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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

FOR THE YEAR

1958



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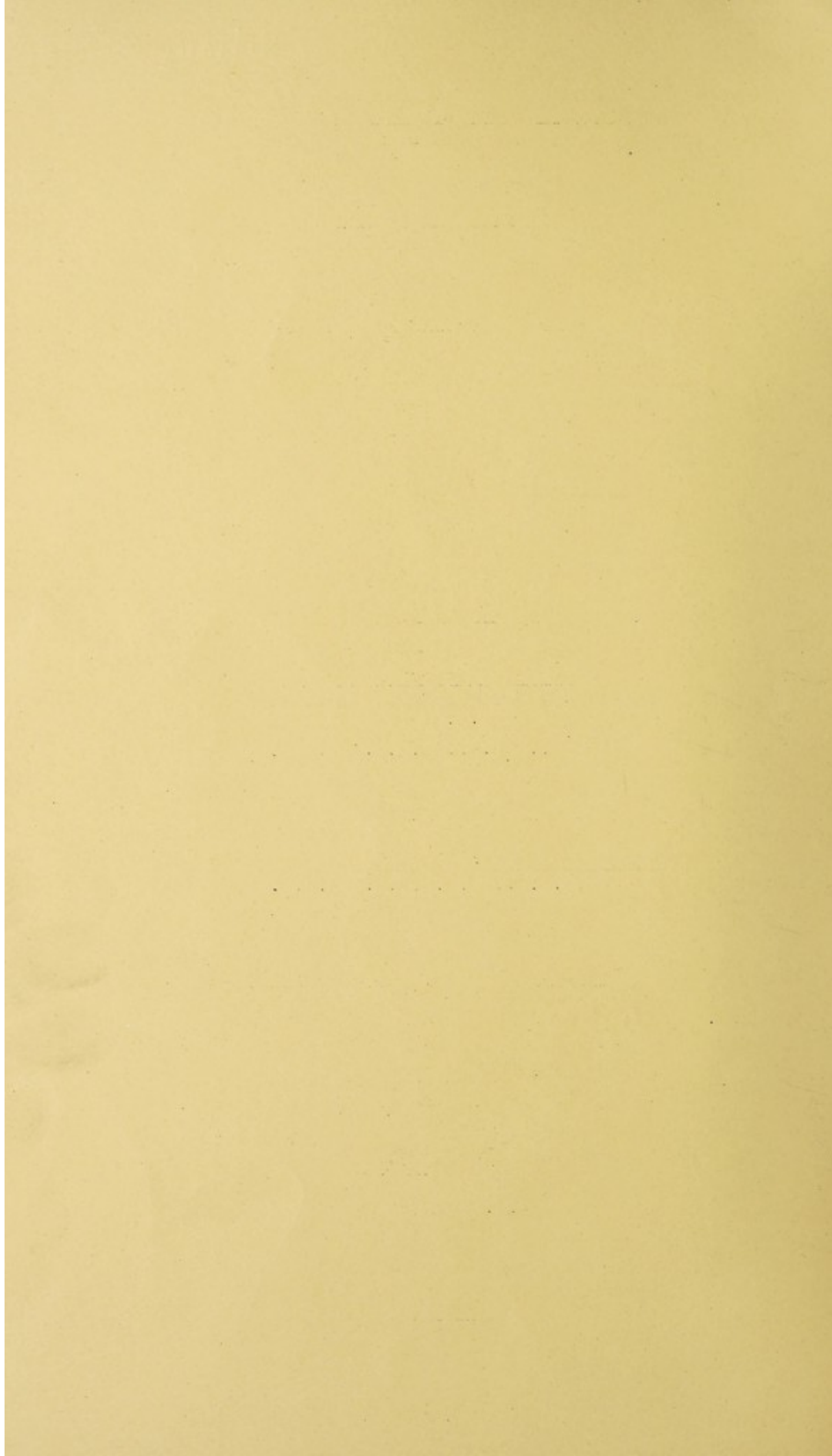
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To the Chairman and Members of

THE NORTH COTSFOLD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman, Ladies & Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances of the Rural District for the year 1958 as required under the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations 1935 and 1951 and as directed by the Ministry of Health in Circular 22/58 of the 9th December 1958.

I was appointed and took up duty as your Medical Officer of Health on the 1st November, 1958, following a reorganisation of areas, when my predecessor, Dr. Knight, took over in the Gloucester Rural and Tewkesbury Borough areas.

Various other changes took place in the Public Health Department during the year. The Chief Public Health Inspector, Mr. A. Ede, retired in May after more than 16 years service with the Council. Mr. G.E. Knight, your Engineer and Surveyor, was appointed to the combined post of Chief Public Health Inspector and Surveyor on the 1st July, 1958. Mr. J.L. Kell, Additional Public Health Inspector, left in September to take up another appointment and Mr. A. Hughes was appointed to take his place on the 16th October, 1958.

The health statistics of the district are not unfavourable but in dealing with comparatively small numbers too much weight should not be placed on a single years statistics.

I am indebted to the Chief Public Health Inspector for details regarding the sanitary circumstances of the area contained in his report.

I would like to express my thanks to the Chairman and Members of the Council for their support and encouragement. In addition my thanks are due to the staff of the Public Health Department for their loyalty and co-operation and to the Clerk and other officers of the Council for their ready help.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Ladies
& Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W.A. KNOX

Medical Officer of Health.

November, 1959

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NORTH COTSWOLD RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area (acres)	86,203
Population (1951 census)	21,893
Population (Registrar General Mid year estimate 1958)	20,540
Number of inhabited houses (1951 census)	5,432
Number of inhabited houses (at 31st March, 1959)	6,038
Rateable value (at 31st March, 1959)	£229,280
Sum represented by a penny rate	£922

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

LIVE BIRTHS

	M.	F.	Total
Total	164	149	313
Legitimate	160	146	306
Illegitimate	4	3	7

Birth rate per 1,000 of the population	15.23
Comparable birth rate (comparability factor 1.08)	16.44
Birth rate per 1,000 of the population (England & Wales)	16.4
Illegitimate live births per cent of total live births	2.23

STILL BIRTHS

	M.	F.	Total
Total	4	3	7
Legitimate	3	3	6
Illegitimate	1	-	1

Total live and still births	320
Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births	21.87
Still birth rate per 1,000 live and still births (England & Wales)	21.6

DEATHS

	M.	F.	Total
Total	121	112	233

Death rate per 1,000 of the population	11.34
Comparable death rate (comparability factor 0.93)	10.54
Death rate per 1,000 of the population (England & Wales)	11.7
No of women dying in, or in consequence of, childbirth	Nil

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 YEAR OF AGE

	M.	F.	Total
Total	6	2	8
Legitimate	6	2	8
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births	25.55
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (England & Wales)	22.6

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE

	M.	F.	Total
Total	4	2	6
Legitimate	4	2	6
Illegitimate	-	-	-

Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births	19.16
Neo-natal mortality rate per 1,000 live births (England & Wales)	16.2

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1958

<u>Disease</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infectious and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	3	5
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	6	6
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	16	10	26
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	1	2
Diabetes	-	4	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	8	11	19
Coronary disease, angina	23	16	39
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
Other heart disease	32	35	67
Other circulatory disease	2	2	4
Influenza	1	2	3
Pneumonia	7	4	11
Bronchitis	2	2	4
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1	2
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	-	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	-	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	3	-	3
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	2	-	2
Other defined and ill defined diseases	6	8	14
Motor vehicle accidents	5	-	5
All other accidents	5	2	7
Suicide	-	3	3
Homicide and operations of war	-	1	1
Totals	121	112	233

DEATHS IN AGE GROUPS

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Under 1 year	6	3	9
1 - 4 years	-	-	-
5 - 14 years	3	1	4
15 - 24 "	2	-	2
25 - 34 "	2	-	2
35 - 44 "	1	3	4
45 - 54 "	13	6	19
55 - 64 "	14	7	21
65 - 74 "	40	31	71
75 - 84 "	27	39	66
85 - 94 "	12	20	32
95 - 104 "	1	2	3
Totals	121	112	233

It is interesting to note that 73% survived to over the age of 65 years and 43% to over the age of 75 years.

Birth, death and infantile mortality rates in the District for the last five years:

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Birth rate (per 1,000 population)	16.9	17.2	15.9	16.5	15.2
Death rate (per 1,000 population)	11.1	12.3	10.8	9.6	10.5
Infant mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	22.0	22.7	21.7	26.6	25.5
Neo-natal mortality rate (per 1,000 live births)	11.0	17.0	15.5	20.0	19.2

POPULATION

The Registrar General's mid-year estimate of the population 20,540 for 1958 shows an increase of 120 over the previous year.

The natural increase in population, excess of births over deaths, was 80.

BIRTH RATE

There were 313 births, 25 less than in 1957, the comparable birth rate being 16.4 compared with 17.8 for the previous year and with 16.4 for England & Wales.

DEATH RATE

There were 235 deaths during the year, an increase of 36, the comparable death rate being 10.5 compared with 9.5 for 1957 and comparing favourably with a figure of 11.7 for England & Wales.

INFANT MORTALITY

There were 8 infant deaths compared with 9 for last year, the infant mortality rates being 25.5 and 26.6 respectively. The rate for England & Wales was 22.6. Six of these deaths took place in the neo-natal period (i.e. within 4 weeks of birth), the neo-natal death rate being 19.2 compared with 20 last year and with 16.2 for England & Wales. There were 7 still births compared with 2 in 1957. The still birth rate of 21.8 compares with 6 for 1957 and with 21.6 for England & Wales. All 6 deaths in the neo-natal period took place in hospital. 3 deaths were due to congenital malformations and 3 to prematurity. Of the two older infant deaths, one was due to enteritis and one to acute bronchitis.

CANCER

Nineteen men and twenty women died of cancer as compared with 16 men and 13 women the previous year.

	Male	Female
Stomach	2	3
Lungs	1	-
Breast	-	6
Uterus	-	1
Other malignant neoplasms	16	10
	<u>19</u>	<u>20</u>

There was one death from lung cancer compared with six in 1957.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS
AND OTHER DISEASES

INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1958
(excluding Tuberculosis)

	Under 1 yr		1 - 4		5 - 14		15 - 24		25 and over		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Scarlet Fever	-	-	5	7	4	5	-	-	-	-	9	12
Whooping Cough	4	1	18	17	23	27	-	-	-	2	45	47
Polionmyelitis												
Paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Non paralytic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
Measles	-	-	36	34	40	42	2	-	-	1	78	77
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	1	-	1	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
	Under 5 yrs		5 - 14		15-44		45-64		65 and over		Total	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Pneumonia	-	-	2	3	2	1	4	4	3	5	11	13
Encephalitis												
Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Post-infectious	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	2	1	-	3	3
Food poisoning	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
Puerperal pyrexia						2						2

Scarlet Fever

Twenty-one cases of scarlet fever were notified compared with 25 in 1957. The disease is generally mild and cases are isolated at home.

Whooping Cough

Whooping cough was again of an epidemic character in part of the district during the year, 92 cases being notified compared with 102 in 1957.

241 children were vaccinated against whooping cough during the year.

Measles

There were 155 cases of measles notified compared with 302 the previous year.

Diphtheria

No cases of diphtheria occurred during the year.

Polionmyelitis

One case of non-paralytic polionmyelitis in a male aged 30 was notified during the year. A heavy programme of vaccination against polionmyelitis was carried out during the year. The age group had been extended to include expectant mothers and children up to the age of 15 years and as the vaccine became more plentiful large numbers of children were vaccinated. The response from expectant mothers was however disappointing.

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases

	<u>Children</u>		<u>All persons</u>
	<u>0 - 4</u>	<u>5 - 14</u>	
Respiratory	-	-	3
Meninges & C.N.S.	-	-	-
Other forms	-	-	1

DEATHS ... NIL

Tuberculosis Register

The number of cases on the register, 31st December, 1958, was as follows:-

	<u>Respiratory</u>		<u>C.N.S.</u>	<u>Other Forms</u>			<u>All Forms</u>
<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
58	37	95	1	9	11	20	116

Four new cases of tuberculosis were notified in 1958, the same number as the previous year. There were no deaths from the disease during the year. Although preventive and curative measures in the last few years have made spectacular progress in controlling this disease, there is still a problem in the older age groups. Often the chronic infectious case, who does not seek medical advice and never attends a Mass X-Ray Unit, remains undiscovered until someone else is infected.

PROTECTION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Following are the number of children who completed a full course of injections for protection against diphtheria during 1958.

<u>Under 1 yr</u>	<u>1 yr</u>	<u>2 - 4 yrs</u>	<u>5 - 14 yrs</u>	<u>Total</u>
147	64	18	6	235

Maintenance or reinforcing injections of diphtheria prophylactic were also given to 167 children under 15 years of age during the year.

<u>Number of children immunised in</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956</u>	<u>1955</u>	<u>1954</u>
Primary	235	394	230	326	329
Maintenance	167	365	382	346	255

There was a considerable drop in the number immunised against diphtheria during the year which is accounted for by the very large programme of vaccination against poliomyelitis that was carried out. This, of course, is understandable but parents must not forget the need to have their children immunised against diphtheria if this disease is to be kept under control.

PROTECTION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH

During the year the following number of children completed a full course of injections against whooping cough:

Under 1 yr.	1 yr.	2 - 4 yrs	5 - 14 yrs	Total
132 (51)	17 (20)	7 (9)	1 (4)	157 (84)

The figures in brackets (not included in totals) indicate the number who had combined protection against whooping cough and diphtheria during the year.

PROTECTION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Following are the number who were vaccinated during 1958:-

	Under 1 yr	1 yr	2-4 yrs	5-14 yrs	15 yrs & over	Total
Vaccinated	185	15	7	3	7	217
Revaccinated	-	-	-	8	41	49

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT 1948

Section 47. Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons in need of Care and Attention

No cases arose during the year calling for action under this Act. A number of old people living alone and in failing health were visited but in most cases it was possible, with a little regular help, to enable them to carry on in their own homes. This assistance is usually given by the Home Help Service. In three cases where the persons were "sleeping rough" it was possible to persuade them to enter suitable accommodation voluntarily.

GENERAL PROVISIONS FOR HEALTH SERVICES

Laboratory Services

Samples of water, milk and ice-cream and pathological specimens are sent for bacteriological analysis to the Public Health Laboratory, Walton Street, Oxford. The laboratory is part of the Public Health Laboratory Service of the Ministry of Health and no charge is made for making use of its services.

Chemical examination of specimens is undertaken by Messrs Ellis & Turner, Public Analysts, Gloucester.

Home Help Service

This Service is organised by the County Council and charge is made according to a scale of assessment. The Home Help takes over the running of the home where the housewife is temporarily incapacitated through illness.

As noted elsewhere, the Service is very useful to old people who can no longer manage because of infirmity. Very often the provision of a Home Help for say 2 hours, 3 days per week is sufficient to maintain an old person at home.

Appeals for assistance from this Service should be made to the Divisional Health Office, North Glos. Area, Council Offices, Copt Elm Road, Charlton Kings, (Tel. No. Cheltenham 55746.)

Nursing in the Home

The area is covered by the District Nursing Association, under the control of the County Council. Information is available from the Divisional Health Office, Cirencester.

CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

Blockley	...	...	...	Alternate Wednesdays
Bourton-on-the-Water	...	...	...	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Chipping Campden	...	...	...	2nd & 4th Wednesdays
Little Rissington	...	...	...	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Mickleton	...	...	...	2nd Tuesdays
Moreton-in-Marsh	...	...	...	2nd & 4th Tuesdays
Stow-on-the-Wold	...	...	...	1st & 3rd Tuesdays
Willersey	...	...	...	2nd Thursdays

MOBILE CHILD WELFARE CENTRES

Ebrington	...	3rd Tuesday
Great Rissington	...	4th Monday
Guiting Power	...	3rd Friday
Longborough	...	3rd Wednesday
Naunton	...	3rd Thursday
Temple Guiting	...	3rd Friday
Upper Slaughter	...	3rd Wednesday
Weston-sub-Edge	...	3rd Tuesday

REPORT OF CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Complaints received	184
Informal notices	177
Statutory Notices, Public Health Act	0
Statutory Notices, Housing Act Notice of Survey	149
Nuisances Abated	129
Premises disinfected	2
Premises disinfested (Insect)	13
Premises disinfested (Rats)	127
Food Shops and catering premises visited	481
Bakehouse visits	27
Slaughterhouse visits	287
Drains inspected and/or tested	316
Animal carcasses inspected	961
Samples taken	58
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act visits	2,080
Visits for all purposes	5,138.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

The collection of household refuse has been maintained throughout the year with no serious interruptions. Consideration was given to the purchase of a 12/14 cu.yd. refuse collection vehicle. Two tips only are in use - one at Fish Hill and the other near Naunton.

The Council considered a scheme for the provision of a new incinerator plant at an estimated cost of £21,000 for the district. After full discussion on the matter it was resolved in view of the heavy capital expenditure which would have to be incurred, resulting in an annual charge estimated at £3,000. (i.e. a 3½d. rate), that no further action be taken. The Council, however, gave instructions for a map to be prepared showing suitable sites where controlled tipping can be practiced. This map was presented, and five sites were approved.

PAPER SALVAGE

During the year the price of waste paper dropped from £7. to £6. per ton, but Messrs. J. Ainsworth & Co. (Bolton) Limited have continued to collect from us.

The weight sold was 114 tons 6 cwt. 2 qtrs. and this brought in the sum of £759. 8. 2d.

H O U S I N G

Clearance Orders have been confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government at Stow-on-the-Wold (Stow-on-the-Wold (Well Lane) No. 1 Clearance Order, 1957) and at Oddington (Oddington No. 1 Clearance Order, 1956) involving 7 houses. Individual action under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957, was taken against 39 houses resulting generally in the acceptance by the Council of Undertakings not to relet the houses once vacated until they have been made fit.

Improvement Grants again enabled a large number of sub-standard houses to be brought up to a modern standard. During the year Grants were made in respect of alterations and improvements to 57 dwellings.

Action taken during 1958

Houses demolished or closed in the period

(1) Housing Act, 1957

(a) Demolished as a result of formal or informal procedure	..	1
(b) Houses affected by Undertakings given by owners	..	31
(c) Demolition Orders made	..	7
(d) Parts of buildings closed	..	Nil
(e) Closed as a result of Closing Orders	..	2

Repairs in the period

(2) Unfit houses rendered fit and houses in which defects were remedied during the period as a result of informal action by the local authority under the Housing or Public Health Acts	..	11
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(3) Public Health Acts - Action after service of formal notice.

Houses in which defects were remedied	..	0
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Certificates of Disrepair

Requests for Certificates of Disrepair under the Rent Act, 1957, were as follows :-

Applications	..	..	10
Certificates Issued	..	..	6
Undertakings accepted	..	..	4

New Houses

Completed in 1958 :-

Council Houses	..	..	38 *
Private enterprise	..	..	24

* All these houses were provided to rehouse families from unfit houses in connection with the Council's Slum Clearance Programme

W A T E R S U P P L Y

Statistics relating to the Council's Comprehensive Water Scheme

Population of statutory area	20,540
Population served	19,100
Area served in square miles	90
Daily average consumption (domestic)	25 gallons
Daily average consumption (trade)	18 gallons
Total storage capacity	1,812,000 gallons
Length of mains	118 miles
Capital expenditure	£351,400
Total consumption (Direct and Bulk)	1,124,000 galls. per day

220 samples were taken for analysis from the Council's supply of which 144 were satisfactory and 76 unsatisfactory. The cases of unfit samples were investigated and the causes eliminated.

24 samples were taken from private sources of which 6 were satisfactory and 18 unsatisfactory. Appropriate action was taken where the samples were unsatisfactory.

The following table sets out the position with regard to water supply in the various parishes : -

	<u>Total Number of Houses</u>	<u>Number of Houses supplied by:</u>	
		<u>(a) Public Mains direct into Houses</u>	<u>(b) Private Sources</u>
Batsford	55	26	29
Bledington	126	112	14
Blockley	709	668	41
Bourton-on-the-Hill	113	97	16
Bourton-in-the-Water	513	500	13
Broadwell	115	108	7
Chipping Campden	658	627	31
Clapton-on-the-Hill	32	32	-
Condicote	36	34	2
Donnington	37	31	6
Ebrington	187	116	71
Evenlode	78	70	8
Great Rissington	93	88	5
Guiting Power	124	100	24
Icomb	52	43	9
Little Rissington	47	47	-
Longborough	136	127	9
Lower Slaughter	78	64	14
Maugersbury	58	35	23
Mickleton	275	246	29
Moreton-in-Marsh	554	550	4

	<u>Total Number of Houses</u>	<u>Number of Houses supplied by:</u>	
		<u>(a) Public Mains direct into Houses</u>	<u>(b) Private Sources</u>
Naunton	123	116	7
Oddington	142	133	9
Saintbury	36	29	7
Sezincote	32	4	28
Stow-on-the-Wold	593	591	2
Swell	136	132	4
Temple Guiting	124	57	67
Todenham	74	73	1
Upper Slaughter	82	82	-
Westcote	56	56	-
Weston Subedge	120	97	23
Wyck Rissington	52	44	6
Willersey	185	177	8

The following parishes are supplied entirely from private Estate supplies :-

Adlestrop
Aston Subedge
Cutsdean.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Blockley Sewerage Scheme

During the year tenders were approved for the construction of a new sewage disposal works for Blockley at Draycott, and for the sewerage and sewage disposal of the villages of Draycott and Paxford.

Guiting Power Sewerage Scheme

A scheme was approved in principle for the sewerage and sewage disposal of the village, dealing with approximately 100 properties.

Aston Magna

The Council decided to take over the responsibility for the maintenance of an estate sewage disposal works, dealing with a large proportion of the village.

Sewer Ditches

A programme for the cleansing of sewer ditches throughout the district was dealt with during the year.

FOOD INSPECTION

The following foods were surrendered and destroyed as being unfit for human consumption :-

Tinned Food

Vegetables 41 tins; Fruit 135 tins; Fruit Juice 11 tins; Meat 35 tins; Milk 22 tins; Soup 21 tins; Preserves 26 tins; Fish 19 tins.

Miscellaneous Food

Cereal 4 packets; Salt 1 packet; Biscuits 9 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs;
Flour 2 lbs; Cheese 3 boxes.

Home Killed Meat

Meat 173 $\frac{1}{4}$ lbs; Offals 597 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs; 2 turkeys 14 lbs.

Unsound food is destroyed by burying or burning as there is no other economical method for disposal of small quantities.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

All meat slaughtered in proper slaughterhouses is inspected. In the course of this duty 287 visits were made, and 961 carcasses examined.

There are four licensed slaughterhouses and one knackers yard in this area.

FOOD PREMISES

Shops and premises where food is handled are as follows:

Grocers 53; Greengrocers 15; Bakers 15;
Butchers 14; Confectioners 23; Caterers 137;
Fish shops 7; General shops 17.

112 premises are registered as follows :-

106 for the sale of ice-cream;
5 for the preparation and frying of fish;
5 for sausage making; and
9 as dairies.

481 visits were made to premises where food is prepared or sold under the Food Hygiene Regulations. Generally speaking, co-operation with the trade has been good and there have been no prosecutions under the Regulations.

The following improvements have been made :-

Handwashing facilities provided	10
Hot water provided	19
Utensil washing facilities provided	12
Water closet accommodation provided (or improved)	3
Clothing stores provided	1
Improvements to equipment	3
Lighting improvement	1
Ventilation improvements	1
Structural improvements	2
Repairs and cleansing	8

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

During the year one application was received for a licence under the above Act to keep premises as a pet shop.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT

In the course of this work, 1,3⁷~~6~~3 surveys were made as follows:

669 dwellinghouses
479 business premises
107 agricultural premises
118 Council depots.

Infestations were found in 65 dwellinghouses (treated free of cost to occupiers), 20 business premises, 28 farms and 14 Council depots.

The only outstanding contract is for work at Chipping Campden Grammar School.

In the course of the year 1911, the Secretary of the Board of Education, Ontario, has received a number of letters from the various school boards, in which they have expressed their views on the proposed changes in the curriculum of the primary schools. The Board of Education has been very anxious to hear from the school boards, and has been very glad to receive their views. The Board of Education has been very busy in the past few months, and has been unable to give as much attention to the letters as it would have liked to. The Board of Education has been very busy in the past few months, and has been unable to give as much attention to the letters as it would have liked to.

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