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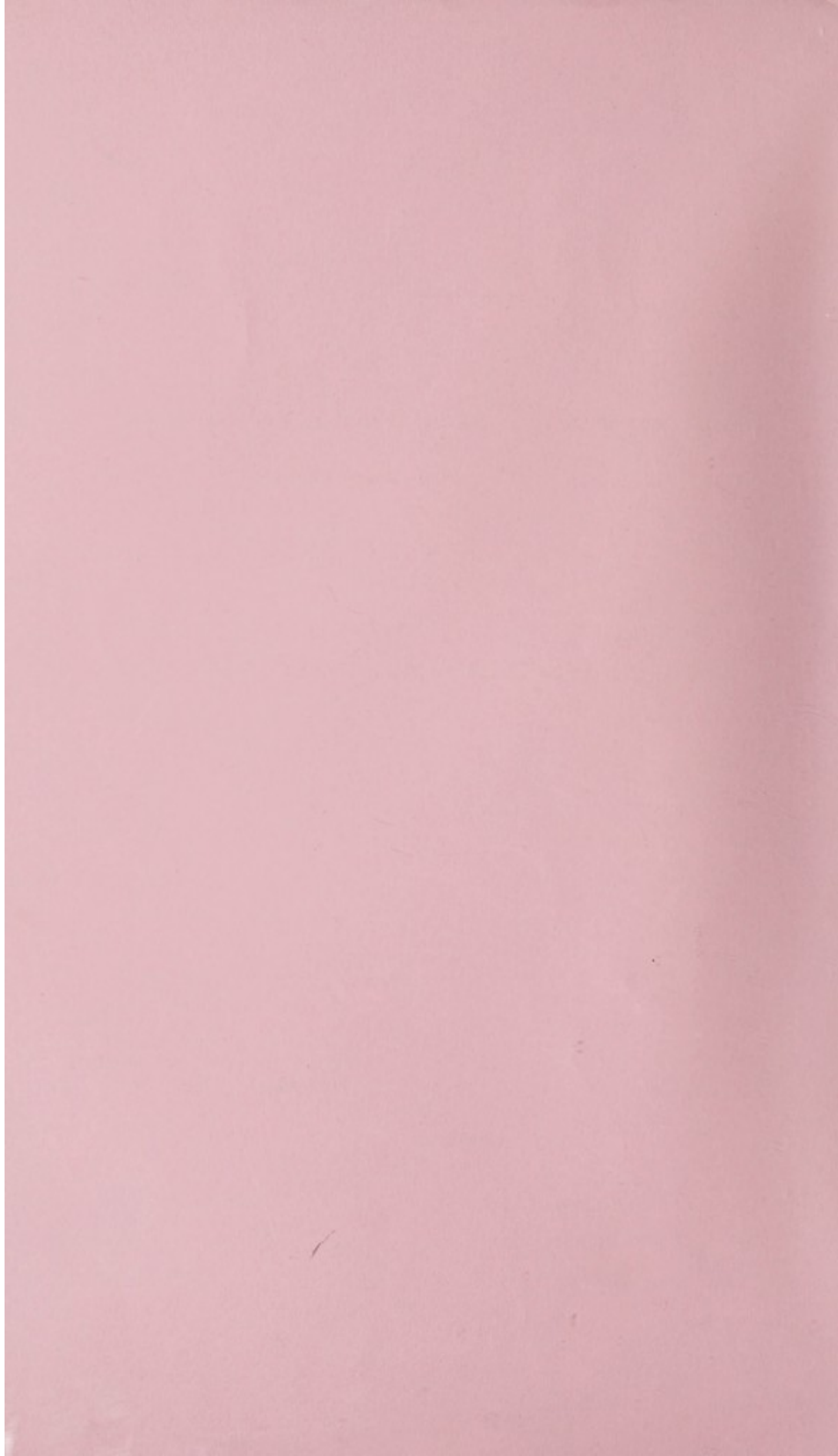
On the State of the Public Health and Sanitary Conditions in the  
WARMINSTER AND WESTBURY RURAL DISTRICT

1969

WARMINSTER AND WESTBURY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

JOSEPH REYNOLDS

Medical Officer of Health  
of the Warminster and Westbury  
Rural District Council.



Health Department,  
Craven House,  
Warminster,  
Wilts.

Lt. Colonel J.W. Madden,  
Chairman of the Warminster and Westbury Rural District Council.

Sir,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1969 relating to the state of the public health and sanitary conditions in the rural district of Warminster and Westbury. With it is the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector.

It will be seen from the Vital Statistics that the rural district compares very favourably with the rest of England and Wales. The rise in the birth rate is in distinct opposition to the National figure. No serious outbreak of infectious disease took place during the period.

I wish to express my gratitude to my colleagues, the Family Doctors, the Director of the Public Health Laboratory in Bath, the County Medical Officer, and the staff of the Rural District Council for their co-operation in the work of the Public Health Department. Also I am grateful to the Public Health Committee for their co-operation and understanding.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOSEPH REYNOLDS.

Health Department,  
Green House,  
Waterbury,  
Conn.

1. (Signed) J. W. Hobson,  
Chairman of the Waterbury and Westbury Rural District Council.

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 10th inst. in relation to the rate of the public health and sanitary districts in the rural district of Waterbury and Westbury, and in reply to inform you that the rate is as follows:

Rate per £100 of rateable value, 1938-39

It will be seen from the above that the rate is 10s. 6d. per £100 of rateable value, which is a very low rate, and is in accordance with the rate of the rural district of Waterbury and Westbury, and is in accordance with the rate of the rural district of Waterbury and Westbury, and is in accordance with the rate of the rural district of Waterbury and Westbury.

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Your obedient servant,

J. W. Hobson

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|   | <u>1967-68</u> | <u>1968-69</u> | <u>1969-70</u> |
|---|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| Area of District in acres   | 86,155         | 86,155         | 86,155         |
| Population (1961 Census - 13,026)<br>Registrar General's Estimate of<br>Mid-Year Population | 13,640         | 14,600         | 14,120         |
| Density of Population - Persons<br>per acre   | 0.15           | 0.17           | 0.17           |
| Number of Hereditaments   | 5,433          | 5,560          | 5,779          |
| Number of Council Houses  | 683            | 683            | 693            |
| Rateable Value at 1st April   | £338,493       | £365,997       | £399,976       |
| Rateable Value per head of<br>population  | £24.16.4       | £25.1.4.       | £28.6.6.       |
| Product of Penny Rate   | £1,404.        | £1,525.        | £1,640.        |
| Loan Debt per head of population  | £85.19.5.      | £82.11.4.      | £85.0.2.       |
| Loan Debt per £ of Rateable Value   | £3.9.4.        | £3.5.10.       | £3.0.0.        |
| Number of Improvement Grants  | 709            | 740            | 775            |

The Rural District of Warminster and Westbury is in South West Wiltshire at the South Western corner of Salisbury Plain and includes within its boundaries the Urban Districts of Warminster and Westbury. A part of the Plain containing the Parish of Imber is in military occupation and closed to the public.

The area in the past was mainly given to agricultural pursuits. A trading estate has been developed in the parish of Heywood and new industries are being developed there. They comprise Light Engineering, Processing of Scrap Metal, Concrete Products, Warehouses and Furniture Repositories, Packing and Distribution of Surgical Supplies, Manufacturers of Mobile Houses, Animal Food Factory and a Mushroom Farm. Other industries in the Rural District include works for agricultural machinery and a tannery.

Many of the villages provide dormitory facilities for workers in the Urban Districts of Frome, Melksham, Trowbridge, Warminster and Westbury. The district is roughly bisected by the watershed feeding the Bristol Avon to the North West and the Hampshire Avon to the East. Through it flows traffic from Bristol to Southampton by the Trunk Road A.36, and from North to South by the A.350. The M.4 Motorway, providing rapid access to London, Wales, The Midlands and the North, runs 25 miles to the North of the Rural District. The Westbury White Horse commemorating Alfred's victory over the Danes is a familiar sight to travellers on the main line of the Western Region of British Railways, which also passes through the district. Longleat House in its rural surroundings of great beauty is a focal point for both national and international visitors.

#### VITAL STATISTICS

The population figures given are home populations (i.e. including members of the Armed Forces stationed in the area). The figures for deaths include those of members of the Armed Forces. The Area comparability factors for use with birth and death rates contain adjustments for boundary changes and make allowance for the way in which the sex and age distribution of the local population differs from that for England and Wales as a whole. In addition, the death rate area comparability factors have been adjusted specifically to take account of the presence of any residential institutions in each area. When local birth and death rates are multiplied by the appropriate area comparability factor, they are comparable with the rate for England and Wales or with the corresponding adjusted rate for any other area.



VITAL STATISTICS (continued)

| a) <u>Live Births</u>  |             |               |              |
|--|-------------|---------------|--------------|
|  | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |              |
| Total  | 139         | 114           |              |
| Legitimate   | 126         | 108           |              |
| Illegitimate   | 13          | 6             |              |
| <u>Live Birth Rate</u>   |             |               |              |
| a) per 1,000 population of the Rural District  | 17.9        |               |              |
| b) of the Rural District after correction by Area Comparability Factor (1.21)  | 21.7        |               |              |
| c) per 1,000 population of the County of Wiltshire   | 17.6        |               |              |
| d) per 1,000 population of England and Wales   | 16.3        |               |              |
| Ratio of local adjusted birth rate to national rate  | 1.33        |               |              |
| b) <u>Still Births</u>   |             |               |              |
|  | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |              |
| Total  | 5           | 3             |              |
| Legitimate   | 5           | 3             |              |
| c) <u>Deaths</u>   |             |               |              |
|  | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> | <u>Total</u> |
| Number of Deaths as enumerated by Registrar General  | 77          | 67            | 144          |
| <u>Death rate per 1,000 population of Rural District</u>   | 10.2        |               |              |
| <u>Death Rate after correction by Area Comparability Factor (3.92) which permits comparison with National Statistics below</u> | 9.4         |               |              |
| <u>Death Rate per 1,000 population of the County of Wiltshire</u>  | 10.7        |               |              |
| <u>Death Rate per 1,000 population of England and Wales</u>  | 11.9        |               |              |
| Ratio of local adjusted death rate to national rate  | 0.79        |               |              |
| d) <u>Deaths of Infants under one year of age</u>  |             |               |              |
|  | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |              |
| Total  | 3           | 1             |              |
| Legitimate   | 2           | 1             |              |
| Illegitimate   | 1           | 0             |              |
| e) <u>Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks of age</u>   |             |               |              |
|  | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |              |
| Total  | 3           | 0             |              |
| Legitimate   | 2           | 0             |              |
| Illegitimate   | 1           | 0             |              |
| f) <u>Deaths of infants under one week of age</u>  |             |               |              |
|  | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |              |
| Total  | 3           | 0             |              |
| Legitimate   | 2           | 0             |              |
| Illegitimate   | 1           | 0             |              |

Rates for infant mortality are not given since the numbers are too small to be of statistical significance.



CAUSE OF DEATH

According to the International Classification of Diseases

GROUP II - Neoplasms

- B19 (1) Malignant Neoplasm, Buccal Cavity etc.
  - B19 (2) Malignant Neoplasm, Oesophagus
  - B19 (3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach
  - B19 (4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine
  - B19 (6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus
  - B19 (7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast
  - B19 (8) Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus
  - B19 (11) Other Malignant Neoplasms
- GROUP VII. Diseases of the Circulatory System
- B27 Hypertensive Disease
  - B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease
  - B29 Other forms of Heart Disease
  - B30 Cerebrovascular Disease
  - B45 (5) Other Diseases of Circulatory system

|  | Sex | all Ages | Under 4 weeks     |        | AGE GROUPS |        |         |         |         |         |         |                  |   |   |   |   |
|--|-----|----------|-------------------|--------|------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|------------------|---|---|---|---|
|  |     |          | 4 weeks and under | 1 year | 1 - 5      | 5 - 15 | 15 - 25 | 25 - 35 | 35 - 45 | 45 - 55 | 55 - 65 | 65 - 75 and over |   |   |   |   |
| B19 (1)  | M   | 1        | -                 | -      | 1          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | 1 | - | - |
|  | F   | -        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | - | - | - |
| B19 (2)  | M   | 1        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | F   | -        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | - | - | - |
| B19 (3)  | M   | 2        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | - | 1 | 1 |
|  | F   | 3        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | - | 2 | - |
| B19 (4)  | M   | 5        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | 2 | 3 | - |
|  | F   | 1        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | - | 1 | - |
| B19 (6)  | M   | 11       | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | 1 | 3 | 6 |
|  | F   | 1        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | 1 | 1 | - |
| B19 (7)  | M   | -        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | - | - | - |
|  | F   | 2        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| B19 (8)  | M   | 1        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | - | - | - |
|  | F   | 3        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | 1 | 2 | - |
| B19 (11)   | M   | 2        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | 1 | 1 | - |
|  | F   | -        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | - | - | - |
| <u>GROUP VII. Diseases of the Circulatory System</u> |     |          |                   |        |            |        |         |         |         |         |         |                  |   |   |   |   |
| B27 Hypertensive Disease                             | M   | 2        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | 1 | - | 1 |
|  | F   | -        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | - | - | - |
| B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease                          | M   | 21       | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | 1 | 1 | 5 | 7 |
|  | F   | 14       | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | 1 | 4 | 4 | 6 |
| B29 Other forms of Heart Disease                     | M   | 3        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | - | 1 | 2 |
|  | F   | 3        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | - | - | 3 |
| B30 Cerebrovascular Disease                          | M   | 7        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | 1 | 3 | 4 |
|  | F   | 9        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | 1 | 2 | 6 |
| B45 (5) Other Diseases of Circulatory system         | M   | 1        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | - | 1 | - |
|  | F   | 4        | -                 | -      | -          | -      | -       | -       | -       | -       | -       | -                | - | - | 1 | 3 |

| CAUSE OF DEATH<br>According to the International Classification of Diseases | Sex    | Total<br>All<br>Ages | Under<br>4<br>Weeks | 4 Weeks<br>and under<br>1 year | AGE IN YEARS |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |        |        |        |        |
|---|--------|----------------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|--------|----------------|--------|--------|--------|--------|
|   |        |                      |                     |                                | 1 -          | 5 -    | 15 -   | 25 -   | 35 -   | 45 -   | 55 -   | 65 -   | 75 and<br>over |        |        |        |        |
|   |        |                      |                     |                                |              |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |        |        |        |        |
| <u>GROUP VIII - Diseases of the Respiratory System</u>                      |        |                      |                     |                                |              |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |        |        |        |        |
| B32 Pneumonia   | M<br>F | 3<br>12              | -<br>-              | -<br>1                         | -<br>-       | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>-         | -<br>- | 1<br>1 | 1<br>1 | 9      |
| B33 (1) Bronchitis and Emphysema  | M<br>F | 3<br>-               | -<br>-              | -<br>-                         | 1<br>-       | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>-         | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | 2<br>- |
| B45 (6) Other Diseases of Respiratory System                                | M<br>F | 1<br>1               | -<br>-              | -<br>-                         | -<br>-       | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>-         | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | 1<br>- |
| <u>GROUP IX - Diseases of the Digestive System</u>                          |        |                      |                     |                                |              |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |        |        |        |        |
| B34 Peptic Ulcer  | M<br>F | 1<br>-               | -<br>-              | -<br>-                         | -<br>-       | -<br>- | 1<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>-         | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- |
| B 46(7) Other diseases of Digestive system                                  | M<br>F | -<br>2               | -<br>-              | -<br>-                         | -<br>-       | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>-         | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>2 |
| <u>GROUP X - Diseases of the Genito-Urinary System</u>                      |        |                      |                     |                                |              |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |        |        |        |        |
| B38 Nephritis and Nephrosis   | M<br>F | 1<br>-               | -<br>-              | -<br>-                         | -<br>-       | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>-         | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | 1<br>- |
| B45 (8) Other Diseases, Genito-Urinary system                               | M<br>F | -<br>1               | -<br>-              | -<br>-                         | -<br>-       | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>-         | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- |
| <u>GROUP XV - Certain Causes of Perinatal Morbidity and Mortality</u>       |        |                      |                     |                                |              |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |        |        |        |        |
| B43 Birth injury, difficult labour etc.                                     | M<br>F | 3<br>-               | 3<br>-              | -<br>-                         | -<br>-       | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>-         | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- |
| <u>GROUP XVI - Symptoms and ill-defined conditions</u>                      |        |                      |                     |                                |              |        |        |        |        |        |        |        |                |        |        |        |        |
| B45 Symptoms and ill defined conditions                                     | M<br>F | 1<br>1               | -<br>-              | -<br>-                         | -<br>-       | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>-         | -<br>- | -<br>- | -<br>- | 1<br>1 |

CAUSE OF DEATH

According to the International Classification of Diseases

| Sex | Total All Ages | Under 4 Weeks | 4 Weeks and under 1 Year | AGE IN YEARS |     |      |      |      |      |      |      |             |  |
|-----|----------------|---------------|--------------------------|--------------|-----|------|------|------|------|------|------|-------------|--|
|     |                |               |                          | 1 -          | 5 - | 15 - | 25 - | 35 - | 45 - | 55 - | 65 - | 75 and over |  |

GROUP XVII - Accidents, Poisonings and Violence

BE47 Motor Vehicle accidents

BE48 All other accidents

BE49 Suicide and self-inflicted injuries

BE50 All other external causes

TOTAL ALL CAUSES

|  |   |    |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |   |    |    |    |
|--|---|----|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|
|  | M | 3  | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | -  | -  | -  |
|  | F | 2  | - | - | - | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | - | - | 1 | -  | -  | -  |
|  | M | 4  | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | -  | -  | 3  |
|  | F | 4  | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | 1 | -  | -  | -  |
|  | M | 4  | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | -  | -  | -  |
|  | F | 4  | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 1 | 1 | -  | -  | -  |
|  | M | 2  | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | -  | -  | -  |
|  | F | 2  | - | - | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | - | -  | -  | -  |
|  | M | 77 | 3 | - | 1 | 1 | - | 2 | 4 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 12 | 23 | 27 |
|  | F | 67 | - | - | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 9 | 13 | 36 | -  |



TABLE OF BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

(Local Rates after correction by Area Factors)

| Year | Population | Births | Rate per 1,000 Population warminster and Westbury | Rate per 1,000 Population England and Wales | Deaths | Rate per 1,000 Population Warminster and Westbury | Rate per 1,000 Population England and Wales | Deaths of Infants under one year of age |
|------|------------|--------|---|---|--------|---|---|---|
| 1960 | 12,690     | 208    | 19.5  | 17.2  | 131    | 9.9   | 11.5  | 6                                       |
| 1961 | 13,090     | 199    | 18.1  | 17.6  | 159    | 11.7  | 11.9  | 3                                       |
| 1962 | 13,370     | 183    | 16.3  | 18.0  | 164    | 11.8  | 11.9  | 7                                       |
| 1963 | 13,610     | 216    | 19.2  | 18.2  | 172    | 11.6  | 12.2  | 4                                       |
| 1964 | 13,700     | 205    | 18.1  | 18.5  | 142    | 9.5   | 11.3  | 2                                       |
| 1965 | 13,850     | 232    | 20.3  | 18.1  | 145    | 9.5   | 11.5  | 3                                       |
| 1966 | 13,470     | 265    | 23.8  | 17.7  | 152    | 11.3  | 11.7  | 3                                       |
| 1967 | 13,640     | 236    | 20.9  | 17.2  | 149    | 9.9   | 11.2  | 6                                       |
| 1968 | 14,600     | 234    | 19.4  | 16.9  | 145    | 9.1   | 11.9  | 5                                       |
| 1969 | 14,120     | 253    | 21.7  | 16.3  | 144    | 9.4   | 11.9  | 4                                       |

## SECTION D

### GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

#### a) Laboratory facilities

All samples requiring laboratory examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory in Bath. Not only are reports on these samples available from the Medical Director but he is always willing to visit the District, and the Medical Practitioners and myself find this personal contact most satisfactory and rewarding.

#### b) Ambulance Service

The Ambulance service is provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council. The service in this district is controlled from Trowbridge, where the station is manned continuously. A sub-station in Warminster also serves the district. Non-emergency calls must originate from a doctor, dentist or midwife.

To obtain an ambulance in an emergency:-

Where there is a dialling system in operation, dial 999

Where there is no dialling system, lift the receiver and ask for an ambulance.

#### c) Midwifery, Home Nursing, Health Visitors and Home Helps

These services are provided and controlled by the Wiltshire County Council, County Hall, Trowbridge, Telephone Trowbridge 3641.

#### d) Clinics and Treatment Centres

The following Clinics serve the district:-

##### 1. Ante Natal:

At the Maternity Hospitals concerned.

Consultant Clinics are at Trowbridge and Bradford-on-Avon for patients referred by their own doctor or midwife.

Westbury Hospital - Thursday afternoon commencing at 2 p.m.

Health Clinic, Warminster - Tuesday and Thursday afternoons commencing at 2 p.m. for Bradford-on-Avon patients only.

##### 2. Infant Welfare

Health Clinic, The Avenue, Warminster at 2 - 4 p.m. every Friday of each month.

Clinic, Leigh Road, Westbury at 2 - 4 p.m. every Thursday of each month.

Progressive Hall, North Bradley at 2.30 - 4 p.m. on second and fourth Wednesdays of each month.

The Codford Club, Codford at 2.30 - 4 p.m. on second and fourth Mondays of each month.

Dilton Services Social Club, Dilton Marsh at 2.30 p.m. on the second and fourth Fridays of each month.

Welfare Foods are distributed at the Health Clinic, The Avenue, Warminster on: Tuesday 10 a.m. - 11.30 a.m.: Friday 2 - 4 p.m.

##### 3. Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus and Poliomyelitis Immunization

The Warminster clinic is held on the second and fourth Wednesdays of every month at 2 p.m. at The Health Clinic, The Avenue, Warminster.

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

The Codford Clinic is held on the second Monday of every month at The Codford Club, Codford.



#### 4. Venereal Diseases

|                                | <u>Men</u>                  | <u>Women</u>             |
|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| General Infirmary<br>Salisbury | Tuesday<br>1.30 - 4.0. p.m. | Tuesday<br>1.30 - 4 p.m. |
|                                | Friday<br>3 - 6 p.m.        | Friday<br>3 - 6 p.m.     |
| Royal United Hospital<br>Bath  | Tuesday<br>5 - 6 p.m.       | Tuesday<br>2.30 - 4 p.m. |
|                                | Friday<br>5 - 6 p.m.        | Friday<br>2.30 - 4 p.m.  |

#### e) Hospitals

The four hospitals noted below serve the district and are controlled by the West Wilts Hospital Management Committee:

|                                   | <u>Beds</u> | <u>Classification</u>                                | <u>Type of Case dealt with</u>   |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|--|--|
| Warminster Hospital               | 30          | Wholly general)                                      | acute medical and surgical cases. Gynaecological cases. Chronic sick patients for short period only. |
| Westbury and District Hospital    | 20          | do.)   |  |
| Sambourne Hospital<br>Warminster  | 102         | Mainly chronic sick.                                 | Aged chronic sick. Accommodation reserved to County Council for 26 Welfare residents.                |
| Beckford Hospital,<br>Warminster. | 32          | Pre-convalescent and recovery unit plus orthopaedic. |  |

Many residents also attend and receive treatment at several Hospitals in Bath and Salisbury.

Maternity cases are admitted to Hospitals at Bradford-on-Avon, Trowbridge and Salisbury.

Cases of infectious diseases are admitted to the Isolation Hospital at Bath. The majority of cases of Tuberculosis are admitted to Winsley Chest Hospital. The Manor Hospital, Bath, and Odstock Hospital, Salisbury.

#### f) Mortuary

An annual payment is made to the West Wiltshire Hospital Management Committee for mortuary facilities at the Sambourne Hospital, Warminster. The visiting pathologist has expressed his satisfaction with the facilities provided.

#### GENERAL INFORMATION

##### Ministry of Health and Social Security

Weymouth Street,  
Warminster,

Telephone Warminster 2351.

Hours 9 - 5 p.m.

##### Registrar of Births, Marriages and Deaths

The Avenue,  
Warminster.

Laverton Institute,  
Westbury.

Hours: Monday 2.30 - 4 p.m.  
Wednesday 10 - 11.30 a.m.  
Friday 10 - 12 noon.

Hours: Tuesday 9.30 - 11 a.m.  
Thursday 9.30 - 11 a.m.  
Friday 3 - 4 p.m.

Telephone Warminster 3435  
30 Mortimer Street, Trowbridge  
Hours: Thursday 12 noon - 12.30. p.m.  
Telephone Trowbridge 3641.

Telephone Westbury 2122  
The Post Office, Codford  
Hours Wednesday 12 noon - 12.30.p.m.  
Telephone Codford St. Mary 201.



Ministry of Social Security

Area Office,  
School Lane,  
Bellevue Road,  
Salisbury,

Telephone Salisbury 3247.

Homefield House,  
Polebarn Road,  
Trowbridge,

Telephone Trowbridge 4491

In the event of an emergency outside office hours in which the services of an Officer of the Board are required, please telephone:

Mr. P. Nelmes,  
4 Lowmead,  
Trowbridge.

Telephone Trowbridge 4206.

or

Mr. B.E.W. Fear,  
17 Avondale Road,  
Trowbridge,

Telephone Trowbridge 5457.

If you are unable to contact either Mr. Nelmes or Mr. Fear contact should be made with whoever of the following officers is nearest to the locality of the emergency:-

Mr. W.H. Butt,  
42 Tismead Crescent,  
Swindon.

Telephone Swindon 4602

Mr. F.E. Freeman  
Fairlawn,  
Bath Road, Swindon.

Telephone, Swindon 5293.

Mr. R.L. Bennetts,  
1 Dainsway,  
Salisbury.

Telephone Salisbury 4365.

Mr. L. McCarthy,  
Church Lane,  
North Bradley, Trowbridge.

Telephone Trowbridge 4176.

Mental Health Officers

Mr. F. Garnett

During Office Hours

Trowbridge Health Clinic,  
The Halve, Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 4084.

Deputies

Mr. T.R. Williams  
Mr. L.R. Draper

Trowbridge Health Clinic  
The Halve, Trowbridge.

Telephone: Trowbridge 4084.

Area Welfare Office also at

Trowbridge Health Clinic,  
The Halve, Trowbridge,

Outside Office Hours

Telephone Trowbridge Ambulance  
Station to contact the officer  
on duty.

Telephone Trowbridge 3981/2

Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance

Weymouth Street,  
Warminster.

Telephone Warminster 2351.

Hours: 9 - 5 p.m.

North Parade,  
Frome.

Telephone: Frome 2373.

Homefield House,  
Polebarn Road,  
Trowbridge,  
Wilts.

Telephone Trowbridge 4491

SECTION C

PREVENTION AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

Supplies of certain Prophylactic and Therapeutic Agents can be obtained in an emergency form:

The Chief Pharmacist,  
Ham Green Hospital,  
Fill, Bristol.

Telephone 027581 - 2661

The preparations held are:

- Anthrax Antiserum
- Botulinum Antitoxin
- Human Antitetanus Immunoglobulin
- Ovine Antitetanus Serum
- Pralidoxime Mesylate (P2S)

Special arrangements for the treatment of anthrax have been provided by the South Western Regional Hospital Board at Claverton Down Hospital, Bath. This hospital also holds anti-anthrax serum for prophylactic use and for the treatment of patients sensitive to penicillin.

Arrangements for immunization against anthrax can be made through the Wiltshire County Council. All tannery workers regarded as being at risk in the Rural District have been immunized against anthrax.

Poisons Information Service

A national Poisons Information Service has been established at Guy's Hospital, London S.E.1. (HOP 7600) to provide information to medical practitioners so as to facilitate treatment in cases of acute poisoning. This 24 hour service is not available to members of the public.

Organophosphorus Poisoning

Certain insecticides contain organophosphorus poisons, e.g. parathion. Treatment is by pyridine-2-aldoxime-methiodide (PAM). A small supply of PAM is available in the Royal Infirmary Pharmacy (Telephone no. Bristol 22041).

An emergency service for the treatment of cases of organophosphorus insecticide poisoning is also provided by the Medical Division C.D.E.E. (Ministry of Supply), Porton Wilts. (Telephone No. Idmiston 211).

Infectious diseases notified during 1969

|                         | Jan.        | Feb.        | Mar.        | Apr.        | May         | June        | July        | Aug.        | Sept.       | Oct.        | Nov. | Dec. | Total |
|-------------------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|------|------|-------|
| Measles                 | 5           | -           | 9           | 6           | 7           | 10          | 9           | 1           | -           | -           | -    | -    | 47    |
| Whooping Cough          | 2           | 1           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -    | -    | 3     |
| Meningococcal Infection | 1           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -    | -    | 1     |
| Scarlet Fever           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | 1    | -    | 1     |
| Food Poisoning          | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | 1    | -    | 1     |
|                         | <u>1960</u> | <u>1961</u> | <u>1962</u> | <u>1963</u> | <u>1964</u> | <u>1965</u> | <u>1966</u> | <u>1967</u> | <u>1968</u> | <u>1969</u> |      |      |       |
| Measles                 | 14          | 300         | 7           | 106         | 150         | 146         | 87          | 129         | 69          | 47          |      |      |       |
| Whooping Cough          | 4           | 2           | 6           | 6           | 4           | 9           | 1           | 2           | 9           | 3           |      |      |       |
| Lobar Pneumonia         | 2           | 3           | 1           | -           | 3           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           |      |      |       |
| Influenzal Pneumonia    | -           | 1           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           |      |      |       |
| Acute Pneumonia         | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | 6           | 5           | -           |      |      |       |
| Meningococcal Infection | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | 1           | -           | -           | -           | 1           |      |      |       |
| Scarlet Fever           | 12          | 1           | 2           | -           | 12          | 1           | 1           | 2           | 2           | 1           |      |      |       |
| Puerperal Pyrexia       | -           | -           | -           | 1           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           |      |      |       |
| Acute Poliomyelitis     | -           | 2           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           |      |      |       |
| Food Poisoning          | -           | -           | 1           | -           | -           | 2           | -           | -           | -           | 1           |      |      |       |
| Dysentery               | -           | -           | 3           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           |      |      |       |
| Paratyphoid B           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           |      |      |       |
| Infective Hepatitis     | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | -           | 2           | -           |      |      |       |



Tuberculosis

|                                | <u>Pulmonary</u> |               | <u>non-Pulmonary</u> |               |
|--------------------------------|------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
|                                | <u>Male</u>      | <u>Female</u> | <u>Male</u>          | <u>Female</u> |
| Cases on Register at 31.12.68  | 24               | 11            | 11                   | 6             |
| New cases notified during 1969 | -                | 1             | -                    | -             |
| Transfers in                   | -                | -             | -                    | -             |
| Deaths                         | -                | -             | -                    | -             |
| Recovered                      | 1                | 1             | -                    | -             |
| Transferred out of District    | -                | -             | -                    | -             |
| Cases on Register at 31.12.69  | 23               | 11            | 11                   | 6             |

Notifications and Deaths during the year:

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Pulmonary Tuberculosis</u> |               | <u>Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis</u> |               | <u>Totals</u>        |               |
|-------------|-------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------------------|---------------|----------------------|---------------|
|             | <u>Notifications</u>          | <u>Deaths</u> | <u>Notifications</u>              | <u>Deaths</u> | <u>Notifications</u> | <u>Deaths</u> |
| 1960        | 2                             | -             | -                                 | -             | 2                    | -             |
| 1961        | 3                             | 1             | 1                                 | -             | 4                    | 1             |
| 1962        | 1                             | -             | 1                                 | -             | 2                    | -             |
| 1963        | 4                             | -             | -                                 | -             | 4                    | -             |
| 1964        | 2                             | -             | -                                 | -             | 2                    | -             |
| 1965        | 2                             | 1             | -                                 | -             | 2                    | 1             |
| 1966        | 2                             | 1             | -                                 | -             | 2                    | 1             |
| 1967        | -                             | 1             | -                                 | -             | -                    | 1             |
| 1968        | -                             | -             | -                                 | -             | -                    | -             |
| 1969        | 1                             | -             | -                                 | -             | 1                    | -             |

Number of cases on Register at end of each year:-

| <u>Year</u> | <u>Pulmonary</u> | <u>Non-Pulmonary</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-------------|------------------|----------------------|--------------|
| 1960        | 56               | 20                   | 76           |
| 1961        | 49               | 19                   | 68           |
| 1962        | 49               | 19                   | 68           |
| 1963        | 49               | 19                   | 68           |
| 1964        | 52               | 19                   | 71           |
| 1965        | 47               | 19                   | 66           |
| 1966        | 48               | 18                   | 66           |
| 1967        | 43               | 18                   | 61           |
| 1968        | 35               | 17                   | 52           |
| 1969        | 34               | 17                   | 51           |

Section 47, National Assistance Act 1948

No action under this section has been necessary during 1969.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses within the rural district.



IMMUNIZATION AND SMALLPOX VACCINATION STATISTICS, 1969

(The figures are supplied by Courtesy of Dr. C.D.L. Lycett, C.M.O.H. Wilts.)

|  |           | Children born in years |      |      |      |      | 1960<br>- 64 | 1954<br>- 59 | Others<br>Under 16 |
|--|-----------|------------------------|------|------|------|------|--------------|--------------|--------------------|
|  |           | 1969                   | 1968 | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 |              |              |                    |
| Primary imms.<br>Completed<br>during<br>1969 | Diph.     | 83                     | 93   | 4    | 3    | 1    | -            | -            | -                  |
|  | Wh. cough | 80                     | 91   | 4    | 2    | 1    | -            | -            | -                  |
|  | Tetanus   | 83                     | 93   | 4    | 3    | 1    | -            | -            | 4                  |
|  | Measles   | -                      | 22   | 48   | 29   | 8    | 24           | 3            | -                  |
|  | Polio.    | 91                     | 97   | 8    | 3    | 2    | 23           | -            | -                  |
| Reinforcing<br>imms.<br>given in<br>1969     | Diph.     | 1                      | 39   | 96   | 5    | 36   | 168          | 4            | -                  |
|  | Wh. Cough | -                      | 31   | 64   | 4    | 4    | 14           | -            | -                  |
|  | Tetanus   | 1                      | 39   | 96   | 5    | 36   | 171          | 5            | 9                  |
|  | Polip.    | -                      | 38   | 86   | 6    | 36   | 103          | 6            | 1                  |

SMALLPOX

| Age group       | 0 - 3 | 3 - 6 | 6 - 9 | 0 - 12 | 1  | 2 - 4 | 5 - 15 |
|-----------------|-------|-------|-------|--------|----|-------|--------|
| Vaccinations    | -     | -     | -     | -      | 58 | 50    | 4      |
| re-vaccinations | -     | -     | -     | -      | -  | -     | 12     |

During the period the water supply in the Rural District derived from the wells of the West Wilts water board was satisfactory in quality and quantity. Unfortunately the Wilts County Council has again decided against fluoridation of their supplies which are deficient in natural fluorine. Analysis of the water supply and laboratory reports showed the fluoride content to be less than 0.1 parts per million.

The figures in the following table are as reported on the Smallpox and other infectious diseases returns to the Registrar General for the year 1969.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

Milk Supplies - Brucella Abortus

48 samples of raw milk were submitted for biological tests. One sample of the milk from herd controlled by a producer gave a positive result. Notices requiring the milk to be heat treated were served on this producer. The number of Producer/Retailers licenced at the end of the year had further reduced to seven.

Water Supplies

The Rural District is in the northern division of the West Wilts Water Board, and the following figures, for which I am grateful, are taken from the report of the Engineer and Manager for the year ended 31st March 1970.

METERED CONSUMPTION

(Thousand gallons)

|  | Annual Quantity 1966/67 | Annual Quantity 1967/68 | Annual Quantity 1968/69 | Annual Quantity 1969/70 |
|--|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|
| Warminster and Westbury Rural District | 77,899                  | 93,290                  | 90,600                  | 110,150                 |

Number of Properties Receiving a Water Supply from the Board

As at 31st March 1970.

|  | No. of dwelling houses in district | No. of dwelling houses receiving a supply from the Board's Mains | Percentage supplied | No of other properties supplied and charged on no annual values (shops, offices & other buildings) |
|--|------------------------------------|--|---------------------|--|
| Warminster and Westbury Rural District | 5,185                              | 4,810  | 92.77               | 249  |

During the period the water supply in the Rural District derived from the mains of the West Wilts Water Board was satisfactory both in quality and quantity. Unfortunately the Wiltshire County Council has again decided against fluoridation of these supplies which are deficient in natural fluorides. Analysis made of the Burtonfield and Dunkerton sources showed the fluoride content to be less than 0.1 parts per million.

The figures in the following table are as accurate as possible without making a house to house inspection of the Rural District and staff is not available for this purpose.



## Water Supplies (cont'd)

| Village   | Supply | No of Houses on inside mains |       | No of Houses on S/Pipes |      | Private Supplies | Houses on Private Supplies | Popula- tion on Private Supplies | Popula- tion TOTAL |
|---|--------|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|------|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--------------------|
|   |        | Houses                       | pop.  | Houses                  | pop. |                  |                            |                                  |                    |
| Bishopstrow                                     | WWB    | 59                           | 160   | nil                     | nil  | 1                | 1                          | 3                                | 163                |
| Boyton & Corton                                 | "      | 65                           | 150   | "                       | "    | 5                | 7                          | 14                               | 164                |
| Bratton   | "      | 257                          | 681   | 1                       | 1    | 8                | 11                         | 25                               | 707                |
| Bulkington                                      | "      | 44                           | 119   | nil                     | nil  | 2                | 3                          | 7                                | 126                |
| Chapmanslade                                    | "      | 178                          | 467   | "                       | "    | 1                | 2                          | 5                                | 472                |
| Chitterne                                       | "      | 103                          | 261   | "                       | "    | 7                | 10                         | 24                               | 285                |
| Codford   | "      | 235                          | 780   | nil                     | nil  | 14               | 17                         | 42                               | 822                |
| Corsley   | "      | 243                          | 672   | "                       | "    | 8                | 13                         | 30                               | 702                |
| Dilton Marsh                                    | "      | 477                          | 1411  | 8                       | 12   | 2                | 2                          | 5                                | 1428               |
| East Coulston                                   | "      | 25                           | 73    | nil                     | nil  | 3                | 18                         | 36                               | 109                |
| Edington  | "      | 247                          | 649   | "                       | "    | 5                | 7                          | 18                               | 667                |
| Heytesbury & Pt. Tytherington                   | "      | 205                          | 570   | "                       | "    | 1                | 14                         | 33                               | 603                |
| Heywood & Hawkeridge                            | "      | 278                          | 867   | "                       | "    | 1                | 3                          | 8                                | 875                |
| Hinton  | "      | 57                           | 131   | "                       | "    | 1                | 2                          | 4                                | 135                |
| Horningaham                                     | "      | 177                          | 484   | "                       | "    | 5                | 5                          | 10                               | 494                |
| Keevil  | "      | 116                          | 287   | "                       | "    | 2                | 6                          | 15                               | 302                |
| Kingston Monkton & Brixton                      | "      | 112                          | 247   | "                       | "    | 7                | 9                          | 23                               | 270                |
| Knook   | "      | 31                           | 76    | "                       | "    | nil              | nil                        | nil                              | 76                 |
| Longbridge Deverill, Hill Deverill & Crockerton | "      | 283                          | 821   | "                       | "    | 3                | 3                          | 7                                | 827                |
| North Bradley                                   | "      | 432                          | 1171  | 2                       | 5    | nil              | nil                        | nil                              | 1176               |
| Norton Bavant                                   | "      | 40                           | 103   | nil                     | nil  | nil              | nil                        | nil                              | 103                |
| Sherrington                                     | "      | 26                           | 59    | "                       | "    | 2                | 2                          | 5                                | 64                 |
| Southwick                                       | "      | 405                          | 1171  | "                       | "    | 2                | 2                          | 4                                | 1175               |
| Carried Forward                                 |        | 4095                         | 11410 | 11                      | 17   | 80               | 137                        | 318                              | 11745              |



Water Supplies cont'd

| Village                        | Supply  | No of houses on inside mains |       | No of houses on S/Pipes |     | Private Supplies | Houses on Private Supplies | Popula- tion on Private Supplies | Popu- tion TOTAL |
|--------------------------------|---------|------------------------------|-------|-------------------------|-----|------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|------------------|
|                                |         | houses                       | pop   | houses                  | pop |                  | Private Supplies           | Private Supplies                 |                  |
| Brought forward                |         | 4095                         | 11410 | 11                      | 17  | 80               | 137                        | 318                              | 1174             |
| Steeple Ashton                 | WWB     | 390                          | 1177  | nil                     | nil | 6                | 6                          | 12                               | 118              |
| Stockton                       | private | nil                          | nil   | nil                     | nil | 3                | 81                         | 225                              | 22               |
| Sutton Veny & Pt. Tytherington | WWB     | 183                          | 520   | "                       | "   | 2                | 2                          | 3                                | 5                |
| Upton Lovell                   | "       | 50                           | 109   | "                       | "   | 6                | 7                          | 18                               | 12               |
| Upton Scudamore                | "       | 82                           | 256   | "                       | "   | nil              | nil                        | nil                              | 25               |
| West Ashton                    | "       | 121                          | 301   | "                       | "   | 4                | 9                          | 24                               | 32               |
| TOTAL                          |         | 4921                         | 13773 | 11                      | 17  | 101              | 242                        | 600                              | 1439             |

ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

The Rural District Council controls the gauge sited at Cross Roads Farm, Edington. The figures are given in six monthly periods coincidental with the season

Deposited Matter. Undissolved deposit expressed as milligrammes per sq. metre per day

| Oct. 1967           | Nov. 1967 | Dec. 1967 | Jan. 1968 | Feb. 1968 | March 1968 | Winter Average |
|---------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------------|
| No figure available | 18        | 14        | 14        | 78        | 23         | -              |
| April 1968          | May 1968  | June 1968 | July 1968 | Aug. 1968 | Sept. 1968 | Summer Average |
| 14                  | 21        | 36        | 39        | 94        | 76         | 47             |
| Oct. 1968           | Nov. 1968 | Dec. 1968 | Jan. 1969 | Feb. 1969 | March 1969 | Winter Average |
| 51                  | 19        | 48        | 41        | 35        | 27         | 37             |
| April 1969          | May 1969  | June 1969 | July 1969 | Aug. 1969 | Sept. 1969 | Summer Average |
| 79                  | 49        | 61        | 108       | 308       | 44         | 108            |
| Oct. 1969           | Nov. 1969 | Dec. 1969 | Jan. 1970 | Feb. 1970 | March 1970 | Winter Average |
| 53                  | 33        | 25        | 24        | 28        | 34         | 33             |

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

1. INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH  
(including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

| Premises<br>(1)   | Number<br>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                      | -                               | -                  | -                         | -                              |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority                      | 57                              | 19                 | 9                         | -                              |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises). | -                               | -                  | -                         | -                              |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>57</b>                       | <b>19</b>          | <b>9</b>                  | <b>-</b>                       |

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<br>(2)                                | Remedied<br>(3) | Referred<br>To H.M.<br>Inspector<br>(3) | By H.M.<br>Inspector<br>(5) |  |
| Want of cleanliness (S.1)   | -   | -               | -                                       | -                           | -  |
| Overcrowding (S.2)  | -   | -               | -                                       | -                           | -  |
| Unreasonable temperature (S.3)  | -   | -               | -                                       | -                           | -  |
| Inadequate ventilation (S.4)  | -   | -               | -                                       | -                           | -  |
| Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)  | -   | -               | -                                       | -                           | -  |
| sanitary conveniences (S.7)   |   |                 |   |                             |  |
| (a) Insufficient  | 9   | 2               | -                                       | -                           | -  |
| (b) Unsuitable or defective   | 1   | -               | -                                       | 1                           | -  |
| (c) Not separate for sexes  | -   | -               | -                                       | -                           | -  |
| Other offences against the Act (Not including offences relating to Outwork) | -   | -               | -                                       | -                           | -  |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>10</b>                                   | <b>2</b>        | <b>-</b>                                | <b>1</b>                    | <b>-</b>   |



FACTORIES ACT 1961 (continued)

PART VIII of the Act

Outwork

(Sections 133 and 134)

| Nature of Work (1)                                    | Section 133  |  |   | Section 134  |                    |                  |
|---|--|--|---|--|--------------------|------------------|
|   | No. of out-workers in August list required by section 133(i) (c) (2) | No of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3) | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4) | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises (5) | Notices served (6) | Prosecutions (7) |
| Wearing apparel (making, etc., Cleaning and Washing). | 40   | -  | -   | -  | -                  | -                |
| Umbrellas etc.  | 1  | -  | -   | -  | -                  | -                |
| Textile weaving                                       | -  | -  | -   | -  | -                  | -                |
| <b>TOTAL</b>  | <b>41</b>  | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>  | <b>-</b>   | <b>-</b>           | <b>-</b>         |



Mr. A.H. Eagle, Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector reports as follows:-

#### SEWERAGE AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL

Work on laying the sewers in North Bradley and Yarnbrook were completed during the early part of the year.

Tenders for Wnorwellsdown (Phase I) were received from Contractors, and approval was received from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government to commence work.

A local enquiry was conducted by the Ministry at Upton Scudamore, but no results of this enquiry had been received by the end of the year.

#### REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

A scheme for providing a weekly refuse collection at Southwick, Ashton Park Area, Heywood and Hawkeridge Area was introduced at the beginning of the year. Further requests were received from districts receiving fortnightly collections for a more frequent service. This could only be possible by the purchase of another refuse vehicle.

Attempts to locate additional areas for tipping refuse in the south of the area were unsuccessful. Discussion took place with the Agents acting for the owner of Knook Tip with a view to extending the tipping area. A site has been located in the north of the area and negotiations are being actively pursued with the owner.

A number of complaints were received concerning flies in the vicinity of Penleigh Tip. The purchase of a larger excavator and a more frequent dusting of insecticide kept the problem under control.

#### OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Inspections carried out during the year were mainly confined to newly registered premises and premises where defects were outstanding. The defects found were mainly of a minor nature, namely lack of an abstract notice, or thermometer.

No prosecutions were taken during the year.

One accident was reported. This was caused by a person lifting a wooden pallet and straining his back. This is the lowest number of accidents recorded in the last few years. Circulation of all premises with a letter drawing attention to the obligation of employers to notify accidents (Section 48) is under consideration.

Three premises were newly registered during the year and four premises ceased to come within the scope of the Act.

The number of premises registered at the end of the year were:-

|                            |
|----------------------------|
| 13 Offices                 |
| 17 Retail Shops            |
| 1 Warehouse                |
| 6 Catering Establishments. |

The total number of persons employed was 244.

#### FOOD AND DRUGS ACT 1955

##### Milk Sampling

|   |             |
|---|-------------|
| Total number of samples of heat treated milk taken          | 62          |
| Samples of Pasteurised Milk passing the methylene blue test | 50 (6 void) |
| Samples of Pasteurised Milk failing the methylene blue test | 6           |
| Samples of Pasteurised Milk passing the phosphatase test    | 58          |
| Samples of Pasteurised Milk failing the phosphatase test    | 0           |
| Samples of Sterilized Milk passing the turbidity test       | 4           |
| Samples of Sterilized Milk failing the turbidity test       | 0           |

Milk Sampling (continued)

|   |     |
|---|-----|
| Total number of samples of Untreated Milk taken           | 113 |
| Samples of Untreated Milk passing the methylene blue test | 87  |
| Samples of Untreated Milk failing the methylene blue test | 6   |
| Number of sets of bottle rinses taken                     | NIL |

FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

|   |    |
|---|----|
| Number of premises                          | 91 |
| Number of premises complying with Reg. 16   | 82 |
| Number of premises to which Reg. 19 applies | 88 |
| Number of premises complying with Reg. 19   | 87 |

The types of food premises and the number of each type are as follows:-

|  |       |
|--|-------|
| General grocery and confectionery premises | 43    |
| Butchers premises                          | 4     |
| Catering premises                          | 12    |
| Bakeries                                   | 1     |
| Public Houses                              | 31    |
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|  | 91    |

POULTRY INSPECTION

There are no poultry processing premises within the district.

CIVIC AMENITIES ACT 1967

Eight vehicles found abandoned were dealt with under this Act. One vehicle was towed into the Council's refuse tip at the request of the owner and disposed of. The remainder were removed from their places of abandonment by the owners after service of informal notices.

Four of the eight vehicles were abandoned at Council House Estates.

PETROLEUM ACTS

Eight petroleum storage tanks were due for pressure testing during the year. Six were tested, and withstood a pressure of 10 lbs. per sq. in. for 24 hours. Notification was received that one tank due for testing was no longer used for the storage of petroleum spirit.

HOUSING

(a) Council Housing programme

Four bungalows and 6 flats at Codford were completed together with 6 garages. The construction of four bungalows and 14 garages were commenced at Steeple Ashton.

(b) Private Enterprise Housing

One hundred and fifteen houses were completed during the year and one hundred and forty were under construction at the end of December 1969.

(c) Improvement Grants

During the year thirteen houses were improved with the aid of Discretionary Grants totalling £5,670. and twenty two houses were improved with the aid of Standard Grants totalling £4,998.12.7.

(d) Housing Repairs and Rents Act

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during 1969.

(e) Housing Act, 1957 and Public Health Acts, 1936 and 1961

Forty four informal notices were served during the year, and twenty one complied with.



RURAL HOUSING STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31st DECEMBER 1969

|   |                                      |
|---|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Number of permanent dwellings in the district at end of year   | 5,250                                |
| 2. Number of permanent dwellings in district owned by local authority   | 693                                  |
| 3. Number of temporary dwellings in district owned by local authority   | nil                                  |
| 4. Number of applications for Council dwellings at end of year  | no list of applicants is maintained. |
| <br>  |                                      |
| 5. <u>Inspection of dwellings during year</u>   |                                      |
| (i) Number of dwellings inspected under Public Health or Housing Acts   | 188                                  |
| (ii) Number of dwellings found to be unfit  | 7                                    |
| 6. Number of dwellings rendered fit in consequence of informal action   | 24                                   |
| 7. <u>Action under Statutory Powers</u>   |                                      |
| (A) <u>Proceedings under Public Health Acts</u>   |                                      |
| (i) Number of dwellings where formal notices were served  | 4                                    |
| (ii) Number of dwellings made fit as a result of formal notices   | nil                                  |
| (a) By owners   | nil                                  |
| (b) By local authority in default of owners   | nil                                  |
| (B) <u>Proceedings under Section 9 and 16 Housing Act, 1957</u>   |                                      |
| (i) Number of dwellings where notices were served requiring defects to be remedied                            | 5                                    |
| (ii) Number of dwellings rendered fit after service of formal notices   | 3                                    |
| (a) By owners   | 3                                    |
| (b) By Local Authority in default of owners   | nil                                  |
| (C) <u>Proceedings under Section 16 and 17 Housing Act 1957</u>   |                                      |
| (i) Number of demolition Orders made  | 1                                    |
| (ii) Number of dwellings demolished as result of demolition orders  | 3                                    |
| (iii) Number of undertakings accepted to make fit or not to re-let  | 2                                    |
| (iv) Number of dwellings made fit as result of undertakings   | 1                                    |
| (D) <u>Proceedings under Sections 16, 17, 18, 26 and 35 Housing Act 1957, and Section 26 Housing Act 1961</u> |                                      |
| (i) Number of dwellings where closing orders were made  | 5                                    |
| (ii) Number of dwellings closed as result of closing orders or undertakings by owners                         | 4                                    |
| (E) <u>Proceedings under Sections 17, 42, 43, 46 and 48 Housing act 1957</u>                                  |                                      |
| (i) Number of dwellings in clearance areas upon which demolition orders were made                             | nil                                  |
| (ii) Number of dwellings demolished as result of demolition orders  | nil                                  |
| (iii) Number of dwellings in clearance areas which have been retained as temporary accommodation              | nil                                  |
| (F) <u>Proceedings under Section 76 Housing Act 1957</u>  |                                      |
| (i) Number of cases of overcrowding at end of year  | nil                                  |
| (ii) Number of cases of overcrowding discovered during year   | 3                                    |
| (iii) Number of cases of overcrowding abated during year  | 3                                    |

RODENT CONTROL

|  |      |
|--|------|
| No. of complaints  | 140  |
| No. of dwellinghouses and business premises inspected                  | 1225 |
| No. of dwellinghouses and business premises found infested             | 505  |
| No. of Agricultural properties inspected                               | 136  |
| No. of Agricultural properties found infested                          | 80   |
| No. of dwellinghouses and business premises treated by Local Authority | 479  |
| No. of Agricultural properties treated by Local Authority              | 71   |
| Total treatments carried out including re-treatments                   | 462  |

Both the sites used for "controlled tipping" were regularly inspected and treated by the Council's Rodent Operator for both the control of rodents and flies.

Ten properties were treated for an infestation of flies; one for an infestation of cockroaches and one for an infestation of crickets.

Fifteen wasps nests were destroyed.



MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

Carcases and offal inspected and condemned in whole or part:

|  | Cattle<br>Exclud-<br>ing Cows | Cows | Calves | Sheep<br>and<br>Lambs | Pigs   | Goats | Horses |
|--|-------------------------------|------|--------|-----------------------|--------|-------|--------|
| Number killed  | 89                            | -    | 3      | 240                   | 163    | -     | -      |
| Number inspected   | 89                            | -    | 3      | 240                   | 163    | -     | -      |
| <b>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI</b>                                       |                               |      |        |                       |        |       |        |
| Whole carcasses condemned  | -                             | -    | -      | -                     | -      | -     | -      |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned   | 33                            | -    | -      | 19                    | 19     | -     | -      |
| Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci | 37.0%                         | -    | -      | 7.92%                 | 11.66% | -     | -      |
| <b>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</b>   |                               |      |        |                       |        |       |        |
| Whole carcasses condemned  | -                             | -    | -      | -                     | -      | -     | -      |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned   | -                             | -    | -      | -                     | 1      | -     | -      |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis                                | -                             | -    | -      | -                     | .61    | -     | -      |
| <b>CYCTICERCOSIS</b>   |                               |      |        |                       |        |       |        |
| Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned   | 1                             | -    | -      | 1                     | -      | -     | -      |
| Carcases submitted to treatment by Refrigeration   | -                             | -    | -      | -                     | -      | -     | -      |
| Generalised and totally condemned  | -                             | -    | -      | -                     | -      | -     | -      |

INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

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The following is a summary of inspections and visits made during 1969:-

|                                    |    |    |    |    |    |    |      |
|------------------------------------|----|----|----|----|----|----|------|
| P.H. Act Inspections               | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 300  |
| P.H. Act Revisits                  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 109  |
| Housing Act Inspections            | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 106  |
| Housing Act Revisits               | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 68   |
| Infectious Diseases                | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5    |
| Tents, vans and sheds              | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 10   |
| Water Supplies                     | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27   |
| Water Samples taken                | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 15   |
| Sewage works, drainage and ditches | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 356  |
| Sewerage Schemes                   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 30   |
| Factories Acts (with Power)        | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 18   |
| Workplaces                         | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1    |
| Building Regulations               | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2082 |
| Work in Progress                   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 40   |
| Drain Tests                        | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 84   |
| Town & Country Planning Acts       | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 550  |
| Improvement Grants - Discretionary | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 59   |
| Improvement Grants - Standard      | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 83   |
| Refuse Disposal                    | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 259  |
| Offensive Trades                   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | -    |
| Animal Boarding Establishments     | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4    |
| Pests and Vermin                   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2    |
| Interviews                         | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 86   |
| Miscellaneous                      | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 91   |
| Food Inspections                   | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 22   |
| Meat do.                           | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 59   |
| Slaughterhouses                    | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2    |
| Butchers' Shops                    | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 9    |
| Butchers' Vans                     | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2    |
| Grocers' Shops                     | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 20   |
| Grocers' Vans                      | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | -    |
| General and Confectionery Premises | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 4    |



INSPECTIONS OF THE DISTRICT

|   |     |    |    |    |    |    |     |
|---|-----|----|----|----|----|----|-----|
| Catering Premises                               | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11  |
| Ice Cream Retailers                             | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 11  |
| Licensed Premises                               | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 16  |
| Milk and Dairies visits                         | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 32  |
| Milk and bottle samples                         | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 126 |
| Watercress beds                                 | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 2   |
| Diseases of Animals Acts                        | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19  |
| Petroleum Acts                                  | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 27  |
| Council Housing Estates                         | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 999 |
| Small dwellings' Acquisition Act                | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 5   |
| Footpaths, etc.,                                | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 63  |
| Poultry Packing Stations                        | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | -   |
| Agricultural Sanitary Accommodation Regulations | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1   |
| Atmospheric Pollution                           | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 19  |
| Bakehouses                                      | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1   |
| Greengrocers' Vans                              | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | -   |
| Greengrocers' Premises                          | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 3   |
| Petroleum tank tests                            | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12  |
| Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act         | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 29  |
| do. do. do. do. do.(Accidents)                  | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1   |
| Public Utilities Street Works Act               | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1   |
| National Assistance Act                         | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | -   |
| Scrap dealers                                   | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 12  |
| Caravan Act                                     | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 44  |
| Noise Abatement                                 | ..  | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | 1   |
| Street Lighting                                 | ... | .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | -   |

| Bill No. | Author | Subject                | Stage | Date |
|----------|--------|------------------------|-------|------|
| 11       | ...    | General Provisions     | ...   | ...  |
| 12       | ...    | Ice Cream Factories    | ...   | ...  |
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