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RURAL DISTRICT OF MALMESBURY
WILTSHIRE

A N N U A L R E P O R T

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER 1969.



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Medical Officer, Wiltshire County Council.

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S.G.V. Williamson, Cert. R.I.P.H.H.

Mrs. V.L. Gregory. (From 31st December, 1969).

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Diploma of the Royal Society of Health for Smoke
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(e) ADDITIONAL PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

D. Peck, Cert. P.H.I.E.B., Cert. R.S.H., Meat and Other Food
Inspector's Cert.

The Public Health Committee of the Council deals with all matters relating to public health.

The Chairman and Members,
Malmesbury Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman and Members,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1969,
in accordance with the Public Health Officers Regulations, 1959.

Although there were continuing cases of infectious jaundice
throughout the year, and a small outbreak of dysentery in June and early
July, the other vital statistics for the year were extremely favourable.
There were no deaths of infants, and the perinatal mortality rate, which
gives an indication of the antenatal and post-natal care in the
District, was very low.

I would like to pay tribute to the work of Mr. S.G.V. Williamson,
for many years Secretary to the Medical Officer of Health, who regrettably
died in October, 1969.

I wish to extend my thanks to the Council and its Officers for
their help and interest during the year.

I have the honour to be,
Your obedient servant,

John R. Wray.

Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

GENERAL STATISTICS.

| | |
|---|----------|
| Area (in acres) | 57,705 |
| Population (Registrar General's estimate) | 11,310 |
| Number of inhabited houses (end of 1969 according to Rate Book) | 3,597 |
| Number of Council dwellings at the end of 1969 | 636 |
| Number of applicants for Council dwellings at the end of 1969 ... | 262 |
| Rateable value | £321,033 |
| Sum represented by the Penny Rate | £1,287 |

VITAL STATISTICS.

Birth and Death Rates as compared with other areas.
(Births and Deaths per 1,000 population) standardised.*

| | <u>Birth Rate</u> | | <u>Death Rate</u> | |
|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------|-------------------|-------------|
| | <u>1968</u> | <u>1969</u> | <u>1968</u> | <u>1969</u> |
| Malmesbury Rural District | 19.3 | 19.3 | 9.3 | 10.3 |
| Malmesbury Borough ... | 15.6 | 17.5 | 17.8 | 10.4 |
| England and Wales ... | 16.9 | 16.3 | 11.9 | 11.9 |

*Area comparability figures are supplied to each district by the Registrar General. These take into account the varying age/sex distribution of the population in different parts of the country. When applied to the local rates, they allow a more accurate comparison to be made between different areas.

Still Births.

Three still births were notified during 1969. The rate per 1,000 total live and still births is 14. The rate for England and Wales is given by the Registrar General as 13.

Infant Mortality.

| | |
|--|-----|
| Under 1 year of age | Nil |
| Infant mortality rate for the District (per 1,000 live births) | Nil |
| Comparative rate for England and Wales (per 1,000 live births) | 18 |

Perinatal Mortality Rate.

This consists of still births and deaths under 1 week combined, per 1,000 total live and still births. The rate for the District was 14 compared with the rate for England and Wales which was 23.

Deaths - Analysis of Causes of Death.

| | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|--|--------------|----------------|--------------|
| Tuberculosis, including late effects | 1 | - | 1 |
| Infective and parasitic diseases | - | 1 | 1 |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Malignant neoplasm, intestine | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus | 2 | - | 2 |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast | - | 2 | 2 |
| Malignant neoplasm, prostate | 1 | - | 1 |
| Other malignant neoplasms | - | 1 | 1 |
| Diabetes mellitus | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Other endocrine etc., diseases | 1 | - | 1 |
| Anaemias | - | 1 | 1 |
| Other diseases of nervous system etc., | 1 | - | 1 |
| Chronic rheumatic heart disease | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Hypertensive disease | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Ischaemic heart disease | 18 | 5 | 23 |
| Other forms of heart disease | 4 | 3 | 7 |
| Cerebrovascular disease | 6 | 12 | 18 |
| Other diseases of circulatory system | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Influenza | - | 1 | 1 |
| Pneumonia | 2 | 2 | 4 |
| Bronchitis and emphysema | 4 | - | 4 |
| Other diseases of respiratory system | - | 1 | 1 |
| Intestinal obstruction and hernia | 1 | - | 1 |
| Nephritis and nephrosis | - | 1 | 1 |
| Hyperplasia of prostate | 1 | - | 1 |
| Other diseases, genito-urinary system | 1 | 1 | 2 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 1 | - | 1 |
| All other accidents | 2 | - | 2 |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 55 | 42 | 97 |

Ischaemic (coronary) heart disease was yet again the main cause of death. Eight of the deaths from this cause were people 75 years and over, eight were in the age group 65 - 74, three men were in the age group 55 - 64, and four men died from this cause who were in the age group 45 - 54. It is tragic for families when men below retirement age die from this cause. To prevent this happening, men should avoid smoking, eat moderately, and have regular exercise. Women mostly die from this cause when aged over 70, and I think the regular exercise they have to take in doing the housework may be beneficial.

During the year there was a rise in the number of deaths from cerebro-vascular disease (strokes), from eleven in 1968 to eighteen in 1969. Twice as many women as men died from this cause.

There was a sharp epidemic of influenza towards the end of the year, and there was one death from it in an elderly woman. Two men and two women over the age of 75 died from pneumonia.

There were no deaths from cancer of the uterus, but two deaths from cancer of the breast. The Wiltshire County Council has started a Cervical Cytology Clinic in Malmesbury, which can detect early cancer of the uterus, at a stage when it can be cured. At the clinic they also examine for early cancer of the breast.

There were two male deaths from cancer of the lung. Health Education on the subject of smoking is given in Wiltshire County Council schools.

INFECTIOUS AND NOTIFIABLE DISEASES.

The following table gives the list of diseases notified during the year compared with the previous three years:-

| | <u>1966.</u> | <u>1967.</u> | <u>1968.</u> | <u>1969.</u> |
|------------------------|-----------------|--------------|--------------|-------------------|
| Pulmonary tuberculosis | 3 | 1 | 1 | - |
| Measles | 102 | 97 | 11 | 21 |
| Infectious hepatitis | - | - | 13 | 37 |
| Scarlet fever | 1 | - | 6 | 1 |
| Food poisoning | - | 3 | 15 | - |
| Whooping cough | 2 | 4 | 4 | 4 |
| Dysentery | 2 | 2 | - | 14 |
| | (not confirmed) | | | (2 not confirmed) |

No cases of poliomyelitis, diphtheria or tetanus occurred. Immunisation of children protects against these diseases.

There were no cases of typhoid, but a Port Health Authority notified us of a typhoid contact who had returned from holiday in Tangier. Travellers who are going on holiday to Southern Europe or North Africa should obtain advice from their family doctor several months before departure about the desirability of immunisation against typhoid. Travellers to the north coast of Africa should note that they must obtain a smallpox vaccination certificate from their family doctor before departure, and it may be advisable to obtain cholera vaccination in view of the recent spread of this disease.

Measles.

This disease can have serious complications, and all parents are urged to take advantage of the immunisation offered by Wiltshire County Council. It is now being offered routinely to all children in their second year of life (as well as to older children who have not yet had the disease).

Infectious Hepatitis.

This virus disease spread widely throughout the year and 37 cases were notified. It is likely that most people in the Rural District came in contact with the disease, and if they had not gained their immunity in childhood they either got the severe disease with jaundice, or a mild attack that went unrecognised, but will still give them immunity in the future. My evidence for this is that there have only been two reported cases in 1970, and these were in April. None have been reported since. If there had still been non-immune people in the community, then the outbreak would still be continuing.

People who know they have had the disease should not be blood donors without informing the Blood Transfusion Authorities about it. There is a form of jaundice spread only by transfusions, known as "serum hepatitis", but this may be a different virus, as there can be quite a considerable mortality rate from this disease, whereas deaths from infectious hepatitis are rare.

So far it has not been possible to manufacture a vaccine to protect against infectious hepatitis.

Dysentery.

There was quite a sharpe outbreak of sonne dysentery in June and early July, centered on a primary school in Malmesbury. Hand-washing in a special antiseptic fluid was instituted for all pupils, and all school meals staff were examined for the disease. Talks on food hygiene are given routinely to school meals staff. On this occasion I sent out a circular to all parents of pupils at the school informing them about dysentery and how to prevent it spreading. With their co-operation the outbreak was brought under control fairly rapidly. This is a disease where you do not get long lasting immunity and can get the disease year after year if it is spread to you. Proper hand-washing after the toilet is the only way to stop it spreading.

Brucellosis.

Although this disease is not notifiable, it does occur occasionally in man. It is caused by the same germ that causes abortion in cattle and can be contracted by contact with infected animals or by drinking infected milk. The Public Health Department take regular samples of raw milk and all were negative for brucellosis in 1969. However, until this disease is eliminated from cattle, which will take many years, I would strongly advise the public not to buy raw untreated milk, or, if they do, to boil it first. Pasteurised milk is quite safe.

Before concluding this section on infectious disease, I should like to express my sincere thanks to Dr. Paul Mann, The Director of the Public Health Laboratory, Bath, whose enthusiastic help and sound advice has played a vital part in our infectious disease control.

Finally, the prevention of so much infectious disease depends on the immunisation carried out by family doctors and clinics, and this work is directed and paid for by Wiltshire County Council.

Immunisation.

Provision for immunisation against infectious disease is the responsibility of the County Council Health Committee. Immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, poliomyelitis and measles is available from the family doctor and from County Council Child Welfare Immunisation Clinics. Smallpox vaccination is carried out by the general practitioners at their patient's request.

I am indebted to Dr. C.D.L. Lycett, the County Medical Officer of Health, for the following figures concerning immunisation and vaccination procedures carried out in the Rural District during the year.

Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Measles & Poliomyelitis.

| <u>Year of Birth.</u> | | 1969 | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1960 - 64 | 1954 - 59 | Others under 16 |
|---|---------|------|------|------|------|------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
| Primary imms. completed during 1969. | Diph. | 69 | 70 | 1 | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| | Wh/c. | 69 | 70 | 1 | - | - | - | - | - |
| | Tet. | 69 | 70 | 1 | - | - | 3 | - | - |
| | Measles | - | 6 | 23 | 14 | 2 | 21 | 16 | - |
| | Polio | 70 | 76 | 3 | 1 | - | 3 | - | - |
| Reinf. injects. administered during 1969. | Diph. | - | 33 | 43 | 3 | 10 | 78 | - | 2 |
| | Wh/c. | - | 30 | 32 | 1 | 1 | 10 | - | - |
| | Tet. | - | 33 | 43 | 3 | 10 | 80 | 3 | 14 |
| | Polio | - | 32 | 38 | 5 | 11 | 124 | 3 | - |

Smallpox.

| <u>Age Group.</u> | <u>Months.</u> | | | | <u>Years.</u> | | |
|-------------------|----------------|-----|-----|------|---------------|-----|------|
| | 0-3 | 3-6 | 6-9 | 9-12 | 1 | 2-4 | 5-15 |
| Vaccinations | - | - | - | 2 | 45 | 30 | 2 |
| Re-vaccinations | - | - | - | - | - | - | 3 |

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

By the end of the year the main part of the work on the North Eastern Area Sewerage Scheme, and the extension to the Malmesbury Borough Sewage Works was completed.

A sewerage scheme for Corston has been approved.

WATER SUPPLIES.

The majority of the district is supplied by the North Wilts. Water Board. In the east there is a small area supplied by the Bristol Waterworks Company - a total of 736 houses.

I am grateful for the following report by the Engineer to the North Wilts. Water Board, Mr. C.R. Phillips.

No substantial changes have occurred in the arrangement of the water supplies of the North Wilts. Water Board during this year. The Board's water supplies are obtained generally from underground sources in limestone aquifers, having relatively abundant storage facilities and providing water of a high standard of purity suitable for public supplies. The water is hard in character (between 150 and 360 p.p.m. total hardness).

The typical chemical analysis obtained in the year under review for two water sources are given below:-

| Date: | <u>Rodbourne Borehole.</u> | <u>Charlton Borehole.</u> |
|----------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| | p.p.m. 16. 7. 69. | p.p.m. 22. 10. 69. |
| Colour | Nil | Nil |
| Odour | Nil | Nil |
| pH | 7.6 | 7.3 |
| Free CO ₂ | 12 | 27 |
| Chloride | 42 | 23 |
| Hardness | 300 | 290 |
| Carbts. | 215 | 250 |
| Non-Carbts. | 85 | 40 |
| Nitrate Nitrogen | 0.4 | 2.5 |
| Nitrite Nitrogen | Absent | Absent |
| Oxygen ab. | 0.00 | 0.00 |
| Alb. Nitrogen | 0.00 | 0.20 |
| Metals | Absent | Absent |
| Fluoride | 0.75 | 0.4 |

The water supplies of the area of the North Wilts. Water Board have been satisfactory in quality and quantity.

Regular supervision of the quality of water supplies is exercised by submitting, every week, samples for bacteriological examination.

Under the year of review 1,398 samples from consumer's points of supply were examined. 1,327 were satisfactory, having coli. counts of less than 1; 58 were reported to have coli. counts of 1 - 2 and 13 had coli. counts of 3 or more.

On the occasions when reports of coli. counts are received, investigations and repeated samplings are immediately undertaken and continued until satisfactory reports are received.

674 samples of raw water were submitted:-

| | |
|---|-------|
| Excellent; coli. count of less than 1 | 484 |
| Satisfactory; coli. count of 1 - 3 | 112 |
| Suspicious; coli. count of 4 - 10 | 39 |
| Unsatisfactory; coli. count of more than 10 | 39 |
| | <hr/> |
| | 674 |
| | <hr/> |

Samples excellent and satisfactory 88%.

Chlorination of all sources is practised with the aim of obtaining chlorine residuals at all consumers' points of supplies of between 0.1 and 0.3 p.p.m.

The Board continues to exercise supervision of the quality of raw water from all the sources by submitting samples to their Consultant Chemists, The Counties Public Health Laboratories, London, and any changes in chemical or mineralogical qualities of the water are reported upon by Mr. Gordon Miles, the Principal of those Laboratories.

Fluoride occurs naturally in quantities from 0.4 to 0.7 p.p.m. in the water obtained from the deep borehole sources in the limestone, but it is usually absent in the waters obtained from shallow wells and spring sources.

The Board is advised by its Consultant Chemists that all the waters supplied are non-plumbo-solvent.

The Board continues to make provision for increases in demand for water by seeking additional sources, and this work is being done in close co-operation with the River Authorities, whose statutory areas extend through the Board's area of supply.

The Public Health Department takes regular samples of water for bacteriological examination, and also tests for residual chlorine. Details will be found in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

A report of the World Health Organisation that was issued in 1969 recommends all countries to introduce fluoridation of water supplies. To quote from the report:-

... "Dental caries is one of man's most prevalent chronic diseases, affecting people of all ages in all countries.

Fluoridation does not eradicate dental caries but substantially reduces its prevalence and incidence. Best results are seen in children who have consumed fluoridated water since birth, as they generally have less than half the number of dental cavities than they would otherwise have had." ...

OTHER PUBLIC HEALTH MATTERS.

Information required under the Food and Drugs Act 1955 and the Factories Act 1961 is given in the attached report of the Chief Health Inspector.

REPORT OF SURVEYOR AND CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST DECEMBER, 1969.

OFFICERS OF THE DEPARTMENT.

(As at 31st December, 1969).

| | |
|----------------------|---|
| R.S. Pierce | Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector. |
| R.T. Baynham | Senior Additional Public Health Inspector. |
| D. Peck | Additional Public Health Inspector. |
| M.H. Martin | Engineering Assistant. |
| A.J. Jackson | Resident Engineer. (Temporary). |
| B.W. Townsend | Building Inspector. |
| J. Kerslake | Clerk of Works. |
| J.H. Humphreys (Mrs) | Housing Management Assistant. (Part time). |
| E.M. Burnley (Miss) | Shorthand Typist/Clerical Assistant. |
| P.A. Glass (Miss) | Shorthand Typist/Clerical Assistant. |

HOUSING.

Council Houses.

The Council own:- Elderly persons' grouped dwellings comprising 26 bungalows, warden's flat and communal rooms.

| | | | |
|-------------------|-------|---|---------------------|
| Other dwellings:- | 28 | 1 | bedroomed bungalows |
| | 104 | 2 | " " |
| | 25 | 2 | " houses |
| | 442 | 3 | " " |
| | 10 | 4 | " " |
| | <hr/> | | |
| | 609 | | |
| | <hr/> | | |

43 families were rehoused in existing Council houses through changes of tenancy during the year.

All applicants for Council houses who either live or work in the Rural District are registered without any waiting period or immediate investigation of their circumstances.

The number of such applicants at the end of the year was 262.

A considerable number of these applicants are persons who live outside but work in the District and would like to move nearer to their work. It is also found on investigation that while many people would like to rent a Council house and apply accordingly, the number in actual need of alternative accommodation is very much smaller.

As many repairs as possible are carried out by direct labour but most exterior painting is being carried out by Contract. Some years ago a programme was set by which all houses would be repainted externally every 5 years and this is now being achieved.

The average cost of repair of houses during 1969 was about £18. 0. Od. per house with an additional cost of approximately £3 per house for maintenance of sewage plants, management etc.

Up to the end of 1969, 138 of the Council's 164 pre-war houses had been improved by the provision of bathrooms, internal W.C.'s, hot water systems, etc., those outstanding being 8 at Wick Road, Oaksey, 10 at Sawyers Rise, Minety, 4 at St. John's, Dauntsey and 4 at Sopworth, the Oaksey and Minety houses having been held over pending the provision of main sewers. Schemes for these houses can now be put in hand.

The Council now own 113 garages for letting to tenants.

Private Enterprise Building.

The number of houses completed and in course of erection has remained almost constant but the number of approvals has increased by about 15%. Planning applications have remained about the same as last year.

Administration of Building Regulations, 1965.

| | |
|--|------|
| No. of plans submitted for approval | 244 |
| No. of plans passed. | 241 |
| No. of houses completed during the year | 89 |
| No. in course of erection | 77 |
| No. of inspections in connection therewith | 1875 |

Town and Country Planning Act, 1962.

The Council continued to exercise the powers of delegation by the Wilts. County Council with regard to development control.

| | |
|---|-----|
| No. of applications for permission to develop | 191 |
| No. approved without conditions | 46 |
| No. approved with conditions | 96 |
| No. of applications withdrawn | 17 |
| No. of applications refused | 28 |
| No. of applications not yet determined | 4 |
| No. of inspections in connection therewith | 392 |

Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960.

2 site licences were issued during the year for single caravans bringing the number of caravans licenced to 54 on 16 sites. The sites generally are satisfactory.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| No. of inspections | 36 |
|--------------------|----|

Inspection of Dwellings.

| | |
|--|-----|
| No. of inspections of dwellings under Housing or Public Health Acts. | 280 |
| No. of dwellings found to be unfit for human habitation. | 9 |
| No. found to be not in all respects fit. | 21 |
| No. of dwellings repaired by informal action. | 40 |
| No. of cases of statutory action. | NIL |
| No. of houses demolished. | 6 |
| No. of houses closed. | NIL |
| No. of undertakings accepted. | 6 |
| No. of overcrowded dwellings known at end of year. | 2 |

Housing Act, 1969.

Improvement Grants.

During the year the maximum amount of discretionary grants payable was increased from £400 to £1000, certain repairs also became eligible for grant, and conditions were withdrawn. Maximum standard grants were increased from £155 to £200.

This change in legislation is reflected in the number of applications received.

Up to the end of September when the change became effective there were 12 applications approved for discretionary grant and 7 for standard grant. The figures for the next 3 months were 12 and 6 respectively.

The summary is as follows:-

Discretionary Grants.

| | |
|--------------------------------|---------------|
| No. of applications approved. | 24 |
| No. of applications withdrawn. | 4 |
| No. of schemes completed. | 23 |
| Average grant per dwelling. | £386. Os. Od. |

Standard Grants.

| | |
|---|-----|
| No. of grants approved during the year | 13 |
| No. of amenities provided during the year - | |
| Baths | 14 |
| Basins | 14 |
| Hot water supplies | 14 |
| Water closets | 15 |
| Foodstores | 12 |
| Septic tanks | 12 |
| No. of inspections of grant aided premises | 352 |

WATER.

During the year the following samples from main supplies were taken for bacteriological examination:-

| <u>Source.</u> | <u>No. of Samples.</u> | <u>Satisfactory.</u> | <u>Unsatisfactory.</u> |
|--------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------|------------------------|
| Bristol Waterworks Main | 12 | 12 | - |
| Chelworth Main | 17 | 14 | 3 |
| North Wilts Water Board | 51 | 50 | 1 |
| Swindon Corporation Main | 12 | 12 | - |
| Westonbirt Main | 12 | 12 | - |
| Private Supplies | 3 | 3 | - |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 107 | 103 | 4 |
| | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> | <hr/> <hr/> |

No. of visits in connection therewith. 137

SEWERS AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

As I have pointed out in previous reports, the installation of main water supplies throughout practically the whole of the District, and consequent increase in drainage makes the need for main sewerage schemes greater than ever.

The Council's policy has been to encourage house building by private enterprise and the improvement of older property by the installation of water closets and baths, the only possible drainage outfalls in many cases at present being cesspits or septic tanks. In areas with pervious subsoil, effluent disposal by soakage is reasonably efficient but in that part of the District with a clay or water-logged subsoil there are many cases of unauthorised discharge of septic tank effluents to ditches and watercourses which thereby become polluted and lead to complaints often from those persons responsible for the trouble.

The increasing use of detergents is making maintenance and effluent disposal even more difficult than in the past.

Until such time as sewage schemes can be provided, if houses are to be built or improved, the occupants must be prepared to accept a certain amount of inconvenience in drainage disposal.

The Hullavington, Sherston and Great Somerford sewage disposal plants have been well maintained during the year and samples of effluent have been reported to be satisfactory.

Difficulty is being experienced in disposing of sludge from the works. Farmers appear to be growing more and more reluctant to take the sludge, even free of charge, and it is anticipated that disposal will become more difficult in the future.

Good progress has been made on the North Eastern Area Sewerage Scheme and works have been completed sufficiently for house connections to be made in Lea, Milbourne and Charlton.

The scheme for Corston has been prepared and submitted to the Parish and County Councils for approval and the Consulting Engineers have been instructed to prepare a scheme for Brinkworth.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL.

Refuse is now collected weekly, by direct labour, over the whole of the Rural District.

More householders are realising the need to provide proper covered fly-proof dustbins but unsuitable containers such as sacks, cardboard boxes and old baths etc., continue to be used in some circumstances.

Most of the refuse from the Rural District is now tipped at Little Somerford, which tip is also used by the Malmesbury Borough Council by agreement.

The Chelworth tip will be filled within a short time and unless alternative tips can be found it seems that Little Somerford will be the only one available.

It was not possible to carry out a collection of bulky refuse with the Council's vehicles this year and a lorry was hired, one of the Council's employees assisting with the collection. 35 loads were collected.

It is estimated that approximately 2600 tons of refuse was collected and disposed of during the year, an average of about 14cwt. per household, the lorries covering 19,362 miles.

EMPLOYMENT OF WORKMEN.

The Council now employ 14 workmen as follows:-

| | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|
| Housing maintenance and repair | 4 full time and 1 part time. |
| Refuse collection and disposal | 4 full time and 3 part time. |
| Sewage disposal | 3 full time and 2 part time. |
| Housing management | 2 part time. |

Workmen engaged on sewage disposal and refuse collection are supplied with protective clothing for use in fine and wet weather and washing facilities have been provided on all the Council's vehicles. Toilet accommodation and washing facilities are provided for the use of the workmen at the Council's depot at Burton Hill.

The following vehicles are now being operated:-

2 25 cubic yard S. & D. refuse collection lorries.
2 vans - sewage disposal.
3 vans - housing repairs and maintenance.

PEST CONTROL.

Refuse tips and sewers have been treated for destruction of rodents as required. Private premises are treated without charge, on request.

| | |
|---|-----|
| No. of properties inspected for rodent infestations. | 116 |
| No. of properties found to be infested and treated. | 105 |
| Total number of visits in connection with pest control. | 188 |

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

121 visits were made and the necessary action taken following reported cases of infectious disease.

NUISANCES.

Regular inspections have been made over the District to detect and deal with nuisances. It has not been necessary to recommend the Council to take statutory action in any case, all nuisances having been dealt with informally.

FOOD INSPECTION.Meat and Other Foods.

The 3 butchers shops are clean and in good condition and there is 1 licensed slaughterhouse and three licensed slaughtermen. There are no poultry processing premises within the District.

All animals slaughtered in the District for human consumption were inspected and the table below shows the percentage of carcasses found to be diseased.

The arrangements and management of the slaughterhouse are satisfactory. A total of 124lbs. of meat and offal at the slaughterhouse was found to be unfit for human consumption and condemned.

It is worthy of note that, for a further year, no carcasses were found to be affected by Tuberculosis.

No. of visits to slaughterhouse

50

Carcasses inspected and condemned in whole or in part.

| | Cattle excluding Cows. | Cows. | Calves. | Sheep and Lambs. | Pigs. | Horses. |
|--|------------------------------|-------|---------|------------------------|-------|---------|
| Number killed | 44 | NIL | 6 | 4 | 22 | NIL |
| Number inspected | 44 | NIL | 6 | 4 | 22 | NIL |
| <u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.</u> | | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned. | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned. | 11 | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| % of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis or Cysticerci. | 25 | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| <u>Tuberculosis only:</u> | | | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned. | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned. | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| <u>Cysticerci only:</u> | | | | | | |
| Carcasses totally condemned or of which some part or organ was condemned. | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |

Milk.

The Wilts. County Council delegated to the Council certain powers and duties under the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1963.

27 samples of heat treated milk were taken during the year and tested for keeping quality and satisfactory heat treatment and 12 samples of untreated milk were tested for keeping quality. 1 of the untreated samples failed the prescribed test (methylene blue test) and the necessary action was taken. The remainder of the samples were satisfactory. 4 untreated samples were also submitted for biological examination and these were all satisfactory.

| | |
|--|----|
| Total number of licensed distributors | 10 |
| No. of distributors licensed to sell pasteurised milk | 6 |
| No. of distributors licensed to sell U.H.T. milk | 4 |
| No. of producer/retailers and distributors licensed to sell untreated milk | 4 |
| No. of inspections of premises | 30 |

The trend towards heat treated milk continues and is to be encouraged and in fact only one small producer/retailer is selling untreated milk at present.

Bakehouses.

The only bakehouse in the District is satisfactory.

Ice-cream.

No ice-cream is manufactured in the District, and all sold is prepacked by the makers.

| | |
|--|----|
| No. of premises registered for the sale of ice-cream | 48 |
| No. of inspections | 25 |

Public Houses.

Progress continues to be made in the provision of adequate sanitary conveniences and cleansing facilities in public houses, and most are now satisfactory.

| | |
|--------------------|----|
| No. of inspections | 16 |
|--------------------|----|

Food Hygiene Regulations.

The mobile vehicles operating in the District are generally satisfactory and only relatively minor infringements of the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations have been found. These have been dealt with informally.

| | |
|--|----|
| No. of inspections of mobile food vehicles | 20 |
|--|----|

All premises in the District used for the sale of food are generally in good condition and well maintained. Any improvements necessary to comply with the Regulations have been carried out without resort to legal proceedings.

Schedule of Food Premises in the District.

| | <u>Number</u> | <u>Number fitted to comply with Regulation 16</u> | <u>Number to which Regulation 19 applies</u> | <u>Number fitted to comply with Regulation 19</u> | <u>No. of Inspns.</u> |
|------------------------------------|---------------|---|--|---|-----------------------|
| Butchers | 3 | 3 | 3 | 3 | 9 |
| Grocers (including General Stores) | 33 | 33 | 24 | 24 | 34 |
| Bakers | 1 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 |
| Public Houses | 29 | 29 | 29 | 28 | 16 |
| Restaurants and Canteens | 7 | 7 | 7 | 7 | 14 |
| | — | — | — | — | — |
| | 73 | 73 | 64 | 63 | 77 |
| | == | == | == | == | == |

The Liquid Egg (Pasteurisation) Regulations, 1963.

There are no egg pasteurisation plants in the District.

THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS (WASTE FOODS) ORDER, 1957.

Only two premises in the District are now registered under the above Order. Both are satisfactory.

No. of visits 5

STORAGE OF PETROLEUM SPIRIT.

All premises licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit and mixture are satisfactory.

No. of premises licensed 71
No. of inspections 103

SCRAP METAL DEALERS ACT, 1964.

This Act requires Local Authorities to maintain a register of scrap metal dealers.

No. of dealers registered or whose registration was renewed during the year 4
Total number of registered dealers at the end of the year 13
No. of visits in connection with registration 6

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963.

All premises licensed for the boarding of animals under the above Act are generally satisfactory.

No. of establishments licensed 6
No. of inspections 16

FACTORIES ACT, 1961.

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1961.

Part 1 of the Act.

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to Health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors).

| | No. on Register. | Inspns. | No. of Written Notices. | Prosecutions. |
|---|------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------------|
| i) Factories in which Secs. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by L.A's. | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Sec. 7 is enforced by L.A's. | 27 | 12 | 1 | NIL |
| iii) Other premises in which Sec. 7 is enforced by the L.A. (excluding outworkers' premises). | NIL | NIL | NIL | NIL |
| | 27 | 12 | 1 | NIL |

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

| Particulars. (1) | Number of cases in which defects were found | | | | Number of Prosecutions. (6) |
|---------------------------------|---|------------------|--|--|--------------------------------|
| | Found. (2) | Remedied. (3) | Referred to H.M. Inspector. (4) | Referred by H.M. Inspector. (5) | |
| Sanitary Conveniences (S.7.) | | | | | |
| (a) Insufficient. | - | - | - | - | - |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective. | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | - |
| (c) Not separate for sexes. | - | - | - | - | - |
| | 2 | 1 | - | 1 | - |

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OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

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Registrations and General Inspections (Table A).

| Class of Premises. (1) | Number of premises registered during the year. (2) | Total number of registered premises at end of year. (3) | Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year. (4) |
|-------------------------------|---|--|--|
| Offices | - | 8 | 1 |
| Retail shops | 3 | 11 | 8 |
| Wholesale shops, warehouses | - | 1 | - |
| Catering establishments etc. | - | 1 | - |
| Fuel storage depots | - | - | - |
| Totals | 3 | 21 | 9 |

Number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to Registered Premises (Table B).

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Analysis of persons employed in Registered Premises by workplace (Table C).

| Class of workplace. (1) | No. of persons employed. (2) |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| Offices | 26 |
| Retail shops | 29 |
| Wholesale departments, warehouses | 9 |
| Catering establishments etc. | 12 |
| Canteens | - |
| Fuel storage depots | - |
| Total | 76 |
| Total males | 29 |
| Total females | 47 |

Exemptions (Table D).

No applications for exemptions have been made under any Part of the Act during the year.

Number of exemptions current at 31st December: NIL.

Prosecutions (Table E).

No prosecutions have been instituted under any Part of the Act during the year.

Inspectors (Table F).

Number of Inspectors appointed under Section 52(1) or (5) of the Act: 3.

Number of other staff employed for most of their time on work in connection with the Act NIL.

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| Class of Workman | Number of registered workmen during the year | Total number of registered workmen at end of year | Number of registered workmen during the year | |
|------------------------------|--|---|--|----------|
| | | | (1) | (2) |
| Office | 1 | 8 | - | - |
| Hotel shops | 3 | 17 | 3 | - |
| Wholesale shops, warehouses | - | 1 | - | - |
| Catering establishments etc. | - | 1 | - | - |
| Fuel storage depots | - | - | - | - |
| Totals | 4 | 27 | 3 | - |

Number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered workmen (Table 2)

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Number of persons employed in registered business by workmen (Table 3)

| Class of workman | No. of persons employed |
|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| (1) | (2) |
| Office | 26 |
| Hotel shops | 29 |
| Wholesale shops, warehouses | 9 |
| Catering establishments etc. | 12 |
| Warehouses | - |
| Fuel storage depots | - |
| Totals | 76 |
| Total males | 59 |
| Total females | 17 |

Workmen (Table 4)

No application for exemption has been made under any part of the Act during the year.
 Number of exemption orders at 31st December: Nil.

Prosecutions (Table 5)

No prosecutions have been instituted under any part of the Act during the year.

Registers (Table 6)

Number of inspectors appointed under Section 20(1) or (2) of the Act: Nil.
 Number of other staff employed for work in connection with the Act: Nil.



