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Your obedient Servant,

J. McGovern.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the
St. Austell Rural District Council.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

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SECTION A

NATIONAL AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area					85,545 acres
Population					25,110
Number of Inhabited Houses					8,800
Rateable Value					£945,914
Product of Penny Rate					£ 8,800
<p>The St. Austell Rural District is probably the most industrial rural district in Cornwall, and undoubtedly owes much of its economic prosperity to the China Clay deposits. There is however, a considerable area of tourist attraction, with beaches on both north and south coasts, quiet rural retreats and attractive villages. The tourist influx each year is a valuable economic asset.</p>					
<p><u>Infant Deaths</u></p>					
Legitimate	5	6			
Illegitimate	-	1			
Rate / 1,000 total live births			17		18
<p><u>Per-natal deaths</u></p>					
(under 2 weeks)	3	-	3	7	12
<p><u>Early post-natal deaths</u></p>					
(under 1 week)	7	-	7	3	10
<p><u>Per-natal deaths</u></p>					
Still births and deaths under 2 weeks	4	1	5	12	22
<p><u>Infant deaths</u></p>					
<p>Deaths (all ages and causes)</p>					
	170	130	300	Rate / 1,000 Population	11.5
Estimated for comparison with other areas				11	11.6

SUMMARY OF VITAL STATISTICS

<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate/1,000 Population</u>	
				<u>Rural District</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Legitimate	197	185	416	15.9	
Illegitimate	17	17			
Corrected for comparison with other areas					17
Illegitimate births per cent of total live births				8	8
<u>Still Births</u>			<u>Rate/1,000 Live and Still Births</u>		
				<u>Rural District</u>	<u>England & Wales</u>
Legitimate	2	1	3	7	12
Illegitimate	-	-			
<u>Total Live & Still Births</u>			216	203	419
<u>Infant Deaths</u>					
Legitimate	5	1	7		
Illegitimate	-	1			
Rate /1,000 total live births				17	18
<u>Neo-natal deaths</u>			<u>Rate/1,000 Live Births</u>		
(under 4 weeks)	3	-	3	7	12
<u>Early neo-natal deaths</u>					
(under 1 week)	2	-	2	5	10
<u>Peri-natal deaths</u>			<u>Rate/1,000 Live and Still Births</u>		
Still births and deaths under 1 week	4	1	5	12	22
<u>Maternal deaths</u>			-	-	-
Deaths (all ages and causes)			<u>Rate/1,000 Population</u>		
	170	130	300	11.5	
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Causes of Death

	Male	Female
Malignant Neoplasm of Buccal Cavity etc.	3	1
" " " Oesophagus	1	-
" " " Stomach	5	2
" " " Intestine	3	4
" " " Lung & Bronchus	4	3
" " " Breast	-	6
" " " Uterus	-	3
" " " Prostate	2	-
" " " Leukaemia	1	1
Other Malignant Neoplasms	12	10
Benign and unspecified neoplasms	1	1
Diabetes Mellitus	2	2
Other Endocrine etc., diseases	1	3
Anaemias	-	1
Other diseases of the Nervous system	2	-
Chronic rheumatic heart disease	2	1
Hypertensive disease	1	2
Ischaemic heart disease	52	30
Other forms of heart disease	13	14
Cerebrovascular disease	12	18
Other diseases of circulatory system	5	5
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	8	5
Bronchitis and emphysema	17	3
Asthma	1	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	-
Peptic Ulcer	2	1
Appendicitis	-	1
Intestinal obstruction and hernia	-	1
Other diseases of digestive system	2	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	3	-
Diseases of skin, subcutaneous tissue	-	1
Diseases of musculo-skeletal system	-	1
Congenital anomalies	1	-
Birth injury, difficult labour etc.,	1	1
Other causes of perinatal mortality	1	-
Symptoms and ill-defined conditions	3	2
Motor Vehicle accidents	3	-
All other accidents	1	4
Suicide and self-inflicted injuries	2	-
Total of all causes -	170	130

ANNEX 2

As usual most deaths were due to diseases of the heart and circulatory system, with cancers of all types the next major cause.

(a) Table 2: Deaths by Age Group

Age groups at death	Male	Female
Under 4 weeks	3	-
4 weeks and under 1 year	2	2
1 - 4	1	-
5 - 14	-	-
15 - 24	2	1
25 - 34	-	2
35 - 44	5	2
45 - 54	10	3
55 - 64	25	15
65 - 74	57	38
75 and over	65	67

These were available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Infirmary (City) Truro.

Personal and Environmental Services

It will be seen from the above figures that 51% of the deaths in females occurred in the 75 years and over age group, while 38% of men died in this group.

The Rural District Council are called environmental services. The two together add up to a fairly extensive cover and give a wide measure of protection and aid at vital periods of life. Since the scope of the personal services may not be realized by all Councilors the following list will be illuminating. The County Council Services include home nursing, home midwifery and Health Visiting, Maternity and Child Welfare, vaccination and immunisation, school health and child guidance, prevention of illness, care and after care, home help, welfare and mental welfare, dental care and cervical cytology. The County Council provides the cost of certain treatments carried out by the Health Planning Association.

The delegation of the personal services to meet a new outlook in patient care continued during the year.

The health visiting, nursing and midwifery attachment of General Practitioners has resulted in the formation of integrated teams geared to providing a wider service for the whole family. The ability to meet and discuss family illness associated with family background, social circumstances and environmental surroundings has already resulted in a wider concept of family health. It can be truly said that no one can be ill in isolation, and the more this is realized the better will be the manner of viewing and treating the patients. One result already observed is the greater participation of practice units in immunisation procedures with an even greater percentage of children immunized than the previous excellent figures. A further result of the team system of treatment is the active utilization of the midwives in the role of district nurses, with the increasing tendency for confinements to be carried out in hospital.

The realization of the need to spread the gospel of health by means of more up to date presentation has caused the County to supply the health visitor and the medical staff with more film strips and more films of an up to date nature, and not simply to rely on the Diapositives and slide apparatus of yester year.

The services to the young and the old are increasing and it is hoped that the separation of health and welfare will not be so wide that the patients suffer in the interim.

Public Health Staff

(a) Medical Officer of Health

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Area Health Office,
Moorland Road,
St. Austell.

St. Austell 2206

(b) Public Health Inspectors

H.G. Lawless, Cert. S.I.B., Food Inspector's Certificate, (until 30.6.71).
C.F. Quantrell, Cert. S.I.B., Diploma Meat & Other Foods (from 1.7.71).
T.J. Down, Cert. S.I.B.

(c) Pupil

J.A. Kemp, (until 27.8.71).

(d) Clerk

Mrs. E.M. Townsend.

Laboratory Facilities

These were available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Infirmary (City) Truro.

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Clinics

The following clinics are held at the places and dates indicated:-

The environmental services carried out by the Rural District Health Department covers an important field being concerned in all those factors of living, e.g. breathing, eating, drinking and shelter. The Chief Public Health inspector has detailed the many visits carried out by the Inspectors. The mere figures however, give no indication of the patient teaching associated with many visits when the lessons of good hygiene and good healthy living are taught.

It is only right to pay tribute, at this stage, to the many voluntary workers who give of their time and energy freely to relieve hardship and suffering in the community. It would be invidious to single out any organisation for special mention when there are so many good people helping. However, our thanks are due to them.

Anti Measle	{ Newquay	- St. Johns Ambulance Hall - every Thursday
Maternity and Gynaecology	{ St. Austell Newquay	- Moorland Road - every Tuesday 7 p.m. - Old Cross Hall - every Tuesday 7 p.m.
Cervical Cytology (Smear Test)	{ St. Austell Newquay	- Moorland Road - by appointment - Hospital - by appointment
Orthopaedic	{ St. Austell Newquay	- Moorland Road - every Tuesday morning - St. Johns Ambulance Hall - every Thursday afternoon
Tuberculosis	{ St. Austell Newquay	- Hospital - every Monday - Hospital 1st 3rd and 5th Tuesday of the month
Dental	{ St. Austell Newquay	- Moorland Road - Daily - Barry Road - three times per week
Ophthalmic	{ St. Austell Newquay	- Moorland Road - Tuesday by appointment - Hospital - by arrangement
Hearing Instrument	{ St. Austell	- Moorland Road Clinic - by appointment
Ear Nose and Throat	{ Newquay	- Hospital - by arrangement
Psychiatric	{ St. Austell	- Moorland Road - every Monday morning and Friday afternoon
Daily Planning	{ St. Austell	- Moorland Road - 1st & 4th Friday evenings 4.30 - 8.0 p.m. 1st 2nd and last Monday - 2.30 4.0 p.m. afterwards - by appointment
Child Welfare	{ St. Austell	- Moorland Road - every Thursday

Clinics

The following clinics are held at the places and dates indicated:-

Child Welfare	(Roche	- Victory Hall - 3rd Tuesday each month
	(Indian Queens	- Victory Hall - 3rd Wednesday each month
	(Summercourt	- Memorial Hall - 2nd Wednesday each month
	(Par	- Gott Hall - 2nd and 4th Tuesday each month
	(Bethel	- Church Hall - 2nd Wednesday each month
	(Charlestown	- Church Hall - 4th Wednesday each month
	(St. Austell	- Moorland Road - 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month
Ante Natal	(Newquay	- St. Johns Ambulance Hall - every Thursday
	(St. Austell	- Moorland Road - every Tuesday 2 p.m.
	(Newquay	- Red Cross Hall - every Tuesday 2 p.m.
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	(Newquay	- Hospital - by appointment
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	(Newquay	- Hospital - by arrangement
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Ear Nose and Throat	(Newquay	- Hospital - by arrangement
Psychiatric	(St. Austell	- Moorland Road - each Monday morning and Friday afternoon
Family Planning	(St. Austell	- Moorland Road - 3rd & 4th Friday evenings 6.30 - 8.0 p.m.
		1st 2nd and last Monday - 2.30 - 4.0 p.m. afternoons - by appointment
Child Guidance	(St. Austell	- Moorland Road - every Thursday

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

Water

All but one parish in the Rural District receive mains water supplied by the North and Mid Cornwall Water Board, and this position is expected to be remedied in the near future. In all, over 80% of the houses receive a mains supply.

The service is being continuously extended by means of mains extensions and improved by renewals and reinforcements.

The water is tested frequently both for chemical content as well as bacteriological state - the results are satisfactory.

Over 400 samples are taken in various parts of the Rural District each year. The water supply has not been fluoridated.

Sewerage

Extensions to the Polgooth sewage treatment works, incorporating a Floccol Tower were completed in September. Sewer extensions at Roche, including pumping station, and Gorran Haven (Trewollack Lane) were completed in July. Progress continues at Lostwithiel - all sewer pipes laid and treatment works constructed and should be in full operation early in 1972.

Work commenced on the St. Mawgan and St. Columb Joint Sewerage Scheme. A start was made on the Luxulyan Sewerage Scheme (Phase 1) and the treatment works should be installed by May 1972.

Tenders were received and subsequently approved by the Department of the Environment in respect of Sticker Sewerage Scheme.

A suitable site was selected for the North Fal Scheme and an application for planning approval was submitted to the Cornwall County Council.

Schemes for sewer extensions at Beacon Road, Foxhole, and Tregurrian were approved.

Public Conveniences

Work on extensions and alterations to the public conveniences situate at Mawgan Porth and Gorran Haven commenced during the year.

Rodent and Pest Control

The Contract with Rentokil Ltd., to carry out rodent control for the Council was extended to include insect pests. 128 premises were found to be infested with rats and 8 with mice and the necessary treatments were carried out. 16 Wasp nests were destroyed and 12 other insect infestations were dealt with.

Beach Safety

Two Lifeguards are employed by the Council to patrol Mawgan Porth Beach during the Summer. This service is administered, by agreement, by Newquay Urban District Council. 7 Rescues were effected by the Lifeguards but in spite of their vigilance, one visitor was drowned. Only one complaint was received during the season - this from a lady visitor who protested that the Lifeguards would not let her enter the water when the red flag was flying

Petroleum Acts

78 Premises were licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit during the year.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Five vehicles make a weekly collection throughout the district except in a few cases where a fortnightly collection is carried out. Under a contract with the R.A.F. Station, St. Mawgan, bins are emptied daily.

In the Summer a twice weekly collection is carried out for hotels and caravan sites.

After full consultation with the crews, the Council implemented a Bonus Incentive Scheme during November. Since 15th November, four vehicles were used to collect refuse.

Refuse disposal is by means of controlled tipping at Conce Moor. Since the 1st August, St. Austell with Fowey Borough Council have joined with Bodmin Borough Council and the Rural District Council in tipping their refuse at Conce Moor. Two machines were employed to cope with refuse at the tip.

Covering material was purchased from Messrs. E.C.L.P. & Co. Ltd.,

Vehicle maintenance was carried out by local Engineering firms and all vehicles are inspected by the F.T.A.'s Engineer every three months.

Housing

28 Houses were represented as being unfit for human habitation and 25 Demolition Orders and 3 Closing Orders were made. 2 Houses, subject to Closing Orders, were rendered fit for human habitation, and the Orders were subsequently determined.

Improvement Grants

As a result of the Housing Act, 1971, whereby the maximum amount of an Improvement Grant was increased from £1,000 to £1,500 and a Standard Grant from £200 to £300, accompanied by a nationwide publicity campaign by the Department of the Environment, the Public Health Department was inundated with enquiries.

125 Applications for Improvement Grants were received and 119 were approved. The amount of grant approved was £108,306.

17 Applications for Standard Grants were received and approved. The amount of grant approved was £4,371.

Works in connection with 70 Improvement Grants and 25 Standard Grants were completed during the year and the Council contributed £38,883 and £5,117, respectively, towards the cost involved.

Qualification Certificates

Only 11 applications for Qualification Certificates were received and 6 Certificates of Provisional Approval and 2 Qualification Certificates were issued.

Scrap Metal Dealers

22 Dealers were on the register at the end of the year.

Animal Boarding Establishments

One establishment was licensed during the year.

National Assistance Act

One person was buried and the fees incurred were met from the rate fund.

10. Patrols were licensed for the purpose of patrolling spirit during the year.

Police Collection and Disposal

11. The vehicle was a motor vehicle throughout the district except in a few cases where a temporarily collected in various parts. Under a contract with the N.A.P. Station, Dr. Horgan, this was applied daily.

12. In the event a police vehicle is required for the police and various other.

13. After full consultation with the owner, the Council implemented a Home Incentive Scheme during November, 1966. On 15th November, four vehicles were sent to collect refuse.

14. Further details in the matter of controlled tipping at Connaught Road, since the late August, 1966, details with regard to the Council have been given with regard to the Council and the Council's Council in fixing their rates at Connaught Road. The vehicles were equipped to cope with refuse at the tip.

15. Council vehicles were purchased from Horgan, N.A.P. & Co. Ltd.,

16. Further arrangements were made out by local authorities from and all vehicles are operated by the N.A.P. & Co. Ltd. every three months.

Grants

17. Grants were represented as being made for home collection and 15 collection (Grants and) during the year. 5 houses, subject to District Council, were included in the home collection, and the District was subsequently determined.

Improvement Grants

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19. Applications for Improvement Grants were received and 119 were approved. The amount of grant approved was £10,700.

20. Applications for Standard Grants were received and approved. The amount of grant approved was £2,117.

21. Work in connection with 10 Improvement Grants and 15 Standard Grants was completed during the year and the Council contributed £15,883 and £2,117, respectively, towards the cost thereof.

Qualification Certificates

22. 11 applications for Qualification Certificates were received and 6 certificates of Provisional Approval and 5 Qualification Certificates were issued.

Spew Relief Grants

23. Details were in the receipt at the end of the year.

Animal Disease Expenditure

24. The expenditure was incurred during the year.

National Assistance Act

25. One person was buried and the fees involved were met from the rate fund.

<u>Housing</u>	<u>1971</u>
<u>Public Health Acts</u>	
Houses inspected	25
Miscellaneous public health	93
<u>Housing Acts</u>	
Houses inspected	171
Improvement Grants	667
Rent Acts	11
Miscellaneous housing visits	31
<u>Vermin</u>	
Filthy and verminous premises	2
Rats and Mice	1
<u>General</u>	
Atmospheric pollution	1
Boarding Establishments	4
Caravan and camping sites	130
Drainage	93
Factories - power	23
Factories - non power	3
Hairdressers	1
Litter Act	26
Noise abatement	1
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963	32
Pet Animal Act	2
Refuse collection and disposal	84
Scrap Metal Dealers	17
Shops Act 1950	20
Sites - Demolition	1
Stables and piggeries	6
Water Supply	19
<u>Food Inspection</u>	
Meat inspection (not at slaughterhouses)	1
Meat inspection (at slaughterhouses)	188
Other foods	13
Bakeries	2
Butchers	1
Dairies	1
Fish Shops	1
Fish Shops - fried	1
Greengrocers and fruiterers	1
Grocers	10
Game Dealers	1
Ice cream retailers	8
Licensed premises	1
Market Stalls	1
Miscellaneous food visits	2
Milk distributors	2
Poultry slaughtering establishments	5
Restaurants	2
School Kitchens	2
Slaughterhouses	6
Wholesalers	1
<u>Samplings</u>	
Food - general	1
Specimens	15
Water	19

C/fwd - 1752

Housing

B/fwd - 1752

Other Visits

to Council House

Infectious diseases	applications	302 including 35 out of Council House	21
Insect pests	applied without separate		11 (11 cases)
Petroleum	cases	33	34
Housing advances	cases in definitive -		34
Civic Amenities Act	cases in houses	27	33
Beach Safety	cases overcrowded	47	23
" " "	unmarried persons applying	6	
" " "	requiring houses for other		
	reasons	107	
" " "	aged persons' accommodation	95 including 11 out of Council House	
			(applicants)

1908

(a) Council House Completed during the Year

St. Stephen 17

(b) Proposals for 1972

Letchum 16
Richa 21
St. Coluch 7
Lothelthiel 16
Corpus Haven 11
St. Margan 13
Total - <u>84</u>

(c) Overall position at 31st December, 1971

The Council now owns 1179 dwellings.

(d) New Houses Completed during 1971

By Council 17
By Private Enterprise .. 116
Total - <u>133</u>

1. Inspection of dwellings during the year

Total number of houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts) 227

2. Houses demolished

- a) In clearance areas -
- b) Not in clearance areas 1

3. Houses closed

- a) Under section 16 (2), 17 (1), Housing Act 1957 and section 25 of the Housing Act 1961 3
- b) Under sections 17 (1) and 16, Housing Act 1957 -
- c) Under section 15 of Housing Act 1957 -

4. Persons displaced

- a) From houses in clearance areas - 11 -
- b) From houses not in clearance areas -
- c) From houses to be closed -
- d) From parts of buildings to be closed -

SECTION D

Housing

St. Austell Rural District

Applications for Council Houses

Total No. of live applications	352	including 35 out of County -
" " " families without separate homes	23	(applicants)
" " " families in defective - and unfit houses	27	
" " " families overcrowded	47	
" " " unmarried persons applying requiring houses for other reasons	6	
" " aged persons accommodation	207	
	95	including 11 out of County - (applicants)

(a) Council Houses Completed during the Year

St. Stephen <u>17</u>
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(b) Proposals for 1972

Luxulyan	16
Roche	21
St. Columb	7
Lostwithiel	16
Gorran Haven	11
St. Mawgan	13
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2. Houses demolished

a) In clearance areas	--
b) Not in clearance areas	1

3. Unfit houses closed

a) Under section 16 (4), 17 (1), Housing Act 1957 and section 26 of the Housing Act 1961	3
b) Under section 17 (3) and 26, Housing Act 1957	--
c) Under section 18 of Housing Act 1957	--

4. Persons displaced

a) From houses in clearance areas	--
b) From houses not in clearance areas	2
c) From houses to be closed	7
d) From parts of buildings to be closed	--

5. Families displaced

- a) From houses in clearance areas --
- b) From houses not in clearance areas 1
- c) From houses to be closed 2
- d) From parts of buildings to be closed --

6. Unfit houses made fit

- a) After informal action by local authority (by owner) 6
- b) After formal notice under section 9 & 16 Housing Act 1957
 - (i) by owner --
 - (ii) by local authority --
- c) After formal notice under Public Health Acts --
- d) Previously subject to Demolition Order which has been revoked 3
- e) Previously subject to Closing Order which has been determined 2

7. Houses in which defects were remedied after

- a) Formal notice under Public Health Acts --
- b) Informal action by Local Authority 7

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Milk

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SECTION E

Inspection and Supervision of Food

Meat Inspection - Slaughterhouses

One hundred per cent meat inspection was maintained at the five privately owned slaughterhouses in the district.

The amount of offal condemned indicates the quality of animals purchased for slaughter.

Food Premises

47 Premises were inspected and found to be adequately equipped and a good standard of hygiene maintained.

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	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
affected with Tuberculosis	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Carriers of which some part of organs were diseased	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Animals subjected to treatment by tuberculin	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Examined and totally condemned	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Grass Weight Condensed	117 lbs.	-	-	-	-	-

Other Foods - Contributions

- 5 Tins Fruit
- 46 lbs. Bacon etc.
- 51 Tins Fruit
- 206 Baking Powder Food Packages
- 4 Loaves of Bread
- 1 Tin of Vegetables
- 1 Chicken
- 87 x 5 kilo tins of Tomatoes

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number Killed	219	-	-	7	6	-
Number Inspected	219	-	-	7	6	-
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>						
Whole Carcase Condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	13	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	5.9	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Tuberculosis Only</u>						
Whole carcase condemned	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
<u>Cysticercosis</u>						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	Nil	-	-	-	-	-
Gross Weight Condemned	119 lbs.	-	-	-	-	-

Other Foods - Condemnations

6 Tins Meat
46 lbs. Bacon etc.
53 Tins Fruit
206 Sundry Frozen Food Packages
4 Loaves of Bread
1 Tin of Vegetables
1 Chicken
67 x 6 kilo baskets of Tomatoes

SECTION F

Prevalence of and control over infectious and other diseases

The following notifications of infectious diseases were received.

<u>Disease</u>	<u>1971</u>	
	<u>St. Austell</u>	<u>Rural</u>
Measles	7	
Pulmonary Tuberculosis	4	
Infective Jaundice	1	
Scarlet Fever	4	

Immunisation

A comprehensive programme of immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus, polio, measles, german measles and smallpox is carried out, either through County Council Clinics or by family doctors, from infancy to the end of school life. In addition at eleven years of age B.C.G. vaccination against Tuberculosis is carried out at school. The results of the success of these measures can be gathered from the gradual disappearance of many diseases which were a major cause of morbidity not many years ago.

Tuberculosis

The number of cases on the register at 31st December, 1971 was:-

<u>Pulmonary</u>	36 males	15 females
<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	3 males	1 female

Tuberculosis Prevention

Although the number of deaths from Tuberculosis has diminished very notably over the years, and the notification of new cases has diminished also, but less markedly, a vigorous policy of prevention has been pursued in the County of Cornwall. School children in the age group 11 years are offered B.C.G. vaccination against the disease. In 1971 following preliminary testing of 998 children in the selected age group, 870 children received B.C.G. Children who have already received the vaccine in early life and show positive reaction on testing do not need vaccination and hence part of the discrepancy between those tested and those receiving the B.C.G. Few children show a positive reaction who have not received B.C.G. The rest of the discrepancy is made up by those children whose vaccination was withheld for special reasons of health e.g. severe asthma.

In addition to the above, all new cases are visited by the Tuberculosis Health Visitor in order to assist in any measures needed to ensure continuation of treatment, cases on the list receive follow-up visits, and contacts of cases are visited and advice given regarding X-ray examination. Patients receive advice regarding the need for care in preventing the spread of the disease to contacts.

The Mass Radiography unit visits St. Austell and Newquay on a fortnightly basis. All General Practitioners are notified of the dates and times. Arrangements by business and industrial concerns for X-ray examination of staff can be made through the Area Health Office, Moorland Road, St. Austell. The numbers can then be geared to the capacity of the unit in the time available.

SECTION G

St. Austell Rural District

Factories Act, 1961

Annual Report - Part 1.

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Inspections (3)	Written Notices (4)	Occupiers Prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which Section 1,2,3,4, and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	3	-	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	74	23	-	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	-	-	-	-
Total -	81	26	-	-

Cases in which DEFECTS were found - Nil

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which Prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	-	-	-	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or Defective	-	-	-	-	-
(c) Not separated for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) Section 9. Lighting of Sanitary Conveniences	-	-	-	-	-

Part VIII of the Act

Outwork (Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work	No. of outworkers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (c)	Section 133		Section 134		
		No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises	Notices Served	Prosecutions
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
Wearing Apparel making etc.	3	-	-	-	-	-

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Class of premises	Registration of premises up to 31.12.1971	
	Premises registered	Persons employed
Offices	35	116
Retail Shops	59	201
Wholesale shops and warehouses	6	33
Catering premises and canteens	13	42
Fuel storage depots	6	12
Totals -	119	404

Section 134		Section 133				
No. of notices served	No. of instances of work in contravention of some provisions	No. of persons - fines for failure to apply for notices	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (a)	No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133 (1) (a)	Nature of Work
(1)	(2)	(3)	(4)	(5)	(6)	(7)
-	-	-	-	-	3	Working Apparatus making etc.

The Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act, 1963

Class of premises	Registration of premises up to 31.12.1971	
	Persons registered	Persons employed
Offices	32	14
Retail shops	37	201
Wholesale shops and warehouses	6	33
Catering premises and canteens	13	45
Fuel storage depots	6	12
Totals -	119	405