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## ASHBY-DE-LA-ZOUCH RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL





1963



## ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

AND THE

SURVEYOR AND PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR



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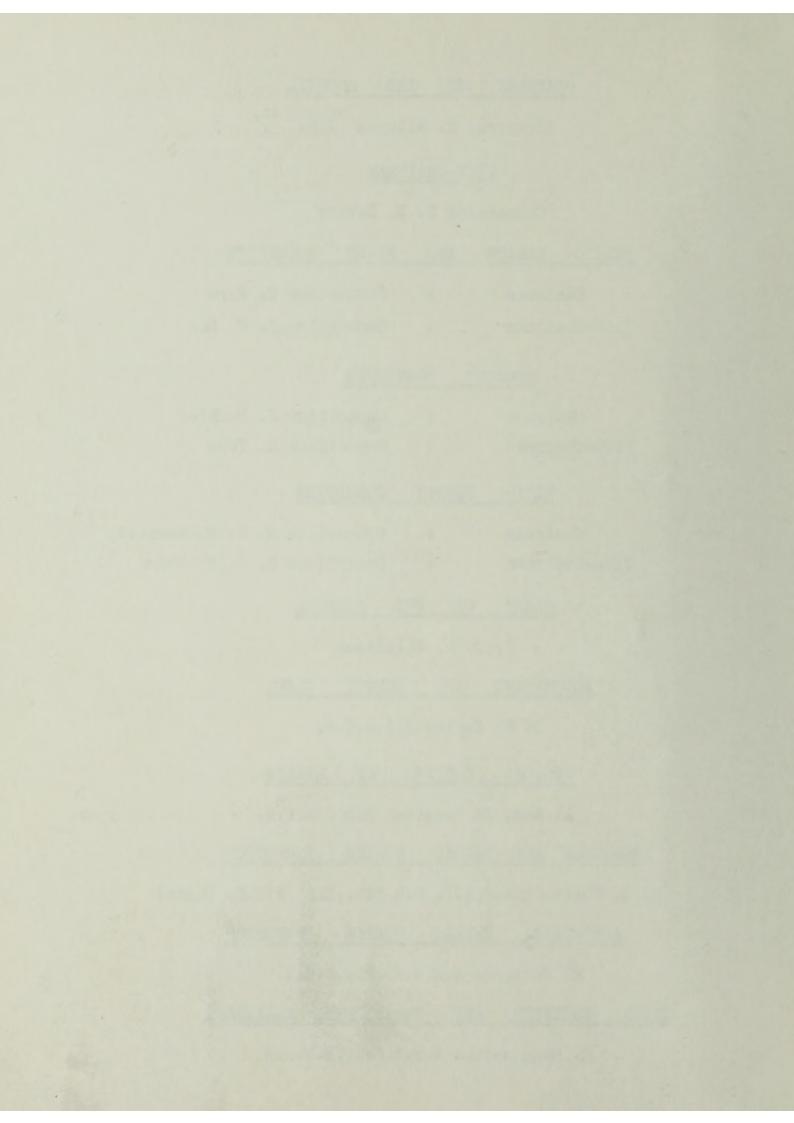
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Rural District Council Offices,
South Street,
Ashby-de-la-Zouch,
Leicestershire.

October, 1964.

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

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Sumnall, Gentlemen,

I beg to present my Report for the year 1963.

According to the Registrar General's estimate the population has increased from 13,660 to 13,680.

The birth rate 14.9 is higher than last year (13.7) and lower than that for England and Wales (18.2)

The death rate (11.4) is lower than last year (12.7) and lower than that for England and Wales (12.2). The death rate of infants under one year is 5.0 compared with 21.3 in 1962 and England and Wales 20.9 and the still birth rate is 24.5 compared with 17.3 for England and Wales.

The chief causes of death, as has been the case for some years past, were from diseases associated with elderly people. The new table of causes of death by age groups and sex will be noted.

It will be noted that all the parishes, with the exception of Bardon have a piped supply of water. It will also be noted that there have been shortages of water during the year.

There are 370 septic tanks in the district and 31 septic tanks were constructed and 58 abolished during the year. 38 closets were converted to the water carriage system during the year.

90 houses were completed during the year making a total of 1175 houses completed in the post-war period.

The total number of applicants for Council houses at the end of the year was 221 and the number of applications received during the year was 92.

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

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238 cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year of which 216 were Measles, 9 Whooping Cough, 4 Scarlet Fever, 5 Pneumonia, 3 Dysentery and 1 Trysipelas. Measles was prevalent over the whole district during the year. There were 4 Pneumonia deaths. The Whooping Cough, Scarlet Fever and Dysentery cases were mild.

The carrier of Salmonella typhi-murium from 1962 was still positive in November 1963 when he was moved to hospital for a different condition.

In October a woman aged 56, a cleaner in a nearby hospital just outside your district was found to be a carrier of Paratyphoid B. This condition remained at the end of the year.

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

During the year 3 cases of Tuberculosis were notified, 2 male Pulmonary and 1 male Non-Pulmonary. One of the Pulmonary cases was an elderly man of the vagrant type living in most unhygenic conditions in a caravan with another elderly man. The man with Tuberculosis was taken to hospital but his companion refused either to go to a County Home or to be X rayed.

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 Mr. H. Batteson, Additional Public Health Inspector, for their invaluable help during the year and you, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Summall and Gentlemen for your kindness and co-operation.

I remain,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Sumnall, Gentlemen,

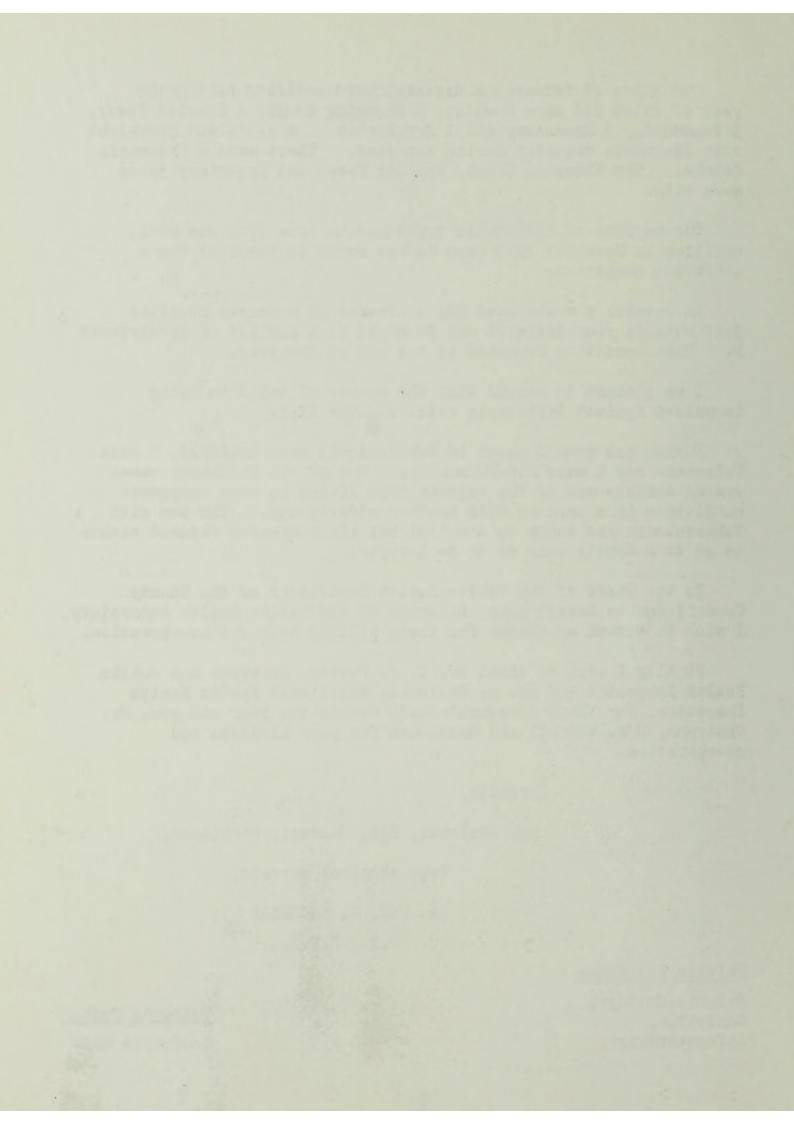
Your obedient servant,

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#### SECTION A

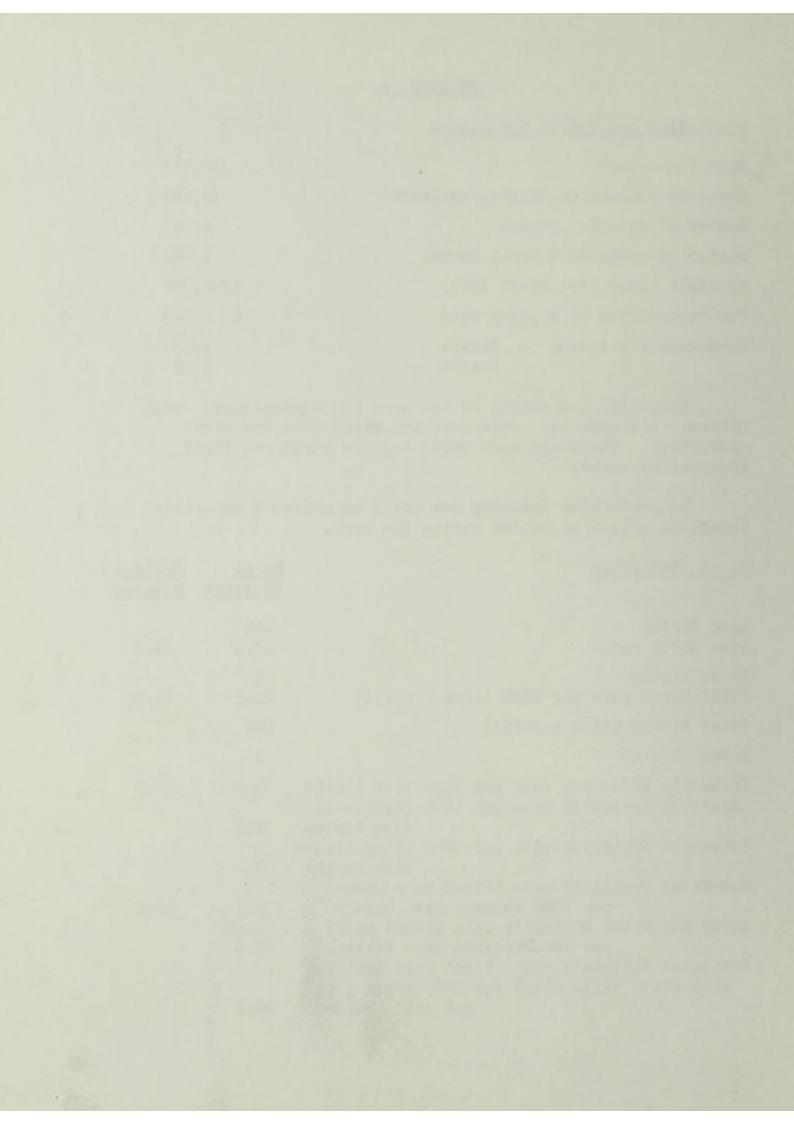
### Statistics and Social Conditions

Area (in acres)	28,267
Resident Population (R.G's. estimate)	13,680
Number of occupied houses	4,615
Number of occupied Council Houses	1,064
Rateable value (1st April 1963)	£220,009
Sum represented by a penny rate	€ 1,649
Comparability factor - Births Deaths	1.03 1.09

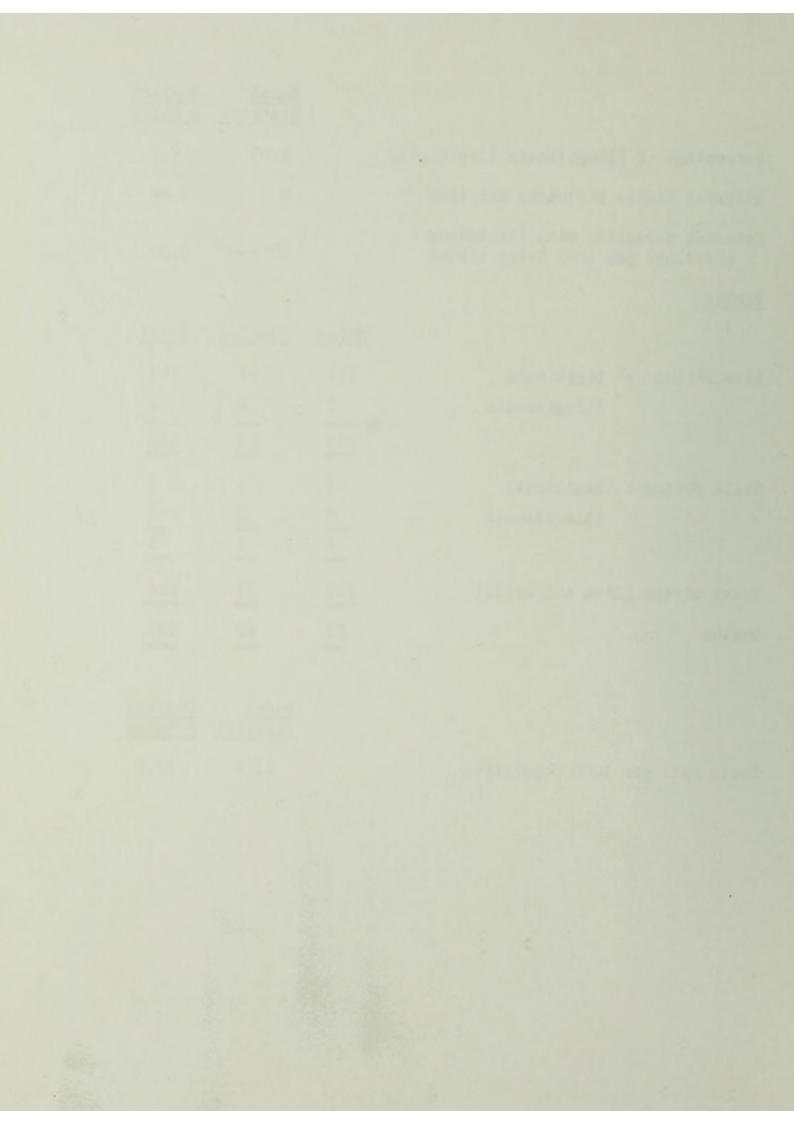
The chief industries in the area are agriculture; coal mining; brickmaking; stoneware and pipemaking and stone quarrying. There are also small textile works and light engineering works.

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

<u>Vital Statistics</u>	Rural District	England & Wales
Live Births Live Birth rate	199 14.9	18.2
Still Births Still Birth rate per 1000 (live & still)	5 24•5	17.3
Total Births (Live & Still)	204	
Infant Deaths	1	
Infantile Mortality rate per 1000 live births Infantile Mortality rate per 1000 legitimate	5.0	20.9
live births Infantile Mortality rate per 1000 illegitimate	5.1	
live births	0	
Neo-Natal Mortality rate (first four weeks)  per 1000 related live births  Early Neo-Natal Mortality rate (first week)	5.0	14.2
per 1000 related live births Perinatal Mortality rate (first week combined	5.0	
with still birth rate) per 1000 total live and still births	29.4	



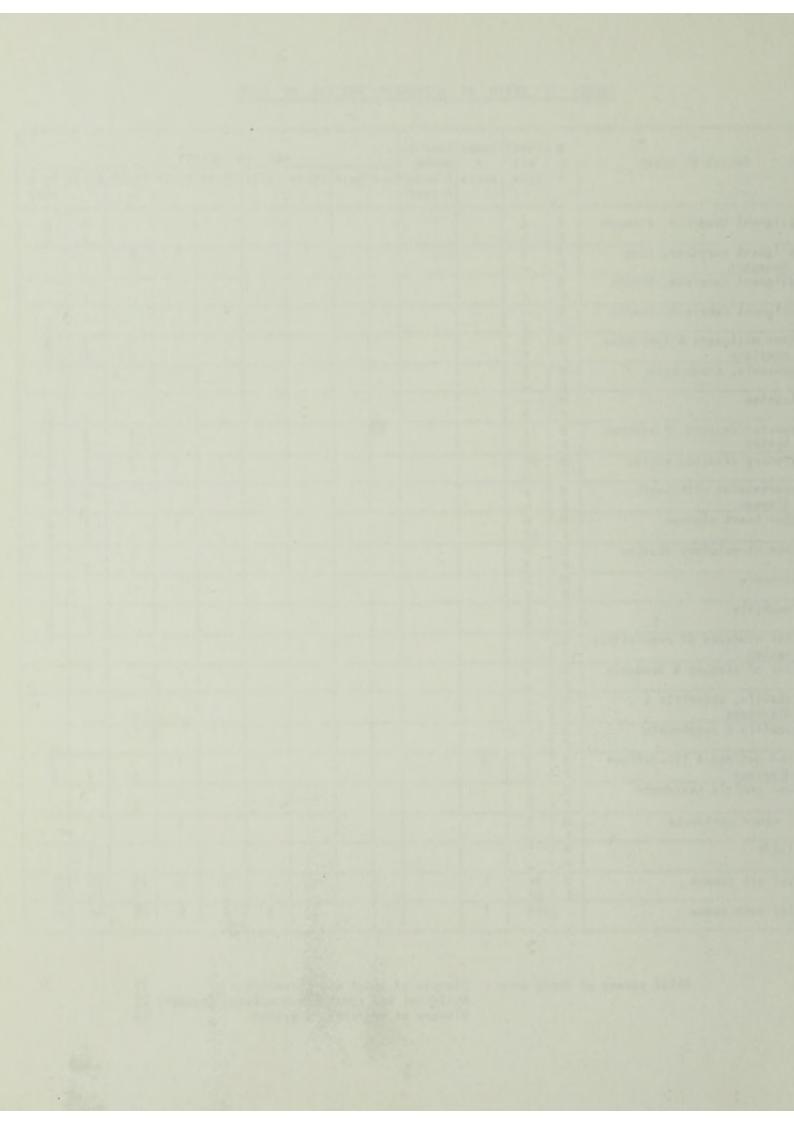
		Rural District	England & Wales
Percentage of illegitimate live births		2.01	
Maternal deaths including abortion		0	2.44
Maternal mortality rate (including abortion) per 1000 total births		0	0.28
Births			
	Males	Females	Total
Live Births : Legitimate	101	94	195
Illegitimate	2	2	4
	103	96	199
Still Births : Legitimate	4	1	5
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	4	1	5
Total Births (Live and Still)	107	97	204
Deaths	81	62	143
		Rural District	England & Wales
Death rate per 1000 population		11.4	12.2



#### CAUSES OF DEATH AT DIFFERENT PERIODS OF LIFE

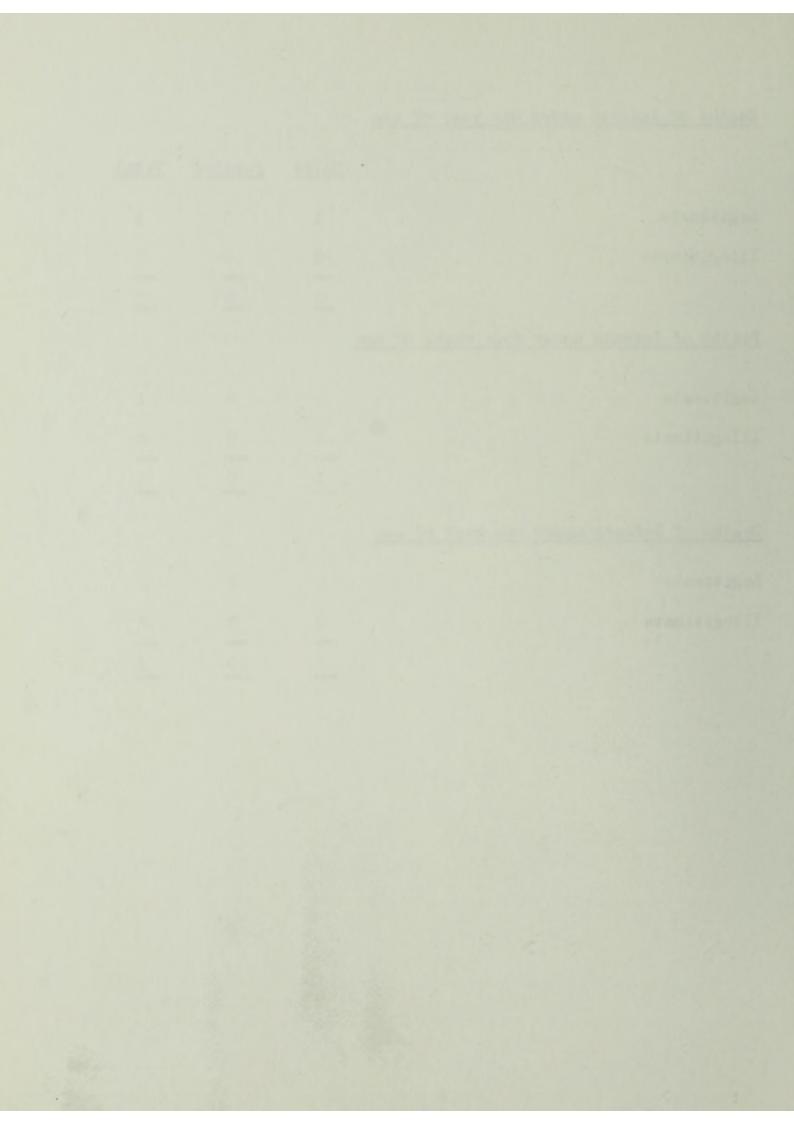
Causes of Death	S	Total	Under 4	Over 4			,	AGE 11	N YEAR	RS			
vauses of Death	X	Ages		å under   year	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF THE	-	55-64	65-74	75 & over
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	M	4 6										2 2	2 4
Malignant neoplasm, lung Bronchus	M F	3								1	2		
Malignant neoplasm, breast	M F	1										1	
Malignant necplasm, uterus	M F	ī											1
Other malignant & lymphatic neoplasm	M F	8									2 2	3	3
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	M	1								1			
Dlabetes	M F	- 2											1
Vascular lesions of nervous system	M	11									!	3	7 2
Ceronary disease, angina	M F	20								1	7	7 2	4
Hypertension with heart disease	M F	4										2	2
Other heart disease	M	10							2	1	1	1 2	4 5
Other circulatory disease	MF	2									-	1	1
Pneumonia	M	2 2										1	1 2
Bronchitis	M	4 5										3 2	1
Other diseases of respiratory system	M F	1											1
Ulcer of stomach & duodenum	M	-										1	
Gastritis, enteritis & diarrhoea	MF	-									1		
Nephritis & neophrosis	M F	ī											1
Other defined & 111-defined diseases	M	9	1							1	2		7
Motor vehicle accidents	M F	1 2					1	1			1		-
All other accidents	M	3							1	1		1	
Sulcide	M	-										1	
Total all causos	M	81	1				1	1	2 2	6	13	25	33 31
Total both sexes		143	1				1	1	4	6	22	44	64

Chief causes of death were: Disease of heart and circulation 71
Malignant and lymphatic neoplasms (cancer) 27
Disease of respiratory system 14



## Deaths of Infants under one year of age

	Males	Females	Total
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	1	0	1
Deaths of Infants under four weeks of age	2		
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	1	0	1
Deaths of Infants under one week of age			
Legitimate	1	0	1
Illegitimate	0	0	0
	1	0	1



#### 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 (Staunton Harold Hall)

This Home is the largest Cheshire Home in Britain and over one third of its costs are found by voluntary subscribers.

During the year 2 new patients were admitted; 3 patients received hospital treatment; 1 patient died (in the Home). 7 holiday patients were admitted for periods of 2 to 4 weeks. 21 resident patients were taken by the Home for holidays to Wales and the West Coast for periods of 1 or 2 weeks.

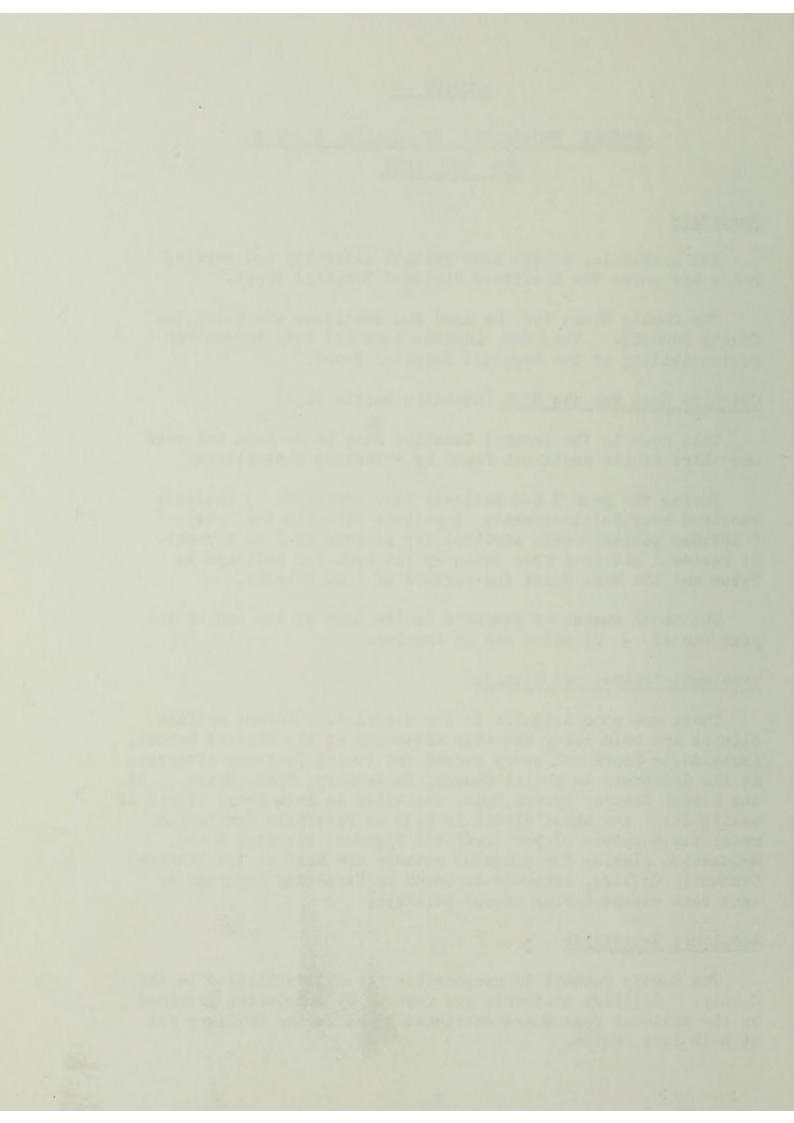
The total number of patients in the Home at the end of the year was 42 - 27 males and 15 females.

## 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. Relaxation classes for pregnant mothers are held at the Ivanhoe Community College, Ashby-de-la-Zouch on Wednesday mornings of each week except during school holidays.

## Ambulance Facilities

The County Council is responsible for all facilities in the County. Colliery accidents are removed by ambalances 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.

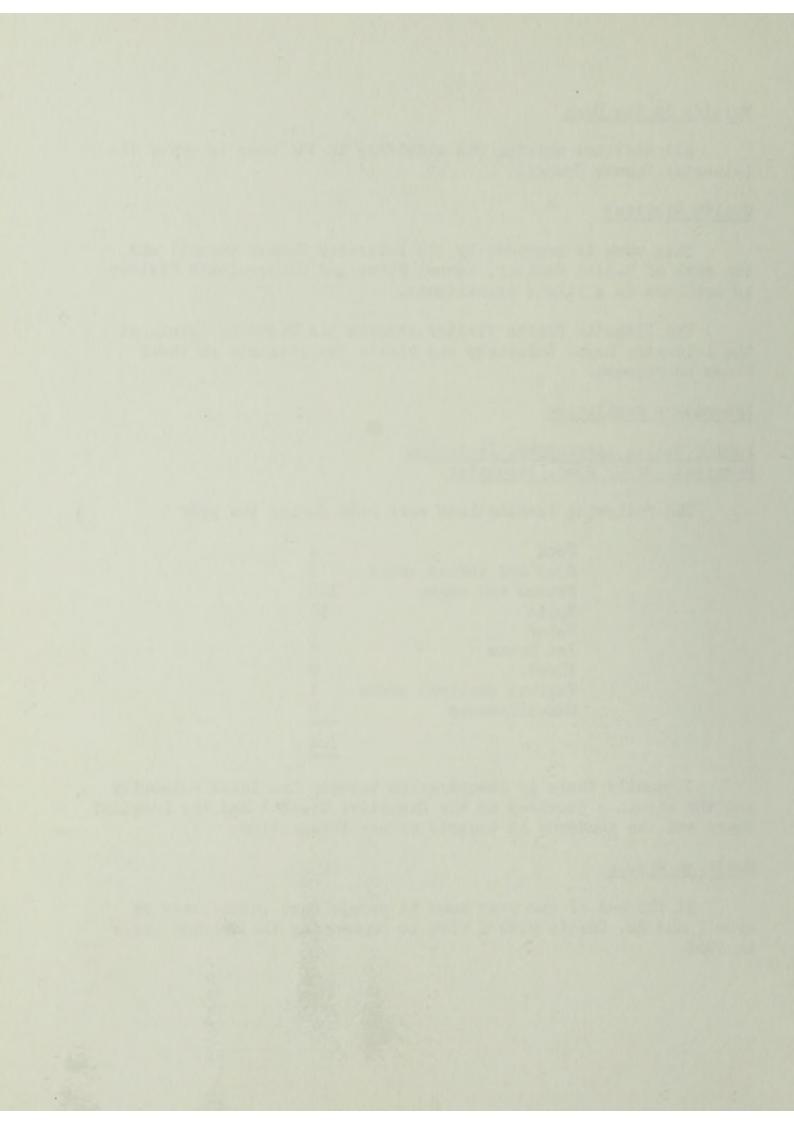
The following examinations were made during the year :

1
2
128
50
7
5
2
1
8
204

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.

## Meals on Wheels

At the end of the year some 62 people were interviewed by myself and Mr. Curtis with a view to commencing the service early in 1964.



## SECTION F

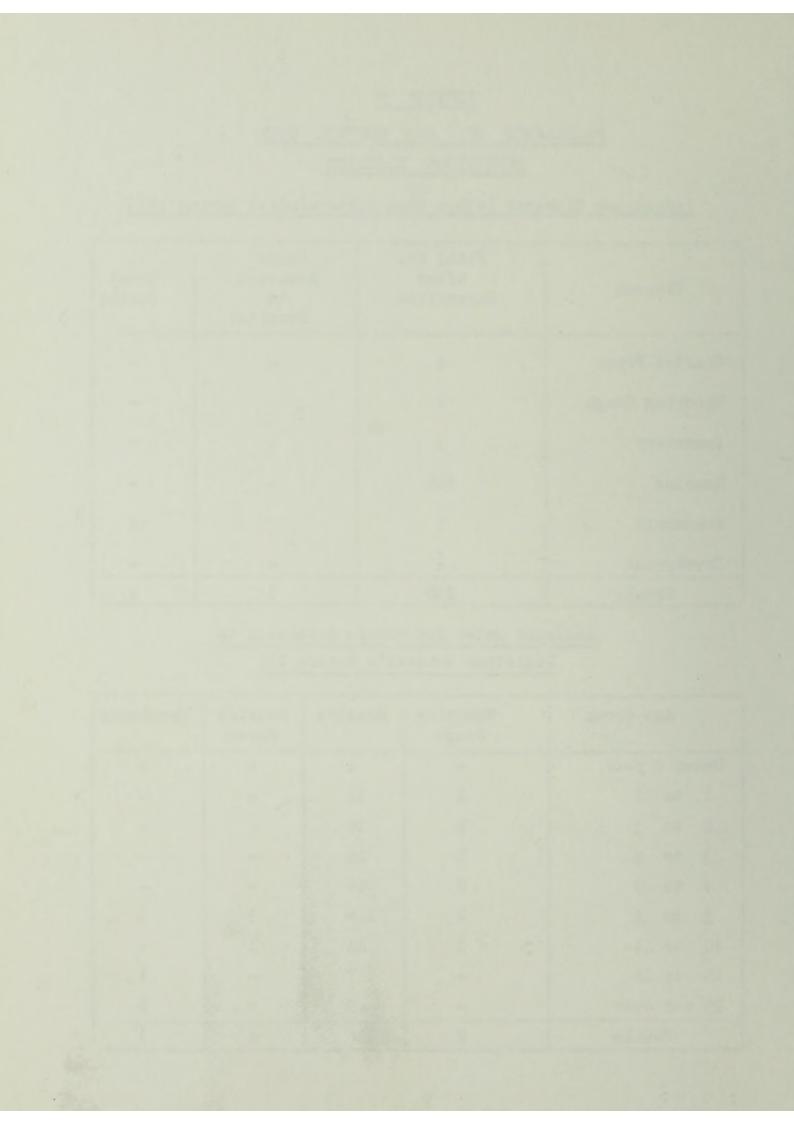
# PREVALANCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASES

## Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during 1963

Disease	Final No. after Correction	Cases Admitted to Hospital	Total Deaths
Scarlet Fever	4	-	-
Whooping Cough	9	-	-
Dysentery	3	1	-
Measles	216	-	-
Pneumonia	5	-	4
Erysipelas	1	-	-
Totals	238	1	4

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

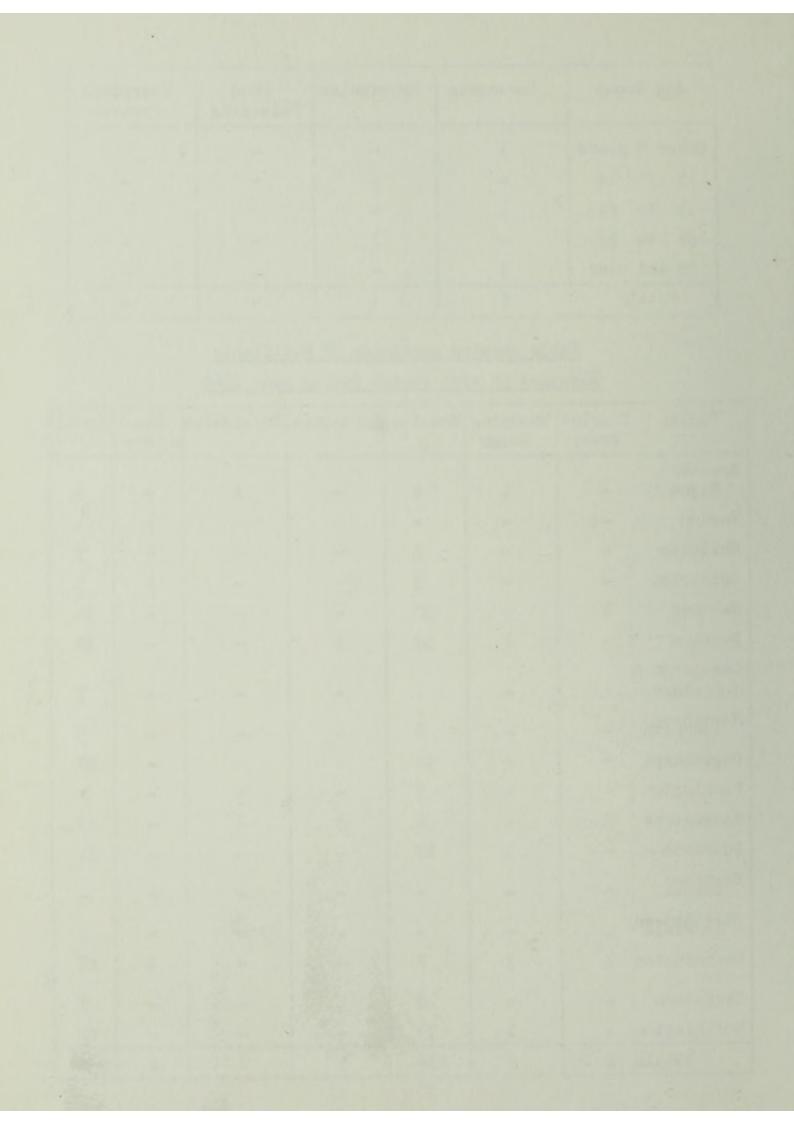
Age Group	Whooping Cough	Measles	Scarlet Fever	Dysentery
Under 1 year	-	4	-	-
1 to 2	1	11	-	-
2 to 3	2	15	-	-
3 to 4	1	16	-	-
4 to 5	2	16	-	-
5 to 9	2	116	3	1
10 to 14	1	28	1	-
15 to 24	-	7	-	1
25 and over	-	3	-	1
Totals	9	216	4	3



Age Group	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Puerperal Pyrexia
Under 5 years	1	-	-	-
5 to 14	-	-	-	-
15 to 44	1	-	_	-
45 to 64	-	1	-	-
65 and over	3	-	-	-
Totals	5	1	-	-

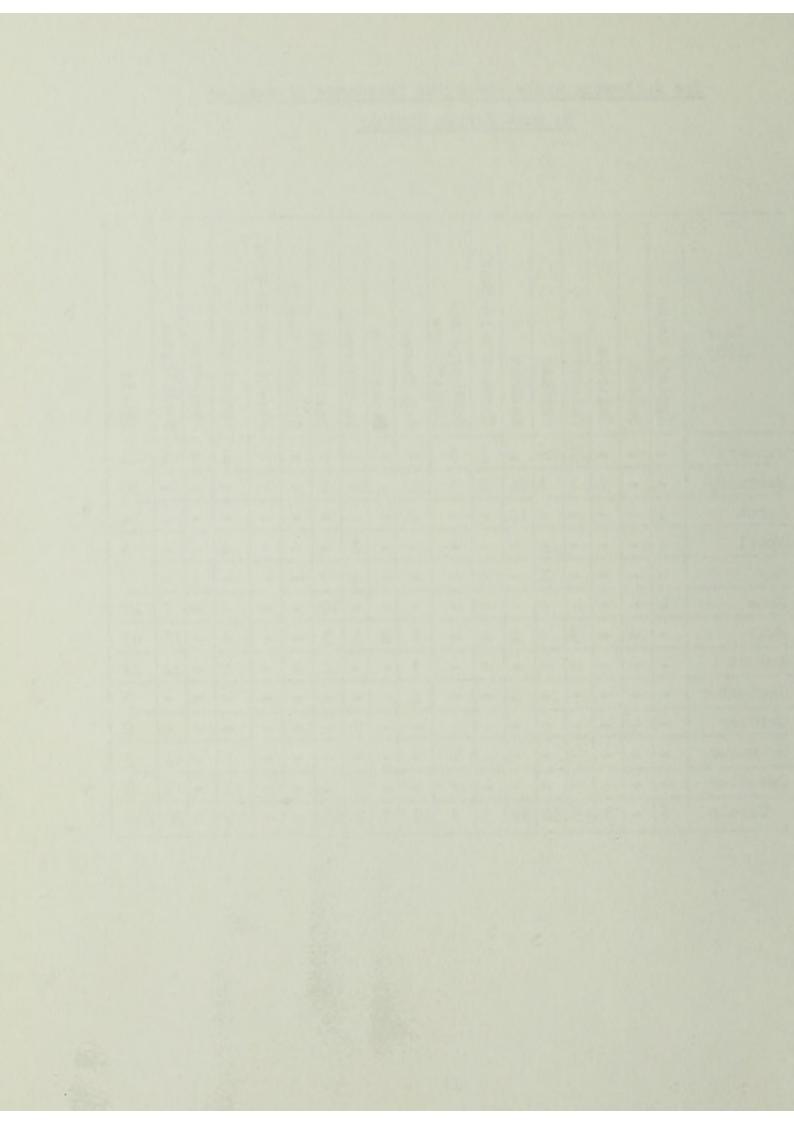
Table showing incidence of Notifiable
Diseases in each Parish during year 1963

Parish	Scarlet Fever	Whooping Cough	Measles	Pneumonia	Erysipelas	Dys entery	Total
Appleby Magna	_	1	6	-	1	-	8
Bardon	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Chilcote	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
Coleorton	-	-	5	-	-	-	5
Heather	1	-	30	-	-	-	31
Measham	-	1	37	1	-	-	39
Oakthorpe & Donisthorpe		-	7	-	-	-	7
Normanton Heath	-	-	5	_	-	-	5
Osgathorpe	-	-	10	-	-	-	10
Packington	-	-	2	-	-	-	2
Ravenstone	2	-	8	3	-	-	13
Snarestone	-	3	18	-	-	-	21
Staunton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Stretton-en	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Swannington	1	3	9	-	-	3	16
Swepstone	-	-	8	1	-	-	9
Worthington	-	1	70	-	-	-	71
Totals	4	9	216	5	1	3	238



# The following table shows the incidence of Measles in each Parish Monthly

Year 1963	Appleby Magna	Bardon	Chilcote	Coleorton	Heather	Measham	Normanton-le-Heath	Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe	Osgathorpe	Packington	Ravenstone	Snarestone	Staunton Harold	Stretton-en-le-Field	Swannington	Swepstone	Worthington	Totals
January	-	-	-	1	26	1	3	3	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	5	1	41
February	-	-	1	1	3	24	2	3	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	36
March	1	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	14
April	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
May	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	-	-	-	3	-	7
June	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	10	-	-	-	-	1	15
July	-	-	-	3	-	1	-	-	2	2	1	3	-	-	2	-	53	67
August	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	-	1	-	-	3	-	12	19
September	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3
October	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
November	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	3
December	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	1	-	-	1	-	1	6
Totals	6	-	1	5	30	37	5	7	10	2	8	18	-	-	9	8	70	216



#### Salmonella Infection

The man who was a carrier of Salmonella Typhi-Murium in 1962 was still excreting bacilli up to November 1963, when he was removed to hospital for another condition.

### Sonnei Dysentery

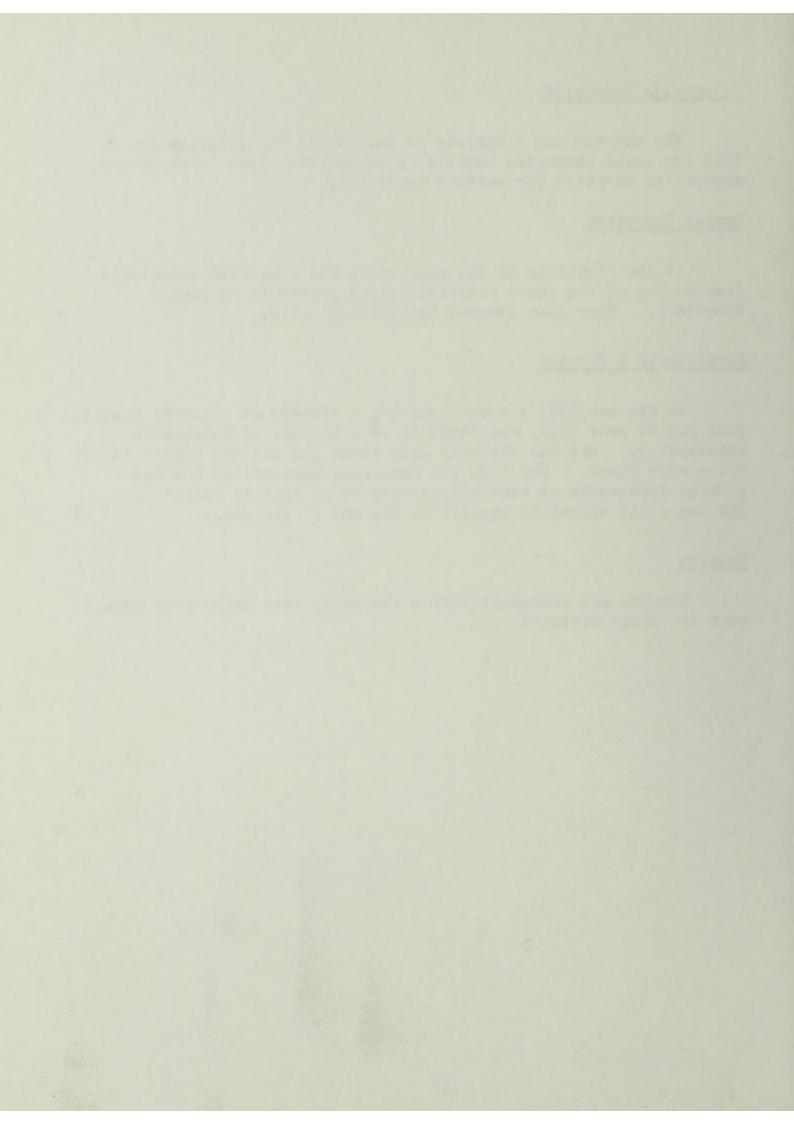
At the beginning of the year there was some mild dysenteric disease but of the cases notified only 3 proved to be Sonnei Dysentery. They soon cleared bacteriologically.

### Paratyphoid B Carrier

In October 1963 a woman aged 56, a cleaner at a nearby hospital just out of your area, was found to be a carrier of Salmonella paratyphi B. She was the only case found and all the others in her house were clear. She took all necessary precautions and had several treatments at home but refused to go away to hospital. She was still excreting bacilli at the end of the year.

#### Measles

Measles was prevalent during the whole year being well spread over the whole district.



IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Number of children who were immunised during the period 1st January - 31st December 1963

Total	179	158
14,194,9		
13 14 1950 1949		
12		4
11 1952		
1953		
1956 1955 1954		
8		
1956	1	96
6 1957		
1958		
1959	2	22
3	2	4
1961	9	11
1962	90	21
Under 1 1 2 3 4 1962 1965 1959	78	
Age at 31st December 1963	Primary Immunis- ation	Booster Inject-



# Statement of Particulars appearing in the Register of Notifications of cases of Tuberculosis for the year 1963

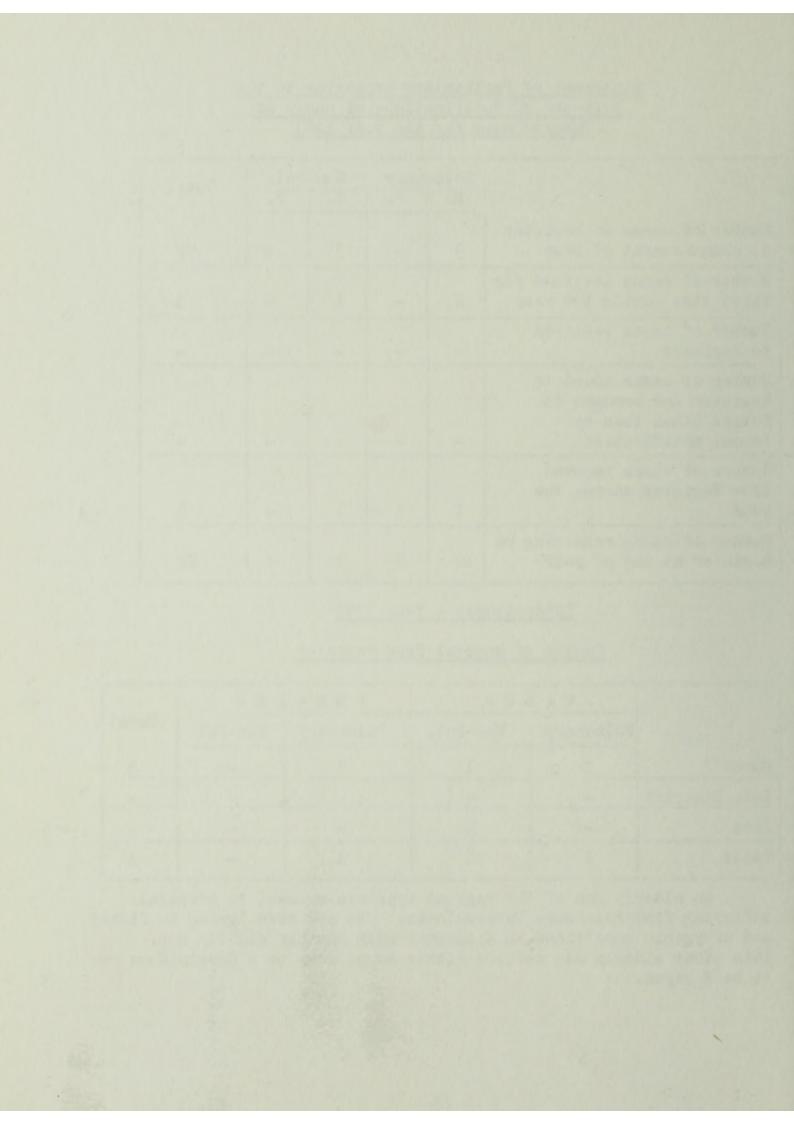
	Pulmonary		Non-Pul.		Mat - 7	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	Total	
Number of cases on Register at commencement of year	9	6	3	4	22	
Number of cases notified for first time during the year	2	_	1	-	3	
Number of cases restored to Register	_	-	-	-	_	
Number of cases added to Register and brought to Notice other than by formal notification	_	_	-	_	_	
Number of cases removed from Register during the year	1	1	1	_	3	
Number of cases remaining on Register at end of year	10	5	3	4	22	

## Tuberculosis - Year 1963

## Causes of Removal from Register

	MALES		FEMA:			
	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	Pulmonary	Non-Pul.	Total	
Cured	1	1	1	_	3	
Left District	-	_		-		
Died	-	-	-	-	-	
Total	1	1	1	-	3	

An elderly man of the vagrant type was removed to hospital suffering from Pulmonary Tuberculosis. He had been living in filthy and unhygenic conditions in a caravan with another elderly man. This other elderly man refused either to go away to a County Home or to be X rayed.



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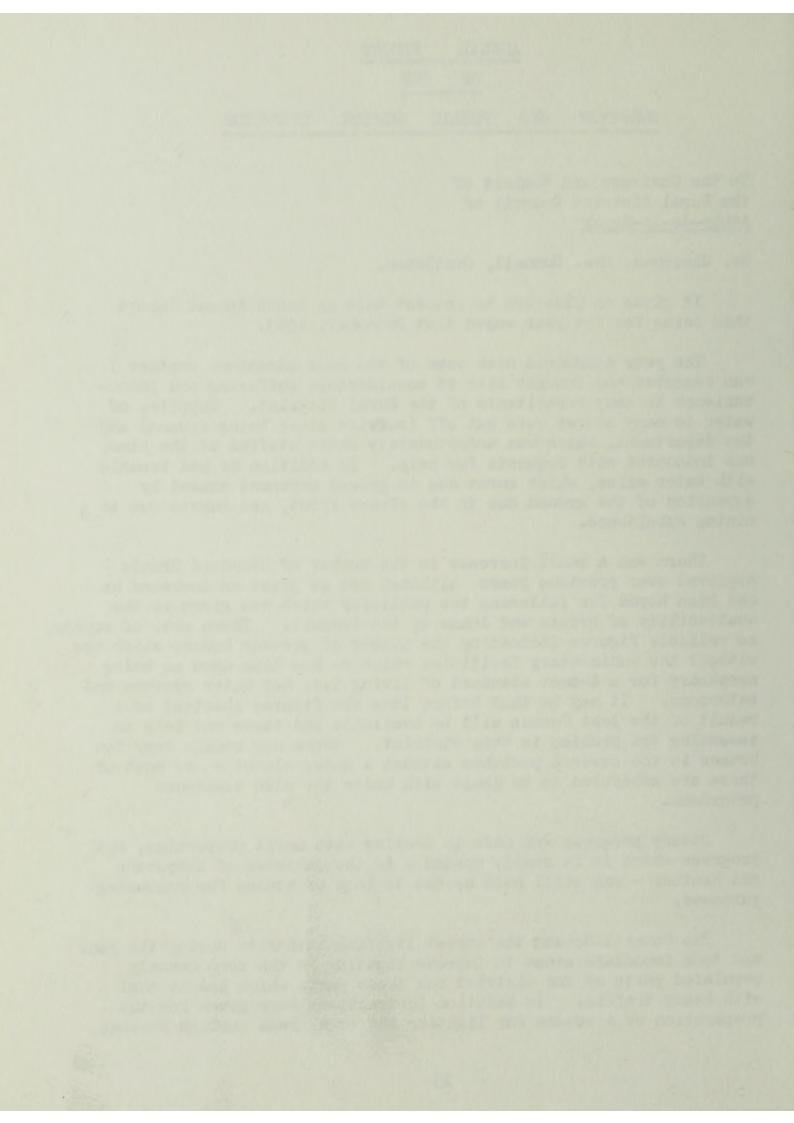
It gives me pleasure to present this my tenth Annual Report this being for the year ended 31st December, 1963.

The year commenced with some of the most atrocious weather I can remember and brought with it considerable suffering and inconvenience to many inhabitants of the Rural District. Supplies of water to many houses were cut off (service pipes being frozen) and the department, which was unfortunately short staffed at the time, was inundated with requests for help. In addition we had trouble with water mains, which burst due to ground movement caused by expansion of the ground due to the severe frost, and bursts due to mining subsidence.

There was a small increase in the number of Standard Grants approved over previous years although not as great an increase as had been hoped for following the publicity which was given to the availability of grants and loans by the Council. There are, of course, no reliable figures indicating the number of pre-war houses which are without the rudimentary facilities which we now look upon as being necessary for a decent standard of living i.e. hot water systems and bathrooms. It may be that before long the figures obtained as a result of the last Census will be available and these may help in assessing the problem in this district. There now remain very few houses in the sewered parishes without a water closet - and most of these are scheduled to be dealt with under the slum clearance programme.

Steady progress was made in dealing with unfit properties, but progress where it is really needed - in the parishes of Swepstone and Heather - was still held up due to lack of houses for rehousing purposes.

The Council became the street lighting authority during the year and took immediate steps to improve lighting in the more densely populated parts of the district and those parts which had to deal with heavy traffic. In addition instructions were given for the preparation of a scheme for lighting the trunk road through Measham.



#### WATER SUPPLY

The position on the Heather side of the Rural District provided further cause for concern during the year. The new borehole which was sunk at the side of the existing No. 2 proved to be dry and a further bore was sunk some 110 feet away but this bore proved capable of providing only 2,000 gallons per hour and appeared to be connected with the existing No. 2 bore.

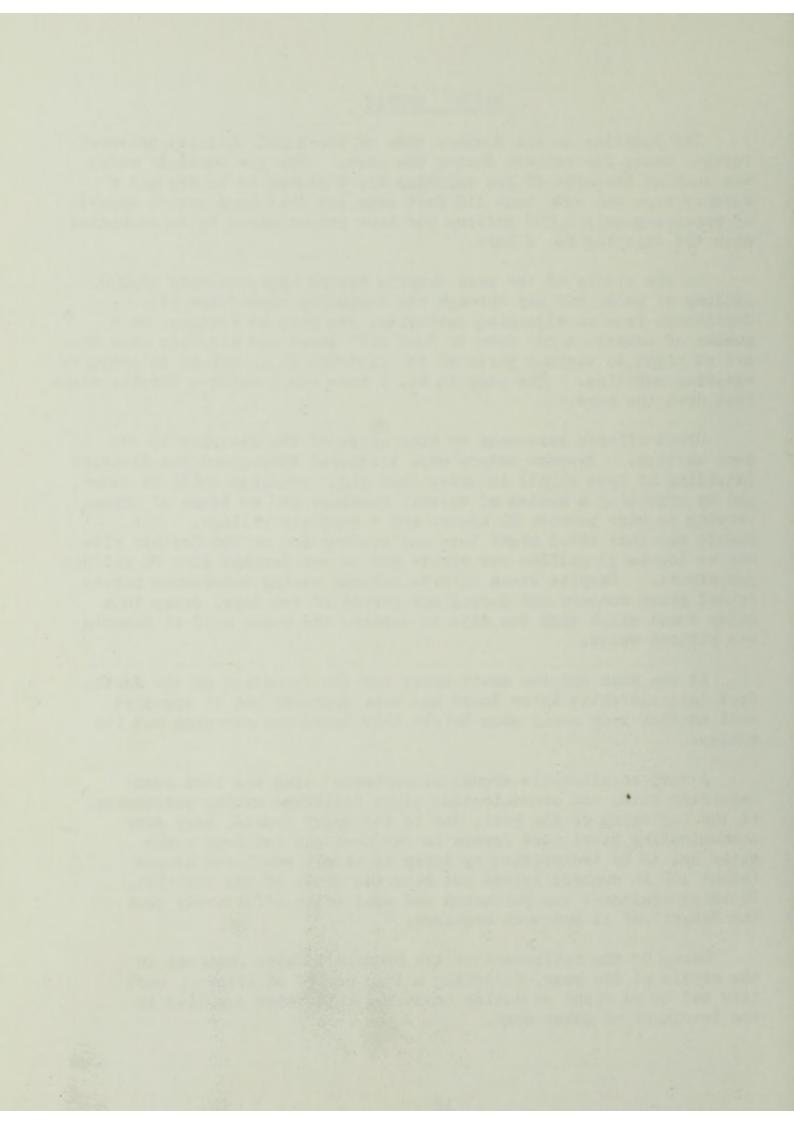
In the middle of the year despite having approximately 40,000 gallons of water per day through the temporary connection at Osgathorpe from an adjoining authority, the bore at Heather, on a number of occasions got down to "cut off" level and supplies were cut off at night to various parts of the district in an effort to conserve existing supplies. The pump in No. 2 bore was lowered a further eight feet down the bore.

Great efforts were made on both sides of the district to cut down wastage. By-pass meters were installed throughout the district (dividing it into eight) in order that night readings could be taken, and by operating a system of valves, readings can be taken of areas varying in size between 50 houses and a complete village. The result was that total night loss and consumption on the Heather side was as low as 33 gallons per minute and on the Measham side 20 gallons per minute. Despite these efforts serious mining subsidence bursts caused grave concern and during one period of two days, owing to a major burst which took two days to locate, the upper half of Measham was without water.

At the year end the draft Order for the formation of the North West Leicestershire Water Board had been approved but it appeared that another year would pass before this Board was carrying out its duties.

A very considerable amount of workmens' time has been spent repairing mains and communicating pipes following mining subsidence. At the beginning of the year, due to the heavy frosts, very many communicating pipes were frozen in the road and for four weeks water had to be transported by lorry to widely scattered houses (about 100 in number) spread out over the whole of the district. De-icing equipment was purchased and used quite effectively once the "knack" of it had been acquired.

Owing to the retirement of the Council's Water Engineer in the middle of the year, following a long period of illness, much time had to be spent on duties connected with water supplies to the detriment of other work.



#### 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
4536	Est. 13,444	22	Est. 77	58	Est. 185

Number of parishes with piped water supply :

from public mains : 16

from private reservoirs : 1

Number of parishes without a piped supply : One (Bardon)

#### Water Supply from Wells

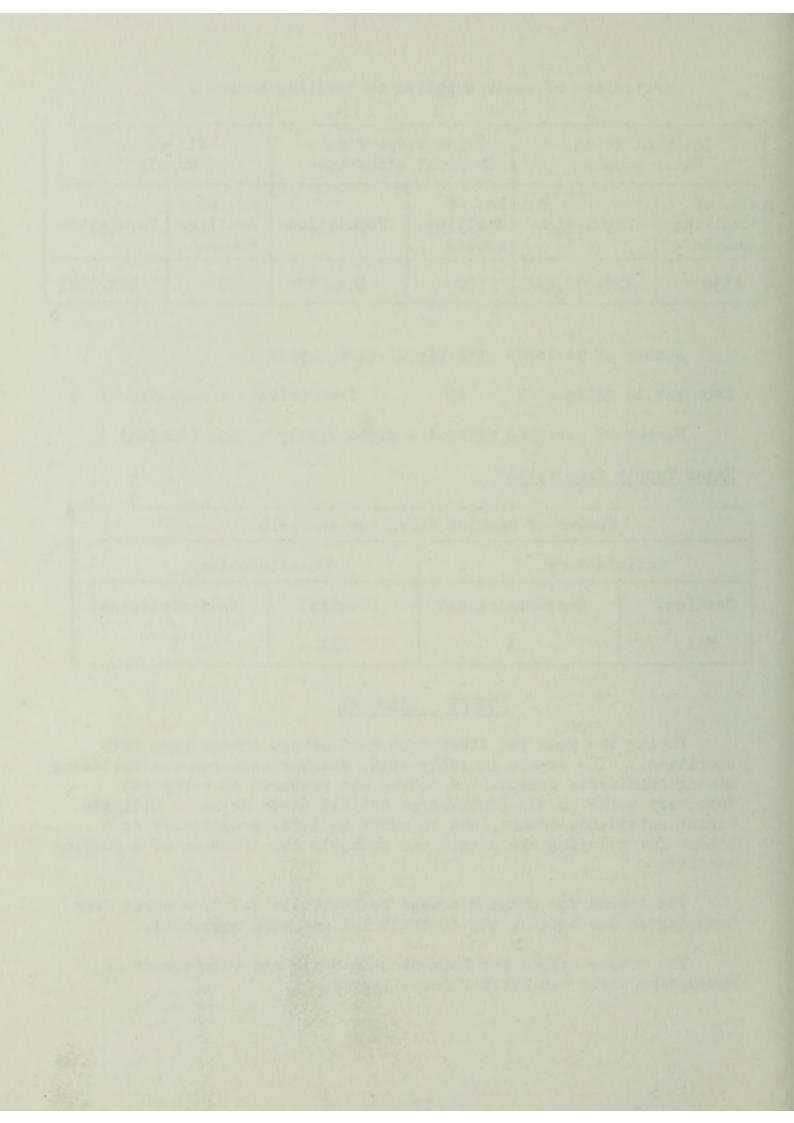
	Number of samples tak	en for analysi	s
Satis	sfactory	Unsati	sfactory
Chemical	Bacteriological	Chemical	Bacteriological
Nil	3	Nil	1

## SEWAGE DISPOSAL

During the year the Atherstone Road sewage scheme came into operation. The sewers in Ashby Road, Measham were renewed following mining subsidence damage. A scheme was prepared to carry out temporary works to the Donisthorpe outfall sewer so as to mitigate mining subsidence damage, due to occur in 1964, preparatory to a scheme for relaying the sewers and probably the erection of a pumping station.

The scheme for pumping sewage to Coalville U.D.C.'s works from Swannington was agreed, the contract let and work commenced.

The sewage scheme for Normanton-le-Heath and enlargement of Ravenstone works was further investigated.



Damage was caused to sewers in Leicester Road, Measham; Ashby Road, Measham; Canal Street, Oakthorpe and Hough Hill, Swannington by mining subsidence during the year.

Sewage schemes are still urgently needed for Chilcote and Acresford. During the year the Council agreed to ask their Consulting Engineers to speed up their recommendations for a scheme for dealing with Acresford.

The position at the year end was as follows :

Appleby Magna Scheme completed for main part of village.

Appleby Parva still requires scheme.

Bardon Scattered area - impossible to sewer.

Chilcote Scheme being prepared.

Coleorton Deferred indefinitely because of mining subsidence.

Donisthorpe Works overloaded - scheme for enlargement and

improvement in course of preparation.

Heather Scheme completed some 10 years ago - very strong

effluent causing treatment difficulties.

Measham and Works recently modernised and enlarged.

Measham and Oakthorpe

Normanton-le-Heath Scheme in course of preparation.

Osgathorpe Scheme completed.

Packington Scheme completed.

Ravenstone Works badly overloaded - scheme for complete

reconstruction in hand.

Snarestone Scheme completed.

Staunton Harold Scattered area - impossible to sewer.

Stretton-en-

le-Field Scattered area - impossible to sewer.

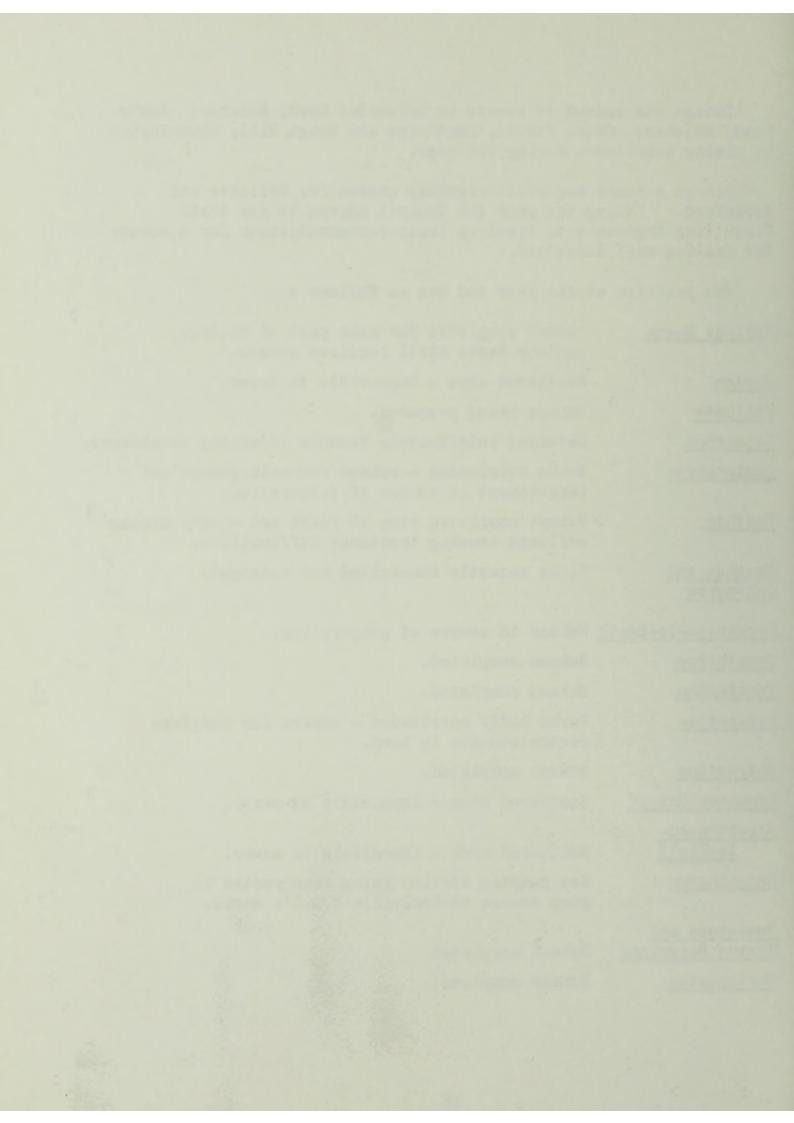
Swannington New pumping station being constructed to

pump sewage to Coalville U.D.C's works.

Swepstone and

Newton Burgoland Scheme completed.

Worthington Scheme completed.



The new culvert to prevent flooding of property in Burton Road, Measha was constructed during the year.

Inspection of sewers and ditches and work in hand	116
Blocked sewers cleared	9
Inspections of sewage works and pumping stations	121
Ditches cleaned out	2
Brookcourses cleaned out	1
Number of septic tanks constructed during the year	31
Number of cesspools abolished during the year	58
Number of septic tanks/cesspools in the district at 31/12/63	370

#### NEW DRAINAGE AND CLOSET CONVERSIONS

## (other than work connected with Improvement Grants/Standard Grants)

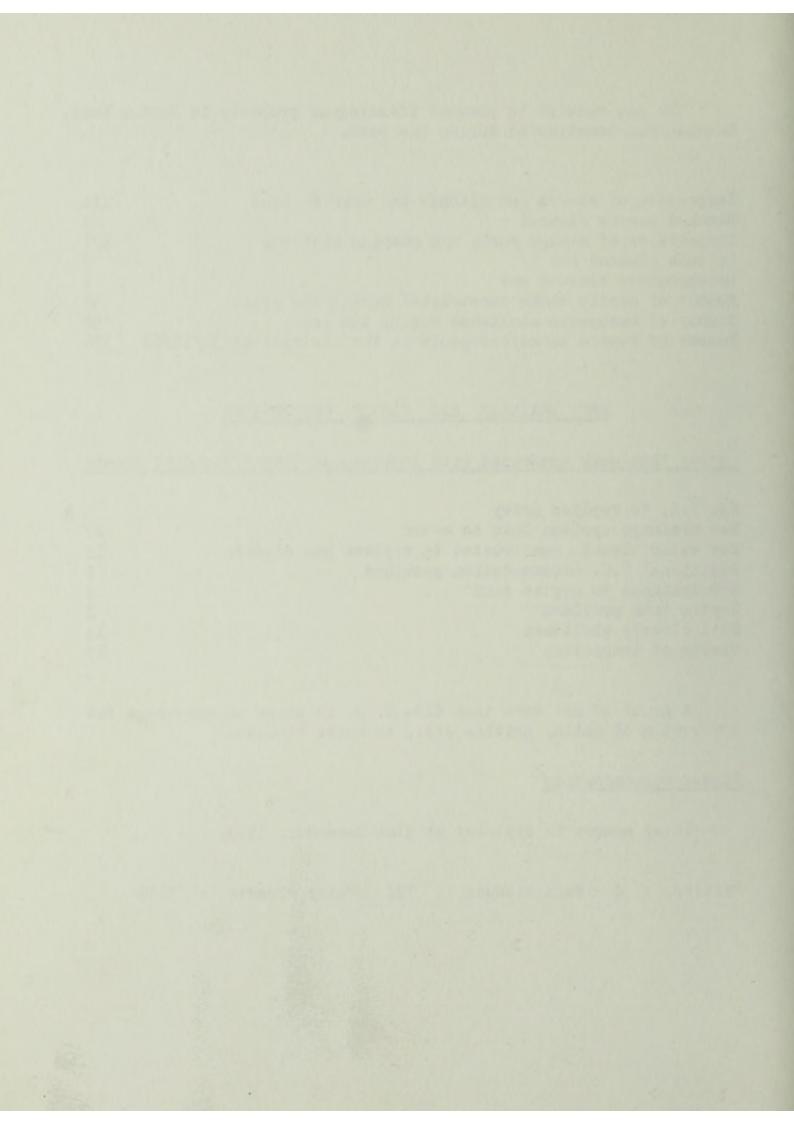
New W.C. to replace privy	1
New drainage systems laid to sewer	22
New water closets constructed to replace pan closets	13
Additional W.C. accommodation provided	1
New drainage to septic tank	4
Septic tank provided	2
Pail closets abolished	13
Visits of inspection	87

A grant of not more than £10. 0. 0. is given to encourage the conversion of pails, privies etc., to water closets.

## Closet accommodation

Total number in district at 31st December, 1963.

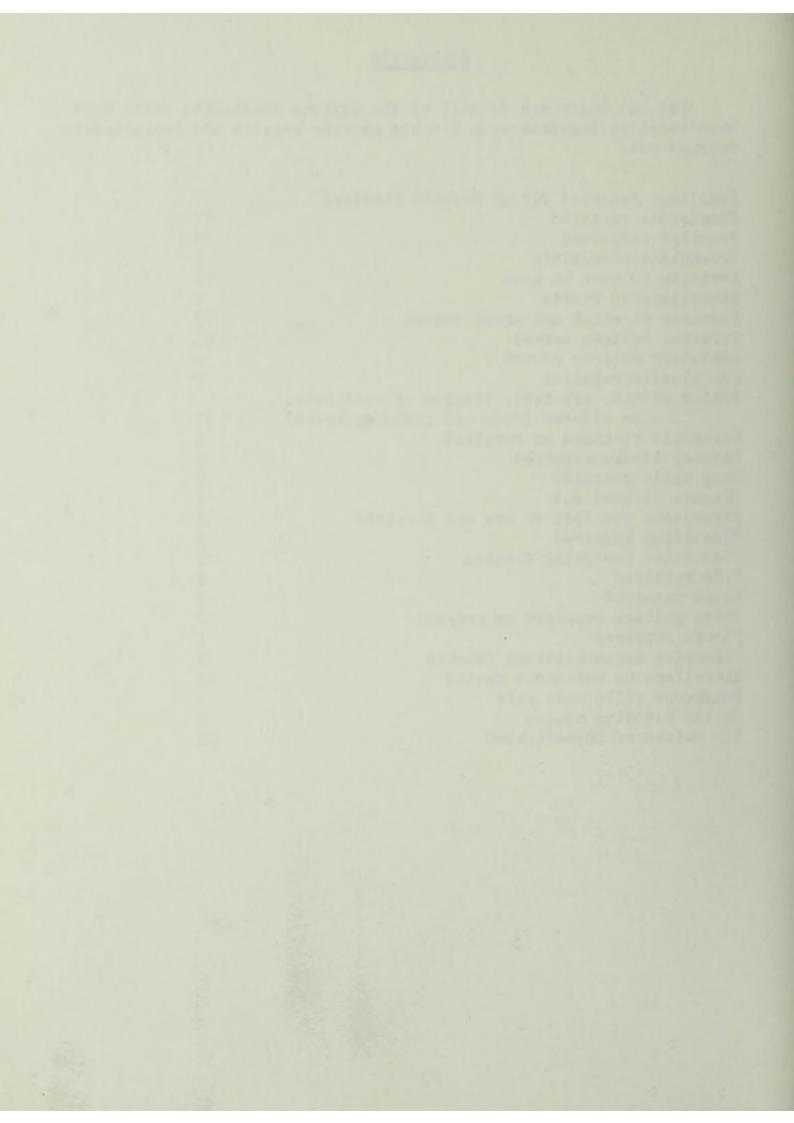
Privies: 4 Pail closets: 726 Water closets: 3835



## 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	22
Complaints received	85
Premises inspected	85
Groundless complaints	2
Revisits to work in hand	81
Miscellaneous visits	4
Premises at which nuisances abated	79
Informal notices served	83
Statutory notices served	-
Pan closets repaired	2
Drains relaid, repaired, trapped or ventilated	
or cleared (does not include sewers)	37
Cesspools cleansed or repaired	6
Chimney stacks repaired	
Damp walls remedied	5 2 2
Ditches cleaned out	2
Fireplaces repaired or new one provided	2 3 2
Plastering repaired	3
Obst.ucted footpaths cleared	
W.Cs repaired	4 2 2 1
Roofs repaired	2
Daves gutters repaired or renewed	2
Floors repaired	1
Offensive accummulations removed	9
Miscellaneous nuisances abated	14
Dangerous walls made safe	1 2
Cellar flooding abated	
Fly nuisances investigated	18



## Inspections made

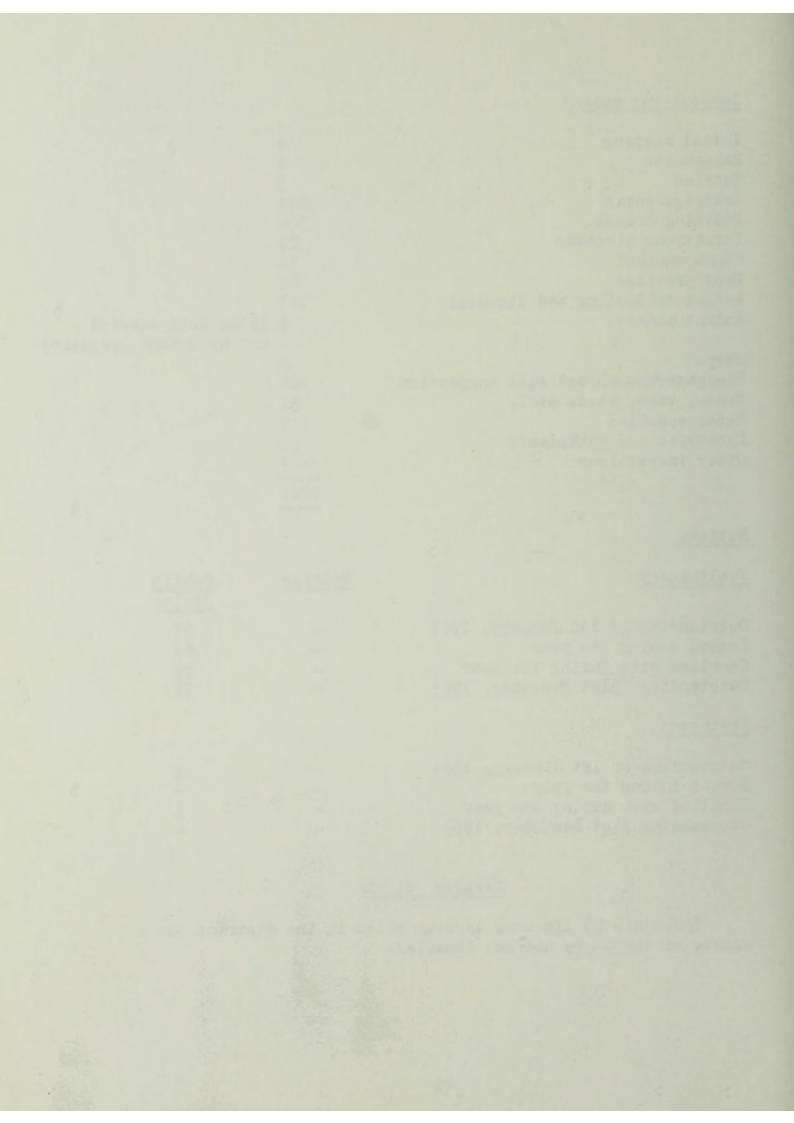
Animal keeping	4	
Bakehouses	4	
Dairies	3	
Drainage works	224	
Dwelling houses	586	
Infectious diseases	24	
Smoke control	14	
Food premises	81	
Refuse collection and disposal	103	
Rodent control	9	(plus 1032 carried
		out by Rodent Operator)
Shops	4	
Slaughterhouses and meat inspection	248	
Tents, vans, sheds etc.,	41	
Water supplies	210	
Factories and workplaces	79	
Other inspections	607	
	2241	

## Notices

Preliminary	Housing	Public Health	
Outstanding on 1st January, 1963	-	27	
Issued during the year	-	83	
Complied with during the year	-	79	
Outstanding 31st December, 1963	-	31	
Statutory			
Outstanding on 1st January, 1963	-	3	
Issued during the year	-	-	
Complied with during the year	-	3	
Outstanding 31st December, 1963	-	-	

## CARAVAN SITES

There are 29 licensed caravan sites in the district but a number of these are not now occupied.

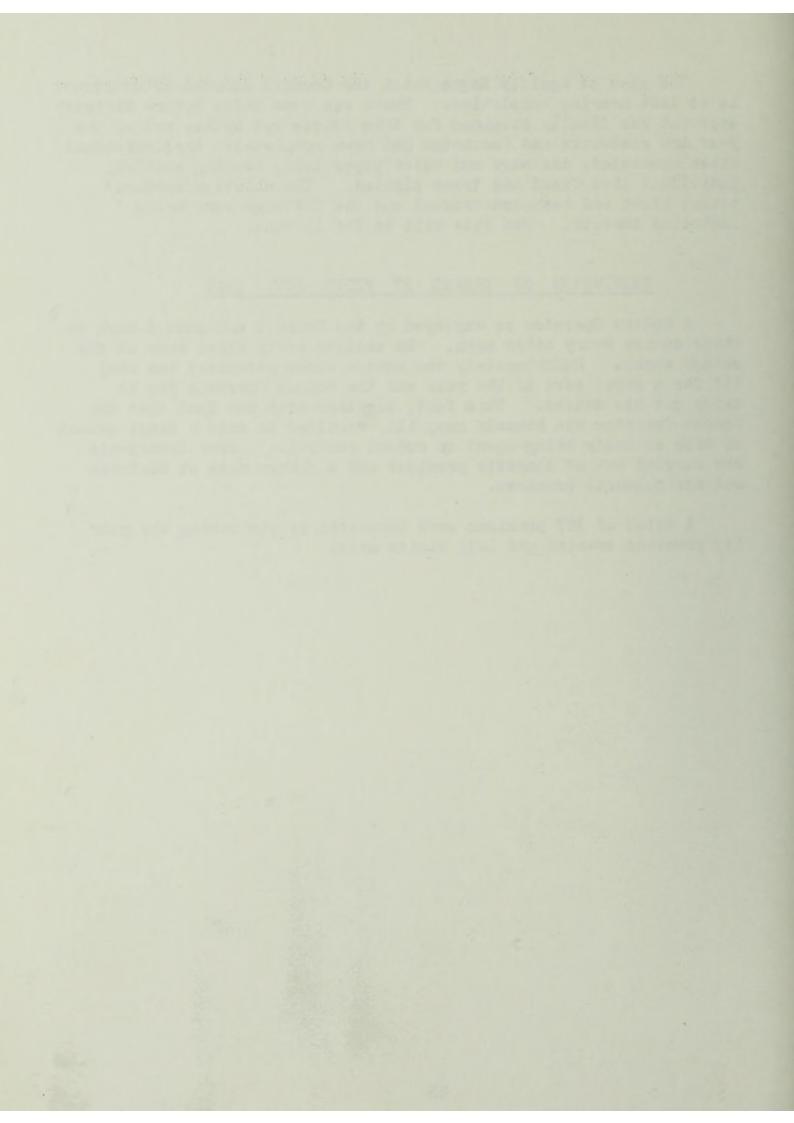


The site at Appleby Magna which the Council decided to construct is at last nearing completion. There was some delay before Ministry approval was finally obtained for this scheme but by the end of the year the roadworks and footpaths had been completed; the individual sites concreted, drainage and water pipes laid, fencing erected, individual shed fixed and trees planted. The ablution/showers/toilet block had been constructed and the fittings were being installed therein. The site will be for 15 vans.

## PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

A Rodent Operator is employed by the Council and should work on these duties every other week. He assists every other week at the sewage works. Unfortunately the sewage works attendant was away ill for a great part of the year and the Rodent Operator had to carry out his duties. This fact, together with the fact that the Rodent Operator was himself away ill, resulted in only a small amount of time actually being spent on rodent control. Free treatments are carried out at domestic premises and a charge made at business and agricultural premises.

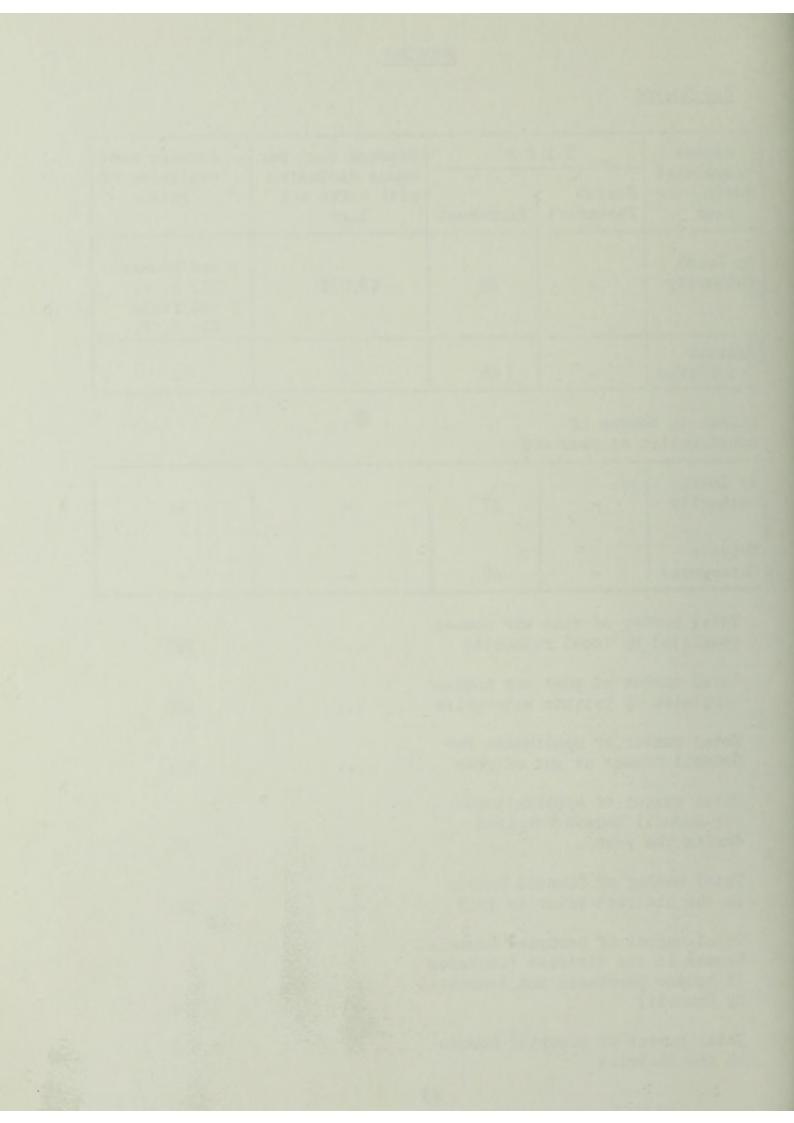
A total of 367 premises were inspected by him during the year 133 premises treated and 1032 visits made.



## HOUSING

## New Houses

Houses T Y					
completed during the year	Prefab Permanent	Permanent	house excluding site works and land	exclusive of rates	
By Local Authority	-	22	€2,031	3 bed/houses £1. 4. 6. 2 bed/flats £1. 2. 8.	
Private Enterprise	-	68	_		
Houses in c		nd			
By Local Authority	-	27	-	_	
Private Onterprise	-	48		-	
	ber of post by local a	war houses uthority	•••	727	
		war houses enterprise	• • •	448	
	ber of appl cuses at en			221	
	ber of appl il houses r e year		•••	92	
	ber of Coun			322	
houses in 15 houses	the distri	pied Council ct (includes and renovate	3	1 0/4	
by Council	1)			1,064	
Total number of occupied houses in the district				4,615	



At long last a start was made on the development of the site in Cross Street, Measham. This consists of two 3 bedroomed houses, a bungalow and an old peoples block consisting of a warden's flat; ll bed/sitting room flatlets; 4 flatlets with bedroom and sitting room; communal room together with bathrooms, water closets etc.

Steady progress was made at Packington with the construction of three 3 bedroomed houses, one 4 bedroomed house and two 2 bedroomed flats.

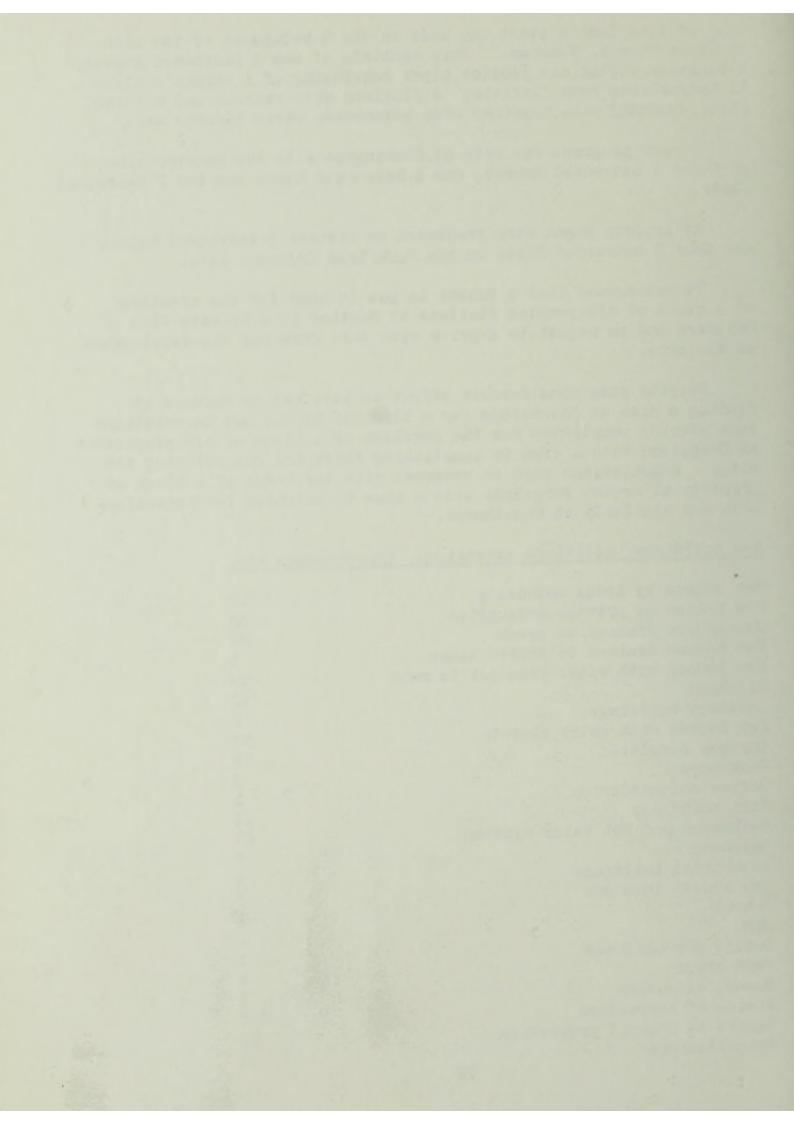
At Appleby Magna work proceeded on sixteen 3 bedroomed houses and four 2 bedroomed flats on the Parkfield Crescent site.

It was agreed that a scheme be put in hand for the erection of a block of old peoples flatlets at Heather by a private firm of builders and to negotiate a price with this firm for the development of the site.

Despite some considerable effort we have had no success in finding a site at Snarestone for a block of houses but negotiations were nearing completion for the purchase of a block of old properties at Swepstone with a view to demolishing these and redeveloping the site. Negotiations were in progress with the owner of a block of property at Newton Burgoland with a view to purchase for redevelopment and similarly at Osgathorpe.

#### New buildings, additions extensions, improvements etc.

New houses by local authority	22
New houses by private enterprise	68
New houses drained to sewer	87
New houses drained to septic tanks	3
New houses with water from public main	90
Kitchens	12
Colliery buildings	2
New houses with water closets	90
Garages completed	76
Workshops	3
Office accommodation	1
Farm buildings	13
Bathrooms and hot water systems	60
Bedrooms	7
Industrial buildings	3
Two houses into one	2
School	1
Bank	1
Public conveniences	1
Wash house	1
Museum extension	1
Visits of inspection	257
Visits to Council properties	51
Miscellaneous	8



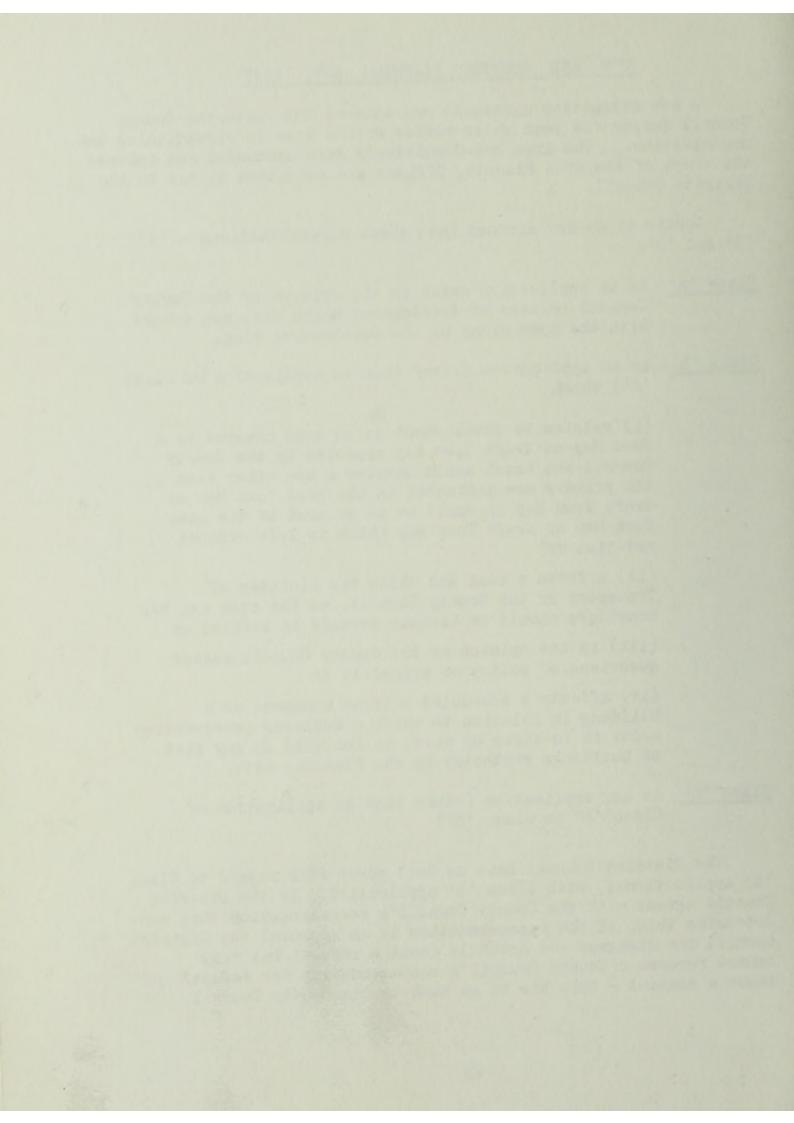
## TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT, 1947

A new delegation agreement was entered into with the County Council during the year under review with a view to streamlining the organisation. The Area Sub-Committee's were disbanded and instead the views of the Area Planning Officer are submitted direct to the District Council.

Applications are divided into three classifications - 'A' 'B' and 'C'.

- Class 'A' is an application which in the opinion of the County Council relates to development which does not accord with the provisions of the Development Plan.
- Class 'B' is an application (other than an application of Class 'A') which
  - (i) relates to development in an area covered by a Town Map or draft Town Map approved by the County Council and which would involve a use other than the primary use indicated in the said Town Map or draft Town Map or would be in an area of the said Town Map or draft Town Map which is left without notation or
  - (ii) affects a road and which the Minister of Transport or the County Council, as the case may be, considers should on highway grounds be refused or
  - (iii) in the opinion of the County Council raises questions of policy or principle or
  - (iv) affects a scheduled ancient monument or a building in relation to which a building preservation order is in force or which is included in any list of buildings protected by the Planning Acts.
- Class 'C' is any application (other than an application of Class 'A' or Class 'B')

The District Council have no real power with regard to Class 'A' applications; with Class 'B' applications, if the District Council agrees with the County Council's recommendation they can determine this, if the recommendation is an approval the District Council can disagree and actually issue a refusal but they cannot reverse a County Council's recommendation for refusal and issue a consent - this has to go back to the County Council.



It has now become the duty of the District Council to deal with all "continued use" applications, to obtain extensions of time, in respect of applications not determined within the statutory time limit, and carry out other additional administrative work.

In my own view this has done little to speed up the administration, we have lost a very useful body - the Area Planning Sub-Committees - and have gained little additional power, but have very much more work.

Towards the year end a flood of applications were received in respect of land at Appleby Magna from development companies. There seems to be a move on the part of these companies to obtain land in the smaller unspoilt villages with a view to speculative building. This presumably is the result of the much greater flexibility of present day travel. The practice of commuting between town and country, which seemed to be the prerogative of those working in the very large towns now seems to be spreading, and the result is that development is being sought in the smaller villages which surround the smaller towns.

Unless considerable care is exercised in the consideration of applications, the result will be that villages will completely change their character and one can imagine villages with considerable populations but not the facilities to supply the needs of these populations.

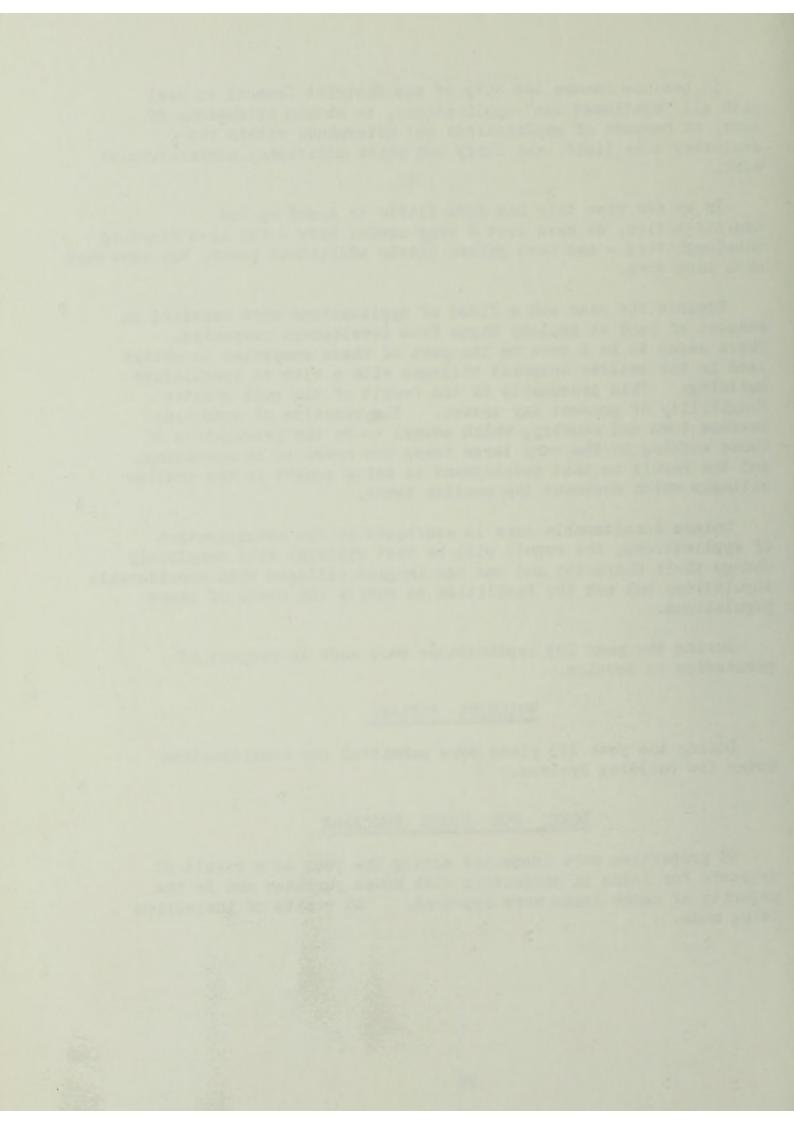
During the year 223 applications were made in respect of permission to develop.

## BUILDING BYELAWS

During the year 243 plans were submitted for consideration under the Building Byelaws.

## LOANS FOR HOUSE PURCHASE

58 properties were inspected during the year as a result of requests for loans in connection with house purchase and in the majority of cases loans were approved. 65 visits of inspection being made.

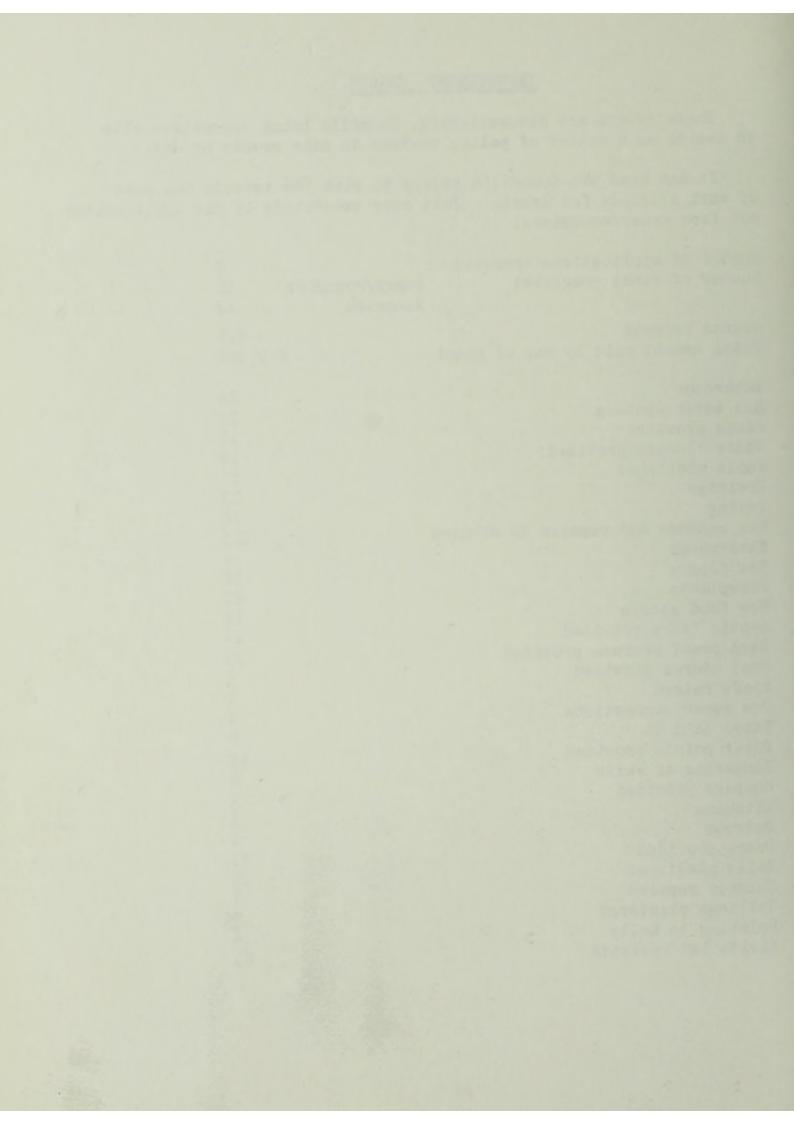


## IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

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

It has been the Council's policy to give 50% towards the cost of work eligible for grant. Just over two-thirds of the applications are from owner/occupiers.

Number of applications approved Number of works completed	owner/occupier tenanted	7 12 12
Grants refused Total amount paid by way of grant		Nil 2,967
Bathrooms Hot water systems Sinks provided Water closets provided Pails abolished Drainage Paving New windows and repairs to windows Staircases New floors Fireplaces New food stores Septic tanks provided Damp proof courses provided Coal stores provided Roofs raised New sewer connections Water laid on Power points provided Rendering to walls Coppers provided Kitchens Bedroom Doors provided Walls plastered		24 24 18 16 17 23 16 103 6 34 27 11 15 10 5 1 1 8 14 8 5 3 1 3 3
Chimney repairs Ceilings plastered Pointing to walls Visits and revisits		15 7 7 6 63



## Grants approved by Parishes

Appleby Magna	
Coleorton	2
Oakthorpe & Donisthorpe	1
Swepstone	1
Worthington	2

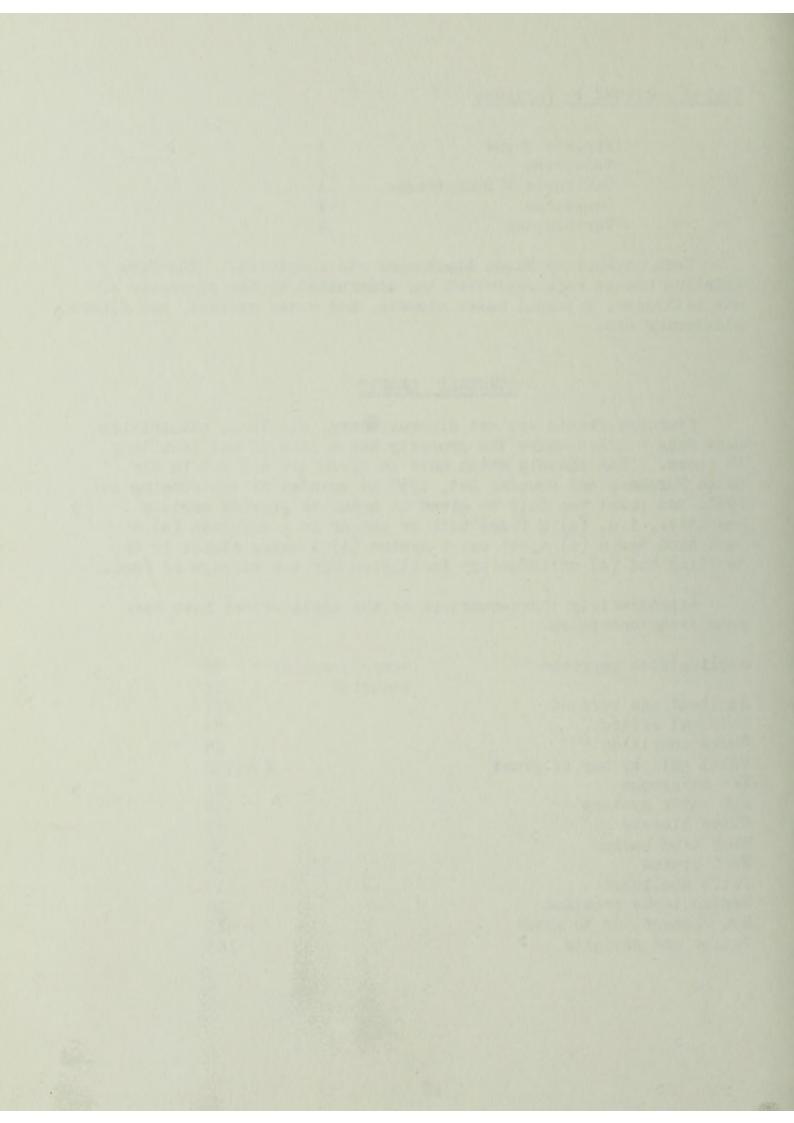
Work at Appleby Magna Almshouses was completed. The five existing houses were renovated and modernised by the provision of new bathrooms, internal water closets, hot water systems, new floors plastering etc.

## STANDARD GRANTS

Standard Grants are not discretionary, all local authorities must make a grant where the property has a life of not less than 15 years. The amounts which must be given are set out in the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 as amended by the Housing Act, 1961, 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 system (d) a water closet in the dwelling and (e) satisfactory facilities for the storage of food.

Approximately three-quarters of the applications have been from owner/occupiers.

Applications approved	owner/occupier 55
	tenanted 14
Applications refused	Nil
Informal offers	73
Works completed	45
Total paid by way of grant	€ 4,732
New bathrooms	31
Hot water systems	38
Water closets	42
Wash hand basins	38
Food stores	10
Pails abolished	19
Septic tanks provided	10
New connections to sewer	13
Visits and revisits	163



#### Grants approved by parishes :

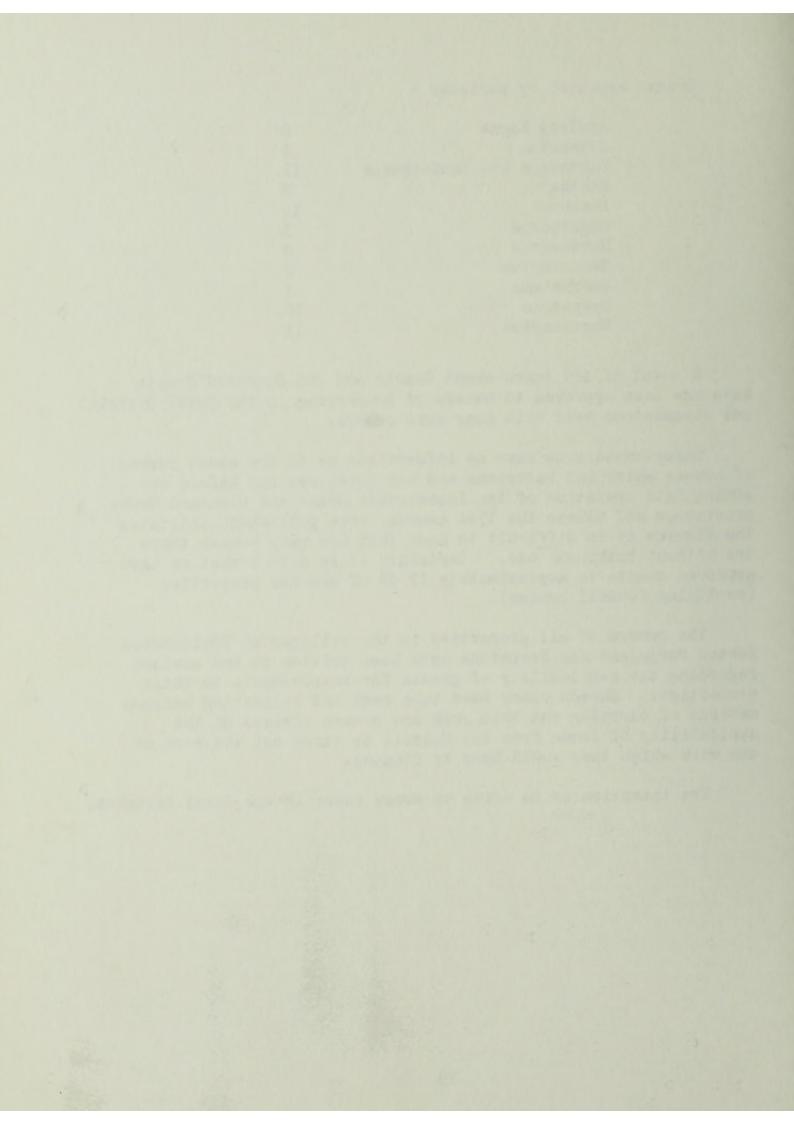
Appleby Magna Coleorton	2
Oakthorpe and Donisthorpe	12
Heather	2
Measham	13
Osgathorpe	3
Ravenstone	4
Swannington	1
Snarestone	1
Swepstone	16
Worthington	11

A total of 189 Improvement Grants and 205 Standard Grants have now been approved to owners of properties in the Rural District and discussions held with many more owners.

Unfortunately we have no information as to the exact number of houses which had bathrooms and hot water systems before the coming into operation of the Improvement Grant and Standard Grant provisions and unless the 1961 census, when published, indicates the figures it is difficult to know just how many houses there are without bathrooms etc. Certainly it is a fact that we have approved grants to approximately 12.6% of pre-war properties (excluding Council houses).

The owners of all properties in the villages of Donisthorpe Newton Burgoland and Swepstone have been written to and advised regarding the availability of grants for improvements to their properties. Sketch plans have been sent out indicating various methods of carrying out this work and owners advised of the availability of loans from the Council to carry out the part of the work which they would have to finance.

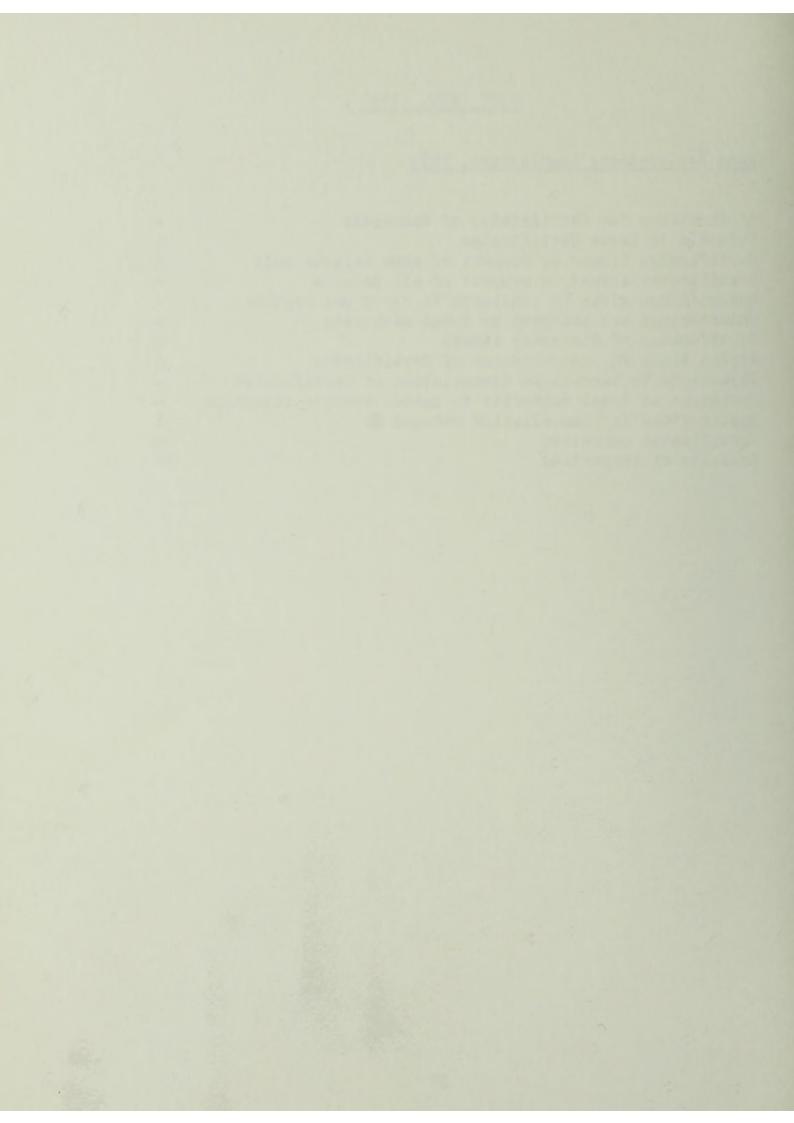
The intention is to write to every owner in the Rural District.



## RENT ACT, 1957

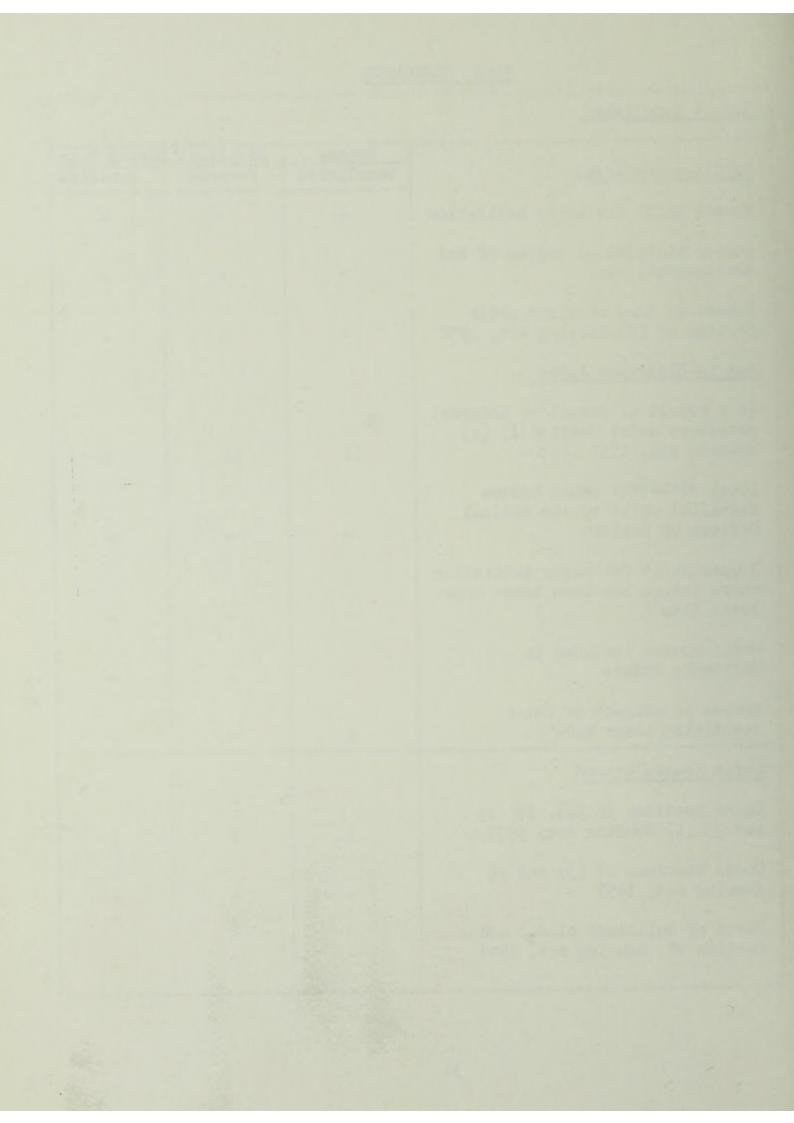
## Rent Restrictions Regulations, 1957

Applications for Certificates of Disrepair	~
Refusals to issue Certificates	_
Certificates issued in respect of some defects only	1
Certificates issued in respect of all defects	-
Undertakings given by landlords to carry out repairs	_
Undertakings not accepted by local authority	
Certificates of disrepair issued	1
Applic tions for cancellation of Certificates	6
Objections by tenants to cancellation of Certificates	-
Decisions of local authority to cancel despite objection	-
Applications for cancellation refused	1
Certificates cancelled	6
Revisits of inspection	10



## SLUM CLEARANCE

Houses Demolished					
	Houses Displaced During Year				
In Clearance Areas	Demolished	Persons	Annual or an arrangement of the Contract of th		
Houses unfit for human habitation	-	-	-		
Houses included by reason of bad arrangement, etc.	-	-	-		
Houses on land acquired under Section 43 (2) Housing Act, 1957	-	-	_		
Not in Clearance Areas					
As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17 (1) Housing Act, 1957	11	14	4		
Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health	-	-	_		
Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts	-	-	_		
Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders	-	-	-		
Houses in respect of which demolition order made	4	-	_		
Unfit Houses Closed					
Under Sections 16 (4), 17 (1) and 35 (1) Housing Act, 1957	3	2	1		
Under Sections 17 (3) and 26 Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-		
Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	-	-	-		



Unfit houses made fit and houses in which defects were remedied

	By Owner	By local authority
After informal action by local authority	22	-
After formal notice under (a) Public Health Acts (b) Sections 9 and 16	-	-
Housing Act, 1957	-	-
Under Section 24 of the Housing Act, 1957	1	-

## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### Ice Cream

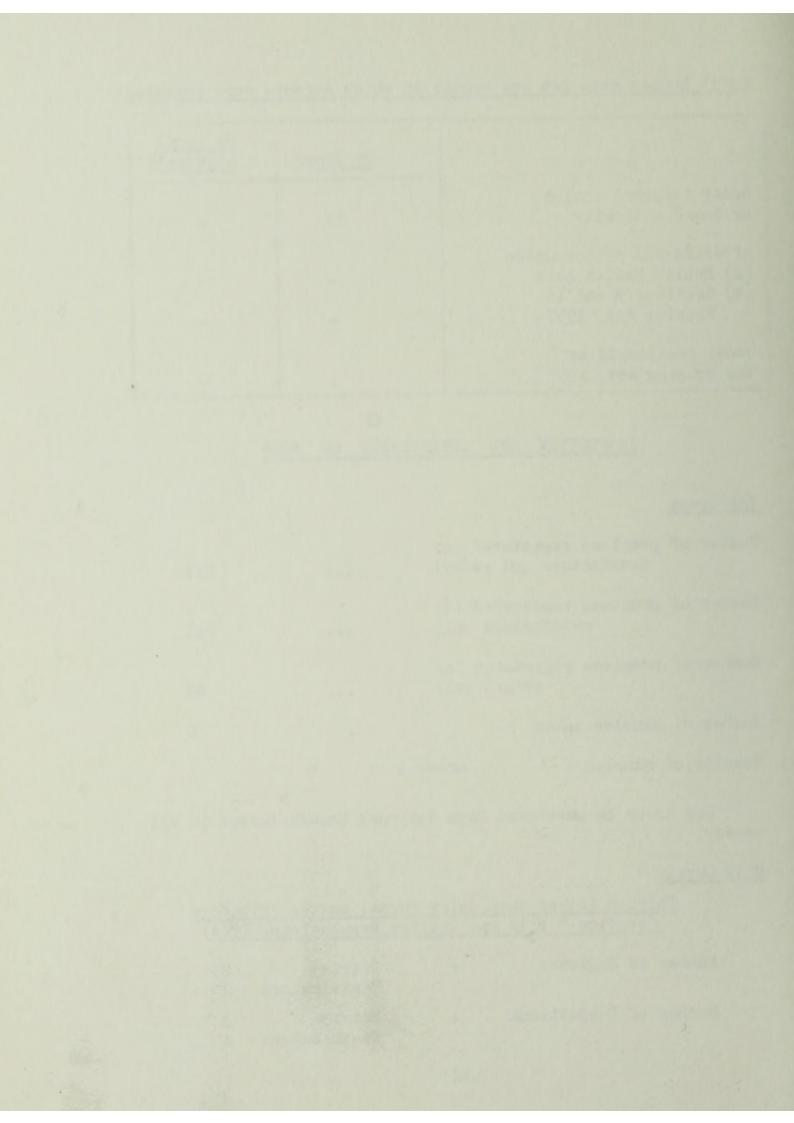
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Ice cream is purchased from National Manufacturers in all cases.

## Milk Supply

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

Number on	Register		Dairies Distributors	2
Number of	Inspections	:	Dairies Distributors	3 4



## Biological Milk Samples

Number of routine bulk samples taken	*	39
Results satisfactory		39
Evidence of living Tubercule Bacilli	2	Nil
Evidence of Brucella Abortus	:	Nil

## Bacteriological Milk Samples

39 samples of designated "Tuberculin Tested" milk were taken and all proved to be satisfactory.

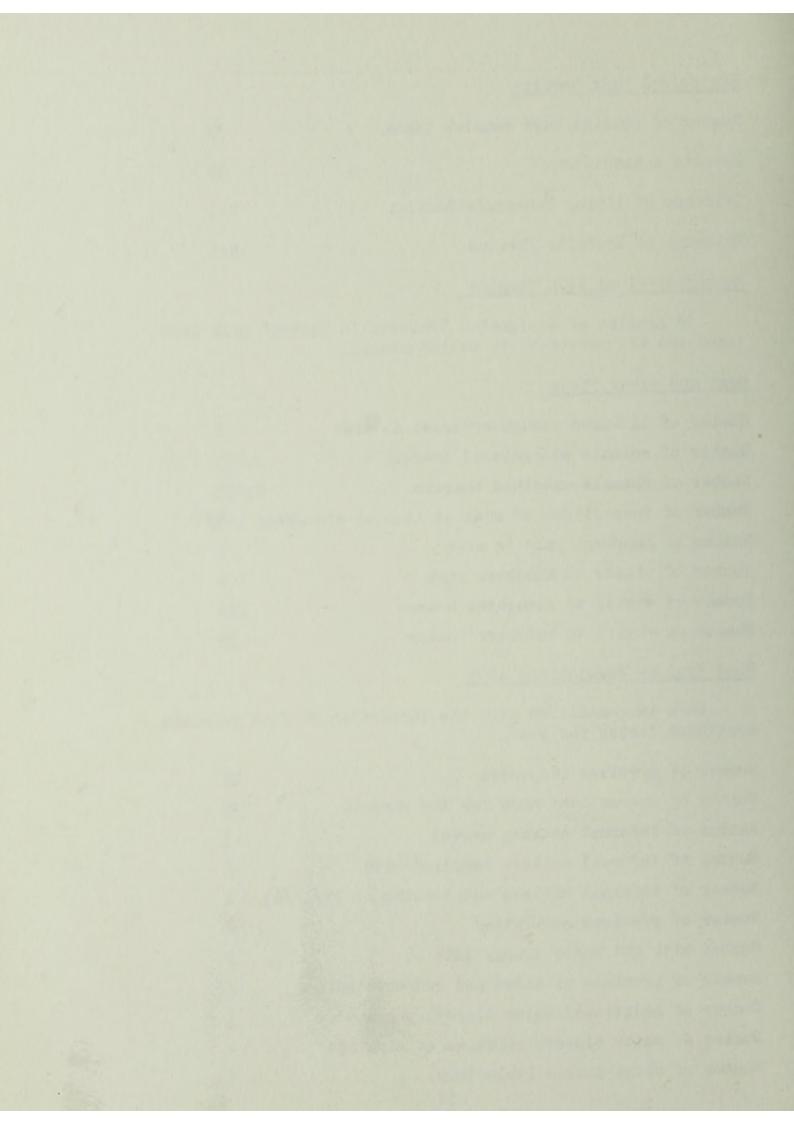
## Meat and other Foods

Number	of	licensed slaughterhouses in area	2
Number	of	animals slaughtered therein	2,055
Number	of	animals examined therein	2,055
Number	of	inspections of meat at time of slaughter	r 8%
Number	of	Knackers yard in area	1
Number	of	visits to Knackers yard	6
Number	of	visits to slaughter houses	248
Number	of	visits to butchers' shops	36

## Food Hygiene Regulations 1955

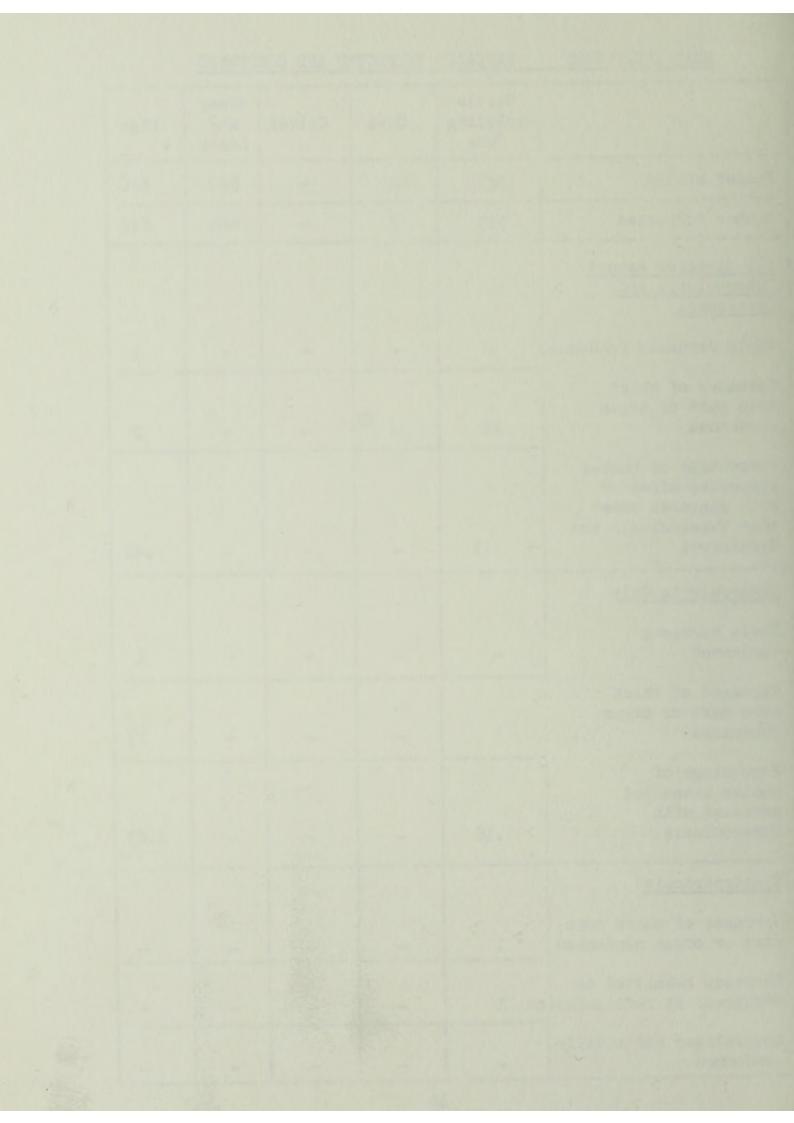
Work in connection with the inspection of food premises continued during the year.

Number	of	premises inspected	28
Number	of	inspections made for the purpose	35
Number	of	informal notices served	3
Number	of	informal notices complied with	5
Number	of	informal notices outstanding at 31/12/63	1
Number	of	premises modernised	4
Number	wit	th hot water supply laid on	2
Number	of	premises cleansed and redecorated	4
Number	of	additional water closets provided	3
Number	of	water closets replaced or repaired	-
Number	of	shops closed (voluntary)	3



## MEAT INSPECTION - CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

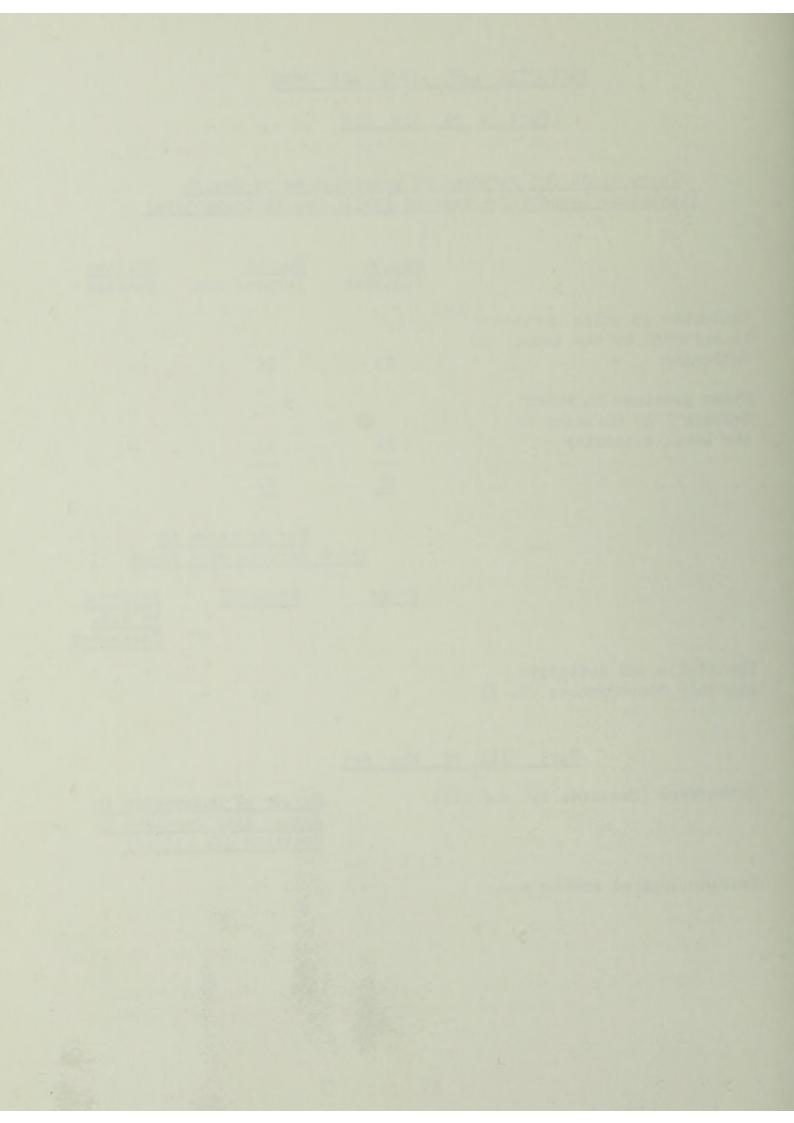
	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	549	2	-	860	646
Number inspected	549	2	-	860	646
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	28	-	-	-	2
Percentage of number inspected affected with diseases other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci	5.1	-	_	-	•48
Tuberculosis Only					
Whole carcases condemned	-	-	-	-	1
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	1	-	-	-	17
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	•18	-	-	-	2.63
Cystircercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	1	-	-	-	_
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigerati	on 1	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-



# FACTORIES ACT, 1937 AND 1948 Part 1 of the Act

# Inspections for purposes of provision 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	23	26	-
Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	22 45	53 79	-
	whic	No. of cases the defects were	
	Found	Remedied	Referred by H.M. Inspector
Unsuitable and defective sanitary conveniences (S. 7)	5	5	-
Part Vlll of	f the Act		
Outworkers (Sections 110 and 113	1)	Number of Outv	equired by
Wearing apparel making etc.		7	



#### NAMING OF STRUETS

Street name plates have been fixed in the villages of Heather, Osgathorpe, Chilcote, Newton Burgoland and Swepstone. A survey has been completed of the village of Normanton-le-Heath.

The houses in the villages of Heather and Osgathorpe have been numbered.

#### PUBLIC CLEANSING

During the year 103 visits were made in connection with refuse collection. Efforts were continued to find a suitable tip on the Measham side of the District and at the year end negotiations with Inland Waterways for the use of the canal between Oakthorpe and Measham appeared to be reaching a satisfactory conclusion. One unexpected difficulty appeared when it was found necessary to negotiate with British Railways for the right to pass over their bridge on the Burton Road in order to gain access to the canal.

The new rear loading refuse collection vehicle was brought into use on the Measham side. Although agreement was reached with the Council's workmen that the two teams on this side be amalgamated into one and that the collection periods of 7 working days and  $6\frac{1}{2}$  working days should be cut to two  $6\frac{1}{2}$  day periods followed by two 6 working day collection periods, difficulty was found in keeping to this owing to exceptionally bad weather, sickness and holidays. A second rear loading vehicle has been ordered for the Swannington team and it has been agreed that the collection time shall be cut by one day from seven working days to six working days.

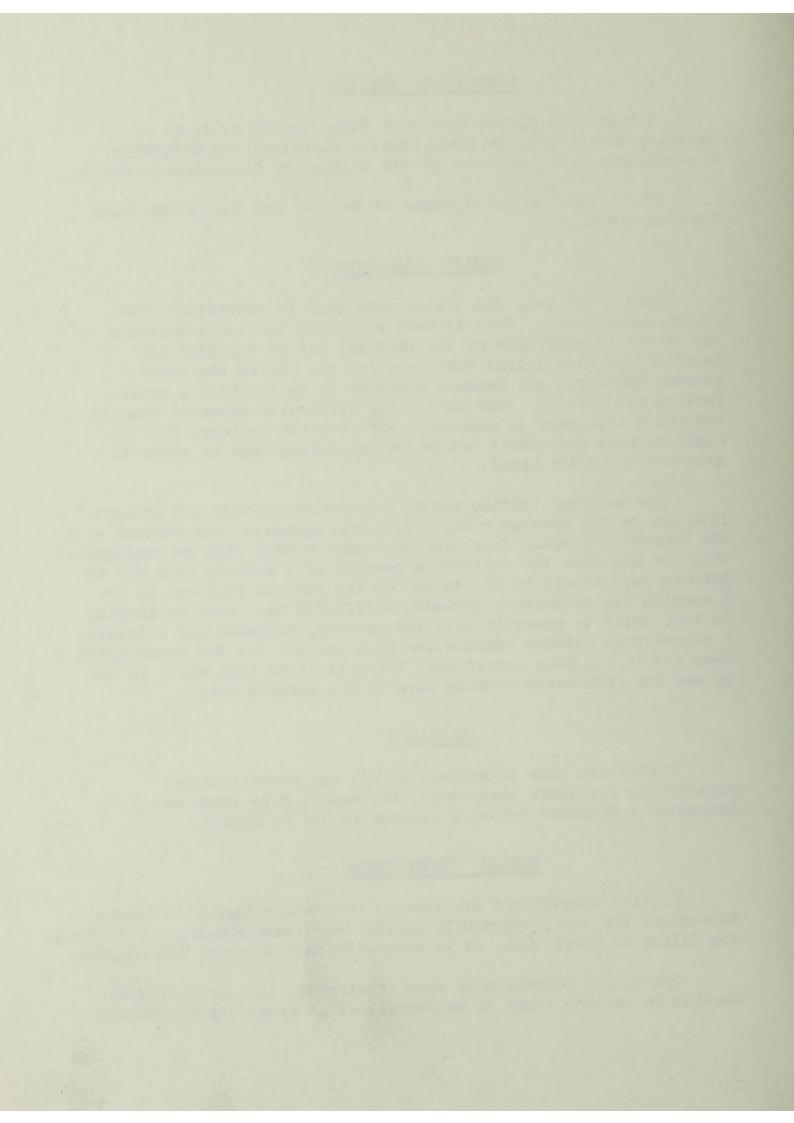
## PETROLEUM

Visits are made in respect of all new installations; excavations for tanks inspected; the tanks, pipe lines etc., inspected and tested before a licence to use is issued.

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Routine inspections are made. Much minor damage is caused throughout the year, especially during the darker evenings. Although the Police do their best, it is very difficult to catch the culprits.

New public conveniences were constructed in Leicester Road, Measham to replace those to be demolished in Cross Street, Measham.



#### STREET LIGHTING

Following discussions with the various Parish Councils, this authority, during the year under review became the street lighting authority for the district.

A scheme for bringing the whole of the lighting of the district up to modern standards was agreed, and by the end of the year all existing tungsten lanterns had been replaced by 60 watt. sodium lanterns and in addition 106 additional street lights had been provided, priority being given to those roads which were classified, were used by a considerable amount of traffic, or where the streets are built up on both sides of the road.

In addition a scheme was being prepared for further additional lights to bring all the lighting in all the villages up to a satisfactory standard. It is anticipated that about 185 further street lights will be required. A scheme for the lighting of the trunk road through Measham has been prepared and the Ministry of Transport have authorised the invitation of tenders. 50 - 200 watt. sodium lanterns are to be provided on 30' columns.

I would once again express to you, Mr. Chairman and Members of the Council, my thanks for your help and for your consideration, my appreciation to Doctor Segerdal, the Clerk of the Council and the Accountant for their help and advice and I wish to express to the members of my own staff my thanks for the willing and conscientious way in which they have carried out their duties.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Sumnall, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,

C. S. CURTIS.

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