry out adequately those duties already placed by Statute on the Department.

No further work has been possible on demolition or clearance of sub-standard houses this year, as of course this is dependent on the number of replacement houses built, nothing has been done in this respect and it is hoped that in 1957, if any progress is to be made under the Housing Acts, a substantial number of houses will be provided for this purpose and also for housing of many other families still in very urgent need of accommodation.

In spite of a slight increase in the grant paid for conversion to water carriage only 28 pails or earth closets have been converted and of these nine were converted during Improvement Grant work and I still feel that if 50% of conversion can be allowed when included in Improvement Grant work that a much more substantial grant should be made for actual conversion without Improvement Grant. The progress is far too slow at present and more encouragement is now needed to speed up conversions and so do away once and for all with this out of date system with its ever increasing costs and labour difficulties. Why cannot legislation be introduced making conversion to water carriage compulsory where sewers and water mains have been provided by Local Authorities at tremendous expense for just this purpose, what a gigantic waste of public money on sewerage and water loans which when provided are not used for their intended purposes, viz. that of bringing backward areas up to a decent sanitary condition.

There has been slow but steady progress in the bringing of food premises up to the standard laid down in the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955, this is due in many cases to economic difficulties and I feel that some clarification or code of practice is needed before rapid or smooth progress is realised.

I most sincerely record thanks for support received from the Council and Chairman and Members of the Health Committee, the Medical Officer of Health, Officials of other Departments, to the Department's staff, both inside and outside, for their loyalty helping so much to make for smooth running of a not always easy service to the public.

Town Hall,  
Matlock.

June 1957.

I remain, Madam and Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,  
C.R.Lill,

Public Health Inspector.



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Inspections made & nuisance abated	Inspections	Defects Remedied
Miscellaneous	236	91
Defective privies, pails etc	4	2
Conversion of privies to w.cs	-	-
Conversion of pails to w.cs	116	28
Conversion of privies to pails	18	12
Defective water closets	24	12
Additional water closets	2	2
Dust bins	70	78
No disconnection of waste pipes	1	1
Waste pipes, traps, drains	82	47
Drains obstructed	90	73
Drains reconstructed	13	6
Paving of courts and yards	11	8
Roof repairs	71	43
Rain water piping and eaves	26	16
Defective sinks	12	8
Windows	10	7
Walls	19	7
Dampness	39	16
Water Supply	3	2
Premises cleaned	5	4
Offensive accumulations	2	2
Pigsties	4	1
Fireplaces	29	16
Floors	8	5
Plaster	27	11
Doors	2	-
Food storage	2	1
Washing facilities	-	-
	<u>926</u>	<u>499</u>
Housing inspections	124	
Factories, workshops & offices	115	
Dairies, distributors, samples	29	
Meat Inspection	683	
Fish and Chips	21	
Butchers	43	
Cafes etc	42	
Bakehouses	13	
Licensed premises	36	
Food shops	44	
Food premises	92	
Ice Cream	57	
Market stalls	39	
Slaughterhouses	507	
Swimming Pools	29	
Tents, vans, Moveable Dwellings	16	
Controlled Tip & Depot	203	
Offensive Trades	12	
	<u>2,105</u>	



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# GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION

	No. on Register	Increase or Decrease	Inspections Made
Bakehouses	9	-	13
Canal Boats	-	-	-
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-
Dairies	5	-	8
Factories & Workplaces	156	-6	115
Houses let in Lodgings	-	-	-
Ice Cream Premises	122	+11	57
Market Stalls	-	-	39
Milk Distributors	13	+1	12
Moveable Dwellings (a) Sites	12	+3	8
(b) Dwellings	127	+12	16
Offensive Trades	1	-	12
Outworkers	12	-5	6
Preserved Food Stores	19	-	30
Slaughterhouses	7	-	507
Knackers Yards	-	-	-
Swimming Baths	3	-	29
Shops	337	+2	141

## SAMPLING

<u>SAMPLING</u>	No. of Samples taken	<u>Meth. Blue</u>			
		Sat	Unsat		
Ice Cream	26	23	3		
		<u>Meth. Blue</u>	<u>Phosphatase</u>		
		<u>Sat. Unsat</u>	<u>Sat. Unsat.</u>		
Milk (a) Routine	9	3	2	6	-
		<u>Positive</u>	<u>Negative</u>		
(b) Biological	3	-		3	
		<u>Sat.</u>	<u>Unsat.</u>		
Water (a) Mains	140	136		4	
(b) Other sources	2	2		-	
(c) Swimming Baths	22	22		-	



GENERAL SANITARY ADMINISTRATION (CONTINUED).Est. Pop.  
Involved.WATER SUPPLIES

No. of houses in district connected to mains	5252	16,806
No. of houses in district supplied from standpipes on mains	42	124
No. of houses in district not supplied from standpipes or mains	322	1,030
No. of connections made during year:-		
(a) existing houses	10	
(b) new houses	21	
(c) other premises	5	

DRAINAGE

No. of houses in district connected to sewers	5062	16,198
No. of houses in district not connected to sewers	554	1,673
No. of connections made during year:-		
(a) existing houses	29	
(b) new houses	20	
(c) other premises	7	
No. of conversions of other closets to w.c.s	28	

HOUSING

New houses erected during year by:-

(a) Local Authority	Nil
(b) Private Enterprise	20
(c) Other local authorities	Nil
No. of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts).....	200
No. of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation.....	185
No. of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation....	3
No. of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority.....	76
No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made..	Nil
No. of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders...	8
No. of dwelling-houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted..	Nil
No. of premises in respect of which Closing Orders were made..	Nil
No. of Improvement Grants made during the year.....	28
No. of dwelling-houses "improved" during year.....	32



## REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

We had 5.36% of sickness and absence during 1956, an increase of 3.08% on that for 1955.

### Operational Statistics

No. of premises from which refuse collected	6,098	
Dustbins emptied weekly	4,946	
Total refuse collected (test weighings)	5,928 tons	
Weight per 1000 population per day (365 days to year)	18.03 cwt	
Density of refuse, Summer, cwt per cubic yard	4.42	
Density of refuse, Winter, cwt per cubic yard	5.85	
		Country
	Matlock	Average U.D.C.
<u>Total Net Cost:-</u>		
Per 1000 population	£504	£526
Per 1000 premises	£1,537	£1,655
Per ton	31/-	28/6

Disposal of the District's house and trade refuse has been carried out on the controlled tip at the Dimple Farm site on the extension area to the first section adjoining Sherriff Lane, this section is almost filled and covered with considerable amount of building excavation, awaiting drier weather for it's rough levelling and final settlement.

Although we have had an increased amount of sickness this year and extremely wet weather we have maintained a very fair regular collection and again I think an appreciation is due to the outside staff for the loyal manner in which they have carried out their duties. I feel the provision of decent protective clothing and drying facilities help to keep the wheels turning.

The income from salvage sorted from refuse at the tip during 1956 was £446 with a total income during the 10 years life of the controlled tip of £3,188.

The Municipal bin scheme is still in operation, this year shows that bins of the painted variety are becoming worn out and we can expect this replacement to be accelerated during the next few years.

	Paid	On Rates	Replacements	Total
1950	63	72	-	135
1951	61	81	-	142
1952	55	57	-	112
1953	55	39	-	94
1954	45	25	-	70
1955	37	24	2	63
1956	44	34	10	88
	360	332	12	704

### SALVAGE.

Irrespective of restrictive quotas on waste paper, the bonus scheme has again proved itself worthwhile, paper tonnage showing a slight increase on 1955 and still has a tendency to rise. Bonus payments for 1956/57 amounted to £573.

### TABLE OF SALVAGE INCOME

	Tons Paper	Income Paper	Tons all Salvage	Income all Salvage
1946/47	83	529	82	550
1947/48	104	687	114	803
1948/49	166	1187	183	1318
1949/50	196	1354	248	1475
1950/51	203	1504	226	1555
1951/52	234	3828	260	3934
1952/53	202	1741	236	1875
1953/54	214	1545	259	1731
1954/55	210	1608	257	1789
1955/56	303	2718	359	2973
1956/57	318	2672	363	2963
	2233	£19373	2587	£20966



## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD & MILK DISTRIBUTION.

### Milk.

9 samples of milk have been taken for Methylene Blue Test. The keeping quality was satisfactory in 3, unsatisfactory in 2 and 4 were not done owing to shade temperature. 6 samples were submitted to Phosphatase Test and proved that heat treatment was sufficient. 3 samples were submitted to Biological Test and proved negative.

12 further milk samples were taken by the Food and Drugs Authority, one sample of T.T. milk was deficient in fat and the vendor was cautioned.

The following were registered with this Authority for the year ending December 1956:-

Distributor or Dairy Premises	13
Dealers - Tuberculin Tested	26
Dealers - Pasteurised	24

Number of inspections:- 29

### Other Foods.

21 forms of Voluntary Surrender of Food Unfit for Human Consumption have been issued during 1956 as follows:-

Meat (Tinned)	65 lbs	Fish	11 lbs
Ham	50 lbs	Cakes	235
Fruit	76 tins	Cheese	44 packets
Evap. Milk	5 tins	Beans	13 tins
Tomatoes	72 tins		

60 samples of other foods were taken by the Food and Drugs Authority, including 12 milk, in the area.

During the last year special attention has been paid to the lead content of Soft Drinks and Beer. These are liable to contamination with lead, but it is desirable to limit the contamination to very low amounts. In the Matlock area one sample of Draught Mild Beer contained lead excess of the limit proposed by the Food Standards Committee of the Ministry. Further investigation was made, and after one possible source of contamination was removed the high figure was not found again.

A sample of Stone Ginger Beer was also found to contain an excess of lead. The contamination was traced to a lead-containing enamel used to decorate the bottles. The firm concerned have abandoned the use of this type of bottle and the new ones should be entirely suitable for the purpose.

The remaining samples were classed as satisfactory.

The Food and Drugs Authority results are supplied through the courtesy of the County Analyst, R.W.Sutton, Esq., B.Sc., F.R.I.C., F.C.S.

<u>Food Premises</u>	<u>Number</u>	<u>Visits</u>
Bakeryhouses	9	13
Butchers Shops	21	43
Catering Establishments	47	42
Wet Fish Shops	6	16
Ice-cream Shops	122	57
General Food Shops	102	92
Licensed Premises	46	36
Market Stalls	6	39
Preserved Food	22	30
Fish & Chip Shops	8	21

## OTHER FOODS, (CONTINUED).

### Ice-Cream

Manufacturers of Ice-cream	1
Sale of Ice-cream	122
No. of visits to the above	57

26 samples of ice-cream were taken during the year for analysis under the Methylene Blue Test and were graded as follows:-

<u>Grade I</u>	<u>Grade 2</u>	<u>Grade 3</u>	<u>Grade 4</u>
15	8	Nil	3

### MARKET STALLS.

The market stalls, during the year, have certainly been improved both in appearance and hygiene and communal washing facilities provided for use by all stall holders. However good these arrangements might be it does not seem healthy practice to me for unwrapped food to be sold in open markets exposed to all kinds of dusty contamination. I feel that food sold under these conditions should all be pre-packed, perhaps one day we shall see this. 39 visits have been made.

### Bakehouses

13 inspections have been made at the 9 Bakehouses on the register, a reasonable standard of cleanliness has been maintained.

### Fish and Chip Shops

21 inspections have been made at 8 shops. All premises with the exception of one have been maintained in a reasonable manner.

### LICENSED PREMISES.

Licensed Premises in District - 46      Inspections - 36

Licensed Clubs in District - 6      Inspections - 6

The work of improving washing facilities, sanitary accommodation and hygiene at these premises has again continued, four premises having been so improved and two further premises are at present having work carried out. It is pleasing to note that decent living accommodation is being provided for the tenants during the carrying out of these works. There are now only three premises without these sanitary and washing improvements.

### TENTS, VANS AND MOVEABLE DWELLINGS.

We have sites for 127 vans and moveable dwellings situated on 12 sites.

The moveable dwellings are in reasonable condition, the site at Darley Dale being again maintained in an excellent manner.



## HOUSING.

The cessation of house building by the Council has delayed proceeding with demolition and clearance under the Housing Acts. As mentioned in my last report the rising cost of this work has made it impossible in several cases for the owners to demolish. Consequently in the small amount of demolition that has been done the cost has been borne by the Council and in future it would appear that this charge of demolition work will fall more and more on the Local Authorities.

## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

(1) No. of portable dustbins emptied by Council.	6194	(3) Water Closets	5051
(2) Pail closets emptied by Council	339	(4) Cesspools	39

Ward	Converted since 1945	Total Earth & Pail Closets	Pails Collected by U.D.C.	PCs & ECs not Collected
Tansley	43	69	42	27
Riber	-	27	17	10
Matlock	117	62	25	37
Matlock Bath	4	18	17	1
Cromford	57	58	41	17
Bonsall	130	152	115	37
North Darley	119	115	24	91
South Darley	14	88	60	28
	484	589	341	248

Total Conversions from 1945 - 1956 = 484 as under.

1945	1946	1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
7	26	17	24	12	71	74	108	45	50	22	28

## VERMINOUS PREMISES.

1 property was cleared and disinfected during the year.

## MEAT INSPECTION.

Meat inspection in Matlock has now settled down to a regular routine and with the cooperation of the Meat Traders the majority of meat inspection is all done in normal working hours and although this very vital health service takes a big slice out of a working week for your only Inspector, to the detriment of other duties, my thanks must go to the Butchers for their consideration, so preventing overtime which is becoming such a burden to many of my colleagues in other Districts, thanks not only for this but their willingness to help with hygiene regulations as applies their slaughterhouses & shops.

As will be seen from the table below the incidence of Tuberculosis in all cattle killed again shows a satisfactory downward trend to 12.43%, the lowest since I started this record in 1945 when the figure was 32.21%.

### TUBERCULOSIS %

1947	1948	1949	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956
30.58	36.48	27.12	25.76	28.13	29.33	23.96	24.49	13.81	12.43

The second table shows during 100% meat inspection service that 2,458 animals were slaughtered and inspected during the year at the seven private licensed slaughterhouses entailing 683 inspections. Owing to the good quality animals killed no whole carcasses had to be condemned and although inspection is made for cysticercosis no case was found. The custom is for condemned meat and offal to be stained green which is then collected by an approved contractor for sterilisation to feeding stuff or fertiliser.

The slaughterhouses have again been carefully used and kept to a decent condition during the year without complaint from the residents in their very near vicinity.



MEAT INSPECTION 1956.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	364	175	18	1,086	815	-
Number inspected	364	175	18	1,086	815	-
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:-</u>						
(a) Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Carcasses of which some part or organ condemned	76	46	-	116	12	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than T.B.	20.87	26.27	-	10.68	1.47	-
<u>Tuberculosis only:-</u>						
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned (including whole carcasses, if any)	20	47	-	-	4	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	5.49	26.85	-	-	0.49	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned, carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
<u>All Cattle Killed:-</u>						
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis	12.43	-	-	-	-	-



PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

The following is the Annual Report on Rodent Control for 12 months ended 31st March 1957 submitted to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

	TYPE OF PROPERTY				Total of Cols 1,2,3.	Agri- culture
	Local Authy	Non-Agricultural Dwelling Houses	All other (including Business Premises)			
I. No. of properties in Local Authority's District	41	5618	832	6501		136
II. No. of properties inspected as a result of:						
(a) Notification	3	20	11	34		-
(b) Survey under the Act	41	837	217	1095		98
(c) Otherwise (e.g., when visited primarily for some other purpose)	-	-	-	-		-
III. Total inspections carried out including re-inspections	238	1905	266	2409		12
IV. Number of properties inspected (in Sect.II) which were found to be infested by:						
(a) Rats { Major	-	-	-	-		-
{ Minor	8	58	32	98		-
(b) Mice { Major	-	-	-	-		-
{ Minor	9	21	12	42		-
V. Number of infested properties (in Sect.IV) treated by the L.A.	17	79	44	140		-
VI. Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	64	110	65	239		-
VII. Number of notices served under Sec.4 of the Act:						
(a) Treatment	-	-	-	-		-
(b) Structural Work	-	-	-	-		-
VIII. Number of cases in which default action was taken following the issue of a notice under Sec.4 of Act	-	-	-	-		-
IX. Legal proceedings	-	-	-	-		-
X. Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	18	56	16	90		-





