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**Ashby-de-la-Zouch
Rural District Council**



ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Medical Officer of Health

including the Report of the

Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector

for the

YEAR 1953

July, 1954.

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the Year 1943.

According to the Registrar General's estimate, the population has increased slightly from 13,690 to 13,820.

The births and deaths are adjusted for comparison with England and Wales by means of the comparability factors.

The birth rate (15.9) is lower than last year (17.3), and somewhat higher than that for England and Wales (15.5).

The death rate (10.2) is lower than last year (11.1) and lower than that for England and Wales (11.4).

The death rate of infants under one year of age - 23.2 is lower than that for England and Wales (26.8), for the previous year it had been higher.

The chief causes of death has again been mainly from diseases associated with elderly people.

It will be noted that considerably more work has been done for us by the Public Health Laboratory, and I am indebted to the staff for the work done and to Dr. Mair, the Director, not only for the work, but for his advice so freely given.

Mains supplies of water continue satisfactory, but there are still a number of well supplies which are unsatisfactory. The mains in Appleby Magna have been brought into service. Mains laying in Sweptstone almost completed, is a new supply and will replace and extend that previously supplied by Hinckley U. D. C.

There are now 273 Cesspools in the district. No post war schemes of sewerage and sewage disposal have been carried out, but approval given for the Heather Scheme, and a starting date fixed for next year.

During the year 43 closets were converted to the water carriage system.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my report for the year 1931.

According to the Registrar-General's statistics the population has increased slightly from 12,820 to 13,820.

The birth and death rates adjusted for comparison with England and Wales are shown at the comparability factors.

The birth rate (17.3) is lower than last year (17.5), and somewhat higher than last year for England and Wales (15.8).

The death rate (11.1) is lower than last year (11.5) and lower than last year for England and Wales (11.5).

The death rate of infants under one year of age (22.2) is lower than last year (22.5) and lower than last year for England and Wales (22.5).

The chief causes of death are again mainly from diseases associated with poverty and ill-health.

It will be noted that the death rate has been done for us by the Registrar-General, and I am indebted to the staff for the work done and for Dr. Mait, the Director, not only for the work but for his advice so freely given.

Main supplies of water continue satisfactory but there are still a number of small supplies which are unsatisfactory. The main supply has been brought into service. Main service in the town is almost completed, a new supply and all repairs and alterations previously supplied by the Local O. D. C.

There are now 275 Gasworks in the district. No post war schemes of extension and new district have been carried out, but approval given for the extension scheme, and a starting date fixed for the year.

During the year 32 houses have been connected to the water carriage system.

For the first time it has been necessary to take action in connection with milk infected with Brucella Abortus. With other action this has included the serving of Notices stopping the sale of milk.

89 houses were completed during the year, making a total of 462 houses completed in the post war period. The total number of applicants for Council houses was 429, and the number of applications received during the year was 117.

492 cases of Infectious Diseases were notified, this included 368 cases of Measles, 172 cases of Whooping Cough, and 39 cases of Pneumonia. There was 1 death from Pneumonia. Measles was prevalent for the seventh year in succession and mostly in January, February, March and April. Whooping Cough was prevalent over most of the district in June, July and August.

The number of children immunised was higher than last year but again is not high enough to prevent a dangerously high percentage of children being susceptible to diphtheria.

9 cases of Tuberculosis were notified during the year, and the number of cases in the Register is much lower than last year.

To the staff of the Public Health Department of the County Council I wish to extend my thanks for their willing help and co-operation.

Finally I wish to thank Mr. J. P. Cook, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector and Mr. C. S. Curtis, Additional Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector for their invaluable help during the year, and you, Ladies and Gentlemen, for your kindness and co-operation.

I remain, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. McM. W. Segerdal, M.D., D.P.H.

For the first time it has been necessary to take action in connection with milk infected with Brucella Abortus. With other action this has included the serving of notices stopping the sale of milk.

82 houses were completed during the year, making a total of 242 houses completed in the post war period. The total number of applications for Council houses was 439 and the number of applications received during the year was 117.

The cases of Infectious Diseases were notified, this included 268 cases of Measles, 175 cases of Whooping Cough, and 59 cases of Pneumonia. There was 1 death from Pneumonia. Measles was prevalent for the year in January, February, March and April. Whooping Cough was prevalent over most of the district in June, July and August.

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To the staff of the Public Health Department of the County Council I wish to extend my thanks for their willing help and co-operation.

Tranquilly I wish to thank Mr. F. F. Cook, Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector and Mr. G. S. Curtis, Additional Surveyor and Sanitary Inspector for their invaluable help during the year, and your, ladies and gentlemen, for your kindness and co-operation.

I remain, ladies and gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

A. Mon. W. Beardsley, M.D., D.P.H.

SECTION A.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS.

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	28,073 acres
Resident Population (R.G.'s estimate)	...	...	...	...	...	...	13,820
Number of Inhabited Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	4,183
Rateable Value	...	...	...	...	...	...	£58,132
Sum represented by a penny rate	...	...	...	...	...	...	£226
Comparability Factor - Births	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.04
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	1.01

The chief industries in the area are : Agriculture; Coalmining; Opencast Coal Working; Brickmaking; Stoneware and Pipemaking; and Stone Quarrying. There are also small Textile Works and Light Engineering Works.

No particular industry was noted as having a specially injurious effect on health during the year.

VITAL STATISTICS.

Live Births.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	96	108	204
Illegitimate	4	3	7
	<u>100</u>	<u>111</u>	<u>211</u>

Crude Birth Rate :	15.3	per 1,000 population.
Adjusted Birth Rate :	15.9	" " "
England and Wales		
Birth Rate :	15.5	" " "

Still Births.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Still Births - Legitimate	2	3	5
Illegitimate	1	0	1
	<u>3</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>6</u>

Crude Still Birth Rate	:	0.43	per 1,000 population.
Adjusted Still Birth Rate	:	0.45	" " "
England and Wales			
Still Birth Rate	:	0.35	" " "

Deaths.

	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Deaths	77	65	142

Crude Death Rate	:	10.2	per 1,000 population.
Adjusted Death Rate	:	10.3	" " "
England and Wales			
Death Rate	:	11.4	" " "

CAUSES OF DEATH DURING 1953.

<u>DISEASES.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Tuberculosis, respiratory	0	1	1
Tuberculosis, other	1	1	2
Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	2	2	4
Malignant Neoplasm, Lung Bronchus	3	0	3
Malignant Neoplasm, Breast	0	2	2
Other malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	5	4	9
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	0	1	1
Vascular lesions of the nervous system	17	15	32
Coronary disease, angina	11	5	16
Hypertension with heart disease	1	0	1
Other heart disease	14	10	24
Other circulatory disease	2	3	5
Influenza	2	0	2
Pneumonia	1	0	1
Bronchitis	5	3	8
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	0	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	3	0	3
Congenital Malformations	0	3	3
Other defined and illdefined diseases ..	8	13	21
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	2
All other accidents	0	1	1
	<u>77</u>	<u>65</u>	<u>142</u>

Chief causes of death were :

Disease of Heart and Circulation	-	78
Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	-	18

MATERNAL MORTALITY.

Total Maternal Mortality Rate per 1,000 births :

Live and Still	...	...	...	0
Live and Still England and Wales	...	...	...	0.76

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE.</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	2	3	5
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>2</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>5</u>

DEATH RATE OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR OF AGE :

Per 1,000 Live Births ..	...	...	...	23.2
England & Wales per 1,000 Live Births	...	...	...	26.8

<u>DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS OF AGE :</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>4</u>

SECTION B.

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA.

HOSPITALS.

All Hospitals except some private Maternity and Nursing Homes are under the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

The County Homes for the aged and destitute are under the County Council. When the inmates take ill they become the responsibility of the Regional Hospital Board.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS.

There are none actually held at your District.

Infant Welfare Clinics are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist School, Ashby-de-la-Zouch, and every 2nd and 4th Thursday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Donisthorpe Road, Moira. At the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville, an Ante-Natal Clinic is available. The Tuberculosis Clinic is held at Markfield Sanatorium under the auspices of the Sheffield Regional Hospital Board.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

The County Council is responsible for all facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by Ambulances provided by the National Coal Board stationed at Nailstone Colliery and Moira Colliery.

NURSING IN THE HOME.

All District Nursing and Midwifery in the Home is under the Leicestershire County Council.

HEALTH VISITING.

This work is provided by the Leicestershire County Council and the work of Health Visitor, School Nurse, and Tuberculosis Visitor, is combined in a single appointment.

The Diabetic Health Visitor attends the Diabetic Clinic at the Leicester Royal Infirmary and visits the patients in their homes.

GENERAL PRINCIPLES OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

HOSPITALS

All Hospitals except some private Maternity and Nursing Homes are under the District Hospital Board.

The County Board has the right and duty to be under the County Council. When the Council is in session they become the responsibility of the Council Hospital Board.

TREATMENT CENTRES AND CLINICS

There are some specially held at each District. District Welfare Clinics are held every Thursday afternoon at the District School, which is open every day and at the District Maternity and Child Welfare Centre. At the District Maternity and Child Welfare Centre, which is open every day, the District Maternity and Child Welfare Centre is held. The District Maternity and Child Welfare Centre is held at the District Maternity and Child Welfare Centre.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

The County Council is responsible for all facilities in the County. Ambulance accidents are removed by ambulances provided by the National Council Board stationed at National Council and Maternity Centre.

WORKING IN THE HOME

All District Maternity and Child Welfare is the Home in order the District Maternity and Child Welfare.

HEALTH VISITING

This work is provided by the District Maternity and Child Welfare Centre. The work of Health Visiting is done in a single appointment.

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LABORATORY FACILITIES.

The Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital,
Groby Road, Leicester.

The following examinations were made :-

Throat and Nose Swabs	...	...	...	...	1
Faeces and Urine	...	...	...	...	1
Pleural Fluids	...	...	...	...	2
Sputa	...	...	...	...	108
Milks	...	...	...	...	105
Waters	...	...	...	...	17
Ice Cream	...	...	...	...	14
Whooping Cough Swabs	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	15
Total					264

Generally there is co-operation between the Local Authority and the services provided by the Executive Council, and the Hospital Board, and the tendency is towards closer integration.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

WATER SUPPLY.

Mains supplies have been satisfactory in quality and quantity, but there are still a number of unsatisfactory well supplies, and there are still shortages in the village of Lount which still depends on well and a private supply.

No samples of piped supplies taken for analysis.

The water is not liable to plumbo solvent action.

Particulars of water supplies to dwelling houses :-

Internal Mains Water Supply.		Mains water from External Standpipes.		Well Water Supply.	
No. of Dwelling hses.	Pop.	No. of dwelling hses.	Pop.	No. of Dwelling hses.	Pop.
4,101	13,533	Not known.	--	82	287 Esti- mated

Number of parishes with piped water supply :

From public mains : 15. From private reservoirs : 1

Number of parishes without a piped water supply : 1

The mains in Appleby Magna have been brought into service.

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted for well water : 232.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

The Public Health Laboratory, Isolation Hospital,
 Grey's Hall, Leicester.

The following examinations were made:

1	Throat and Nose Swabs
1	Urine and Urine
2	Placental Fluids
108	Sputa
108	Milk
1	Waters
14	Ice Cream
1	Whooping Cough Swabs
18	Miscellaneous
254	Total

Generally there is no competition between the Local Authority and the services provided by the Laboratory Council, and the Hospital Board and the Laboratory is towards closer investigation.

SECTION C.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT.

WATER SUPPLY.

Main supplies have been satisfactory in quality and quantity, but there are still a number of unsatisfactory well supplies, and there are still shortages in the village of towns which still depend on wells and a private supply.

No samples of piped supplies taken for analysis.

The water is not liable to phospha solvent action.

Particulars of water supplies to dwelling houses:

Internal Mains Water Supply.		Mains water from External Reservoirs.		Well Water Supply.	
No. of Dwelling houses.	Pop.	No. of Dwelling houses.	Pop.	No. of Dwelling houses.	Pop.
4,101	12,523	Not known.	62	287	2,411
					Total

Number of parlours with piped water supply:

From public mains: 18. From private reservoirs: 2.

Number of parlours without a piped water supply: 1.

The mains in Abbey Mains have been brought into service.

Number of cases in which piped supply was substituted:

Water Supply from Wells.

Number of Samples taken for Analysis.			
Satisfactory.		Unsatisfactory.	
Chemical	Bacteriological.	Chemical	Bacteriological.
Nil	2	Nil	12

Number of wells closed - 77.

Number of wells cleansed etc. 1.

House connections in Appleby Magna Scheme completed.

Mains laying in Swepstone Parish almost completed. (This is a new supply to the village of Swepstone which will replace and extend that previously supplied by Hinckley U.D.C.)

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Number of cesspools constructed during the year ... 18

Number of cesspools abolished during the year ... Nil

Total number in district on December 31st, 1953 ... 273

Sewer extensions in Coronation Lane, Oakthorpe, to serve 6 houses, and for one house in Leicester Road, Measham, were carried out.

Number of parishes with efficient sewage disposal Works ... 4

Number of parishes where new schemes have been formulated ... 9

Of the post war schemes of sewerage and sewage disposal, approval has been given for the Heather Scheme, and a starting date fixed for next year. Approval has been given in principal for part of the Worthington and part of the Appleby Magna Schemes.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total number in district on 31st December, 1953 :-

Privies : 330. Pail Closets : 1,409. W.C's 2,451.

Number of closets converted to water carriage system during the year :

Privies : Nil Pails : 43

A grant of £10 or one half the cost whichever is the lesser is made towards the cost of conversion.

Number of privies (middens) converted to pail closets during the year : 12.

Number of Samples Taken for Analysis.			
Bacteriological		Chemical	
1925	1926	1925	1926
12	12	12	12

Number of wells closed - 7.
 Number of wells cleaned etc. 1.
 House connections in Appleby Manor School completed.
 Main line in Appleby Manor School almost completed. This
 is a new supply to the village of Appleby Manor which will
 replace and extend that previously supplied by Haxby
 U.D.C.)

SEWAGE DISPOSAL.

Number of cesspools emptied during the year ... 18
 Number of cesspools emptied during the year ... 18
 Total number in district on December 31st, 1925 ... 18

Sewer extension in Corporation Lane, Darlington, to
 serve 6 houses, and for one house in Lister Road,
 Haslem, were carried out.

Number of parishes with efficient sewage
 disposal works ... 1

Number of parishes where new schemes have
 been formulated ... 1

Of the post war scheme of sewers and sewage
 disposal, approval has been given for the Haslem School,
 and a starting date fixed for next year. Approval has
 been given in principle for part of the Worthington and
 part of the Appleby Manor School.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION.

Total number in district on 31st December, 1925 :-

Privies : 330. Pail Closets : 1,409. W.C.s 2,451.

Number of closets converted to water carriage system
 during the year :

Privies : Nil. Pails : 45.

A grant of £10 or one half the cost whichever is the
 lesser is made towards the cost of conversion.

Number of privies (including converted to pail closets
 during the year : 18.

Earth closets, privies, ashpits and cesspools are cleansed by direct labour, and cesspools are emptied by petrol and hand pumps.

The contents of pails are emptied weekly and disposed of on to agricultural land and tips.

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

House refuse is removed by direct labour, using 3 Karrier Bantam 7 cubic yard and one 10 cubic yard Refuse Collection Vehicles. 2 vehicles have 350 gallon night soil tanks each and the other two 400 gallon tanks. Night soil is collected weekly and dustbins every 12 to 14 days.

Number of parishes covered by routine collections : 16.

House refused is disposed of to one controlled tip and 3 crude tips.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA.

Total number of complaints received ...	119
	(10 groundless)
Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with..	109
Total number of defects or nuisances dealt with	202

INSPECTIONS MADE.

Animal keeping	1
Bakehouses	2
Dairies	2
Drainage works	341
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	759
Food Premises	19
Offensive Trades... ..	-
Refuse Collection and Disposal	88
Rodent Control	Carried out by Council. Rodent Operator made 1,158 visits.
Schools	-
Shops	14
Slaughterhouses and Meat Inspection	17
Smoke Observation	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc	60
Verminous and Dirty Premises	44
Water Supplies	61
Workshops, Outworkers etc....	26
Other Inspections..	538
Total	<u>1,972</u>

Latex gloves, aprons, masks and respirators are cleaned by direct laundry, and respirators are emptied of petrol and hand pumps.

The contents of pails are emptied weekly and disposed of on to agricultural land and tips.

PUBLIC CLEANLINESS

House refuse is removed by direct labour, using 3 Kartier Benzer 7 cubic yard and one 10 cubic yard Horsa Collection Vehicles. 3 vehicles have 250 gallon night soil tanks each and the other two 400 gallon tanks. Night soil is collected weekly and delivered every 12 to 14 days.

Number of pavements covered by trolleys
collection : 15.

House refuse is disposed of to one controlled tip and 3 grade tips.

SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Total number of complaints received : 112
Total number of premises at which
defects or nuisances were dealt with : 109
Total number of defects or nuisances
dealt with : 302

INSPECTIONS MADE

Animal keeping	...	...	...	...	...
Bakery	...	...	...	...	...
Barber	...	...	...	...	...
Brickwork	...	...	...	...	...
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	...	...	...	...	...
Food premises	...	...	...	...	...
Offensive trades	...	...	...	...	...
Refuse Collection and Disposal	...	...	...	...	...
Refuse Control	...	...	...	...	...
Schools	...	...	...	...	...
Shops	...	...	...	...	...
Slaterhouses and Meat Inspection	...	...	...	...	...
Smoke Observation	...	...	...	...	...
Taste, Vans, Sheds, etc.	...	...	...	...	...
Vermouth and Dirty Premises	...	...	...	...	...
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...
Workshops, Outworks etc.	...	...	...	...	...
Other Inspections	...	...	...	...	...
Total	...	...	...	...	...

NOTICES.

Preliminary.

	<u>Housing.</u>	<u>Public Health</u>
Outstanding on January 1st, 1953 ...	34	85
Issued during year ...	29	80
Complied with during year ...	41	124
Statutory action necessary ...	Nil	10
Outstanding 31st December, 1953 ...	22	21

Statutory.

Outstanding on January 1st, 1953 ...	Nil	5
Issued during year ...	Nil	10
Complied with during year ...	Nil	5
Outstanding 31st December, 1953 ...	Nil	10

Shops : No action taken.

Camping Sites : None in area.

Number of licences issued for moveable dwelling, Section 269, Public Health Act, 1936 : 13

REGULATED BUILDINGS.

Regulated Buildings.	No. in District.	No. of Inspections.	Action Taken	General conditions
Common Lodging Houses.	-	-	-	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds, etc.	13	60	Summary proceedings against occupier of one van.	
Canal Boats.	-	-	-	-
Offensive Trades.	-	-	-	-

Eradication of Bed Bugs : No action taken.

Pet Animal Act, 1951 : No premises in area.

Rag, Flock & Other

Filling Materials Act, 1951 : No premises in area.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 : Routine parish by parish inspection, private dwellings treated free, business premises on a time plus material basis, carried out by one man employed half time.

Schools : No action taken.

Swimming Baths and Pools open to the Public : None in area

Preliminary

Public Health	Health	Health
88	84	84
80	80	80
124	81	81
10	81	81
11	82	82

Summary

Public Health	Health	Health
8	81	81
10	81	81
8	81	81
10	81	81

Boys : No action taken.
 Camps : None in area.
 Number of licenses issued for new dwellings : 12
 Dwelling : Section 80, Public Health Act, 1932 : 12

REGULATED BUILDINGS

Regulated Buildings	No. in District	No. of Inspected	Action Taken	General Conditions
Common Lodging Houses	-	-	-	-
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.	12	80	Sanitary proceedings against proprietors of one van.	-
Canal Boats	-	-	-	-
Offensive Trades	-	-	-	-

Inspection of Red Bank :
 For Animal Act, 1931 :
 War, Ploek & Other
 William Metcalfe Act 1931
 Prevention of Damage by
 Pests Act, 1932

Schools
 Swimming Baths and Pools
 Open to the Public

None in area

No action taken.
 No premises in area.
 No premises in area.
 Routine parties by parties
 inspected, private dwellings
 cleaned, three business premises
 on a time give material basis
 carried out by one man
 employed with him.
 No action taken.

SECTION D.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

ICE CREAM.

Number of premises registered :

Manufacture and retail	...	...	2
Manufacture only	...	...	Nil
Retail only	...	...	35 (not all these are actually retailing.)

Number of Samples - 14. Results :

Grade 1	...	13
Grade 2	...	1
Grade 3	...	Nil
Grade 4	...	Nil

With one exception the persons who are licensed for retail, only sell pre-packed ice cream.

MILK SUPPLY.

Dairies (Other than dairy farms) and Distributors
(Section 8, Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949.)

No. on Register - Dairies	...	...	2
Distributors	...	...	9
No. of Inspections Dairies	...	...	2
Distributors	...	...	27

BIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLES.

No. of routine bulk samples taken	...	...	44
Results satisfactory	...	...	43
Evidence of living Tubercle Bacilli	...	...	Nil
Evidence of Brucella Abortus	...	...	1
No. of individual samples taken following a positive brucella abortus report on a routine sample	...	...	20

In three cases, stoppage Notices were served.

BACTERIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLING.

Class.	No. of Samples	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory.
Designated "Tuberculin Tested"	8	6	2
"Accredited"	1	1	0
"Pasteurised"	0	0	0
"Sterilised"	0	0	0
Undesignated	11	10	1

INSTRUCTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD.

ICE CREAM.

Number of premises registered :

Manufacture and retail ... 2
 Manufacture only ... 111
 Retail only ... 35 (not all these are actually retailing.)

Number of Samples - 14. Results :
 Grade 1 ... 13
 Grade 2 ... 1
 Grade 3 ... 111
 Grade 4 ... 111

With one exception the persons who are licensed for retail, only sell pre-packed ice cream.

MILK SUPPLY.

Dairies (Other than dairy farms) and Distributors
 (Section 8, Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949.)

No. of Registers ... 2
 Distributors ... 9
 No. of Inspectors ... 2
 Distributors ... 27

BACTERIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLING.

No. of routine bulk samples taken ... 44
 Results satisfactory ... 43
 Evidence of living Tubercle Bacilli ... 111
 Evidence of Brucella Abortus ... 1
 No. of individual samples taken following a positive Brucella abortus report on a routine sample ... 20

In three cases, stoppage Notices were served.

BACTERIOLOGICAL MILK SAMPLING.

Class.	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
Designated "Tubercle Tested"	8	8	2
"Assured"	1	1	0
"Pasteurized"	0	0	0
"Sterilized"	0	0	0
Undesignated	11	10	1

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Particulars of Licences issued :

	<u>Pasteurised.</u>	<u>Sterilised.</u>
Dealers Licences	2	Nil
Supplementary Licences...	8	Nil

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949.

Particulars of Licences issued :

Dealers Licences	4
Supplementary Licences...	7

MEAT AND OTHER FOODS.

No. of regional Slaughterhouses in area ...	Nil
No. of animals slaughtered elsewhere ...	Not known.
No. of Knackers Yards in area ...	2
No. of visits to Knackers Yards ...	6

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED.

No carcasses were condemned.

MEAT STALLS.

No. of inspections..... Nil

MEAT SHOPS, MEAT STORES ETC.

No. of inspections..... 18

PLACES WHERE FOOD (OTHER THAN MEAT) IS KEPT OR PREPARED FOR SALE.

No. of inspections 21

Food inspected and condemned as necessary.

SECTION E.

HOUSING.

NEW HOUSES.

Houses completed during year.	T Y P E		Average cost per house.	Average rent.incl or excl. of Rates.
	Prefab. Permanent.	Permanent.		
By Local Authority	72	Nil	-	-
Private Enterprise	Nil	17	21,946	-
Houses in course of erection at end of year by:				
Local Authority	Nil	8	-	-
Private Enterprise	Nil	15	21,564	-

Total no. of post war houses completed by Local Authority	...	...	...	...	376
Total no. of post war houses completed by private enterprise	...	...	...	...	86
Total no. of applicants for Council Houses at end of year	...	...	...	...	429
Number of applications received during year	...	...	...	...	117

INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING YEAR.

Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)	...	...	...	...	...	190
Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	759
Number of dwelling houses included under sub head above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925	...	...	...	...	...	29
Number of inspections made for the purpose	...	...	...	...	...	73
Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	...	6

Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation...	98
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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	118
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ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

Proceedings under Public Health Acts :

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	10
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Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal Notices:-

By owners	...	...	...	...	...	5
By Local Authority in default of owners	...	...	...	...	...	Nil

278	... ..	Total no. of post war houses completed by Local Authority
68	... ..	Total no. of post war houses completed by private enterprise
432	... ..	Total no. of applicants for Council Houses at end of year
117	... ..	Number of applications received during year
<u>INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING YEAR.</u>		
189	... ..	Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts)
228	... ..	Number of inspections made for the purpose
28	... ..	Number of dwelling houses inspected under and head above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925
75	... ..	Number of inspections made for the purpose
6	... ..	Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation
98	... ..	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
<u>RENEWAL OF PERMITS DURING THE YEAR WITHOUT SERVICE OF FORMAL NOTICES.</u>		
118	... ..	Number of defective dwelling houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers
<u>ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.</u>		
Proceedings under Public Health Acts:		
10	... ..	Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied
8	... ..	Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal Notices
111	... ..	By owners
8	... ..	By Local Authority in default of owners

Proceedings under Sections 11 and 13 of the
Housing Act, 1936.

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which
Demolition Orders were made ... 6

Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance
of Demolition Orders ... 6

HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year ... Not known.

Number of cases of overcrowding relieved
during year ... 37

Number of persons concerned in such cases ... 107

It is not known if any cases have again become over-
crowded after steps had been taken for the abatement of
overcrowding.

SECTION F.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER,
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Infectious Diseases (other than
Tuberculosis) during 1953.

Diseases	Final No's. after correction.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths.
Scarlet Fever ...	7	1	0
Whooping Cough...	72	0	0
Measles ...	368	0	0
Pneumonia ...	39	0	1
Erysipelas ...	3	0	0
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	0	0
Food Poisoning...	1	0	0
Malaria ...	1	1	0
Total ...	492	2	1

Number of dwelling houses in respect of which
Demolition Orders were made 6

Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance
of Demolition Orders 6

HOUSING ACT, 1936 - PART IV - OVERCROWDING.

Number of dwellings overcrowded at end of year ... Not known.

Number of cases of overcrowding relieved
during year 27

Number of persons concerned in such cases 107

It is not known if any cases have again become over-
crowded after steps had been taken for the abatement of
overcrowding.

SECTION 7.

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER,
INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES.

Infected Diseases (other than
Tuberculosis) during 1937.

Diseases	Total No. of cases after correction.	Cases admitted to Hospital.	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	7	1	0
Whooping Cough	75	0	0
Measles	368	0	0
Pneumonia	32	0	1
Erysipelas	3	0	0
Paratyphoid	1	0	0
Food Poisoning	1	0	0
Malaria	1	1	0
Total	492	2	1

Analysis under age Groups according to
Registrar General's Return 118d.

Age Group	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Food Poisoning
Under 1 year	0	7	15	0
1 - 2	0	17	62	0
3 - 4	0	22	67	0
5 - 9	4	26	197	0
10 - 14	2	0	10	0
15 - 24	1	0	12	0
25 and over	0	0	3	1
Age unknown	0	0	2	0
Total	7	72	368	1

Age Group	Pneu- monia.	Erysip- elas.	Puerperal Pyrexia.	Malaria.
Under 5 years... ..	8	0	0	0
5 - 14	3	0	0	0
15 - 44	5	0	1	1
45 - 64	14	1	0	0
65 and over	9	2	0	0
Total	39	3	1	1

The two cases of Food Poisoning were very mild, and no cause could be ascertained, as bacteriological examination was refused.

Table showing Incidence of Notifiable
Disease in each parish during year 1953.

Parish	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneu- monia	Erysi- pelas	Puerp. Pyrexia
Appleby Magna... ..	1	0	13	6	0	0
Chilcote... ..	0	0	1	0	0	0
Coleorton... ..	0	1	32	4	0	0
Heather	0	2	7	0	0	0
Measham	0	44	161	7	2	0
Normanton-le-Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0
Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe	3	9	64	3	0	0
Osgathorpe	0	0	0	1	0	0
Packington	1	0	5	0	0	0
Ravenstone	2	14	36	9	0	0
Snarestone	0	0	8	1	1	0
Staunton Harold	0	0	1	0	0	0
Swannington	0	1	29	7	0	1
Sweepstone	0	2	2	0	0	0
Stretton-en- le-Field... ..	0	0	1	0	0	0
Worthington	0	0	8	1	0	0
Total	7	73	368	39	3	1

Age Group	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Food Poisoning
Under 1 year	0	7	15	0
1 - 2	0	17	62	0
3 - 4	0	22	67	0
5 - 9	4	22	127	0
10 - 14	2	0	10	0
15 - 24	1	0	12	0
25 and over	0	0	2	0
Age unknown	0	0	2	0
Total	7	78	308	1

Age Group	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Food Poisoning
Under 5 years	0	0	0	0
5 - 14	3	0	0	0
15 - 44	3	0	1	1
45 - 64	14	1	0	0
65 and over	9	2	0	0
Total	39	3	1	1

The two cases of Food Poisoning were very mild, and
no cause could be ascertained, as bacteriological
examination was refused.

Table showing Incidence of Notifiable
Diseases in each Parish during year 1933.

Parish	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Phen- menia	Exy- dema	Phen- menia
Appleby Magna...	1	0	15	0	0	0
Chilcote...	0	0	1	0	0	0
Colleston...	0	1	22	0	0	0
Heath...	0	2	161	0	2	0
Masham...	0	0	0	0	0	0
Normanton-le-Heath	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garthorpe and	0	0	0	0	0	0
Boulthorpe	0	0	0	0	0	0
Garthorpe	1	0	0	0	0	0
Packington	2	14	20	0	0	0
Ravenshoe	0	0	0	0	0	0
Barrowton	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stanton Harold	0	1	12	0	0	0
Swannington	0	2	2	0	0	0
Swapstone	0	0	0	0	0	0
Stretton-en-	0	0	1	0	0	0
le-Field...	0	0	0	0	0	0
Worthington	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	7	39	308	0	2	1

MEASLES.

The following table shows the incidence of Measles in each Parish monthly.

Year 1953	Appleby Magna	Bardon Hill	Chilcote	Coleorton	Heather	Measham	Normanton le-Heath	Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe	Osgathorpe	Packington	Ravenstone	Snarestone	Staunton Harold	Swannington	Sweptstone	Stretton- on-Field	Worthington	Total
January	5	0	1	5	0	1	0	10	0	0	10	2	0	15	0	0	3	50
February	0	0	0	6	0	3	0	1	0	2	19	0	0	6	1	0	1	39
March	6	0	0	12	0	70	0	6	0	0	3	1	0	7	0	1	3	109
April	1	0	0	8	0	47	0	34	0	0	2	1	0	1	1	0	1	96
May	1	0	0	1	1	36	0	12	0	0	2	2	0	0	0	0	0	55
June	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
July	2	0	0	0	1	2	0	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	6
August	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	2	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	5
September	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	5
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	1
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
TOTAL	13	0	1	32	7	161	0	64	0	5	36	8	1	29	2	1	8	368

Month	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
January	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
February	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
March	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
April	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
May	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
June	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
July	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
August	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
September	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
October	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
November	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
December	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Total	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

The following table shows the incidence of measles in each parish separately.

Measles

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA.

Number of children who were immunised during the period
1ST JANUARY - 31ST DECEMBER 1953.

Age at 31.12.53	Under 1 1953	1 1952	2 1951	3 1950	4 1949	5 1948	6 1947	7 1946	8 1945	9 1944	10 1943	11 1942	12 1941	TOTALS
Primary Immunisation.	19	102	10	4	3	5	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	143
Booster Injection	-	-	-	-	3	76	27	7	4	2	3	1	2	125

STATEMENT OF PARTICULARS APPEARING IN THE REGISTER OF NOTIFICATIONS OF CASES OF TUBERCULOSIS FOR THE YEAR 1953.

Number of cases on Register at commencement of year.	Pulmonary		Non-Pul.		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Number of cases notified for the first time during the year.	24	22	14	15	75
Number of cases restored to Register.	4	0	1	4	9
Number of cases added to Register and brought to notice other than by formal notification.	0	1	0	0	1
Number of cases removed from the Register during the year.	8	7	2	5	22
Number of cases remaining on the Register at end of year.	20	15	13	14	62

	<u>MALES</u>		<u>FEMALES</u>		<u>Total</u>
	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	<u>Pulmonary</u>	<u>Non-Pulmonary</u>	
Died	2	1	2	0	5
Cured	3	1	5	3	12
Left District ...	2	0	1	0	3
Left County... ..	1	0	1	0	2
Total... ..	<u>8</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>3</u>	<u>22</u>

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948.

Resumé of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the year 1953, which has already been sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Orphanage Road, Watford, Herts.

PART I OF THE ACT.

INSPECTIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH (INCLUDING INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.)

<u>Premises.</u>	<u>No. on Register.</u>	<u>No. of Inspections.</u>
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4, and 6, are to be enforced by Local Authority.	1	2
Factories not included in above in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	37	24
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority.	2	2
Total... ..	<u>40</u>	<u>28</u>

CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

<u>Particulars.</u>	<u>Number of cases in which defects were found.</u>	
	<u>Found.</u>	<u>Remedied.</u>
<u>Sanitary Conveniences:</u>		
(a) Insufficient	0	0
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outworkers) ...	4	4
Total... ..	<u>5</u>	<u>5</u>

FEMALES		MALES			
Primary	Non-Primary	Primary	Non-Primary	Primary	Non-Primary
8	0	1	1	8	0
18	8	1	1	3	0
3	0	0	0	3	0
3	0	0	0	1	0
28	8	2	2	13	0

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1938.

Summary of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the year 1938, which has already been sent to the Ministry of Labour and National Service, Ordnance Road, Watford, Herts.

PART I OF THE ACT. PROVISIONS FOR PURPOSES OF PROVISIONS AS TO HEALTH INSPECTIONS MADE BY SANITARY INSPECTORS.

Premises.	No. on Register.	No. of Inspections.
Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 4, and 5 are enforced by Local Authority.	1	2
Factories not included in above which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority.	37	24
Factories in which Section 8 is enforced by the Local Authority.	2	2
Total...	40	28

FACTORIES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

Factory Conveyances:	Found.	Number of cases in which defects were found.
Unsuitable or defective	0	0
Insufficient	1	1
or offences against the Act including offences relating to Outworkers)	4	4
Total...	5	5

PART II.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

PART VIII OF THE ACT.

OUTWORK (SECTIONS 110 AND 111).

Nature of Work.

Number of Outworkers in
August list required by
Sections 111 (1) (a).

Wearing Apparel, Making etc.

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To the Chairman, Vice Chairman
and Councillors of the Rural
District Council of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to present to you this
my 53RD ANNUAL REPORT for the Year ending 31st December,
1953, covering the Parishes of

Appleby Magna; Bardon; Chilcote; Coleorton;
Heather; Measham; Normanton-le-Heath;
Oakthorpe and Doldthorpe; Osgathorpe;
Packington; Ravenstone; Smeaton; Staunton
Harold; Swannington; Swopestone; Stratton-en-
Field; and Worthington.

Throughout the year routine inspections were carried
out under the various Public Health, Housing, Water, and
Town and Country Planning Acts, etc.

The Ravenstone Sewage Disposal Works are very
seriously overloaded and the enlargement of these Works is
imperative. During the year the construction of 5
additional Sludge Lagoons were completed at the Measham
Sewage Disposal Works. I must however, point out that
new Sprinkler Arms for the Filter Beds are required at
these Works, but there can be no question that these Works
are too small and should be enlarged.

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The collection of pail closets has continued to be
carried out at weekly intervals, and a routine of 12 to 14
days aimed at for the collection and emptying of dustbins,
although holidays and sickness has caused the interval to
be greater during certain parts of the year.

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PART VIII OF THE ACT.
OUTWORK (SECTIONS 110 AND 111).

Number of Outworks in
August last received by
Sections 111 (1) (a).

Number of Work.

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At the Appointed Meeting etc.

P A R T II.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR.

Rural District Council Offices,
South Street,
ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH.

2nd February, 1954.

To the Chairman, Vice Chairman
and Councillors of the Rural
District Council of Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to present to you this
my 33RD ANNUAL REPORT for the Year ending 31st December,
1953, covering the Parishes of :-

Appleby Magna; Bardon; Chilcote; Coleorton;
Heather; Measham; Normanton-le-Heath;
Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe; Osgathorpe;
Packington; Ravenstone; Snarestone; Staunton
Harold; Swannington; Sweptstone; Stretton-en-
Field; and Worthington.

Throughout the year routine inspections were carried
out under the various Public Health, Housing, Water, and
Town and Country Planning Acts, etc.

The Ravenstone Sewage Disposal Works are very
seriously overloaded and the enlargement of these Works is
imperative. During the year the construction of 5
additional Sludge Lagoons were completed at the Measham
Sewage Disposal Works. I must however, point out that
new Sprinkler Arms for the Filter Beds are required at
these Works, but there can be no question that these Works
are too small and should be enlarged.

The collection of pail closets has continued to be
carried out at weekly intervals, and a routine of 12 to 14
days aimed at for the collection and emptying of dustbins,
although holidays and sickness has caused the interval to
be greater during certain parts of the year.

PART II

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE

SURVEYOR AND SANITARY INSPECTOR

For the District Council Office,
South Street,
ARNDY-DE-LE-TOUR.

San Francisco, 1934.

To the Chairman, Vice Chairman
and Councilors of the Arndy-
District Council of Arndy-de-le-Tour.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

It gives me great pleasure to present to you this
my ANNUAL REPORT for the year ending 31st December,
1933, covering the period of

Applied Marine; Barton; Chiswick; Colchester;
Heath; Heath; Heath; Heath; Heath;
Gastrop and Gastrop; Gastrop;
Buckingham; Buckingham; Buckingham;
Harold; Swanton; Swanton; Swanton;
Field; and Worthington.

Throughout the year various inspections were carried
out under the various Public Health, Housing, Water, and
Town and Country Planning Acts, etc.

The Ryecliffe Sewage Disposal Works are very
seriously overloaded and the enlargement of these Works is
imperative. During the year the construction of 2
additional Siltage Lagoons were completed at the Ryecliffe
Sewage Disposal Works. I must however, point out that
new Siltage Lagoons for the Ryecliffe Works are required as
these Works, but there can be no question that these Works
are too small and should be enlarged.

The collection of refuse has continued to be
carried out at weekly intervals, and a number of 15 to 16
days aimed at for the collection and emptying of dustbins,
although holidays and sickness has caused an interval to
be greater during certain parts of the year.

COMPLAINTS.

Under their heading I have classified the improvements and work carried out in connection with the same :-

Complaints received	...	...	...	...	...	90
Premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	90
Groundless complaints..	...	...	...	...	...	10
Re-visits to work in hand...	...	...	...	...	...	264
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	124
Work still in hand	...	...	...	...	...	15
Work not started	...	...	...	...	...	6
Nuisances detected (District Inspections) ..	...	...	...	...	...	6
Premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	6
Re-visits to work in hand...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Nuisances abated	...	...	...	...	...	5
Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	...	80
Statutory Notices	...	...	...	...	...	10

In connection with the above table, and outstanding work brought forward from 1952, the following work has been carried out :-

Pantries provided	...	...	...	...	...	3
W.C.'s repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Pan Closets repaired...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Drains relaid, repaired, trapped or ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	6
Blocked drains cleared	...	...	...	...	...	21
Cesspools cleansed or repaired...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Offensive accumulations removed..	...	...	...	...	...	2
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	12
Chimneys repaired	...	...	...	...	...	6
Damp walls remedied	...	...	...	...	...	6
Doors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Windows repaired and renewed	...	...	...	...	...	4
Fireplaces repaired, or new ones provided	...	...	...	...	...	3
Plastering repaired	...	...	...	...	...	11
Sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	3
Miscellaneous nuisances abated...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	3
Piggeries removed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Floors repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Yard paving repaired...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Flooded cellars cleared	...	...	...	...	...	1
Copper pans provided, or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	8
Coalhouses provided	...	...	...	...	...	1
Washhouses repaired	...	...	...	...	...	2
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	...	...	4

COMPLAINTS

Under their heading I have classified the improvements and work carried out in connection with the same:-

10	Statutory Notices	...
80	Informal Notices served	...
8	Notices served	...
11	Re-visit to work in hand	...
8	Premises inspected	...
8	Notices detected (District Inspectors)	...
8	Work not started	...
10	Work still in hand	...
10	Notices served	...
10	Re-visit to work in hand	...
10	Groundless complaints	...
10	Premises inspected	...
10	Complaints received	...

In connection with the above table, and outstanding work brought forward from 1932, the following work has been carried out:-

2	Parties provided	...
2	W.O.'s repaired	...
4	Pen Clonon repaired	...
6	Drains relaid, repaired, stopped or ventilated	...
21	Blocked drains cleared	...
8	Gaspoles cleaned or repaired	...
10	Offensive accumulations removed	...
8	Holes repaired	...
8	Chimneys repaired	...
8	Damp walls remedied	...
8	Doors repaired	...
4	Windows repaired and renewed	...
11	Fireplaces repaired, or new ones provided	...
8	Plastering repaired	...
8	Sinks provided	...
8	Miscellaneous notices served	...
8	Bayes gutters repaired or renewed	...
8	Flues removed	...
8	Floors repaired	...
8	Yard paving repaired	...
8	Flooded cellars cleared	...
8	Copper pans provided, or repaired	...
8	Coalhouses provided	...
8	Washhouses repaired	...
8	Staircases repaired	...

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949.

The part-time Rodent Operator continued to carry out the routine inspection of the whole of the Rural District. This entailed the inspection of 1,158 premises during the year, and treatments at 185 premises.

The sewers were test baited and treated as necessary.

During the year disinfection was carried out at 44 houses which were infested with cockroaches. There were 18 follow-up treatments.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE.

Routine investigations and disinfections were carried out after reported cases of infectious diseases.

Cases investigated ...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Disinfections carried out..	...	...	...	...	...	4

WATER SUPPLIES.

Number of wells closed for drinking water supplies...	...	...	...	...	77
Number of houses inspected	...	...	...	...	28
Re-visits	...	...	...	...	33
Samples taken for analysis	...	...	...	...	14
Samples condemned	...	...	...	...	2
Inspections to work whilst in hand...	...	...	...	...	8
Informal Notices served	...	...	...	...	11
Statutory Notices served...	...	...	...	...	11
Water laid on from Public Mains.	...	...	...	...	232

It will be noted that considerable progress continued to be made during the year by the substitution of main water in lieu of well supplies.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES.

Number of licensed Slaughterhouses in district	...	...	...	...	3
Number of inspections made	...	...	...	...	3
Number of Verbal Notices given to limewash	...	...	...	...	-

6 inspections have been made of the Knackers Yards at Breedon Brand and Sinope.

The part-time Resident Operator continued to carry out the routine inspection of the whole of the Rural District. This entailed the inspection of 1,128 premises during the year, and treatment at 185 premises.

The sewers were test pumped and treated as necessary.

During the year disinfection was carried out at 46 houses which were infested with cockroaches. There were 18 follow-up treatments.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Routine investigations and disinfections were carried out after reported cases of infectious diseases.

Cases investigated	18
Disinfections carried out	4

WATER SUPPLY

Number of wells closed for drinking water supplies	27
Number of houses inspected	28
Re-visits	22
Samples taken for analysis	12
Samples condemned	2
Inspections to work whilst in hand	6
Informal Notices served	11
Statutory Notices served	11
Water laid on from Public Mains	228

It will be noted that considerable progress continued to be made during the year by the installation of main water in lieu of well supplies.

SLAUGHTERHOUSES

Number of licensed Slaughterhouses in district	3
Number of inspections made	3
Number of Verbal Notices given	-
to Linowash	-

5 inspections have been made at the Knackers Yards at Brecken Brand and Sinoqa.

MEAT INSPECTIONS.

Number of inspections made during the year ... 18
Transport Vans inspected ... 3
The meat supplied in your district is distributed from
the Regional Slaughterhouse at Coalville.

FOOD SHOPS.

Routine inspection of food shops has continued to
be carried out.

CONDEMNED FOOD.

During the year the following goods were inspected
and condemned as unfit for human consumption :-

Beef	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	755 lbs
Mutton	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	110 "
Sheep Plucks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Beast head and tongues	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Beast Tongues	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Beast hearts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Beast livers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Milk	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4 tins
Stewed steak	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 tin
Tomatoes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6 tins
Peaches	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1 tin
Tinned Ham	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	17 lbs 13 ozs.

Condemned food is at present disposed of by burial.

NEW DRAINAGE AND CLOSET CONVERSIONS.

The policy of paying £10 or one half the cost which-
ever is the lesser towards the cost of closet conversions has
continued, but the hard core of owners reluctant to carry out
the necessary work has again been reached and it is
anticipated that the annual number of conversions will again
decline.

Premises inspected	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
New drainage systems laid to sewer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Old drains repaired and extended	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
New water closets constructed to replace pan closets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
Pail closets to replace privies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Additional W.C. accommodation provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Re-visits of inspection	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	173
Informal Notices served by way of instruction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	37
New drainage to septic tanks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Septic tanks provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES.

Routine inspections were made to the Measham Public Conveniences, cleansing and disinfecting has been carried out in a satisfactory manner by the Caretaker. Wilful damage by boys and youths was not so heavy as in previous years, but I regret to say that it has not stopped, especially to the lights and door locks.

During the year, 31 inspections were made, and often times these were urgent visits after acts of vandalism.

NEW BUILDINGS AND EXTENSIONS.

Pithead Baths	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
New Industrial Buildings	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Garages	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
New houses by Local Authority	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
New houses by Private Enterprise	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Bathrooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Kitchens	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Bedrooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cloakroom	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Milking Parlour and Cowsheds	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Canteen	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Offices	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Houses drained to sewers	...	...	...	...	...	...	82
Houses drained to septic tanks	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Water supply for Public Main	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
Houses with W.C.'s	...	...	...	...	...	...	89
Inspection during construction	...	...	...	...	...	...	517

The Council on the 21st day of April, 1953, adopted New Building Byelaws, and these came into force on the 22nd day of July, 1953. These ensure that you have adequate control and supervision of all building work throughout the district. I am sure that all local builders, as heretofore, will co-operate in the execution of the various items of building construction as laid down by the Byelaws.

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947.

This Act has now been in force for over 5 years, and on the whole has functioned very satisfactorily. A considerable amount of time has been expended in giving advice to persons in the Rural District, but it has always been a great pleasure to help those who are by thrift and self-sacrifice determined to help themselves to happiness and contentment by building their own houses.

SEWER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

Inspections to sewers ...	...	...	...	...	43
Blockage to sewers cleared ...	...	...	...	...	11
Inspections whilst work in hand ...	...	...	...	...	20
Inspection of Sewage Works ...	...	...	...	...	278

New diesel engines and pumps have been installed at the Measham and Donisthorpe Sewage Works.

REFUSE COLLECTION.

Refuse disposal has continued at the Council's 4 tips. Night soil has been deposited on to agricultural land and taken during wet weather to the emergency tip at the Swannington Sewage Works.

During the year 419 dustbins have been supplied by the Council to replace dilapidated bins.

MILK AND DAIRIES REGULATIONS, 1949.

During the year licences as follows were issued :-

Supplementary licences to sell					
"Tuberculin Tested" Milk	...	...	...	...	7
Dealers licences to sell					
"Tuberculin Tested" Milk	...	...	...	...	4
Supplementary licences to use					
Special Designation "Pasteurised"	...	...	...	...	6
Dealers licences to use the					
Special Designation "Pasteurised"	...	...	...	...	2
Dealers licence to open and cool					
"Tuberculin Tested" Milk	...	...	...	...	1

Routine inspections of distributing vehicles have been carried out.

During the year 44 samples of milk for biological examination were taken. In addition, 20 samples were taken for bacteriological examination.

4 farmers were confirmed as having cows in the herd giving milk infected with *Brucella Abortus*. In 3 cases Stoppage Notices were served, and in the fourth instance, the farmer agreed to dispose of the affected animals.

SEWER AND SEWAGE DISPOSAL WORKS.

Inspection of Sewage Works	...	...	...	...	43
Inspection whilst work in hand	...	...	...	...	11
Blockage to sewers cleared	...	...	...	...	20
Inspection to sewers	...	...	...	...	288

New diesel engines and pumps have been installed at the Mearns and Donisthorpe Sewage Works.

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During the year 42 questions have been supplied by the Council to replace displaced bins.

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During the year licences as follows were issued:-

Supplementary licences to sell "Tuberculin Tested" Milk	7
Dealers licences to sell "Tuberculin Tested" Milk	...	...	...	2
Supplementary licences to use Special Designation "Pasteurised"	...	...	...	2
Dealers licences to use the Special Designation "Pasteurised"	...	...	...	2
Dealers licences to open and sell "Tuberculin Tested" Milk	...	...	...	1

Routine inspections of distributed vehicles have been carried out.

During the year 44 samples of milk for biological examination were taken. In addition, 20 samples were taken for bacteriological examination.

4 farmers were notified as having cows in the herd giving milk infected with Brucella abortus. In 3 cases Stoppage Notices were served, and in the fourth instance, the farmer agreed to dispose of the affected animals.

ICE CREAM.

There are still 2 premises registered for the manufacture of Ice Cream, 1 for hot mix and the other one for cold. The premises licensed for the latter have again not been used during the year.

34 premises are licensed for the sale of Pre-packed Ice Cream, and one for the sale of loose Ice Cream. Routine sampling has been carried out. All licensed premises were found to be kept clean and no infringements of the Regulations were discovered.

TENTS, VANS, SHEDS.

Licences have again been granted during the year in respect of 13 caravans. These are spread throughout the district.

Routine inspections have been carried out in order to ensure that satisfactory conditions are maintained.

Visits 60

Where necessary plans were obtained in accordance with the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947. It was necessary to take legal proceedings in one case. The offender was fined £5. 0. 0. and costs were also awarded against him amounting to £5. 5. 0.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937.

Inspection of Factories...	...	...	26
Inspection of Bakehouses..	...	...	2
Notices received from Factory Inspector -			
Defects found	...	...	5
Defects remedied	...	...	5

PETROLEUM.

Routine inspections have continued to be carried out of Petroleum Stores under the Petroleum (Consolidation) Act, 1928, and Petroleum Mixture Order, 1929. After approval by the Council renewal licences have been issued and new sites approved.

HOUSING.

Work under the Housing Acts has included renovations of dilapidated property.

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TEATS, VANS, SHEDS.

Licenses have again been granted during the year in respect of 13 cars. These are spread throughout the district.

Routine inspections have been carried out in order to ensure that satisfactory conditions are maintained.

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Inspection of Factories	25
Inspection of Bakeries	2
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No. of houses inspected (new cases 1953)	29
No. of houses which were defective	29
No. of houses where defects have been remedied (including 1952 cases)	...	...	...	41
No. of Houses where work is still in hand...	...	...	...	7
Work not started	...	...	...	15
Total number of re-visits while work in hand	...	...	...	73
Informal Notices served	...	...	...	29
Demolition Orders served	...	...	...	6
Houses demolished	...	...	...	6

Details of work done in this connection, inclusive of 1952 cases, are as follows :-

Sinks provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Walls repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Roofs repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Chimney stacksrebuilt or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Fireplaces repaired or renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Floors repaired or relaid	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Windows repaired or new ones fixed	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Eaves spouts and down pipes repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Drains laid, relaid or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Plastering to rooms repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Dampness remedied	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wash-house repaired or drained	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Coppers repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
W.C. repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Yard paving relaid	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Coal stores provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
New sculleries	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
New larders	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Bathrooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wash-house	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Staircases	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Approval has been given during the year in respect of Improvement Grants at two properties.

This being my last Annual Report, I wish to place on record that I have enjoyed serving the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Rural District Council during the past Thirtythree Years.

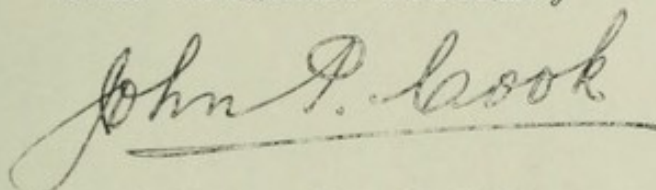
When I moved here from Cornwall in 1921, I little thought that my service with you would have extended to such a long period, and on looking back over the years I feel quite satisfied that my labours have been well spent in improving the housing, health and happiness of such a large proportion of the inhabitants of this old and historic part of England.

To conclude this Report I must express my thanks and appreciation of the sterling and conscientious work and the great assistance given to me by Mr. C. S. Curtis and Miss S. E. Clamp. My relations with them, Dr. Segerdal the Medical Officer of Health, the Clerk and his staff, have been at all times very happy and harmonious.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "John P. Cook". The signature is written in dark ink and is underlined with a single horizontal line.

C.R.San.I., M.S.I.A.

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