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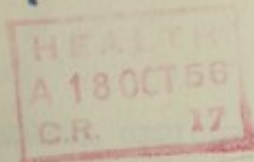
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ALSAGER URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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R E P O R T

ON THE

HEALTH AND SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE

DISTRICT

FOR THE

YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1955.





MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

- H.P. HARPUR, M.D., (Died 5th
January, 1956)

L. RICH, M.B., Ch.B., M.R.C.O.G.,
D.P.H. (Appointed

SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR - S. HAIGH, C.R.S.I., M.S.I.A.

To the Chairman and Members of the Alsager Urban District Council,
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you the Annual Report
on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the Urban District for the
year 1955.

It is with deep regret that I have to record the death
of Dr. H.P. Harpur, M.D., your late Medical Officer of Health who
would in normal circumstances be presenting this report. His services
to the District are well known, and he will be very much missed.

During the year, there were 130 cases of Measles notified,
but no cases of Whooping Cough or Scarlet Fever are recorded. There
has been an increase in the estimated population of over 200, despite
the fall in the birth rate. It is also satisfactory to record that
there has been no death of a mother in child-birth.

In a survey, carried out by the Surveyor and Sanitary
Inspector, to assess the number of houses unfit for human habitation
and suitable for inclusion in Slum Clearance, Alsager has the proud
distinction of having no such areas of properties within its
boundaries. Apart from a very few individual unfit houses, the
standard of housing in the Urban District is remarkably high.

I wish to thank your Clerk and the members of his Staff
for the assistance they have rendered to me in the compilation of this
report, and particularly to your Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector,
Mr. Haigh, without whose help, I certainly could not have been in the
position to present this Annual Report.

I beg to remain,

Your obedient Servant,

L. RICH,

Medical Officer of Health.

The figures in brackets throughout this report are for 1954.

Extracts from Vital Statistics

Births

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STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

Estimated Total Vital Statistics

Estimated population 2,880 (2,660)

Table

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	71 (20)	47 (42)	24 (47)
Illegitimate	2 (-)	2 (-)	1 (1)
Legitimate	3 (4)	2 (2)	1 (2)
Illegitimate	- (1)	- (1)	- (-)

Live birth rate per 1,000 estimated average population with 1925 rate (11.4)
 Live birth rate per 1,000 of the population (18.2)
 Still birth rate per 1,000 total (live and still) births (32.6)
 Still birth rate per 1,000 total population (2.4)
 Still birth rate per 1,000 total population (2.4)

Infant Mortality

The total number of deaths is shown as follows:-

	Total	Male	Female
Legitimate	2 (1)	1 (-)	1 (1)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births (11.1)			
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 of the population (24.9)			
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 legitimate live births (11.1)			
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 illegitimate live births (0)			

Table

	Total	Male	Female
Deaths, all ages	46 (42)	25 (32)	21 (28)

Death rate per 1,000 estimated average population (16.3)
 Death rate per 1,000 of the population (17.1)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within the district during the past year:-

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	2	2	-
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	1	1	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	-	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	1	-	1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms	6	4	2
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
Diabetes	1	1	-
Vascular Lesions of nervous system	7	4	3
Coronary disease, angina	5	1	4
Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	-
Other heart diseases	4	-	4
Other circulatory diseases	-	-	-
Influenza	1	-	-
Pneumonia	1	1	-
Bronchitis	2	2	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	3	2	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	-
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	1	-	1
Other defined and ill defined diseases	6	2	4
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	-
All other accidents	2	-	2
Suicide	-	-	-
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
Total	46	23	23

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Motor vehicle accidents
Other defined and ill defined diseases
Congenital malformations
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Hypertension of prostate
Nephritis and nephrosis
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum
Other diseases of respiratory system
Bronchitis
Pneumonia
Influenza
Other circulatory diseases
Other heart diseases
Hypertension with heart disease
Coronary disease, arterial
Vascular lesions of nervous system
Diabetes
Leukaemia, lymphoma
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasms
Malignant neoplasm, uterus
Malignant neoplasm, breast
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus
Malignant neoplasm, stomach
Other infective and parasitic diseases
Meningitis
Acute poliomyelitis
Menigeal infection
Whooping cough
Diphtheria
Scarlet fever
Tuberculosis, other
Tuberculosis, respiratory
Total	46	23	23

Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes:-

	No. of Deaths
Puerperal Sepsis	- (-)
Other Maternal causes	- (-)

	== (-) ==

Maternal Mortality rate per 1,000 live and still births 0 (0)

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES
FOR THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

An Infant Welfare Clinic is held at the St. Mary's Schools on the afternoon of the 1st, 3rd and 5th Tuesdays. This Clinic is in the charge of Miss E.G. Smith, the Health Visitor, assisted by voluntary helpers. The mothers attend here, not merely to have their children weighed, but to receive advice on the diet and matters of health education. The present standard of child care is particularly high and a large amount of the credit for this is due to the work of the Health Visitors and Nurses, both in the Infant Welfare Clinics and when visiting the homes.

The Divisional Health Committee was delegated the duties of the sale of Welfare Foods for Infants, Pregnant and Nursing Mothers. These foods consist of National Dried Milk, Vitamin Tablets, Cod Liver Oil and Orange Juice, and to carry out this function, a Centre was established at the Council Premises in Lawton Road, where on three days a week, the members of the W.V.S. voluntarily undertake its sale and distribution. In addition, the voluntary helpers at the Infant Welfare Centre also sell these Welfare Foods.

The table below will give some indication of the numbers attending at the Clinic.

Infant Welfare

<u>New Cases</u>			<u>Total Attendances</u>			<u>No. of Clinics held</u>	<u>Cases seen by Doctor</u>	<u>Average per Clinic seen by Doctor</u>
<u>0-1</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>2-5</u>	<u>0-1</u>	<u>1-2</u>	<u>2-5</u>			
73	-	-	641	165	139	28	195	6.9
(83)	(-)	(-)	(588)	(119)	(127)	(28)	(135)	(4.8)
<u>New Cases</u>			<u>Total Attendances</u>			<u>No. of Clinics held</u>	<u>Average per Clinic</u>	
<u>Ophthalmic Clinic</u>	4	(9)	16	(29)		10 (13)	1.6	(2.2)
<u>E.N.T. Clinic</u>	10	(14)	15	(15)		12 (12)	1.2	(1.2)

Midwifery

The midwife for the district is:-

Mrs. E.L. Pedley, 6, Audley Road, Alsager. Telephone: Alsager 583.

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It will be noted that of the total number of births to mothers in Alsager, a considerable proportion are born at home. Wherever possible, it is best for mothers to have their babies at home, provided medically she is in a fit state and the home conditions are satisfactory.

Births 1955

Hospital		Home		Private N. Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
43	1	30	1	-	-

Home Nursing

The District Nurse for Alsager is:-

Mrs. E. Weatherall. 27, Cresswellshawe Road, Telephone:
 Alsager. Alsager 67.

The Home Nurse works under the direction of the family Doctor, looking after patients in their own homes. Because of this, many cases, who otherwise would have to be admitted to hospital, are dealt with by the family Doctor and Home Nurse with advantage to all concerned. This work of the Home Nurse, in assisting the General Practitioner in the treatment of patients at home, helps very considerably in relieving the strain on our hospitals. No finer tribute could be paid to this work than by recalling that no single complaint was received during the year.

Vaccination and Immunisation

I am pleased to report that during the year, no case of Diphtheria or Whooping Cough has been notified. There is no doubt that should the level of immunisation against Diphtheria fall, we may once again get a return of this crippling and deadly disease. The young mother of to-day has no conception of Diphtheria as a killing disease and there is a tendency for the percentage of children immunised against Diphtheria to fall because of this. By offering Diphtheria immunisation combined with Whooping Cough Immunisation, we do manage to keep the figures high.

It should also be stressed that not enough infants are being vaccinated against Smallpox. In the first few months of life, this is a relatively harmless and minor procedure, and when once done, confirms protection and renders a second vaccination also relatively harmless.

Statistics

Diphtheria Immunisation

Pre-school children	5	(8)
School children	-	(3)
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	5	(11)
	====	====
Reinforcing Injections	141	(36)

It will be noted that of the total number of births to mothers in Alaska, a considerable proportion are born at home. However, possible, at least for mothers to have their babies at home, provided medically and in a fit state and the home conditions are satisfactory.

Births 1935

Hospital		Home		Private M. Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
43	1	30	1	-	-

Home Nursing

The District Nurse for Alaska is:-

Mrs. E. Westmacott, 27, Greenwell Avenue Road, Anchorage, Alaska. Telephone: Anchorage 87.

The Home Nurse works under the direction of the Family Doctor, looking after patients in their own homes. Because of this, many cases who otherwise would have to be admitted to hospital, are dealt with by the Family Doctor and Home Nurse with advantage to all concerned. This work of the Home Nurse, in assisting the General Practitioner in the treatment of patients at home, helps very considerably in relieving the strain on our hospitals. No finer service could be paid to this work than by realizing that no single complaint was received during the year.

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Statistics

Diphtheria Immunization

Pre-school children
School children

5
-
5
11
16

Whooping Cough Immunization

Whooping Cough Immunisation

Pre-school children	1	(6)
School children	1	(-)
	<u>2</u>	<u>(6)</u>
	====	=====

Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria and Whooping Cough)

Pre-school children	50	(56)
School children	3	(1)
	<u>53</u>	<u>(57)</u>
	=====	=====

Primary Vaccination

Pre-school children	30	(37)
School children	-	(7)
Adults	1	(2)
	<u>31</u>	<u>(46)</u>
	=====	=====

Re-Vaccination

Pre-school children	-	(-)
School children	1	(-)
Adults	5	(6)
	<u>6</u>	<u>(6)</u>
	=====	=====

Ambulance and Sitting Case Car Transport

The work of the ambulance in Alsager continues at a fairly high level and I am pleased that there are very few complaints. It is hoped, in the near future, to provide a new ambulance for our district.

Ambulance Figures - 1955

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
Mileages	1568 (1953)	1514 (1856)	1891 (2002)	1636 (1655)	1767 (1891)	1842 (1765)	1841 (1831)	1834 (1913)	1723 (2161)	1780 (2121)	1720 (1823)	1596 (1565)
Journeys	60 (72)	58 (65)	66 (70)	58 (61)	66 (78)	70 (71)	68 (67)	68 (74)	64 (86)	64 (77)	64 (65)	59 (62)
Patients	146 (321)	169 (318)	277 (341)	260 (279)	249 (291)	254 (268)	301 (269)	301 (269)	285 (273)	274 (369)	321 (305)	229 (215)

Domestic Help Service

There has been a slight increase in the number of cases attended during the year. There is no doubt that much more could be done if more home helps were available. The availability of the home help very often makes it possible for a case to remain at home instead of having to be admitted to hospital or institution. The major part of the Home Help Service deals with old people who definitely prefer to remain in their own homes.

Pre-school children	1	(6)
School children	2	(6)

Whomans Cough Investigation (Whomans and Whomans Cough)

Pre-school children	20	(55)
School children	2	(5)

Whomans Cough Investigation

Pre-school children	20	(37)
School children	1	(1)
Adults	1	(1)

Whomans Cough Investigation

Pre-school children	1	(1)
School children	1	(1)
Adults	1	(1)

Whomans Cough Investigation

The work of the Whomans Cough Investigation is a fairly high level and I am pleased that there are very few complaints. It is hoped, in the near future, to provide a new substance for our district.

Whomans Cough - 1957

Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956
(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)
60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60	60
(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)	(72)
1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956	1956
(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)	(1956)

Whomans Cough - 1957

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Statistics relating to the Home Help Service provided during 1955 are as follows:-

Home Helps employed during 1955

Full Time	-	(-)
Temporary	9	(8)
Casual	3	(7)
	<u>12</u>	<u>(15)</u>
	===	===

Home Helps employed at 31st December, 1955

Full Time	-	(-)
Temporary	7	(5)
Casual	-	(1)
	<u>7</u>	<u>6</u>
	===	===

Applications received during 1955

Confinement	7	(6)
Sickness	3	(3)
Tuberculosis	-	(-)
Aged and Infirm	4	(5)
	<u>14</u>	<u>(14)</u>
	===	===

Cases attended during 1955

Confinement	5	(5)
Sickness	3	(2)
Tuberculosis	-	(-)
Aged and Infirm	9	(8)
	<u>17</u>	<u>(15)</u>
	===	===

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER
INFECTIOUS DISEASE

The following Table gives the number of cases of Infectious diseases notified during the year.

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the Year 1955.

Disease	Age distribution												Total Cases Notified	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
	Under 1	1-2	2-3	3-4	4-5	5-10	10-15	15-20	20-35	35-45	45-65	65 & over			
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-
Measles	1	8	17	13	16	74	1	-	-	-	-	-	130	-	-
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	-

Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1955 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1946.

Notifications - 1946 to 1955

	1946		1947		1948		1949		1950		1951		1952		1953		1954		1955	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
<u>MALE</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5				1									1							
5 - 15				1																
15 - 25			1				1		1					1						
25 - 35			1		1		1		1				2		1					
35 - 45						1								1		1		2		
45 - 55													1						1	
55 - 65																				
65 and over													2							
<u>FEMALE</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15													3							
15 - 25	1		1	1			1				1									
25 - 35	1		3		2		1		1							1				
35 - 45					1		1		1											
45 - 55										1										
55 - 65																				
65 and over													1							
Total	2	-	6	3	4	1	4	-	2	1	1	-	5	5	2	-	2	-	3	-

Deaths - 1946 to 1955

	1946		1947		1948		1949		1950		1951		1952		1953		1954		1955	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
<u>MALE</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35									1											
35 - 45			1																	
45 - 55																				
55 - 65																				
65 and over																	1			
<u>FEMALE</u>																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25			1																	
25 - 35	1																			
35 - 45																				
45 - 55	1																			
55 - 65																				
65 and over																				
Total	2	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-

Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1925 in connection with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1922.

Notifications - 1922 to 1925

Year	1925	1924	1923	1922	1921	1920	1919	1918	1917	1916	1915	1914	1913	1912	1911	1910	1909	1908	1907	1906	1905	1904	1903	1902	1901	1900	1899	1898	1897	1896	1895	1894	1893	1892	1891	1890	1889	1888	1887	1886	1885	1884	1883	1882	1881	1880	1879	1878	1877	1876	1875	1874	1873	1872	1871	1870	1869	1868	1867	1866	1865	1864	1863	1862	1861	1860	1859	1858	1857	1856	1855	1854	1853	1852	1851	1850	1849	1848	1847	1846	1845	1844	1843	1842	1841	1840	1839	1838	1837	1836	1835	1834	1833	1832	1831	1830	1829	1828	1827	1826	1825	1824	1823	1822	1821	1820	1819	1818	1817	1816	1815	1814	1813	1812	1811	1810	1809	1808	1807	1806	1805	1804	1803	1802	1801	1800	1799	1798	1797	1796	1795	1794	1793	1792	1791	1790	1789	1788	1787	1786	1785	1784	1783	1782	1781	1780	1779	1778	1777	1776	1775	1774	1773	1772	1771	1770	1769	1768	1767	1766	1765	1764	1763	1762	1761	1760	1759	1758	1757	1756	1755	1754	1753	1752	1751	1750	1749	1748	1747	1746	1745	1744	1743	1742	1741	1740	1739	1738	1737	1736	1735	1734	1733	1732	1731	1730	1729	1728	1727	1726	1725	1724	1723	1722	1721	1720	1719	1718	1717	1716	1715	1714	1713	1712	1711	1710	1709	1708	1707	1706	1705	1704	1703	1702	1701	1700	1699	1698	1697	1696	1695	1694	1693	1692	1691	1690	1689	1688	1687	1686	1685	1684	1683	1682	1681	1680	1679	1678	1677	1676	1675	1674	1673	1672	1671	1670	1669	1668	1667	1666	1665	1664	1663	1662	1661	1660	1659	1658	1657	1656	1655	1654	1653	1652	1651	1650	1649	1648	1647	1646	1645	1644	1643	1642	1641	1640	1639	1638	1637	1636	1635	1634	1633	1632	1631	1630	1629	1628	1627	1626	1625	1624	1623	1622	1621	1620	1619	1618	1617	1616	1615	1614	1613	1612	1611	1610	1609	1608	1607	1606	1605	1604	1603	1602	1601	1600	1599	1598	1597	1596	1595	1594	1593	1592	1591	1590	1589	1588	1587	1586	1585	1584	1583	1582	1581	1580	1579	1578	1577	1576	1575	1574	1573	1572	1571	1570	1569	1568	1567	1566	1565	1564	1563	1562	1561	1560	1559	1558	1557	1556	1555	1554	1553	1552	1551	1550	1549	1548	1547	1546	1545	1544	1543	1542	1541	1540	1539	1538	1537	1536	1535	1534	1533	1532	1531	1530	1529	1528	1527	1526	1525	1524	1523	1522	1521	1520	1519	1518	1517	1516	1515	1514	1513	1512	1511	1510	1509	1508	1507	1506	1505	1504	1503	1502	1501	1500	1499	1498	1497	1496	1495	1494	1493	1492	1491	1490	1489	1488	1487	1486	1485	1484	1483	1482	1481	1480	1479	1478	1477	1476	1475	1474	1473	1472	1471	1470	1469	1468	1467	1466	1465	1464	1463	1462	1461	1460	1459	1458	1457	1456	1455	1454	1453	1452	1451	1450	1449	1448	1447	1446	1445	1444	1443	1442	1441	1440	1439	1438	1437	1436	1435	1434	1433	1432	1431	1430	1429	1428	1427	1426	1425	1424	1423	1422	1421	1420	1419	1418	1417	1416	1415	1414	1413	1412	1411	1410	1409	1408	1407	1406	1405	1404	1403	1402	1401	1400	1399	1398	1397	1396	1395	1394	1393	1392	1391	1390	1389	1388	1387	1386	1385	1384	1383	1382	1381	1380	1379	1378	1377	1376	1375	1374	1373	1372	1371	1370	1369	1368	1367	1366	1365	1364	1363	1362	1361	1360	1359	1358	1357	1356	1355	1354	1353	1352	1351	1350	1349	1348	1347	1346	1345	1344	1343	1342	1341	1340	1339	1338	1337	1336	1335	1334	1333	1332	1331	1330	1329	1328	1327	1326	1325	1324	1323	1322	1321	1320	1319	1318	1317	1316	1315	1314	1313	1312	1311	1310	1309	1308	1307	1306	1305	1304	1303	1302	1301	1300	1299	1298	1297	1296	1295	1294	1293	1292	1291	1290	1289	1288	1287	1286
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Cases on the Tuberculosis Register at 31st December, 1955 were as follows:-

	Up to 1 yr.	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65 & over	Total
Male Pulmonary	-	-	-	-	3	7	-	4	-	14
Female Pulmonary	-	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	-	4
Male Non- Pulmonary	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	1	-	5
Female Non- Pulmonary	-	-	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	2

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The following sections of this report cover the work of the Sanitary Inspector's Department, and have been compiled by Mr. S. Haigh, the Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector.

Water Supply

Source:

The water is drawn from three Boreholes situated at Audley Road.

Treatment:

The water is filtered, softened and chlorinated at the source. For the past 3 years, No's. 1 and 2 pumps have been removed, overhauled and cleaned.

Quality:

Analysis shows that the water is suitable for all domestic purposes.

Quantity:

The Council have given consideration to the question of an additional supply of water, and have now proceeded to a stage when an application has been made to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government for a licence to abstract water under the Underground Water (Controlled areas) Regulations, 1949.

Sewerage and Sewage Disposal

The Council own and maintain two sewage disposal works at Day Green and Longview.

The Day Green Works are old and are now overloaded and consideration has been given to the modernising and enlarging.

The Longview Works have been cleaned and these works are in good condition, but show signs of overloading during storms. Additional sludge drying beds are required.

The sewerage from Close Lane area is discharged and treated at the works of the Royal Ordnance Factory.

The general sewerage of the district so far as it goes is considered satisfactory.

An extension to the sewerage system has been made during the year at Talke Road and Pikemere Road.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

The Council maintain a regular collection of Refuse Removal based on a Bonus system whereby the bins are emptied over a period of seven and a half working days.

The refuse is disposed of by tipping.

A number of earth closets still remain to be collected.

Housing

- (a) During the year the following action has been taken under the Housing Acts:-

Houses inspected	40
Houses where informal notice has been given	6
Houses where Statutory Notices have been served	1
Houses where defects have been remedied as a result of informal notices	6
Houses where defects have been remedied as a result of Statutory Notice	Nil
Houses where defects have been remedied by Council in default	Nil

- (b) Houses built by Private Enterprise:-

During the year ended 31st December, 1955, 23 houses were erected by Private Enterprise and 29 were under construction.

- (c) Houses built by the Council:-

During the year ended 31st December, 1955, 72 houses were erected by the Council, and 12 were under construction.

- (d) Total number of Council Houses since 1945:-

Houses	458
Prefabs	10

- (e) In addition, in 1941, 404 houses and flats were built by the Ministry of Works for the Royal Ordnance Factory.

Food & Drugs Act

Regular visits were made to all food premises during the year.

Slaughterhouses:

All meat slaughtered in the district is inspected and the condition of Slaughtering and the Slaughterhouses are inspected.

During the year the following quantities of meat were condemned. Weight given in pounds.

<u>Beef</u>	<u>Veal</u>	<u>Mutton</u>	<u>Pork</u>
1590	8	119	288

Refugee Collection and Disposal

The Council maintain a regular collection of Refugee Remittances on a basis whereby the bills are supplied every period of seven and a half working days.

The refuse is disposed of by tipping.

A number of empty casks will remain to be collected.

Household

(a) During the year the following action has been taken under the Housing Act:-

Household inspected 40

Household where informal notice has been given 6

Household where Statutory Notices have been served 1

Household where defects have been remedied as a result of informal notice 6

Household where defects have been remedied as a result of Statutory Notice 111

Household where defects have been remedied by Council in default 111

(b) Houses built by Private Enterprise:-

During the year ended 31st December, 1955, 53 houses were erected by Private Enterprise and 22 were under construction.

(c) Houses built by the Council:-

During the year ended 31st December, 1955, 72 houses were erected by the Council, and 12 were under construction.

(d) Total number of Council Houses since 1945:-

Household 455

Private 10

(e) In addition, in 1941, 100 houses and flats were built by the Ministry of Works for the Royal Ordnance Factory.

Food & Fuel

Regular visits were made to all food premises during the year.

Sanitation

All main drains in the district are inspected and the condition of sewerage and the drainage system are inspected.

During the year the following quantities of refuse were removed, weight given in pounds.

Year	1955	1954	1953	1952
Refuse	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000
Food	1,000	1,000	1,000	1,000

Summary of Visits

Re-Visits	110
Refuse Collection and Disposal	32
Sewerage and Drainage	60
Sewage Works	20
Water Supply	20
Factories and Workshops	6
Caravans	4
Food and Drugs	12
Infectious Diseases	12
Public Houses	2
Nuisances	10
Rodent Control	12

Rodent Control

No serious infestation exists in the district, complaints are dealt with as they are reported.

The necessary test and treatment of the Council's sewers have been carried out.

Factories

Routine inspections of factories are made from time to time and the following table indicates the position for 1955:-

Premises	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	No. of Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority.	9	9	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
(3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	6	6	-	-
	15	15	-	-

Summary of Visits

110	Re-Vitals
32	Refuge Collection and Unemployment
60	Sewerage and Drainage
30	Sewage Works
20	Water Supply
6	Recreation and Workshops
4	Caravan
12	Food and Drugs
12	Industrial Museum
2	Public Houses
10	Museums
12	Robbery Control

Robbery Control

No serious incidents exist in the district, complaints are dealt with as they are reported.

The necessary test and treatment of the Council's members have been carried out.

Factories

Revisions in regulations of factories are made from time to time and the following table indicates the position for 1931:-

Provision	No. on Register	No. of Inspect- ions	No. of Written Notices	No. of Counter- presented
1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be enforced by local authority.	3	2	-	-
2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by local authority.	-	-	-	-
3) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by local authority.	6	6	-	-
	12	12	-	-

