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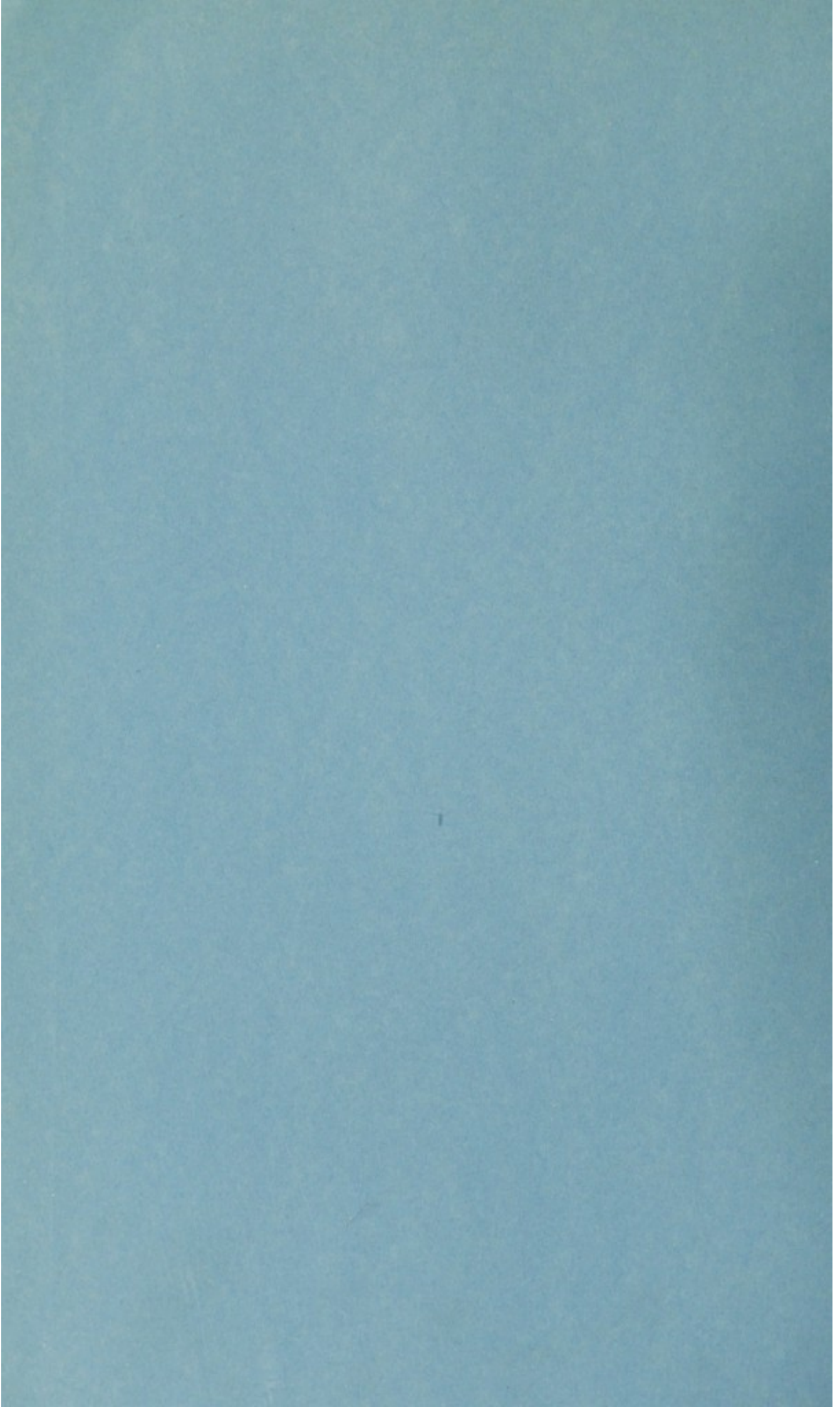
**ANNUAL REPORT**

OF THE

**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

FOR THE YEAR ENDED

**31st DECEMBER, 1966**



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TO THE  
CHAIRMAN AND COUNCILLORS  
OF THE  
WINCANTON RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1966.

VITAL STATISTICS

Births

The total number of live births during the year was 256, as compared with 265 for the previous year. The Standardised Birth Rate was 17.8, as compared with 18.3 for the previous year. The rate for England and Wales was 17.7.

Deaths

The number of deaths of infants under the age of one year was 3, as compared with 2 for the previous year. The Infant Mortality Rate (i.e. deaths under 1 year per 1,000 live births) was 11.7, as compared with 7.5 for the previous year. The rate for England and Wales was 18.9. The Perinatal Mortality Rate was 34.3, as compared with 14.8 for the previous year. The rate for England Wales was 26.3.

The Standardised Death Rate of the population was 10.4, as compared with 11.1 for the previous year. The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.7. Of the total deaths for all ages, namely 238, 128 occurred in people aged 75 years and over.

IMMUNISATION

Details of immunization, which in the main relate to children, are set out in the Report proper. To determine the immunized state of the children I have adopted the method of totalling the number of children born in 1965 and who have been immunized either in 1966 or 1965. The following Table shows the immunisation state of children born in 1965 and who were immunized against various infectious diseases either in 1965 or 1966.

No. of children born in 1965 = 265.

	<u>No. immunized in</u>		<u>Total</u>	<u>Rate</u>	
	<u>1965</u>	<u>1966</u>		<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
Immunized against Diphtheria	99	106	205	77%	76%
Immunized against Whooping Cough	90	126	216	81%	70%
Immunized against Polio- myelitis	41	168	209	79%	70%
Immunized against Tetanus	104	106	210	79%	76%

The percentage of children in their second year of live immunized against Anterior Poliomyelitis for England and Wales is 68%.

### Smallpox

The number of vaccinations of children under 2 years, i.e. children born in 1965 or 1966 was 156. The average birth rate for these two years is 260.5, and based on this figure the percentage of children vaccinated under the age of 2 years is 60%. The total number of primary vaccinations carried out on children, aged up to 15 years, during the year 1966, was 187. Based on a birth rate of 260.5 the percentage of children vaccinated at school leaving age is 71.7%. The percentage of children in their second year of life vaccinated against Smallpox for England and Wales is 38%.

### FLUORIDATION

In my Annual Report to the Council for the year 1963 I made a comprehensive report on this subject. I made mention in my report that 23 Local Authorities out of the total of 36, which comprise the County, i.e. 63.8% had voted in favour of Fluoridation and that the Somerset County Council had received a report dealing with Fluoridation from their own Committee, which also advised in favour of Fluoridation. Despite the foregoing the Somerset County Council voted against Fluoridation, the voting being 39 against, 34 in favour, and 9 abstentions.

In his Annual Report for the year 1965, Dr. D. C. H. Lycett, County Medical Officer of Health, Wiltshire, wrote as follows:-

"At the end of the year 93 authorities, covering almost half the population of England and Wales, had resolved in favour of fluoridation of water. At the time of writing (August 1966), authorities covering over two-thirds of the population have agreed. It is most unfortunate that Wiltshire should be among the authorities who have rejected it. On the average three year old children drinking unfluoridated water have three times as much dental decay, and five year olds have twice as much, as those in areas where the supply is fluoridated, apart from the lasting benefit of fluoridation to older persons. It is difficult to believe that this state of affairs can give much satisfaction to anyone."

Apropos of the same subject, Dr. W. McCormack, Medical Officer of Health for the London Borough of Harrow, reporting on Fluoridation stated:-

"The question of fluoridation of water supplies was considered by the Health Committee in the light of Ministry of Health Circular 15/65. The Committee met representatives of the Harrow Committee against Fluoridation to hear their views on the matter, considered my full report and then resolved to recommend to the Council that arrangements be made for the addition of fluoride to the Borough's water supplies. This recommendation was fully debated and finally adopted by the Council. There, because it is impracticable for the Water Company to provide fluoridated water in only part of its area, the matter rests until such time as there is unanimity among the various local health authorities within the Water Undertakers statutory area of supply. When one considers the amount of time and money that must have been expended over the whole country in arguing and publicising the 'pros and cons' of fluoridation and then considers the monumental mass of scientific and medical evidence proving the efficacy of fluoride as a caries inhibitor, one wonders whether this should not have been decided centrally rather than left for local decision."

Again, in the 1963 Annual Report, I wrote:-

- (1) There is ample evidence to show the need for improved preventive treatment of disease of the teeth.
- (2) That fluoridation is the best practicable means available at present.
- (3) That the improvement achieved in children extends into middle age.
- (4) There are no medical contraindications to fluoridation.
- (5) That the opposition to fluoridation is mainly due to ignorance, apathy and groundless prejudice.
- (6) Relevant to the above an appeal against the decision of Mr. Justice McGregor that the Lower Hutt population (New Zealand) were entitled in law to add fluoride to water, was considered by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, who upheld the decision of Mr. Justice McGregor. Lord Upjohn, member of the Judicial Committee, quoted from the judgement of Mr. Justice McGregor, when he said:-  
'I was satisfied on the evidence that (1) there is a high incidence of dental caries in New Zealand generally; (2) there was almost a complete absence or at least a high deficiency in the fluoride content of the natural artesian well water supply of Lower Hutt; (3) that the absorption of fluoride has a substantial effect in reducing the incidence of dental caries, especially in young children; (4) there are no deleterious or toxic effects on the human body from the absorption of fluoride, more emphatically in the minute proportion of one part per million; (5) any surplus fluoride taken into the body is excreted without harmful results; and (6) tablets or other vehicles for the taking of fluoride are unsatisfactory in that the required regularity with children would not be achieved, and natural water is the only really satisfactory vehicle.'

The County Council in May 1963 circularized all Local Authorities to obtain their views on Fluoridation. Their refusal to implement the decision of the Local Authorities who voted strongly in favour of Fluoridation, i.e. 23 authorities in favour, 13 against, would appear to be a negation of democratic government. A fluorine content of 1 part per million in water is essential if Somerset children are to have the minimum incidence of dental disease. According to the County Analyst, the majority of water supplies in the County contain less than 0.1 part per million, as compared with the required minimum of 1 part per million. This deficiency can be rectified by Fluoridation and only by Fluoridation.

As in my previous Annual Reports, I should like to record my appreciation of the kindness, courtesy and help I have invariably received from the members of the Council and Officials.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

P. POWER FOX.

Medical Officer of Health.



WINCANTON RURAL DISTRICT

STATISTICS OF THE AREA FOR THE YEAR 1966

Area (in acres) ... ..	64,397
Rateable Value ... ..	£496,512
Estimated Produce of 1d. rate in the year ending 31.3.67	£1,963
No. of inhabited houses ... (31.3.67.) ... ..	5,720
Population ... ..	16,830

RAINFALL

The rainfall for the year was 41.67.

VITAL STATISTICS OF THE YEAR

The statistics furnished by the Registrar show the number of births and deaths after correction has been made for transfers to the normal place of residence of the individuals concerned. From these figures can be calculated the "crude" birth and death rates. As, however, the highest mortality occurs at the two extremes of life, and industrial areas in general have a bigger proportion of people living in the middle age periods of life, some correction must be made for the irregularities of distribution as regards age and sex, as otherwise the death rate will afford no accurate means of comparing the healthiness of one district with another. This comparability factor is furnished by the Registrar General and applied to the "crude" birth or death rate, gives a standardised rate and enables comparison to be made with the rate for England and Wales, or with rates of other districts.

Live Births ... ..	256
Live Birth Rate ... ..	15.2
Standardised Birth Rate ... ..	17.8
Stillbirths ... ..	7
Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births	25.1
Total Births ... ..	263
Infant Deaths ... ..	3
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births ... ..	11.7
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 legitimate births ... ..	12.9
Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 illegitimate births ... ..	-
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (first four weeks) per 1,000 related live births ... ..	7.8
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate (first week) per 1,000 related live births ... ..	-
Peri-Natal Mortality Rate (stillbirths + deaths during the first week) per 1,000 total live and still births	34.6
Percentage of illegitimate live births ... ..	7.8
Maternal Deaths (excluding abortion) ... ..	-
Maternal Mortality Rate (including abortion) per 1,000 total births	-

BIRTHS

				<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
(a)	<u>Live Births</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Legitimate ...	128	108	236	243
	Illegitimate ...	14	6	20	22
		<u>142</u>	<u>114</u>	<u>256</u>	<u>265</u>
	Crude Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population =			15.2	15.7
	Standardised Birth Rate per 1,000 estimated population =			16.8	18.3
	Birth Rate for England and Wales ...			17.7	18.0

(b) Stillbirths

	Legitimate ...	5	2	7	4
	Illegitimate ...	-	-	-	-
		<u>5</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>7</u>	<u>4</u>
	Stillbirth Rate per 1,000 live and still births =			26.6	14.8
	Stillbirth Rate for England and Wales ... =			15.3	15.7

DEATHS

				<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
		<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>Total</u>
	Total Deaths ...	125	113	238	250
	Crude Death Rate per 1,000 pop.			14.1	14.8
	Standardised Death Rate per 1,000 pop.			10.4	11.1
	Death Rate for England and Wales			11.7	11.5

MATERNAL MORTALITY

Puerperal Sepsis	Nil
Other Puerperal Causes	Nil

BIRTHS

The total number of births was 256, as compared with 265 the previous year, 142 males and 114 females. Of these, 20 were illegitimate, 14 males and 6 females.

DEATHS

The Standardised Death Rate was 10.4. The Death Rate for England and Wales was 11.7. The following table shows the age and sex incidence, and it will be noted that amongst the males, of the 125 deaths, 90 occurred amongst those 65 years and over, and 51 amongst those 75 years and over. Of the females, out of the total of 113 deaths, 100 were 65 years and over, and 77 were 75 years and over.

AGES AT DEATH

Ages at death in years	Males	Females	Total
Under 1	1	2	3
1	-	-	-
5	-	-	-
15	2	-	2
25	-	2	2
35	3	2	5
45	5	5	10
55	24	2	26
65	39	23	62
75 and over	51	77	128
Total	125	113	238

	<u>1966</u>	<u>1965</u>
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	52	41
Deaths from Heart Disease (all ages)	67	75
Deaths from Phthisis (all ages)	1	-

The following table shows the causes of death and sex distribution.

	Males	Females
Tuberculosis, Respiratory ...	1	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ...	3	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	10	-
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	-	6
Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus ...	-	5
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	14	10
Leukaemia, Aleukaemia ...	-	1
Diabetes ...	1	-
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	17	22
Coronary Disease, Angina ...	21	18
Other heart disease ...	11	17
Other circulatory disease ...	5	11
Influenza ...	1	-
Pneumonia ...	8	4
Bronchitis ...	10	2
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ...	2	-
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea	1	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate ...	1	-
Congenital Malformations ...	-	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	8	9
Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	6	1
All other accidents ...	3	-
Suicide ...	1	-
Total	125	113

### INFANTILE MORTALITY

The number of children dying within the first twelve months of life was 3. The rate per 1,000 live births was 11.7, as compared with England and Wales - 18.9.

### CAUSES OF DEATH AND AGE

Cause of Death	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year
Congenital Malformation	1	-
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	1

### MATERNAL MORTALITY

There were no maternal deaths during the year.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table sets out the details of infectious diseases during the year, and also the figures for the previous year.

	Cases Notified	
	1966	1965
Measles ... ..	120	303
Whooping Cough ... ..	-	2
Scarlet Fever ... ..	-	-
Pneumonia ... ..	2	1
Dysentery ... ..	1	-
Puerperal Pyrexia ... ..	-	2
Food Poisoning ... ..	-	8
Tuberculosis Pulmonary ... ..	1	-
Total ... ..	124	316

### IMMUNISATION

#### Diphtheria and Whooping Cough

The following table shows the number of children who completed a full course of primary immunisation during the year 1966.

Children born in the years:-

	1966	1965	1964	1963	1959 - 62	Others under age 16.	Total
Diphtheria	95	106	1	5	11	1	219
Whooping Cough	95	126	4	4	10	1	240

In addition, 189 children in the same age groups received re-inforcement or booster doses against Diphtheria.

Smallpox

Age Groups	0 - 3 mths.	4 - 6 mths.	7 - 9 mths.	10 - 12 mths.	1 yr.	2 - 4 yrs.	5 - 15 yrs.	Total
	P.	P.	P.	P.	P. R.	P. R.	P. R.	P. R.
	2	41	14	8	91 -	20 1	11 19	187 20

Poliomyelitis

Children born 1966	Children born 1965	Children born 1964	Children born 1963	Children born 1959 - 62	Others under age 16	Total
79	168	10	4	10	2	273

Re-inforcement Doses

Children born 1966	Children born 1965	Children born 1964	Children born 1963	Children born 1959 - 62	Others under age 16	Total
-	-	-	-	125	21	146

Tetanus

Children immunized in 1966 who were born in the years:-						
1966	1965	1964	1963	1959 - 62	Others under age 16	Total
95	106	1	5	11	1	219

Children who received a re-inforcing injection during the year 1966						
1966	1965	1964	1963	1959 - 62	Other under age 16	Total
-	4	15	3	113	52	187

TUBERCULOSIS

The number of cases of Pulmonary Tuberculosis notified during the year was 1, Non-Pulmonary nil. There was one death recorded as due to Pulmonary Tuberculosis and no deaths due to Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis.

No. of cases notified Pulmonary	...	...	...	1
No. of cases notified Non-Pulmonary	...	...	...	-
No. of deaths Pulmonary	...	...	...	1
No. of deaths Non-Pulmonary	...	...	...	-
Death rate of Respiratory Tuberculosis per 1,000 pop.				0.05

AGE AND SEX INCIDENCE OF TUBERCULOSIS

AGE	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
15	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
20	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
25	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
45	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-
55	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
65 & upwards	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Total	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

HOME HELP SERVICE

The work of the Home Help Service continues to be an essential auxiliary of the Health and Welfare Services, and the table below shows the type of case and number dealt with during 1966.

Type of Case	1966	1965
Mental Illness	3	3
Maternity	1	13
Old Age and Infirmary	68	93
Chronic Illness	5	1
General Illness	1	7
Post Operation	-	3
Accidents	-	2
	<u>78</u>	<u>122</u>

LATERNITY AND CHILD WELFARE

INFANT WELFARE CLINICS

No. of children who attended for the first time under 1 year of age ... ..	CASTLE CARY	21	55	21	54	18	169
No. of children who attended during the year	HERNSTIDGE	65	235	70	123	51	544
Total attendances of children during the year	HILBORNE PORT	434	1,538	112	692	231	3,007
Average attendance of children per session	WITCANTON	18	64	10	29	23	144
Total No. of consultations with Medical Officer	BRUTON	43	303	-	-	128	474
No. of medical sessions with Medical Officer	TOTAL	7	24	-	-	12	43
Total No. of sessions		24	24	11	24	12	95

ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wincanton Rural District Council.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my annual report for the  
year ended 31st December, 1966.

The total number of inspections was 4,408

made up as follows:-

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Caravan Sites	...	...	...	...	...	...	85
Dangerous Buildings and Demolition Sites...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Drainage, Sewers and Sewage Disposal.	...	...	...	...	...	...	90
Nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	179
Rodent and other infestations..	...	...	...	...	...	...	20
Infectious diseases	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	...	120
Sanitary Accommodation (2), Means of Escape (1)	...	...	...	...	...	...	
Refuse Disposal (1), Sect.29, P.H.A.(1)...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5

New Buildings

Building Regulations & Town Planning ... .. 2495

Housing. ... .. 194

Grants. ... .. 201

Food & Drugs Act.

Meat inspection... .. 441

Food premises ... .. 73

Food inspection... .. 110

Petroleum ... .. 104

Factories ... .. 16

Offices, Shops & Railway Premises Act. ... .. 133

Waste Food Order ... .. 4

Miscellaneous. ... .. 104

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### WATER SUPPLIES

The water supplies of the District have been generally satisfactory in both quality and quantity.

Routine sampling of the public supplies, both chemical and bacteriological, are undertaken by the Wessex Water Board and copies of the reports have been supplied.

Some trouble was experienced with the Charlton Musgrove supply and a supply serving part of the Wincanton parish. However the Board has now successfully dealt with these.

Sampling has also been undertaken by this Department with the following results.

SUPPLY	RAW WATER				TREATED AFTER GOING INTO SUPPLY			
	BACTERIOLOGICAL		CHEMICAL		BACTERIOLOGICAL		CHEMICAL	
	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory.
Public	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Private	15	33	-	-	-	-	-	-

### SEWERAGE

A sewer extension was carried out at Cutty Lane, North Cadbury in order to exclude drainage of a farm from the disposal works.

Schemes of sewerage and sewage disposal have been completed at Yonston and at Sutton Montis.

A relief sewer on the Castle Cary and Ansford system has also been completed.

A sewerage scheme for Galhampton has been submitted to the Ministry for approval.

#### Cesspool Emptying

The cesspool emptying scheme has continued to operate successfully. In a few cases it has been found necessary to limit the number of emptyings where excessive calls were being made on the service and point out to owners that modification of their septic tank effluent system was necessary.

HOUSING

Housing - Action under the Housing Acts.

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected.....	160
(b) Total number of inspections for the purpose.....	194
2. (a) No. of houses (included under 1(a) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925.....	24
(b) No. of inspections for this purpose.....	34
3. No. of houses in respect of which no action was necessary.....	40
4. No. of houses found in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation (Sec.16 & 42).....	19
5. No. of houses (exclusive of those in 4) found not to be in all respects fit for human habitation (Sec.9).....	48

Informal Action.

6. (a) No. of defective houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action.....	27
(b) No. of houses demolished voluntarily or in consequence of informal action.....	2

Statutory Action (Housing Act).

7. (a) No. of houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repair.....	NIL
(b) No. of houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notice:-	
(i) By owner (Sec.10 to 26).....	NIL
(ii) By the L.A. in default (Sec.10).....	NIL

Statutory Action (Public Health Act).

8. (a) No. of houses in respect of which formal notices were served requiring repair.....	NIL
(b) No. of houses in which defects were remedied:-	
(i) By the owner.....	NIL
(ii) By the L.A. in default.....	NIL

Housing Act, Section 16/42

9. (a) No. of houses in respect of which notices were served under Section 16.....	15
(b) No. of houses included in Clearance Areas.....	NIL
(c) No. of Demolition Orders.....	2
(d) No. of Closing Orders.....	5
(e) No. of houses demolished following action under 9(b) and (c).....	NIL
(f) No. of houses closed following action under 9(d).....	NIL
(g) No. of undertakings Not to be accepted.....	NIL
(h) No. of houses closed as a result of action under 9(g)....	NIL

Housing Act, Section 18.

10. (a) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made.....	NIL
(b) No. of houses closed as a result of action under 10(a)...	NIL
(c) No. of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which the Closing Orders were determined, the premises having been made fit.....	NIL

Housing Act, 1961.

11. Houses in multiple occupation. Notices served under:-

(a) Section 15.....	NIL
(b) Section 16.....	NIL

Overcrowding.

12. (a) No. of dwellings overcrowded at the end of the year.	NIL
(i) No. of families involved.....	NIL
(ii) No. of people involved.....	NIL
(b) (i) No. of cases abated during the year.....	NIL
(ii) No. of persons involved.....	NIL
(c) No. of cases having become overcrowded again, after the L.A. have taken steps to abate the overcrowding.	NIL.

IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

I append tables showing the progress since the beginning of both schemes.

DISCRETIONARY GRANTS	APPLICATIONS										APPROVED APPLICATIONS				RESULTING IN HOUSES			
	Received	Withdrawn	Refused	Approved	Under consideration	Abandoned	Completed	Work in hand	Work not Started	TOTAL	Saved	Gained	Lost					
No. of houses involved.	148	19	1	127	1	1	116	3	4	132	37	8	5					
Agricultural Cottages.	88	8	8	70	2	2	66	1	2	79	15	4	8					
Owner/Occupied Other	80	16	4	59	1	3	50	5	3	45	17	3	13					
Position at 31. 12. 66.	316	43	13	256	4	6	232	9	9	256	69	15	26					
Position at 31. 12. 65.	300	41	12	242	5	6	225	5	6	242	64	15	25					
Progress for 1966.	16	2	1	14	4	-	7	4	3	14	5	-	1					

STANDARD GRANTS	APPLICATIONS				APPROVED APPLICATIONS						TOTAL
	Received	Withdrawn	Refused	Approved	Under Consideration	Abandoned	Completed	Work in hand	Not Started		
No. of Houses involved	70	10	-	56	3	4	34	4	-	56	
Agricultural Cottages	107	15	-	84	4	7	56	2	4	84	
Owner/Occupied Other	45	3	-	39	1	-	28	1	-	39	
Position at 31.12.66.	222	28	-	179	8	11	118	7	6	179	
Position at 31.12.65.	199	25	8	159	8	9	105	36	7	-	
Progress for 1966.	23	3	-	20	8	2	13	7	6	-	

New Housing.

The following table gives details of the 107 dwellings erected during the year, the figures in brackets being those for 1965:-

	COUNCIL HOUSES			PRIVATE
	2 Bed Houses	3 Bed Houses	TOTAL	ENTERPRISE
ALFORD.	-	-	-	1
ANSFORD.	6	-	6	8
BRATTON SEYMOUR.	-	-	-	1
BRUTON.	-	-	-	11
CASTLE CARY.	-	-	-	3
CHARLTON HORETHORNE.	4	1	5	4
CHARLTON MUSGROVE.	-	-	-	-
CORTON DENHAM.	-	-	-	1
CUCKLINGTON.	-	-	-	1
HENSTRIDGE.	8	-	8	3
LOVINGTON.	-	-	-	1
MILBORNE PORT.	-	-	-	17
NORTH CADBURY.	-	-	-	3
PENSELWOOD.	-	-	-	3
PITCOMBE.	-	-	-	-
QUEEN CAMEL.	-	-	-	2
SHEPTON MONTAGUE.	-	-	-	1
SOUTH BARROW.	-	-	-	2
SPARKFORD.	-	-	-	12
STOKE TRISTER.	-	-	-	2
TEMPLECOMBE.	-	-	-	1
WINCANTON.	-	-	-	11
	18	1	19 (6)	88 (19)

There were 40 Council Houses and 84 Private Enterprise Houses under construction at the end of the year.

During the year the tenants of 7 "Condemned" houses were rehoused in Council Houses.

There remains 49 occupied houses which are subject to Demolition Orders, Closing Orders or Undertakings Not to Use.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES.

There are no Common Lodging Houses in the area.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS - CARAVANS.

There is no serious caravan problem in this area.

STATUTORY AND INFORMAL ACTION (other than Housing)

Informal Action

In addition to 53 Informal Notices outstanding at the beginning of the year 48 have been served. Of the total of 101, 12 have been complied with.

The following is a summary of the results obtained.

Remedied.

Drainage Nuisance.....	1
Food Hygiene.....	-
Dangerous and Dilapidated Buildings.....	2

Statutory Action

PUBLIC HEALTH ACTS

Statutory Notices served.....	2
Statutory Notices Complied With.....	-

HOUSE REFUSE AND SALVAGE

The House Refuse scheme continues to operate by direct labour, using two 16/24 cubic yard rear loading vehicles.

Weekly collections are made in Ansford, Bruton, Castle Cary, Milborne Port and Wincanton, involving a population of 7,500. The remainder of the District, with the exception of a few outlying and isolated premises, has a collection each fortnight.

Tipping has ceased at Maperton though the salvage depot on the site remains in use.

Flooding at the Bowden tip has caused serious difficulty and the lease conditions restricting the use of certain poisons is causing difficulty in keeping down rat infestation.

A new tip at Sparkford expected to last 5-7 years came into use in September.

Closet Accommodation

There were 2 conversions from Earth to Water closets and 8 conversions Chemical to Water during the year.

Public Conveniences.

There are six public conveniences in the District. One each at Bruton and Milborne Port, two each at Castle Cary and Wincanton. Vandalism is still a serious problem.

FOOD

(1) The number and type of food premises in the District are as follows:-

Hotels and Public Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Grocery Stores (inc. greengroceries & Village Stores)	..	...	...	...	...	...	71
Butcherics...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Confectioneries	...	...	...	...	...	...	25
Cafes..	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Fried Fish and Wet Fish Shops.	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Licensed Slaughterhouse..	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Egg Packing and Poultry Plucking Stations.	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dairies.	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Canteens and School Meals Kitchen...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Bakerics	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Wholesale Groceries	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

(2) The number of Food Premises registered and operating under Section 16 of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955, is ... .. 104 +

For the sale of Ice-cream:-

Groceries..	...	...	...	...	...	...	54
Confectioneries..	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Works Canteen	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cafes.	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
							86

For the sale of Fried Fish ... .. 7 7

For Sausage Making. ... .. 12 12

105 +

+ (One premises is registered under two headings)

No. of Registered Dairies... .. 5

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS

73 inspections were made, again showing that we are unable to give this work the attention it deserves.

Miscellaneous Foods

During the year 1,142 tins and packages of various foodstuffs, weighing 12 cwts. 68 lbs. 3 ozs. were condemned. These foods were disposed of by burial at the Refuse tip.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963.

Steady progress has been maintained with inspections under this Act. A total of 133 visits have been made during the year, almost double the number for last year.

A further 26 general inspections have been carried out which, together with previous years' total of 40 general inspections, leaves 42 of the present total of 108 registered premises to be inspected for the first time under this Act.

MEAT

A hundred per-cent inspection of meat has been maintained, with the results shown in the following table.

	Cattle excl. cows	Cows	Calves	Goats Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	692	301	196	3,297	225
Number Inspected	692	301	196	3,297	225
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	7	18	30	15
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	136	200	13	582	45
Percentage of the number inspected affected.	19.7	68.8	15.8	18.6	26.6
<u>Tuberculosis only</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Generalized and totally condemned	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL



RODENT CONTROL

No charge is made for operations at dwellings.

Charges based on the actual cost of operations continue to be made in respect of business and agricultural premises.

The sewers, sewage works and refuse tips are all subject to regular treatment.

The summary of operations is given in the following table:-

	CLASS OF PROPERTY			
	L.A.	D.H's.	Business	Agric.
Prevalance of rats and/or mice	12	230	16	38
Number infested by:-				
Rats - Major ... ..	-	3	-	13
- Minor ... ..	11	206	10	24
Mice - Major ... ..	-	-	-	-
- Minor ... ..	1	21	6	1
Number of properties inspected	25	267	28	61
Number of properties treated	12	230	16	38

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

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Senior Public Health Inspector.

