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REPORT OF THE  
MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH  
to the Borough of Tiverton  
For the year ended 31st. December 1964.

7, St. Peter Street,  
Tiverton.  
Devon.

April 1965.

Madam and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to lay before you my Annual Report on the Health of the district for the year ending 31st. December 1964.

Area. Although the Borough covers an area of 17,680 acres, the town itself covers 300 acres only.

Geological features. These are similar to those commonly found in Devon - Carboniferous shales varied in the case of Tiverton by a broad band of New Red Sandstone, which extends across the borough area from East to West, bound approximately on the North by a line running through Washfield Weir, and on the South by Bridge Street.

This band reaches its termination locally near Holmead on the West and widens to the East as it approaches the Somerset border.

Alluvial deposits are found in varying extent along the course of the Exe Valley.

Social conditions. Messrs. J. Heathcoat and its subsidiaries are the chief source of employment.

During the year an American firm which manufactures elastic thread was established on the Bolham Road. This firm is also associated with Messrs. J. Heathcoat.

Blundell's, a public school is also situated in Tiverton.

Messrs. Starkey Knight and Ford, the local brewery is now taken over by Messrs. Whitbread, who contemplate considerable extensions.

Fenton's Manufacturing Co. is established in the borough for the manufacture of toilet requisites.

Poultry and egg packing are two smaller industries.

Population Estimated 13,450

Domestic Properties As shown in Rates Book 1st. April, 1964, = 4,226

Rateable Value is £458540

Estimated Penny Rate Product 1964- 1965 = £1881

Old Age Pensioners' Club - Amory House.

In September of this year a club was opened in St. Peter Street for the benefit of Old Age Pensioners. This supplies a long felt want, and has been found to be a very valuable amenity to the welfare of the aged.

In addition to the social activities a system of health visiting is organised from the club to watch over those who are housebound.

A store of old age requisites, such as wheel chairs, commodes, etc., are kept at the house and are supplied on loan to those needing them.

The Central Council for Health Education. Tiverton Borough Council is one that contributes annually to this organisation, whose work is of the greatest benefit to this department.

Extracts from Vital Statistics.

|                                                       | <u>Total</u> | <u>Males</u> | <u>Females</u> |                       |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------|--------------|----------------|-----------------------|
| Live (legitimate)                                     | 223          | 113          | 110            | Birth Rate :          |
| Births(illegitimate)                                  | 12           | 4            | 8              | 17.5 per 1000         |
| Illegitimate live births - 5.1% of total live births. |              |              |                |                       |
| Still(legitimate)                                     | 8            | 5            | 3              | Stillbirth rate:      |
| Births(illegitimate)                                  | Nil          | Nil          | Nil            | 32.9 per 1000 births. |
| Total live and still births - 243                     |              |              |                |                       |
| Corrected birth rate                                  |              |              |                | 18.5 per 1000         |
| Deaths                                                | 136          | 55           | 81             | Death rate:           |
|                                                       |              |              |                | 10.1 per 1000         |
| Corrected death rate                                  |              |              |                | 8.8 per 1000          |

Note re. death rate :-

Comparison with the death rate 30 years ago. The figure was then;-

Corrected death rate 11.4 per 1000

Birth rate 30 years ago was 15.4 per 1000

Death of infants under 1 year was 69.9 per 1000 births.

1964.

Deaths from pregnancy and childbirth, 0; Puerperal Sepsis, 0;  
Deaths of infants under 1 year per 1000 total births - 8.5  
Deaths of infants under four weeks - Total Nil  
Death rate of infants under 1 year of age - 2 deaths  
Death rate of infants under 1 week of age - Nil  
Illegitimate infants under 1 year - Nil  
Illegitimate infants under 4 weeks of age Nil  
Deaths from measles ... Nil  
Deaths from Whooping Cough ... Nil  
Deaths from Diarrhoea ... Nil

CAUSES OF DEATHS

|                                         | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
|-----------------------------------------|-------------|---------------|
| Syphilitic disease                      | -           | 1             |
| Other infective & parasitic diseases    | -           | 1             |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus      | 4           | -             |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast              | -           | 2             |
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus              | -           | 2             |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms | 8           | 5             |
| Leukaemia, aleukaemia                   | 1           | -             |
| Diabetes                                | -           | 1             |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system      | 2           | 16            |
| Coronary disease, angina                | 17          | 19            |
| Hypertension with heart disease         | 1           | 1             |
| Other heart disease                     | 2           | 9             |
| Other circulatory disease               | -           | 3             |
| Pneumonia                               | 6           | 7             |
| Bronchitis                              | 2           | 3             |
| Other diseases of respiratory system    | 3           | 1             |
| Nephritis and Nephrosis                 | -           | 1             |
| Hyperplasia of prostate                 | 2           | -             |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases  | 2           | 6             |
| Motor vehicle accidents                 | 3           | -             |
| All other accidents                     | -           | 2             |
| Suicide                                 | 2           | 1             |
| <b>TOTAL ALL CAUSES</b>                 | <b>55</b>   | <b>81</b>     |

DEATHS FROM CANCER 1964.

|             | Male      | Female   | Total     |
|-------------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| Leukaemia   | 1         | -        | 1         |
| Uterus      | -         | 2        | 2         |
| Breast      | -         | 2        | 2         |
| Bronchus    | 4         | -        | 4         |
| Stomach     | -         | -        | -         |
| Other sites | 8         | 5        | 13        |
|             | <u>13</u> | <u>9</u> | <u>22</u> |

TOTAL CANCER DEATHS ..... 22

| <u>CANCER DEATHS 1952 - 1964 (inclusive)</u> |            |               |            |
|----------------------------------------------|------------|---------------|------------|
| Adrenal                                      | -          | Br/fwd        | 124        |
| Antrum                                       | 1          | Ovary         | 5          |
| Bile Duct                                    | -          | Pancreas      | 14         |
| Bladder                                      | 7          | Peritonei     | 5          |
| Bowels                                       | 22         | Pharynx       | 2          |
| Brain                                        | -          | Prostate      | 11         |
| Breast                                       | 28         | Rectum        | 7          |
| Bronchus                                     | 44         | Stomach       | 56         |
| Face                                         | 1          | Testis        | 1          |
| Gall Bladder                                 | 5          | Throat        | 2          |
| Kidney                                       | 2          | Thyroid Gland | 1          |
| Larynx                                       | 1          | Tongue        | -          |
| Leg                                          | 1          | Tonsil        | 1          |
| Liver                                        | 1          | Uterus        | 17         |
| Leukaemia                                    | 6          | Vulva         | -          |
| Melanoma                                     | 1          | Vagina        | -          |
| Maxilla                                      | 1          | Urethra       | -          |
| Mouth                                        | -          | Lymphonotosis | 4          |
| Oesophagus                                   | 10         | Other sites   | 35         |
| cr/fwd                                       | <u>124</u> | Total         | <u>292</u> |

Cancer Notifications.

I have interested the Regional Cancer Bureau in this subject

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

1. Nursing in the Home No change
2. Domiciliary Midwifery. We have two district midwives. We are fortunate in having an M.R.C.O.G. resident in the town who can be called upon in difficult cases.
3. Laboratory Facilities.  
The Public Health Laboratory is situated in the University premises at Exeter, and is adequate for our needs.
4. Health Education. Smoking and Venereal Disease.  
We can claim definite progress among the more intelligent public and particularly among the workers at the local factory in discouraging this habit. No action taken on V.D. Incidence very low, and from outside sources.
5. Chiropody Services.  
The Devon County Council and the local factory both supply chiropody services. The waiting list is extremely long with consequent hardship, especially to the elderly. Messrs. J. Heathcoat & Co. are extending this service to their pensioners in the ensuing year.
6. Hospital Services.  
On the whole these have proved adequate throughout the year. However, as is usual with general practitioner beds, there is a chronic pressure on beds of all types, usually worse in the first three months of the year.

Maternity.

Bookings are carried out by the County Council. The experiment with short stay cases is proving satisfactory.

Belmont Hospital.

This is still chronically full, and vacancies are apt to occur only through deaths. Better use could be made of the accommodation if the scheme for modernisation were to be carried out. The absence of a lift is a continual source of justifiable complaint, and we hear with satisfaction that this want may be remedied in the ensuing year.

Whipton Isolation Hospital.

Infectious cases are sent to this hospital, where accommodation is always adequate.

A Tuberculosis Clinic is held at the Tiverton and District Hospital twice monthly.

7. Liaison Arrangements

Our local hospitals are largely staffed by general practitioners, which constitutes an advantage as regards liaison.

8. Institutional Provision for Unmarried Mothers.

None in the area.

9. Ambulance Facilities - No change.

10. Social Worker in Mental Health and Mental Welfare Officer:-  
Mr. P.D. Charles, The Clinic, St. Andrew Street, Tiverton.

11. Clinics and Treatment Centres.

Consultation Clinic. Wednesdays 9 - 12 a.m.

Dr. Tait and Mrs. Sparks, and four health visitors attend in rotation.

Ophthalmic Clinic. Second Tuesdays in alternate months commencing January. Dr. Chaturvedi in attendance. By appointment.

Speech Therapy Clinics. Thursdays 9 - 12 a.m., Tuesdays 2 - 4 p.m., by appointment. Mrs. Bell, Speech Therapist, in attendance.

Maternity and Child Welfare Centre. This centre is open weekly on Wednesdays, 2.0 - 4.30 p.m.

School Dental Service. - Emergency treatment. Wednesdays 9 - 12.30 a.m.

Orthodontic treatment by Mr. Smith by appointment.

Chiropody Clinic. 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Mondays. Mr. Savage in attendance all day. By appointment.

Ante-Natal Clinic. Thursday afternoons 2.30 - 4.30 p.m. Run by District midwives and Health Visitors. Talks on elementary dietetics, care of baby etc.

The Attendances for 1964 at the Child Welfare Centre were as follows:-

|                                                   |     |
|---------------------------------------------------|-----|
| Total infants attending for the first time        | 151 |
| Total number of sessions held                     | 53  |
| No. of sessions held with Assistant County M.O.H. | 51  |
| Number of attendances during 1964 - infants       | 963 |
| Number of attendances " " - 1 - 2 years           | 99  |
| " " " " - 2 - 5 "                                 | 142 |

The mothers and children have had supervision and advice both at the Welfare Weekly by the Medical Officer and the Health Visitor, and in their homes by the Health Visitor. Where necessary the mothers were referred to their private doctor for treatment.

Home Help Organisation.

Based at the Clinic. Cases are dealt with direct through Mrs. Keenan.

The Orthopaedic Clinic. was held on 52 Tuesdays during the year. Mrs. D.A. Birch, the Secretary, makes the appointments.

|                                |     |                                  |      |
|--------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------|------|
| No. on register 1/1/64.....    | 245 | Average weekly attendances.....  | 20   |
| No. on register 31/12/64 ..... | 259 | No. of attendances .....         | 1144 |
| Sessions held .....            | 75  | Admissions - Adults .....        | 248  |
| New cases .....                | 291 | School age .....                 | 22   |
| Discharges .....               | 414 | Under school age & infants ..... | 21   |
| Admitted to hospital.....      | 97  | Total admissions .....           | 291  |

Mass Radiography Service. This valuable service continues to function smoothly, and it is envisaged that in the ensuing year fortnightly visits will be made with the object of examining special groups, such as school leavers, contacts, and those engaged in special functions, such as nursing.

Scheme for notification to M.O.H.s of congenital defects apparent at birth.

No action taken under this scheme up to the present.

Scheme for provision of incontinence pads service.

No action taken. Need for this scheme in this borough is not apparent.

#### Prevalence of and Control over Infectious and Other Diseases.

Scabies. None reported during the year.

Diphtheria and Whooping Cough Immunization. Vaccination procedure administered by County Council and a Clinic is held for this purpose on each Wednesday. The majority of cases are dealt with by local doctors at their surgeries. The percentage of children immunised continues to be highly satisfactory.

Poliomyelitis. No case of this disease has occurred during the year.

Tuberculosis. New cases and mortality during 1964 see table below.

Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis Regulations, 1925) No action taken.

#### TUBERCULOSIS

##### New cases

| Age Period  | Pulmonary |   | Non-Pulmonary |   | Meninges. |   |
|-------------|-----------|---|---------------|---|-----------|---|
|             | M         | F | M             | F | M         | F |
| Under 5     | -         | - | -             | - | -         | - |
| 5 - 14      | -         | - | -             | - | -         | - |
| 15 - 24     | -         | 1 | -             | 1 | -         | - |
| 25 - 44     | -         | 1 | -             | - | -         | - |
| 45 - 64     | -         | - | 2             | - | -         | - |
| 65 and over | -         | 2 | -             | - | -         | - |
| Totals      | -         | 4 | 2             | 1 | -         | - |

Total new cases

7

Deaths - Nil

Thirty years ago the figure was 21 new cases and 7 deaths.

#### Notifiable Diseases.

##### Age Incidence

| Age Period   | Scarlet Fever |    | Dysentery | Puerperal Pyrexia | Pneumonia | Erysipelas | Food Poisg. |
|--------------|---------------|----|-----------|-------------------|-----------|------------|-------------|
|              | M.            | F. |           |                   |           |            |             |
| Under 1 year | -             | -  | -         | -                 | -         | -          | -           |
| 1 - 2        | -             | -  | -         | -                 | -         | -          | -           |
| 3 - 4        | -             | 2  | -         | -                 | -         | -          | -           |
| 5 - 9        | -             | 2  | -         | -                 | -         | -          | -           |
| 10 - 14      | -             | -  | -         | -                 | -         | -          | -           |
| 15 - 24      | -             | -  | -         | -                 | -         | -          | -           |
| 25 - 40      | -             | -  | -         | -                 | -         | -          | -           |
| 40 - 65      | -             | -  | -         | -                 | -         | -          | 1           |
| 65 and over  | -             | -  | -         | -                 | -         | 1          | -           |
| Age unknown  | -             | -  | -         | -                 | -         | -          | -           |
| Totals       | -             | 4  | -         | -                 | -         | 1          | 1           |

Notifiable Diseases (continued)

| Age period   | Measles | Whooping Cough |   | Acute poliomyelitis | Meningo-coccal infec. | Acute Encephalitis |
|--------------|---------|----------------|---|---------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
|              |         | M              | F |                     |                       |                    |
| Under 1 year | 1       | 4              | 1 | -                   | -                     | -                  |
| 1 year       | 4       | -              | - | -                   | -                     | -                  |
| 2 "          | 3       | -              | 3 | -                   | -                     | -                  |
| 3 "          | 2       | 1              | - | -                   | -                     | -                  |
| 4 "          | 1       | 1              | 1 | -                   | -                     | -                  |
| 5 - 9        | 2       | 2              | 4 | -                   | -                     | -                  |
| 10 - 14      | 1       | -              | - | -                   | -                     | -                  |
| 15 - 24      | -       | -              | - | -                   | -                     | -                  |
| 25 and over  | -       | -              | - | -                   | 1                     | -                  |
| Age unknown  | -       | -              | - | -                   | -                     | -                  |
| TOTALS       | 14      | 8              | 9 | -                   | 1                     | -                  |

General Observations

Refuse Tip.

Our refuse tip continues to pollute the air and attract vermin and at times it's smoke affects visibility on the highway.

Sewage Disposal

No new sewers have been laid during the year 1964, but the Council has approved a scheme which entails the construction of a new Works and extensive relaying of sewers in the town. This scheme is now awaiting approval of the Ministry.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant

GEORGE NICHOLSON

Medical Officer of Health.

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR  
TO THE BOROUGH OF TIVERTON

1st. January to 31st. December 1964

Public Health Department,  
7, St. Peter Street,  
Tiverton.

May 1965.

To His Worship the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors,  
of the Tiverton Borough Council,

Mr. Mayor, Madam and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in submitting my nineteenth annual report, dealing with the duties of my department during the year 1964.

Sanitary Circumstances of the Area.

Water supply.

The Town's water supply is controlled by the North Devon Water Board, and has been satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

The Allers public main water supply is obtained from the springs rising at Norwood Common and supplemented by pumping at Bolham from the River Exe, and the water is both filtered and chlorinated. The main part of the town is supplied from this source. Routine monthly check samples have shown the water at all times to be consistently satisfactory in quality.

In the case of the Warnicombe supply, the water is obtained from an adit driven into the North East slope of Newte's Hill. This water is chlorinated but not filtered and varies in quality. Chlorination has not been completely successful and out of a total of 14 samples in the year, 2 were not entirely satisfactory.

In the case of the Bampton/Cove supply, one out of 12 samples taken during the year proved unsatisfactory.

The Butterleigh/Bickleigh supply is chlorinated only, and examination of samples showed the quality as consistently satisfactory.

Fluoridation is not carried out.

The population of the Tiverton Borough has risen to 13,450, and occupies 4,224 dwelling houses, including agricultural premises. Of these, 3,949 housing approximately 11,847 persons, are supplied from public mains, direct to the houses.

A further 99 dwelling houses, housing approximately 346 persons, are supplied from public mains by means of stand-pipes.

The Council owns and runs a swimming bath. The bath is an open one, and is in use only during the summer. The water is obtained from the public main supply, and a filtration and chlorination plant keeps the water in a highly satisfactory condition. Examination of samples showed the quality as consistently high.

#### RESULTS OF SAMPLING

| Source of Supply                | No. of Samples | Satisfactory | Unsatisfactory |
|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|----------------|
| <u>Public Mains.</u>            |                |              |                |
| Allers                          | 12             | 12           | -              |
| Warnicombe                      | 14             | 12           | 2              |
| Butterleigh/Bickleigh           | 11             | 11           | -              |
| Bampton/Cove                    | 12             | 11           | 1              |
| <u>Farms and Other Premises</u> | 11             | 7            | 4              |
| <u>Public Swimming Bath</u>     | 4              | 4            | -              |

#### MEAT, MILK AND OTHER FOODS

##### MEAT INSPECTION REGULATIONS, 1963

Slaughtering of animals in the Council's Slaughterhouse at Horsdon ceased in August 1964. Efforts were made by the Council to let the premises as a slaughterhouse, but failed and the licence has not been renewed.

The Council now proposes to utilize the premises for a different purpose and slaughtering of animals will no longer be carried on in the Borough area.

FOOD

Meat Inspection Regulations.(continued)

383 Visits for Inspection were made to the Horsdon Abattoir for the purpose of meat inspection.

Charges for Meat Inspection (which came into operation on 1st. October 1963.)

1st. January to 29th August 1964

|                             |   |      |    |   |
|-----------------------------|---|------|----|---|
| 1999 Bovines @ 2/- per unit | = | £199 | 18 | 0 |
| 14 Calves @ 6d. per unit    | = |      | 7  | 0 |
| 751 Pigs @ 6d. per unit     | = | 18   | 15 | 6 |
| 1442 Sheep @ 4d. per unit   | = | 24   | 0  | 8 |
|                             |   | 243  | 1  | 2 |

| Note:- Ante and post-mortem inspections were made in the case of ALL animals slaughtered at abattoir | Cattle | Cows  | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------|-------|--------|-----------------|------|
| Number killed                                                                                        | 1914   | 85    | 14     | 1442            | 751  |
| Number inspected                                                                                     | "      | "     | "      | "               | "    |
| ALL DISEASES EXCEPT T.B.:-                                                                           |        |       |        |                 |      |
| Whole carcasses condemned ... ..                                                                     | 3      | -     | 1      | 11              | 1    |
| Carcasses of which some part of organ was condemned ... ..                                           | 587    | 67    | -      | 115             | 26   |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with diseases other than T.B                             | 30.8%  | 78.8% | 7.1%   | 8.7%            | 3.6% |
| TUBERCULOSIS ONLY:-                                                                                  |        |       |        |                 |      |
| Whole carcasses condemned... ..                                                                      | -      | -     | -      | -               | -    |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..                                           | -      | -     | -      | -               | 36   |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with T.B. ... ..                                         | -      | -     | -      | -               | 4.8% |
| CYSTICERCOSIS                                                                                        |        |       |        |                 |      |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned ... ..                                           | 2      | -     | -      | -               | -    |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration ... ..                                             | 2      | -     | -      | -               | -    |
| Generalised and totally condemned ..                                                                 | -      | -     | -      | -               | -    |

Details of animals slaughtered and amounts of meat and offal condemned as diseased or unfit:-

BOVINES

| <u>Whole Carcasses</u> | <u>Disease</u>     | <u>Weight Lbs.</u> |
|------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| 1                      | Acute inflammation | 264                |
| 1                      | Pyæmia             | 520                |
| 1                      | Septicaemia        | 554                |
| <u>3</u>               |                    | <u>1338</u>        |

BOVINES (continued)

| <u>Parts of Carcasses</u> | <u>Disease</u>        | <u>Weight Lbs.</u> |
|---------------------------|-----------------------|--------------------|
| 1                         | Extensive bruising    | 79                 |
| 1                         | Abscesses             | 7                  |
| 1                         | Fracture & bruising   | 30                 |
| 1                         | Abscesses & adhesions | 6                  |
| <u>4</u>                  |                       | <u>122</u>         |
| <u>Offal</u>              | Various               | 6681               |

BEEF(CYSTICERCOSIS)

|                                                       |                               |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----|
| <u>Offal</u>                                          | Cysticercus Bovis             | 62 |
| Total Weight of BEEF Condemned 13 cwts. 0 qrs. 4 lbs. |                               |    |
| " " " OFFAL "                                         | 3 tons 0 cwts. 0 qrs. 23 lbs. |    |

SHEEP

| <u>Whole carcasses</u>    | <u>Diseases</u>         | <u>Weight Lbs.</u> |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|
| 4                         | Septic pleurisy         | 155                |
| 1                         | Septic Peritonitis      | 57                 |
| 3                         | Jaundice                | 149                |
| 1                         | Septic Pneumonia        | 51                 |
| 1                         | Pregnancy Toxemia       | 65                 |
| 1                         | Septicaemia             | 71                 |
| 1                         | Traumatic Injuries      | 87                 |
| 1                         | Hydronephrosis & Uremia | 41                 |
| <u>13</u>                 |                         | <u>676</u>         |
| <u>Parts of Carcasses</u> |                         |                    |
| 1                         | Pleurisy                | 15                 |
| 2                         | Abscesses               | 37                 |
| 4                         | Injuries                | 79                 |
| 1                         | Mastitis                | 4                  |
| <u>8</u>                  |                         | <u>135</u>         |
| <u>Offal</u>              | Various                 | 454                |

|                                                        |             |  |
|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Total weight of MUTTON Condemned 7 cwts. 0 qr. 27 lbs. |             |  |
| " " " OFFAL "                                          | 4 " 0 " 6 " |  |

PIGS

| <u>Whole Carcasses</u>   | <u>Diseases</u>  | <u>Weight</u> |
|--------------------------|------------------|---------------|
| Nil                      | -                | -             |
| <u>Part of Carcasses</u> |                  |               |
| 3                        | Abscesses        | 47            |
| 2                        | Coryne bacterium | 23            |
| <u>5</u>                 |                  | <u>70</u>     |
| <u>Offal</u>             | Various          | 69            |

| PORK - TUBERCULOSIS                                  |                            |                    |
|------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------|--------------------|
| <u>Whole Carcases</u>                                | <u>Disease</u>             | <u>Weight Lbs.</u> |
| 1                                                    | T.B. and Acute peritonitis | 113                |
| <u>Parts of Carcases</u>                             |                            |                    |
| 31                                                   | T.B.                       | 313                |
| <u>Offal</u>                                         |                            |                    |
| Nil                                                  | -                          | -                  |
| Total weight of PORK condemned 4 cwts 1 qrs. 20 lbs. |                            |                    |
| " " " OFFAL " - cwts 2 qrs. 13 lbs.                  |                            |                    |

| CALVES                |                |                    |
|-----------------------|----------------|--------------------|
| <u>Whole Carcases</u> | <u>Disease</u> | <u>Weight Lbs.</u> |
| 1                     | Joint Ill      | 70                 |

Condemned meat is collected for fertilizer manufacture.  
Condemned food is used for pig food when practicable, otherwise destroyed on Council's refuse tip

30 visits made to shops for purpose of inspection and condemnation of unsound food. The following is a list of food condemned:-

| <u>Description</u>                                    | <u>Weight lbs.</u> | <u>Description</u> | <u>Weight</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------------|--------------------|--------------------|---------------|
| Tinned meat                                           | 649                | Bt/fwd             | 1560          |
| " ham                                                 | 100                | Dried fruit        | 30            |
| Meat pies                                             | 31                 | Tinned fruit juice | 5             |
| Tinned fish                                           | 21                 | Jars fruit juice   | 67            |
| Fresh fish                                            | 84                 | Tinned cereal      | 6             |
| Tinned vegetables                                     | 144                | Tinned milk        | 21            |
| Tinned fruit                                          | 531                | Tinned jam         | 28            |
|                                                       |                    | Jars jam           | 22            |
|                                                       | 1560               |                    | 1739          |
| Total weight of food condemned 15 cwts. 2 qrs. 3 lbs. |                    |                    |               |

#### MILK AND OTHER FOODS.

The number of food premises in the Council's area totals 173, made up as follows:-

|                             |    |                       |     |
|-----------------------------|----|-----------------------|-----|
|                             |    | Bt /fwd               | 80  |
| Multiple Stores .. .. .     | 3  | Greengrocers .. ..    | 10  |
| Dairies .. .. .             | 7  | Confectioners .. ..   | 15  |
| Butchers .. .. .            | 12 | Public Houses .. ..   | 25  |
| Bakers .. .. .              | 10 | Off Licensed Premises | 8   |
| Fishmongers .. .. .         | 3  | Factory Canteens ...  | 5   |
| Fish and Chip friers .. ..  | 4  | Hospitals etc. ..     | 6   |
| Restaurants and Cafes .. .. | 8  | School Canteens ..    | 15  |
| Grocers .. .. .             | 33 | Boarding Houses ..    | 9   |
|                             | 80 | Total                 | 173 |

Registered premises under Sec. 16, of the Food & Drugs Act.

|                                                                   |    |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------|----|
| Manufacture, storage and sale of ice cream .....                  | 55 |
| Preparation etc. for sale of sausages or<br>preserved foods ..... | 25 |
| Dairies .....                                                     | 7  |

Visits to Licensed Premises (Public Houses) = 2

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955 - 56.

Visits to food premises and inspections of delivery vans totalled 36 .

Number of prosecutions - Nil.

Sampling.

Food samples taken for testing during the year totalled 2.

Council's Sewers

RODENT CONTROL

Following a 10% test, four treatments to the Council's sewers were carried out using Fluoracetamide poison. The infestation at the end of the year had been reduced to only 2 manholes, which is the smallest degree of infestation ever recorded since the the keeping of records was first commenced 20 years ago. The use of Fluoracetamide has certainly proved justified.

The number of premises on which permanent "Fenn" traps are maintained has increased to 19, and as a result the number of rats caught in traps amounted to 1,245. It is frightening to think of the damage to food stuffs and danger to health which might have ensued but for Mr. Tucker's timely efforts and success in catching rats on the move.

Ashley Tip.

5 Treatments for the extermination of rats were carried out. Rat colonies amounted to 2 reservoir infestations. 196 bodies were recovered after treatments on these infestations which killed an estimated 633 rats.

Mr. Tucker has proved himself a most conscientious efficient member of the Council's staff.

The following is a table of the number of rats caught in "Fenn" traps set up in 19 large premises in the town, to prevent the setting up of colonies by rats on the move.

| Premises                           | No of Rats. |
|------------------------------------|-------------|
| Fire Station                       | 28          |
| Long Drag                          | 18          |
| Factory                            | 42          |
| Hammins                            | 136         |
| Brewery                            | 216         |
| West Somerset Farmers              | 23          |
| Smalls                             | 147         |
| Haypark                            | 200         |
| Roller Mills                       | 173         |
| Town Mill, West Exe North          | 155         |
| Council Depot                      | 14          |
| Free Car Park                      | 16          |
| South Western Farmers, Bolham Road | 11          |
| Globe Elastics                     | 11          |
| Underhill's, Bolham Road           | 14          |
| Post Hill Hospital                 | 5           |
| Knightshayes Estate Yard           | 15          |
| Cottey Farm                        | 10          |
| Railway Yard                       | 11          |
| Total                              | <u>1245</u> |

RODENT CONTROL (Continued)

Annual Report as required by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food.

|                                                                                                      | TYPE OF PROPERTY          |                                               |                                                        |                                     |                     |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
|                                                                                                      | (1)<br>Local<br>Authority | (2)<br>Non-Agricultural<br>Dwelling<br>Houses | (3)<br>All Other<br>(including<br>Business<br>Premises | (4)<br>Total of<br>Cols. 1<br>2 & 3 | (5)<br>Agricultural |
| 1. Number of properties in Local Authority's Dist.                                                   | 33                        | 4394                                          | 841                                                    | 5268                                | 262                 |
| 2. Total number of properties inspected as a result of notification                                  | 1                         | 90                                            | 30                                                     | 121                                 | 5                   |
| Number of such properties found to be infested by:                                                   |                           |                                               |                                                        |                                     |                     |
| Common Rat Major                                                                                     | -                         | 2                                             | 1                                                      | 3                                   | 2                   |
| Minor                                                                                                | -                         | 43                                            | 15                                                     | 59                                  | 1                   |
| Ship rat Major                                                                                       | -                         | -                                             | -                                                      | -                                   | -                   |
| Minor                                                                                                | -                         | -                                             | -                                                      | -                                   | -                   |
| House mouse Maj.                                                                                     | -                         | -                                             | -                                                      | -                                   | -                   |
| Min.                                                                                                 | -                         | 9                                             | 6                                                      | 15                                  | 61                  |
| 3. Total number of properties inspected in the course of survey under the Act                        | 7                         | 45                                            | 36                                                     | 88                                  | 61                  |
| Number of such properties found to be infested by:-                                                  |                           |                                               |                                                        |                                     |                     |
| Common Rat Major                                                                                     | 3                         | -                                             | -                                                      | 3                                   | -                   |
| Minor                                                                                                | 2                         | 6                                             | 2                                                      | 10                                  | -                   |
| Ship Rat Major                                                                                       | -                         | -                                             | -                                                      | -                                   | -                   |
| Minor                                                                                                | -                         | -                                             | -                                                      | -                                   | -                   |
| House mouse Major                                                                                    | -                         | -                                             | -                                                      | -                                   | -                   |
| Minor                                                                                                | 1                         | -                                             | -                                                      | 1                                   | -                   |
| 4. Total number of properties otherwise inspected e.g. when visited primarily for some other purpose | -                         | -                                             | 1                                                      | 1                                   | -                   |
| Number of such properties found to be infested by:-                                                  |                           |                                               |                                                        |                                     |                     |
| Common Rat Major                                                                                     | -                         | -                                             | -                                                      | -                                   | -                   |
| Minor                                                                                                | -                         | -                                             | 1                                                      | 1                                   | -                   |
| Ship Rat Major                                                                                       | -                         | -                                             | -                                                      | -                                   | -                   |
| Minor                                                                                                | -                         | -                                             | -                                                      | -                                   | -                   |
| House mouse Major                                                                                    | -                         | -                                             | -                                                      | -                                   | -                   |
| Minor                                                                                                | -                         | -                                             | -                                                      | -                                   | -                   |
| 5. Total inspections carried out inc. re-inspections                                                 | 345                       | 168                                           | 1926                                                   | 2439                                | 332                 |
| 6. Number of infested properties (in Secs. 2, 3 & 4) treated by the L.A.                             | 4                         | 48                                            | 22                                                     | 74                                  | 3                   |
| 7. Total treatments carried out inc. re-treatments                                                   | 9                         | 69                                            | 25                                                     | 103                                 | 3                   |

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 & 1948.

Prescribed particulars on the Administration of the Factories Act 1961.

1- INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

| Premises<br>(1)                                                                                            | No. on<br>register<br>(2) | Number of          |                           |                                |
|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|--------------------|---------------------------|--------------------------------|
|                                                                                                            |                           | Inspections<br>(3) | Written<br>Notices<br>(4) | Occupiers<br>Prosecuted<br>(5) |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1,2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities                    | 12                        | -                  | -                         | -                              |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority                   | 77                        | 17                 | 1                         | -                              |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises) | 67                        | 67                 | -                         | -                              |
| Total                                                                                                      | 156                       | 84                 | 1                         | -                              |

2. Cases in which DEFECTS were found.

| Particulars<br>(1)                                                                      | Number of cases in which defects were found |                 |                             |                             | Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted<br>(6) |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------|-----------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------|
|                                                                                         | Found Remedied<br>(2)                       | Referred<br>(3) | To H.M.<br>Inspector<br>(4) | By H.M.<br>Inspector<br>(5) |                                                              |
| Want of cleanliness<br>(S. 1)                                                           | -                                           | -               | -                           | -                           | -                                                            |
| Overcrowding (S.2)                                                                      | -                                           | -               | -                           | -                           | -                                                            |
| Unreasonable<br>temperature (S.3)                                                       | -                                           | -               | -                           | -                           | -                                                            |
| Inadequate<br>ventilation (S.4.)                                                        | -                                           | -               | -                           | -                           | -                                                            |
| Ineffective drainage<br>of floors (S.6)                                                 | -                                           | -               | -                           | -                           | -                                                            |
| Sanitary Conveniences<br>(S.7)                                                          |                                             |                 |                             |                             |                                                              |
| (a) Insufficient                                                                        | -                                           | -               | -                           | -                           | -                                                            |
| (b) Unsuitable of<br>defective                                                          | 2                                           | 1               | -                           | 1                           | -                                                            |
| (c) Not separate<br>for sexes                                                           | -                                           | -               | -                           | -                           | -                                                            |
| Other offences against<br>the Act (not including<br>offences relating to<br>Outworkers) | -                                           | -               | -                           | -                           | -                                                            |
| Total                                                                                   | 2                                           | 1               | -                           | 1                           | -                                                            |

OUTWORKERS

Visits of inspection to outworkers premises..... 12

No. of outworkers required by Sec. 110

Class 1.....7

Class 29.....23

OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963.

Registrations & General Inspections.

| Class of premises                                | No. of premises registered during the year | Total no. of registered premises at end of year | No. of registered premises receiving a general inspection during the year |
|--------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Offices                                          | 39                                         | 39                                              | -                                                                         |
| Retail Shops                                     | 95                                         | 95                                              | 6                                                                         |
| Wholesale shops & warehouses                     | -                                          | -                                               | -                                                                         |
| Catering establishments open to public, canteens | 5                                          | 5                                               | -                                                                         |
| Fuel Storage depots                              | -                                          | -                                               | -                                                                         |
| <b>TOTALS</b>                                    | <b>139</b>                                 | <b>139</b>                                      | <b>6</b>                                                                  |

Number of visits of all kinds by inspectors to registered premises = 21

Analysis of persons employed in registered premises by workplace.

| Class of workplace                     | No. of persons employed |
|----------------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Offices                                | 242                     |
| Retail shops                           | 460                     |
| Wholesale depts., warehouses           | -                       |
| Catering establishments open to public | 26                      |
| Canteens                               | -                       |
| Fuel Storage Depots                    | -                       |
| <b>Total</b>                           | <b>728</b>              |
| <b>Total Males</b>                     | <b>300</b>              |
| <b>Total Females</b>                   | <b>428</b>              |

There have been no applications for exemption in respect of space, temperature, sanitary conveniences or washing facilities, and there have been no prosecutions for contraventions of the Act.

The Chief Public Health Inspector and additional inspector have both been appointed under the Act and the two clerical staff have been employed for approximately 15% of their time in generally compiling records from the returned notifications of employed persons.

Despite the publicity given to the Act, it is estimated that approximately seventy per cent of premises required to be registered have given notice to the Council.

Many of the outstanding premises are those which to the layman are not obviously shops or offices, as defined in the Act: e.g. Public House, or offices attached to medical or dental practices.

The number of general inspections carried out in the year ending 31st. December 1964, is small. It was felt that to commence inspections immediately

Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act (cont'd)

the principal provisions of the Act came into force might have caused a doubling up of visits after the full effect of the legislation and advice in the circulars issued to the Local Authorities was made known. Further, at the request of the Council, the inspectors have been making a concerted effort to get abreast of the slum clearance programme.

At the time of writing this report, inspection of premises is progressing well, and it is hoped to complete inspection in the first half of 1965 of all premises which have been notified.

Occupiers of premises which have yet to be registered will be advised of their obligation under the Act to do so. To assist the inspectors, the Public Health staff have compiled from the rating list a complete list of business premises in the borough.

The administration of the Act will form a major part of the Health Department's duties until the initial general inspections have been completed and premises are brought up to the required standard. Thenceforward it will make a continuing demand on the time of our inspectors and office staff.

SLUM CLEARANCE

Areas dealt with since 1955

| <u>Area</u>                     | <u>No. of houses<br/>demolished</u> | <u>Families<br/>re-housed</u> |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Penny Park                      | 2                                   | 2                             |
| West Exe South Area No. 1.      | 10                                  | 7                             |
| West Exe South Area No. 2.      | 48                                  | 45                            |
| Belmont Road                    | 4                                   | 2                             |
| Candy's Court & Trickey's Court | 7                                   | 5                             |
| Seward's Court                  | 15                                  | 12                            |
| Wellbrook Street                | 3                                   | 3                             |
| Cowley Moor Cottages            | 3                                   | 3                             |
| Castle Terrace & The Works      | 9                                   | 7                             |
| Sharland's Square               | 10                                  | 9                             |
| Richard's Buildings             | 11                                  | 7                             |
| 1 - 4 Jarman's Square           | 4                                   | 4                             |
| 51 - 57, Chapel Street          | 4                                   | 2                             |
| 2 & 3 Hines Square              | 2                                   | -                             |
| Chapel Street Area No. 1.       | 19                                  | 16                            |
| West Exe South Area No. 3.      | 11                                  | 9                             |
| Peppers Square Area             | 8                                   | 3                             |
| <b>Totals</b>                   | <b>170</b>                          | <b>136</b>                    |

During 1964 the Council passed a resolution declaring the following properties to be Clearance Areas, and is proceeding to acquire the properties by agreement

| <u>Area</u>                                                                                                                    | <u>No. of<br/>Houses.</u> |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|
| <u>West Exe North No. 1.</u><br>7, 11, 13, Wellbrook Street, 9, 11, 13, Church Street, and 1 - 6 Back Lane                     | 12                        |
| <u>Grattons Terrace &amp; Market Terrace</u><br>Nos. 1 - 15 Inclusive Grattons Terrace<br>Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4, & 6, Market Terrace | 20                        |

continued.....

West Exe South 1964 Area.

Nos. 121, 123, 125, 127, 129, 131, 133, 135, 135a, 135b,  
137, 141, 143, 145, West Exe South.  
Nos. 1 - 13 inclusive, Curwood's Court  
Nos 2, 3, 4, & 5, Curwood's Buildings  
Nos. 1, 2, 4, & 5, Zetland Court

No. of  
Houses

35

(This last area was subsequently the subject of a compulsory purchase order still awaiting confirmation.)

Houses demolished in 1964

|                           | <u>No. of houses</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------------|
| Chapel Street Area No. 1. | 19                   |
| West Exe South Area No. 3 | 11                   |

Houses made fit during year  
(Sec. 9 & 16, Housing Act.)

|                                                   |    |
|---------------------------------------------------|----|
| <u>Total</u>                                      | 30 |
| After informal action                             | 58 |
| After formal notices under the Public Health Acts | 2  |
| <u>Total</u>                                      | 60 |

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no common lodging houses registered in the Borough of Tiverton.

PETROLEUM (CONSOLIDATION) ACT, 1928.

No. of tanks tested during the year..... 4  
No. Passed..... 3  
Failed ..... 1

Licences applied for during year.....40  
No. of licences re-issued ..... 38  
New licences issued ..... 1  
Licences not granted ..... 1 (tank test failed)

Total gallonage stored by licence holders

45,280 gallons of Petroleum Spirit  
130 gallons of Cellulose & Thinners.

EXPLOSIVES ACT, 1875

23 applications were received for the registration of premises for the storage of gunpowder and mixed explosives, and Certificates of Registration were granted.

44 inspections were carried out in connection with the two above Acts.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

In the case of Improvement Grant applications, houses are inspected and advice given on the reconstruction alterations or improvements.

During the year 35 Improvement Grants were approved for Council Houses and applications were received for 23 private premises, approval being given in all cases. Improvement work was completed in the case of 20 premises during the year, and Completion Certificates were issued.

Applications for 2 Discretionary Grants were made and approved, and and improvement work was completed in the case of 1 property, and a Completion Certificate issued.

Since the inception of the scheme for the improvement of houses by way of financial grants, 101 "Discretionary Grants" have been approved, of which total 96 properties have had improvement work completed.

22 "Standard Grant" applications have been recommended and a total of 194 have been completed.

### DRAINAGE

#### New House Construction

Normal procedure is for consultation and inspection with the builder prior to construction of drainage in connection with new house construction or alterations and rebuilding.

The department advises on the siting and design of drainage disposal plants where no public sewers are available.

All new drainage is tested and the number of tests applied to new drains during the year amounted to ..... 190

Inspections to work in progress amounted to ...132 visits

#### SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS MADE DURING THE YEAR

|                            |      |                                |      |
|----------------------------|------|--------------------------------|------|
| Water samples taken;-      |      | Brought forward                | 1389 |
| Public Mains               | 49   | Disinfection & Disinfestation  | 10   |
| Other premises & farms     | 11   | Infectious Diseases            | 2    |
| Swimming bath              | 4    | Caravans                       | 4    |
| Slaughterhouse             | 481  | Slum Clearance:-               |      |
| Dairies                    | 1    | Inspections & revisits         | 194  |
| Food & Drugs Act:-         |      | Improvement Grants             | 139  |
| Food premises              | 36   | Pet Animals Act                | 1    |
| Licensed premises          | 2    | Animal Boarding Estabs. Act    | 2    |
| Food sampling              | 2    | Rodent Control                 | 34   |
| Ice cream and preserved    |      | Petroleum and Explosives       |      |
| foods                      | 4    | licencing                      | 32   |
| Food shops re. condemned   |      | Petroleum tanks testing        | 4    |
| foods                      | 30   | Means of escape in case of     |      |
| Factories Act              | 21   | fire                           | 19   |
| Inspections re. complaints | 150  | Smoke Abatement                | 8    |
| Revisits "                 | 276  | Offices, Shops & Rlwy premises | 16   |
| Drainage - Inspections     | 132  | Miscellaneous                  | 15   |
| Tests                      | 190  | Outworkers                     | 12   |
|                            | 1389 | TOTAL                          | 1881 |

#### CARAVAN SITES & CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1960

There are two licensed sites in Tiverton. One at "Underhill", Bolham Road accommodates 30 caravans for permanent residents. The other, at the Orchard, Cove, accommodates 12, and caters for the holiday season. Both are very well organised and maintained.

#### Conclusion.

Miss Newton, Senior Clerk in the Department, kept the office running in her usual smooth efficient manner, but transferred to the department of the Town Clerk during the year; where, I am sure she will serve in the same loyal and conscientious manner. Mrs. May helped to keep the Department running following Miss Newton's departure, and I am grateful to her for the quiet efficiency with which she has carried out her duties.

Mrs. P. Barnes has joined the Department, and I hope she will be happy, and I am sure in due course will prove a valuable member of the staff.

Mr. Anthony Hutt has settled in and has proved himself a loyal and able colleague and my best thanks are due to him for his help and assistance with the duties of my office.

I have again spent a happy year in the service of the Council, and am most grateful for the Council's help and encouragement in carrying on the duties of my office.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

CHARLES JEFFRIES Chief Public Health Inspector