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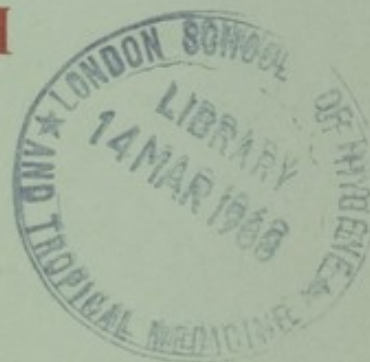


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STAFF OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

Medical Officer of Health :

J. G. HAGAN, M.B., B.Ch., B.A.O., D.P.H.

Acting Medical Officer of Health :

J. L. PATTON, M.B., Ch.B., D.P.H.

(Medical Officer of Health, Hendon)

(This is a reciprocal arrangement with the Borough of Hendon)

Chief Public Health Inspector :

J. GRAY, M.B.E., F.R.S.H., F.A.P.H.I.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector :

K. J. MILLEN(1)(2)

Public Health Inspectors :

W. H. NICHOLLS(1)(2)

J. P. DAVIES(1)(2)

J. KEMP(1)(2) (resigned 5/5/61)

B. E. W. GABB(1)(2)(3)

J. A. CUMMINS(1)(2) (appointed 2/10/61)

Pupil Public Health Inspector :

J. E. SISSON (obtained Public Health Inspector's Certificate, July, 1961—
resigned 15/10/61)

W. J. G. BATES (appointed 30/10/61)

Temporary Assistant (Smoke Control Areas) :

E. M. JENKINS

- (1) Public Health Inspector's Certificate.
- (2) Meat and Other Foods Certificate.
- (3) Smoke Inspector's Certificate.

Chief Clerk :

D. J. LEGGE (resigned 18/6/61)

N. A. JUPP (appointed 19/6/61)

Clerks :

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Miss E. J. STANLEY

Mrs. C. A. STAINER (resigned 29/10/61)

Miss J. J. BEECHEY (appointed 30/10/61)

Chief Disinfector : C. L. ASTLEY

Assistant Disinfector : D. H. W. SMITH

Drain Tester and Handyman : H. J. MAY

Rodent Operative : K. V. ALLBEURY (resigned 28/8/61—as at 28/8/61 duties
carried out by Disinfectors)

Caretaker (308, Regents Park Road, N.3) : Mrs. I. G. MAY

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**TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH
OF FINCHLEY.**

In accordance with my statutory duty as your Medical Officer of Health I have the honour to present my Annual Report for the year 1961. This report is prepared according to the Ministry of Health circular 1/62 and preceding relevant circulars.

VITAL STATISTICS :

Population :

The preliminary report on the Census 1961 shows that we had a population of 69,311 persons, a decrease of 680 persons or 1% since the Census of 1951 when the population was 69,991. In 1961 the population was housed in 21,320 houses, flats or other commercial properties with living accommodation, whereas in 1951 the number of dwellings was 19,664. It is therefore pleasing to note that the occupancy per dwelling has been reduced from 3.56 persons to 3.25 persons. This, of course, does not mean that statutory overcrowding has been eliminated.

Death Rate :

The death rate of 12.3 was higher than that of 1960 which was 10.7 or 847 deaths as against 738 deaths in 1960, an increase of 109; 82 of these additional deaths occurred in the age group 65 years and upwards. The major causes of death were first, diseases of the heart and blood vessels and second, cancer of various types. Cancer of the lung caused 39 deaths as compared to 38 deaths in 1960; 19 of these occurred in the middle age group, i.e., between the ages of 45 and 65 years. I would again draw attention to the dangers of cigarette smoking and its close relation to lung cancer. Many of us can recall the dread and fear engendered by Tuberculosis not so very long ago but a glance at the graph on page 25 should indicate that death from cancer of the lung is now more than three times more common than death from respiratory tuberculosis.

I am pleased to report again that as in 1960 there were no maternal deaths; this is a tribute to our doctors, midwives and health visitors, both in hospitals and on the district.

Birth Rate :

A total of 989 babies were born in Finchley in 1961 compared to 1,052 last year. A birth rate of 13.8 compared to a national average of 17.4.

Infant Mortality Rate :

Twenty-three infants under the age of one year died giving a rate of 23.3, i.e.,

23.3 deaths per thousand live births. Nineteen of these deaths occurred in the first week of life. Two children died from congenital deformities but it has not been possible to find out whether the drug thalidomide was involved. From conversations with consultant obstetricians and doctors in the area in and around Finchley I gather that thalidomide was little prescribed and I am hopeful that Finchley has escaped lightly.

COMMUNICABLE AND INFECTIOUS DISEASES :

Apart from the expected epidemic of measles the year 1961 was generally quiet. The advent of smallpox in London in December resulted in the Department being extremely busy, a situation which continued well into the new year. I am pleased to report once more that there were no cases of poliomyelitis or diphtheria. Dysentery was again mild following the national trend which showed a reduction of more than 50% in notified cases.

Food Poisoning showed an unwelcome increase resulting in 21 cases, compared to 8 cases last year. Nevertheless our knowledge in regard to the spread of this condition is increasing, and strengthening the view that the major source of infection is raw meat and poultry which carries the organisms into our homes. Person to person spread did not appear to be a factor of any of the cases which occurred.

This Department in conjunction with the Public Health Department of Hendon and the Central Public Health Laboratory at Colindale produced some evidence in an investigation carried out over the past two years concerning pet animal foods and artificial fertilizers, a short summary of which appears on page 27.

Details of the various illnesses met with during the year can be read under the appropriate headings in the body of the report.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES :

Perhaps the outstanding feature of the year has to be the advent of Clean Air Areas in the southern part of the Borough. Smoke Control Orders governing these Areas came into operation in September, 1961. Visually the effect of these Areas is remarkable. The roof of the eleven storey block at Prospect Ring, East Finchley, forms a useful vantage point for observation and I can only state that the difference between looking north and looking south over the Clean Air Areas is most striking, the only spoiling factor being the odd garden bonfire.

Details of these Smoke Control Areas and future plans are to be found later in this report.

GENERAL :

Over the past few years I have commented on the services for the elderly in the Borough and I had hoped to be able to include accurate figures concerning the aged from the 1961 Census for this report but alas they are not yet available. Nevertheless it is obvious that despite the vast amount of effort put in by statutory workers and

voluntary bodies (here Finchley is twice blessed) in this field, consummation of these efforts is handicapped by the shortage of both geriatric hospital beds and places in Welfare Homes.

CONCLUSION :

This report could not be compiled without the help of the family doctors and my fellow Chief Officers in Finchley and I would also like to acknowledge the help of all those who have contributed to the information in the Report, both individuals and organisations. I would again draw attention to the loyalty and fidelity of the staff of this Department and finally my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their support and encouragement.

I am,

Your obedient servant,

J. G. HAGAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	Rate per 1,000 live births
Legitimate	14	10	4	—	—	15.9
Illegitimate	2	—	2	—	—	19.1
	16	10	6	—	—	
Total live and stillbirths	1001	499	505	—	—	
Finchley	15.9	—	—	—	—	
England and Wales (provisional)	19.1	—	—	—	—	

Acknowledgments to :—

The Chief Officers of the Council—

The Town Clerk—R. M. Franklin, Esq.

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor—P. M. Spencer, Esq.

The Borough Treasurer—W. R. Harman, Esq.

The Borough Education Officer—A. T. Dodd, Esq.

The Borough Housing Officer—I. Fooks, Esq.

The Borough Librarian—J. D. Reynolds, Esq.

Dr. K. M. Bodkin, Area Medical Officer, Area No. 4, Middlesex County Council.

Dr. G. Z. Brett, Physician-in-Charge, Mass Radiography Unit 5b.

Dr. R. Emond, Consultant, Infectious Diseases, Coppetts Wood Hospital.

R. R. Holland, Esq., Area Welfare Officer, Middlesex County Council.

J. A. O'Keefe, Esq., Chief Officer, Public Control Department, Middlesex County Council.

Dr. A. C. T. Perkins, County Medical Officer, Middlesex County Council.

J. N. W. Preston, Esq., Youth Employment Officer, Finchley and Friern Barnet Youth Employment Bureau.

Miss F. M. Rochat, Divisional Director, Finchley and Hendon Division, British Red Cross Society.

J. Sayers, Esq., Manager, Ministry of Labour, 316a, Regents Park Road, N.3.

Miss E. J. Stanley, Honorary Secretary, Finchley Old People's Welfare Committee.

Public Health Laboratory Service, Colindale Avenue, London, N.W.9.

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STATISTICS

Area (in acres)									3,478
Population—									
Registrar-General's estimate Mid 1961									68,890
Census, 1961									69,311
Number of Inhabited Dwellings, 1st April, 1961 :—									
Houses and flats									20,914
Other properties with living accommodation									406
Rateable Value at 1st April, 1961									£1,481,221
Product of a penny rate 1961/62 (estimated)									£6,050

LIVE BIRTHS

					Males	Females	Total
Legitimate					476	465	941
Illegitimate					24	24	48
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					500	489	989
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Illegitimate live births per cent. of total births—4.9%

									Rate per 1,000 population
Finchley									14.4
Area Comparability Factor									0.96
Corrected rate for Finchley									13.8
England and Wales (provisional)									17.4

STILLBIRTHS

					Males	Females	Total
Legitimate					4	10	14
Illegitimate					2	—	2
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					6	10	16
					<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>
Total live and stillbirths					506	499	1005
					<hr/>	<hr/>	<hr/>

									Rate per 1,000 live & stillbirths
Finchley									15.9
England and Wales (provisional)									19.1

INFANT DEATHS (under 1 years of age)

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	16	7	23
Illegitimate	—	—	—
			Rate per 1,000 live births
Finchley :			24.4
Legitimate			—
Illegitimate			23.3
Total			21.6
England and Wales (provisional)			

NEO-NATAL DEATHS (under 4 weeks of age)

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	15	6	21
Illegitimate	—	—	—
			Rate per 1,000 live births
Finchley			21.2
England and Wales			15.5

EARLY NEO-NATAL DEATHS (under 1 week of age)

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	15	4	19
Illegitimate	—	—	—
			Rate per 1,000 live births
Legitimate			20.2
Illegitimate			—
Total			19.2

PERI-NATAL DEATHS (stillbirths and deaths under 1 week of age)

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	19	14	33
Illegitimate	2	—	2
	21	14	35
			Rate per 1,000 live & stillbirths
Legitimate			34.6
Illegitimate			40.0
Total			34.8

MATERNAL MORTALITY RATES (including abortion) per 1,000 total live and stillbirths

Finchley	Nil
England and Wales (274 deaths)	0.33

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES

Males	379
Females	468
Total	847

	Rate per 1,000 population
Finchley	12.3
Area Comparability Factor	0.99
Corrected rate for Finchley	12.2
England and Wales	12.0

Tuberculosis							
Pulmonary							
Non-pulmonary							
(all forms)							
Measles							
(all forms)							
Scarlet fever							
Diphtheria							
(all forms)							
Croup							
Laryngitis							
Tracheitis							
Pneumonia							
(all forms)							
Diarrhoea							
Enteritis							
Gonorrhoea							
Syphilis							
Rickets							
Suffocation, Overlying							
Asphyxia Neonatorum							
Injury at Birth							
Atelectasis							
Congenital							
Malformations							
Premature Birth							
Atrophy, Debility and							
Marasmus							
Accidents							
Leukaemia							
Typhoid							
Other Causes							
TOTALS							

VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE PAST 25 YEARS

Year	Total Births	Birth Rate	Total Deaths	Death Rate	Total Infant Deaths	Infantile Mortality Rate	Deaths from Measles	Deaths from Whooping Cough	Deaths from Diarrhoea (under 2 years)
1937	895	13.8	704	10.8	36	40.2	—	1	7
1938	927	14.2	662	10.2	33	35.6	4	1	5
1939	951	14.5	705	11.1	35	36.8	—	—	3
1940	725	12.1	806	12.9	27	38.0	1	—	2
1941	721	12.4	734	12.7	15	21.8	—	3	1
1942	891	14.9	751	12.5	48	53.9	1	7	3
1943	1035	17.1	790	13.0	57	55.1	1	2	4
1944	1037	17.4	830	13.9	34	32.8	—	5	5
1945	987	16.1	725	11.8	36	36.4	1	—	1
1946	1207	17.6	774	11.3	30	24.9	1	1	5
1947	1319	18.7	830	11.7	27	20.5	—	1	4
1948	1086	15.3	763	10.8	30	27.6	—	1	2
1949	981	13.9	834	11.8	19	19.3	—	—	2
1950	962	13.6	819	11.6	16	16.6	—	—	—
1951	915	13.0	877	12.5	22	24.0	—	—	—
1952	953	13.6	782	11.1	11	11.5	—	—	—
1953	902	12.9	765	10.9	20	22.2	—	—	—
1954	877	12.5	747	10.7	16	18.2	—	—	—
1955	894	12.8	746	10.7	19	21.3	—	—	—
1956	910	13.0	831	11.9	12	13.2	—	—	—
1957	925	13.3	781	11.3	16	17.3	—	—	—
1958	902	13.1	825	11.9	18	20.0	—	—	—
1959	932	13.5	790	11.5	19	20.4	—	—	—
1960	1052	15.3	738	10.7	14	13.3	—	—	—
1961	989	14.4	847	12.3	23	23.3	—	—	—

1961 INFANTILE MORTALITY DURING THE YEAR 1961

Deaths from stated causes at various ages
under one year of age

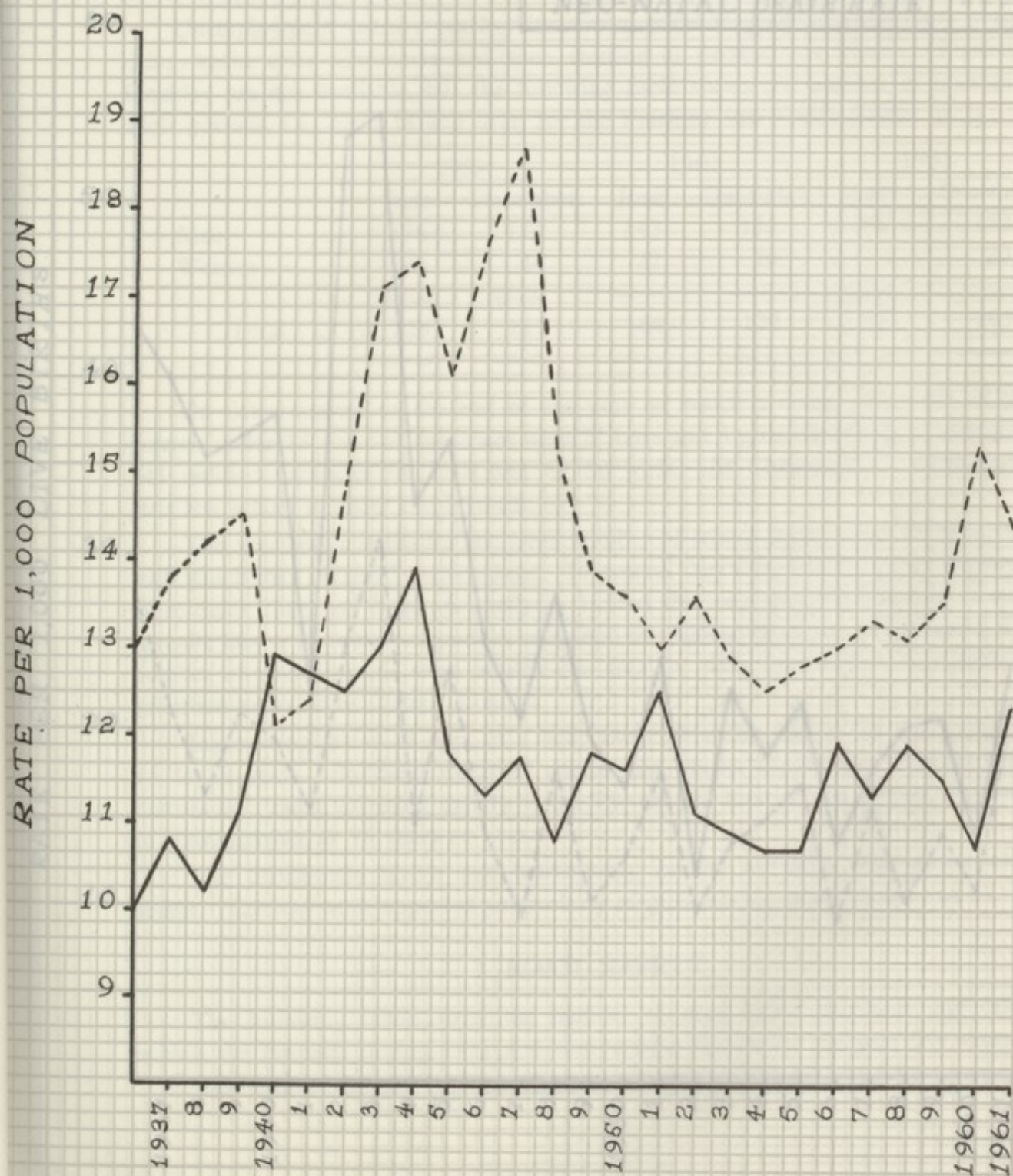
CAUSE OF DEATH	Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 3 months	3-6 months	6-9 months	9-12 months	TOTAL
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chicken Pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria and Croup	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculous Meningitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningitis (not Tuberculous)	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Convulsions	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Laryngitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Bronchitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia (all forms)	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Diarrhoea	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Enteritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Gastritis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Syphilis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Rickets	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Suffocation, Overlying	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Asphyxia Neonatorum	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Injury at Birth	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Atelectasis	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Congenital Malformations	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	—	—	2
Premature Birth	11	—	1	—	12	—	—	—	—	12
Atrophy, Debility and Marasmus	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Accidents	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Leukaemia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tumours	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Other Causes	2	—	—	—	2	—	1	—	—	3
TOTALS	19	1	1	—	21	—	2	—	—	23

CAUSES OF, AND AGES AT, DEATH DURING THE YEAR 1961

No.	CAUSES OF DEATH	NET DEATHS AT THE SUBJOINED AGES OF " RESIDENTS " WHETHER OCCURRING WITHIN OR WITHOUT THE DISTRICT									
		All ages	Under 4 months	4 months and under 1 year	1 and under 5	5 and under 15	15 and under 25	25 and under 45	45 and under 65	65 and under 75	75 and upwards
1.	Tuberculosis, Respiratory	1							1		
2.	Tuberculosis, Other										
3.	Syphilitic Disease	3								2	1
4.	Diphtheria										
5.	Whooping Cough										
6.	Meningococcal Infections										
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis										
8.	Measles										
9.	Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases	2							2		
10.	Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach	19						2	2	9	6
11.	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	39						1	19	10	9
12.	Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	21						3	9	2	7
13.	Malignant Neoplasm, Uterus	3								2	1
14.	Other Malignant and Lymphatic Neoplasms	99						5	33	24	37
15.	Leukæmia, Aleukæmia	4				1		2	1		
16.	Diabetes	4							1	2	1
17.	Vascular Lesions of Nervous System	94	2					5	15	20	52
18.	Coronary Disease, Angina	153						3	40	44	66
19.	Hypertension with Heart Disease	26							5	3	18
20.	Other Heart Disease	116						2	15	18	81
21.	Other Circulatory Disease	60						1	7	9	43
22.	Influenza	9								1	8
23.	Pneumonia	52	1					1	4	12	34
24.	Bronchitis	24							4	7	13
25.	Other Diseases of Respiratory System	3							1		2
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	6							1		5
27.	Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhœa	4								3	1
28.	Nephritis and Nephrosis	3						1		1	1
29.	Hyperplasia of Prostate	2								1	1
30.	Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion										
31.	Congenital Malformations	4	1	1	1				1		
32.	Other Defined and Ill-Defined Diseases	65	17	1				2	13	10	22
33.	Motor Vehicle Accidents	12			1		4	1	1	2	3
34.	All Other Accidents	10						3		1	6
35.	Suicide	9					2	1	4		2
36.	Homicide and Operations of War										
	Totals	847	21	2	2	1	6	33	179	183	420

BIRTH AND DEATH RATES

BIRTH RATE - - - -
DEATH RATE ———

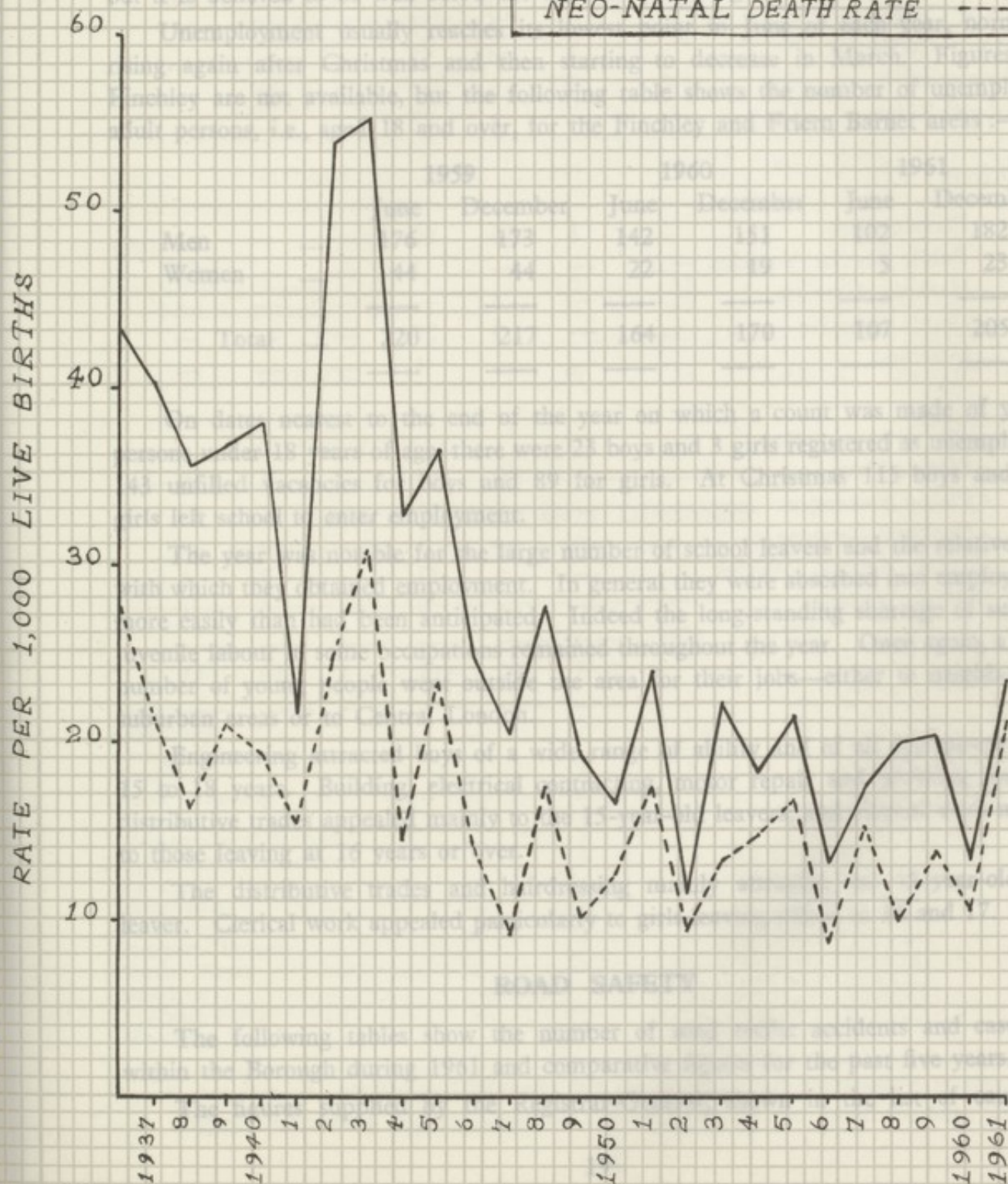


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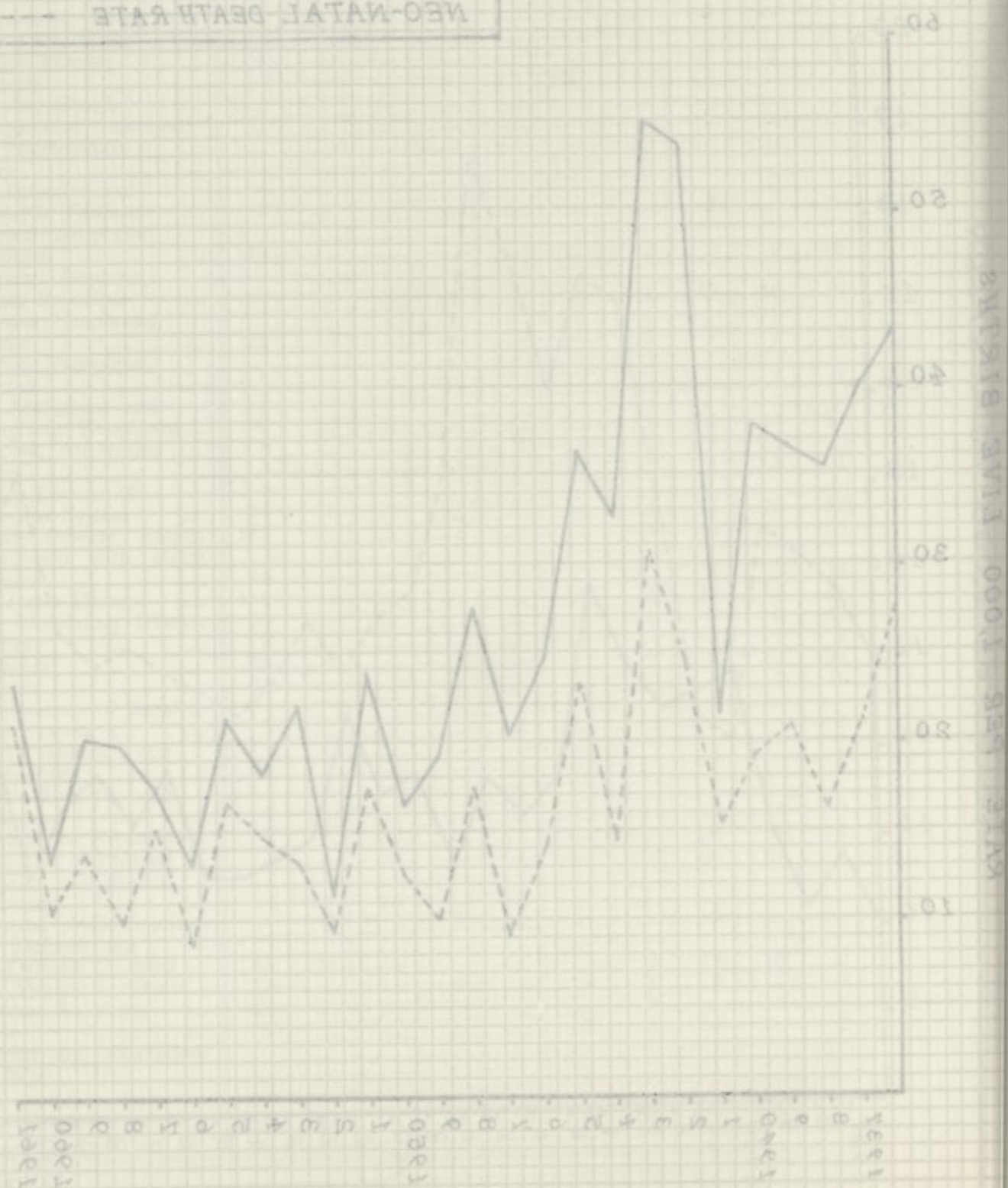
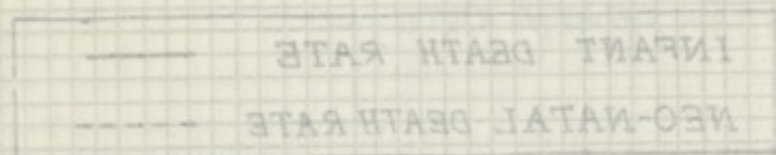
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INFANT DEATH AND NEO-NATAL DEATH RATE



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STATE OF EMPLOYMENT

Finchley is largely a residential district containing comparatively little industry or commerce and is mainly a "white collar" area, the majority of workers travelling to the City or West End. More manual workers are now settling in the district but again most of the skilled workers travel to the more industrialised areas of Wembley, Colindale, Wood Green, etc.

The percentage of unemployed workers to the employed population is not known, but it is believed to be well below the national percentage.

Unemployment usually reaches its lowest point in June of each year, normally rising again after Christmas and then starting to decrease in March. Figures for Finchley are not available, but the following table shows the number of unemployed adult persons, i.e., aged 18 and over, for the Finchley and Friern Barnet areas:—

	1959		1960		1961	
	June	December	June	December	June	December
Men	176	173	142	151	102	182
Women	44	44	22	19	5	23
Total	220	217	164	170	107	205

On dates nearest to the end of the year on which a count was made of young persons under 18 years of age, there were 23 boys and 3 girls registered as unemployed, 143 unfilled vacancies for boys and 89 for girls. At Christmas 115 boys and 122 girls left school to enter employment.

The year was notable for the large number of school leavers and the relative ease with which they obtained employment. In general they were absorbed into employment more easily than had been anticipated. Indeed the long-standing shortage of suitable juvenile labour in some occupations remained throughout the year. Once again, a large number of young people went outside the area for their jobs—either to neighbouring suburban areas or to Central London.

Engineering attracted boys of a wide range of ability and of all age groups from 15 to 18 years. Building, electrical contracting, motor repair and servicing and the distributive trades appealed mainly to the 15-year-old leavers, and clerical work mainly to those leaving at 16 years or over.

The distributive trades and hairdressing mainly attracted the 15-year-old girl leaver. Clerical work appealed particularly to girls leaving school at 16 and 17.

ROAD SAFETY

The following tables show the number of road traffic accidents and casualties within the Borough during 1961 and comparative figures for the past five years.

The figures supplied by the Registrar-General, shown in the list of causes of

death on page 14, refer to Finchley residents only regardless of place of death, and therefore may not agree with the number of fatalities shown below.

Number of persons injured—1961

	ADULTS			CHILDREN		
	Fatal	Serious	Slight	Fatal	Serious	Slight
Pedestrians	1	24	58	1	4	24
Pedal Cyclists	—	5	36	—	2	16
Motor Cyclists	1	14	51	—	—	—
Scooterists	—	8	31	—	—	—
Moped Riders	—	1	2	—	—	—
Drivers :						
Private Cars	1	15	90	—	—	—
Public Service Vehicles	—	—	1	—	—	—
Hackney Carriage	—	1	—	—	—	—
Goods Vehicles	—	3	28	—	—	—
Invacars	—	—	1	—	—	—
Passengers :						
Private Cars	—	10	60	—	1	8
Pillion Passengers	—	5	13	—	—	—
Hackney Carriage	—	—	1	—	—	—
Public Service Vehicles	—	6	37	—	2	4
Goods Vehicles	—	—	9	—	1	1
	3	92	418	1	10	53

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**Comparative Figures of Accidents and Casualties
for the years 1957-1961**

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Number of Street Accidents	359	481	464	483	441
Casualty Figures :					
Adults :					
Killed :					
Under 60 years of age	2	4	5	1	2
Over 60 years of age	2	2	4	2	1
Seriously injured :					
Under 60 years of age	61	73	70	64	74
Over 60 years of age	9	12	16	16	18
Slightly injured :					
Under 60 years of age	270	362	390	413	384
Over 60 years of age	33	23	30	44	34
TOTALS	377	476	515	540	513
Children :					
Killed	1	—	—	1	1
Seriously injured	7	15	8	5	10
Slightly injured	51	69	77	60	53
TOTALS	59	84	85	66	64
GRAND TOTALS	436	560	600	606	577

INFECTIOUS DISEASES

The following table shows the number of cases notified during the past five years :—

	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—*
Dysentery	7	4	12	45	13
Encephalitis	—	—	—	—	2
Erysipelas	4	4	1	2	2
Food Poisoning	2	3	13	4	17
Measles	957	206	602	74	1173
Meningococcal Infection	2	—	—	1	1
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	3	4	2	1	2
Paratyphoid Fever	—	—	4	1	—
Pneumonia	35	35	35	12	8
Poliomyelitis	12	—	5	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	29	29	30	26	25
Scarlet Fever	71	58	27	19	18
Smallpox	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid Fever	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	119	22	7	25	11

* One case was notified as Diphtheria, but the diagnosis was subsequently amended.

Figures concerning notified cases of Tuberculosis will be found on page 24.

Diphtheria

There were no cases of Diphtheria in 1961.

During the year, the following immunisations were carried out :—

				By General Practitioners	By Medical Officers of the Local Authority
				Number of Children	
Diphtheria only	.....	.....	.....	18	10
Tetanus only	.....	.....	.....	12	60
Diphtheria and Tetanus Primary	.....	.....	.....	17	45
Diphtheria and Tetanus Booster	.....	.....	.....	52	2
Triple Primary	.....	.....	.....	438	362
Triple Booster	.....	.....	.....	124	3

In addition, 45 children were immunised by General Practitioners and 8 by Medical Officers of the Local Health Authority, with a combined diphtheria and whooping cough prophylactic.

One thousand one hundred and six children were given "booster" doses of diphtheria prophylactic alone and 59 were given "booster" doses of combined diphtheria and whooping cough prophylactic.

Scarlet Fever

There were 18 cases of Scarlet Fever, one less than in the previous year. The known cases were mild in character and there is little doubt that in a number of others the illness was so slight as to escape detection altogether. There were no deaths.

Poliomyelitis

No case of Poliomyelitis occurred during the year.

Early in 1960 it was decided to extend poliomyelitis vaccination to persons under the age of 40. Hitherto vaccination could only be obtained by persons under the age of 26 and certain special groups such as Health Visitors and Public Health Inspectors. In 1961 arrangements for poliomyelitis vaccination were extended to include a reinforcing fourth dose; Ministry of Health Circular No. 15/61 asked specifically for arrangements to be made to offer such a dose to children when they enter school (normally at the age of 5), to children of 5 and over already at school who have not reached the age of 12 and to all children of similar ages who are not attending school.

The number of persons vaccinated in Finchley during 1961 is shown as follows :—

	By General Practitioners	By Middlesex County Council
1. With 3 injections :—		
(a) Born 1943-1961	549	336
(b) Born 1933-1942	286	125
(c) Born before 1933 and under 40 years	907	322
(d) Others	9	14
2. With 4 injections :—		
Children aged 5-12 years	1814	2037

Measles

The number of notifications was 1,173 compared with 74 in 1960. This is the highest number of notifications recorded since the disease was made notifiable by the Regulations of 1939.

There were no deaths.

Whooping Cough

The notifications numbered 11 in 1961 and there were no deaths. During the year, 8 children were immunised by General Practitioners and Medical Officers of the Local Health Authority.

Pneumonia

Only two forms of pneumonia, namely, acute primary and influenzal, are notifiable. Eight such cases were reported to me during the year.

In the table of deaths, all forms of pneumonia are included in the classification (No. 23). It will be seen that 52 deaths occurred and of these 46 were persons of 65 years of age and over.

Puerperal Pyrexia

The total number of cases notified during the year was 25, all of which occurred at the North Middlesex Hospital Annexe in The Bishop's Avenue.

Food Poisoning

Seventeen persons were notified as suffering from food poisoning during the year, and in addition 4 cases were otherwise ascertained. The causative organism identified in ten of the cases was salmonella typhimurium and in one case cl. welchii.

Dysentery

Thirteen cases of dysentery were notified and all of these cases were visited, investigated and the persons concerned advised on how to prevent the spread of this infection. All cases were due to shigella sonnei. This bacillus one might say is rampant throughout the country and caused some 20,412 cases nationally in 1961. Fortunately it is a mild infection as a rule, although the illness can be severe in infants and in the aged. It tends to become epidemic in schools, hospitals, nurseries or camps. Its prevention is simple, i.e., the teaching of hand washing in schools and an improvement in the general standard of hygiene in the home.

Typhoid and Paratyphoid

There were no cases of Typhoid or Paratyphoid during the year.

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

The number of persons vaccinated for the first time by General Practitioners and Medical Officers of the Local Health Authority was nine hundred and nine.

Three hundred and twelve were re-vaccinated.

INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF VACCINATION

Persons travelling to certain foreign parts have to provide themselves with certificates of vaccination or inoculation which must have been completed by their own medical practitioners before proceeding. In several parts of the world certificates are not accepted unless they are endorsed by a medical officer in the Government or local authority of the country of issue. A form of authentication which has been accepted by the health authorities abroad is that given by public health authorities and identified by a rubber stamp impression placed by them on the certificate. The rubber stamp in this office bears the words "Finchley Corporation—Signature of doctor authenticated." The purpose of the authentication is to provide proof to those health authorities abroad who desire it that the signature of the person issuing the certificate is that of a registered medical practitioner.

During the year 548 certificates were authenticated.

TUBERCULOSIS

One person died from tuberculosis during 1961, giving a death rate of 0.01 per 1,000 population.

Thirty-three new cases were notified, seven more than in the previous year. The case rate per 1,000 population was 0.48.

Two children under school age were found to be suffering from tuberculosis of the lungs.

The following table shows the number of notifications and the number of deaths during the past 10 years :—

Year	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
1952	43	21	4	6	15	2	—	—
1953	29	33	1	2	7	4	—	—
1954	29	23	1	2	2	4	—	—
1955	27	20	2	3	6	1	1	1
1956	22	10	2	4	6	2	—	—
1957	15	11	1	2	5	2	—	—
1958	19	10	—	—	2	—	—	—
1959	14	9	—	3	2	—	—	—
1960	15	10	—	1	6	2	—	—
1961	19	14	—	—	1	—	—	—

CANCER OF LUNG AND BRONCHUS

Year	Cancer of Lung and Bronchus (per 100,000)	Respiratory Tuberculosis (per 100,000)
1952	32	17
1953	27	11
1954	32	6
1955	33	7
1956	33	8
1957	31	7
1958	35	2
1959	27	2
1960	38	8
1961	39	1

RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS

CANCER OF LUNG AND BRONCHUS

RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS

1952 1953 1954 1955 1956 1957 1958 1959 1960 1961

COMPARISON OF DEATHS FROM RESPIRATORY TUBERCULOSIS AND CANCER OF LUNG AND BRONCHUS

Typoid and Paratyphoid

There were no cases of Typoid or Paratyphoid during the year.

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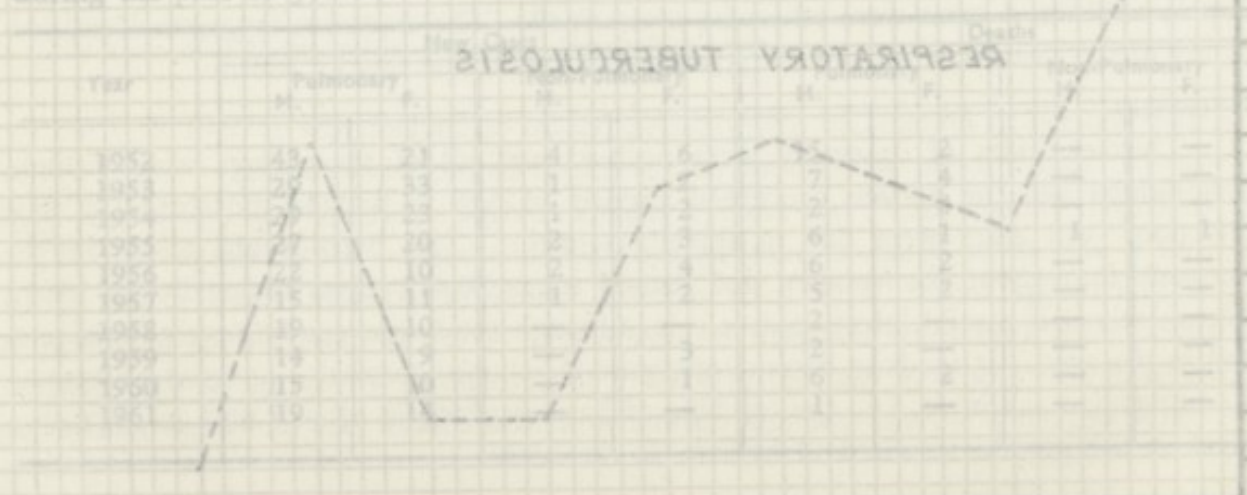
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BACTERIOLOGICAL WORK

The following table shows the number and nature of the specimens examined at the Central Public Health Laboratory, Colindale, during 1961 :—

	Positive	Negative
Throat/Nose Swabs :		
Diphtheria Bacilli	—	93
Haemolytic Streptococci	36	
Vincent's Angina	2	
Coagulase Pos. Staphylococci	13	
Faeces :		
Sonne Dysentery	32	273
Salmonella	22	
Coagulase Pos. Staphylococci	—	
Clostridium Welchii	—	
Esch. Coli	—	
Occult Blood Test	1	
Threadworm	2	
Tapeworm	2	
Sputum :		
T.B. Smear	—	19
Other Organisms	6	
Whooping Cough :		
Cough Plate	—	1
Post-nasal Swab	2	
	118	386

RESEARCH

In connection with food poisoning a survey of organic fertilisers and animal feeding stuffs continues in collaboration with the Public Health Laboratory Service, Colindale, and the Public Health Department, Hendon. A joint report prepared during the latter half of the year was published in the "Lancet" on the 17th February, 1962, and I give below a brief summary of its contents.

"In recent years many materials which are sold for pet foods or garden fertilizers have been shown to be contaminated with salmonella organisms. Galton *et al.* (1955) found that over 26 per cent. of samples of dehydrated dog meals contained salmonellae

and suggested that these might be a source of human infection. In 1957, Walker showed that 40 per cent. of samples of garden fertilizers were contaminated. Subsequently various fertilizers and animal feeding stuffs were found also to contain similar organisms (Reports 1959a and 1961). These included bone meal, hoof and horn meal, dried blood, meat meal and fish meal, all of which can be purchased in retail shops in this country.

"A study of pet foods and garden fertilizers on sale in the boroughs of Finchley and Hendon is described in this paper and an attempt is made to assess the importance of these materials as sources of human salmonellosis.

"Twenty-seven per cent. of samples of raw horse meat, 16 per cent. of other raw meat, 11 per cent. of prepared pet meat and 13 per cent. of garden fertilizers were found to be contaminated with salmonellae. Two new types were isolated, one of which has been named 'Salm. finchley.'

"Persons in two of 46 human incidents in the boroughs may have been infected by pet meats. It is suggested that pet foods are probably a more important source of human salmonellosis than the pets themselves.

"Garden fertilizers are a potential source of human infection but the risk is probably small. It is suggested that they should not be sold in shops selling food for human consumption."

The survey has now been enlarged to cover raw meat for human consumption and cloacal swabs from poultry.

HEALTH EDUCATION

Health Education comes more and more into the activities of the Public Health Department and in certain subjects it really is the province of the specialist in Health Education. It is my sincere wish that in the near future I shall be able to appoint such a specialist to my staff, even if only in a part-time capacity. Considering the amount spent on material education, the investment in health education is microscopical.

A number of talks on this subject were given by myself and other members of the staff to local organisations.

MASS RADIOGRAPHY

During August/September the Mass Radiography Unit 5B visited Finchley by arrangement with the North-West Regional Hospital Board and sessions were held at five points in the Borough for the general public and industrial groups and at four sites for industrial groups, small firms, etc., only.

The importance of the early detection of chest disease was brought to the attention of the public by means of posters, pamphlets, the local press and by direct approach to industrial groups and small firms and as a result, 4,991 persons were X-rayed (3,597 members of the public and 1,394 from industrial groups, etc.).

The survey brought to light 3 cases (0.6) of pulmonary tuberculosis and 5 cases (1.0) of lung cancer. The figures in brackets show the rate per 1,000 persons X-rayed.

LAUNDRY SERVICE FOR THE INCONTINENT

The laundry service, introduced in 1957 to assist in the problems concerning incontinent persons, operates in accordance with the provisions of Section 42 of the Middlesex County Council Act, 1956.

The washing machine is installed at the Disinfecting Station and arrangements are made for articles to be collected and delivered twice weekly. The practice is for collections and deliveries to be made on Tuesdays and Fridays.

The cost of the service is borne by the local authority. The only stipulation made is that the garments or bedding involved must not be of a type which could be accepted by a commercial laundry.

The number of persons receiving assistance at the beginning of the year 6

The number of persons for whom the service was recommended and subsequently authorised by the Medical Officer of Health or by the

Public Health Inspectors during the year 9

The number of persons receiving assistance at the end of the year 3

During 1961, 363 collections of articles were made.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948—SECTION 47 NATIONAL ASSISTANCE (AMENDMENT) ACT, 1951

Removal to Suitable Premises of Persons in need of care and attention

Provision is made under Section 47 for securing the necessary care and attention for persons who—

- (a) are suffering from grave chronic disease or, being aged, infirm or physically incapacitated, are living in insanitary conditions, and
- (b) are unable to devote to themselves, and are not receiving from other persons, proper care and attention.

A number of cases, mainly elderly persons living in poor conditions, were brought to my notice but with the help of the social and visiting services and voluntary admission to hospital or home, each case resolved itself and I am pleased to report that it was not necessary to invoke the provisions of the Section.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948—SECTION 50

Burial or Cremation of the Dead

It is the duty of the Local Authority to cause to be buried or cremated the body of any person who has died or been found dead in the area, in any case where it appears to the Authority that no suitable arrangements for the disposal of the body have been or are being otherwise made.

The expenses incurred may be recovered from the estate of the deceased person, by death grant subject to the contribution conditions being satisfied or from any

person who for the purposes of the Act was liable to maintain the deceased person immediately before his death.

Any person who has died or been found dead in these circumstances in Finchley is buried in the St. Pancras Cemetery. No burials were carried out by the Council during the year.

BURIAL ACT, 1857

Licences for the removal of human remains under the above Act state, inter alia, "It is considered advisable that the Medical Officer of Health should be notified whenever such a licence is granted in order that he may be in a position to take (under his general powers) any action that may appear to him to be necessary in the interests of public health." Seven copies of licences for such removals were received from the Home Office during the year.

The exhumations were carried out in the early hours of the morning and were visited when necessary by one of the public health inspectors, to ensure compliance with the conditions of the licences.

MORTUARY

The Council provide a mortuary under the provisions of the Public Health Act, 1936, and from time to time the Coroner, whose district includes Finchley, uses his power in Section 24 of the Coroner's Amendment Act, 1926, to direct that bodies from the Potters Bar and Friern Barnet Urban Districts, which are also within his district, shall be taken to the Finchley mortuary.

One hundred and seventy-one bodies were received into the mortuary during 1961 and of these, 36 were from Friern Barnet and 20 from Potters Bar. Post Mortem examinations were carried out in all cases.

MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

Twenty-seven persons were examined on appointment to the Council's staff and 2 workmen were examined with a view to their admission to the Council's Sickness Pay Scheme.

In addition, 10 employees were examined for the purpose of extending sick pay, and, in the case of elderly employees, for proposed extension of service.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

Water Supply

The bulk of the water is supplied to the Borough by the Lee Valley Water Company and the supply, during the year, has been satisfactory in quality and quantity. Reports on 430 bacteriological and 14 chemical samples taken by the Company were forwarded to me. In all cases the water conformed to standards of purity considered suitable for public supply.

The water supply to all dwellings in the Borough is direct from the public water mains.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

Finchley has been completely sewered for many years, and, where necessary, works of enlargement have been carried out. So far as sewage disposal is concerned, it should be pointed out that the Sewage Works situated in the East of the Borough are seriously overloaded and considerable effort has to be made to maintain a satisfactory effluent. However, work on the East Middlesex main drainage scheme is proceeding, and it is hoped that Finchley will be joined to this scheme in 1963. Periodic tests are carried out on the effluent from the Sewage Disposal Works.

I am grateful to Mr. P. M. Spencer, the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, for this information.

Housing

I refer again to the housing of elderly persons and with the kind assistance of the Borough Housing Officer I give details of the Council's activities in this connection during 1961 :—

Number of purpose-built elderly persons' units, excluding one caretaker's flat, completed	20
Number of elderly persons' units made available by conversion	20

A number of the occupants of these units are suffering from disabilities and are, to some extent, "handicapped persons."

It should be remembered that the Council have done quite a lot in this direction for many years, as numbers of ordinary one-bedroom units which were built before the term "elderly persons' dwellings" became "fashionable" have, in fact, provided homes for old people. Approximately 60 of the Council's ordinary one-bedroom dwellings are so used at the moment in addition to the purpose-built elderly persons' dwellings erected prior to January, 1960, which number twenty-nine, plus similar units provided by conversions amounting to twenty-eight.

The Public Health Department continued to be actively concerned with housing applications, in some cases supported by medical certificates, referred by the Borough Housing Officer for consideration of additional points on medical grounds.

Additional points awarded :—

Points Award	Number of Applicants
1	3
2	5
3	6
4	7
5 (maximum)	3

In addition, observations were requested on a number of applications in respect of the sanitary circumstances and state of overcrowding. In special cases where the

medical conditions merited urgent rehousing but the award of "additional points" did not give immediate help the matter was submitted to the Housing Committee, the medical report being considered in each case.

Housing Act, 1957—Overcrowding

	Dwellings	Persons Involved		
		Families	Adults	Children
Number at 1st January, 1961	29	31	113	27
New cases reported	8	8	31	14
Number of cases relieved	12	12	37	14
Number outstanding at 31st December, 1961	25	27	107	27

No further overcrowding has occurred in those dwellings dealt with by the Council.

Housing Statistics

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses :

- (1) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 1,552
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 3,847
- (2) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (1) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 —
- (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose —
- (3) Number of dwelling-houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 10
- (4) Number of dwelling-houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 231

2. Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action 112

3. Action under Statutory Powers during the year :

A. Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 of the Housing Act, 1957 :

- (1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs 2
- (2) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :
 - (a) By owners —
 - (b) By Local Authority in default of owners 77

B. Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	13
(2) Number rendered fit :	
(a) By owners	3
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners	7

C. Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 :

(1) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	—
(2) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	—

Housing Act, 1957—Parts II and III—Slum Clearance and Individual Unfit Houses

Slum Clearance Programme, 1956-1960 (inclusive)

The first five-year slum clearance programme was completed with the demolition of the houses in the following two areas :—

Clearance Area No. 14

Percival Cottages, Nos. 185, 187, 189 & 191, East End Road, N.2 (4 houses).

Clearance Area No. 16

Nos. 4-14 (even), Church Lane, N.2 (6 houses).

Slum Clearance Programme, 1961-1965 (inclusive)

The Minister of Housing and Local Government in Circular 2/60 requested a further survey of the district and upon inspection it was found that there were approximately 30 houses requiring action within the next five years. It was proposed to deal with six of the houses as a Clearance Area and the remainder as individual unfit houses.

In this connection the following premises were dealt with during the year :—

Clearance Area No. 17

Nos. 137-147 (odd), East End Road, N.2 (6 houses).

This area was represented to the Council and it was declared a Clearance Area under Part III of the Housing Act, 1957. An Order was made and submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government and was subsequently confirmed.

At the end of the year four of the houses were vacant, two remaining occupied.

No. 9, Lodge Lane, N.12

A Closing Order was made and confirmed by the Council.

No. 1 & 2, Fleming Cottages, Great North Road, N.2 and No. 38, Lichfield Grove, N.12

These houses were dealt with informally and demolition was secured by consultation with the owners.

Housing (Financial Provisions) Act, 1958—Section 43

This Section deals with the power of local authorities to make advances to any person for the purpose of :—

- (a) acquiring houses ;
- (b) constructing houses ;
- (c) converting into houses buildings which have been acquired by those persons or acquiring buildings and converting them into houses ;
- (d) altering, enlarging, repairing or improving houses ;

whether the houses or buildings are within or without the district of the authority or council.

Two hundred and thirty-one enquiries were dealt with regarding premises which were the subject of applications for advances under this Section.

Rent Act, 1957

This Act came into operation on the 6th July, 1957, since which date the number of applications for certificates of disrepair has continued to decrease, as will be seen below.

From 6th July, 1957, to 31st December, 1957 (approximate 6 months)	60 applications
From 1st January, 1958 to 31st December, 1958	50 applications
From 1st January, 1959, to 31st December, 1959	14 applications
From 1st January, 1960, to 31st December, 1960	8 applications
From 1st January, 1961, to 31st December, 1961	3 applications

Three Certificates of Disrepair were issued in respect of the applications received during 1961. No further applications were received for other Certificates under the Act.

Inspections

The total number of inspections made during the year was 16,541.

At 277 of the houses and other premises visited, defects or nuisances to the number of 825 were discovered. At the end of the year 756 had been remedied or abated and the work in connection with 31 was in hand. In order to ascertain that the sanitary defects were being properly remedied, 242 visits were paid to the respective premises while the work was in progress.

The total number of inspections made in regard to each section of work is recorded below, together with a summary of the sanitary improvements carried out :—

Inspections under Housing Acts	69
Other Inspections including Inspections under Public Health Acts	2,826
Re-Inspections	2,053
Inspections under Rent Act, 1957	12
Inspection of Works in Progress	242
Inspections of Factories and Workplaces (including Bakehouses and Restaurant Kitchens)	494

Visits to Slaughterhouse	28
Inspections of Cowsheds, Dairies and Milkshops	6
Inspections of Ice Cream Premises	55
Inspections of Meat, Fish and Other Food Shops	806
Inspections of Shops (Shops Act)	157
Visits re Infectious Disease	208
Visits re Rodent Control	2,233
Visits re Overcrowding	64
Visits re Hawkers	34
Visits to Hairdressers' Premises	41
Visits re Pet Animals Act, 1951	16
Visits re Heating Appliances	2
Visits re Clean Air Act, 1956 (including Smoke Control Survey)	6,470
Miscellaneous	725
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Complaints

One thousand four hundred and seven complaints were received with reference to the following matters, viz. :—

Absence of, or defective condition of, dustbins	2
Accumulations of refuse and manure	39
Blocked or defective drains	354
Defective roofs	37
Defective W.C.s	19
Dirty milk bottle	3
Flooding	11
Foreign matter in food	6
Insanitary or defective condition of houses	68
Noise	14
Non-removal of refuse	7
Nuisances from dampness	33
Nuisances from the burning of refuse	37
Nuisances from the keeping of animals or poultry	10
Pollution	1
Pigeons	2
Smoke nuisances	11
Unsatisfactory Housing Conditions, including Overcrowding	26
Unsound Food	15
Verminous condition of houses	15
Premises infested with other insects	41
Wasps' nests	130

Bees	13
Premises infested with rats or mice	423
Foxes	3
Squirrels	1
Other complaints	86

The complaints were investigated promptly and in those cases in which the Council had power to intervene the necessary steps were taken to remove the cause of complaint.

Notices Served

Informal Notices	277
Statutory Notices	15

Legal Proceedings

No legal proceedings were taken during the year, the necessary work being carried out by the person(s) responsible or in their default by the Council under the relevant provisions.

Summary of Sanitary Improvements carried out

Drainage

Repairs or amendments to existing drains	19
Drains or gullies unstopped or cleansed	353
Length in yards of stoneware drains laid	85
Length in yards of iron drains laid	26
Manholes provided	18
Manholes repaired	2
Manhole covers provided	3
Caps to intercepting traps provided	16
Fresh air inlet repaired	1
New gully traps fixed	12
New soil pipes and ventilating shafts fixed	4
Soil pipes and ventilating shafts repaired	2
Water tests applied	31
Smoke test applied	45
Air test applied	1

Water Closets and Sanitary Fittings

New W.C. basins fixed	22
W.Cs. unstopped, cleansed or repaired	17
New flushing cisterns fitted to W.Cs.	3
Existing flushing cisterns repaired	13
New W.C. apartments provided	3
Urinal provided	1

Urinals cleansed or repaired	2
Lavatory basins provided	15
Baths provided	2
New impervious sinks provided	22
New waste pipes fixed	8
Waste pipes unstopped	1
Ventilated lobbies provided	6

Miscellaneous

Roofs repaired	72
Eaves gutters renewed, cleansed or repaired	14
Stack pipes provided, repaired or unstopped	13
Damp walls remedied	76
Walls repointed, repaired or underpinned	21
Paving of yards repaired	16
Floors of rooms repaired	24
Rooms cleansed, distempered or repapered	158
Plasterwork repaired	105
Windows provided	2
Windows repaired and/or made to open	55
New sashcords provided	26
Window cills repaired	10
Doors provided or repaired	12
Doorsteps renewed or repaired	5
Staircases repaired	4
New stoves and ranges provided	3
Stoves and ranges repaired	5
Storage cisterns repaired, cleansed and covered	6
Water service pipes repaired	6
Hot water supplies provided	24
Movable sanitary dustbins provided	15
Smoke Nuisance abated	1
Accumulations of refuse removed	20
Copper repaired	1
External paintwork	12
Various	68

Disinfection and Disinfestation

In addition to the inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors, the Disinfectors carried out the following visits :—

Disinfection	72
Disinfestation	270
Removal of household rubbish, etc.	61

Summary of work carried out:—

Disinfection :

Rooms	15
Articles	385

Disinfestation :

Rooms	61
Articles	24

Premises

Bugs	8
Fleas	7
Cockroaches	6
Ants	3
Wasps	130
Bees	7
Flies	3
Moths	5
Clover Mites	1
Spiders	1
Weevil	2

Articles Destroyed 48

The number of verminous rooms dealt with was 44, compared with 61 in 1960.

Factories Acts, 1937-1948

1. Inspections for purposes of provisions as to health made during the year.

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	134	252	4	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	207	186	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	1	28	—	—
TOTAL	342	466	4	—

2. Cases in which Defects were found.

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	Referred By H.M. Inspector	
Want of Cleanliness (S.1)	5	5	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable Temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Canitary Conveniences (S.7)—					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	23	19	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	16	16	—	—	—
TOTAL	45	40	—	—	—

The total number of Factories and Workplaces on the Register was 341 made up as follows :—

Bakehouses	17
Boot Repairers	23
Builders' Workshops	18
Cycle Makers and Repairers	4
Farriers and Blacksmiths	1
General Engineers and Motor Engineers	57
Glass Blowers	1
Joinery Manufacturers	1
Laundry	1
Monumental Masons	3
Plant Propagation	2
Plastic Manufacturers	2
Prepared Meat Factories	1
Printers and Printers' Accessories	11
Restaurant Kitchens	92

Sheet Metal Workers	1
Shopfitters	1
Tailors and Dressmakers	15
Temperature Recording Instrument Manufacturers	1
Timber Merchants and Sawyers	9
Upholsterers	10
Watch and Clock Repairers	4
X-Ray Apparatus	1
Other Trades	65

These premises have been visited from time to time and, as a result of action taken by the Department, the following works have been carried out :—

New pans provided	4
W.Cs. cleansed or repaired	17
Flushing cisterns repaired	3
New sink wastepipes provided	1
Drains unstopped or repaired	1
Smoke nuisance abated	2
Workshops cleansed	5
Urinals cleansed	2
Artificial lighting to W.Cs.	5
New sinks or lavatory basins provided	1
Roofs repaired	1
Refuse removed	2
Miscellaneous	2

Outworkers

Fifty-six visits have been made by the Public Health Inspectors to the homes of persons notified as outworkers to the department. It has been found that the home conditions are quite satisfactory.

The following table shows, by trades, the number of outworkers residing in the district, and who were notified to me in the August lists as required by Section 110(i)(c) of the Factories Act, 1937 :—

Wearing apparel	23
Curtains and furniture hanging	1
Lampshades	10
Making of brushes	1
Making of boxes	3
Fancy Goods	1

There were no cases of default in sending lists to the Council (Section 110) and no instances of work in unwholesome premises (Section 111).

Sanitary Conveniences

There are 32 conveniences attached to public houses within the Borough. These premises are inspected periodically.

There are 14 public conveniences in the Borough, including those in recreation grounds. Thirteen of these conveniences provide accommodation for both sexes and one for males only.

Places of Public Entertainment

The cinema, dance halls and other places of public entertainment have been inspected, special attention being given to the condition and adequacy of the sanitary accommodation. Five defects were discovered as a result of these inspections and were remedied after notice had been given to the person responsible. Twenty-four premises were inspected and a report was submitted to the Middlesex County Council which is the licensing authority.

Swimming Pools

Finchley has two Swimming Pools, Squires Lane Baths and the Open Air Pools in the High Road, N.12. The latter comprises Adult and Children's Pools and is said to be one of the finest examples in the London Area.

I am grateful to Mr. P. M. Spencer, the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, under whose control the baths are operated, for the following report :—

“ Both establishments are equipped with modern filtration and chlorination plants. The water is drawn from the public water supply and is continuously filtered on a six-hour cycle, make-up water being added as necessary to cover losses by evaporation, filter washing and other causes. The chlorination is controlled in accordance with the latest practice in this important subject.

“ Samples of the water are taken regularly for bacteriological examination and the results are consistently satisfactory. This reflects greatly to the credit of the staff directly concerned with the operation of the purification plants, for the bathing load is frequently heavy. In the 1961 season, 192,170 people visited the pools.”

One hundred and eighteen samples of the water were taken by the Public Health Inspectors during the year.

RODENT CONTROL

The form in which the statistics in this Section is reported has been amended so as to bring it into line with the data in the Report to the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries & Food.

Summary of work carried out

	Type of Property			
	(1) Local Authority	(2) Dwelling Houses (inc. Council Houses)	(3) All Other (including Business Premises)	(4) Total of Cols. (1), (2) & (3)
1. Number of properties inspected as result of				
(a) Notification	21	328	74	423
(b) Survey	13	169	41	223
2. Total inspections carried out	141	1,644	448	2,233
3. Number of properties inspected which were found to be infested by				
(a) Rats	21	176	57	254
(b) Mice	7	83	20	110
4. Number of infested properties (in 3 above) treated by Local Authority	22	241	68	331

Following visits to 223 premises, in addition to those from which notification had been received, 58 instances of rat infestation were found. Of the 364 premises at which evidence of infestation by rats or mice was found 59 were food premises and poultry was kept at 4 addresses only. In 7 cases smoke tests were applied to rat runs and as a result defects in drains or sewers were revealed in 5 cases. The necessary remedial works were carried out.

Treatment of Sewers

The 29th and 30th maintenance treatments of sewers were carried out in May and October respectively when baits of oiled warfarin incorporating a mould inhibitor were used. Of 38 manholes in which there was evidence of rate infestation in May all but one were cleared of infestation when rechecked with test baits in October, having been baited to extinction in the earlier treatment.

In order to undertake the treatment of sewers it is necessary to have the temporary use of men and equipment from the Department of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, to whom I am grateful for co-operation.

The amount of work involved is shown below :—

	May, 1961	October, 1961
Total number of manholes baited	785	530
Number of poison "takes"	38	36

It is important to keep the rat population in the sewers at as low a level as possible so as to limit the possibility of surface infestation. When buildings are demolished prior to new development, rats may escape from a sewer by way of severed drains, and though every effort is made to have connections sealed off at the time of demolition, works of excavation may subsequently open up the drain and leave a possible source of future surface infestation.

In 1958, the Council passed a resolution to make the whole of the Borough a smoke control area within 10 years. At the request of the Ministry of Housing and Local Government, local authorities had to submit to the Minister their proposals with regard to the making of smoke control areas for the next five years. The Council decided that all that portion of the Borough lying to the south of the railway line from the Borough boundary in the west to the North Circular Road, and thence south of the North Circular Road to the Borough boundary in the east should be included in the scheme.

A survey of the following 7 areas was completed during 1960 and the Order came into operation on 1st September 1961:

Area	No. of Premises	Average
(1) Basing Road, N.3	200	12.8
(2) Red Lion Hill, N.2	291	10.3
(3) Elmhurst Road, N.3	171	10.1
(4) Part of Hampstead Garden Suburb, N.2 and N.W.11	1,246	446.0
(5) Part of Hampstead Garden Suburb, N.2 and East Finchley, N.3	932	110.4
Total	3,140	289.4

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

The above Act deals with the control of dark smoke, smoke from furnaces, smoke control areas and special cases of smoke emission, which include special processes to be dealt with under the Alkali Act, colliery spoil-banks, railway engines, vessels and Crown premises.

It also makes provision for the establishment of a Clean Air Council for England and Wales.

Certain sections of the Act came into operation on the 31st December, 1956, including those relating to the height of chimneys and to smoke control areas. The remaining provisions came into operation on the 1st June, 1958, and included those relating to the prohibition of dark smoke from chimneys, measures for dealing with grit and dust from furnaces, abatement of smoke nuisances and the application of the Act to railway engines, vessels and Crown premises.

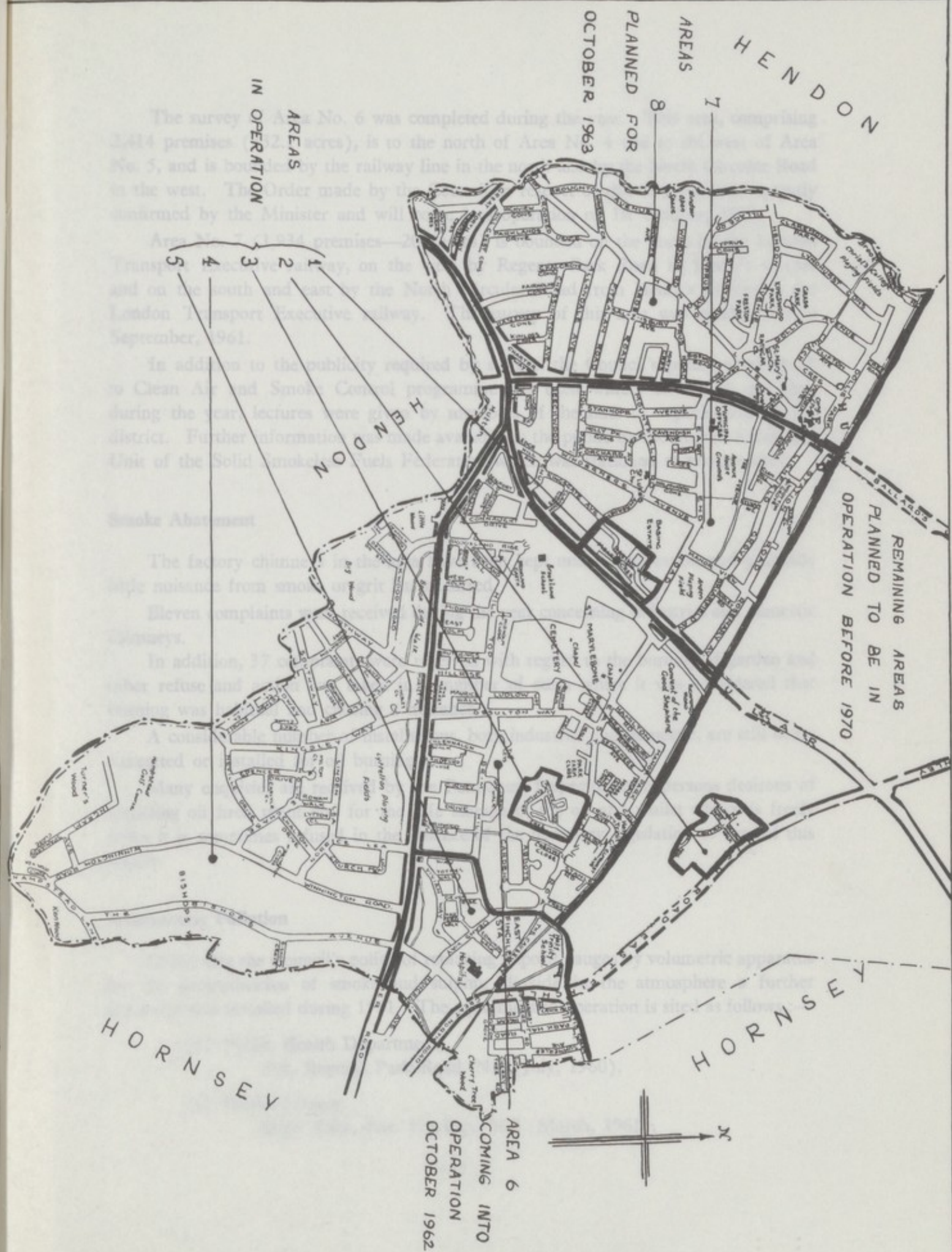
With regard to the making of smoke control areas, any local authority may make an Order, which must be confirmed by the Minister declaring the whole or any part of its district as a smoke control area. Subject to any stated exceptions and limitations, the emission of chimney smoke in such an area, on any day, is an offence unless the emission was caused only by the burning of an authorised fuel.

If the owner or occupier of a private dwelling which is in, or will be in, a smoke control area, has to incur expenditure for adapting his heating arrangements the local authority shall repay him seven-tenths of the cost, four-tenths of which is recoverable from the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

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A survey of the following 5 areas was completed during 1960 and the Orders came into operation on 1st September, 1961 :—

Area.	No. of Premises	Acreage
(1) Basing Estate, N.3	200	12.6
(2) Red Lion Hill, N.2	291	10.3
(3) Elmshurst Estate, N.2	171	10.1
(4) Part of Hampstead Garden Suburb, N.2 and N.W.11	1,546	446.0
(5) Part of Hampstead Garden Suburb, N.2, and East Finchley, N.2	932	110.4
Total	3,140	589.4



The survey of Area No. 6 was completed during the year. This area, comprising 2,414 premises (332.1 acres), is to the north of Area No. 4 and to the west of Area No. 5, and is bounded by the railway line in the north and by the North Circular Road in the west. The Order made by the Council in respect of this area was subsequently confirmed by the Minister and will come into operation on 1st October, 1962.

Area No. 7 (1,934 premises—207 acres) is bounded on the north by the London Transport Executive railway, on the west by Regents Park Road to Henly's Corner and on the south and east by the North Circular Road from Henly's Corner to the London Transport Executive railway. The survey of this area was commenced in September, 1961.

In addition to the publicity required by statute, the Council's policy with regard to Clean Air and Smoke Control programme has been widely circulated and also, during the year, lectures were given by members of the staff to organisations in the district. Further information was made available to the public by the Mobile Exhibition Unit of the Solid Smokeless Fuels Federation which was stationed at various sites.

Smoke Abatement

The factory chimneys in the area have been kept under observation and generally little nuisance from smoke or grit has occurred.

Eleven complaints were received during the year concerning industrial and domestic chimneys.

In addition, 37 complaints were received with regard to the burning of garden and other refuse and action was taken in a number of cases where it was considered that burning was habitual and causing a nuisance.

A considerable number of installations, both industrial and domestic, are still being converted or installed for oil burning.

Many enquiries are received by the Petroleum Inspector from persons desirous of installing oil fired plant and for the safe storage of the oil and whilst advice is freely given it is sometimes refused in the absence of the necessary legislation to control this matter.

Atmospheric Pollution

Continuing the Council's policy of replacing deposit gauges by volumetric apparatus for the determination of smoke and sulphur dioxide in the atmosphere a further apparatus was installed during 1961. The equipment in operation is sited as follows :—

- (1) Public Health Department,
308, Regents Park Road, N.3 (July, 1960).
- (2) Public Library,
High Road, East Finchley, N.2 (March, 1961).

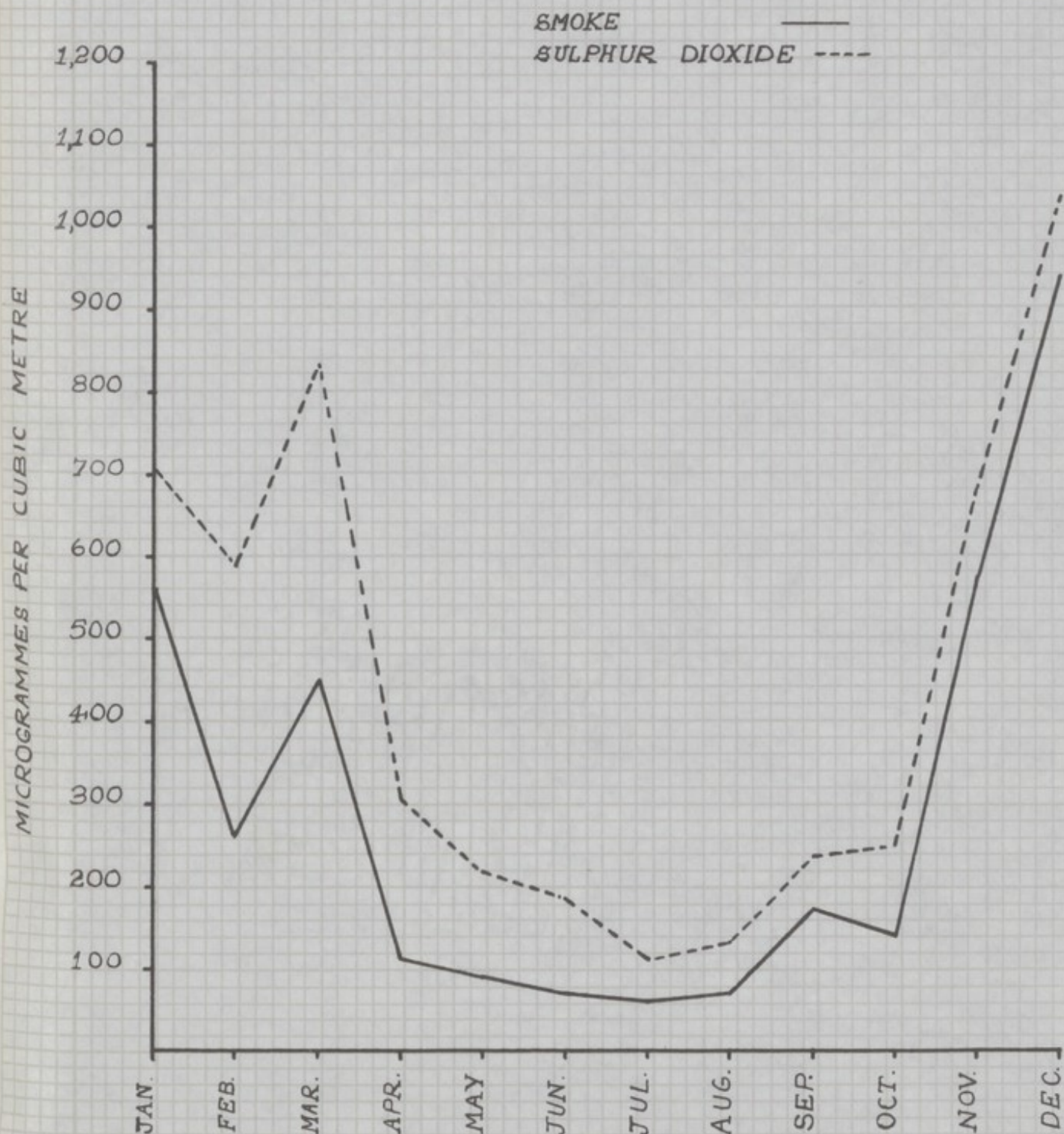
Arrangements were also made for an additional site at the Public Library, Ravensdale Avenue, North Finchley, N.12; the apparatus was installed but was not in operation at the end of the year.

The following table and graphs show the measurements of pollution recorded during 1961 at the Public Health Department.

Concentration of Smoke and Sulphur Dioxide

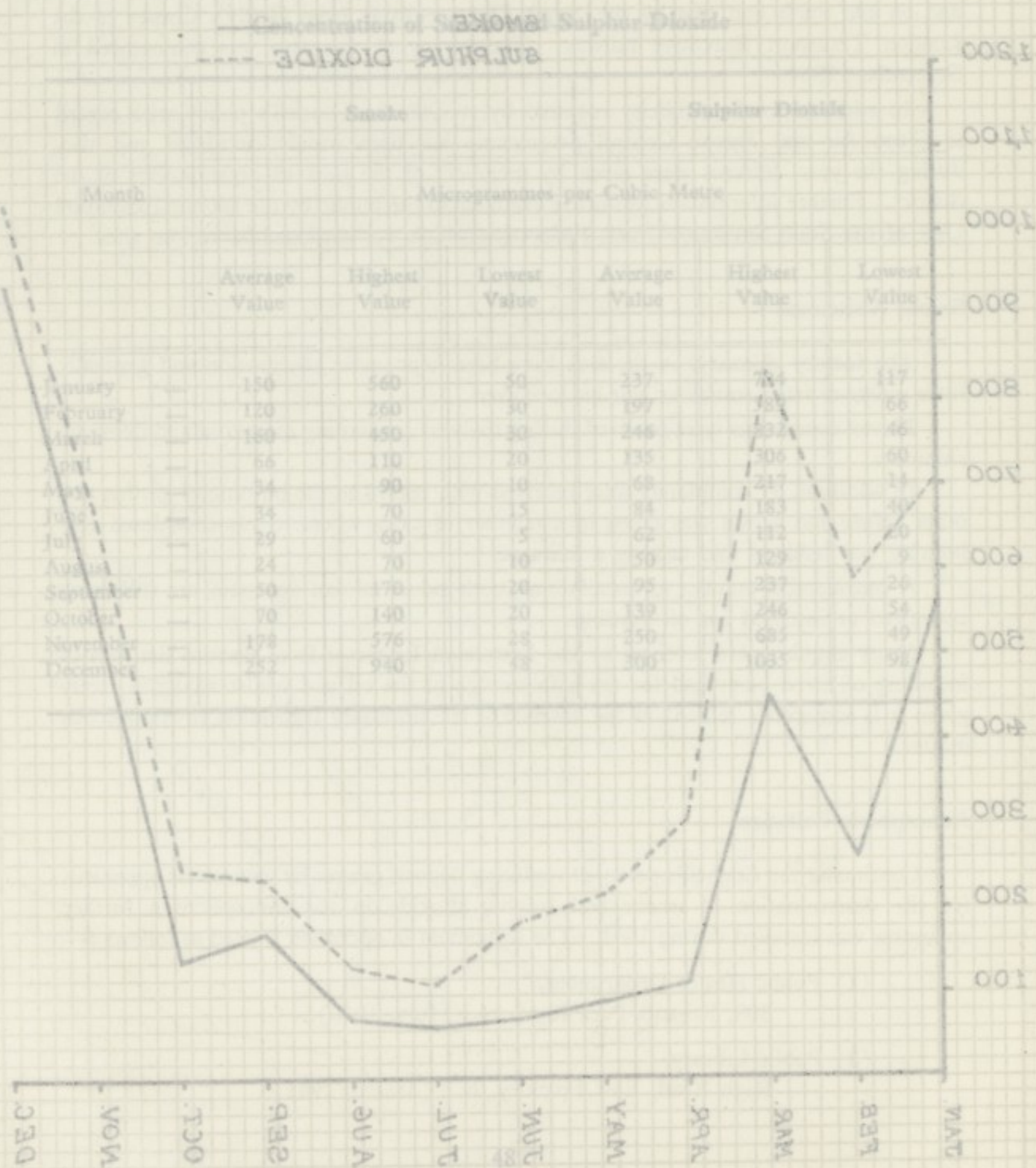
Month	Smoke			Sulphur Dioxide		
	Microgrammes per Cubic Metre					
	Average Value	Highest Value	Lowest Value	Average Value	Highest Value	Lowest Value
January	150	560	50	237	704	117
February	120	260	30	197	589	66
March	160	450	30	246	832	46
April	66	110	20	135	306	60
May	34	90	10	68	217	14
June	34	70	15	84	183	40
July	29	60	5	62	112	20
August	24	70	10	50	129	9
September	50	170	20	95	237	26
October	70	140	20	139	246	54
November	178	576	28	250	685	49
December	252	940	48	300	1035	98

CONCENTRATION OF SMOKE AND SULPHUR DIOXIDE-HIGHEST VALUE

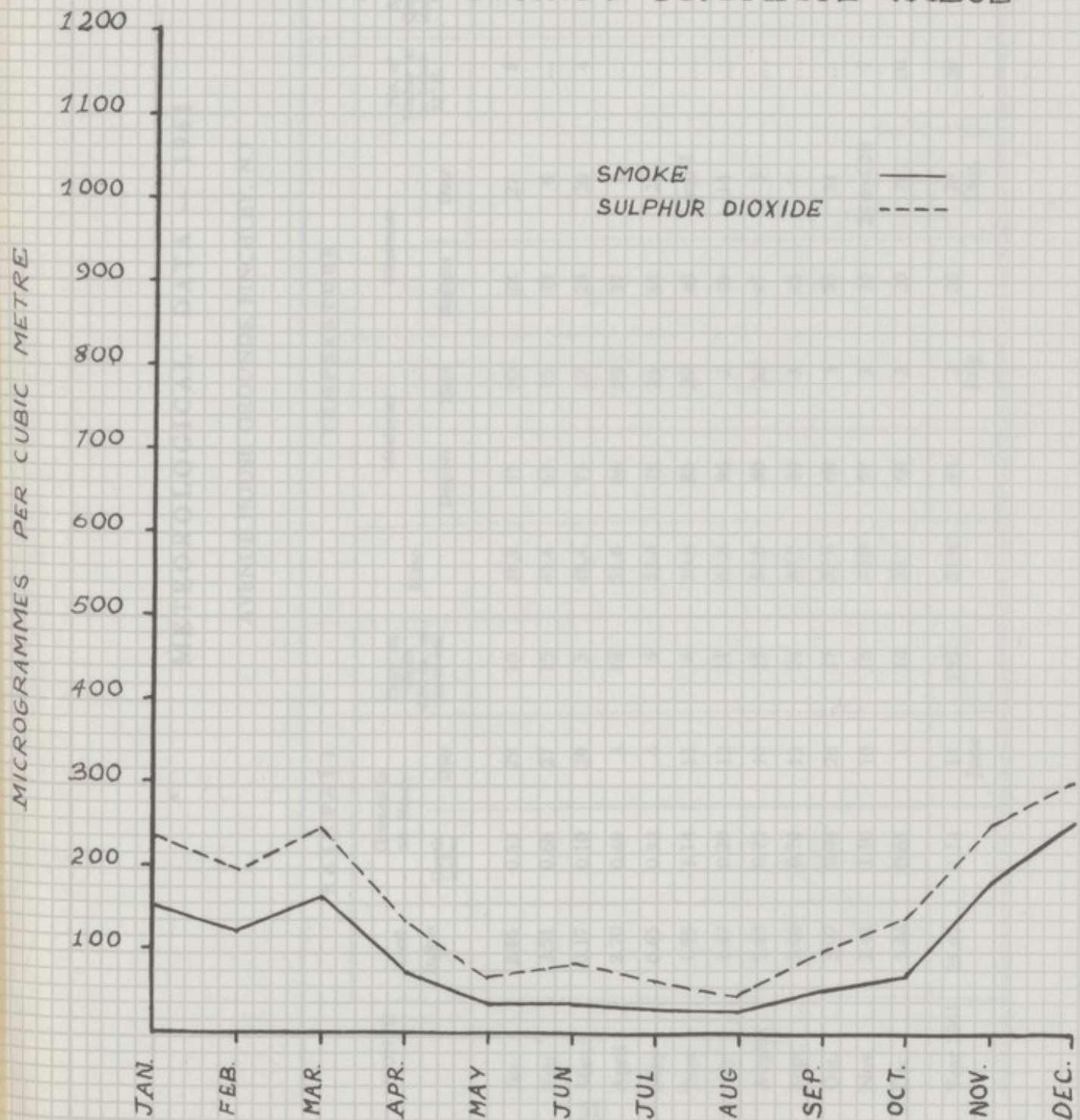


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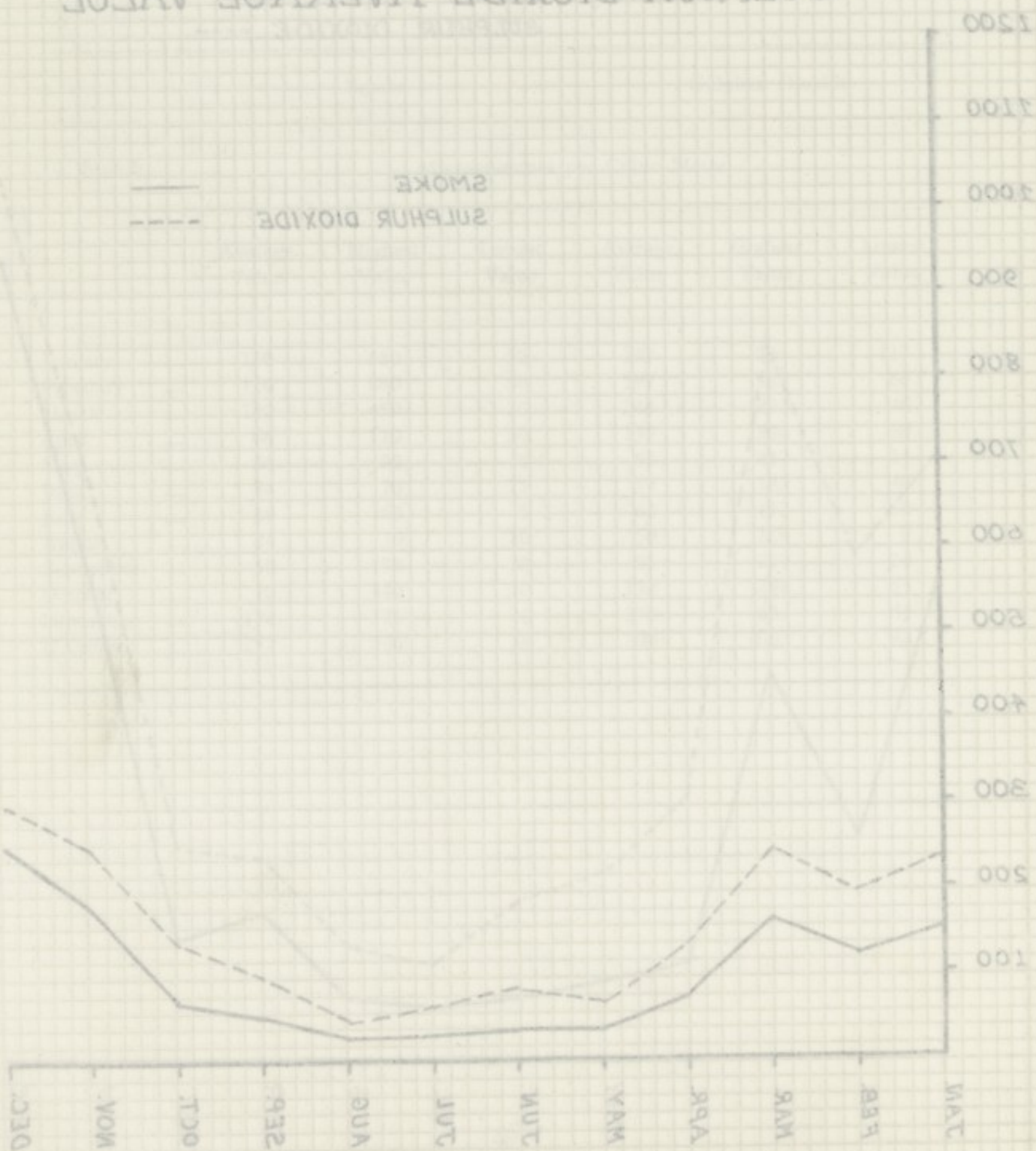
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CONCENTRATION OF SMOKE AND SULPHUR DIOXIDE-AVERAGE VALUE



SULPHUR DIOXIDE-AVERAGE VALUE CONCENTRATION OF SMOKE AND



METEOROLOGICAL DATA — 1961

AVENUE HOUSE GROUNDS, FINCHLEY, N.3

MONTH	RAINFALL				TEMPERATURE						DIRECTION OF WIND (Days)			
	Total Inches	Greatest in 24 Hours		Days on which 0.01 in. or more fell	Mean	Maximum		Minimum		No. of Nights at or below 32° F.	S.W. Quadrant including W.	S.E. Quadrant including S.	N.E. Quadrant including E.	N.W. Quadrant including N.
		Depth inches	Date			Degrees	Date	Degrees	Date					
Jan. ...	2.46	0.33	29	16	38.9	51	30	28	27	8	8	...	7	16
Feb. ...	2.51	0.68	27	15	45.4	63	15	33	4	...	18	2	2	6
March ...	0.17	0.10	29	5	48.4	73	17	29	20	4	17	...	2	12
April ...	2.70	0.49	3	18	51.6	66	20	37	2	...	26	...	2	2
May ...	0.65	0.32	4	5	52.4	75	13	35	28	...	10	3	8	10
June ...	1.55	1.14	11	6	59.6	83	27	40	1 and 2	...	17	10	...	3
July ...	1.47	0.29	12	11	61.8	94	2	49	14	...	9	1	1	20
August ...	2.23	0.75	10	15	61.8	80	30	47	5	...	11	...	...	20
Sept. ...	3.00	0.74	13	14	61.5	84	3	45	7	...	17	...	...	13
Oct. ...	3.07	0.44	26	17	53.6	68	3	33	31	...	17	6	1	7
Nov. ...	2.42	1.10	10	15	42.9	59	2	30	24 and 26	7	9	1	13	7
Dec. ...	3.44	0.65	1	14	38.7	60	2	20	28	20	10	6	8	7
Year 1961	25.67	1.14	11 June	151	51.4	94	2 July	20	28 Dec.	39	169	29	44	123

FOOD

FOOD & DRUGS ACT, 1955

Food Hygiene (General) Regulations, 1960

The above-named Regulations, which came into operation on the 1st October, 1960, amended and consolidated the Regulations of 1955—1957, and brought within their scope the handling and service of food on board home going ships and certain other vessels.

These food hygiene regulations lay down requirements in respect of the cleanliness of food premises and stalls, and of apparatus and equipment, the hygienic handling of food, the cleanliness of persons engaged in the handling of food and of their clothing, and the action to be taken where they suffer from or are carriers of certain infections ; the construction of food premises, their repair and maintenance and the facilities including sinks and wash basins to be provided ; and the temperature at which certain foods are to be kept.

1. Number of Inspections :

The Public Health Inspectors continued a survey of food premises and during the year, 1,145 visits were made to shops and other premises in order to ascertain compliance with the Regulations, and arising therefrom 185 contraventions were found, and 59 letters sent and 56 verbal notices given in connection therewith.

The following is a summary of the works done during the year :—

Chopping blocks provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Cleaning and redecorating carried out	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	103
Clothing lockers provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Cold store provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Display protection provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Draining board provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5
Electric light provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
First aid material provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Floor laid or repaired	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	18
Food store provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Hot water supply provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	20
Impervious working surfaces provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	9
Lavatory basins provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8
Nailbrushes provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Notice re dogs provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Oven renewed	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Packing room provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Plastic bowl provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Refrigerator provided or repaired	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Roof repaired	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1

Rubbish removed	8
Shop front provided	1
Sinks provided	11
Soap provided	5
Tiles repaired	4
Towels provided	5
Ventilated lobby provided	5
Ventilation improved	2
Waste bins provided	2
Waste pipe repaired	1
W.C. apartments provided	3
W.C. cisterns provided or repaired	8
W.C. notices provided	10
W.C. pans provided	4
W.C. seats provided	1
Windows repaired	1
Yard paving repaired	1

2. The number and type of food premises :—

(a) Bakers, etc.	35
(b) Butchers	47
(c) Confectioners	95
(d) Fishmongers	17
(e) Greengrocers	58
(f) Grocers and provisions	108
(g) Restaurants, Cafés, Canteens, etc.	89
Total	449

3. The number and type of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 :—

(a) Sale of Ice Cream	166
(b) Manufacture of Sausages	38
(c) Cooking of Hams	9
(d) Pickling of Meat	5
(e) Preparation of pickled and preserved food	7
(f) Cooking of Poultry	2
Total	227

Butchers' Shops

There were 47 butchers' shops in the district, all of which are provided with glass fronts.

All these premises have been visited and the provision of the Public Health (Meat) Regulations which provide for the cleanliness of the premises, apparatus, utensils and vehicles, the precautions to be taken against the contamination of meat, the storage and removal of refuse, etc., have generally been well observed.

Bakehouses

The number of bakehouses in the Borough was 17. At 16 bakehouses motive power is used.

The bakehouses have been visited by the Public Health Inspectors and steps have been taken to cause them to be maintained in a proper sanitary condition. The periodical cleansing of these premises, as required by statute, has generally been carried out.

Dairies, Cowsheds and Milkshops

At the beginning of the year there were 8 dairies in the district registered under the Milk and Dairies (General) Regulations, 1959. One dairy closed during the year. All premises were inspected from time to time.

The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960, came into operation on 1st January, 1961, in so far as they relate to dealers' licences and provide, inter alia, that dealers' licences will be granted by the food and drugs authority and the period for which these licences will be granted is extended from one year to five years. Dealers' licences now permit sales outside as well as inside the area of the licensing authority and supplementary licences are discontinued.

Details of the issue of licences are contained in the Middlesex County Council Public Control Department's report (page 60).

Ice Cream Premises

The Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations, 1959, control the method by which ice cream should be manufactured.

Most of the ice cream sold is manufactured outside the Borough.

There were 166 premises registered for the sale of ice cream.

Fish Friers

At the end of 1961 there were eight premises in the district where the business of fish frying is carried out.

Game Licences

Fourteen applications were received under Section 27 of the Local Government Act, 1894, from tradesmen in the Borough for licences to deal in game. A licence was granted in each instance.

Display of Dog Notices in Food Shops

Notices for exhibition have been supplied to all food shops in the district, pointing out that the presence of dogs is a danger to the health of the public.

School Kitchens

A number of visits were made by the Public Health Inspectors to school kitchens and the staffs are to be commended on the high standard of cleanliness which has been maintained.

Hawkers

There were 22 hawkers registered under the requirements of the Middlesex County Council Act, 1944, of which 6 were barrow boys operating in the district ; two more than the previous year.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES ACT, 1958

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS, 1958

Report on Slaughterhouse Facilities

There is one private slaughterhouse operating in the district from which the owner obtains part of his supplies of home-killed meat for sale in his own shops in Finchley and adjoining districts, including Hornsey, Hendon, Barnet and Friern Barnet. In addition this facility is used by local pig keepers who need occasional and seasonal accommodation.

An undertaking was given by the occupier of the slaughterhouse to carry out the works necessary to comply with the Act. The Minister of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food accepted the Report of the Recommendations but postponed the date of operation until April, 1961.

Humane Slaughter of Animals

In accordance with the provisions of the Slaughter of Animals Act, 1958, all animals slaughtered in a slaughterhouse within the district must be stunned by means of a mechanically operated instrument kept in good repair.

This method of slaughter continues to prove satisfactory.

Licensed Slaughtermen

The Act also provides that no animal shall be slaughtered or stunned by any person who is not the holder of a licence granted by the local authority. The licences granted by the Council have to be renewed annually. Two persons were licensed during 1961.

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed (if known)	—	—	1	—	201	—
Number inspected	—	—	1	—	201	—
All Diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci :						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	1	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	19	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci	—	—	—	—	9.95	—
Tuberculosis only :						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	1	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	0.50	—
Cysticercosis :						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrig- eration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—

Unsound Food Condemned

(1) In Slaughterhouses

Tuberculosis

Pigs

Head

1

Other Diseases

Pigs

Hearts

7 (Pericarditis)

Livers

2 (Cirrhosis)

Lungs

(pairs)

10 (Pneumonia)

Whole Carcase

1 (Casualty)

Spleen

1 (Haemorrhage)

(2) In Shops

Cattle

Beef	259 lbs.
Beef Briskets	15
Ox Kidneys	2 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs.
Veal	57 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.

Sheep and Lambs

Lamb	4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs.
Lamb Livers	24 lbs.

Pigs

Pork	21 lbs.
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Tinned Articles

Commodity	Tins	Total Weight	
		lbs.	ozs.
Corned Beef	27	80	11
Cream	20	7	10
Fish	175	71	14
Fruit	1002	1036	10 $\frac{3}{4}$
Fruit Juice	113	116	2 $\frac{3}{4}$
Ham	16	147	15
Jam	38	68	0
Luncheon Meat	36	76	1
Marmalade	2	4	0
Meat	38	46	6 $\frac{1}{2}$
Meat Pie/Pudding	20	19	1 $\frac{1}{2}$
Milk	140	75	9 $\frac{1}{2}$
		and 30 $\frac{7}{8}$ pts.	
Pease Pudding	1	0	11
Pudding	1	1	3 $\frac{1}{2}$
Ravioli	15	12	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Rice Pudding	91	79	12 $\frac{1}{4}$
Sausages	1	0	6
Soup	10	6	9
Spaghetti	1	0	15 $\frac{1}{2}$
Sweetcorn	19	13	1
Tomatoes	57	47	5
Tomato Juice	11	8	0
Tomato Puree	1	0	4 $\frac{1}{2}$
Vegetables	163	126	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
Vegetable Juice	5	3	8 $\frac{1}{4}$

Frozen Foods

Commodity	Packets	Commodity	Packets
Cake/pastry	53	Meat Pie/Pudding	31
Cheese	20	Mousse	88
Doughnuts	1	Potato Chips	4
Eclairs	8	Potatoes	8
Fish	205	Sausage Rolls	9
Fish Fingers	83	Sponges	9
Fruit	33	Sweetcorn	2
Meat	64	Vegetables	156

Miscellaneous

Commodity	Total	Commodity	Total
Butter	6½ lbs.	Jam	11 lbs.
Capons	43	Lard	1 lb.
Cheese	5 packets	Mallowcreams	216 packets
Chickens	152	Margarine	6½ lbs.
Coconut Mallows	61½ lbs.	Rabbits (Skinned)	30 lbs.
Dried Fruit	306 lbs. 10 ozs.	Roker Wings	14 lbs.
Fish	8 stones	Split Peas	7 lbs.
Ham	19 lbs. 3 ozs.	Walnuts (broken)	28 lbs.

Method of Disposal of Condemned Food

Condemned food is removed by the Public Health Department's van and is destroyed at the Council's Refuse Destructor.

Food Sampling

The following information has been furnished by the Middlesex County Council Public Control Department relative to samples taken in accordance with the provisions of the Food & Drugs Act, 1955 :—

Samples Procured in Finchley during the year

Article	Total Samples procured	Unsatisfactory
Milk (new)	53	—
Milk (various)	34	—
Butter	5	—
Cakes	6	—
Cheese	2	—
Cream	2	—
Drugs	5	—
Fish and Fish Products	7	—

Fruit (fresh)	7	5
Fruit (canned and dried)	2	—
Margarine	6	—
Meat and Meat Products	18	—
Preserves	2	—
Sausages	8	—
Soft Drinks and Fruit Juices	8	2
Spirits	1	1
Vinegar and Non-Brewed Condiment	22	2
Miscellaneous	13	—
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Totals	201	10
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Regarding the samples noted as unsatisfactory, the following comments are added :—

Fresh Fruit :

A greengrocer sold and exposed for sale from his stall apples of the variety "Domestic Sunset" as "Cox's Orange Pippins." He was prosecuted and given an absolute discharge on payment of £5 5s. 0d. costs.

Another greengrocer was prosecuted for labelling "Golden Delicious" apples and "Lavine" apples as "Newtowns" and for selling "Lavine" apples as "Newtowns." He was fined £3 0s. 0d. on each of three summonses and ordered to pay £6 6s. 0d. towards the costs.

Soft Drinks :

A sample of lemon juice was found to contain some small particles which on analysis were found to be charcoal derived from one of the manufacturing processes. In the circumstances no action was taken against the manufacturer.

A sample of imported canned vitaminised apple juice was found to be deficient in vitamin "C." A second sample of the same product procured a short while afterwards was found to be correct and no further action was taken in respect of the deficient sample.

Spirits :

A sample of cognac which was submitted by a member of the public was found to be adulterated with 8% of methylated spirit. It transpired that the sale took place in a foreign capital and no action was therefore possible.

Vinegar :

Two samples of vinegar, both procured from the same supplier, were deficient in acetic acid. Investigation showed that the deficiency was due to loss of strength in storage. An official caution was issued.

The Public Control Department also reported upon the following matters :—

Merchandise Marks Act, 1887-1953 :

Inspections are carried out under the above Acts to ensure that the requirements of the various Marking Orders relating to the indication of origin of imported foodstuffs are applied. Inspections were made at 158 premises and a total of 570 displays were examined. Minor breaches of the Orders were dealt with by verbal warnings.

A more serious infringement, in which "Cyprus" grape fruit were described and sold as "Jaffas," was dealt with by prosecution. The greengrocer concerned was fined £5 0s. 0d. on each of two summonses and ordered to pay £3 3s. 0d. towards the costs.

Safe Milk :

Eighty-four samples of raw milk were procured in the Borough and tested for the presence of tubercle bacilli. All were satisfactory.

From the 1st January, 1961, the County Council became the licensing authority for the issue of licences to dealers with premises within its area and 33 such licences were issued in respect of the sale of milk to which the special designations "pasteurised," "sterilized" and "tuberculin tested" could be applied. The period for which these licences were granted has been extended from one year to five years. Thirty-nine samples of milk were obtained to test for proper heat treatment and subsequent storage. All were satisfactory.

The County Council continue to license those premises at which milk is processed, two being issued for plants in the Borough. Forty-six inspections of premises were made to ensure proper compliance with the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960.

The Labelling of Food Order, 1953 :

The Labelling of Food Order requires prepacked food to be marked with the name and address of the packer or labeller or to bear a registered trade mark ; to be marked with its common or usual name and to bear a statement of ingredients if the food consists of more than one ingredient. It also controls the manner in which the presence of vitamins and minerals is disclosed.

In the Borough of Finchley a total of 202 premises were visited and 800 items of food were examined for compliance with the Order. No infringements were disclosed.

Labelling and Advertising Infringements :

In addition to the detail given above, a considerable volume of work was done in the period under review, which did not arise from samples procured in the area of Finchley, but which had the effect of protecting the residents in each county district. The matters dealt with were in respect of nationally retailed articles of food.

Several manufacturers were required to designate the ingredients on labels of Instant Coffee. As a result of a complaint of the taste of a soft drink, investigations made in the Public Control Department showed that there was phenolic contamination

which arose from a chemical reaction between chlorinated water and the phenol formaldehyde stopper. The manufacturer has modified the ingredients of this product to prevent the chemical reaction.

The manufacturer of a non-alcoholic wine was challenged on the ground that the description was a contradiction in terms, and the label was amended to "non-alcoholic beverage."

The importer of a slimming food was challenged on claims made in advertising literature as to the Vitamin concentration, and the literature was corrected.

A manufacturer's claim of slimming properties for "reducing perles" was challenged and the product withdrawn. The claim relied on the presence of purgatives and bladderwrack.

The slimming claims made for a lemon juice in a television advertisement were modified after the manufacturer had been challenged as to the efficiency of the product as a slimming agent.

Modifications to the labels of several brands of canned chicken were secured, where it was not apparent from the label that the contents of the cans were not solely chicken, but chicken in jelly or broth.

Legal Proceedings

No legal proceedings were instituted by the Borough Council during the year under this section of the report.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

Inspection of shops in the Borough has been carried out and complaints and contraventions dealt with.

Particulars in regard to shops on the Register are as follows :—

Number on Register at beginning of 1961	947
Number closed	20
New shops	4
Number on Register at end of 1961	931
Changes of Occupancy	20

The number of persons observing the Jewish Sabbath and registered in accordance with the provisions of Section 53 of the Act was thirteen.

CONSUMER PROTECTION ACT, 1961

HEATING APPLIANCES (FIREGUARDS) REGULATIONS, 1953

The Consumer Protection Act, 1961, which came into operation on 19th August, 1961, repealed the Heating Appliances (Fireguards) Act, 1952. The Regulations of 1953, however, remain in force and inspections were made of new fires on sale at premises within the Borough. There were no contraventions of the requirements of the Regulations.

RAG FLOCK AND OTHER FILLING MATERIALS ACT, 1951

Two traders whose premises come within the definition of the Act are registered.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

The number of persons licensed at the end of the year was 6. All premises have been inspected.

LAND CHARGES ACT, 1925

Outstanding Notices

One thousand, seven hundred and fifty memoranda were received during the year from the Town Clerk enquiring whether or not there were any outstanding notices with respect to certain properties in the district. The necessary searches were made and the required information furnished.

GENERAL INFORMATION CONCERNING THE STATUTORY AND VOLUNTARY SERVICES AVAILABLE IN THE BOROUGH

STATUTORY SERVICES

PERSONAL HEALTH SERVICES

Health Services under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946, are provided by the Middlesex County Council.

County Medical Officer : G. S. Wigley, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., 3, 5 & 7, Old Queen Street, S.W.1. Telephone : TRAfalgar 7799.

Area Medical Officer, Area No. 4, Finchley and Hendon : Miss Kathleen M. Bodkin, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H., Area Health Office, Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4. Telephone : HENdon 8282.

Ante-natal Clinics :

(1) Health Centre, Oak Lane, N.2, on Tuesdays (9.30 a.m. to 12 noon) and Fridays (2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.).

(2) Torrington Clinic, Torrington Park, N.12, on Mondays (2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.).

N.B.—Post-natal mothers are also seen at these clinics.

Infant Welfare Clinics :

(1) Health Centre, Oak Lane, N.2, on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays (2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.).

(2) Torrington Clinic, Torrington Park, N.12, on Wednesdays and Fridays (2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.).

(3) Methodist Church Hall, Essex Park, N.3, on Tuesdays and Thursdays (2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.).

Day Nursery : Kingswood Day Nursery, 6, Hendon Avenue, N.3. Open—Mondays to Fridays inclusive (8 a.m. to 6 p.m.).

*Midwifery : The midwife operating in Finchley is :—

Miss M. Cole, 26, Victoria Grove, N.12. (HILLside 6601).

*Home Nursing : A number of Home Nurses cover the district and private practitioners are informed of the names and telephone numbers.

* Enquiries for a Home Nurse or Midwife may be made direct to the Nurse or Midwife concerned or to the Area Superintendent of Home Nurses and Non-Medical Supervisor of Midwives, Area Health Office, Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4. (HENdon 8282, Ext. 513).

Chiropody : The County Council's extension of the Chiropody Service offers treatment in the first instance to the elderly, the physically handicapped, expectant mothers and nursing mothers with a child under 12 months, but does not preclude recommendations being made in respect of other persons needing Chiropody treatment, including school children provided with free treatment under the Education Act, 1944.

The Service provides treatment at the Torrington and Oak Lane Clinics for persons of pensionable age, i.e., men aged 65 and over and women aged 60 and over. Transport for attendance, where required on medical grounds, is provided and in certain circumstances arrangements can be made for Chiropodists to visit old people's homes. In exceptional cases home visits can be made.

Health Visiting: There are a number of health visitors in Finchley who are available to give advice on health matters.

Domestic Help: Assistance can be provided in maternity cases, sickness in the home and in respect of aged people. Medical certificates are necessary in each case. It is the County Council's rule that home help provision may not be continued for more than six months in any case without the approval of the Area Health Committee, and it is its policy that, in cases of acute emergency, immediate assistance be given for a short period without detailed investigation; however, for longer periods, the approval of the Area Health Committee is required.

Vaccination and Immunisation: Vaccination and immunisation against smallpox, diphtheria, whooping cough, tetanus and poliomyelitis can either be undertaken by appointment at local clinics or may be arranged through the private medical practitioners.

Prevention of Illness, care and after-care: Arrangements can be made whereby persons can be sent away for a recuperative holiday following an acute illness.

School Health Service: Arrangements for treatment can be undertaken at the undermentioned clinics by appointment:—

Dental Clinic, Health Centre, Oak Lane, N.2.

Dental Clinic, Kingswood, 6, Hendon Avenue, N.3.

Sunlight Clinic, Health Centre, Oak Lane, N.2.

Speech Clinic, Health Centre, Oak Lane, N.2.

Speech Clinic, Torrington Clinic, Torrington Park, N.12.

Orthopaedic Clinic, Health Centre, Oak Lane, N.2.

Orthodontic Clinic, Health Centre, Oak Lane, N.2.

Minor Ailment Clinic, Health Centre, Oak Lane, N.2.

Minor Ailment Clinic, Torrington Clinic, Torrington Park, N.12.

Eye Clinic, Health Centre, Oak Lane, N.2.

Aural Clinic, Health Centre, Oak Lane, N.2.

B.C.G. Vaccination: Vaccination against Tuberculosis is offered to all children at 13 to 14 years of age.

Subnormal Children: A day special school for educationally subnormal children is provided at Oak Lodge, Oak Lane, N.2. The Regular Catchment Area covers Finchley, Hendon and Hornsey, but if specially asked the School will admit children from Friern Barnet, Southgate, Potters Bar and Wood Green. The residue of Wembley and Willesden children are in attendance but these districts now have their own schools.

Welfare Foods : Proprietary welfare foods are available to mothers attending infant welfare clinics and, in addition, Ministry of Health welfare foods, i.e., Cod Liver Oil, National Dried Milk, Orange Juice, Vitamin A & D Tablets are issued. The latter commodities are also available at the W.V.S. Centre, 308, Regents Park Road, N.3, and the Centre is open for this service from 10 a.m. to 12 noon and 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. on Mondays to Fridays.

Further information regarding these services may be obtained from the Area Medical Officer, Area Health Office, Town Hall, Hendon, N.W.4. (HENDon 8282).

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

The Borough of Finchley forms part of the EAST CENTRAL DIVISION for Mental Health Services in the Middlesex County Council.

Divisional Office : 2, Maryland Road, Wood Green, N.22. (Tel. : BOWes Park 4281).

Senior Medical Officer : Dr. R. C. Greenberg.

Divisional Mental Welfare Officer : Mr. W. J. Ward.

Mental Welfare Officers : Mr. E. Inglis ; Miss M. Lay ; Mr. C. Carr ; Miss J. E. Maclean.

Mental Health Social Worker : Miss C. M. Coups.

Psychiatric Social Workers : Mrs. J. I. Jansen ; Miss E. Arkinstall.

The mental health social worker makes regular visits to the homes of all the sub-normal and severely sub-normal females and males up to the age of ten years and advises on all aspects of the patient's well being and employment in appropriate cases. She submits written reports on her visits so that where necessary the County Medical Officer may take appropriate action such as arranging admission to psychiatric hospitals either on a temporary or permanent basis. Such temporary admissions, of up to eight weeks, are arranged to meet acute domestic difficulties or ill health of mother. The mental welfare officers deal similarly with the sub-normal and severely sub-normal males over the age of ten years.

The main duty of the mental welfare officers is the care and in part the after-care of those persons suffering from mental illness including dealing with those requiring compulsory detention in psychiatric hospitals under the Mental Health Act, 1959.

Both the mental welfare officers and the mental health social workers transport patients in their cars to and from the psychiatric hospitals.

The psychiatric social workers are largely concerned with the after-care and rehabilitation of persons discharged after undergoing treatment either in hospitals or at out-patient clinics but also deal with a similar type of case who may not have had to enter a psychiatric hospital and in cases referred from the National Assistance Board because of chronic unemployment.

As regards the general practitioners, they receive via the Middlesex Executive Council, a schedule setting out the information given above and also the procedure under which they may obtain the services of a mental welfare officer outside normal office hours.

In addition to the home visiting service, there are junior training schools for the young severely sub-normal and adult training centres for those of sixteen years of age and over. Although at present there are none of these establishments actually sited within the Borough, some Finchley children are transported daily by coach to the newly opened purpose-built Friern Barnet Junior Training School and Finchley youths and girls are taken by coach to the newly built Edmonton Adult Training Centre. A therapeutic social club is run under the direction of Miss Arkinstall, Psychiatric Social Worker, for incipient mental cases and for those discharged from psychiatric hospitals who are in need of after-care, at York Park Day Nursery, York Road, Hendon, N.W.9, at 7 p.m. every Tuesday evening.

It is the County Council's intention to increase the above facilities and to provide, in addition, hostel accommodation for the mentally disordered living in the community.

WELFARE SERVICES

Welfare Services under Part III of the National Assistance Act, 1948, are provided by the Welfare Department of the Middlesex County Council.

The following services are under the direction of the local Area Welfare Officer, Mr. C. M. Austwick, 36, Woodhouse Road, N.12. (HILLside 2822) :—

- (a) Admittance to Residential Accommodation through reasons of age and infirmity.
- (b) Provision of temporary accommodation for persons rendered homeless through eviction, fire or flood.
- (c) Welfare of the Physically Handicapped (day to day supervision by Welfare Visitor).
- (d) Welfare of the Blind and Partially Sighted (day to day supervision by Home Teacher).

A handicraft class for the Blind is held on alternate Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m. at Christchurch Hall, High Road, N.12, and a Work Centre for handicapped persons is open in the mornings from Monday to Friday in Hendon.

Details of the County Council and registered (non-profit making) Voluntary Old People's Homes are as follows :—

County Council :

- "Beach Lodge," 66, Hendon Lane, N.3. FINchley 5522. 35 women.
- "Meadowside," 58, Holden Road, N.12. HILLside 7816. 22 women.

Voluntary :

- "Fairlight," 51, Woodside Lane, N.12. HILLside 1513. 20 mixed.
- French Memorial Home, 13, Nether Street, N.12. HILLside 4353. 20 mixed.
- Woodside Home, 1227, High Road, N.20. HILLside 1127. 39 women.
- Nazareth House, 162, East End Road, N.2. TUDor 1104. 59 mixed.
- Vernon House, The Bishop's Avenue, N.2. SPEEdwell 2130. 42 mixed.
- Leo Baeck House, The Bishop's Avenue, N.2. SPEEdwell 9806. 43 mixed.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

A series of ambulances and sitting case cars is maintained by the Middlesex County Council.

In cases of emergency, dial 999. In other cases, ambulances should be obtained through the family doctor or hospital.

HOSPITAL SERVICE

The hospitals serving Finchley are :—

Finchley Memorial Hospital, Bow Lane, N.12. (FINchley 1195).

Barnet General Hospital, Wellhouse Lane, Barnet, Herts. (BARnet 7421).

North Middlesex Hospital, Silver Street, Edmonton, N.18. (EDMonton 3071).

“Tower” Maternity Annexe (North Middlesex Hospital), The Bishop’s Avenue, N.2. (SPEedwell 3612).

Royal Northern Hospital, Holloway Road, N.7. (ARChway 2211).

Whittington Hospital, Archway Road, N.19. (ARChway 3070).

Coppetts Wood Isolation Hospital, Coppetts Road, N.10. (TUDor 9792/3).

TUBERCULOSIS AND CHEST X-RAY

The Chest Clinic serving this district is situated at 980, High Road, Whetstone, N.20. (HILLside 6681).

Chest Physician : Dr. B. A. Butterworth.

Assistant Chest Physician : Dr. W. Traub.

CARE AND WELFARE OF CHILDREN WHO ARE DEPRIVED OF A NORMAL HOME LIFE

Enquiries should be made to Children’s Area Officer, 1, Friern Park, N.12. (HILLside 4264).

VOLUNTARY SERVICES

FINCHLEY OLD PEOPLE’S WELFARE COMMITTEE

Public Health Department, 308, Regents Park Road, N.3.

The Finchley Old People’s Welfare Committee endeavours to assist elderly people resident in the Borough by making known and bringing to them the services which are available to persons of 60 years and over. A number of voluntary visitors, both men and women, are on the register of the Committee. This service is intended for those who have difficulty in getting out either temporarily or permanently. The purpose of the visiting is to provide a link between the elderly person and the Finchley Old People’s Welfare Committee and gives the opportunity of suggesting and obtaining, if required, the various services which would be suitable in his or her case. Visitors

arrange to call when possible once in every two weeks. Problems can be discussed and sometimes assistance can be given in washing up, clothes mending or shopping.

Eye Testing

In special circumstances, elderly people may have their eyes tested at home.

OLD PERSONS' CLUBS

Evergreen Clubs

Finchley Club, St. Luke's Hall, Mountfield Road, N.3.

Wednesdays—2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

West Finchley Club, Gordon Hall, next to West Finchley Station, N.3.

Tuesdays—2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Disabled Persons Handicraft Club—Membership on production of a doctor's certificate. St. Mary's Church Hall, Hendon Lane, N.3.

Thursdays—2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Enquiries concerning all the above clubs to :—

Miss F. M. Rochat, Divisional Director, British Red Cross Society, 172, Regents Park Road, N.3. (Telephone FINchley 2588).

Good Companions' Club

Youth Hall, High Road, East Finchley, N.2.

Tuesdays—2.30 p.m. to 4.15 p.m.

Enquiries to Mrs. L. M. Harris, 17, Claverley Grove, N.3. (Tel. : FINchley 0782).

Hampstead Garden Suburb Fellowship

Fellowship House, Willifield Way, N.W.11. (for residents of the Suburb). Meetings daily.

Enquiries to Mrs. D. Stonhold, 3, Asmunds Hill, N.W.11. (Tel. : SPEedwell 0714).

Old Age Pensioners Club

Granville Hall, Granville Road, N.12.

Thursdays—2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Enquiries to W. Owens, Esq., 183, Squires Lane, N.3. (Tel. : FINchley 7162).

The Friendship Clubs

Finchley Central Friendship Club, Finchley Central Synagogue, Redbourne Avenue, N.3.

Mondays, 7.30 p.m.

Enquiries to Mrs. H. Preston, 56, Rosemary Avenue, N.3. (Tel. : FINchley 7248).

Kinloss Gardens Club, Finchley Synagogue, Kinloss Gardens, N.3.

Tuesdays at 2.30 p.m.

Enquiries to Mrs. S. Sharer, 58, Hendon Avenue, N.3. (Tel. : FINchley 4344).

Norrice Lea Club, Hampstead Garden Suburb Synagogue, Norrice Lea, N.2.

Mondays—2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Enquiries to Mrs. C. Godfrey, 14, Norrice Lea, N.2. (Tel. : MEAdway 3163).

Woodside Park Club, Woodside Hall, Woodside Park Road, N.12.

Wednesdays—2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

Enquiries to Mrs. E. Rose, 36, Lewes Road, N.12. (Tel. : HILlside 2212).

Toc H Old People's Clubs

Companions of St. Barnabas, St. Barnabas Church Hall, Gainsborough Road, N.12.

Enquiries to Mrs. A. Student-Cuming, 29, Westbury Road, N.12. (Tel. : HILlside 7478).

Granville Hall, Granville Road, North Finchley, N.12.

Mondays—7.30 p.m. to 9.30 p.m.

Enquiries to G. R. Riddleston, Esq., 10b, Moss Hall Grove, N.12.

BRITISH RED CROSS SOCIETY

The provision of sick room requisites. Various items of sick room equipment are available on loan at a very small charge, or in the case of persons on National Assistance articles may be supplied free. Such articles as crutches and indoor and outdoor invalid chairs are included in this equipment.

Chiropody

Appointments are made for treatment at reduced charges.

Escort Duties

Escort duties are performed, for example, sick persons may be met at the main railway stations and escorted through London to their destinations.

Various other services are given such as :—

Manning First Aid Posts at public functions and private entertainments.

Nursing in the home in emergencies.

Blanket bathing in the home for men and women.

Assisting in carrying patients up and down stairs, where required, when ambulance service is not available.

Driving disabled patients to clubs by volunteer drivers.

Paying home welfare visits on behalf of the Family Welfare Association, the Invalid Children's Aid Association, and various Services Benevolent Associations.

Red Cross Services available in cases of sickness, disablement and infirmity from old age.

All enquiries to be directed to Miss F. M. Rochat, Divisional Director, British Red Cross Society, 172, Regents Park Road, N.3. (FINchley 2588).

OCTOPUS CLUB

The Finchley Borough Council have continued to grant to the Octopus Club the use of the Indoor Bath at Squires Lane on alternate Sundays from 12.30 p.m. to 2 p.m. The total membership of the Club is about 50 and the average number of members who attend each session is about 26.

The Club does not confine itself to those who have suffered from Poliomyelitis. Persons who have suffered from any kind of disablement may attend at the Bath, providing that each can produce a certificate from his family doctor stating that he is free from infection and would benefit from attending the swimming sessions. The cases are collected from a wide area by ambulance and cars (such arrangements being made by the Infantile Paralysis Fellowship) and are assisted in changing and serving hot drinks, and also in the water by voluntary helpers, from the British Red Cross Society and members of various Swimming Clubs. The improvement physically and mentally has been most marked.

This Club is an excellent illustration of the successful co-operation with and between the voluntary bodies.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE

93rd Ambulance Division (Men)

Divisional Superintendent : A. T. Dickinson, 49, Ingleway, N.12.

133rd Nursing Division (Women)

Divisional Superintendent : Miss M. K. Watling, 10, Nether Close, N.3.

The St. John Ambulance Brigade can provide special nursing services in the home under the guidance of the family doctor. Escort duties can also be arranged.

WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICE

308, Regents Park Road, N.3. Telephone : FINchley 2372.

Clothing Depot—at the centre, where garments are received, and distributed by recommendation to those in need.

Meals on Wheels Service—the distribution on recommendation, of hot dinners to housebound and disabled persons.

Visiting and shopping undertaken for people in certain Homes. 1914-1918 War Widows and lonely old people also visited.

Wool blankets made by knitting of six-inch squares from oddments of wool provided at the centre. Blankets given to the needy.

Women of all ages welcomed to give their services.

FINCHLEY GUILD OF SOCIAL SERVICE

Information Centre provides free advice on personal or any other problems ; helps with enquiries on current legislation prior to Legal Advice ; e.g., Housing and Rent difficulties, domestic worries, pension queries, etc. All interviews are strictly confidential.

Sympathetic help and advice is freely given, and in cases where legal help is necessary, it is arranged for the applicant to see a Solicitor.

Help for Invalids—elderly housebound, and patients discharged from hospital are visited where necessary, and assistance or advice is given in needful cases.

“Wireless for the Bedridden” Society—the Guild acts as sponsor in providing radio sets for housebound invalids.

During the summer, the Guild arranges holidays at special terms. Programmes are available from February onwards, on application.

All enquiries for services offered by the Finchley Guild of Social Service should be directed to their Secretary at the Municipal Offices, Hertford Lodge Annexe, East End Road, N.3. (Telephone : FINchley 2626). Hours 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. on Mondays.

BRITISH LEGION

The British Legion helps ex-service men and women and their dependants at times of difficulty through ill-health or other causes. Such people do not have to be Legion members. Assistance given with rent arrears, mortgage repayments, supplying coal and food, if necessary, hiring articles such as ladders and equipment, also helping with pension appeals. Committee meets at 359, Regent Close, Ballard Lane, N.12.

FINCHLEY RATEPAYERS' ASSOCIATION

This is a body which exists for the benefit of the citizens of the Borough as a whole. It assists in preserving or improving amenities within the Borough. Problems of a local nature which it is felt require advice, or matters needing to be remedied, should be submitted to the Honorary Secretary of the Ratepayers' Association—H. A. Collis, Esq., 14, Hillcourt Avenue, N.12. (HILLside 4731), or to the Chairman—W. W. Willcocks, Esq., 34, Park Hall Road, N.2. (TUDor 1214).

RETARDED CHILDREN'S AID SOCIETY, LTD.

This non-profit making Society has opened its first Home at Peter Pan House, 104, Leicester Road, New Barnet. The Home, although registered with the Hertfordshire County Council, is provided for Middlesex children only and accommodates 8 mentally handicapped children, 4 boys and 4 girls, between the ages of 5 and 14 years. The children attend the Friern Barnet Junior Training Centre, Oakleigh Road North, N.20.

A proportion of the cost of keeping the children at the home is borne by the

Middlesex County Council, the balance being covered by the Society. The Staff of the Home consists of a housemother and an assistant, domestic workers and voluntary help.

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