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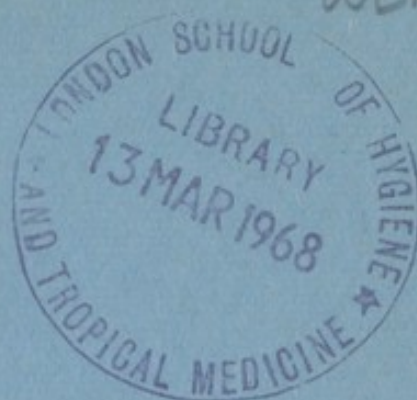


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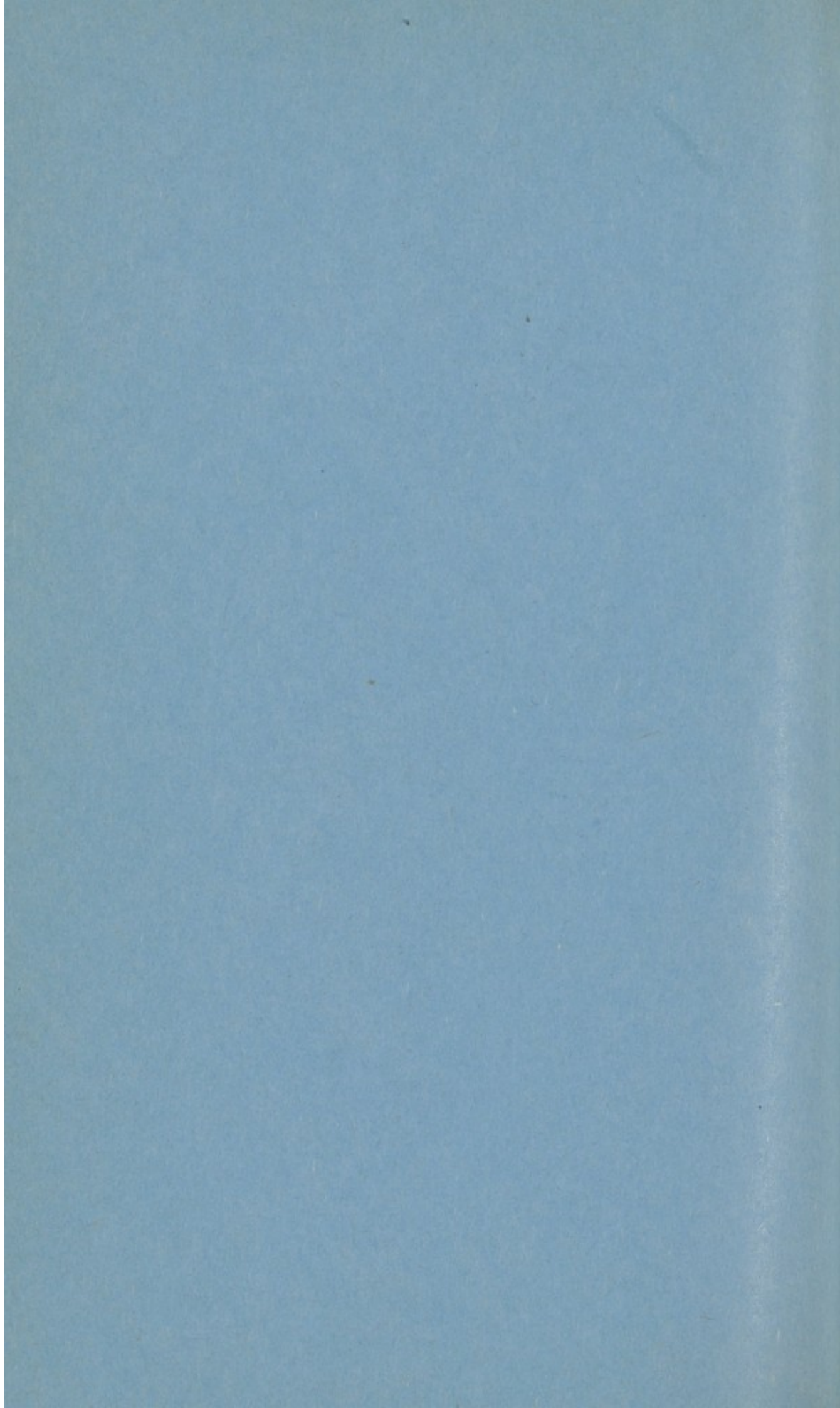
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# **ANNUAL REPORT**

of the

## **MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH**

**for the Year 1961**

To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors of the Borough.

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report on the Health of the Borough for 1961. This report has been compiled in the following five chapters, three with a statistical appendix, in which the figures relating to the functions of the Public Health Department have been collected together according to the relevant services.

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## CHAPTER I.

### VITAL STATISTICS

1. The population of the Borough in mid-1961 was estimated by the Registrar-General to be 124,980 and whilst this is considerably below 131,384 the census figure for 1951 it probably represents the most accurate figure attainable.

The census of April, 1961, reveals a provisional figure of 124,843.

2. In 1961 there were recorded 1,725 live births, giving a crude birth rate of 13.8 per thousand estimated population. The Registrar-General has provided boroughs with a comparability factor for this calculation which takes into account the relative proportion of women of child bearing age in the total community. When this factor of 1.02 is applied the standardised birth rate becomes 14.07, a more realistic figure, the origin of which, however, must be remembered when comparing it with past years.

3. The infantile mortality rate of 16.8 compares very favourably with the national rate of 21.4 per thousand and this is often used as a pointer to the adequacy of the services provided. This figure would have seemed quite unattainable a few years ago and indicates the advances in obstetrics and paediatrics which have become available in the district in recent years.

4. The number of deaths totalled 1,200, giving a crude death rate of 9.6 per thousand. The comparability factor when applied produces a standardised death rate of 11.04, again well below the national rate.

# STATISTICAL APPENDIX A.

## CERTAIN VITAL STATISTICS, 1961

from figures supplied by Registrar-General.

(Some comparative 1960 figures within brackets.)

Population Total 124,980

### Live Births.

	Male.	Female.	Total.	Live birth rate per 1,000 esti- mated popula- tion .....
Legitimate .....	851	785	1,636 (1,593)	13.8 (13.1)
Illegitimate .....	45	44	89 (59)	

Adjusted by Area Comparability

Factor of Registrar-General 1.02 14.07

### Stillbirths.

Legitimate .....	9	18	27 (27)	Rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births
Illegitimate .....	1	—	1 (2)	14.0 (13.35) Stillbirth rate per 1,000 esti- mated popula- tion .....

Deaths .....

650	550	1,200 (1,125)	Death rate per 1,000 estimated population — Crude rate .....
			9.6 (8.01)

Adjusted by Area Comparability

Factor of Registrar-General 1.15 Standardised  
rate ..... 11.04  
(9.21)



## Infantile Mortality.

Deaths of infants under one year of age :—

	Male.	Female.	Total.	
Legitimate .....	19	8	27	} 29 (22)
			(22)	
Illegitimate .....	1	1	2	
			(—)	(22)

Death rate of infants under one year of age :—

All infants per 1,000 live births .....	16.8	(13.3)
Legitimate infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	16.5	(13.3)
Illegitimate infants per 1,000 live illegitimate births	22.5	(—)

## Maternal Mortality.

Deaths from Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion .....	1	(—)
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 live births .....	.61	(—)
Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births .....	.58	(—)

	Per 1,000 population.	Per 1,000 Live Births.	Per 1,000 total births (live and still).
	Birth rate.	Still Birth rate.	Infan- tile Death rate.
			Infan- tile mor- tality.
			Mater- nal mor- tality.
			Maternal mortality.
Wembley .....	13.8	0.22	9.6
England and Wales .....	17.4	0.33	12.0

Area in acres .....	6,294
Estimated number of inhabited houses at end of 1961 .....	38,800
Rateable Value, 31st December, 1961 .....	£3,086,556
Estimate of the product of a penny rate 1961/62 .....	£12,600



## Causes of Deaths during the Year.

Causes of Death.	1961.		
	Male.	Female.	Total.
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	4	3	7
2. Tuberculosis, other	—	1	1
3. Syphilitic disease	—	—	—
4. Diphtheria	—	—	—
5. Whooping Cough	—	—	—
6. Meningococcal infections	1	—	1
7. Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—
8. Measles	—	—	—
9. Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	26	13	39
11. Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	67	13	80
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	29	29
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	5	5
14. Other Malignant and Lymphatic neoplasms	65	64	129
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	3	2	5
16. Diabetes	2	7	9
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	70	84	154
18. Coronary disease, angina	144	85	229
19. Hypertension with heart disease	7	22	29
20. Other heart disease	50	55	105
21. Other circulatory disease	30	45	75
22. Influenza	3	9	12
23. Pneumonia	26	20	46
24. Bronchitis	44	6	50
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	14	2	16
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	5	4	9
27. Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	4	3	7
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	3	2	5
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	5	—	5
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	1	1
31. Congenital malformations	9	2	11
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	43	44	87
33. Motor vehicle accidents	5	7	12
34. All other accidents	13	12	25
35. Suicide	6	10	16
36. Homicide	1	—	1
ALL CAUSES	650	550	1,200

## The Principal Causes of Death.

Disease.	Total Number of deaths.
1. Heart disease and other diseases of circulatory system (18—21) .....	438
Vascular lesions of nervous system (17) .....	154
—	592
2. Malignant neoplasms (10—14) .....	282
3. Respiratory diseases :—	
(a) Influenza (22) .....	12
(b) Pneumonia (23) .....	46
(c) Bronchitis (24) .....	50
(d) Other respiratory diseases (25) .....	16
—	124
4. Tuberculosis :—	
(a) Respiratory system (1) .....	7
(b) Other forms (2) .....	1
—	8
5. Violent deaths :—	
(a) Suicide (35) .....	16
(b) Road traffic (33).....	12
(c) Other violent causes (34).....	25
(d) Homicide (36) .....	1
—	54
6. Congenital malformations (31) .....	11

Note : Numbers in brackets are index numbers allocated by Registrar-General for Annual Return of Causes of Deaths.



				Percentage of total deaths under 1 year.	Percentage of total deaths under 50 years.	Percentage of deaths taking place in hospitals.
1957	.....	.....	.....	2.30	10.14	52.34
1958	.....	.....	.....	2.86	12.42	57.89
1959	.....	.....	.....	1.76	9.21	54.76
1960	.....	.....	.....	2.05	10.42	56.82
1961	.....	.....	.....	2.18	8.50	59.13

### SOME OTHER ESSENTIAL LOCAL STATISTICS.

#### Birth Notifications (as supplied by Area Medical Officer).

Notified by.		At home.	In Hospital.	In Nursing Home.	Totals.
Doctors	.....	8	—	1	9
Midwives	.....	473	1,261	34	1,768
Parents	.....	—	—	—	—
Totals	.....	481	1,261	35	1,777
Percentages	.....	27.0	71.0	2.0	100.0

Live births — 1,752

Still births — 25



## Infantile Mortality.

Deaths from stated causes at various ages under one year.

Cause of death (extracted from weekly returns of local Registrars, and from inward transfers of Registrar-General).	Under 1 week	1—2 weeks	2—3 weeks	3—4 weeks	Total under one month	1—3 months	3—6 months	6—9 months	9—12 months	Total deaths under year
Prematurity .....	7	—	—	—	7	—	—	—	—	7
Congenital Heart Disease	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Acute Bronchitis .....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Acute Gastro enteritis .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1
Paralytic ileus .....	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Broncho pneumonia .....	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	1	1	4
Severe asphyxia Pallidum	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Respiratory failure .....	3	—	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	3
Meningomyelocele .....	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Congenital abnormality .....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Oesophago-tracheal Fistula	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Anoxia .....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Tentorial tear .....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Cardiac failure .....	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Haemorrhage into the supra renal glands .....	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Hydrocephalus .....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Pulmonary hyaline membrane .....	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
	18	2	1	—	21	4	—	1	2	28

## Infantile Mortality, 1957-1961.

Year.			Wembley.	England & Wales.
1957	.....	.....	18.51	23.0
1958	.....	.....	19.08	22.5
1959	.....	.....	14.4	22.0
1960	.....	.....	13.3	21.7
1961	.....	.....	16.8	21.4

Infantile mortality during last five years (7,949 live births,  
130 deaths under one year) : 16.35

## Maternal Mortality.

Rate per 1,000 total births (live and still) 1957-1961 :—

Year.			Wembley.	England & Wales.
1957	.....	.....	0.00	0.47
1958	.....	.....	0.00	0.43
1959	.....	.....	0.00	0.38
1960	.....	.....	0.00	0.39
1961	.....	.....	0.58	0.33

Maternal mortality during last five years (8,079 total births,  
1 maternal death) : 0.12



## CHAPTER II.

### GENERAL HEALTH SERVICES.

1. HOSPITALS. The whole of Wembley lies within the area of the North West Metropolitan Regional Hospital Board but hospitals accepting the sick are administered by two Hospital Management Committees, the Central Middlesex Group Hospital Management Committee and the Hendon Group Hospital Management Committee, the two major general hospitals being the Central Middlesex Hospital and the Edgware General Hospital.

The Wembley Hospital is administered by the Mount Vernon Group, and the Kingsbury Maternity Hospital under the control of the Governors of Charing Cross.

Infectious diseases are normally accepted at the Neasden Hospital or, in case of necessity, at the West Hendon Hospital.

Cases of mental deficiency and mental disease are catered for at Shenley Hospital.

Arrangements are made for the admission of tuberculous patients to a variety of hospitals through the three Chest Clinics serving the area.

A list of hospitals is included :—

Central Middlesex Hospital, Acton Lane, N.W.10.  
(ELGar 5733.)

Edgware General Hospital, Edgware, Middlesex.  
(EDGware 2381.)

Wembley Hospital, Fairview Avenue, Wembley, Middlesex.  
(WEMbley 3136.)

Kingsbury Maternity Hospital, Honeyput Lane,  
Kingsbury, N.W.9. (COLindale 6309.)

Neasden Hospital, Brentfield Road, Neasden, N.W.10.  
(WILlesden 2251.)

West Hendon Hospital, Goldsmith Avenue, Hendon,  
N.W.9. (COLindale 8182.)



Willesden Chest Clinic, Pound Lane, Willesden, N.W.10.  
(WILlesden 6254.)

Harrow Chest Clinic, 199, Station Road, Harrow,  
Middlesex. (HARrow 1075.)

Edgware Chest Clinic, Edgware General Hospital,  
Edgware, Middlesex. (EDGware 3406.)

The provision of a new hospital at Northwick Park is still under discussion between the Ministry and the Regional Hospital Board.

2. **AMBULANCE SERVICE.** A service of ambulances and sitting case cars is maintained by the Middlesex County Council as Local Health Authority at :—

No. 4 Depot. (DRYden 0251)

The accident service is obtained by dialling 999.

The authority of a medical practitioner is required for service to be given, except in emergency and accident cases.

3. **HEALTH SERVICES.** Health Services under Part III of the National Health Service Act, 1946, are provided by the County Council and relevant details in so far as they apply to the Borough are included below :—

**County Medical Officer :**

A. C. T. Perkins, M.C., M.D., D.P.H.,

3, 5 & 7, Old Queen Street, S.W.1.

Telephone : TRAfalgar 7799.

**Area Medical Officer—Area No. 6—Wembley :**

E. Grundy, M.D., M.R.C.S., D.P.H.,

Area Health Office, 215, Chevening Road, N.W.6

Telephone : LADbroke 2411.

### **Clinics for Child Health :**

Church Lane, Kingsbury, N.W.9.

Telephone No. : COLindale 1138.

College Road, Wembley.

Telephone No. : ARNold 1336.

London Road, Wembley.

Telephone No. : WEMbley 1021.

Monks Park, Wembley.

Telephone No. : WEMbley 4842.

One Tree Hill, Bridgewater Road, Alperton.

Telephone No. : WEMbley 2435.

Perrin Road, Sudbury, Wembley (Orthodontic).

Telephone No. : ARNold 2500.

Perrin Road, Sudbury, Wembley.

Telephone No. : ARNold 6164.

245, Stag Lane, Kingsbury, N.W.9.

Telephone No. : COLindale 6680.

245, Stag Lane, Kingsbury, N.W.9 (Dental).

Telephone No. : COLindale 8729.

Library Clinic, Stag Lane, Kingsbury, N.W.9.

Telephone No. : COLindale 6343.

### **Day Nurseries :**

Princes Avenue, Kingsbury, N.W.9.

Telephone No. : COLindale 4456.

Vale Farm, Watford Road, Sudbury, Wembley.

Telephone No. : ARNold 3162.

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### **Domestic Help.**

Provided on medical certificate in cases of sickness or maternity by application to the Area Health Office : 215, Chevening Rd., N.W.6.

### **Immunisation and Vaccination.**

By application to National Health Service practitioners who have entered the Scheme, or by arrangement with the Area Medical Officer : 215, Chevening Road, N.W.6.

Telephone No. : LADbroke 2411.



## **Midwifery and Home Nursing.**

By application to the Area Medical Officer :

215, Chevening Road, N.W.6.

Telephone No. : LADbroke 2411.

Outside office hours Home Nurses may be contacted in their own homes.

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## **School Health Service.**

Clinics at all the Child Health Clinics.

Specialist consultations can be made by appointment.

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4. VERMINOUS CONDITIONS. No cases of infestation were discovered. The response of the mothers to the advice given through the School Health Services is most gratifying.

5. MORTUARY. The Mortuary, situated at the rear of the Town Hall, received 242 bodies during the year.

Reciprocal arrangements have been made with Harrow to cover absences of attendants due to holidays, sickness, etc.



## CHAPTER III.

### INFECTIOUS DISEASES.

1. FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE. The Diseases of Animals Act of 1950, is administered by the County Council within the area of the Borough, and therefore when an outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease occurred amongst cattle grazing on Hill Farm, Kingsbury, the notification of infection was given to that Authority. A Ministry of Agriculture officer, on visiting, confirmed the outbreak and ordered the slaughter of all cattle on the farm, followed by any necessary disinfection of the farm premises. The normal method of disposal of carcasses in such circumstances is by burning or incineration, and permission to undertake this method of disposal was sought of the Health Department. On enquiry we were informed that 29 carcasses were to be destroyed ; they would be soaked with some combustible oil and allowed to burn, and that the conflagration could be expected to continue for some seven to ten days.

On learning the full circumstances, the Minister's Inspector at Hill Farm was advised that in an urban area this form of disposal could not be tolerated and must not occur. On account of the expense involved by other methods, this ruling was accepted with some reluctance, but ultimately a bulldozer was commissioned to excavate a large trench, wherein the carcasses were deposited, treated with quick-lime and buried to a depth prescribed by the Inspector. This extra expenditure and difficulty was thought to be justified in view of the nuisance which undoubtedly would have been created had the carcasses been incinerated on the site.

2. FOOD POISONING. The total of cases notified during the year was 4, but none of these was from outbreaks. It is certain that many sporadic cases occur which are not notified but equally probable that all major incidents are discovered and investigated.

3. INTERNATIONAL CERTIFICATES OF IMMUNISATION. The Department continues to authenticate the International Certificates of Vaccination for travellers who have received inoculations from Wembley practitioners.

During the year 1,084 certificates received attention in the Department.

## STATISTICAL APPENDIX B.

### Monthly incidence of the Infectious Diseases.

Disease.	January.	February.	March	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Scarlet fever .....	4	4	5	3	6	8	1	1	1	4	3	5	45
Diphtheria .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil
Pneumonia .....	11	13	6	1	2	—	1	1	2	3	4	12	56
Erysipelas .....	2	1	—	1	—	1	1	1	1	—	1	1	10
Dysentery .....	5	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	8
Measles .....	241	565	510	224	122	66	15	9	1	—	2	1	1756
Whooping cough	3	3	3	4	1	—	4	1	1	—	—	—	20
Paratyphoid fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil
Poliomyelitis :—													
Paralytic .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil
Non-Paralytic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil
Encephalitis :—													
Infective .....	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil
Post-infectious	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Meningococcal infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	Nil
Food poisoning	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	4

### Winter Respiratory Diseases (October—March).

	Notifications of primary pneumonia and acute influenzal-pneumonia.	Death certi- ficates in which respiratory diseases mentioned.
1957-58 .....	71	172
1958-59 .....	57	152
1959-60 .....	33	133
1960-61 .....	38	175
1961-62 .....	35	139



**Cases of infectious disease notified in Wards and removals to Hospitals.**

Disease.	Total	Alperton	Central	Chalkhill	Fryent	The Hyde	Roe Green	Kenton	Preston	Sudbury Court	Sudbury	Wembley Park	Tokington	Total removed to hospital	Percentage of cases removed to hospital
Scarlet fever .....	45	4	2	—	8	7	6	1	8	5	3	—	1	2	4.44
Diphtheria .....	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Pneumonia .....	56	7	8	—	1	3	11	4	4	5	2	—	11	20	35.71
Erysipelas .....	10	—	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	4	1	10.00
Ophthalmia neonatorum.....	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal infection.....	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Dysentery .....	8	—	3	2	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	3	37.50
Measles .....	1756	211	212	55	119	131	110	175	160	123	184	77	199	13	0.74
Whooping cough .....	20	1	6	—	—	2	2	3	1	—	—	—	5	—	—
Poliomyelitis :—															
Paralytic .....	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Non-Paralytic .....	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Typhoid fever .....	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid fever .....	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning .....	4	—	1	—	—	1	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia .....	12	—	—	—	—	—	12*	—	—	—	—	—	—	12	100.00
Encephalitis :—															
Infective .....	Nil	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Post-infectious .....	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	100.00

\* Kingsbury Maternity Hospital cases.



Notifications of Selected Infectious Diseases according to sex and age as finally diagnosed.

Age Group.	Scarlet Fever.		Whooping Cough.		Diphtheria.		Measles.		Dysentery.		Poliomyelitis. Paralytic.		Non-Paralytic.		Menin-gococcal infec-tion.		Age Group.	Acute pneu-monia.		Ery-sipelas.		Encephalitis Acute infec-tive.		Post-infec-tious.		Food Poison-ing.		Typhoid Fever.		Paraty-phoid Fever.	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
0	—	—	2	2	—	—	19	13	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	0	5	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1	1	—	1	1	—	—	84	54	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	5	5	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
2	1	—	1	3	—	—	117	91	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	15	4	5	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
3	1	1	1	2	—	—	117	98	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	45	12	8	4	3	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—
4	4	4	—	2	—	—	116	120	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	65 & over	9	7	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	
5	16	6	2	2	—	—	406	468	1	—	—	—	—	—	—																
10	2	3	1	—	—	—	16	14	—	—	—	—	—	—	—																
15	3	1	—	—	—	—	6	12	—	1	—	—	—	—	—																
25 & over	1	1	—	—	—	—	2	3	1	3	—	—	—	—	—																
All ages	29	16	8	12	Nil	883	873	4	4	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	All ages	35	21	4	6	Nil	1	—	2	2	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil	Nil

Consultations regarding infectious disease, between the Medical Officer of Health and the local Medical Profession continued whereby the considerable experience of the Department is placed at the disposal of residents.

### Non-notifiable Infectious Diseases in School Children.

Information obtained from the head teachers :—

Disease.	January.	February.	March.	April.	May.	June.	July.	August.	September.	October.	November.	December.	Total.
Chicken-pox .....	7	19	11	2	—	8	16	—	6	22	21	6	118
Mumps .....	18	11	14	4	9	4	2	—	1	11	12	—	88
German measles	2	3	9	6	24	31	24	—	—	—	3	—	102

### Tuberculosis.

		No. of Notifications.			
		Pulmonary.		Non-pulmonary.	
		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Under one year	.....	—	—	—	—
1 to 4 years	.....	—	—	—	—
5 to 14 years	.....	—	—	—	—
15 to 24 years	.....	2	2	1	2
25 to 34 years	.....	4	—	3	2
35 to 44 years	.....	5	—	3	—
45 to 54 years	.....	2	—	—	1
55 to 64 years	.....	7	2	—	1
65 and over	.....	4	2	—	—
		—	—	—	—
Totals	.....	24	6	7	6
		—	—	—	—

		No. of Deaths.			
		Pulmonary.		Non-pulmonary.	
		Male.	Female.	Male.	Female.
Under one year	.....	—	—	—	—
1 to 4 years	.....	—	—	—	—
5 to 14 years	.....	—	—	—	—
15 to 24 years	.....	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	.....	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years	.....	1	—	—	—
45 to 54 years	.....	3	1	—	—
55 to 64 years	.....	7	1	—	—
65 and over	.....	1	—	1	—
		—	—	—	—
Totals	.....	12	2	1	Nil
		—	—	—	—

This includes deaths from all causes of cases on the  
**Tuberculosis Register.**

No. admitted to hospitals  
or Sanatoria :

12

No. discharged from hospitals  
or Sanatoria :

12

During the year 129 cases removed from register. At 31st December 752 names remained on register — 696 pulmonary and 56 non-pulmonary.

### **Food Poisoning Outbreaks.**

There were no outbreaks of food poisoning during the year.



# Bacteriological Service (at Central Public Health Laboratory).

Examinations made.	Quarter ending				Total for 12 months.
	31/3/61	30/6/61	30/9/61	31/12/61	
<b>Throat and Nose Swabs.</b>					
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—
Hæmolytic Streptococci	24	22	10	11	67
Vincent's angina	3	2	—	1	6
Negative	69	80	54	48	251
<b>Fæces.</b>					
Shigella	3	1	—	1	5
Salmonella	4	—	2	—	6
Cl. Welchii	9	2	4	—	15
Paratyphi B	—	—	—	—	—
Negative	58	30	52	31	171
<b>Urine.</b>					
Negative	—	1	—	—	1
<b>Sputum.</b>					
T.B. smear	—	—	—	—	—
Other organisms	1	1	1	—	3
Negative	21	9	8	15	53
<b>Pertussis.</b>					
Per nasal swab	—	—	—	—	—
Negative	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Blood.</b>					
Paul Bunnell:					
Positive	—	—	—	—	—
Negative	—	—	—	—	—
<b>Miscellaneous Swabs.</b>					
Negative	2	2	—	—	4

## Scabies.

No cases treated during the year.

## Laundry for the Incontinent Aged.

No. of cases ..... 51  
 Cost of Laundry ..... £307 14s. 0d.

## CHAPTER IV.

### ENVIRONMENTAL HYGIENE, FOOD AND WATER, HOUSING, FACTORIES, ETC.

1. HAWKERS AND STREET TRADING. When major events occur at the Stadium a substantial number of hawkers and street traders invariably attempt to pursue their calling in the neighbourhood of the Stadium, and the Department has felt for some time that those concerned with the vending of foodstuffs and ice cream should be subjected to strict control.

During the year special visits were paid to the neighbourhood of the Stadium when important events were occurring, and a number of unsatisfactory traders were noted. On report to the Committee decisions were reached to prosecute, not only for failure to register as a hawker under the Middlesex County Council Act of 1950, but also under the Food Hygiene Regulations when appropriate. The effect of this is to secure a larger penalty in the event of a successful prosecution, and thereby to act as an increased deterrent to unsatisfactory hawkers of foodstuffs in the Borough.

During the year three defendants were fined a total of £38 0s. 0d. in respect of twenty-one convictions, and the Council, in addition, were awarded twenty guineas costs ; eight cases presented to the Magistrates were dismissed.

2. SCHOOL SWIMMING POOLS. Increased interest in the year called for advice on standards requisite to the training pools which various schools in the Borough wish to provide for the tuition of pupils. It was felt that the time was long past for the fill/empty type of pool, and the advice given to the Borough Education Officer was that no pool could be approved unless proposals included an automatic mechanical pump for circulation of the water, and a reliable automatic chlorinator. Arrangements should include nominating some member of the staff, if possible trained in chemistry, to accept responsibility for the chlorination, purification and testing of the water. It would not be necessary for this staff member to undertake the work personally, but he could delegate the actual testing and chlorination to some individual on the domestic staff of the



school, or alternatively a senior pupil. Advice on siting, construction and management would be available from the Public Health Inspector, and arrangements made for a periodic testing of the quality of the water.

3. **SAFE MILK.** I am indebted to the Chief Officer of the Public Control Department of the Middlesex County Council, for the following paragraph on milk.

“Eight samples of raw milk were procured in your 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 46 licences were issued in respect of the sale of milk to which the special designations “pasteurised,” “sterilised” and “tuberculin tested” could be applied. The period for which these licences were granted has been extended from one year to five years. Sixty-one samples of milk were obtained to test that heat treatment and subsequent storage were properly carried out. All were satisfactory. In addition, thirty-six samples of washed bottles were obtained from processing dairies in the Borough to check the efficiency of the cleansing plant used for milk bottles. The results were satisfactory.

Fifty-six inspections of premises were made to ensure proper compliance with the Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960.”

#### 4. **CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956 : Section 3.**

A dual obligation is imposed upon any person who installs a new furnace in industrial premises or a new furnace of an output greater than 55,000 British Thermal Units per hour in domestic premises,

(a) to install only such a furnace which is, so far as practicable, capable of being operated continuously without emitting smoke when burning fuel of the type for which it was designed, and

(b) to notify the local authority of his intention to install the furnace.



During the year the Health Department became aware, by notification or otherwise, of the installation of furnaces, which appear to meet the requirements of the section, in existing buildings as follows :—

			Oil fired.	Gas fired.	Solid fuel.
Factories	.....	.....	9	1	1
Dwellings	.....	.....	43	31	1
Commercial premises.....			13	2	—

In addition, three industrial incinerators of an approved type were installed and nine existing industrial furnaces converted to oil burning.

Included in these conversions were six reverberatory furnaces which were previously fired by producer gas, a system which requires the utmost care in operation to minimise the emission of smoke and fumes. Prior to the changeover, early in the year, there had been a long history of complaint from the public and representations by this Department, to the Company, and it is pleasing to record that in the second half of the year there were no objectionable emissions.

#### **Section 10.**

When the deposited plans for the erection or extension of a building other than a dwelling, shop or office, include the provision of a chimney, the local authority must be satisfied that the height of the chimney will be sufficient to disperse adequately any smoke, grit, dust or gases emitted from it.

During the year agreement was reached in respect of suitable heights for six new chimneys.

#### **Section 11.**

##### **Wembley No. 1 (Barn Hill) Smoke Control Area.**

The year under review saw both the confirmation of the above Order by the Minister of Housing and Local Government and its coming into operation, and more than fourteen hundred buildings occupying nearly three hundred acres became subject to control. It is thought that as a result, more than seven hundred tons of raw

coal will no longer be inefficiently burnt in open domestic fireplaces, each year, and some eighteen tons less smoke will be emitted at comparatively low levels by house chimneys.

In meeting claims for grant which were received for works of improvement to the heating arrangements at 341 houses in the area, the net cost to the Council was £813.

#### **Section 24 : Building Byelaw 115A.**

Appliances installed for heating and cooking in new buildings, must, in general, be capable of burning smokeless fuel. During the year, under the supervision of the Borough Engineer and Surveyor's Building Inspection Section, there were erected and equipped in accordance with this requirement :—

Privately built dwellings	.....	201
Council built dwellings	.....	50

5. THE PETROLEUM REGULATION ACTS. Eight new underground petrol tanks of a total capacity of 22,000 gallons, were installed during the year, and all were approved after the twenty-four hour air pressure test at ten pounds per square inch had been applied to the satisfaction of the Inspectors. One tank of a capacity of 1,500 gallons was brought back into use for storing petrol after being used for diesel oil, and which, after cleansing, was subjected to an ullage test.

It has long been a condition of licensing that upon the use of an underground tank being discontinued, the occupier of the premises must take steps to render the tank safe from the danger of fire or explosion. This requirement has also been reinforced by the Middlesex County Council Act, 1956, Section 84, and latterly by the Public Health Act, 1961, Section 73. Where a disused tank is never likely to be brought back into use, by far the most satisfactory method of dealing with it is to remove it bodily from the ground, under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors, who will ensure that appropriate precautions against explosion will be observed during the process. 4 derelict tanks were treated in this way prior to redevelopment of the sites.



Alternatively, a tank may be made safe by being emptied completely and filled with weak concrete before being sealed over. As a temporary measure a disused tank can be emptied and filled with water and sealed. Two tanks were closed down in this way.

Ten new pumps of approved pattern were installed during the year.

Number of premises licensed to store petroleum spirit or mixtures .....	153
Aggregate amount of petroleum spirit and mixtures stored under licence (in gallons) .....	358,920
(Calcium carbide 20½ tons)	
Number of visits of inspection made to premises .....	257

6. INFORMATION BOOKLET. Details of the community services and the social services provided locally, both by statutory and voluntary authorities, were collected and compiled into a booklet which was duplicated in the Department and distributed to those individuals and organisations within the area who may have need of the information. The booklet must have been found of value as it was most cordially accepted and we received in the Department numerous letters of congratulation and expressions of thanks for copies.

7. WATER SUPPLY. The piped water supply of the Borough is accepted largely from the mains of the Colne Valley Water Company and has remained satisfactory both in quantity and quality. A very small part of the southern end of the Borough is supplied by the Rickmansworth and Uxbridge Valley Water Company and this supply also has been of satisfactory quality and adequate quantity.

In the last report comment was made on the success achieved by the Colne Valley Water Co. in reducing, over the years, the hardness of water supplied to the Borough. I have included in this year's report a table showing the mean hardness figure for the past two years.



Year		January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December
1960	.....	174	178	196	204	195	189	171	179	166	182	219	218
1961	.....	215	199	202	201	206	203	188	195	196	187	182	210

8. PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS. Two open-air public swimming baths are provided in the area and serve the general public during the summer period, usually from May to September.

The Vale Farm Pool is 55 yards long and 25 yards wide with a maximum depth of 9 feet and has a capacity of 400,000 gallons of water which is obtained from the Colne Valley water supply. The Pool is constructed of mass concrete and lined with glazed bricks. The water is filtered through Candy Pressure Filters and has a complete change every  $4\frac{1}{2}$  hours, the circulation being effected by 20 h.p. pump with a stand-by 15 h.p. pump. "Breakpoint" chlorination is effected and an average consumption of approximately 3 lbs. per hour of chlorine. The water is then neutralised by the addition of soda which gives an approximate pH factor of 7.5 which indicates slight alkalinity. The bathing load is approximately 1,500 and the basket room system of changing is in operation with cubicles surrounding the Pool. A Café is provided for refreshments and the catering let out to a Caterer on an annual basis.

The Kingsbury Pool is situated in Roe Green Park in the Kingsbury Road and has a length of 55 yards and a width of 25 yards with a maximum depth of 10 feet. The capacity is 464,000 gallons but in this case there is a foot trough surrounding the Pool and also a Children's paddling pool. The water is supplied by the Colne Valley Water Company and is circulated through Permutit Pressure Filters and pumped by means of two 15 h.p. pumps and a complete change of water is effected every five hours. Chlorination is again on the "breakpoint" system and the same dosage and neutralisation arrangements. The Pool at Kingsbury is constructed of reinforced concrete and again is lined with glazed bricks. The capacity of this Pool for bathing is approximately 2,000, but there is a greater spectator area here than at Vale Farm. The basket room system is



again in operation but in this case the changing accommodation cubicles are under the terraced seating. A Café is also provided at this Pool and catering is carried out by outside Caterers.

Samples of the water taken from the Pools and subjected to bacteriological examination, revealed the absence of B. Coli in all samples and proved the quality of the water to be beyond reproach.

9. SEWERAGE. The growth of the population in Wembley and the increase in domestic and other premises, was very considerable during the years 1930/1960, and the intervention of a period when few works could be undertaken on account of wartime conditions resulted in the Borough being behind-hand in the provision of adequate drainage, both for the surface water and for soil sewage. The Council were very conscious of this difficulty and an extensive programme of sewerage construction received their approval. Details of the relief schemes are included and, at the completion of these, adequate drainage can be said to be provided throughout the Borough.

Name.	Type.	Estimated Expenditure.	Remarks.
1. North Kingsbury Scheme.	Soil and Surface Water.	£177,200	Commenced November, 1959. Completed June, 1961.
2. Wealdstone Brook Improvement. (M.C.C. Scheme).	Surface Water.	£20,000 (Wembley B.C. Contribution 1960-61).	Commenced during 1959, still proceeding.
3. Wembley Brook Improvement. (M.C.C. Scheme).	Surface Water.	£7,500 (Wembley B.C. Contribution 1960-61).	Not yet commenced.
4. Ash Tree Dell Sewer.	Separate Surface Water to replace present combined drainage.	£6,000	To commence early 1962.
5. Woodcock Hill and Dovedale Avenue.	Soil and Surface Water.	£17,850	Commenced December, 1960. Completed September, 1961.
6. Olympic Way to Watkin Road.	Soil-Replacement.	£16,000	Commenced October, 1961.

10. **RODENT CONTROL.** The Rodent Control Service which is confined to dealing with infestations by rats and mice has continued to operate during the year under review. A staff of three "Ministry trained" assistants has performed the necessary work.

No charge is made to householders in respect of treatment at private dwelling houses but in all other cases a charge is made on a time and materials basis. 838 premises were satisfactorily treated by the Council and 4 premises were known to have been treated privately.

11. **PUBLIC CLEANSING.** The Director of Public Cleansing has kindly supplied the following information :—

**Refuse Collection.**

House and Trade refuse is collected weekly, with the exception that refuse from certain blocks of flats is collected twice weekly.

The amount of refuse collected during the year was 29,465 tons.

The separate collection of waste paper from business premises free of charge has been maintained. The amount collected from this source during the year was 755 tons.

**Refuse Disposal.**

Refuse is disposed of by a Separation and Incineration Plant which has handled 30,952 tons. Salvage materials amounting to 3,656 tons were sold for £21,462.

**Street Cleansing.**

The system of street sweeping by the use of pedestrian controlled electric trucks, each with an operator and four street orderlies, continues to give a frequency of sweeping of at least once every seven days.

**Public Conveniences.**

The increase in use of the free washing facilities at the two staffed Conveniences in the Borough has been maintained during the year.



## STATISTICAL APPENDIX C.

Number of complaints received and investigated .....	2,611
Visits made by Public Health Inspectors .....	25,333

### (a) Dwelling Houses :—

Visits under Public Health Acts .....	3,526
Visits under Housing Acts .....	68
Visits under Rent Acts .....	42
Visits <i>re</i> overcrowding and rehousing .....	102
Visits to bug infested premises .....	17
Visits <i>re</i> other vermin (excluding rats and mice, see below, but including wasps) .....	156
Visits <i>re</i> cases of infectious disease .....	345
Visits to cases of food poisoning .....	15

### (b) General Environmental Public Health :—

Drains and sewers inspected .....	2,363
Drain and Sewer Test applied .....	74
Urinals, latrines, chemical closets .....	245
Stables, manure pits, etc. ....	3,673
Accumulations .....	201
Ditches and streams .....	46
Open spaces, etc. ....	136
Yards .....	1,243
Public conveniences .....	52
Tents, vans and sheds .....	3,876
Factories—Mechanical .....	762
„ —Non-mechanical .....	62
Workplaces and offices .....	258
Outworkers .....	69
Smoke observations—half hourly .....	27
„ „ —casual .....	664
„ „ —visits to plant .....	325
Cinemas, Dance Halls, Public Houses, etc. ....	136
Hairdressers (number of establishments on register at end of year 112) .....	26
Schools (number of private schools 19) .....	17
Markets .....	26

Rats and Mice .....	.....
Swimming baths—visits .....	.....
„ „ —Water examination .....	.....
Chlorine tests .....	.....
Elderly persons housing accommodation .....	.....
Clean Air Act .....	3,07

(c) Food, including milk, meat, water :—

Number of dairies registered at end of year .....	11
Number of distributors of milk registered, with premises in the Borough selling milk in properly closed and unopened receptacles .....	49
Number of dairies (included above) where milk is bottled .....	1

Inspection visits made to :—

Meat shops, stalls, etc. (number on register at end of year 83) .....	28
Slaughterhouse .....	8
Food Factories .....	13
Dairies and milk shops—visits .....	3
„ „ „ „ —milk samples taken.....	
Fried fish shops (number on register at end of year 12) .....	1
Bakehouses (number on register at end of year 13) .....	8
Ice cream premises (number on register at end of year 240) .....	10
Ice cream—samples taken .....	1
Fishmongers and poulterers (number on register at end of year 26) .....	13
Greengrocers and fruiterers (number on register at end of year 97) .....	28
Grocers, etc. (number on register at end of year 270) .....	40



Restaurants, cafés, etc. (number on register at end of year 98)	246
Street vendors, hawkers, etc. (number on register at end of year 28)	138
Other food premises	61
Water supply—visits	25
„ „ —samples taken	2

(d) Other visits and inspections :—

Massage establishments, etc.	17
Certificates lodged by Members of the Chartered Society of Physiotherapy	2
New Licences granted	—
Licences renewed	14
Noise nuisances	271
Dust nuisances	229
Effluvia nuisances	387
Petroleum stores	257
Miscellaneous	195
Number of written notices served	196
Number of statutory notices served	39

**Nuisances abated and improvements effected.**

(a) Dwelling Houses :—

Roofs repaired	120
External walls and chimney stacks repaired	29
Gutters and spouts repaired or renewed	88
Damp-proof courses provided	8
Dampness remedied	143
Yards paved or repaired	11
Internal walls and ceilings repaired	52
Doors repaired or renewed	20
Windows repaired or renewed	33
Floors repaired or renewed	28
Sub floor vent. provided or improved	13
Rooms cleansed or redecorated	21

Passages and staircases redecorated .....	7
Staircases repaired .....	5
Fireplaces and flues repaired or renewed .....	21
Sinks and washbasins provided or renewed .....	24
Waste pipes repaired or renewed .....	37
Food stores provided or improved .....	2
Dustbins provided or renewed .....	15
Water supply improved or reinstated .....	38
W.C. walls, etc., cleansed .....	15
W.C. pans cleansed .....	2
W.C. pans repaired or renewed .....	27
W.C. structures repaired or renewed .....	6
W.C. lighting and ventilation improved .....	1
W.C. flush pipe joints repaired .....	23

(b) General Environmental Public Health :—

Drains cleansed from obstruction .....	1,615
Drains repaired or renewed .....	74
New drains provided .....	21
New inspection chambers provided .....	25
Inspection chambers repaired .....	24
Soil pipes and vent. shafts repaired .....	27
W.C.'s repaired .....	20
W.C.'s cleansed .....	7
Cesspools emptied or repaired .....	—
Urinals and latrines—cleansed or emptied .....	26
"    "    "    —additional provided .....	—
Stables, manure pits—cleansed .....	1
"    "    "    repaired .....	—
Animal nuisances abated .....	6
Offensive accumulations removed .....	57
Ditches and streams—cleansed .....	8
"    "    "    —pollution remedied .....	13
Smoke nuisances abated .....	25
Improvements in boiler plant or fuel effected.....	17
Cinemas, Dance Halls, etc. — contraventions remedied .....	3
Hairdressers—contraventions remedied .....	4



Tents, Vans and Sheds—nuisance abated .....	2
„ „ „ „ —Removed .....	2
Schools—sanitary conditions improved .....	—
„ —urinals and W.C's cleansed or repaired .....	5
Markets—contraventions remedied .....	—
Noise nuisances abated .....	27
Dust nuisances abated .....	6
Effluvia nuisances abated .....	13
Wasps' nests destroyed .....	118

(c) Eradication of bed bugs :—

(i) Number of Council houses :—

Found to be infested and subsequently dis- infested .....	—
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(ii) Number of other houses :—

Found to be infested and subsequently dis- infested .....	2
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(i) by hydrogen cyanide .....	—
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(ii) by liquid insecticides .....	2
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Other vermin eradicated (not including rats and mice) .....	38
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Verminous articles destroyed .....	—
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(d) Meat and other Food Premises :—

Meat shops, stalls, etc.—premises cleansed .....	22
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„ „ „ „ —other contraventions remedied .....	31
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Dairies—cleansed and distempered or painted .....	—
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„ —premises repaired .....	—
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„ —other contraventions remedied .....	—
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Bakehouses — cleansed and distempered or painted .....	6
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„ —sanitary conditions improved .....	7
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„ —other contraventions remedied .....	5
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Ice cream premises—cleansed and distempered or painted .....	3
„ „ „ —sanitary conditions improved .....	—
Fried fish shops—cleansed and distempered or painted .....	2
„ „ „ —sanitary conditions improved	1
„ „ „ —other contraventions remedied	2
Fishmongers, etc., contraventions remedied .....	13
Grocers, etc., contraventions remedied .....	37
Greengrocers, etc., contraventions remedied .....	34
Restaurants, Cafés, etc., contraventions remedied .....	42
Street hawkers, contraventions remedied .....	8
Other food premises, contraventions remedied .....	11

#### Unsound Food Surrendered :—

7,277 lbs. Meat.	3,187 tins Fruit & Fruit Juices,
196 lbs. Poultry.	Vegatables, Jam and
42 pkts. Meat Products.	other Foods.
504 tins Meat.	266 pkts. Frozen Vegetables.
15 stone Fish.	22 lbs. Cheese.
43 tins Fish.	223 lbs. Sugar.
168 pkts Frozen Fish.	22 lbs. Sweets.
	5 lbs. Biscuits.



## Slaughterhouse.

There is one private Slaughterhouse licensed in the Borough. This was discontinued during the War and was brought back into operation in 1952. Particulars of inspections, etc., are as follows :—

### Carcases Inspected and Condemned.

	Cattle, excluding Cows.	Cows.	Calves.	Sheep and Lambs.	Pigs.
Number killed .....	71	—	8	434	9
Number inspected .....	71	—	8	434	9
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci :—					
Whole carcasses condemned.....	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	3	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuber- culosis and cysticerci .....	4.2	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis only :—					
Whole carcasses condemned.....	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis .....	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis :—					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration.....	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned .....	—	—	—	—	—

**Inspection of dwelling-houses during the year :—**

(a) (i) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) ..... 3,008

(ii) Number of inspections made for the purpose 3,869

(b) (i) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Act, 1957 9

(ii) Number of inspections made for the purpose 32

(c) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 144

Remedy of defects during the year without service of formal notices :—

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers ..... 125

Action under statutory powers during the year :—

(a) Proceedings under Sections 9 and 10 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs None

(ii) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—

(1) by owners	.....	.....	.....	} None
(2) by Local Authority in default of				
owners	.....	.....	.....	

(b) Proceedings under Public Health Acts :—

(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied ..... 39



- (ii) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—
- |   |    |
|---|----|
| (1) by owners .....                               | 14 |
| (2) by Local Authority in default of owners ..... | 12 |
- (c) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957:—
- |   |   |
|---|---|
| (i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... | — |
| (ii) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders .....   | — |
- (d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957:—
- |  |   |
|--|---|
| (i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made .....   | — |
| (ii) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or room having been rendered fit ..... | — |

### Overcrowding.

- |   |     |
|---|-----|
| (a) Certificates issued to landlords, giving the permitted number of persons who may occupy a house ..... | 8   |
| (b) Number of dwellings recorded as overcrowded at the end of the year .....                              | 51  |
| Number of families dwelling therein .....   | 52  |
| Number of persons dwelling therein .....  | 118 |
| (c) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year .....                                    | 24  |

(d) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year .....	5
(1) by removal to unknown addresses .....	—
(2) rehoused by Council .....	4
(3) by removal of tenants, lodgers, re-arrangement of rooms, etc. ....	1
(ii) Number of persons concerned in such cases	32
(e) Cases in which dwelling-houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding .....	—

#### **Rent Act, 1957.**

Number of applications for Certificates of Disrepair	2
Number of undertakings given by Landlords .....	2
Number of Certificates issued .....	—
Number of Certificates cancelled .....	—

#### **New Houses.**

The Borough Engineer and Surveyor has kindly supplied the following information :—

Number of new houses and flats erected during the year :

(a) (1) by the Local Authority .....	50
(2) by other bodies or persons .....	201
(b) with State Assistance under the Housing Acts :	
(1) by the Local Authority .....	50
(2) by other bodies or persons .....	—



# Factories.

Number of factory premises — 454.

Premises.	Number of :—		
	Inspections.	Written Notices.	Occupiers Prosecuted.
Factories with mech. power .....	762	11	—
Factories without mech. power .....	62	—	—
Other Premises .....	10	—	—
Totals .....	834	11	—

## Defects found.

Particulars.	No. of defects :—			
	Found.	Remedied.	Referred to H.M. Inspector.	Referred by H.M. Inspector.
Want of cleanliness .....	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding .....	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature .....	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation .....	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors .....	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences :—				
Insufficient .....	—	—	—	—
Unsuitable or defective.....	7	5	—	2
Not separate for the sexes	1	—	—	—
Other offences .....	2	2	—	—
Totals .....	10	7	—	2

## Outworkers.

Number on register at end of year ..... 324

### Nature of work :—

#### Making, repairing of :—

Wearing apparel .....	251
Household linen .....	2
Lace, lace curtains, nets .....	3
Furniture hangings, curtains .....	1
Furniture and upholstery .....	2
Brass and brass articles .....	5
Artificial flowers .....	5
Racquets and tennis balls .....	1
Paper bags .....	2
Making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof, etc., of paper .....	8
Stuffed toys .....	4
Cosaques, Christmas crackers, Christmas stockings, etc. ....	20
Lampshades .....	20

## Offices.

Number on the register — 345.

No defects were found during the year.



## **Shops Act, 1950, Section 38.**

The Senior Shops Inspector has supplied the following statistics relating to the arrangements for the health and comfort of shop workers, made in accordance with the provisions of the Shops Act :—

Number of inspection visits under the Shops Act.	1,975
(1) (a) Number of premises in which ventilation was not suitable and sufficient .....	14
(b) Number of shops in which a reasonable temperature was not maintained .....	32
(2) Number of shops in which sanitary conveniences were not suitable and sufficient .....	37
Number of certificates of exemption granted	Nil
(3) Number of premises in which lighting was not suitable and sufficient .....	23
(4) Number of shops in which washing facilities were not suitable and sufficient .....	31
Number of certificates of exemption granted	Nil
(5) Number of shops in which facilities provided for the taking of meals in shop were not suitable and sufficient .....	24

## **Disinfection of Premises and Articles.**

Disinfections for :—

Infectious diseases .....	36
Cancer .....	3
Vermin (routine protection from) .....	3
Miscellaneous .....	6
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	48
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# Articles disinfected or destroyed :—

	Disinfected.	Destroyed.
Bedding and bedclothing .....	267	—
Wearing apparel (including 493 articles for abroad) .....	529	50
Carpets, rugs, cushions, curtains .....	6	—
Others .....	106	—
	<hr/> 908	<hr/> 50

## The Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

	Rats.	Mice.
(1) Number of complaints received.....	770	196
(2) Number of premises visited .....	1,939	256
(3) Number of visits by Rodent Con- trol Assistants .....	3,880	741
(4) Number of premises which re- ceived treatment by Rodent Con- trol Assistants .....	671	167
(5) Number of premises satisfactorily treated privately .....	3	1
(6) Number of Council premises (in- cluded in (4) ) .....	9	4

## Laboratory Examinations re Food, Milk and Water.

Examinations made	31.3.61	Quarter ending			Total for 12 months
		30.6.61	30.9.61	31.12.61	
Water .....	1	—	1	—	2
Milk and Cream	1	1	—	1	3
Ice Cream .....	—	4	8	5	17
Other Foods .....	6	1	1	2	10



## Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

The Middlesex County Council are the Authority for the administration of this Act, and the Chief Officer of the Public Control Department has supplied the following particulars of sampling in Wembley during 1961 :—

Article.	No. taken.	Unsatis- factory.
Milk (new) .....	95	8
Milk (various) .....	46	1
Butter .....	33	—
Margarine .....	17	—
Cream .....	26	—
Drugs .....	46	—
Fish and Fish products .....	28	2
Fruit (fresh and canned) .....	22	3
Fruit (dried) .....	14	—
Fruit Squash, drinks, etc. ....	4	—
Ice Cream .....	22	—
Meat and Meat products .....	75	3
Liver .....	16	—
Preserves .....	6	—
Spirits .....	21	—
Vinegar, etc. ....	34	—
Vegetables .....	4	—
Miscellaneous .....	18	1
		(sweets)
	527	18

**Bye-laws in force throughout the Borough—December, 1961.**

Relating to the following matters :—

Offensive Trades and Fish Frying.

Hairdressers' Premises.

New Streets.

Slaughterhouses.

Licensed Establishments for Massage and Special Treatment.

Removal through Streets of Offensive Matter.

Deposit of Litter.

Removal of House Refuse.

Public Conveniences.

Nuisances.

Good Rule and Government.

Ventilation and Lighting of Stables.

Pleasure Grounds.

Sale of Contraceptives in Slot Machines.

Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food.

Cycling on Footpaths.

Buildings.

Emission of Smoke.

Spitting.

Sale of Coal and Coke (M.C.C.).

Employment Agencies (M.C.C.).

Employment of Children (M.C.C.).



## CHAPTER V

### ADMINISTRATION, STAFF.

During the year your Medical Officers acted professionally for the Council in performing 56 clinical examinations of actual or prospective staff and have provided a number of special reports to the various Committees of the Council. This helps in securing a medically sound personnel for all the activities of the Council and enables special consideration to be given to any unusual incidence of sickness, thereby maintaining a standard of efficiency difficult without such a service.

The establishment of the Department during the year became complete for the first time in many years and our work consequently was facilitated by this full staffing.

During the year Mr. G. A. Buckingham, Public Health Inspector, left the Department, and he was replaced by Mr. T. E. Parry in July.

Mrs. Nixon, a Clerk in the Department, resigned her post, leaving in March, and she was replaced by Mrs. M. Mason in April.

Mr. R. Marks secured an appointment with the Acton Borough Council in January, and he was replaced by Miss C. Merrison, Junior Clerk, in April.

I regret to record the untimely death of Mr. C. P. Ryan, a Rodent Operative, who passed away in November, 1961; Mr. S. Evans transferred from the Department in December; these two employees were replaced by Mr. R. Brown and Mr. G. Lean.

The burden of work continues to be substantial and is increased by the inspections and administration involved in the application of the Clean Air legislation, and it affords me great satisfaction to record my appreciation of the loyal and enthusiastic endeavours of the whole of the staff during the year under review.

I would finally express my thanks and gratitude to all members of the Council, particularly those members of the Health Committee who have taken an interest in the work of the Department and assisted our endeavours towards the health of the Borough.

I have the honour to be, Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

**E. GRUNDY,**

Medical Officer of Health.







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