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AND THE

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

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Rural District Council Offices,
South Street,
Ashby-de-la-Zouch,
Leicestershire.

June, 1960.

To the Chairman and Members of
the Rural District Council of
Ashby-de-la-Zouch.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the year 1959.

According to the Registrar General's estimate, the population has increased from 13,950 to 14,030.

The birth rate (14.5) is lower than last year (15.1) and lower than that for England and Wales (16.5).

The death rate (12.2) is higher than last year (11.7) and higher than that for England and Wales (11.6). The death rate of infants under one year is 19.7 compared with 33.2 in 1958, and England and Wales 22.0, and the still birth rate is 19.3 compared with 20.7 for England and Wales.

Of the 154 deaths during the year there were 9 deaths from all accidents and suicide. The chief causes of death, as has been the case for some years past, were from diseases associated with elderly people.

The Cheshire Home for the sick now contains 42 patients, all chronic sick. This is now the largest Cheshire Home.

It will be noted that all the parishes, with the exception of Bardon, have a piped water supply. The extension to Appleby Magna housing site was commenced during the year. A scheme for boosting the existing supply to Farm Town area of Coleorton was submitted to the Ministry.

Sewerage schemes at Appleby Magna, Snarestone and Packington were completed at the end of the year. There are 339 cesspools in the district and 30 cesspools were constructed and 70 abolished during the year. 104 closets were converted to the water carriage system during the year.

40 houses were completed during the year making a total of 931 houses completed in the post-war period, of which 670 houses were completed by the local authority. The total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year was 241 and the number of applications received during the year was 64.

Implementation of the Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955, proceeded satisfactorily and no formal action has been necessary.

233 cases of infectious diseases were notified, of these 194 were measles, 20 whooping cough, 12 pneumonia, 3 scarlet fever and 4 erysipelas. There were 2 deaths from pneumonia.

I am pleased to record that the number of children being immunised against diptheria still remains high.

Six cases of tuberculosis, 4 males and 1 female pulmonary and 1 female non-pulmonary, were notified during the year and there were no deaths from tuberculosis. The diagnosis was not confirmed in two pulmonary cases.

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

Finally I wish to thank Mr. C.S. Curtis, Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, and to thank Mr. F.H. Wynne and Mr. H. Batteson, Additional Public Health Inspectors, 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.

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Coalville,
Leicestershire.

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SECTION A

Statistics and Social Conditions

Area (in acres)	28,267
Resident Population (R.G's estimate)	14,030
Number of inhabited houses	4,541
Rateable Value (1st April, 1959)	£158,819
Sum represented by a penny rate	£581
Comparability factor - Births	1.00
Deaths	1.11

The chief industries in the area are agriculture; coal mining; 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

	Rural District	England and Wales
Live Births	203	
Live Birth rate	14.5	16.5
Still Births	4	
Still Birth rate per 1000 (live & still)	19.3	20.7
Total Births	207	
Infant deaths	4	
Infantile Mortality rate per 1000 live Births	19.7	22.0
Infantile Mortality rate per 1000 legitimate Births	19.7	
Infantile mortality rate per 1000 illegitimate Births	.0	
Neo-natal mortality rate (first four weeks) per 1000 related live births	14.8	15.8
Early Neo-natal mortality rate (first week) per 1000 related live births	14.8	
Perinatal mortality rate (first week combined with still birth rate) per 1000 total live and still births	33.8	

	Rural District	England and Wales
Percentage of illegitimate live births	2.9	
Maternal deaths including abortion	.0	
Maternal mortality rate (including abortion) per 1000 total births	.0	0.38

Births

		Males	Females	Total
Live Births :	Legitimate	98	99	197
	Illegitimate	5	1	6
		103	100	203
Still Births :	Legitimate	1	3	4
	Illegitimate	0	0	0
		1	3	4
Total Births (Live and Still)		104	103	207
Deaths		81	73	154

Death rate per 1000 population 12.2

Death rate England and Wales 11.6

Causes of Death during 1959

	Males	Females	Total
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	7	3	10
Malignant neoplasm, lung bronchus	1	3	4
Malignant neoplasm, breast	0	4	4
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	0	2	2
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	13	8	21
Leukaemis, Aleukaemia	2	1	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	7	8	15
Coronary disease, angina	12	5	17
Hypertension with heart disease	2	0	2
Other heart disease	9	14	23
Other circulatory disease	3	3	6
Influenza	1	2	3
Pneumonia	1	1	2
Bronchitis	8	4	12
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	0	1
Hyperplasia of Prostate	1	0	1
Congenital malformations	1	0	1
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	6	12	18
Motor vehicle accidents	4	1	5
All other accidents	2	1	3
Suicide	0	1	1
	81	73	154

Chief causes of death were :

Disease of heart and circulation	63
Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms (cancer)	41
Disease of respiratory system	17
Deaths from all accidents and suicide	9

Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	3	4
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	1	3	4

Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age

Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	1	2	3

Deaths of Infants under one week of age

Legitimate	1	2	3
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	1	2	3

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.

Cheshire Home for the Sick

The home is entirely voluntary and not under the Regional Hospital Board.

At the end of the year there were 42 patients, all chronic sick. This is now the largest Cheshire Home.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

There are none actually in the district. Infant welfare clinics are held every Thursday afternoon at the Baptist School, Ashby-de-la-Zouch and every second and fourth Thursday afternoon at the Centenary Methodist Church, Donisthorpe Road, Moira. At the Health Centre, Bridge Road, Coalville, an Ante-Natal clinic is available. The Chest 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 at Bath Yard, Moira.

Nursing in the Home

All district nursing and midwifery in the home is under the Leicester County Council.

Health Visiting

This work is provided by the Leicester 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 on request.

Laboratory Facilities

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

The following examinations were made :

Throat and nose swabs	..	1
Faeces and Urine	..	8
Sputa	..	45
Waters	..	10
Ice Creams	..	11
Miscellaneous	..	2
		77

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.

Particulars of water supplies to dwelling houses :

Internal Mains Water Supply		Mains Water from External standpipes		Well Water Supply	
No. of dwelling houses	Population	No. of dwelling houses	Population	No. of dwelling houses	Population
4372	Est. 13,347	Est. 32	Est. 121	178	Est. 623

Number of parishes with piped supply of water :

From Public Mains : 16 From Private Reservoirs : Nil

Number of parishes without a piped supply of water :

One (Bardon)

In 8 cases a piped supply of water has been substituted for well water.

The extension of the mains to the Appleby Magna Housing Site was completed during the year.

A scheme for the boosting of the existing supply to Farmtown area, Coleorton was submitted to the Ministry.

Water Supply from Wells

Number of Samples taken for Analysis			
Satisfactory		Unsatisfactory	
Chemical	Bacterio-logical	Chemical	Bacterio-logical
Nil	6	Nil	4

Sewage Disposal

Number of septic tanks constructed during the year	:	30
Number of cesspools abolished during the year	:	70
Number of septic tanks/cesspools in district at 31st December, 1959	:	339

Closet Accommodation

Total number in district on 31st December, 1959 :

Privies	: 50	Pail Closets	: 957	W.Cs.	:	3791

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

Privies	: Nil	Pails	: 104

A grant of £10. 0. 0., or one half the cost, whichever is the lesser, is made towards the cost of conversion.

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

Sanitary Inspections of the Area

Total number of complaints received ...	97
Total number of premises at which defects or nuisances were dealt with ..	88
Total number of defects or nuisances dealt with	239

Inspections made

Animal Keeping	5
Bakehouses	5
Dairies	4
Drainage Works	332
Dwelling houses (all purposes)	569
Infectious Diseases Inquiries	9
Food Premises	188
Refuse Collection and Disposal	169
Rodent Control	(Carried out by Rodent Operator)
Shops	14
Slaughter-houses and Meat Inspection	501
Smoke Control	3
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc	53
Verminous and Dirty Premises	12
Water Supplies	25
Factories and Workplaces	27
Other inspections	1209
	3125

Notices

Preliminary	Housing	Public Health
Outstanding on 1st January, 1959	-	28
Issued during the year	-	99
Complied with during the year	-	108
Statutory action necessary	-	-
Outstanding 31st December, 1959	-	19

Statutory

Outstanding on 1st January, 1959	-	-
Issued during the year	-	-
Complied with during the year	-	-
Outstanding 31st December, 1959	-	-

Shops

Particulars of action taken during the year under the Provisions of Section 38 of the Shops Act, 1950.

	Defects found	Defects remedied
Sanitary conveniences	2	2
Washing facilities	5	5

Camping Sites

During the year 11 licences were issued in respect of movable dwellings under Section 269 of the Public Health Act, 1936.

Regulated Buildings

		Number in district	Number of inspections
Tents, Vans, Sheds etc.,		17	33
Eradication of Bed bugs	:	No action necessary.	
Pet Animal 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.	

SECTION D

HOUSING

New Houses

Houses completed during year	TYPE		Average cost per house excl. site works and land	Average rent exclusive of rates
	Prefab Permanent	Permanent		
By Local Authority	-	2	£1,496	23/6d. per week 3 bed/houses
Private Enterprise		38		

Houses in course of construction at year end

By Local Authority	-	2		
Private Enterprise	-	22		

Total number of post war houses completed by Local Authority	...	670
Total Number of post war houses completed by private enterprise	...	261
Total number of applicants for Council houses at end of year	...	241
Number of applications received for Council houses during the year	...	64
Total number of Council houses in the district prior to 1939	...	322
Total number of occupied houses in the district	...	4,541
Total number of occupied Council houses in the district	...	1,014

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Ice Cream

Number of premises registered for manufacture and retail	...	...	Nil
Number of premises registered for manufacture only	...	...	Nil
Number of premises registered for retail only	...	...	54
Number of samples taken	...	...	11
Results of samples :	Grade 1 :		11

Ice Cream is purchased from National Manufacturers in all cases.

Milk Supply

Dairies (other than dairy farms) and distributors (Section 8 Milk & Dairies Regulations, 1949)

Number on Register	:	Dairies	2
		Distributors	16
Number of Inspections	:	Dairies	2
		Distributors	20

Biological Milk Samples

Number of routine bulk samples taken		...	49
Results satisfactory	...	...	47
Evidence of living Tubercule Bacilli		...	Nil
Evidence of Brucella Abortus	...	...	2

Bacteriological Milk Samples

49 samples of designated "Tuberculin Tested" milk were taken and 47 proved to be satisfactory and 2 unsatisfactory.

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949

Particulars of Licences issued :

		Pasteurised	Sterilised
Dealer's Licences	...	6	-
Supplementary Licences	...	8	-

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949

Particulars of Licences issued :

Dealer's Licences	6
Supplementary Licences	8

Meat and other Foods

Number of licensed slaughterhouses in area	...	6
Number of animals slaughtered therein	...	2204
Number of animals examined therein	...	2204
Number of inspections of meat at time of slaughter		10%
Number of Knackers yards in area	...	1
Number of visits to Knackers yards	...	5

Meat Stalls

Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	Nil

Meat Shops, Meat Stores etc

Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	70

Places where food (other than meat) is kept or prepared for sale

Number of inspections	...	...	...	...	188

Food Hygiene Regulations, 1955

Work in connection with the inspection of food premises continued actively during the year, and steady progress was made in obtaining general improvements where food is prepared or handled.

In all, a total of 255 visits were made. In was felt that better results were obtained by personal visits rather than by the distribution of pamphlets, posters and similar propaganda.

A food conference, organised by the Ashby-de-la-Zouch Urban District Council, was held at the Town Hall, Ashby-de-la-Zouch on the 30th April, 1959 and was attended by members of the Council and a number of food suppliers in the district.

Number of premises inspected ...	72
Number of inspections made for the purpose	255
Number of Informal Notices served ...	28
Number of Informal Notices complied with	28
Number of Informal Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1959	Nil
Number of Formal Notices served ...	Nil
Number of Formal Notices complied with	Nil
Number of Formal Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1959	Nil

MEAT INSPECTION - CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number Killed	424	223	Nil	1225	332
Number Inspected	424	223	Nil	1225	332
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcases Condemned	1	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	140	59	-	54	2
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	33.00	26.45	-	4.40	.60
Tuberculosis Only					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	9	20	-	5	-
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	2.12	8.97	-	-	1.5
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

Infectious Disease (other than Tuberculosis) during 1959

Disease	Final No. after Correction	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	3	-	-
Whooping Cough	20	-	-
Measles	194	-	-
Pneumonia	12	-	2
Erysipelas	4	-	-
Totals	233	-	2

Analysis under Age Groups According to Registrar General's Return 118

Age Group	Whooping Cough	Measles	Scarlet Fever
Under 1 year	2	6	-
1 to 2	-	21	-
2 to 3	3	22	-
3 to 4	4	22	-
4 to 5	2	20	-
5 to 9	9	96	3
10 to 14	-	6	-
15 to 24	-	1	-
25 and over	-	-	-
Totals	20	194	3

Age Group	Pneumonia	Erysipelas
Under 5 years	2	-
5 to 14	1	-
15 to 44	2	1
45 to 64	3	2
65 and over	4	1
Totals	12	4

Table showing incidence of Notifiable Disease in each Parish during year 1959

Parish	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Scarlet Fever	Erysipelas
Appleby Magna	-	3	3	-	1
Bardon	-	3	-	-	-
Chilcote	4	-	1	-	-
Coleorton	5	8	1	-	1
Heather	-	3	1	-	-
Measham	5	28	-	-	-
Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe	5	71	-	-	1
Osgathorpe	-	5	-	-	-
Packington	-	12	-	-	-
Ravenstone	-	38	1	1	-
Snarestone	-	4	-	-	-
Staunton Harold	-	-	-	-	-
Stretton-en-le-Field	-	-	2	-	-
Swannington	-	13	2	1	1
Swepstone	-	4	-	1	-
Worthington	1	1	1	-	-
Totals	20	194	12	3	4

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

Year 1959	Appleby Magna	Bardon	Coleorton	Heather	Measham	Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe	Osgathorpe	Packington	Ravenstone	Staunton Harold	Snarestone	Swannington	Swepstone	Worthington
January	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
February	-	-	3	-	2	1	1	-	6	-	-	5	-	-
March	-	3	3	-	2	-	-	1	22	-	-	1	2	-
April	-	-	-	1	6	1	1	2	8	-	-	4	2	1
May	-	-	-	-	2	3	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-
June	1	-	1	2	6	53	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-
July	1	-	1	-	6	12	-	7	1	-	4	-	-	-
August	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-
September	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
December	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	3	3	8	3	28	71	5	12	38	-	5	13	4	1

Measles was prevalent from February to July, 1959.

All the cases of scarlet fever were mild.

IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Number of children who were immunised during the period
1st January 1959 - 31st December 1959

Age at 31st December 1959	Under 1 1959	1 1958	2 1957	3 1956	4 1955	5 1954	6 1953	7 1952	8 1951	9 1950	10 1949	11 1948	12 1947	Total
Primary Immunisation	65	73	23	1	3	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	167
Booster Injection	-	-	-	-	16	65	6	1	2	1	1	-	-	92

Statement of Particulars appearing in the Register of Notifications of cases of Tuberculosis for the year 1959

	Pulmonary		Non-Pul.		Total
	M.	F.	M.	F.	
Number of cases on Register at commencement of year	22	13	5	10	50
Number of cases notified for the first time during the year	4	1	-	1	6
Number of cases restored to Register	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases added to Register and brought to notice other than by formal notification	-	-	-	-	-
Number of cases removed from the register during the year	3	2	-	1	6
Number of cases remaining on the Register at end of year	23	12	5	10	50

Tuberculosis - Year 1959

Causes of Removal from Register

	MALES		FEMALES		
	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	Total
Cured	1	-	1	1	3
Left District	-	-	1	-	1
Diagnosis not confirmed	2	-	-	-	2
Total	3	-	2	1	6

FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948

Resumé of the Annual Report of the Medical Officer of Health in respect of the year 1959, 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 Public Health Inspectors)

	No. on Register	No. of Inspections	Written Notices
Factories in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	28	27	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	19	33	1
	47	60	1

	No. of cases in which defects were found		
	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Want of cleanliness	4	4	-

Part VIII of the Act

Outworkers (Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work	Number of Outworkers in August list required by Sections 111 (1) (c)
Wearing apparel, making etc.	Nil

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SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Rural District Council Offices,
South Street,
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Leicestershire.

June, 1960.

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

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting this, my 5th Annual Report, relating to work carried out by my department during the year 1959.

The year was rather a disturbed one due mainly to staff changes, and as a result, all the work which it was hoped would be done, was not in fact carried out.

Mr. Rosillo, your Architectural Assistant, resigned in May to go back into private practice at the time when we were ready to commence the Appleby Magna housing site; reconstruction of Jubilee Terrace, Donisthorpe was in progress, as were houses at Snarestone. The preparation of plans for bungalows at Dysons Close, Measham and old peoples' dwellings were in progress; in addition a number of sites at Heather were being surveyed and preliminary layouts were about to be prepared. Reorganisation of work resulted in a slowing down of work in connection with food shops and the resignation of Mr. Wynne, your Additional Public Health Inspector, further aggravated the position.

The House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 came on to the Statute Book during the year and although I for one viewed the Standard Grant provisions with some distrust on paper, in practice the provisions appear to be filling a very useful purpose. The provisions are easy for the layman to understand and the "red tape" has been cut to the necessary minimum. Although at the year end only a small number of applications had been received

the provisions had not really had time to become well known and I hope that 1960 will see many applications. There is one very necessary amendment needed to the regulations, grant should be payable towards an indoor W.C. whether or not there is one already provided contiguous to the house. In this day and age it seems ludicrous to bring in new legislation which does not provide for this.

The Council decided that they would be interested in the purchase of suitable property with a view to renovation and improvement themselves; although publicity was given to this in the local press, no advantage had been taken by owners of the offer.

At the year end, owing to the slowing down of the housing programme, the Council had decided to put the small house building programme into the hands of private architects as a temporary measure. It was decided to proceed with the scheme for the re-development of Cross Street Measham Clearance Area, and to erect an old peoples' home together with a small number of houses.

COMPLAINTS

Set out below are details of the various complaints which have been received together with a table showing repairs and improvements carried out.

Dwellings rendered fit or defects remedied ...	69
Complaints received	97
Premises inspected	97
Groundless complaints	9
Revisits to work in hand	195
Miscellaneous visits	37
Premises at which nuisances abated	108
Informal Notices served	99
Statutory Notices served	-
Damp proof courses inserted	5
Water closets repaired	2
Pan closets repaired	4
Drains relaid, repaired, trapped or ventilated or cleared (does not include sewers)	25
Cesspools cleansed or repaired	6
Chimneys repaired	9
Damp walls remedied	9

Doors repaired	8
Windows repaired or renewed	28
Fireplaces repaired, or new ones provided ...	5
Plastering repaired	18
Obstructed footpaths cleared	6
Roofs repaired	8
Coppers renewed	1
Waterpipes renewed	3
Downpipes renewed	5
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed	5
Floors repaired	21
Smoke nuisances abated	1
Animal nuisances abated	1
Walls repaired	12
Flooding abated	3
Dangerous buildings made safe	2
Dirty houses cleansed	3
Offensive accummulations removed	3
Miscellaneous nuisances abated	12

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Rodent control has continued to be carried out by your Rodent Operator who works every other week on these duties. Free treatments have continued at domestic premises and a charge made at business and agricultural holdings.

A total of 786 premises were inspected during the year and 113 premises treated, necessitating a total of 1238 visits.

FOOD INSPECTION

Progress was not during the year as great as had been hoped, in that I had hoped that inspection of all shops in the district would have been completed. The majority of the work carried out was a consolidation of that put in hand at public houses, cafes, canteens, butchers' shops carried out in 1958.

Total number of visits to food premises other than slaughterhouses was 383.

Slaughterhouses

During the year all slaughterhouses were inspected and a report prepared and submitted to the Council on their condition and the possibility of bringing these up to the standard required by the new Slaughter House Act and regulations made thereunder.

The Council decided that two slaughterhouses were beyond repair and gave instructions that a list of work necessary at the other four be given to the owners with a request that the owners give the Council their views thereon. Plans were approved for the construction of a new slaughterhouse in the parish of Measham.

Ice Cream

Number of premises registered	...	...	54
Number of premises in use	...	...	29

Number of samples taken	:	11
Grade I	:	11

All ice cream is purchased by the dealers from large wholesalers of this commodity.

Food Condemned (other than meat at slaughterhouses)

Corned beef	:	6 lbs
Ham	:	28 lbs

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949

During the year licences as follows were issued :

Supplementary Licences to sell "Tuberculin Tested" milk	...	...	8
Dealer's Licences to sell "Tuberculin Tested" milk	...	...	6
Supplementary Licences to use special Designation "Pasteurised"		...	6
Dealer's Licences to use the special Designation "Pasteurised"		...	8
Dealer's Licence to open and cool "Tuberculin Tested" milk		...	1

Routine inspections of distributing vehicles have again continued to be carried out.

During the year the results of 49 samples of milk taken for biological examination and 49 samples for bacteriological examination were received. In addition the results of five "follow up" samples were received.

The Ashby-de-la-Zouch Rural District is in a specified area and no milk, other than designated milk may be sold.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

The Council agreed to the two 7 cubic yard refuse collection vehicles being replaced by one 10 cubic yard double cab vehicle and, as was anticipated, this has in practice allowed the same amount of work to be carried out more economically. The vehicles were re-organised and a diesel engined vehicle is now used on the Measham side of the district in lieu of the same type of petrol engined vehicle. During the period 14th May to 31st December, 1959, this resulted in a saving of some £64. 0. 0. in fuel consumption. The diesel engine cost approximately £110. 0. 0. more than a petrol engine, so that the additional cost will be recouped in just over one year and thereafter there should be a saving of about £100. 0. 0. per annum. A diesel pump was installed at the Measham Depot when the truck was purchased and I am confident that the policy of replacing petrol engined vehicles with diesel should continue as and when vehicles become worn out. Running cost saving effected by the replacement of the two 7 cubic yard vehicles by the single 10 cubic yard vehicle have during the seven months referred to been in the region of some £20. 0. 0. to £30. 0. 0. However, it must be appreciated that this larger vehicle will have a life of some 9 years at an initial cost of £1,300. 0. 0. against a life of 7 years for each of the smaller vehicles at a total cost of £1,900. 0. 0. The saving by using this larger vehicle should, therefore, be in the region of £150. 0. 0. per annum.

In addition, working conditions for the men will be much better. The 10 cubic yard vehicle has a 6 seater cab, whereas each 7 cubic yard vehicle was a 2 seater cab into which three men were "packed" - an unsatisfactory (and dangerous) practice.

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

Number of inspections of factories : 27

TENTS, VANS, AND SHEDS

Public Health Act Licences have been issued in respect of 11 caravans. These are spread throughout the district. 33 inspections have been carried out. Caravans occupied in connection with dwelling houses by members of the occupants family do not require licences under this Act. All applicants submit application under the Town and Country Planning Act, 1947 before submitting application for a licence under the Public Health Act.

NEW DRAINAGE AND CLOSET CONVERSIONS

The policy of giving grants of not more than £10. 0. 0. per closet converted to encourage owners to convert to the water carriage system has continued.

Again I regret to have to say that few conversions have been carried out where it is necessary to provide septic tanks, due to the great cost involved, the £10. 0. 0. grant being no inducement in these cases. Good progress has continued to be made however, in the sewered parishes.

New drainage systems laid to the sewer	121
New water closets constructed to replace pan closets	81
Additional W.C. accommodation provided	2
New drainage to septic tanks	4
Septic tanks provided	5
Pail closets abolished	81
Visits of inspection	146

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

This year saw the completion of the Packington Sewage Scheme, the effluent from the village being pumped to the Ashby-de-la-Zouch U.D.C. works. Appleby Magna's long drawn out scheme was completed together with that for the village of Snarestone.

During the year the Ministry agreed to the work of enlarging the Measham works being put in hand and as a result, a tender for the work was accepted and a starting date fixed.

Revised schemes were drawn up for the sewering of Newbold and Griffydam, Swepstone and Newton Burgoland and of Atherstone Road, Measham, all schemes which should be pressed forward as speedily as possible, and schemes were in course of preparation for the villages of Normanton-le-Heath, Acresford and Chilcote. I must again draw the Council's attention to the very badly overloaded Ravenstone Works, in wet weather, tanks, dosing chambers and filters overflow and the adjoining field becomes a morass.

Damage to sewers and sewage works due to mining subsidence has continued to cause concern. The outfall sewer to Swannington Works was badly affected as were the works themselves. A scheme was in hand at the year end for minimising the effect but even when this work is carried out, regular emptying of the sewers by the cesspool emptying machine will have to be carried out.

Mining subsidence damage at Oakthorpe was to some extent eliminated by the construction of a pumping station on the line of sewer. For some months daily emptying of one sewer in this village had to be carried out to avoid houses becoming flooded with sewage.

Sewers in Measham, Donisthorpe, Swannington and Coleorton now have to be emptied regularly with the cesspool emptying machine to keep them flowing.

The position at the existing works is now as follows :

Sewage Works and Pumping Stations

Village	Treatment Works
Donisthorpe	One overloaded works. One sewage pumping station. One sewer badly affected by mining subsidence.
Measham/Oakthorpe	One overloaded works. One pumping station to relieve sewer affected by mining subsidence. One sewer badly affected by mining subsidence.
Appleby Magna/Snarestone	One satisfactory works. One satisfactory pumping station.
Heather	New works constructed. Satisfactory effluent not obtained, possibly due to exceptionally strong sewage and flooding from brookcourse. At year end steps were being taken to abate flooding of brookcourse.
Newton Burgoland	One small works for Council houses.
Ravenstone	One grossly overloaded works.
Swannington	One overloaded works badly damaged by mining subsidence. One sewer badly affected by mining subsidence.
Newbold	One small works for an estate of privately built houses. One small works for an estate of Council houses in extremely poor state of repair.

Village	Treatment Works
Coleorton	One small works to deal with sullage water from Council houses. sewer damaged by mining subsidence.
Osgathorpe	One pumping station (sewage pumped to Coalville U.D.C. works).
Worthington	One satisfactory works.
Packington	One pumping station (sewage pumped to Ashby-de-la-Zouch U.D.C. works).

Inspection of sewers and ditches and work in hand	...	126
Blocked sewers cleared	...	10
Inspections of sewage works and pumping stations	...	218

STREET NUMBERING

Owing to staff shortage, the anticipated numbering of Swannington was not put in hand but estimates were in course of preparation for the fixing of nameplates on streets throughout the district.

WATER SUPPLY

Further meetings took place in connection with the policy of regrouping water undertakings. At the year end no final Government decision had been made as to whether a Joint Water Board for North West Leicestershire should be formed, or whether we should amalgamate with Leicester City. Your representatives, at the various meetings, strongly urged amalgamation with Leicester City, if there has to be amalgamation, as it was felt that this would be more efficient and economical than the North West Board.

By the end of the year, the long awaited scheme for chlorination of the water supply had been prepared and accepted and the necessary work was in hand.

Wells closed for drinking purposes	10
Houses inspected regarding water supply	25

Number of samples taken for analysis	10
Number of samples satisfactory	6
Number of samples unsatisfactory	3
Number of samples doubtful	1

HOUSING

New Buildings, Additions, Extensions, Improvements &c.,

New houses by local authority	2
New houses by private enterprise (includes 20 bungalows)	38
New houses drained to sewer	27
New houses drained to septic tanks	13
New houses with water from public main	40
New houses with water closets	40
Garages completed	44
Workshops	13
Sports pavilions	2
Office accommodation	3
Farm buildings	5
New shops	1
Bathrooms and hot water systems	10
Kitchens	6
Bedrooms	2
Pails to W.Cs.	4
Miscellaneous	12
Visits of inspection	558
Visits to Council property under construction/ or renovation	411

Town and Country Planning Act, 1947

Administration in connection with development under the Act is carried out by the Council in conjunction with the Western Area Sub-Committee of the Leicestershire County Council.

During the year 209 applications were made in respect of permission to develop.

Building Byelaws

During the year 210 plans were submitted for consideration under the building byelaws.

Loans for House Purchase

22 properties were inspected during the year as a result of requests for loans in connection with house purchase.

Construction of new Council Houses

Site work in connection with the first stage of the Housing Site at Appleby Magna has been carried out, roads, water mains, foul and surface water sewers etc., being laid.

One pair of houses at Snarestone have been completed and the second pair were 90% completed at the year end.

Improvement Grants

These grants are discretionary, Councils being able themselves to decide as a matter of policy whether to make grants or not.

The number of applications for grants improved slightly over the previous year, some 22 applications being approved as against 13 the previous year. Again the applicants were mainly owner-occupiers of property rather than owners of rented property.

Number of applications approved	22
Number of works completed	20
Total amount paid by way of grant	£5,568. 0. 0.
Bathrooms	21
Hot water systems	21

W.Cs. provided	15
Pails abolished	15
Drainage	15
Paving	4
New windows	56
Staircases	5
New floors	28
Roofs raised	4
Fireplaces	30
New food stores	7
Septic tanks provided	12
Damp proof courses provided	4
Visits and revisits	216

Standard Grants

Standard Grants are not discretionary, all local authorities must make grants. The amounts which can be made are set out in the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 and grant can only be given in order to provide certain amenities, i.e. (a) a fixed bath or shower in a bathroom, (b) a wash hand basin, (c) a hot water supply, (d) a water closet in or contiguous to the dwelling, (e) satisfactory facilities for the storage of food. The maximum amount which can be paid towards providing these facilities is laid down by the Statute.

Applications approved	14
Works completed	3
Total paid by way of grant ...	£116. 10. 4.
New bathrooms	2
Hot water systems	3
W.Cs	1
Wash hand basins	2
Visits and revisits	54

Rent Act, 1957

Rent Restrictions Regulations, 1957

Applications for Certificates of Disrepair	2
Premises inspected	2
Notices served on Landlords	2
Undertakings accepted	2
Cases where no undertakings given ...	-
Undertakings not carried out ...	11
Certificates of Disrepair issued ...	11
Applications for cancellation of Certificates	28
Applications for cancellation approved	17
Applications for cancellation refused	10
Revisits of inspection	106

Defects remedied

Wall plaster repaired	14
Gates replaced or renewed	1
Stairs repaired	1
Boilers repaired	4
Sinks repaired or renewed	2
Decorations renewed	11
Ceiling plaster repaired	8
Eaves gutters repaired or renewed ...	3
Rainwater pipes repaired or renewed ...	3
Doors and frames repaired	10
Steps repaired	1
Windows repaired	48
Roofs repaired	10
Floors repaired	17
Chimney stacks repaired	1
Skirtings repaired	1
External pointing	2
Fireplaces repaired	9
Walls repaired	5
Drains repaired	1
W.Cs repaired	9
Paving repaired	2

Slum Clearance

Progress in connection with clearance of unfit property continued but was of necessity slower than in previous years, the speed of clearance being allied to the speed of house building. With the exception of the parishes of Heather and Snarestone the five year programme has been completed, 216 houses having been dealt with.

Visits of inspection : 66

Closing Orders

Dwellings in respect of which Closing Orders made	1
Number of dwellings closed	1
Number of persons rehoused	2
Closing Orders revoked following renovation of property	-

Demolition Orders

Dwellings in respect of which Demolition Orders made	14
Number of dwellings demolished as a result of Demolition Orders	7
Number of persons rehoused	14
Dwellings where undertakings to renovate were accepted	-
Demolition Orders revoked	2

Reconditioning of Property

Work in connection with the renovation of ten houses which the Council had purchased went ahead. The property consisting of a row of terrace houses, brick built with tiled roofs. Each house consisted of a small kitchen with either an out of date heating appliance or no appliance. The pantry was under the stairs. There was no bathroom, hot water system, damp proof course &c., but the living room, sitting room and two of the bedrooms were quite spacious and of a good shape. The third bedroom was small and low.

Work of renovation involved the following :

(a) Provision of new windows throughout.

(b) Provision of a horizontal damp proof course.

(c) Provision of new floors in kitchen, living room and sitting room. Floors finished with Marley tiles.

(d) Construction of food stores and coal houses.

(e) Conversion of third bedroom into a bathroom, provision of hot water system and internal W.C.

(f) Provision of Rayburn cooker in the kitchen.

(g) External rendering to all walls, Derbyshire Spa finish.

(h) Demolition of old outbuildings.

(i) Resurfacing of access road and yard with tarmacadam.

The ten houses were purchased by agreement for the sum of £2,450. 0. 0. Anticipated cost of repairs and improvements will be £9,776. 16. 4. The houses are being let at a net weekly rent of £1. 0. 0. The scheme was carried out under Section 9 of the Housing Act, 1958 and the Ministry of Housing and Local Government are making an annual grant of £255. 0. 0. for twenty years.

At the end of this Report are shown sketches and photographs indicating the property before and after renovation.

The Council also agreed to give assistance towards the repair and improvement of five Almshouses in the parish of Appleby Magna, five Almshouses at Coleorton and twenty Almshouses at Ravenstone.

I again wish to thank you, Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Council, for your courtesy and consideration during the year and to express my appreciation for the ever ready co-operation of Doctor Segerdal, the Clerk of the Council, Accountant, and to the members of my department, both present and those who left during the year, for their diligence and conscientiousness.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. S. Curtis

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THE HILL · DONISTHORPE

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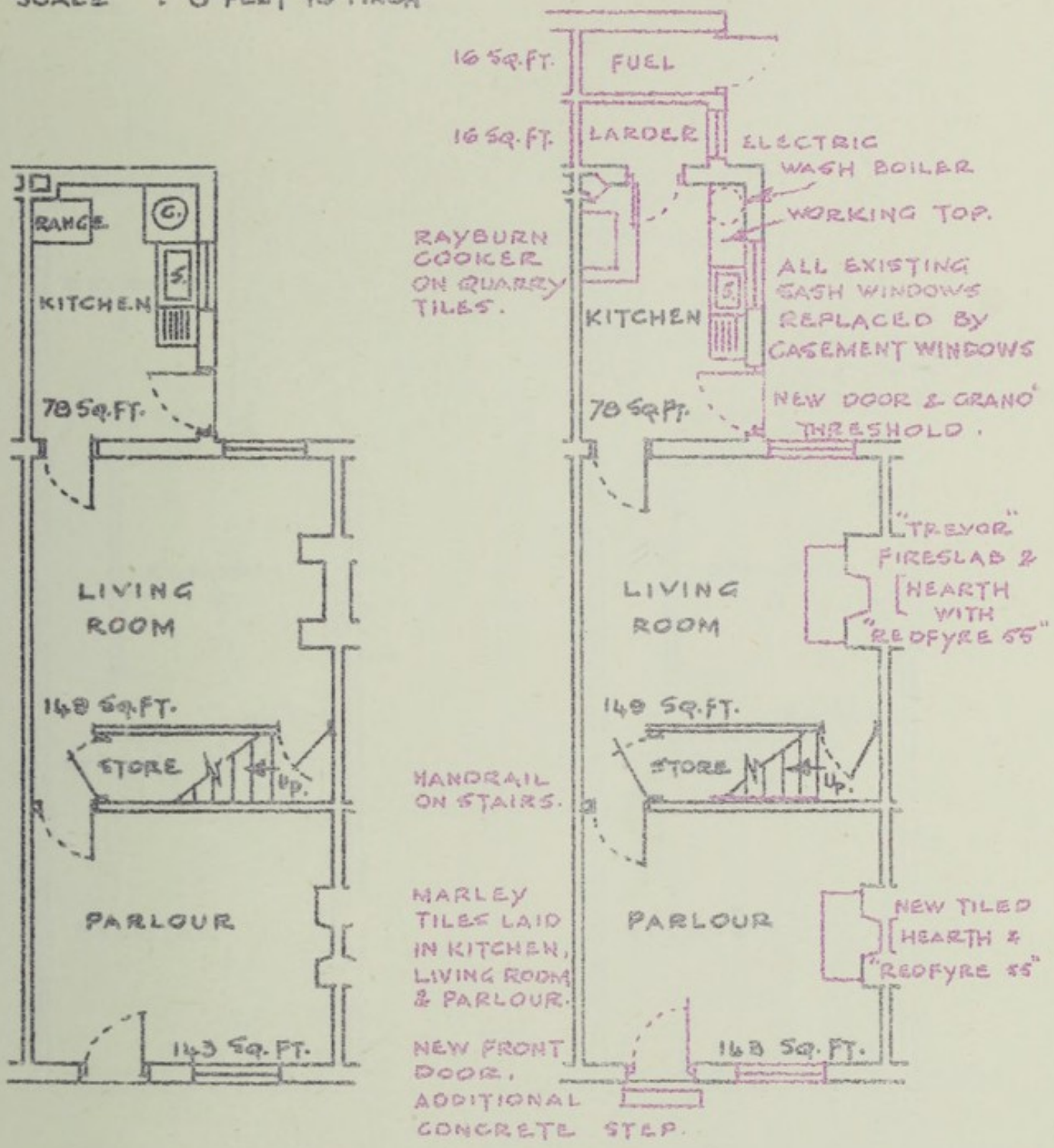

TYPICAL GROUND FLOOR PLAN.

BEFORE IMPROVEMENTS. · AFTER IMPROVEMENTS.

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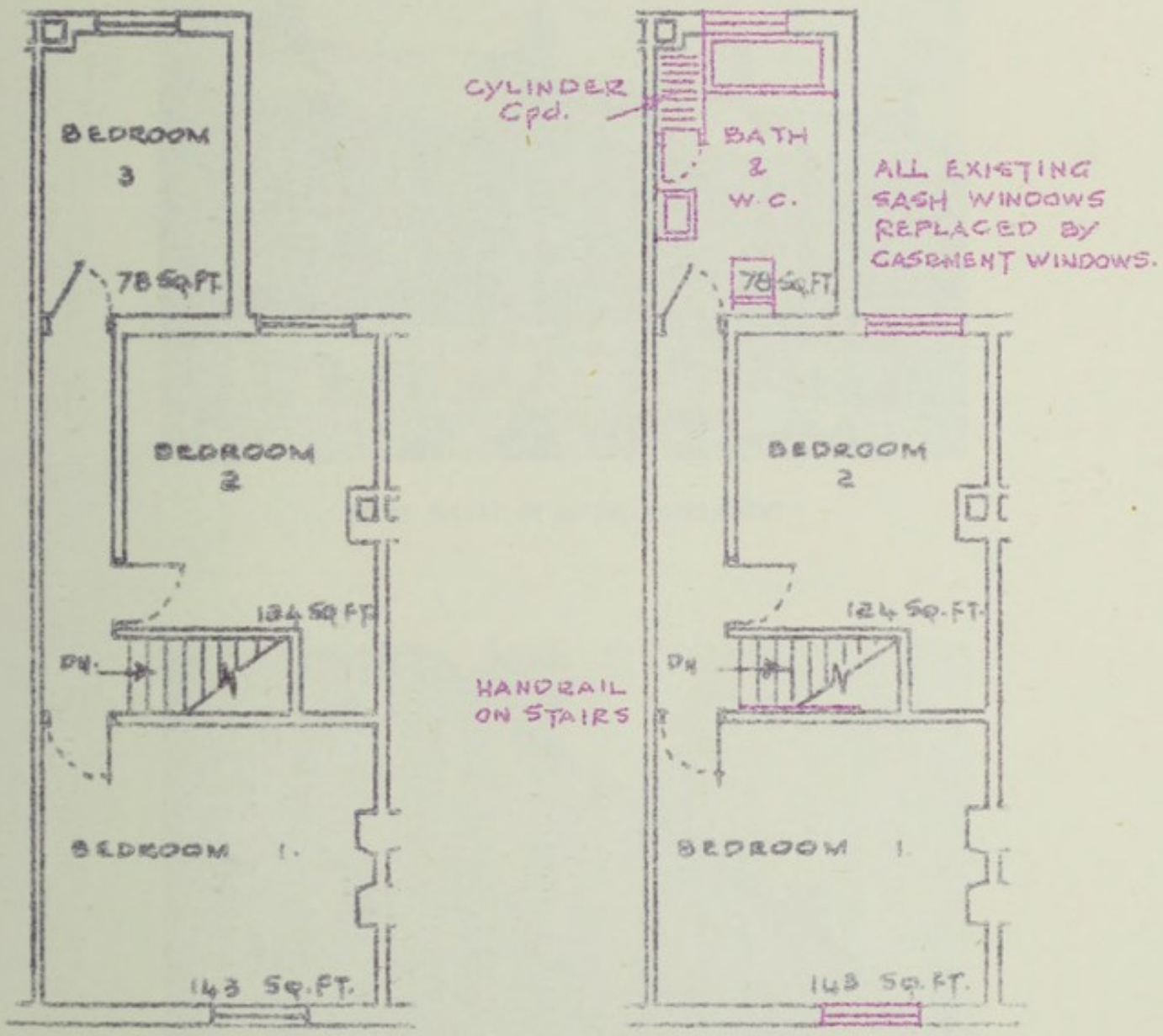

TYPICAL FIRST FLOOR PLAN.

BEFORE IMPROVEMENTS & AFTER IMPROVEMENTS.

JUBILEE TERRACE, DONISTHORPE

FRONT ELEVATION BEFORE IMPROVEMENT

FRONT ELEVATION AFTER IMPROVEMENT

JUBILEE TERRACE, DONISTHORPE

REAR ELEVATION BEFORE IMPROVEMENT

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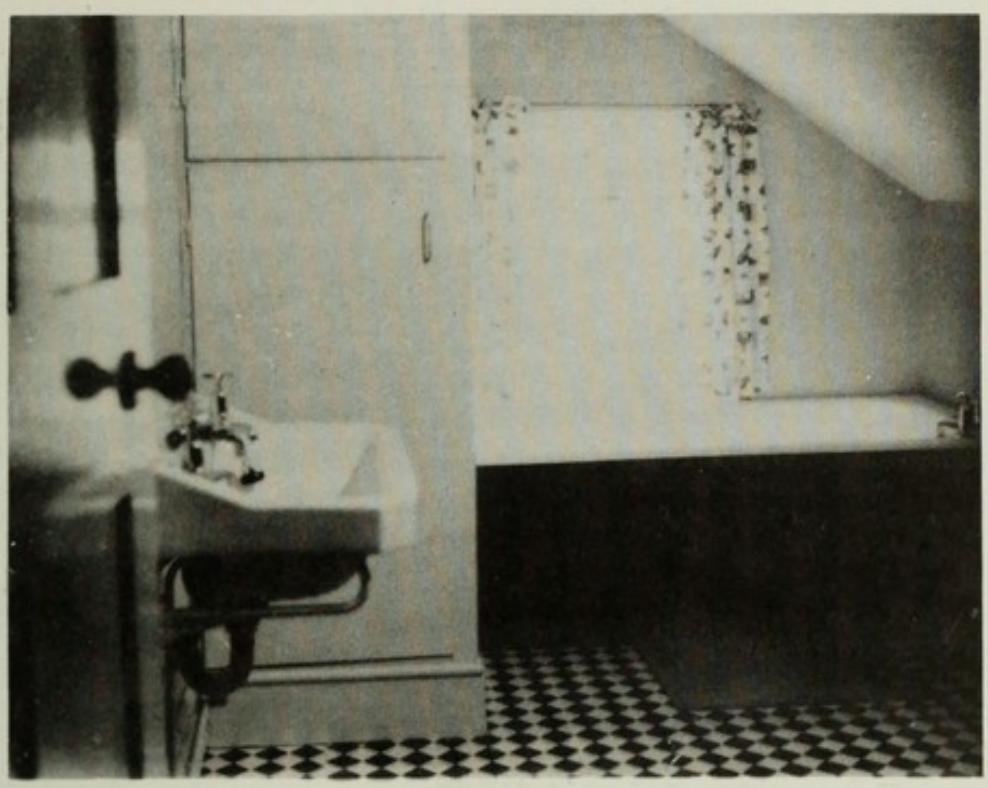

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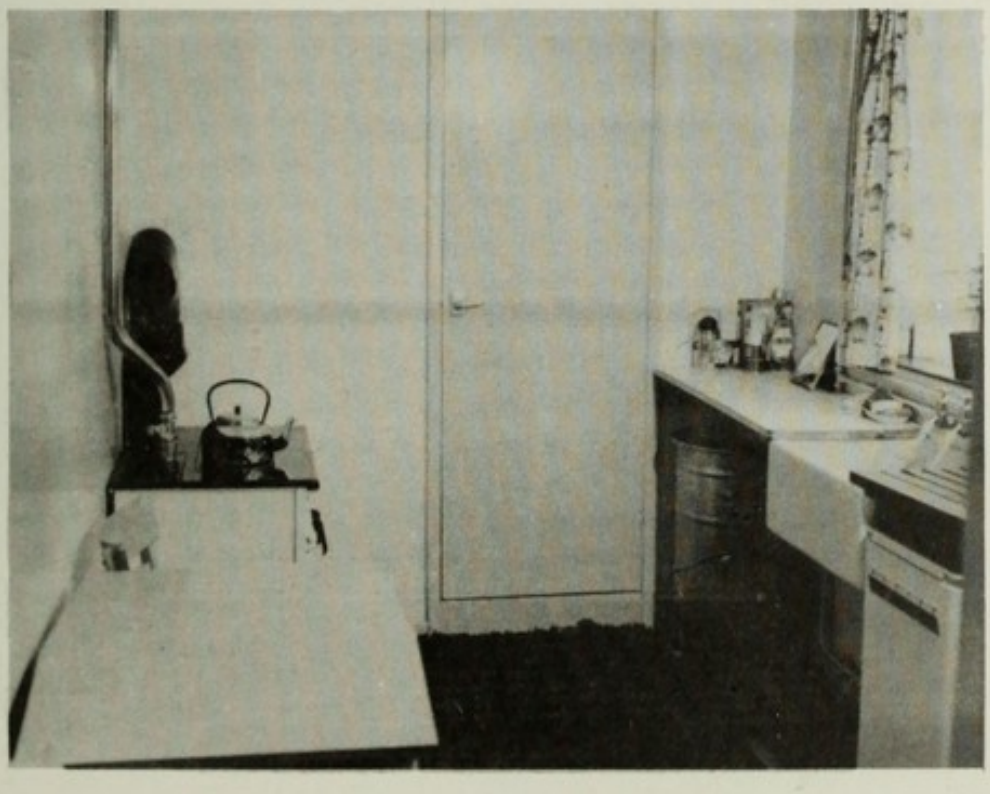

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