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ANNUAL REPORT OF THE
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR
1959



Medical Officer of Health -

NOEL F. FEARSON, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Chief Public Health Inspector -

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Council Offices,
STURMINSTER NEWTON,
Dorset.

1st June, 1960.

To The Chairman and Members,
Sturminster Rural District Council

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit to you my Annual Report
for the year 1959.

The report is prepared and will be circulated in
accordance with the requirements of the Sanitary Officers
(Outside London) Regulations 1935 and 1951.

The vital statistics (on page 1) compare favourably
with those for the Country as a whole and there was no undue
incidence of serious communicable disease.

I am indebted to Mr. Dean and Mr. Hodson for their
co-operation and help during the year and for their assistance
in preparing this report, as I am to my clerk Mrs. J. Sammons
for her efficient services during the year.

May I also acknowledge the happy co-operation and
assistance I always obtain from your Clerk, Mr. Steptoe, your
Housing Manager, Miss Bradley and all the members of your staff.

Finally, I would like to thank you, Ladies and
Gentlemen, for your courtesy and consideration throughout the
year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant

Loel J Pearson.

Medical Officer of Health.

Deaths from Maternal Causes	1958	1957	1956
* Tuberculosis	1	1	2
* Cancer of the	3	7	3
* Other cancer	11	6	-
* Coronary Disease (Angina)	15	17	28
* Other heart or circulatory disease	3	7	-
* Influenza	3	-	1
* Pneumonia	3	3	11
* Motor vehicle accidents	2	2	11
* All other accidents	4	1	4
* Suicide	1	1	1
* Leukaemia & Myeloma	1	2	11

Council Offices,
STURROVER ROAD,
DARBY.

1st June, 1950.

To the Chairman and Members,
Sturrover Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to admit to you my annual report
for the year 1949.

The report is prepared and will be circulated in
accordance with the requirements of the Statutory Orders
(Ontario London) Resolutions 1935 and 1937.

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My I also acknowledge the help of co-operation and
assistance I always obtain from your Clerk, Mr. Stanger, your
Housing Manager, Miss Bradley and all the members of your staff.

Yours truly, I would like to thank you, ladies and
Gentlemen, for your kind reply and consideration throughout the
year.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant

W. A. Stanger

Medical Officer of Health.

STURMINSTER RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
FOR THE YEAR

1959.

A. Area - 45,364 acres.

Rateable value: 1st April, 1960 - £75,760

Production of a penny rate: 1st April, 1959 - £285
1st April, 1960 - £300

Vital Statistics.

Population (Registrar General's Estimate) - 9,740.

LIVE BIRTHS.

	<u>Male.</u>	<u>Female.</u>		<u>Comparative Rates</u>	
				(a) Sturminster R.D.C.	(b) England & Wales
Total	76	60	Rate per 1,000		
Legitimate	76	55	resident pop:		
Illegitimate	Nil	5	= 13.9	14.9	16.5

STILLBIRTHS.

Total	1	1	Rate per 1,000 live & stillbirths = 14.5	14.5	20.7
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DEATHS.

Total	53	67	Rate per 1,000 resident pop: = 11.3	8.9	11.6
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Deaths in
Infants.

Under 1 Year	Nil	Nil	Infantile death rate per 1,000 live births = Nil	Nil	22.0
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	<u>1959</u>	<u>1958</u>	<u>1957</u>	<u>1956.</u>
Deaths from Maternal Causes	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil
" " Tuberculosis	Nil	Nil	Nil	2
" " Cancer of the Lungs	1	3	7	3
" " Other cancer	11	8	6	-
" " Coronary Disease(Angina)	15	17	20	28
" " Other heart or circulatory disease	59	56	71	-
" " Influenza	3	1	-	1
" " Pneumonia	2	4	5	11
" " Motor vehicle accidents	2	Nil	2	Nil
" " All other accidents	4	1	1	1
" " Suicide	1	Nil	1	1
" " Leukaemia & Aleukemia	Nil	2	Nil	Nil

B. Nature of the District.

The district is essentially agricultural in character. Glove making, both in the factory and in the home, is also carried out in many parts of the district. There are two slaughterhouses, where a considerable amount of 'export' meat is produced and a number of saw mills are also in the district.

C. Personal Health Services.

The personal health services, including the Ambulance service, continued to be provided by the County Council.

In so far as Miss E. Miller, the local Voluntary Organiser of the County Council's domestic home help service resigned her appointment early in 1960, 1959 was the last complete year in which the local service was her responsibility. It is, therefore appropriate to record the most excellent work which Miss Miller has carried out throughout the past ten years in this field.

The Public Health Laboratory Service has continued to be most helpful and co-operative in connection with the supervision of the quality of the water and milk supplies in the district and the control of infectious disease.

Prophylactic Inoculations.

Preventive inoculation against infectious disease is the responsibility of the County Council, through its school medical and child welfare services and the private medical practitioner service.

During the year the following treatments were carried out. The figures in parenthesis are those for the preceding year.

Poliomyelitis (Six months to twenty five years)

A poliomyelitis vaccination treatment session was held regularly in Sturminster Newton from 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the first Monday in the month.

Two treatments completed	1,057	(1,205)
Three treatments completed	1,271	-

Diphtheria

Primary treatments	187	(82)
Booster treatments	188	(20)

Whooping Cough

Primary treatments	192	(78)
Booster treatments	44	(8)

Tetanus

Primary treatments	161	(55)
Booster treatments	13	(1)

Smallpox

Primary vaccinations	124	(56)
Re-vaccinations	16	(10)

B.C.G. Vaccination against tuberculosis

	58	-
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D. Environmental Health Services.

PUBLIC HEALTH STAFF.

Medical Officer of Health (Part time) - Noel F. Pearson
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

He also acts as Medical Officer of Health to four other District Councils in the North Dorset Area and as Assistant County Medical Officer to the Dorset County Council.

The time available which he has to devote to his duties with your Council is one half day per week.

Chief Public Health Inspector - F. Hodson, M.A.P.H.I.,
A.M.I.P.H.E., M.R.S.H.
Assistant Public Health Inspector - H.C. Watkin, M.A.P.H.I.
Engineer and Surveyor - J.H. Dean, F.A.P.H.I.,
C.R.P.H.I., M.I.P.H.E.
who is also a qualified
Public Health Inspector.

Both Public Health Inspectors are engaged full time on sanitary duties and meat inspection.

Clerical Staff - one whole time clerk and typing assistance from typing pool.

WATER SUPPLY

<u>Quantity.</u>	<u>Galls.</u>
Production - from Council's own Sources	225,080,000
<u>Less Bulk Supplies to -</u>	
Dorchester R.D.C.	6,771,000
Sherborne R.D.C.	2,723,000
Free supplies (ex-District)	<u>6,073,000</u>
	<u>15,567,000</u>
NET DISTRICT CONSUMPTION PER ANNUM	<u>209,513,000</u>

Afforded by meter 100,584,000 gallons
Unmetered (mainly domestic) 108,929,000 gallons

Sources - From Springs.

	<u>Oct/47</u>	<u>Nov/59</u>
Cookwell - Minimum Daily Yield	150,000 gallons.	150,000 gallons.
Duntish - " " "	96,000 gallons.	96,000 gallons.
Ibberton - " " "	26,000 gallons.	34,000 gallons

WATER SUPPLY (Continued)

Two sources - those at Shillingstone (minimum daily yield 26,000 gallons) and Belchalwell (minimum daily yield 12,000 gallons) were not in use due to the size of the source, and also certain trouble experienced from surface water contamination.

No shortage of water occurred during the year, but water from the Alton Pancras source had to be used to supplement the areas normally supplied from Cookwell and Ibberton.

There have been very few complaints regarding water pressures during the year, and where these did occur the complaints were generally due to lack of pressure due to increased consumption during the very dry year.

No bulk supplies of water have been taken from any adjoining authorities, but water has been supplied to the Sherborne Rural District Council for their Holwell and Bishops Caundle area of supply.

A bulk supply of water from the Alton Pancras pumping station to the Dorchester Rural District Council for the Fiddle Valley area was afforded during the year, and amounted to 41,932,000 gallons.

Quality.

The quality of the Council's water supplies has been generally satisfactory during the year, and regular monthly samples have been submitted for bacteriological examination in addition to regular routine checks for residual chlorine by means of the Chlrotex apparatus, and also annual samples from each source submitted to the public analyst for chemical examination.

All the Council's sources of supply have been regularly chlorinated.

New Works.

No new works were carried out during the year, but a number of reports were submitted to the Council advising the re-laying of the following water mains which were very defective, in accordance with a programme prepared in January 1956 of which the following remain to be carried out:-

Fifehead St. Quentin - 2,000 yds. of 3" or 4" A.C. Main.
Fuxey Lane, Sturminster Newton - 900 yds. of 2" or 3" A.C. Main.
Partway, Hazelbury Bryan - 600 yds. of 3" A.C. Main.
Parkgate, Hazelbury Bryan - 220 yds. of 2" A.C. Main.
Lydlinch, Sturminster Newton - 500 yds. of 3" A.C. Main.
Shillingstone - 800 yds. of 4" A.C. Main.

In addition, the Council decided to re-lay the Newton Hill main in a new position to overcome difficulties caused by an unstable section of road near the river.

Distribution.

<u>PARISH</u>	<u>Council Mains</u>			<u>Private Mains</u>			<u>Wells etc.</u>	
	In	Out	Public Stand-Pipes	In	Out	Public Stand-Pipes	In	Out
Child Okeford	147	4	1	2	-	-	1	2
Fifehead Magdalen	33	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Fifehead Neville	43	2	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hazelbury Bryan	140	4	-	-	-	-	1	2
Hanford	8	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hammoon	15	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
Hinton St. Mary	11	-	-	37	7	-	-	-
Ibberton	24	3	-	1	-	2	2	-
Lydlinch	84	2	-	-	-	-	1	1
Manston	42	1	-	-	-	-	1	-
Mappowder	42	-	1	-	-	-	1	2
Marnhull	307	6	1	4	-	-	2	4
Okeford Fitzpaine	114	2	-	4	-	-	-	-
Fulham	40	3	1	-	-	-	-	-
Stalbridge	344	6	3	-	-	-	-	-
Shillingstone	150	2	-	4	-	-	4	-
Stoke Wake	-	-	-	15	-	-	-	-
Stourton Caundle	82	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Woolland	-	-	-	17	3	1	-	6
Sturminster Newton	432	4	-	-	-	-	1	2
Wootton Glanvilles	42	2	-	6	-	-	-	1
Fringe) Buckland Area) Newton	31	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	2,131	42	7	90	10	3	14	24
Council Houses	1,133	-	-	8	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3,264	42	7	98	10	3	14	24

The whole district is covered by an efficient and satisfactory water supply system, and, except for the parishes of Stoke Wake, Woolland and part of Glanvilles Wootton, where private water supply schemes are in operation, the whole district is supplied from the Council's mains.

The parish of Hinton St. Mary is mainly covered by a bulk supply delivered into the Hinton St. Mary estate mains by means of a storage reservoir, and since an improvement in such storage facilities, there has been very little complaint of shortage.

Some two years ago, the Council decided in principle to lay new public mains in the parish of Hinton St. Mary in place of the existing private mains, but this scheme has been deferred for the time being.

As regards the parish of Woolland; a scheme for a supply from the Council's mains has been approved in principle by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, but this scheme has also been deferred for the time being by the Council.

WATER SUPPLY (Continued)

The Stoke Wake scheme for a private supply from a borehole has been working quite satisfactorily during the past dry year, and samples of this source are regularly taken at the same time as those from the Council's sources.

Cathodic Protection of the Mains.

The joint scheme for cathodic protection which was initiated in 1958 has been functioning very satisfactorily, and since the current was switched on at the rectifier in May 1959, there has been only one pin hole leakage repaired in the Council's 6" steel main.

Tests of the current in the mains show that full protection is being afforded over the areas that were expected to be covered.

Re-Grouping of Water Undertakings.

As from the 1st April 1960, the Sturminster Rural District Council Water Undertaking, has been transferred to the Poole & East Dorset Water Board.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE.

New Works.

The only new works carried out during the year involved the provision of a pumping station at Coach Road, Sturminster Newton together with the river crossing of a sewer to link the new sewer laid the previous year to serve Newton with the new pumping station.

Proposed Works.

During the year, the Council revised their five year programme for sewerage work, and decided on a four year programme as follows:-

1.	Marnhull - Burton Street & Musberry Lane	£18,000
2.	Sturminster - Rixon sewers Dovers Entry Hive & Durrant	£10,000
2A.	Penny Street	£ 2,500
3.	Hazelbury Bryan - Completion	£34,000
4.	Hinton St. Mary - Completion	£12,500
	Marnhull - Fleck & Carraway Lane, Sackmore Lane South	£14,000
	Disposal Works Extension	£ 5,000
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		£96,000
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In addition to this programme there will remain to be programmed further extensions at Broad Oak, Sturminster Newton, Glanvilles Wootton and Kings Stag.

The estimated cost of £96,000 for the programme will be further increased by the cost of connections to existing properties and the separation of storm water.

Existing Works.

Maintenance work at the small sewage disposal works at Marnhull, Manston, Hazelbury Bryan, Mappowder, Glanvilles Wootton, Stourton Caundle and Pulham, as well as various housing estate sewage systems, has been successfully carried out by a flying squad of two workmen, who also operate the Council's cesspool emptying service.

The sewage disposal works at Stalbridge and Shillingstone each employ one full-time attendant and at the Sturminster Newton sewage works there are two men employed, with a responsibility for the maintenance of the various sewage pumping stations at Marnhull, Child Okeford, Shillingstone and Kings Stag.

Difficulties are still being experienced with regard to the removal and disposal of sludge, particularly at Stalbridge, Marnhull, Sturminster Newton and Shillingstone. The Sub-Committee of the Council which has been considering this problem decided to purchase a tractor fitted with special implements to deal with the matter, and it is hoped that the proposals will effectively solve the problem.

Samples of all effluents are regularly taken for examination by the Dorset County Council, and the great majority have been found to be satisfactory.

Difficulties are still being caused by the effluent from the slaughterhouse in Bath Road, and steps have been taken by the Council to revise the existing agreement so as to be in a position to satisfactorily deal with the trade effluent from these premises.

Cesspool Emptying.

The cesspool emptying service operated under Section 74 of the Public Health Act, 1936, has been valuable during the year and has almost eliminated cesspool nuisances. This cesspool emptier is also used in connection with the maintenance of small sewage disposal works in small adjoining villages and on housing estates, and also operated at the request of adjoining Rural Districts.

No. of loads taken from cesspools during the year - 1,119.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

Collection of house refuse. Since a second refuse vehicle was acquired during the year, fortnightly collections have been introduced in the parishes of Marnhull, Hinton St. Mary, Manston, Hammoon and Hanford, together with the hamlet of Fiddleford, and minor adjustments have been carried out to improve the collections in other parishes, the principal being the use of two vehicles at Stalbridge each manned by two men. Further improvements are contemplated progressively throughout 1960.

PUBLIC CLEANSING (Continued)

There has been no progress made in consultations with other neighbouring authorities with a view to developing a joint refuse disposal and composting scheme, but the possibility has not been abandoned.

The present refuse tip is expected to provide adequate accommodation for five years or more.

Salvage Scheme. During the year there has been an improvement in sales, particularly of waste paper, and the system of bonus payment to the collectors has been altered with the effect that they now receive 30% of the amount received. The baling station has not been removed to the refuse tip as previously proposed.

RIVERS AND STREAMS POLLUTION.

Complaints of some pollution still continue to be received from the residents of Stourton Caundle, but the amount of pollution has been much less than in previous years and may still be improved by the clearing up of one or two isolated instances of pollution by domestic or farm drainage which are still persisting.

Though not a matter of pollution there have been a number of complaints of flooding of watercourses during the wet season which might be referred to here. A good deal of argument goes on between the Local Authority, the Land Drainage Authority and the Highway Surveyor's Department, none of whom seem to have adequate powers at the moment for dealing with such complaints. Meanwhile, certain property owners suffer from flooding and it is to be hoped that new legislation, which it is understood is pending, may help in such cases.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 (Nil figures are not given)

	<u>No. of premises on register.</u>	<u>Inspections.</u>	<u>Written Notices.</u>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities.	6	10	1
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	40	56	2
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers' premises)	20	21	2
Total ..	66	87	5

	No. of cases in which defects were -	
	Found	Remedied
Want of cleanliness	1	1
Sanitary Conveniences -		
Insufficient	2	1
Unsuitable or defective	2	2
Total -	5	4

No. of outworkers - (Glove making) - 98

SMOKE ABATEMENT.

No action was called for or taken during the year.

SWIMMING BATHS.

There are no swimming baths in the district to which the public have access.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS AND CAMPING SITES.

Six moveable dwellings were licensed in the district during the year.

VERMINOUS PREMISES.

During the year, the following infestations have been dealt with -

Fleas	-	4
Fly infestations	-	17
Wasps	-	10
Ants	-	2
Cockroaches	-	4

As a result of the long dry summer a large number of infestations of house roofs by flies were discovered, and the Council decided (a) to treat Council houses as a routine, and (b) to assist private householders with advice and, if necessary, the supply of the appropriate smoke generators.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The North Dorset Joint Rodent Committee of which the Sturminster Rural District Council is one of the six constituent authorities, continued to carry out the provisions of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The total number of inspections made under the Act in the district was 461 and 381 treatments were carried out.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951.

There are no premises subject to registration under the above-mentioned Act within the district.

FET ANIMALS ACT, 1951.

One shop is licensed under the Act. Four inspections were carried out.

SCHOOLS (INCLUDING SCHOOL CANTEENS).

The usual high standard of hygiene has been maintained at school canteens, and there are no particular matters to report relating to school sanitation.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 & 1951 - Section 47.

No statutory action was required to be taken during the year under these Acts for the compulsory removal of an old person requiring care and attention to an Institution.

HOUSING.

No. of houses in the district 3,416

Inspection of dwelling houses during the year -

No. of dwelling houses inspected during the year	<u>326</u>
No. of inspections made	<u>482</u>
No. of informal notices served	<u>18</u>
No. of informal notices complied with	<u>14</u>
No. of statutory notices served	<u>1</u>
No. of statutory notices complied with	<u>2</u>
No. of houses reported under Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957	<u>2</u>
Action taken by the local authority in respect of such houses -	
Demolition Orders made	<u>1</u>
Undertakings accepted for -	
Closure	<u>-</u>
Reconditioning	<u>-</u>
Other Action	<u>2</u>

No. of houses included in Clearance Areas during the year Nil

Slum Clearance.

At the close of the year the number of unfit houses remaining to be dealt with under the slum clearance programme was 43. The increase upon last year's total is due to the fact that five properties were added to the list during the year, bringing the overall total to 140 and one property was made fit during the year. It is anticipated that during the present year several more properties in this category will be reconditioned, and it may well be that in a number of cases improvement grants (especially standard grants) might act as an additional incentive to owners.

Overcrowding.

No case of statutory overcrowding was found during the year.

Houses Let in Lodgings.

No houses are known to be let in lodgings.

Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954.

No applications were received during the year for certificates of disrepair under the above-mentioned Act.

Improvement Grants (Housing Act, 1949 and Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954).

Twenty three applications were received during the year for standard grants and thirty two for discretionary grants compared with eleven during the previous year.

Where standard grants are obtainable, certain anomalies arise in connection with the provision of W.C.'s owing to the use of the word 'contiguous' in the Act. Placing a strict interpretation on this means, it would appear, that grant can be obtained (up to £40) for the provision of an internal W.C. where there is an external convenience separate from the house by as little as a foot or so, but not where the external W.C. is directly attached. In both cases it would normally be necessary to go outside to reach the convenience.

Provision of New Houses and Rehousing.

The housing position in the district remained very satisfactory. Ten new houses were built by private enterprise and two by the Council.

During the year 64 families were rehoused by the Council. At the end of the year there were 100 applicants for Council houses of which 84 were resident in the district.

The County Council, appreciating the economic advantage of housing Authorities' providing adequate suitable accommodation for the elderly, has been increasingly helpful in making additional grants available to housing Authorities prepared to co-operate, of which you have been one.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES.

1. Milk.

Food & Drugs Act, 1955.

No. of 'dealers' subject to registration by the District Council 15

No. of 'dairies' in the district subject to registration 3

No. of 'distributors' subject to registration 11

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD SUPPLIES. (Continued)

Samples.

Fifty one samples of milk were taken and submitted for examination during the year.

Milk & Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959 - Regulation 20.

No action was called for or taken during the year.

2. Other Food Premises.

The number of food premises in the area, by type of business:-

Hotels, restaurants, cafes and boarding houses	37
Canteens - School and workplace	5
Confectioners	16
Meat and Fish	11
Grocers	34
Mixed Stores	41
Boarding Schools and other residential institutions	5
Food factories	3
Stalls	7
Other	4

No. of above subject to registration under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 in respect of -

Ice cream	43
Sausages & prepared meats	9
Fish & Chips	2

No. of such premises inspected during the year	163
No. of inspections carried out	322

No. of samples of ice cream taken and submitted for Methylene Blue Test

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The Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955 - Mobile Shops.

Where keen competition is being experienced by the village store from mobile shops the public health officer is at a disadvantage when, under the Food Hygiene Regulations, he has to enforce a higher standard of structural hygiene requirement (sinks, hot water supply etc) in the small village shop than in the competing mobile shop.

Food Inspection.

Slaughterhouses. Two licensed slaughterhouses continued to be used in the district during the year.

The report called for under the Slaughterhouses Act, 1958 has been made and submitted to the Minister in accordance with the Act.

Once again it is to be regretted that there is still no satisfactory provision for controlling the disposal of condemned meat and by sterilisation or staining before it is permitted to leave a slaughterhouse or knackers yard.

Meat inspection at the two slaughterhouses has continued to be carried out by the Council's public health inspectors and a small percentage of meat only has been 'exported' unexamined as a result of the Council refusing to ask the inspectors to carry out inspection after a specified time at night.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle Excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	436	6,527	4,175	183	1,499
Number Inspected	436	6,527	4,175	183	1,499
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis & Cysticerci:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	6	29	16	-	5
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	110	4,150	65	17	270
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis and cysticerci	26.60%	64.02%	1.94%	9.28%	18.34%
<u>Tuberculosis only:</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	11	-	-	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2	207	-	-	108
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	.45%	3.33%	-	-	7.40%
<u>Cysticercosis:</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	11	85	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	10	24	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

SUMMARY OF SANITARY INSPECTIONS (INCLUDING HOUSING) CARRIED OUT.

Total No. of inspections (under all headings)	3,153
Total No. of informal notices served	74
Total No. of informal notices complied with	61
Total No. of statutory notices served	1
Total No. of statutory notices complied with	2
No. of prosecutions	1

E. RADIATION HAZARDS

During the year Circular 57/59 was issued by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government and the Radioactive Substances Bill was introduced before Parliament.

The Circular reviewed the measures taken at the present time by the several Government departments concerned to assess and control radiation hazards.

The monitoring for natural background radiation and from nuclear fall out does appear to be a matter better undertaken by the central Government. It is however very important that the findings and interpretation of the findings, in readily understandable form should be made known to local authorities and their officers if the confidence of the public is to be best maintained.

If the Radioactive Substances Bill is not materially changed in its passage through Parliament, local authorities will be aware of the existence of premises within their district where radioactive material is in use and with regard to the authorised arrangement for the disposal of radioactive waste from such premises.

Although the control over the use and disposal of such materials will remain with the central government, the information given under the Bill to local authorities will be of some advantage in connection with their responsibility for the maintenance of a healthy environment.

F. NOTIFIABLE DISEASE.

Other than Tuberculosis -

<u>Disease.</u>	<u>Total Cases Notified.</u>
Measles	76
Erysipelas	3

Tuberculosis -

<u>New Cases Notified</u>	
<u>Respiratory.</u>	<u>Non-Respiratory.</u>
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Food Poisoning.

There was one case of suspected food poisoning notified during the year.

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