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REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH FOR THE YEAR 1955

To the Chairman and Members of the Northampton Rural District Council.

My Lady, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Once more I have the honour to present the Annual Report for the year 1955.

As before, the statistics for infectious disease agree with those of England and Wales. No serious epidemics took place and notifications were reported by the General Practitioners more regularly than last year.

Your assistant Sanitary Inspectors, Mr. Merriman and Mr. Harris, have given a large part of their time to their duties of meat inspection, and one wonders if some payment should not be made by the Meat Traders as a share in the cost to the Council.

Reports have been received regularly from the Water Board regarding the quality of the water, and it has been satisfactory.

By the time this report is received it is hoped that a start will have been made on the Poliomyelitis immunisation, and one hopes that this will be as successful as the Diphtheria immunisation has proved.

The new Food and Drugs Act will also be in operation and here this should lessen the chance of Food Poisoning, when inspections are carried out regularly on food premises.

Again I wish to thank Mr. Miller, Mr. Merriman and Mr. Harris for their co-operation and the help they have given me in the past year.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

ARTHUR LUCAS

Medical Officer of Health.

SUM ARY OF VITAL STATISTICS 1955

		100000000000000000000000000000000000000			21,930		
	Number of Inhabited houses (at 31st harch, 1956) according to rate books						
Rateable value	(31st)	December	r, 1955)		£131,434		
Product of ld.	rate 1	955/1950	6 (Actual))	£525. 6. 2d.		
LIVE BIRTHS							
	Total	Male	Female	Rate per 1000	England & Wales		
Legitimate	356	179	177				
Illegitimate	11	6	5				
	367	185	182	16.7	15.0		
STILLBIRTHS				4 14 11 11 11			
	Total	Male		Rate per 1000	England & Wales		
Legitimate	4	2	2				
Illegitimate	-	-	-				
	4	2	2	10.8	23.1		
DEATHS							
Transcent district	Total	Male	Female	Rate per 1000	England & Wales		
All causes	298	157	141	13.6	11.7		
TELL GOING OF	-,-	-21	141	2,.0	Gotton Children		
DEATHS FROM PU	ERPERAL	CAUSES	- Nil.				
INFANT MORTALI	TY - ra	te per	1000 live	births			
	Total	Male	Female	Rate			
Legitimate	7	5	2				
Illegitimate	-	1	-				
	7	6	2	21.9	24.9		
DEATHS FROM		100			-		
			all ages)	52			
	s (all			nil			
	ng Cougl	h		nil			
Diarrh	oea			nil			

CAUSES OF DEATH

During the year the principal causes of death were those in the heart diseases categories (Refer to Table I on page Causes of Death). .

SECTION A

Natural and Social Conditions

Deaths:- The total number of deaths assigned to the District by the Registrar General after adjustment for outward and inward transferable deaths was 298, as compared with 274 in 1954. The crude death rate based on the estimated population was 13.6 per thousand as compared with 13.1 in 1954.

The following table shows the death rates for the quinquennium 1951 - 1955, together with the corresponding rates for England and Wales and the Administrative County:-

Death Rates 1951 - 1955

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Northampton R.D.	10.04	9.61	11.3	13.1	13.6
Administrative County	12.13	11.04	11.51	11.04	11.38
England & Wales	12.5	11.3	11.4	11.3	11.7

The history of the rate, together with other vital statistics for the years 1935 - 1955 is shown on Table II on page

Births:- The number of live births assigned to the District was 356, (179 males, 177 females) as compared with 321 in 1954, thus giving a crude rate of 16.7 per thousand of population as compared with 15.3 for the previous year. The following table shows the trend of the birthrate for the years 1951 - 1955 with other rates for commarison:-

Crude Birth Rates 1951 - 1955

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Northampton R.D.	15.47	15.12	15.7	15.3	16.7
Administrative County	15.57	15.5	16.16	16.2	15.49
England & Wales	15.5	15.3	15.5	15.2	15.0

Stillbirths: - There were 4 stillbirths assigned to the District as compared with 6 in 1954.

Stillbirth Rates 195	1 - 1955	per (per	thousand	total	Births)
	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Northampton R.D.	13.2	0.3	0.35	0.28	23.1

Illegitimate Birth Rate: Bleven illiegitimate live births were registered as compared with eight in 1954. Shown as a proportion of the total number of live births, this represents 3.1 per cent compared with 2.4 per cent in 1954.

Natural and Social Conditions (continued)

Laternal Mortality: - There was no maternal death assigned to the District, compared with none in 1954 and one in 1953.

Infant Mortality:- The number of infants who died before attaining their first birthday was 7 (5 males and 2 females). There were six (4 males and 2 females) in 1954.

The rates for 1951 - 1955 together with other rates for comparison are:-

Deaths under One year per thousand live births

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Northampton R.D.	29	29	28	18	21.9
Administrative County	25	25	25	24	20.79
England & Wales	29	28	27	26	24.9

1. General Provisions of Health Services:-

Ledical Officer of Health

A. Lucas, L.R.C.P., L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S., D.P.H.

Chief Sanitary Inspector Additional Sanitary Inspectors R. J. Miller, A.I.A.S., M.R.S.H.

M. de V. Merriman, M.S.I.A.

T. A. Harris, M.S.I.A., M.R.S.H.

2. Laboratory Facilities:-

The bacteriological work associated with the Public Health Department is carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service whose laboratory, in charge of which is Dr. C. Hoyle, is situated at the Northampton General Hospital. The bacteriological examination of water samples is also carried out by Dr. Hoyle.

3. Diphtheria Antitoxin:-

A supply of antitoxin is always available for use in the District by applying to the dispenser at the Northampton General Hospital.

4. Treatment Centres and Clinics:-

Child Welfare Centres, provided by the County Council, are held at Duston, Hackleton, Kislingbury, Weston Favell and Roade.

An antenatal clinic, also provided by the County Council, is available at the County Hall, Northampton.

5. Tuberculosis Survey, Duston:-

Compared with 1954 when the total of new cases of Tuberculosis notified amounted to three, the total of twenty-nine notifications in 1955 requires some explanation. A considerable number of the new cases were reported from St. Crispin Hospital, Duston, where a Mass Radiography survey had been carried out.

A further Mass Radiography survey was carried out in the District during which 2,027 persons were examined, but only seven new cases of significant pulmonary tuberculosis were detected.

Reference should be made to Appendix Table III on page 21.

SECTION C

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area

1. Water

The Main Public Water Supply is now available in all Parishes in the District with the exception of Castle Ashby. During the year the main public water supply was connected to the existing service pipes at Little Houghton, the local supply being excluded. There are, however, private piped water supplies to Castle Ashby and Whiston. The water supplies derived from private and public wells are still far from satisfactory and in nearly every case, upon being analysed, the water was found to be polluted.

At present there are 11 public wells. Of these 5 have pumps in working order. Most of these wells are polluted and where applicable, notices have been posted to indicate that the water is unfit for human consumption.

2. Rivers and Streams

No complaints were received during the year of pollution of rivers or streams.

3. Sanitation and Water Supplies Schedule

For further details, reference may be made to the schedule of Sanitation and Water Supplies in Table XIV of the Appendix on page 34.

4. Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The delay in providing sewage disposal schemes in Great Houghton, Hardingstone, Courteenhall, Hackleton and Rothersthorpe is regrettable as there is always a danger to health with the present inadequate methods of disposal. The present methods are old and have not improved on those of the Middle Ages, and one cannot expect agricultural workers to live in such conditions in view of the benefits of modern sanitation to be found in towns and urban areas. Surely as an incentive the Ministry should allow these schemes to proceed forthwith if agriculture is not to suffer by the drift of labour to better areas.

SECTION D

Inspection and Supervision of Food

1. Milk Supply

The number of persons registerable under the Food and Drugs (Milk and Dairies) Act, 1944 was 10.

Further particulars can be found on page 15.

2. Food Premises

Regular inspections have been made during the year of food shops, travelling vans and other food premises, as far as other duties have permitted. Further details will be found on pages 15 and 16.

3. Food Poisoning Outbreaks

One notification of a food poisoning outbreak was received during 1955.

4. leat Inspection

All the eight slaughterhouses licensed upon decontrol of slaughtering continued in operation during the year.

In order to maintain 100% meat inspection in conjunction with the other Public Health demands of the department, an additional Sanitary Inspector was appointed early in the year.

SECTION E

Prevalence of, and control over Infectious and other Diseases

1. Smallpox

No case was notified during the year, as was so in 1954.

2. Scarlet Fever

Sixteen cases (7 male, 9 female) were notified during the year, as compared with twenty-three during 1954. All the cases appeared to be of a mild clinical type.

3. Diphtheria

No cases of diphtheria were notified during the year.

4. Puerperal Pyrexia

One case was notified under the Fuerperal Pyrexia Regulations, 1939, in the year under review, as compared with one in 1954.

5. Pneumonia

Twenty-one cases (9 male, 12 female) of acute primary pneumonia or acute influenzal pneumonia were notified, as compared with thirty-one cases in 1954. Pneumonia was the certified cause of death in twenty-one cases. These deaths are not necessarily those of patients who were notified under the relevant regulations.

6. Erysipelas

Five cases were notified, as compared with two in 1954.

7. Neasles

Three hundred and fifteen cases were notified during the year, as compared with none in 1954. There were no deaths.

8. Whooping Cough

Ninety-four cases were notified, as compared with thirty in 1954. There were no deaths.

9. Acute Poliomyelitis (Infantile Paralysis)

Six cases were notified during the year, compared with none in 1954. There were two deaths.

10. Acute Encephalitis (Infective)

One case was notified during the year, compared with none in 1954.

11. Dysentery

Four cases were notified during the year, as compared with one in 1954.

12. Cerebro Spinal Fever

No case was notified during the year, as compared with one in 1954.

13. Food Foisoning

One case was notified during the year, as compared with none in 1954.

14. Tuberculosis

Twenty-nine new cases of tuberculosis were notified during the year - twenty-seven cases being respiratory - as compared with three cases - two respiratory - in 1954.

Two persons died of Tuberculosis during the year.

The age and sex incidence of the new cases and deaths from the disease are given in Table III on page 21.

The corrected number of deaths, together with the crude death rate during the quinquennium 1951 - 1955 and those for the administrative county are as follows:-

Tuberculosis Mortality

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955
Northampton R.D.	0.102	0.3	0.29	0.15	0.05
Administrative County	0.26	0.25	0.18	0.12	0.09

No action was taken during 1955 under the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925 or under Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

15. National Assistance Act, 1948

No action was taken under Section 47 or under Section 50 of the Act.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

A. LUCAS

Medical Officer of Health.

NORTHAMPTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT

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REPORT OF THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR 1955

Mr. Chairman, My Lady, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to submit my Annual Report for the year 1955, being the twenty-fifth I have had the honour to present.

1. Staff - Administrative

Chief of Department	 R. J. Miller, A.I.A.S., M.R.S.H., Registered Architect.
Sanitary Inspectors	 M. de V. Merriman, M.S.I.A.
	T. A. Harris, M.S.I.A., R.S.H.
Chief Clerk	 S. O. Starmer
Clerk	 R. S. Haynes

2. Staff - Outdoor

Rodent	Operator	-		1
Sewage	Disposal	-	(Labourers)	5
Refuse	Disposal	-	(Drivers)	3
		-	(Loaders)	6
		-	(Labourers)	1

PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936 Water Supplies

During the year 110 samples were taken, 81 being taken from public sources and 29 from private wells etc. All samples were submitted for bacteriological examination.

Of the 110 samples submitted for bacteriological examination, 40 samples were of untreated water as follows:-

	Piped Supplies	Other Supplies
Ashton	-	1
Billing	-	3
Brafield	-	3
Castle Ashby	6	5
Cogenhoe	-	- 2
Hackleton	-	4
Hardingstone	-	7
Hartwell	-	1
Nether Heyford	-	1
Roade	-	1
Quinton	-	1
Wootton	-	3
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The Results of all bacteriological samples have been categorised and the following percentages obtained:-

Note: - 1954 percentages in parentheses.

	Public Su	Michigan Company and a	Private Supplies	
	Piped	Other	Piped	Other
Category 1				
(Very satisfactory - No B. coli or faecal coli)		25.00% (16.66%)	66.7% (40.00%)	17.3% (16.67%)
Category 2				
(Satisfactory - small B. coli count - no faecal coli)	12.33% (8.7%)		(20.00%)	8.70% (16.67%)
Category 3				
(Unsatisfactory & suspicious high B. coli count, no faecal coli)	2.74% (5.49%)	25.00% (5.56%)	(-)	13.04% (16.66%)
Category 4				
(Unsatisfactory & dangerous - B. coli and faecal coli)	4.11%	(11.11%)	33.3% (-)	39.13% (-)
Category 5				
(Very unsatisfactory & dangerous - high counts of B. coli and faecal coli)	(3.30%)	12.5% (61.11%)	(40.00%)	21.74% (50.00%)

In the above table will be found a summary of the reports received on water samples taken both for emergency reasons or for routine purposes during the year under review. Details of water sample reports for each Parish can be found in Table X of the Appendix on page 30.

Generally speaking, the District has a high standard as regards the purity of water supplies. The Main supply is now available to all arishes in the District excepting Castle Ashby and Whiston, and many more dwellings have been connected to it.

Out of 11 known Public Wells only five were in use during 1955 compared with nine in 1954.

During the year one chemical sample was taken of main supply water and was found to be satisfactory.

Swimming Pool

During the season 38 samples of water from the one privately owned public swimming pool were taken for bacteriological examination. Of these, 32 were very satisfactory, and two, one at the beginning of the season and one at the end, were slightly suspicious, shewing low count of coliform bacilli with no faecal coli present.

On one occasion, a sample was taken immediately following a breakdown of the chlorination plant, and it was found to be a very unsatisfactory water with evidence of very heavy faecal pollution.

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Swimming Pool (continued)

Repairs were effected within two days, and samples were again found to be very satisfactory. The remaining three unsatisfactory samples were taken in July, when the supply of chlorine had temporarily run out. Increased stocks were immediately procured and maintained thereafter.

Tents, Vans, Sheds and Similar Structures

Applications in connection with licensing of caravans and temporary buildings call for care and detailed investigation, whether it be for land to hold a number of such structures or just for one moveable dwelling. Public Health and Country Planning considerations have to be sifted whilst bearing in mind the factors of the individual case.

There are seven land sites at present licensed whilst ten licences are in force for single caravans or small groups of moveable dwellings. Further details can be found in Table IX on page 29.

Eradication of Bed Bugs

During the year no cases of infestation were reported, as was so in 1954.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Under the order of priority the position at the end of 1955 was:-

I	Ouston - Millway Se	ewer	-	completed 1947
E	loade - Hyde Lane 8	-	completed 1949	
W	eston Favell - Ket	ttering Road Sever	-	completed 1950
E	ugbrooke & Heyford	i - Full scheme	-	completed 1952
B	Organhoe (rafield)	Combined drainage scheme to Northampton Corporation works	-	completed 1953
-	lartwell) -	- Full scheme	-	completed 1953
E	Billing -	- New Sewerage	-	completed 1950
	arpole)	- Full scheme	-	completed 1954
F	ackleton) iddington) - iorton)	- Full scheme	-	part completed
C	Collingtree -	- Full scheme	-	completed 1955
G	reat Houghton -	- Full scheme	-	Inquiry by Ministry in July
R	othersthorpe -	- Full scheme	-	Plans for combined scheme rejected by Ministry in November.
W	ootton - Sewerage	of Village	-	completed 1953
D	enton - Improvemen	nt to Disposal		

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Sewerage and Sewage Disposal (continued)

Hardingstone - Improvements to Disposal

- Plans approved by Council in November

* Milton -Yardley Hastings - "

Harpole - Larkhall Lane Extension

Brafield - Extension at Top End

Courteenhall - Full scheme

Nether Heyford - Wharf Extension

Ashton - Little Ashton Extension

- completed 1954

- Tender approved in January

- Still with Ministry

- Work in hand

- Tenders received in June

GENERAL

In addition to progress detailed above, other principal drainage items dealt with during the year were:-

(i) A scheme proposed for Folly Lane, Hartwell (£4,680)
 (ii) Relief Sewer laid to Billing Wharf Pumping Station.

(iii) Sewer extension Ransome Road.

(iv) Relief Sewer at Roade to provide for new Secondary Modern School.

(v) Sewers and pumping station at Westone Estate taken over.

Most of the properties in the different villages where sewerage is now available are becoming connected and converted to water closets.

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The following figures show the position at the end of 1955:-

	Connections 2/or Conversions	Sewer available but not connected
Bugbrooke	137	18
Nether Heyford	101	3
Upper Heyford	3	6
Hartwell	66	20
Ashton	27	6
Cogenhoe	92	49 (Some of these
Kislingbury	89	55 may be con- nected to the
Harpole	126	102 old Church
Collingtree	32	38 Street sewer)
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CESSPOOL EMPTYING SERVICE

Those properties which are still or can only be served by cesspool drainage place great reliance on the availability of this service, as is evidenced by the strong reaction if for any reason it is temporarily suspended.

Statistically the number of properties attended to decreased by 64 (19% over 1954) Consequently the mileage was down (7.5%) and the total cost down by 23%. The cost per cesspool was up slightly to an average of £3. 13. 9d. each, against £3. 10. 9d. A greater number of re-chargeable work was done and brought in 20% of the total expenditure.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

This service continued unchanged in its collecting schedules. It was, however, necessary to engage the additional collecting unit of three men, the need for this being readily seen by reference to the continued growth of house building in the District (12% increase for the year). This largely accounts for the 8% increase in weight collected and the 37% increase in vehicle mileage. The difference in ratio of the two figures is influenced also by the factor of a third vehicle now required in regular use. The total nett cost of the service increased by a little over 10%.

Revenue from salvage increased by 50% (£1660 against £1105) but this rate of return cannot be expected to continue through 1956 as there are signs of a glut in waste paper at the pulp mills.

Vehicle replacement will shortly have to be considered, particularly for the present third vehicle which is an open lorry.

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Housing Act, 1936

A summary of action taken during the year is as follows:-

Number	of	Houses	on	which	action was commenced	38	(32)
"	11	11	"		demolition orders were made	6	(4)
11	19	11	11	11	closing orders were made	1	(0)
11	11	"		"	proposals for reconstruction were accepted	11	(9)
0		11	13		other proposals were accepted	5	(3)
"	"	"	11	77	action has not been finalised	30	(40)
"	11	" f	or ·		licences were issued for rary occupation	9	(10)

Housing Acts, 1949 - 54

Number of houses for which Improvement Grant application were made - 74 (59)

of which seven were under Housing Act Notice.

NOTE: - Figures for 1954 are shown in brackets.

Housing

Owing to the fact that the waiting lists for Council Houses have diminished considerably, the Council has been able to re-house numbers of people from sub-standard houses.

Efforts have been made by the Council in connection with the Slum Clearance programme, and a sub-Committee is undertaking a survey of the District dealing with low category houses and cottages Parish by Parish. NAME AND POST OF THE PARTY OF T

Housing (continued)

In the ten years up to the end of 1955 the Council have completed 1446 permanent houses, a great achievement in the history of the District from the Public Health viewpoint.

It will be observed from the above statistics that a considerable increase has been made in the use of Improvement Grants during 1955. It has been, and still is, the policy of the Council to raise the all-round standard of housing in the District in this helpful manner.

Milk Regulations

Under the Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, seven supplementary licences were issued during the year, to enable firms from outside the area to retail pasteurised milk within the District, and two licences were issued for sterilised milk to be sold.

Five licences were issued to traders outside the area to sell raw tuberculin tested milk in the area.

Seven licences were also issued to enable dealers whose premises are within the District to sell milk under the special designation "Pasteurised."

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1938

Knackers' Yards

There is one licensed Knacker's Yard in the district. Inspections were carried out during the year, and conditions were found to be generally satisfactory.

Details of casualties dealt with are shown in Table XIII of the Appendix on page 33.

Food Premises

The number of premises in which food is prepared and sold is 250, consisting of the following:-

Bakehouses	5
Butchers	21
Factory Canteens	6
School Canteens	14
Institutional Canteens	2
Clubs	4 5
Greengrocers	5
Grocers etc.	68
Ice-cream sales points	54
Licensed premises	54
Refreshment Houses	7
Confectioners	7
Food Factories	2
Fishmongers	1
	250

Food Premises (continued)

In the majority of instances the standard of food premises and food handling within the District has improved during the year.

Those in charge of the food premises are becoming more constantly aware of the public demand for a high standard of hygiene in such premises.

It will be noted that there was an increase of 12 in the number of ice-cream sales points during the year.

Constant visitation is necessary to obtain and maintain the necessary standards.

In relatively few cases have the Council had to take informal action to secure compliance.

This work forms a large part of the Sanitary Inspectors' duties, and the necessity for it is shown by the rapidity of spread of food poisoning if it arises.

Ice-Cream

There are 54 premises registered for the sale and storage of ice-cream, an increase of 12 over last year.

The trend in the ice-cream trade continues towards the concentration of manufacture in a few large businesses. Thus problems of transportation and storage have to be overcome. The proper wrapping of the product is a main essential, as is the personal cleanliness of the individual food handler.

During the year a total of 20 samples were submitted to the Public Health Laboratory Service and subjected to the Methylene Blue Test.

Grade	Time Taken to Reduce	No.	Percentage
	Methylene Blue		-
1	4½ hours or more	13	65.00 (29.55)
2	2½ hours to 4 hours	5	25.00 (47.73)
3	½ hour to 2 hours	2	10.00 (20.45)
4	0 hours	-	(2.27)

(Note: - Percentages for 1954 are given in parentheses)

It will be noted that the results obtained show a considerable improvement in standard compared with the results in 1954.

During the year 4 samples were taken of "water ices" of which all reached a satisfactory bacteriological standard.

Meat Inspection

During the year the throughput at the Hardingstone abattoir considerably increased, but with the provision in the early part of the year of a pre-cooler and cold storage accommodation, excessive

Meat Inspection (continued)

fluctuations in the number of livestock slaughtered daily were largely obviated and the throughput became gradually steady, thus rendering Sunday slaughtering unnecessary for the greater part of the year.

With the co-operation of the meat traders, the overtime worked was kept to a minimum, although it is an integral part of meat inspection.

Twenty-five cases of cysticercus bovis were discovered, but in two cases only was it necessary to submit the carcase to refrigeration.

The incidence of tuberculosis in the cattle inspected was reasonably low, due, no doubt, to the generally good quality of the beasts and the relatively small number of cows slaughtered (141 out of a total of 5558).

During the year 28,411 head of livestock were slaughtered (5417 cattle, 141 cows, 245 calves, 12108 sheep and 10500 pigs) Of this total, 25070 head were slaughtered at the Hardingstone abattoir, a percentage of 88.24.

Details of carcases inspected and condemned are shown in Table XI of the Appendix on page 31.

Factories Act, 1937

Details of inspections made under the Factories Act, 1937, will be found in Table VII of the Appendix on page 25.

Petroleum (Regulation) Acts, 1928 and 1936

The storage of petroleum is not always treated with the caution that this dangerous material requires. This is why special care is taken in examining new applications for siting and storage of petroleum spirit and petroleum mixtures.

69 licences were renewed during the year for the storage of Petroleum Spirit and Petroleum Mixtures. 3 licences were transferred.

4 new licences were issued. The total storage capacity of licensed premises at the end of the year was:-

(1) (2) (3)	Petroleum Spirit	 90,215	gallons
(2)	Petrol and other oils	 870	gallons
(3)	Petroleum Mixtures	 3,774	gallons

No licences were issued for the storage of calcium carbide.

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I would join with Dr. Lucas in thanks to Mr. Merriman and Mr. Harris for their constant willingness and assiduous attention to the welfare of the District.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen, Your obedient Servant,

R. J. MILLER

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TABLE I

Causes of Death - 1955

No.	Causes of Death	Male	Female	Total
1	Tuberculosis - respiratory	-	-	-
2	Tuberculosis - other	1	-	1
3	Syphilitic Disease	-	-	-
4	Diphtheria	-	-	-
5	Whooping Cough	-	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	_	-	-
7	Acute polionyelitis	1	-	1
8	Measles			_
9	Other infective and parasitic diseases	_	_	-
10	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	7	5	12
11	Tungs, bronchus	9	1	10
12	breast		4	4
13	ucerus		2	2
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	16	10	26
15	Leukemia, aleukemia	-	-	-
16	Diabetes	1	2	3
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	10	25	35
18	Coronary disease, angina	26	20	46
19	Hypertension with heart disease	5	2	7
20	Other heart disease	25	17	42
21	Other circulatory diseases	12	12	24
22	Influenza	-	1	1
23	Pneumonia	11	10	21
24	Bronchitis	9	8	17
25	Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-	1
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	2
27	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	2	3
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	2	1	3
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion		-	-
31	Congenital malformations	1	1	2
32	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	9	10	19
33	Motor vehicle accidents	6	4	10
34	All other accidents	2	3	5
35	Suicide	-	-	-
36	Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
	Total - All causes	157	141	298

TABLE II

Vital Statistics for 1955 and Previous Years

Year		mated Population orthampton Rural	D4	rths	Deaths					
lear	01 1	District	DI	1 0115	Under :	l year	All	All ages		
			No.	Rate	No.	Rate	No.	Rate		
1935		13,600	199	14.63	6	30.15	165	12.13		
1936		15,440	206	13.3	14	67.96	183	11.8		
1937	1	15,600	190	12.17	8	42.11	170	10.89		
1938		15,680	212	13.4	6	28.30	141	8.9		
1939	S	15,760 16,580	220	14.5	10	45.45	190	11.4		
1940		17,880	238	13.3	8	33.61	228	12.7		
1941		19,430	219	11.2	8	37.44	187	9.06		
1942		17,890	230	12.6	6	26.08	180	10.06		
1943		17,080	273	15.9	7	25.64	186	10.8		
1944		17,760	296	16.7	16	54.05	184	10.35		
1945	* SS	15,760 17,350	246	13.8	8	32.52	190	10.9		
1946	+	17,600	340	19.3	12	35.26	174	9.9		
1947	+	17,910	355 -	19.8	13	36.62	202	11.2		
1948	+	18,370	279	15.19	8	28.8	168	9.15		
1949	SS	18,760 18,810	293	15.58	13	44.37	230	12.26		
1950	+	19,320	268	13.87	6	22.39	213	11.03		
1951		19,580	303	15.47	9	29.70	234	11.95		
1952		19,970	302	15.12	9	29.0	187	9.61		
1953	1	20,240	305	15.7	9	28.3	231	11.3		
1954	1	20,890	321	15.3	6	18.3	274	13.1		
1955	1	21,930	367	16.7	7	21.9	298	13.6		

^{*} Hardingstone R.D. and part of Potterspury R.D. added to District.

⁺ Mid-Year estimate of District.

s Population for calculation of Birth Rate.

ss Population for calculation of Death Rate.

TABLE III

New Cases of and Deaths from Tuberculosis - 1955

		NEW	CASES	DEATHS							
	Respira	tory	Non-Resp	iratory	Respi	ratory	Non-Respiratory				
Age Periods		Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female			
-1											
-5			1								
-15			1								
-25		2									
-35	7	1									
-45		2									
-55	2	4									
-65	6										
65+		3					1				
TOTALS	15	12	2	-	-	-	1	-			

NOTE: - These figures are uncorrected and include all deaths from Tuberculosis within the District.

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TABLE IV

Age Incidence of Notifiable Diseases
As Notified by General Practitioners
1955

	1	DISEASE												
AGE GROUP	Scarlet Fever		Coug	Whooping Cough		Measles		Acute Poli Paralytic-		iomyelitis -N.Paralytic		te En	is	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	1 14	F	M	ectiv	M.	F
0-	1		3	3	4	1					-	1	AL.	-
1-			7	5	34	18	1					1		1
3-	2	2	10	15	27	19	1						1	
5-	3	5	21	23	102	98	2			1			-	1
10-	2	2	1	5	6	2								
15-					1						1			
25 & over										1				
Age unknown			1		1	2								
TOTALS	7	9	43	51	175	140	4	-	-	2	1	-		
	Acu	te umonia	Dyse	ntery	Erysi	ipelas	Puerperal		Food		T	Tuberculosis		
							Pyre	X1a	Pois	oning-	espir	espiratory Non Respi		
0-		1							1				1	
5-	2	1	1	1								1	1	
15-	3	2	2		1	1		1			7	4		
45-	1	2	1		1	1					8	4		
65 & over	2	6		-								3		
Age unknown			-			1						-		
TOTALS	9	12	3	1	2	3	-	1	1	-	15	12	2	-
					-				-			-		

TABLE V

Incidence of Notifiable Diseases in Individual Parishes As Notified by General Practitioners 1955

	1													
	SCARLET	WHOOPING	MEASIES	ACUTE POLIOSYBLIFIS (PADALVETC)	ACUTE POLICHIYELITIS	ACUTE PNETICE PNETICE	DYSENTERY	ERYSTPELAS	TUBERCULOSIS (PUTANNARY)	TUBERCULOSIS (NON-PULMONARY)	ACUTE ANCEPIALITIS INVESTIVE	PUERPERAL	FOOD	TOTAL
ASHTON	-													
BILLING	1	1	32	1										34
BRAFIELD	-		1			2			1					4
BUGBROOKE		-	4	1		1								6
CASTLE ASHBY	1		5											6
COGENHOE	-	5	2			2								9
COLLINGTREE		3	1						1					5
COURTEENHALL														
DENTON	1						100000	1						2
DUSTON	10	35	83			1		1	20	2	1			
HACKLETON	1		50			2	1	2			-		1	153 57
HARDINGSTONE	1	1	3			1							+	6
HARPOLE			2						2					4
HARTWELL														4
HEYFORD, NETHER			18			2			1				-	
HEYFORD, UPPER			3						-				-	21
HOUGHTON, GREAT			1									-	-	3
HOUGHTON, LITTLE			1						1					2
KISLINGBURY		11	1			1			-		-		-	
MILTON			3			1						1	-	14
QUINTON		1	2							-			-	3
ROADE	March .		1							-		-	-	3
ROTHERSTHORPE			5	1						-	1		-	2
JPTON			4							-		-	-	6
VESTON FAVELL	1	15	84	2	1	3	2			-			-	4
VOOTTON		22	3			2			-			-	-	108
MARDLEY HASTINGS			6				1	7	1			-		29
TOTALS	16	94		4	1	21	4	5	27	2	2	1	1	493

TABLE VI

MONTHLY INCIDENCE OF NOTIFIABLE DISEASES AS NOTIFIED BY GENERAL PRACTITIONER - 1955

DISEASE	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH	APRIL	KAX	JUNE	, unix	AUGUST	SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever		1	3	3	5	-		-	-	2	-	2	16
Whooping Cough	1	11	18	20	17	11	11	5	-	-	-		94
Measles	-	-	-	16	64	76	131	-	7.	-	2	1	
Acute Poliomyelitis (paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	1	-	2	1
Acute Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-		1
Acute Pneumonia	-	2	4	3	1	3	1	-	2	1	1	3	21
Dysentery	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	_	4
Erysipelas	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	_	5
Tuberculosis Pulmonary	-	-	1	-	-	-	2	1	2	2	18	1	27
Tuberculosis Non-Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	2
Acute Encephalitis Infective	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
TOTALS:	1	17	28	43	87	90	145	27	11	10	25	9	493



Factories Act, 1937 - Part I

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health made by Sanitary Inspector.

	PREMISES	No. on Register	No. of Inspec- tions	No. of written notices	
(1)	Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	13	13	_	Trosecuted
	Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. Other premises in	60	38	5	
	which Section 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers premises)	25	2	-	
		98	53	5	-
					THE RESERVE AND ADDRESS OF THE PERSON NAMED IN

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found:-

Particulars	Found	Remedied	Referred to H.M.	Referred
	Presidentes.	The supplementaries	Inspector	by H.M. Inspector
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	-	-	_	_
Overcrowding (S.2) Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of	-	-	-	-
floors (S.6) Sanitary Conveniences (S.7) -	-	-	-
(a) Insufficient (b) Unsuitable or	1	1	-	-
defective (c) Not separate for	5	2		4
sexes	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to				
outworkers)	-	-	-	-
	6	3	-	4

TABLE VII (Continued)

Part VIII, Factories Act, 1937 Outwork (Sections 110 & 111)

Nature of works	No. of outworkers in list required by Section 110 (1) (c)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecu- tions for failure to supply lists	unwholesome
Curtains and furniture hangings	-	-	-	_
Wearing Apparel making etc.	5	-	-	-
Furniture & Upholstery	-	-	-	-
(Cardboard)	-	-		-
TOTAL	5	-	-	-

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SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS AND VISITS MADE DURING 1955 BY THE SANITARY INSPECTORS.

BY THE SANITARY INSPECTORS.	
1. FUHLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936.	
(a) Infectious Diseases.	
(i) Investigating Cases.	20
(ii) Performing Disinfections.	18
(iii) Visits to Contacts.	5
(b) Disinfestations.	3
(i) Dwelling Houses.	,
(ii) Business Premises.	1
(iii) Public Buildings.	1
(iv) Visits to Premises under Section 83.	
(c) Drainage.	
(i) Drains Tested.	5
(ii) Drains Exposed under Section 48.	,
(iii) Drains Reported Blocked.	18
(iv) Drains Repaired.	10
(v) Drains Reconstructed.	
(vi) Other Drainage Visits.	64
(d) Water Supply.	-
(i) Houses Connected to Main Supply.	
(ii) Water Samples submitted for Analysis.	
(a) Chemical - Piped.	1
- Wells and Springs.	
(b) Bacteriological - Piped	57
- Wells and Springs.	52
(iii) Water Supply.	37
(e) Visits for Inspection of :-	-
(i) Tents, Vans and Sheds.	51
(ii) Offensive Trades.	
(iii) Canal Boats.	
(iv) Atmospheric Pollution.	8
(v) Swimming Baths.	29
(vi) Keeping of Animals.	21
(vii) Accumulations of Refuse.	12

(viii) Miscellaneous Nuisances.

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PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936. TENTS, VANS, SHEDS AND SIMILAR STRUCTURES, 1955.

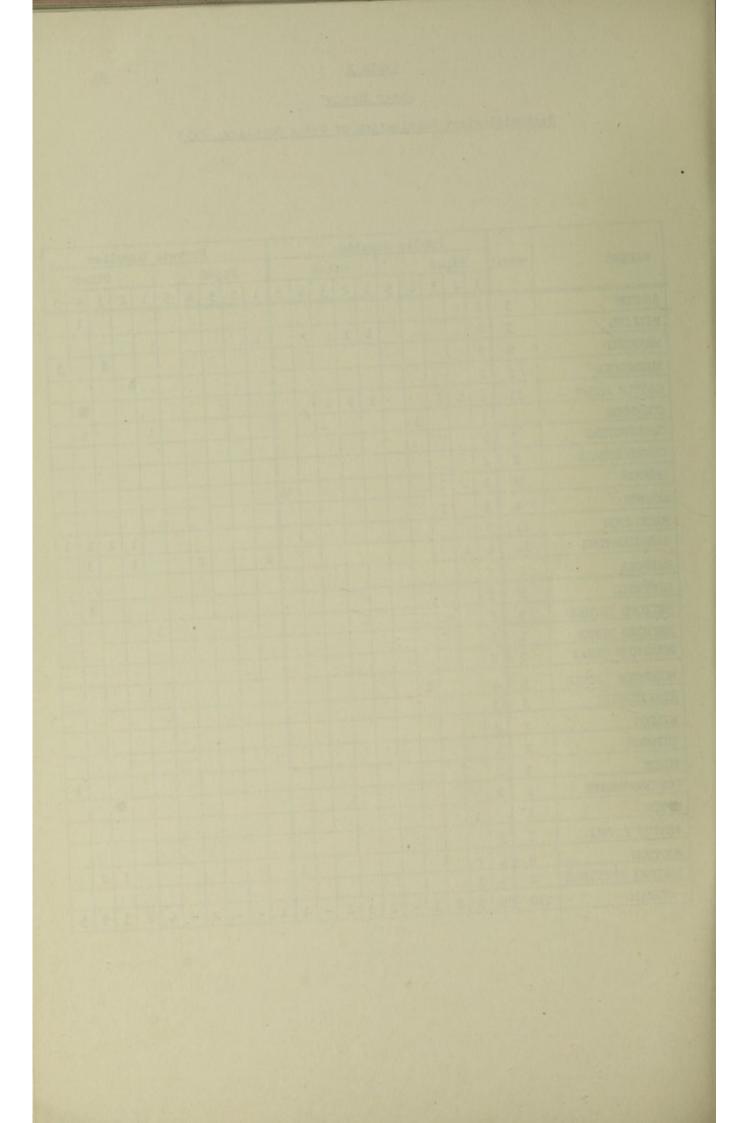
LIC	ENSING OF LAND	2.	LI	CENSING OF STR	UCTURES.
	Application made in 1955.	Total number of sites Licensed.	Applications Approved in 1955.	Renewed Applications Approved in 1955.	Total.
ASHTON					
BILLING		2			
BRAFIELD					
EUGEROOKE			2		2
CASTLE ASHBY					2
COGENHOE		2			
COLLINGTREE					
COURTEENHALL			1		
DENTON					
DUSTON			1		1
HACKLETON				-	-
HARDINGSTONE				1	1
HARPOLE				2	2
HARTWELL					
HEYFORD, NETHER					
HEYFORD, UPPER					
HOUGHTON, GREAT					
HOUGHTON, LITTLE					
KISLINGBURY					
MILTON					
QUINTON				2	2
ROADE				1	1
ROTHERSTHORPE		1		1	1
UPTON					
WESTON FAVELL		1			
WOOTTON		1			
YARDLEY HASTINGS		7			
100721100		1			
TOTALS:		7	3	7	10



Water Supply

Bacteriological Examination of Water Supplies, 1955

7		-				lic	S	ipp]	lies						F	riv	rate	Sı	Imp	lie	0	
PARISH	TOT	AL	1	Pip	ed	,			Ot	her				Pi	ped			T	app		her	
Lavinos			1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	1	T2	7-	14	-
ASHTON	3		2															-	F	F	1	-
BILLING	5	-	2					1	1				1		-				+	+	-	-
BRAFIELD	6		2																-	1	-	1
BUGBROOKE	2		2		-														+	+	-	3
CASTLE ASHBY	11	1	1	4	1			1	2	2									-	-	-	+
COGENHOE	4	1:	1			1						-	-	-		-		,		-	-	-
COLLINGTREE	2	12	2									1		-		-	-	1		-	1	1
COURTEENHALL	2	12	2					1	1	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-			_		-
DENTON	2	1			1					-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-		-			
DUSTON	4	13	1		1		1		+		+	+	-	+	+	-	-					
HACKIETON	11	17	-	1	1	1	1	-	+		-	+	-	-	-	-	+					-
HARDINGSTONE	14	14	-	1	1	1	1		+	+	+	1	2	-	+		-		1	1	1	1
HARPOLE	2	2			1	1	1	1	1	1	+	1	-	+	-	2	-	-	1		3	
HARTWELL	2	1				1			+	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-				
HEYFORD NETHER	5	2			1		-			1	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	1	
HEYFORD UPPER	1	1					1	1	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	-	3	-	-	-	
HOUGHTON GREAT	2	2		T		1	1	1	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	4	-	-	
HOUGHTON LITTLE	5	4						1	1	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-
ISLINGBURY	3	3			T		T		-	1	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	_
ILTON	2	2									+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	-
UINTON	2	1					1			+	+	1	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	_
OADE	3	2					+	1		+	+	1	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-		
OTHERSTHORPE	2	2					1		-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	1	1
PTON	1		1		-	1	+	+	+	+	+	1	+	+-	+	+	+	+	+	+	1	4
ESTON FAVELL	3	3			1	1	1	-	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
OOTTON	9	4	1			1	-	1		-	7	1	-	-	-	+	1	-		+	+	-
ARDIEY HASTINGS	2	1	1				1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2		-
TOTALS	110	59	9	2	3	-	2	3	2	-	-	4	-	-	2	-	-	2	3	9	1	1



Meat & Food Inspection.

During the period ending 31st December, 1955 the following foodstuffs were dealt with by this Department:-

SURRENDERED.

	Tons	Cwts	Qrs	lbs.	
Home Killed Beef Home Killed Veal Home Killed Mutton Home Killed Pork Home Killed Offal Vegetables Tins of Imported Ham 3 Tins of Imported	2 13	2 1 17 8 15	2 1 2 1	21 8 11 17 -	Diseased Condition. Diseased Condition. Diseased Condition. Diseased Condition. Diseased Condition. Bad Storage. Decomposition.
Offal Total	17	- 5	-	3 20	Decomposition.

During the period 28,411 head of livestock were slaughtered (5417 cattle; 141 cows; 245 calves; 12108 sheep; 10500 pigs).

MEAT INSPECTION REPORT.

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED DURING YEAR, 1955.

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	5417	141	245	12108	10500
Number Inspected	5322	139	240	11937	10309
l diseases except uberculosis & Cysticerci.					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	1	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1304	38	-	156	476
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis & cysticerci.	24.50	27.34	0.0	1.31	4.62
beroulosis Only.					
Whole carcase condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	347	22	-	-	158
Percentage of number inspected affected with tuberculosis.	6.54	15.83	0.0	0.0	1.53
sticercosis.					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned.	22	1	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration.	2	-	-	-	_
Generalised and totally condemned.	-	-		-	-

Description of the last

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REFUSE COLLECTION AND FISPOSAL YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1956

				£. s. d.	6 1 9169	1659 8 2	00 0 99	5190 12 9	-		Gross Net	18/52 13/104		6/43			the Year Comprised:	Cwts Ors		(
					total Cost of Service	income from Salvage	Other Income	Total Net Cost			51		For Iwelling (74.85)	ge Cost	(per head of population 21700)		Calvage Disposed of During the Year Comprised	Tons	169	Textiles
		Harpole Yardley Hastings	Tons	6.0	9 %	179	77	7 '	œ y	16	17		62	15	9 %	77		189	2 2	7.17
14.	AL	Harpole	Tons	80	0 0	Br.	6 6	20	0 0	0/	93	100	200	105	100	777		1147	22.54	1
DICTOR	DISPUSAL	Denton	Tons	36	37.	5 5	50	302	3 5	17	55	76	2 2	75	12	7		1 917	8.18	
		Ashton	Tons	38	28	30	27	56	27.	1 0	62	76	200	2 97	77	!	-	390	7.67	+
		Gayton	Tons	238	240	250	269	222	233	270	007	509	2772	218	263			2947	57.90	-
		Total	Travelled	2260	2430	24.72	2440	2546	2427	27.57		5030	1772	2535	2629		-	29,997		100
NC		Weight	Tons	424	777	398	425	172	378	4.37		885	429	454	464		0000	2009	% per Tip	
COLLECTION			-	1955 April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November)	December)	1956 January	February	Harch		Totale	2		

TABLE XIII

CASUALTIES DEALT WITH AT THE KNACKER'S YARD DURING 1955.

7. 7.7			
Bulls			15
Cows			674
Steers and	l Heifers		789
Calves			777
Sheep			2662
Pigs			76
Donkeys			1
Goats			
Deer			1
			1
Horses -	slaughtered at Knacker's	3	
	Yards	9	
	slaughtered at various		
	Farms	24	
	Carcases received ex		
	Farms	40	73
	Total:		5069
		2	-

TABLE XIV

Schedule of Sanitation and Water Supplies Within the District

	Total No. of	No. of houses wi	No. of houses with drains discharging to:-	No. of	ON	Closet Acc	Accommodation	uo uo	;	Water Supply	htpply	
rarren	Parish (as per Rate Books)	Surface Water	er Sewers	Cesspools etc.	¥.C. %	Closets	Pail	Privy	Water	Stand	r Stand Public P	Private
Ashton	101				Flush	Flush		are and all a	on	Taps	Wells &	
Billing	236	145	83		83	,	77		20	00	oprings	
Brafield	204	00,	129	10	163	9	67		157	13	01	80
Bugbrooke	363	10	134		124	20	10	1	120	1 09	25	4
Cogenhoe	02.0		12	† 1	344		18	-	235	30	1 00	7.5
Collingtree	752	1 ;	219	18	165		' [-	19	2		7 '
Courteenhall	# 1	12	63		65		27	500	124	5	30	99
Denton	151	77	121	12	17	1	56		25	1 4	1	34
Hackleton	1189	1	1173		87	55	2		100	76	1 4	4
Hardingstone	321	229	52	THE STREET	11,50	84	0	2	870	25	± 1	10
Harpole	280	40	388		325	2 F	546		104	00	02	100
Hartwell	202	. 02	264	-	547	- 6	718	10	270	28	12	19
Heyford Nether	269	040	152	Turn	159	1	27		521	15	,	2
Heyford Upper	50	22	243		546	,	200		153	16	1	1
Houghton Great	86	72	4	The last	22	1	1		247	4.		37
noughton Little	164	76	- 50	PERM	24	2	55		o a	1 .		1
Milton	263	01	27.2	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE	61	32	99	2	3.0	74	15	18
Oninton	182	T	181		21	7	235		200	2 22	OT	25
Roade	75	12	29		511	19		-	92	ŧ '	28 -	12
Rothersthorpe	89	0 1	415		373	1 5	120	1	18		00	21
Upton	27	20	27		56	3 1	33	1 1	284	28		23
Wootton Favell	1343	14	1 205		20	7	100		25		4	64
Yardley Hastings	354	18	329	77	316	200	1-40		582	- 4	1 1	2
			280	5	150	130	3 5	1 1	173	33	69	94
TOTALS	7615	811	0679	112	+					1	-	2
	Figures so at	-			7011	582 1	0411	82 47	1244	592	313	645
	31st March, 1956	Figures	as at 31st December.	ember, 1955					Wi currae	1000 00 1001		-
										inable.	TOT . NOT	3



