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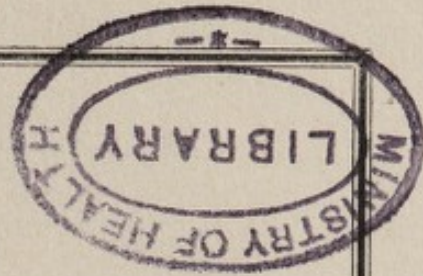
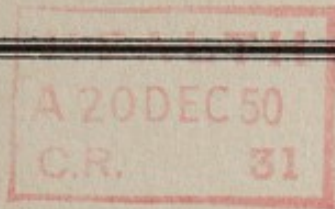
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OF
PAIGNTON

Annual Report
OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF
HEALTH
FOR 1949

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PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT,
MUNICIPAL OFFICES,
OLDWAY, PAIGNTON.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE PAIGNTON URBAN
DISTRICT COUNCIL.

MR. CHAIRMAN, LADY COUNCILLORS AND GENTLEMEN,—

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report for the year 1949. The preparation and presentation of the Report is in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 2/50 of 25th January, 1950, and with the Sanitary Officers (Outside London) Regulations, 1935, and the Sanitary Officers Orders, 1926.

During 1949 the health of the Urban District remained satisfactory. Measles was the only notifiable infectious disease to become moderately epidemic—the number of cases was 137. It is most gratifying that there were no deaths from this disease which has so high a mortality amongst young children. Acute Poliomyelitis was prevalent throughout the country, and our District was fortunate in having only four cases—all without serious results. Fortunately, Poliomyelitis is not a very infectious disease.

The number of births was 271, which makes the birth rate 10.67 per 1,000 population as compared with 18.0 for the smaller towns of England and Wales. The large fall this year is due to at least one cause, namely: the relatively high proportion of elderly population resident in the Town. This preponderance of the older age-groups, as compared with the population of average towns in the country is brought out this year in the Death Rate, for which the Registrar-General has resumed the practice of providing an adjusting comparability factor. The Death Rate for 1949, as computed in like manner to recent years, is 17.29 per 1,000; but, when adjusted on a comparative age group basis, is 11.07 per 1,000, which is below the average for the country. The former figure (17.29) is the recorded Death Rate and shows the frequency of deaths among the true population of the area. The latter figure (11.07) is the Standardised Rate when allowance is made for the age and sex constitution of the population. It is this latter rate which is now in use throughout the country. Deaths from Cancer have slightly decreased. There were for a second year, no deaths from causes associated with childbirth.

The Chief Sanitary Inspector has made a note, in Section "E" of this Report, upon changes which have taken place in the administration and Supervision of milk production and distribution, as a result of the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949, which came into force on 1st October, 1949. One effect is already apparent—a decrease in the sale of unbottled, and increase in the sale of bottled, milk.

Sampling of ice cream has continued with results which are an improvement upon those of last year.

Mr. Frederick J. Thick, the Chief Sanitary Inspector, retired on 31st July, due to ill-health. His Deputy, Mr. S. H. Bone, was appointed Chief Sanitary Inspector as from 1st August. An Additional Sanitary Inspector, who resigned in June, was replaced by Mr. W. D. Mugford, formerly a pupil in, and who qualified from, this Department.

I am grateful for the even greater measure of willingness and loyal service given by the Staff of this Department during a year of loss and change.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. DICK, Medical Officer of Health.

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

STAFF

MEDICAL—

ANDREW DICK, M.D. (State Med.), D.P.H. (Glas, Univ.),
Medical Officer of Health.

SANITARY—

FREDK. J. THICK, Cert. S.I.E.B., Meat Cert., F.S.I.A., Chief
(Senior) Sanitary Inspector and Meat Inspector.

(Resigned owing to ill-health, 31st July, 1949).

S. H. BONE, Cert. S.I.B., Meat Cert., M.S.I.A.
Additional (Deputy) Sanitary Inspector and Meat Inspector.
(Appointed Chief Sanitary Inspector, 1st August, 1949).

J. B. JONES, Cert. S.I.B., Meat Cert., M.S.I.A.
Additional Sanitary Inspector and Meat Inspector.
(Resigned.—New Appointment 5th June, 1949).

W. D. MUGFORD, Cert. S.I.B., Meat Cert., M.S.I.A.
Additional Sanitary Inspector and Meat Inspector.
(Appointed 4th July, 1949).

CLERICAL—

S. E. R. AUTHERS, Chief Clerk.

MISS N. HART

MISS R. M. HARRIS

OTHER—

C. J. TURPIN ...	...	Disinfector
A. L. DOHERTY	...	Rodent Operator
W. FRITH	...	Rodent Operator
G. DAVIS	...	Caretaker, Abattoir

Section A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

1—

Area (acres)	5,177
Population—Census (September 1939)	22,510
Registrar-General's estimated resident population, 1948 ...	25,450
Registrar-General's estimated resident population, 1949 ...	25,390
Number of inhabited houses, 1948	8,663
Number of inhabited houses, 1949	8,756
Rateable value, 31st March, 1950	£250,393
Estimated sum represented by Penny Rate, 1949/1950 ...	£1,003

2—EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR.

	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
Live Births	271	138	133
Legitimate	257	131	126
Illegitimate	14	7	7
Still Births	6	3	3
Legitimate	6	3	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0
Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population			10.67
Birth Rate (Still Births)			0.24
Still Birth Rate (per 1,000 live and still births)			21.66

	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
Deaths	439	221	218
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population			17.29
Standardised Death Rate for Paignton			11.07
Comparability Factor			0.64
Deaths from diseases and accidents of pregnancy and child-birth :—			
From Sepsis			0
From other causes			0

	TOTAL	MALE	FEMALE
Death of Infants under 1 year of age	6	3	3
Legitimate	5	3	2
Illegitimate	1	0	1
All Infants per 1,000 live births			22.14
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births			19.46
Deaths from Measles (all ages)		0	
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)		0	
Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years of age)		0	

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1949

					Tl.	M.	F
1	Typhoid and Paratyphoid Fevers	...	...	...	0	0	0
2	Cerebro Spinal Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0
3	Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	0	0	0
4	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	0	0	0
5	Diphtheria	...	...	...	0	0	0
6	Tuberculosis of the Respiratory System	...	...	...	8	6	2
7	Other forms of Tuberculosis	...	...	...	1	0	1
8	Syphilitic Diseases	...	...	...	3	3	0
9	Influenza	...	...	...	2	2	0
10	Measles	...	...	...	0	0	0
11	Acute Poliomyelitis and Polio-Encephalitis...	...	...	...	0	0	0
12	Acute Infantile Encephalitis	...	...	...	0	0	0
13	Cancer of Buc. Cav. and Œsoph (m) Uterus (f)	...	...	...	2	1	1
14	Cancer of the Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	7	5	2
15	Cancer of Breast	...	...	...	10	0	10
16	Cancer of other sites	...	...	...	45	22	23
17	Diabetes	...	...	...	5	4	1
18	Intra-cranial vascular Lesions	...	...	...	64	28	36
19	Heart Diseases	...	...	...	157	79	78
20	Other Diseases of the Circulatory System	...	...	...	9	3	6
21	Bronchitis	...	...	...	19	12	7
22	Pneumonia	...	...	...	22	14	18
23	Other Respiratory Diseases	...	...	...	3	2	1
24	Ulcer of Stomach or Duodenum	...	...	...	5	2	3
25	Diarrhœa (under 2 years)	...	...	...	0	0	0
26	Appendicitis	...	...	...	1	0	1
27	Other Digestive Diseases	...	...	...	9	3	6
28	Nephritis	...	...	...	16	7	9
29	Puerperal and Post. Abort. Sepsis	...	...	...	0	0	0
30	Other Maternal Causes	...	...	...	0	0	0
31	Premature Birth	...	...	...	2	0	2
32	Con. mal. Birth inj. Infant Dis.	...	...	...	3	2	1
33	Suicide	...	...	...	2	1	1
34	Road Traffic Accidents	...	...	...	2	2	0
35	Other violent causes	...	...	...	6	4	2
36	All other causes	...	...	...	36	19	17
					439	221	218

Section B

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(a) **Laboratory Facilities** continue to be given by the Public Health Laboratory Service (directed by the Medical Research Council for the Ministry of Health), Public Health Laboratory, 7, Dix's Field, Exeter (Tel. No. Exeter 54959/50) and has been satisfactory. Specimens have been submitted from the Clinics, and from Private Practitioners, as a public health measure. Samples of milk, water and ice cream have also been submitted for bacteriological examination.

(b) **Ambulance Services**—This service is now under the general direction of the County Medical Officer (Ambulance Section), "Ivybank," 45, St. David's Hill, Exeter (Tel. No. Exeter 4051). Paignton possesses one Ambulance Station out of the 33 Stations and Posts in the Administrative County. The Station is situated at Mill Yard, Littlegate Road, Paignton (Tel. No. Paignton 57602 (by day) and 5222 (by night)). There are three Ambulances and three full-time Drivers. The Station is run by the Paignton St. John Ambulance and Nursing Brigade, under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council. These Ambulances are for the use of Emergency and Non-Infectious Stretcher Cases, and may be called by Doctors, Dentists, Midwives, Home Nurses, Hospitals, or Clinics.

I.D. Ambulance—This Ambulance is now run by the Torquay Fire and Ambulance Service (Torquay 4591/2). Ambulance arrangements are made by the Matron, Torquay Isolation Hospital for cases entering the Hospital from the Paignton District.

Smallpox Ambulance—Arrangements are made by the County Medical Officer for the transport of Smallpox cases, one Ambulance in the County being set aside for this purpose.

Hospital Car Service—The Hospital Car Service (organised by the S.J.A.B., B.R.C.S. and W.V.S.) operate under an agency agreement with the Devon County Council for sitting cases. H.C.S. cars can be obtained only through a Hospital or Clinic. There is also a service of Hired Cars which certain Medical and Dental Officers on the Staff of the County Medical Officer have authority to use in certain circumstances when the Hospital Car Service cannot provide cars.

(c) **Nursing in the Home**—As from the "Appointed day," the Health Authority (Devon County Council) took over the Staff of the Local Nursing Association.

(d) **Treatment Centres and Clinics.**

Central Clinic, Midvale Road—The Central School Clinic and Dental Clinic, operated by the Devon County Council, at Midvale Road, for School Children and Expectant Mothers, continued during the year. Part of this Clinic is equipped as a Cleansing Clinic and is shared by the Council and the Devon County Council. Treatment is given for impetigo and verminous conditions, including scabies.—(Particulars of the work carried out are given under Section "F.")

The Devon County Council Clinic is held each Thursday morning between 10 a.m. and 12 noon. Immunisation sessions are held one afternoon each month.

M. and C.W. Centre, Congregational Schoolrooms, Dartmouth Road—This Centre is open every Monday and Tuesday between 2.30 and 4.30 p.m., and an Ante-Natal Clinic every Thursday between 2.30 and 4.30 p.m. The Medical Officer of this Clinic is Dr. Agnes Kennie. The Health Visitor is Miss E. H. Walters. Both the Doctor and the Health Visitor have taken a large part in bringing to the notice of Mothers the advantages of Diphtheria Immunisation and Vaccination, and quite a large number of inoculations have been carried out at the Welfare Centre. The Welfare Centre has continued to enjoy the support and enthusiasm of the Voluntary Workers.

Preston M. and C.W. Clinic, Baptist Church Schoolrooms—This Clinic is open twice a month—the first and third Wednesday afternoons, between 2.30 and 4.30 p.m. Inoculations for Diphtheria Immunisation are also carried out on the first Wednesday of every month. Miss R. Lee, Health Visitor, attends this Clinic.

(e) **Hospitals**—The Paignton and District Hospital, situated in Church Street, Paignton (Tel. No. 5635) is administered by the Regional Hospital Board. It is hoped that the old Isolation Hospital, situated at King's Ash, Paignton, which was placed on a care and maintenance basis in 1948, will be opened shortly as a Convalescent Hospital to relieve beds in the Torbay and Paignton and District Hospitals.

(f) **Nurseries**—There are two Nurseries in the District. One—a Resident Nursery, is run privately and is situated at 5, Roundham Road, Paignton (Tel. No. 57672). The second Nursery is a Day Nursery situated at "Hazeldene," 129, Torquay Road, Paignton, administered by the Devon County Council. The Superintendent is Miss J. Munn.

(g) **Nursing Homes**—These are registered by the Medical Department of the Devon County Council. There are eight private Nursing Homes in the District, catering mainly for aged and infirm patients. There is also one Convalescent Home to which patients are sent from Hawkmoor Sanatorium, Bovey Tracey.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

Section 47—Removal to suitable Premises of Persons in need of Care and Attention—Seven cases have come to notice during the year of persons living alone, who are infirm and physically incapacitated and living in insanitary conditions, and unable to devote to themselves, and not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention.

In one case only was it necessary to apply to the Local Justices for a removal Order. One person (female) living alone, a widow aged 88 years, living in insanitary conditions, refused to leave her accommodation. A Court Order was obtained on 23rd March, 1949, for her removal and detention in Broomborough Hospital, Totnes, for three months. She died one week after admission. Several other cases have been removed to Hospital voluntarily.

Great difficulties have been experienced in obtaining suitable alternative accommodation for aged and infirm persons, and others living in insanitary conditions, and who are suffering from chronic illnesses. Additional accommodation is urgently required in this area.

Section C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

1—Water Supply.

No new sources of supply are in operation.

- (i) Figures kindly furnished by the Water Engineer show that the quantity of water is adequate, and the quality is satisfactory.
- (ii) Twenty-five samples have been taken for bacteriological examination and three for chemical examination.

I give hereunder the result of a Chemical Analysis on the 2nd March, 1949 :—

Characters :—

Colour ...	...	...	...	...	...	Yellow green tint
Turbidity	...	...	...	...	...	Clear
Taste ...	...	...	...	...	...	Natural
Odour ...	...	...	...	...	...	None
Suspended Matters	...	...	...	...	...	Unimportant

Analysis (parts per One Hundred Thousand) :—

Chlorine present as Chlorides	...	...	...	...	1.0
Nitrogen present as Nitrites	...	...	...	...	0
Nitrogen present as Nitrates	...	...	...	...	0
Phosphates					

Sulphates

Free Carbon Dioxide

Total Hardness equivalent to Calcium Carbonate	...	2.6
Temporary Hardness (annulled by boiling)	... ..	0.7
Permanent Hardness (not altered by boiling)	...	1.9
Saline Ammonia	... ..	0
Albuminoid Ammonia	... ..	0.0010
Oxygen absorbed in 4 hours at 27°C	... ..	0.10
Oxygen absorbed immediately	... ..
Lead	... ..	0
Copper	... ..	0
Zinc	... ..	0
Iron in Solution	... ..	0
Iron in sedimentary form	... ..	0
Manganese	... ..	0
Total Solid Constituents	... ..	4.0
Organic Matter observed in igniting the Solid Constituents	... ..	Trace

Hydrogen Ion Concentration equivalent to p.H. ... 6.9

"The Character of the Water continues unchanged, being that of moorland water drawn from an unpolluted gathering area.

"It is affected only in the fluctuations due to seasonal conditions and is fully satisfactory."

(Signed) THOMAS TICKLE.

Public Analyst's Laboratory,

83/84, Queen Street, Exeter.

The supply is piped after storage and filtration with terminal chlorination at points where the main pipe-lines leave the reservoirs.

- (iii) In the early months of the year two samples of the Moorland supply showed a slight degree of plumbo-solvent action (pH values of 6.5 and 6.8). The Water Engineer found some lime encrustation of the piping of the Calcium Hydrate Neutralising apparatus. The latter has been cleared, and sample taken in July gave a pH of 6.9. Lead has not been detected in the analyses.

(iv) No special investigation was carried out.

(v) Almost all dwellings in the District have direct supply. There are very few supplied by means of stand-pipes—only about 0.25 per cent.—but this leaves out of account several farms and other dwellings in rural parts of the District, where the piped main supply is not available.

2—Sewerage—There have been no extensions to the existing system during the year.

3—Stream Pollution—There is nothing to report.

4—REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL AND SALVAGE— (BY THE CHIEF SANITARY INSPECTOR).

Collection.

Three 10 cubic yard "Dennis" and three 7 cubic yard "Thornycroft" lorries are at present engaged in the work of refuse collection. As mentioned in previous Reports, the provision of an additional collection vehicle has become increasingly necessary, especially during the summer months.

In October, 1949, the work of refuse collection, disposal, and salvage collection was taken over by the Engineer and Surveyor's Department (already responsible for Sewerage, Street Cleansing, Conveniences) in order that the transport and employees shall work under the general supervision of a Cleansing Foreman.

Disposal.

The method of disposal is by the Controlled Tipping System, carried out in Clennon Valley, and the covering material of earth is obtained from Brown's Field, an adjoining field. 4.907 loads (approximately 10,100 tons) of house refuse were disposed of in Clennon Valley, by the refuse vehicles, and another 8,463 tons of garden refuse, builders' rubble, were dumped in Clennon Valley by builders' vehicles, etc.

One hundred and eighteen loads of house refuse were disposed of at the Tip by vehicles from Totnes R.D.C. This refuse is collected from the Totnes R.D.C. Areas adjoining the Paignton District. A small charge is made for this purpose, to the Totnes Rural District Council.

Salvage.

This is collected by the refuse lorries, which are equipped with trailers. An additional vehicle is also used.

I give hereunder details of salvage collected and income received therefrom for 1949 :—

MATERIAL								AMOUNT RECEIVED		
								£	s.	d.
Paper	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,034	18	10
Rags	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12	7	2
Cloth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21	4	9
Wool	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7	10	0
Carpet	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	8	2
String	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	0	1	8
Light Iron	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	2
								<hr/> £1,078 12 9 <hr/>		

The income for the previous years was as follows :—

								£	s.	d.
1942	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,101	18	11
1943	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2,173	4	1½
1944	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,391	19	6½
1945	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	931	17	3½
1946	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	930	15	5
1947	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	893	9	0½
1948	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,207	7	8½

Pig Waste.

Pig Waste Collection in the District is now carried out by a Private Contractor, who supplies Street Bins and also collects from Cafés, Hotels etc. The Council are paid a lump sum of £30 for this privilege.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

(a) Details of work carried out :—

New Houses :

Sewer connections inspected	...	...	...	...	75
Tests of Drainage	...	...	...	...	245
Visits paid in connection with the above	...	...	...	...	345

Old Houses or Buildings :

Sewer connections inspected	...	...	...	...	7
Tests on Drainage	...	...	...	...	143
Visits paid in connection with the above	...	...	...	...	175

(Included in this heading is work carried out in connection with W.C.s, Baths, Lavatory Basins, etc.)

Choked Drains and Public Sewers.

Visits have been paid and notices served in connection with the clearing of :—

Private Drains	...	...	...	...	...	16
Public Sewers	...	...	...	...	...	7

(b) Disinfection.

Five hundred and twenty-six rooms, representing 230 premises were disinfected for the following reasons :—

Notifiable Diseases	...	...	...	...	...	40
Tuberculosis	...	...	...	...	...	9
Other Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	25
Vermineous Conditions (including Bed Bugs)	...	...	...	...	...	93
Other causes	...	...	...	...	...	63

The following is a list of bedding passed through the Disinfectant at the Isolation Hospital :—

Mattresses	...	...	...	...	...	168
Bolsters	...	...	...	...	...	38
Pillows	...	...	...	...	...	585
Sheets	...	...	...	...	...	48
Blankets	...	...	...	...	...	197
Library Books	...	...	...	...	...	63
Other Articles	...	...	...	...	...	81

The above figures for bedding include work carried out for the Brixham U.D.C. and Totnes R.D.C. (those areas bordering the Paignton Urban District).

(c) Shops Act. ...

Eighty-eight Shops have been inspected and notices served for the following matters :—

Provision of Washing and Sanitary accommodation	...	2
Dirty Sanitary accommodation	...	1
One Statutory Notice served and all work complied with.		

(d) Factories Act, 1937.

Eighty-four Factories were inspected during the year. Eight notices were served and complied with during the year.

PART I. OF THE ACT.

1—Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Sanitary Inspectors).

Premises (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number on Register (3)	Number of			M/c line No. (7)
			Inspections (4)	Written notices (5)	Occupiers prosecuted (6)	
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	1	56	19	2	—	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	2	146	62	6	—	2
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	3	5	3	—	—	3
TOTAL ...		207	84	8	—	

2—Cases in which **Defects** were found—(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions, they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases.")

Particulars (1)	M/c line No. (2)	Number of cases in which defects were found				No. of cases in which prosecutns. were instituted (7)	M/c line No. (8)
		Found (3)	Remedied (4)	To H.M. Inspector (5)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (6)		
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	4	—	—	—	—	—	4
Overcrowding (S.2)	5	3	3	—	—	—	5
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	6	—	—	—	—	—	6
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	7	—	—	—	—	—	7
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	8	—	—	—	—	—	8
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)—							
(a) insufficient	9	—	—	—	—	—	9
(b) unsuitable or defective... ..	10	4	4	—	—	—	10
(c) not separate for sexes	11	1	1	—	—	—	11
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	12	—	—	—	—	—	12
TOTAL	60	8	8	—	—	—	60

Further details of the defects shown in Table 2 (opposite lines Nos. 9 and 10) are as follows :—

W.C., want of cleanliness	...	...	...	3
No ventilated space to W.C.	...	...	...	0
Insufficient sanitary accommodation	...	...	...	4
Defective sanitary conveniences	...	...	...	1

(e) Camping Sites.

Frequent inspections have been carried out of Camps during the year, especially during the summer months. At the request of the Director of Planning, and in conjunction with the Local Town Planning Officer, a survey of the camp sites in the District was made on the 28th July, 1949, which showed that approximately 4,397 persons were accommodated at eight licensed camps and eleven unlicensed camp sites on that date. Quite a number of these camps were obviously overcrowded and the adoption of Bye-laws before another season commences would enable stricter control to be exercised. There has also been an increase in the permanent all-the-year round caravan dwellers, caused by the present housing shortage.

(f) Eradication of Bed Bugs.

The methods employed are :—

- (a) Using "Cimex" Gas Blocks for large infestations.
- (b) "Cimex" Powder.
- (c) Spraying with "Zaldecide," and
- (d) Application of "D.D.T." Spray and Powder.

	INFESTED				DISINFESTED
(i) Council houses	4	4
(ii) Other houses	4	4
				—	—
Total	8	8
				—	—

(g) Rag Flock.

No action was taken during the year.

(h) Rats and Mice Destruction Act.

Two Rodent Operators (full-time) are employed by this Authority :—

During the year the following visits were paid:—

Private Premises	...	...	...	...	626
Business Premises	267

Local Authority :—

House Estates, Public Grounds, Refuse Tip, etc.	524
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Estimated kill :—

Rats	2723
Mice	1110

Test and Maintenance Treatments were carried out during the year on the Council's sewers in connection with the instructions of the Ministry.

No charges are made to the Occupiers of Private Premises for treatment carried out by the Operators, but Business Premises are only treated on the understanding that the Occupiers make payment for the work on the basis of Operator's time plus cost of materials used.

(i) Schools.

There have been no changes in the water supply and sanitary accommodation of Schools and Nursery.

Section D

HOUSING

1—Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the year :—

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health Act or Housing Acts)	199
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	306
(2)	(a)	Number of dwelling-houses (included under the sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	...	...	...	...	...	26
(3)		Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	7
(4)		Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	192

2—Remedy of defects during the year without service for formal Notices :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their Officers	184
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3—Action under Statutory Powers during the year :—

(a)	Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—				
	(1)	Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring repairs	...	...	0

(2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal Notices :—	
(a) By Owners	0
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	0
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of Notices were served requesting defects to be remedied	8
(2) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal Notices :—	
(a) By Owners	8
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	0
(c) Proceedings under Section 11 and 13 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made.	0
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	0
(d) Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936 :—	
(1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made	7
(2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit	5
(2 outstanding)	

4—Housing Act, 1936 : Part VI : Overcrowding

- | | | |
|-----|-----|---|
| (a) | (1) | Number of dwelling-houses overcrowded at the end of the year |
| | (2) | Number of families dwelling therein |
| | (3) | Number of persons dwelling therein |
| (b) | | Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year |
| (c) | (1) | Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year |
| | (2) | Number of persons concerned in such cases |
| (d) | | Particulars of any cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding |
| (e) | | Any other particulars with respect to overcrowding upon which the Medical Officer of Health may consider it desirable to report |

The number of applications on the Housing List increased during the year and by the end of December the figure was well over 500. Many of these cases were living under over-crowded conditions, but the number of houses available was not sufficient to meet the need. Seventy-three families were found accommodation, either on the Council's Housing Estates or in Requisitioned Property. In five cases, larger houses were occupied by two families each, who were willing to share, thereby decreasing the number on the Housing List.

The practice of giving personal interviews to three or four housing applicants each morning has continued throughout the year.

Section E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a)—Milk Supply.

The following list shows the number of Cowsheds and Dairies within the Urban District, together with the number of retailers and wholesale producers of milk on the register at the beginning of the year :—

Number of Cowkeepers or Dairymen on Register ...	...	47
Number registered as Producer/Retailer ...	...	5
Number registered as Producer/Wholesaler ...	...	11
Number registered as Producer/Wholesaler/Retailer ...	...	3
Number registered as Retailer only ...	...	25
Number registered as T.T. Producer ...	...	3

In addition to the above suppliers of milk, the majority of milk consumed in the Urban District is brought to the Town from Producers in the Totnes Rural District Area.

On the 1st October, 1949, the Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949 came into operation. Under these Regulations the Local Authority lost control of Dairy Farms, Farmer Retailers, and Pasteursing Plants, and are now only responsible for the registration of Dairies and Distributors. A Survey was carried out of these premises. Thirteen premises now comply with the new requirements, and have been registered by the Authority as Dairies—nine following requested alterations or reconstruction—and the occupiers registered as Distributors. In addition, twelve persons have been registered as Distributors (selling bottled milk only from unregistered premises). Nine of these were previously selling unbottled milk.

The following are now Registered and Licensed by this Council :—

- 13 Premises registered as Dairies.
- 25 Persons registered as Distributors.
- 19 Licensed to retail " Tuberculin Tested " Milk.
- 18 Licensed to retail " Pasteurised " Milk.
- 12 Licensed to retail " T.T. Pastuerised " Milk.

One Retailer from the Totnes Rural District has been issued with a Supplementary Licence to retail " Tuberculin Tested " and " Pasteurised " Milks in the Paignton Urban District.

Cleanliness and Bacteriological Examination.

The following samples have been taken and submitted to the County Bacteriological Laboratory for examination :—

Eight samples of Ungraded Milk were taken from Local Producers. Of these eight samples, two failed to reach the standard for Ungraded Milks. One sample of Pasteurised Milk was taken from a Local Retailer and passed the test.

All nine samples were also examined for Tubercle Bacillus. Seven results were negative and two were inconclusive, the guinea pig having died from inter-current disease.

National Milk Testing and Advisory Scheme.

In this area milk sampling is carried out by a Sampling Officer appointed by the Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries and acting under the supervision of the National Advisory Service, South-West Sub-Centre, at "Staplake Mount," Starcross, near Exeter, where the testing is carried out. Frequent samples have been taken during the year from Local Producers, and from Producers outside the District retailing milk in Paignton. Results are not to hand.

(b) Meat Inspection.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.—There are two slaughterhouse in the District—the Abattoir run by the Local Council (being situated at Luscombe Road) and a Private Slaughterhouse situated at the Crown and Anchor Arch, Church Street. Both are used by the Ministry of Food as Slaughtering Centres for Paignton and certain surrounding districts.

During 1949 the following animals were killed at the two slaughterhouses :—

	CATTLE	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP	PIGS	TL.
Abattoir ...	538	279	4	3,694	52	4,567
C. and A. Slaughter House ...	496	502	683	3,958	2	5,641
	1,034	781	687	7,652	54	10,208

In addition to the inspection of the above animals, carcasses imported into the District have been inspected at the Meat Depot and Butchers' shops.

UN SOUND FOOD

Tables showing meat and offals condemned and destroyed as unfit for human consumption :—

Carcases Inspected and Condemned :—

	CATTLE (exclg. Cows)	COWS	CALVES	SHEEP	PIGS
Number killed ...	1034	781	687	7652	54
Number inspected	1034	781	687	7652	54
All Diseases except Tuberculosis :—					
Whole carcasses condemned ...	1	10	4	38	1
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	786	247	8	589	3
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis ...	76.11%	32.9%	1.75%	8.19%	7.40%

Tuberculosis only :—

Whole carcasses condemned ...	1	15	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ...	241	88	—	—	2
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ...	23.4%	13.29%	—	—	3.7%

	TUBERCULOSIS lbs.	OTHER DISEASES AND CONDITIONS lbs.	TOTAL lbs.
Beef	9,209	4,188	13,397
Offals	8,699	14,232	22,931
Veal	—	277	277
Offals	—	71	71
Mutton	—	1,764	1,764
Offals	—	1,288	1,288
Pork.....	—	163	163
Offals	48	11	59
	17,956	21,994	39,950

Included in the total of condemned meat—39,950lbs.—is the undermentioned meat condemned from animals admitted to the Slaughterhouses as “casualites” :—

	TUBERCULOSIS	OTHER DISEASES	TOTAL
	lbs.	lbs.	lbs.
Beef	2,407	3,631	6,038
Offals	176	616	792
Veal	—	277	277
Offals	—	8	8
Mutton	—	453	453
Offals	—	82	82
Pork.....	—	163	163
Offals	48	11	59
	2,631	5,241	7,872

In addition to the above, 1,953½lbs. of meat was condemned at Butchers' shops, the majority for bone taint.

In the case of whole carcasses of cows and calves condemned as being affected with Generalised or congenital Tuberculosis, a report is made to the Divisional Inspector of the Animal Health Division of the Ministry of Agriculture.

OTHER UNSOUND FOOD CONDEMNED AND DESTROYED

The following items of unsound food have been condemned and^d destroyed at food premises and cafés :—

Corned beef.....	87 tins	Spinach	1 tin
Tinned meat	139 tins	Carrots	82 tins
Brawn	33 tins	Mixed vegetables	29 tins
Bacon	1 tin	Celery	25 tins
Sausage meat	2 tins	Gherkins	3 galls.
Whalemeat	2 tins	Gherkins	22 jars
Pate de foie	1 tins	Pickled onions	19 jars
Meat and gravy	1 tin	Pickles	102 jars
Potted meat	2 tins	Red cabbage.....	101 jars
Fish	54 tins	Chutney	93 jars
Fish spread	10 tins	Hors D'Oeuvre	6 jars
Fish cakes	3 tins	Cucumbers.....	1 jar
Herring roes	1 tin	Tomato juice	26 tins
Green beans	71 tins	Figs	50 lbs.
Baked beans	21 tins	Sweet phat	6 pkts.
Beetroot.....	71 tins	Wheat flakes.....	144 pkts.
Peas	116 tins	Pastry mix	48 pkts.
Spaghetti	27 tins	Poultry	46

Tomato sauce	34 bottles	Ginger	1 jar
Tomato puree.....	2 tins	Apple puree	28 tins
Salad dressing	1 bottle	Fruit.....	73 tins
Olives	25 jars	Milk pudding	2 tins
Soup	41 tins	Milk	334 tins
Horseradish sauce	1 bottle	Sugar corn	3 tins
Sandwich spread ...	81 jars	Cheese	32½ lbs.
Dried egg	1 pkt.	Cheese	12 boxes
Cheese	2 tins	Dates	69 lbs.
Golden syrup	2 tins	Meat (cooked)	4 lbs.
Jam	21 tins	Cake	24 lbs.
Marmalade	26 tins	Black pudding	7 lbs.
Fruit pudding	1 tins	Tea	2 lbs.
Apple pie	4 tins	Fat trimmings	6 lbs.
Tomatoes	38 tins	Soup	52 pkts.
Orange juice	14 tins	Oats	18 pkts.
Grapefruit juice	8 tins	Fish	95 stone
Pineapple juice	6 tins		

Food Poisoning Outbreaks.

The annual return, in accordance with Circular 46/49, Memo. 188/med., has been submitted to the Ministry of Health. There were no cases of food poisoning reported during the year.

Food Premises.

ICE CREAM PREMISES—Regular visits, particularly during the summer season, have been paid to ice cream manufacturing premises and shops. Vehicles and stalls have also been inspected.

The following premises are registered in the District :—

Manufacturing Premises	...	...	...	...	17
Retail Premises	...	...	...	...	72

Monthly sampling of ice cream has been continued during the year, and the following samples have been taken :—

TOTAL	GRADE 1	GRADE 2	GRADE 3	GRADE 4
79	35	13	9	22

A further number of samples was taken, but were "inconclusive" due either to transport difficulties, or, during hot weather, the high temperature of the water bath at the Laboratory.

Other Food Premises.

The following inspections have been made of food premises :—

Butcher shops	...	...	...	...	...	46
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	15
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	55
Cafés	...	...	...	...	...	107
Fried fish shops	...	...	...	...	...	12
Fish shops	...	...	...	...	...	10
Fruit and Grocery	...	...	...	...	...	25
Ice cream	...	...	...	...	...	160
Restaurant kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	17
Hotel kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	4
Camp kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	10

Section F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Prevalence.

There were no special circumstances requiring detailed report.

DISEASES OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR

DISEASE						TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED	
						Males	Females
Scarlet Fever	...	...	...	...	...	15	16
Measles	...	...	...	...	...	61	76
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	10	13
Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	1	0
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	0	1
Erysipelas	...	...	...	...	...	0	1
Cerebro-Spinal Fever	...	...	...	...	...	0	1
Acute Poliomyelities	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
TOTAL	...	...	...	...	...	90	109

Investigations.

All notifiable cases, with the exception of Measles, Whooping Cough and Pneumonia, were investigated and enquiries were made as to possible sources of infection.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Visits are paid by Health Visitors to the parents of children over the age of eight months bringing to their notice the advantages of diphtheria immunisation and vaccination. Immunisation sessions are held each month at the Central Clinic, Midvale Road, and the M. and C.W. Clinic, Preston, and each week at the Paignton M. and C.W. Clinic.

The following particulars have been supplied by the County Medical Officer regarding immunisation in Paignton:—

Immunised for the first time	261
Receiving re-inforcing injections	416

Number of births, 1948	307
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The following is the Registrar-General's estimate of the population under 15 years as at 30th June, 1949:—

Number of children aged 0—4 years (inclusive)	...	1,518
Number of children aged 5—14 years (inclusive)	...	2,727
Total	...	4,245

The prophylactic used in all cases was Alum Precipitated Toxoid in two does of 0.3 to 0.4 c.c. There have been no ill-effects reported to me.

Scabies, Skin, and Verminous Conditions.

At the Out-Patient Cleansing Centre, Midvale Road, ten cases were treated during the year. This treatment continues to be carried out most satisfactorily by the Assistant School Helper of the Devon County Council.

The Urban District Council pay a proportion of the cost of the Clinic for the above purposes.

Vaccination.

The County Council are now the responsible Authority. No figures have been furnished.

The arrangements for the following-up of smallpox contacts are unchanged.

TUBERCULOSIS — NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1949

Age Periods	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0—1 ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
2—5 ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
6—10 ...	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	1
11—15 ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
16—20 ...	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
21—25 ...	0	1	0	0	0	1	0	0
26—35 ...	1	2	0	0	1	0	0	0
36—45 ...	0	0	0	0	1	1	0	0
46—55 ...	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0
56—65 ...	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0
66 upwards ...	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0
TOTALS ...	1	4	0	1	3	3	0	1

A note is taken of new cases and enquiry made in view of any possible connection, which they might have with milk, food, or other means of spreading infection. Several such cases have been investigated and advice given on the adoption of precautions.

