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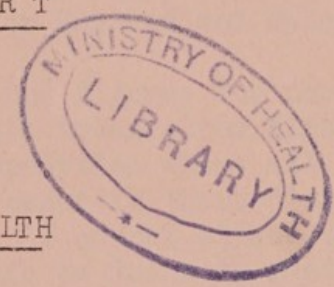
of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

and

SANITARY INSPECTORS

1952.





Health Department,
Craven House,
WARMINSTER,
Wilts.

To the Chairman and Members of
Warminster Urban District,
Westbury Urban District and
Warminster and Westbury Rural
District Councils.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN,

It is pleasing to report that the attached Vital Statistics again compare very favourably with the general figures for England and Wales.

Concern must be expressed, however, with the figures for non-pulmonary tuberculosis and vaccination. Cases with tuberculous glands in the neck are no longer seen in all large centres of population where all milk supplies are pasteurised. That they continue to occur in these districts is undoubtedly due to the persistent use of raw milk. I cannot stress too strongly that, in these districts the only milk which is safe to drink is pasteurised milk.

The outbreak of smallpox in South-East Lancashire stressed that our defences against this dangerous disease are not perfect. Vaccination will be performed free of charge by any medical practitioner and not only should infants be vaccinated, but the Ministry of Health recommends re-vaccination on entering and again on leaving school. Such routine vaccination will be amply repaid by the protection afforded to the individual and to the community.

It is regretted that my absence on sick leave has delayed the production of this report and to avoid further delay I omit reference to any other matters. It is my intention to prepare a fuller report covering my first

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five years in this appointment.

It only remains to express my thanks not only to the members of the Councils' staffs, but also to the constituent members of the Councils for their valuable assistance and co-operation.

Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH REYNOLDS.

	<u>Warminster Urban</u> <u>District Council</u>	<u>Westbury Urban</u> <u>District Council</u>	<u>Warminster & Westbury</u> <u>Rural District Council</u>
Area of District (in acres)	5651 (5651)	3686 (3686)	87096 (87096)
Estimated Population at 30.6.52.	8290 (8278)	5375 (5333)	13910 (14070)
Number of Inhabited Houses (including huts at 31.12.52.	2010 (1931)	1651 (1627)	4125 (4051)
Estimated Product of a Penny Rate	£229 (£233)	£123 (£118)	£249 (£240)

The average number of persons per house cannot be calculated from the above figures since each district, particularly Warminster, contains numbers of military personnel who are included in the above population figures.

Chairman of the Council	E.F.S. Whitmarsh, Esq., J.P.	Mrs. W. Macdonald, J.P.	C. R. Algar, Esq., J.P.
Chairman of the Public Health Committee	G.H. Cowles, Esq.	Mrs. D. Argent	Mrs. L. Sykes
Senior Sanitary Inspector	W. Parks, M.I. Mun. E., C.R.S.I. (Part-time)	S.H. Prophot, A.R.S.I. (Part-time)	W.F.C. Merrott, M.R.S.I., M.S.I.A. (Part-time)
Additional Sanitary Inspector	F.J. Reilly, M.I. Mun. E. (Part-time)	NONE	Upto 12.6.53. - W.G.S. Kneebone, A.R.S.I., M.S.I.A., M.R.I.P.H. & H. From July 1952 - W. Meredith, M.S.I.A.

Council Offices:-

36, Market Place, Warminster. Laverton Institute, Westbury. Craven House, Warminster.

Telephone numbers:- Warminster 2393 - 4 Westbury 192 (Clerk) Westbury 31 (Sanitary Inspector) Warminster 3428 - 9.

VITAL STATISTICS

	<u>Warminster</u> <u>Urban District</u>			<u>Westbury</u> <u>Urban District</u>			<u>Warminster & Westbury</u> <u>Rural District</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
(a) <u>Live Births</u>									
TOTAL	60	67	127	52	47	99	99	99	198
Legitimate	56	64	120	48	44	92	91	92	183
Illegitimate	4	3	7	4	3	7	8	7	15
<u>Live Birth Rate per</u> <u>1,000 population</u>	15.3			18.4			14.3		
<u>Illegitimate Births (%)</u> <u>of Live Birth Rate)</u>	5.5			7.0			7.6		
<u>Area Comparability</u> <u>Factor</u>	1.14			1.02			1.11		
<u>Live Birth Rate per</u> <u>1,000 population after</u> <u>correction by Area</u> <u>Comparability Factor</u>	17.4			18.8			15.9		
<u>Live Birth Rate</u> England & Wales	15.3			15.3			15.3		

		<u>Warminster</u> <u>Urban District</u>	<u>Westbury</u> <u>Urban District</u>	<u>Warminster & Westbury</u> <u>Rural District</u>
<u>Previous Years</u> (Corrected by Area Comparability Factor)				
	1950	- 18.9	20.1	19.8
	1951	- 19.1	17.6	18.2

(B) <u>Still Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
TOTAL	-	1	-	1	5	4
Logitimate	-	1	-	1	5	4
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-

(C) Deaths of Infants
under one year of
age.

TOTAL	2	1	3	3	3	1
Logitimate	2	1	3	3	3	1
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births is not included for each separate district since the figures are too small to have any statistical significance.

Infant Mortality Rate for the combined districts - 30.7
-do- England and Wales - 27.6

(D) <u>Deaths of Infants under Four Weeks of age.</u>	<u>Warminster Urban District</u>		<u>Westbury Urban District</u>		<u>Warminster & Westbury Rural District</u>	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
TOTAL	-	-	3	2	2	-
Legitimate	-	-	3	2	2	-
Illegitimate	-	-	-	-	-	-

(E) <u>Deaths</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
	44	41	85	32	33	65	88	81	169

Death Rate per
1,000 population

10.3

12.1

12.2

Area Comparability
Factor

0.94

0.91

0.83

Death Rate per 1,000
population after
correction by Area

Comparability Factor

9.7

11.01

10.12

Death Rate - England
and Wales

11.3

11.3

11.3

Previous Years (Corrected
by Area Comparability
Factor)

1950 - 7.1

10.4

10.5

1951 - 10.4

10.1

9.9

(F) Causes of Death	<u>Warminster</u> <u>Urban District</u>			<u>Westbury</u> <u>Urban District</u>			<u>Warminster & Westbury</u> <u>Rural District</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	4
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
8. Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	-	2	1	-	1	-	-	-
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	-	1	1	1	1	2	4	-	4
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	2	2	-	-	-	-	2	2
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-	-	2	2	-	-	-
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	4	4	8	2	3	5	7	9	16

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	<u>Warminster</u> <u>Urban District</u>			<u>Westbury</u> <u>Urban District</u>			<u>Warminster & Westb</u> <u>Rural District</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
15. Leukaemia, aloukaemia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1
16. Diabotes	-	2	2	1	-	1	1	2	3
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	5	8	13	5	5	10	12	15	27
18. Coronary disease, angina	6	2	8	6	2	8	5	9	14
19. Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20. Other heart disease	3	9	12	4	6	10	19	17	36
21. Other circulatory disease	6	4	10	3	2	5	10	9	19
22. Influenza	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	-	-
23. Pneunonia	2	4	6	1	2	3	8	2	10
24. Bronchitis	3	-	3	1	-	1	4	4	8
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis, diarrhoea	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	1	-	1	1	2	3	1	2	3
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-	1	2	-	2	-	-	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	-	-	-	2	1	3	-	-	-

	<u>Warminster</u> <u>Urban District</u>			<u>Westbury</u> <u>Urban District</u>			<u>Warminster & Westbur</u> <u>Rural District</u>		
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	5	13	1	6	7	10	6	16
33. Motor vehicle accidents	1	-	1	-	-	-	2	-	2
34. All other accidents	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
35. Suicide	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTALS:	44	41	85	32	33	65	88	81	169

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Cases of Infectious Diseases were notified as below:-

<u>Warminster Urban District</u>	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July	Aug	Sep	Oct	Nov	Dec	TOTAL
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	5	4	8	4	1	11	2	6	41
Measles	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	13	16
Whooping Cough	13	19	18	9	7	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	68
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Polionyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	2
Erysipelas	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
<u>Westbury Urban District</u>													
Scarlet Fever	2	2	1	-	-	3	-	-	-	-	-	1	9
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	27	30
Whooping Cough	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	3	4	15
Polionyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	1	-	-	-	3
<u>Warminster and Westbury Rural District</u>													
Scarlet Fever	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	6	10
Measles	-	-	-	-	-	-	21	6	1	-	2	8	38
Whooping Cough	2	18	10	9	4	5	3	1	3	27	19	12	115
Pneumonia	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
Polionyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	1	-	3
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	2
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	2

TUBERCULOSIS

<u>Warninster Urban District</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>		<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Cases on Register at 31.12.52.	17	17	9	12
New Cases notified during 1952, including transfers in	2	1	2	2
Deaths	-	-	-	-
Recovered	3	3	3	1
Transferred out of district	-	3	1	1
<u>Westbury Urban District</u>				
Cases on Register at 31.12.52.	12	13	19	16
New Cases notified during 1952, including transfers in	1	3	1	1
Deaths	-	-	-	-
Recovered	-	1	1	1
Transferred out of district	-	-	-	-
<u>Warninster & Westbury Rural District</u>				
Cases on Register at 31.12.52.	28	23	21	9
New Cases notified during 1952, including transfers in	4	5	1	1
Deaths	3	1	-	-
Recovered	1	1	-	1
Transferred out of district	-	3	-	-

DIPHTHERIA IMMUNIZATION

	Number of children who had completed a full course of primary immunization during 1952.			Total number of children who were given a reinforcing injection.
	0 - 1 years	1 - 4 years	5 - 14 years	
Warninster Urban District	56	25	29	178
Westbury Urban District	48	16	4	48
Warninster & Westbury Rural District	70	69	18	333

Age at 31.12.52. i.e. born in year..	Number of children who had completed a full course of immunization at any time up to the 31st December, 1952							
	Under							Total under 15
	1952	1951	1950	1949	1948	5-9 1943-47	10-14 1938-42	
Warninster Urban District	1	73	94	97	116	505	462	1348
Westbury Urban District	1	52	74	89	69	406	312	1003
Warninster and Westbury Rural District	1	102	154	163	179	990	961	2550

VACCINATION

	Age Group:	Under 1	1	2 - 4	5 - 14	15 or over
Warninster Urban District						
Vaccinations		70	2	4	2	9
Re-Vaccinations		-	-	-	3	12
Westbury Urban District						
Vaccinations		16	4	-	3	5
Re-vaccinations		-	-	-	3	9
Warninster & Westbury Rural District						
Vaccinations		74	6	4	6	9
Re-Vaccinations		-	-	6	9	14

CLINICS

The following Clinics serve the districts:-

1. Anto Natal:

At the Maternity Hospitals concerned.

Consultant Clinics are at Trowbridge for patients referred by their own doctor or midwife.

2. Infant Welfare:

Methodist Chapel, George Street, Warninster at 2.30 p.m. on the first and third Fridays of each month.

Methodist Schoolroom, Station Road, Westbury at 2.30 p.m. on the first and third Thursdays of each month.

Progressive Hall, North Bradley at 2.30 - 4 p.m. on the second and fourth
Wednesdays of each month.
The Halve, Trowbridge at 2 p.m. on every Tuesday.

3. Diphtheria Immunization:

Immunization is undertaken by the County Council and Medical Officers visit the schools in outlying villages at specific dates for this purpose.

The Warninster Clinic is held on the fourth Friday of every month at 2 p.m., at the Methodist Schoolroom, George Street, Warninster.

The Westbury Clinic is held on the fourth Thursday of every month at 2.30 p.m., at the Laverton Institute, Westbury.

4. Ear, Nose and Throat:

By invitation from the County Council.

5. Eye:

By invitation from the County Council.

6. Orthopaedic:

At Salisbury, Trowbridge and Devizes by invitation from the County Council.

7. Tuberculosis:

Trowbridge - every Wednesday at 10 a.m. Salisbury - every Tuesday at 10 a.m.
(Children at 2 p.m.)

Cases referred by own Doctor or by invitation from County Council.

8. Cancer and Rheumatism:

At Bristol and Bath, by arrangement with the County Council.

9. Venereal Diseases:

	<u>MEN</u>	<u>WOMEN</u>
County Council Clinic, The Halve, Trowbridge:	Tuesday - 5 - 6.30 p.m.	Tuesday - 5 - 6.30 p.m.
General Infirmary, Salisbury:	Tuesday - 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.	Wednesday - 6 - 7.30 p.m.
	Friday - 6 - 7.30 p.m.	Saturday - 11.30 a.m. - 1 p.m.
Royal United Hospital, Bath:	Friday - 5 p.m.	Tuesday - 5 p.m.
	Saturday - 5 p.m.	Friday - 2.30 p.m.
St. Martin's Hospital, Bath:	Tuesday - 2 p.m.	Tuesday - 2 p.m.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948.

During the year no action was taken under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE SENIOR
SANITARY INSPECTOR TO THE
RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL OF
WARMINSTER AND WESTBURY.
FOR THE YEAR 1952.

TO the Chairman and Members of the
Warminster and Westbury Rural
District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I would like to present my Annual Report on the Sanitary
Administration of the District for the year ending the 31st December, 1952.

I thank the Public Health and Housing Committees for the support given
to me during the year and I would also like to express my thanks to the staff
of the Public Health Department for the manner in which they have carried out
their duties.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

W. F. C. MERRETT.

Senior Sanitary Inspector.

WATER SUPPLIES

Except for small lengths of main no schemes have been carried out during the year. Amendments have been made to the proposed scheme for the South-East Region, when it was decided that larger pumping equipment and a larger rising main should be provided. Serious consideration has been given to connecting the Heytesbury Estate mains to the South-Eastern Scheme.

New connections to the mains are being made weekly and during the year 123 new ones were made for dwellings and for agricultural purposes.

Samples of water have been taken from all points of the mains in the district regularly and with one or two exceptions were satisfactory.

Bacteriological Reports

A. North-East Region

Luccombe supply - chlorinated.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Source of Sample</u>	<u>Source of Supply</u>	<u>Bact:</u>	<u>Est:</u>	<u>Est:</u>
			<u>Count</u>	<u>Aero-</u>	<u>Faecal</u>
			<u>Cols:</u>	<u>genes</u>	<u>B. Coli</u>
			<u>per</u>	<u>count</u>	<u>count</u>
			<u>1 n.l.</u>	<u>per</u>	<u>per</u>
				<u>100 n.l.</u>	<u>100 n.l.</u>
27.8.52.	Court Orchard, Bratton	Luccombe	1	Nil	Nil
5.11.52.	-do-	-do-	6	Nil	Nil
11.8.52.	Council House, Bulkington	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
19.2.52.	Tudor Cottage, Edington	-do-	1	Nil	Nil
27.8.52.	New Council Houses, Tinhead	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.3.52.	Parsonage Farm, East Coulston	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
27.8.52.	Standpipe near Railway Bridge, East Coulston	-do-	Nil	3	Nil
11.8.52.	Council Houses, Hinton	-do-	17	Nil	Nil
11.8.52.	Council Houses, Keevil	-do-	3	Nil	Nil

19.2.52.	4, St. Mary's, Steeple Ashton	Luccombe	3	Nil	Nil
11.8.52.	Council Houses, Steeple Ashton	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
9.11.52.	Ashton House, Steeple Ashton	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
19.2.52.	8, New Council Houses, West Ashton	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
5.3.52.	Standpipe, Old Council Houses, West Ashton	-do-	2	Nil	Nil
6.8.52.	New Council Houses, West Ashton	-do-	58	Nil	Nil

B. Trowbridge, Melksham & District
Water Board

17.3.52.	The Han Post Office, Heywood	Borehole, Biss Botton, Upton Scudamore	Nil	Nil	Nil
17.3.52.	22, Council Houses, Heywood	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.8.52.	-do-	-do-	392	Nil	Nil
12.8.52.	-do-	-do-	1	Nil	Nil
5.11.52.	New Council Houses, Heywood	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
6.8.52.	New Council Houses, Southwick	-do-	500+	8	5
12.8.52.	-do-	-do-	46	Nil	Nil
5.11.52.	-do-	-do-	2	Nil	Nil
17.3.52.	1, Council Houses, Upton	Scudamore	-do-	51	5
17.7.52.	Standpipe to cottages near water tower, Upton	Scudamore	-do-	7	Nil
6.8.52.	Council Houses, Upton	Scudamore	-do-	500+	25
12.8.52.	-do-	-do-	3	Nil	Nil
5.11.52.	-do-	-do-	3	Nil	Nil

C. South-West Region

(i) Treated Water

5.3.52.	Home Farm, Boyton	Codford Borehole	2	Nil	Nil
30.7.52.	-do-	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
15.10.52.	-do-	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil

5.3.52.	Tap in Pumphouse, Codford				
	Pumping Station	-do-	1	5	Nil
23.4.52.	-do-	-do-	1	3	Nil
29.7.52.	-do-	-do-	1	Nil	Nil
14.10.52.	-do-	-do-	2	3	Nil

(ii) Raw Water

		Ex-War Department			
29.7.52.	Council Houses, Corton	Borehole, Codford	2	Nil	Nil
15.10.52.	-do-	-do-	1	Nil	Nil
14.5.52.	9, The Grove, Codford	-do-	1	Nil	Nil
29.7.52.	-do-	-do-	3	Nil	Nil
14.10.52.	-do-	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil

9.4.52.	Hand Pump, Hill Deverill	Shallow well	500+	35	Nil
	Council Houses				
30.7.52.	-do-	-do-	800	180+	Nil
13.8.52.	-do-	-do-	500+	180+	Nil
10.11.52.	-do-	-do-	376	160	8

5.3.52.	3, Council Houses, Knook	Heytesbury Estate Supply - Shallow well	4	Nil	Nil
14.8.52.	Well, Knook	-do-	7	3	Nil
5.3.52.	Forums Cafe, Heytesbury	-do-	1	Nil	Nil
28.4.52.	-do-	-do-	43	13	Nil
29.7.52.	-do-	-do-	5	5	Nil
14.8.52.	-do-	-do-	2	Nil	Nil
14.10.52.	-do-	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
29.7.52.	Council Houses, Tytherington	-do-	3	5	Nil
10.11.52.	-do-	-do-	117	35	Nil
9.4.52.	2, Council Houses, Rye Hill, Rye Hill Farm Longbridge Deverill	Supply	41	5	Nil
30.7.52.	-do-	-do-	1	5	Nil
9.10.52.	-do-	-do-	25	50	Nil
17.3.52.	-do-	-do-	1	Nil	Nil
30.7.52.	52, Longbridge Deverill	Longleat Estate Supply	30	5	Nil
15.10.52.	-do-	-do-	3	50	Nil
9.4.52.	8, Council Houses, Monkton Deverill	Shallow well	120	Nil	Nil
30.7.52.	-do-	-do-	2	Nil	Nil
10.11.52.	-do-	-do-	8	11	Nil
5.3.52.	Standpipe outside Woolpack Inn, Sutton Veny	Swancombe Springs, Shearwater, War Department Supply	500+	3	Nil
29.7.52.	-do-	-do-	1	8	Nil
11.11.52.	-do-	-do-	1	Nil	Nil

2.1.52.	Standpipe at Stockton	Stockton Estate			
		Supply	8	Nil	Nil
16.4.52.	-do-	-do-	2	8	Nil
29.7.52.	-do-	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
10.11.52.	-do-	-do-	370	90	Nil
2.1.52.	Standpipe, Bapton End, Stockton	Yeatman-Biggs'			
		Supply	500+	3	Nil
16.4.52.	-do-	-do-	Nil	Nil	Nil
29.7.52.	Council Houses, Stockton	-do-	1	3	Nil
10.11.52.	-do-	-do-	9	5	Nil

D. War Department Supply - Chitterne

16.4.52.	Council Houses, Chitterne	Middle Barn			
		Supply	5	5	Nil
30.7.52.	-do-	-do-	Nil	5	Nil
14.10.52.	Old Council Houses, Chitterne	-do-	1	Nil	Nil
16.4.52.	Standpipe, Shrewton Road, Chitterne	Shrewton Road			
		Supply	Nil	Nil	Nil
30.7.52.	-do-	-do-	13	Nil	Nil
14.10.52.	-do-	-do-	2	Nil	Nil

E. Chapmanslade

17.3.52.	3, Clearwood View, Chapmanslade	Springs, Divers Bridge, Corsley	10	13	Nil
28.4.52.	Suction chamber, Divers Bridge Pumping Station	-do-	6	17	Nil
6.8.52.	Council House, Chapmanslade	-do-	398	5	Nil
5.11.52.	-do-	-do-	448	Nil	Nil

F. Corsley

17.3.52.	6, Council Houses, Corsley	Longhedge Springs (Longleat Estate)	2	Nil	Nil
		and Springs, Divers Bridge, Corsley			
29.7.52.	-do-	-do-	1	Nil	Nil
14.10.52.	-do-	-do-	3	3	Nil

G. Horningsham

6.2.52.	Ran feed chamber, opposite War Memorial, Horningsham	Rowes Hill Supply, Horningsham (Longleat Estate)	500+	8	Nil
6.2.52.	Rowes Hill Reservoir	-do-	500+	50	Nil
6.2.52.	Standpipe, 50, Rowes Hill	-do-			
		(top reservoir)	500+	17	Nil
6.2.52.	Tap in School Yard	Rowes Hill Supply (bottom reservoir)	500+	90	Nil
17.3.52.	-do-	-do-	17	180+	Nil
29.7.52.	-do-	-do-	7	20	5
15.10.52.	-do-	-do-	90	90	5
17.3.52.	The Bath Arms, Horningsham	Horningsham Supply	216	25	Nil
29.7.52.	-do-	-do-	500+	8	5
15.10.52.	-do-	-do-	16	13	3

Chemical Reports

REPORT on the Analysis of a Sample of Water received on 29.4.52. from the suction chamber at Divers Bridge Pumping Station, Corsley.

Physical characters - Excellent.

<u>CHEMICAL:</u>	Parts per 100,000
Reaction	Acid pH 6.7 After boiling pH 8.4
Saline and free Ammonia	Nil
Organic (or "albuminoid") ammonia	0.001
Oxygen absorbed from permanganate in two hours at 27°C.	0.018
Chlorides	1.7
Nitrogenous nitrates	0.1
Total Hardness	29.0
(a) Temporary	18.8
(b) Permanent	10.2
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Microscopical examination of the Sediment	Nil
Nitrites	Nil

OPINION:

Chemical examination satisfactory.

Date: 2.5.52.

H.W.H.K.
Pathologist.

REPORT on the Analysis of a Sample of Water received on 14.5.52. from No. 9, The Grove, Codford (Ex-War Department Supply).

Physical characters - Excellent.

<u>CHEMICAL:</u>	Parts per 100,000
Reaction	pH 7.2

Saline and free Ammonia	Nil
Organic (or "albuminoid") ammonia	0.001
Oxygen absorbed from permanganate in two hours at 27°C.	0.036
Chlorides	1.4
Nitrogenas nitrates	Nil
Total Hardness	11.6
(a) Temporary	5.6
(b) Permanent	6.0
Poisonous Metals	Nil
Nitrites	Nil
Microscopical examination of the Sediment	Nil

OPINION:

Chemical examination is satisfactory.

Date: 17.5.52.

G.B.
Pathologist.

REPORT on the Analysis of a Sample of Water received on 24.4.52. from the tap in the pump-house at Codford R.D.C. Pumping Station.

Physical Characters - Opalescent, no deposit.

CHEMICAL:

Parts per 100,000

Reaction	Alkaline pH	7.1
Saline and free Ammonia		Nil
Organic (or "albuminoid" ammonia		0.001
Oxygen absorbed from permanganate in two hours at 27°C.		0.007
Chlorides		1.4
Nitrogenas nitrates		Nil
Total Hardness		25.4
(a) Temporary		20.0
(b) Permanent		5.4
Poisonous Metals		Nil
Nitrites		Nil

Microscopical examination of the Sediment Nil

OPINION: Chemical examination - excellent.

Date: 28.4.52.

L.H.D.T.
Pathologist.

Number of dwellinghouses supplied direct from
public Water Mains.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Dwellinghouses at</u>	
	<u>31.12.51.</u>	<u>31.12.52.</u>
Bratton	149	180
Bishopstrow	46	46
Bulkington	45	54
Chapmanslade	124	124
East Coulston	19	23
Codford	19	76
Dilton Marsh	376	376
Edington	123	146
Heywood	133	133
Hinton	67	70
Keevil	42	70
North Bradley	278	278
Steeple Ashton	200	204
Sutton Veny	135	135
Upton Scudamore	45	45
Upton Lovell	14	21
Southwick	175	175
West Ashton	25	38

Number of Dwellinghouses supplied by means
of Standpipes from Public Mains.

<u>Parish</u>	<u>Number of Dwellinghouses at</u>	
	<u>31.12.51.</u>	<u>31.12.52.</u>
Chapmanslade	1	1
Sutton Veny	30	30
Upton Scudamore	8	8
East Coulston	-	1
West Ashton	-	4

SEWERAGE

The position of sewage disposal in this district remains much the same as in previous years with the exception of some improvements to sewage disposal works at Dilton Marsh, Chapmanslade Council Houses, Corsley Council Houses, Tytherington Council Houses and Horningsham Council Houses, which had to be made owing to trouble with effluents.

More consideration is now being given to the sewage disposal plants on the Council's Housing Sites and more efficient plants are being installed.

The Council employ the services of the Hampshire Cleansing Service to clear all the plants. This is a very expensive item for the Council and in all probability the Council will consider the purchasing of a cesspool emptier, as the number of sewage disposal plants is increasing.

The work of cleansing ditches and other attention to the sewage disposal plants is still carried out by a squad of three men, and although I consider this staff is insufficient for the amount of work entailed, the Council do not feel that any further labour can be employed on this work at present.

There is still, of course, a very urgent need for sewerage schemes, especially in the Parishes of Dilton Marsh, North Bradley and Southwick, and I am afraid now that water has been installed in all the parishes of the North-East area the drainage question will be a serious problem in the next few years.

HOUSING

(a) New Housing Schemes

The following Council Houses were completed during the year:-

<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Houses</u>	<u>Parish</u>	<u>No. of Houses</u>
Bratton	6	Edington	8
Codford	8	Steeple Ashton	4
Corsley	4	West Ashton	4

Building operations are in hand in the Parishes of Bratton, Codford, Corsley, Edington, Knook, Steeple Ashton and West Ashton.

(b) Future Housing Programme

The Council have been allocated twenty-eight houses for next year.

(c) Private Enterprise

Eighteen Licences have been issued for the erection of Private Enterprise dwellings. Four dwellings have been completed during the year. Twenty-five Licences have been allocated to the Council for 1953.

(d) Camps and Requisitioned Property

I am pleased to report that all hutments on Camp Site No. 8 at Steeple

Ashton have been demolished and the tenants re-housed. Two more dwellings have been de-requisitioned. The number of huts occupied on all sites now only totals forty-six.

Details of Camp Sites.

No. 4 Site, Steeple Ashton	-	11 huts.
No. 10 Site, Steeple Ashton	-	12 huts.
Keevil	-	3 huts.
Bishopstrow Camp	-	3 huts.
Bury Camp	-	17 huts.

Several huts have been demolished on Bury Camp and the tenants re-housed. Arrangements have been made for the tenants of the remaining huts at Bishopstrow Camp to be re-housed and it is hoped that the site will be cleared.

(e) Housing Survey

The Housing Survey is progressing slowly. As I mentioned in my previous report, action under Category 5 is suspended for the time being and any serious cases are recommended for re-housing.

(f) Housing Act, 1936 and Public Health Act, 1936

No statutory action has been taken under either of these Acts during the year. Eleven Informal Notices have been served, with which eight have been complied.

MILK AND DAIRIES

Below is a list of the registered Dealers in this District. A number of Dealers from adjoining districts retail milk in this district.

Number of:-

Dealers in this Authority's area	10
Dairies registered by this Authority	6
Dealer's Licences issued to use the special designation "Tuberculin Tested"	4
Dealer's Licences issued to use the special designation "Pasteurised"	8
Supplementary Dealer's Licences issued to use the special designation "Tuberculin Tested"	3
Supplementary Dealer's Licences issued to use the special designation "Pasteurised"	3

Fifteen samples of milk have been taken during the year, of which one proved unsatisfactory.

ICE-CREAM

There has been a further increase during the present year of three premises registered for the storage and sale of ice-cream. This makes the total number of premises now registered, thirty-eight.

FOOD PREMISES

The number of food shops, including cafes, in the district now totals eighty-seven. These premises were regularly inspected and where premises were found to be below standard necessary action was taken and the premises were made satisfactory.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACT

There are five Licensed Slaughtermen in the district, but there are no Ministry of Food Slaughterhouses in use in the district. There is one private Slaughterhouse which is used for emergency cases, and pigs.

TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are two licensed camping sites in the district and eleven licences were issued to individual persons to station and use moveable dwellings.

SALVAGE AND REFUSE

Salvage and refuse is still being collected fortnightly from all Parishes. One new tip has been obtained in Heywood Park, making a total of three tips in the district.

It has still not been found possible to carry out a scheme of properly controlled tipping with the small staff employed. Penleigh Tip, however, has been much improved and has been levelled with a bull-dozer. A large amount of covering material has been spread over the surface and the face has been reduced.

A small amount of salvage material is still sold to dealers.

RODENT DESTRUCTION

Rodent destruction has been carried out very satisfactorily by a full-time operator and all cases brought to the Council's notice have been dealt with forthwith. The operator has completed a survey of all farms in the district and where infestations were found appropriate action was taken.

<u>No. of Premises Inspected</u>			<u>No. Premises</u>		<u>Bodies</u>	<u>Estimated</u>
<u>Dwelling-</u>	<u>Business Premises</u>		<u>found</u>	<u>No. of</u>		
<u>houses</u>	<u>Farms</u>	<u>and others</u>	<u>to be</u>	<u>Premises</u>	<u>Found</u>	<u>Kill</u>
			<u>Infested</u>	<u>Treated</u>		
388	320	40	440	214	361	1805

CONTROL OF OTHER VERMIN AND
VERMINOUS PREMISES

Several cases of flea, fly and wasp infestations were reported and dealt with satisfactorily.

FACTORIES

The number of factories on the register at the end of 1952 is thirty-seven. Six written notices were served concerning unsuitable or defective sanitary conveniences, three of which have been complied with.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

The following is a summary of the inspections and visits made during 1952:-

	<u>Nature of Visit or Inspection</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>GENERAL SANITATION</u>	Water supply	107
	Drainage	95
	Tents, Vans and Sheds	15
	Factories	40
	Nuisances and complaints	46
	Miscellaneous and sanitary visits	174
	Sewage works	28
	Refuse collection and disposal	26
	Works in progress	84
<u>HOUSING</u>	Houses - Rural Housing Survey	3
	Houses - Public Health Act	38
	Houses - Housing Act	4
	Overcrowding	2

	<u>Nature of visit or inspection</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
<u>HOUSING</u>		
	Infectious disease	7
	Disinfection	2
<u>MEAT AND OTHER FOODS</u>		
	Meat and food	6
	Dairies and milk shops	17
	Street Vendors and Hawkers	2
	Bakehouses	32
	Cafes, Ice-cream premises and Grocer's shops	113
	Butcher's shops	23
	Wet fish shops	1
	Fish and Chip shops	6
	Licensed premises	8

Miscellaneous goods condemned during 1952.

<u>Description of Article</u>	<u>Reason for Condemnation</u>
158½ lbs. Home killed beef	Bone taint.
5 lbs. 13 oz. Calf liver	Distomatosis.
15 lbs. 2 oz. Canned ham	Decomposed.

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SANITARY INSPECTIONS

An analysis of the Sanitary Inspections made during the year is attached:

Housing (including Council Houses & Flats, etc.)	839
Overcrowding	24
Factories and Workshops	94
Cowsheds and Dairies	38
Ice-cream Manufacture	77
Fried Fish Shops	21
Bakehouses	38
Meat Shops and Stores	50
Offensive Trades	21
Schools	3
Tents, Vans and Sheds	27
Infectious Diseases	29
Water supplies	156
Sewage disposal	108
Refuse Collection and Disposal	81
Works in Progress	275
Meat and Other Foods	48
Miscellaneous	147

Notices served.

	<u>Informal</u>	<u>Statutory</u>	<u>Total</u>
Public Health Acts	15	-	15
Housing Acts	10	-	10
Other Statutes	27	-	27
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	52	-	52
Outstanding, December 1951	3	-	3
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	55		55
Complied with	53	-	53
Outstanding, December 1952	2	-	2

Foodstuffs Condemned as Unfit for Human Consumption.

<u>Commodity</u>	<u>Weight</u>		
	<u>Cwts.</u>	<u>st.</u>	<u>lbs.</u>
Carcass Meat, Poultry and Game	11	2	10
Fruits, Cereal and Flour		2	12
Canned, Bottled and Packeted foods	3	1	0 $\frac{1}{2}$
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	15	1	22 $\frac{1}{2}$

Factories Act, 1937 and 1948.

<u>Number on Register</u>	<u>Number of Inspections</u>	<u>Number of Written Notices</u>	<u>Number of Occupiers Prosecuted</u>
49	121	Nil	Nil

Number of Cases in which defects were found.

	<u>Found</u>	<u>Remedied</u>	<u>Referred by H.M. Inspector</u>
Insufficient Sanitary Conveniences	1	1	

The number of Outworkers in August, all engaged in the Cleaning, Washing and Making, etc., of Wearing Apparel, was 215

Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	<u>Figs</u>
Number Killed	10,326 (Approx.)
Number Inspected	8
<u>All Diseases except Tuberculosis</u>	
Whole Carcases condemned	4
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	62.5%
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>	
Whole Carcases condemned	3
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	0
Percentage number inspected affected with tuberculosis	37.5%

WATER SUPPLY

Number of Dwellinghouses supplied from Public Water Mains:

(a) Direct to the houses, 1963; (b) by means of standpipes, 38.

Number of Population supplied from Public Water Mains:

(a) Direct to the houses, 8176; (b) by standpipes, 114.

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TO THE URBAN DISTRICT OF WESTBURY FOR
THE YEAR 1952.

HOUSING

During the year, two houses were completed on the Oldfield Park Housing Estate. Owing to protracted negotiations relating to the sale of the land, the building programme was retarded to a considerable degree.

The total number of occupied houses on this estate is now 132. Seven private enterprise houses were also completed during the year.

Eight hutments in Eden Vale were converted to temporary living accommodation during the year.

At the 31st December, 1952, the building programme at Oldfield Park was well under way and future reports should show a considerable improvement in numbers completed per annum.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Approximately 1,200 tons of domestic refuse were disposed of during the year by the method known as controlled tipping.

A proposal by Melkshan U.D.C. to share the tipping facilities in Westbury was received and given general approval by the Westbury U.D.C. subject to the observations of the Railway Executive from whom the tip is rented. No such observations have yet been received.

The Council were fortunate during the year in getting approximately 2,000 cubic yards of covering material for the tip from roadwork excavations in the district.

The replacement of non-approved type dustbins by those of approved type continues to improve slowly but surely. The Council voted against buying dustbins for re-sale to Council tenants.

SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The Sewage Works at Frognore continue to operate satisfactorily during normal dry weather flows. In times of storm, however, the present pumping and storage facilities are inadequate to deal with the combined flow and the overflow is, of necessity, brought into action. The filtration beds, fed from the overflow, become overloaded and are almost continually under water.

Messrs. A.P.I. Cotterell & Son, Consulting Engineers, 54, Victoria Street, S. W. 1., are preparing a report upon the sewerage and sewage disposal facilities in Westbury. It is expected that this report will be in the Council's hands in early 1953.

A relief storm water sewer 2' 0" in diameter has been laid in the Oldfield Road area. This has proved advantageous in relieving the flood conditions previously known there.

Although the 12" sewer in Frognore Road has been scraped, this has not had the effect of obviating local flooding during heavy rainfalls and it is therefore a reasonable assumption that this main is inadequate to do the work which it is called upon to do.

Field Tests of the effluent from the humus tanks at the Sewage works have shown it to be within the prescribed standards.

Negotiations with the W.D. for the repair of the Dortmund Tank have now been completed and Contract documents are being prepared for this work.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS

An analysis of inspections for the year is appended.

PEST CONTROL

The Rodent Officer, whose services are shared with the Warminster U.D.C., visited dwellinghouses, factories, farms, shops etc. in the district. The sewers and the refuse tip have been treated regularly. Satisfactory results have been achieved.

WATER

Water samples have been taken at regular intervals and bacteriological examination of these has shown that is is of excellent quality.

Number of houses supplied from mains - 1633
" " " " other sources - 18

FACTORY AND SHOPS ACT

The number of inspections carried out during the year is to be found in the analysis of Sanitary Inspections.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS

Samples of designated milks, ice-crean etc. were taken at regular intervals. In the main satisfactory results were obtained. The few cases which produced unfavourable results were followed up until satisfactory results were obtained.

During the year 101 Condemnation Certificates were issued in respect of foodstuffs (mostly tinned goods) voluntarily surrendered for examination.

Analysis of Sanitary Inspections made
during 1952.

Inspections of:

Houses - Public Health Acts	16	
Houses - Housing Acts	2	
Complaints investigated	618	(inclusive of houses and hutments under direct control)
Infectious disease cases	3	
Factories and Workshops	27	
Rats and Mice Acts	30	
Petroleum Acts	31	
Shops Acts	9	
Interviews with owners, etc.	19	
Revisits to Property under notice	24	
Bakehouses	2	
Fried Fish Shops	6	
Butcher's Shops	3	"
Ice-cream Premises	22	
Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops	9	
Milk Samples - graded Milk	26	
" " - Tuberculosis	4	
Tinned Foods and other Articles of Food	101	
Houses Disinfected	5	

Number of Informal Notices served - 12.

Sanitary Improvements Effected

DWELLING HOUSES:-

Repaired or made fit	1
Roofs repaired	63
Floors repaired, ventilated, etc.	6
Plastered walls and ceilings repaired	23
Windows repaired, made to open, etc.	22
Doors repaired, rehung or renewed	34
Firegrates repaired, reset or renewed	36
Chimneys or Chimney stacks repaired	22
New sinks provided and fixed and sinks repaired	10
Sink wastes repaired or renewed	14
Wash Coppers repaired or provided	5
Copper firesets repaired or renewed	5
External walls pointed	3
Ovens repaired or renewed	18
External walls cemented or tarred or felted	18
Eaves gutters and R.W.P. renewed or repaired	11
Dangerous walls repaired	2
Yard paving repaired	22

DRAINS, WATER CLOSETS AND ASHES ACCOMMODATION:-

Obstructed drains cleansed	6
Obstructed W.C.'s cleansed	1
Drains repaired or reconstructed	2
Inspection Chamber covers renewed	1
W.C. basins renewed and new W.C. seats	12
W.C. cisterns repaired or renewed	93
Closet structures repaired	4
Dustbins provided	2

OTHER NUISANCES:-

Rats and Mice	30
Plumbing repairs	171



