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# **ASPULL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL**

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## *Medical Officer of Health:*

J. H. McP. ROBERTSON, M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.  
(Resigned 31st August, 1970)

P. LEE, B.SC., M.B., CH.B., D.P.H.

(Appointed 1st September, 1970)

## *Public Health Inspector:*

T. SUTTON, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

## ASPULL URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

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*To the Chairman and Members of the Aspull Urban District Council*

AND  
Madam Chairman <sup>^</sup>Gentlemen,

I have the honour of submitting to you the Annual Report on the health of the District for the year 1970.

As in previous years it has been compiled in accordance with instructions from the Ministry of Health.

I would like to take the opportunity to express my gratitude for the assistance and co-operation received from the Officers of the Council and particularly to Mr. Sutton, Public Health Inspector, for his un-failing support.

I also respectfully wish to offer to Members of the Council my appreciations for the courtesy and encouragement given to me at all times.

I am, Madam Chairman and Gentlemen,

Yours faithfully,

P. LEE,

Medical Officer of Health.



## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area: 1,906 acres.

Population (Census 1961): 6,740.

Estimated mid-1970 (Registrar General): 7,480.

Total Number of Inhabited Dwellings at end of 1970 according to Rate Books: 2,611.

Rateable Value: £190,773.

Sum represented by Penny Rate: £770.

Aspull Urban District is situated some three miles north-east of Wigan and seven miles west of Bolton. The north-western portion of the area reaches to the greatest height above sea level (525 ft.) and from this point an uninterrupted view of the countryside for miles around may be obtained.

The present Urban District Council consisting of nine members governs the district, which is divided into three Wards. The Council, together with the Councils of the neighbouring Urban Districts of Hindley and Westhoughton, administer Borsdane Wood, through which runs the brook forming one of the natural boundaries of the Urban District.

The main industries are baking, tile manufacturing and agriculture. Several other smaller factories operate within the area.

### VITAL STATISTICS

<i>Births</i>	<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Live Births: Legitimate .....	68	63	131
Illegitimate .....	3	1	4
Still Births: Legitimate .....	3	NIL	3
Illegitimate .....	NIL	NIL	NIL

Live birth rates per 1,000 estimated population:

Crude Rate .....	18.0	
Adjusted rate .....	17.6	(16.0)
Area comparability factor .....	0.98	
Still birth rate per 1,000 total births .....	22	(13)

### *Deaths*

Mortality rates per 1,000 estimated population:

Total (all forms):		
Crude rate .....	13.1	
Adjusted rate .....	18.1	(11.7)
Area comparability factor .....	1.38	
Respiratory tuberculosis .....	NIL	(0.019)
Malignant neoplasms .....	2.8	(2.39)



Maternal mortality rate per 1,000 total births ..... NIL

#### Death of Infants:

		<i>Males</i>	<i>Females</i>	<i>Total</i>
Infant mortality ..... Legitimate		1	NIL	1
(deaths under 1 year of age) Illegitimate		NIL	NIL	NIL
Neonatal mortality ..... Legitimate		1	NIL	1
(deaths under 4 weeks of age) Illegitimate		NIL	NIL	NIL
Early neonatal mortality ..... Legitimate		1	NIL	1
(deaths under 1 week of age) Illegitimate		NIL	NIL	NIL
Infant mortality rate per 1,000 live births .....			7	(18)
Neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births .....			7	(12)
Early neonatal mortality rate per 1,000 live births .....			7	(11)
Perinatal mortality (still births and deaths under 1 week of age) rate per 1,000 total births .....			29	(23)

(The figure shown in parenthesis represent the respective rates for England and Wales).

#### CANCER

Facilities for radium treatment are available to Aspull residents at the Radium Institute, Manchester, and at Wigan Infirmary, which for this purpose is a sub-clinic of the Manchester Centre.

Twenty-one deaths (12 males and 9 females) were certified as due to cancer during the year.

TABLE SHOWING CAUSES OF DEATH AT VARIOUS AGES

CAUSE OF DEATH	Sex	Total All Age	Under 4 weeks	4 weeks & under 1 year	AGE IN YEARS							75 & 65—over
					1—	5—	15—	25—	35—	45—	55—	
B18 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B18 Other Infective and Parasitic Diseases ...	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(3) Malignant Neoplasm, Stomach ...	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ...	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(4) Malignant Neoplasm, Intestine ...	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(6) Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus ...	M	7	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	4	1
B19(7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
B19(7) Malignant Neoplasm, Breast ...	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B19(9) Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate...	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—
B19(9) Malignant Neoplasm, Prostate...	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	1
B19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B19(11) Other Malignant Neoplasms ...	F	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	2	1
B20 Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B20 Benign and Unspecified Neoplasms ...	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B46(5) Other Diseases of Nervous System ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B46(5) Other Diseases of Nervous System ...	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B27 Hypertensive Disease ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B27 Hypertensive Disease ...	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease ...	M	10	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B28 Ischaemic Heart Disease ...	F	12	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	5	5
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease ...	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—
B29 Other Forms of Heart Disease ...	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	2
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease ...	M	4	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B30 Cerebrovascular Disease ...	F	6	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	3	1
B46(6) Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B46(6) Other Diseases of Circulatory System ...	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B31 Influenza ...	M	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2
B31 Influenza ...	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B32 Pneumonia ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B32 Pneumonia ...	F	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B33(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B33(1) Bronchitis and Emphysema ...	F	9	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	6	2
B46(7) Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B46(7) Other Diseases of Respiratory System ...	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B37 Cirrhosis of Liver ...	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B37 Cirrhosis of Liver ...	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B46(8) Other Diseases of Digestive System ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B46(8) Other Diseases of Digestive System ...	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B39 Hyperplasia of Prostate ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—
B46(11) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
B46(11) Diseases of Musculo-Skeletal System ...	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B42 Congenital Anomalies ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B42 Congenital Anomalies ...	F	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B45 Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions ...	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
B45 Symptoms and Ill Defined Conditions ...	F	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BE47 Motor Vehicle Accidents ...	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BE48 All Other Accidents ...	M	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BE48 All Other Accidents ...	F	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BE50 All Other External Causes ...	M	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
BE50 All Other External Causes ...	F	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ALL CAUSES ...	M	55	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13
TOTAL ALL CAUSES ...	F	43	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	16



## **GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA**

### **LABORATORY ARRANGEMENTS**

Bacteriological examinations are carried out by the Department of Bacteriology, Royal Albert Edward Infirmary, Wigan. Chemical analyses are undertaken by the County Analyst, County Hall, Preston. These arrangements are entirely satisfactory.

### **AMBULANCE ARRANGEMENTS**

During the year non-infectious, infectious, accident and maternity cases were dealt with adequately by the Ambulance Service operated by the Lancashire County Council. The ambulances are stationed at Hindley and Standish.

### **NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948**

No action was taken by the Authority during the year, under Section 47 of this Act.

## **PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS DISEASES**

A total of 30 cases of infectious diseases were notified during the year. This figure comprises 23 cases of measles, 3 cases of respiratory tuberculosis and 4 cases of food poisoning.

Thirteen cases of Salmonella Virchow were notified or ascertained during the year and in one instance a whole family of man, wife and four children were affected.

Tuberculosis—The dispensary services under the control of the Regional Hospital Board and Aspull cases attend the Chest Clinic, Millgate, Wigan.

The following table shows the number of cases of these diseases occurring within various age groups.



# CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1970

D I S E A S E	T O T A L C A S E S N O T I F I E D									
	T O T A L C A S E S A T A L L A G E S	A G E P E R I O D S — Y E A R S								a g e u n - k n o w n
		0 -	1 -	2 -	3 -	4 -	5 -	10 -	15 -	25 a n d o v e r
Measles (excluding rubella)	23	3	2	8	1	3	6	NIL	NIL	NIL
Tuberculosis - Respiratory	3	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	1	NIL
Food Poisoning .....	4	1	NIL	NIL	1	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	2

## IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

The following tables show the number of children resident in Aspall who were immunised and vaccinated during the year.

CHILDREN UNDER 16 YEARS OF AGE PROTECTED AGAINST—					PRIMARY	RE-INFORCEMENT
Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	148	127
Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	138	12
Tetanus	...	...	...	...	148	127
Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	148	142
Measles	...	...	...	...	184	NIL
Rubella	...	...	...	...	26	NIL



# REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

T. SUTTON, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

## DETAILS OF VISITS

Refuse Disposal .....	178	Qualification Certificates .....	24
Miscellaneous Visits .....	391	Gypsies .....	2
Drainage .....	1	Housing Act Inspections .....	180
Factories .....	8	Public Health Act Insp. ....	371
Pet Shops .....	3	Grocers .....	60
Rodent Control .....	19	Butchers .....	16
Insect Control .....	3	Bakers .....	3
Schools .....	12	Confectioners .....	2
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act .....	26	Fried Fish Shops .....	10
Stables and Piggeries .....	1	Sweet Shops .....	11
Standard Grants .....	24	Cafes and Snack Bars .....	1
Filthy or Verminous Premises.....	11	Licensed Premises .....	20
Infectious Disease .....	45	School Kitchens .....	12
Theatres Act .....	2	Street Vendors and Hawkers	6
Council Housing Visits .....	207	Milk Samples .....	19
		Water Samples .....	15

Total number of visits and inspections: 1,683

Total number of interviews: 680

## PUBLIC HEALTH ACT, 1936

Defects and or nuisances:

- (i) Discovered—143
- (ii) Remedied—192

Notices served:

- (i) Informal—67
- (ii) Statutory—25

Notices complied with:

- (i) Informal—51
- (ii) Statutory—28



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

### WATER SUPPLY

The Bolton Corporation is the statutory water ~~and~~ undertaker for the Urban District, although certain functions are carried out within the area by the Makerfield Water Board.

There are three sources of supply to the district.

The north-western portion of the district, that is the area adjacent to Butcherfield Row and part of Haigh Road, is supplied from Wilderswood Reservoir at Blackrod. This supply is pumped to Aspull by the Makerfield Water Board.

Properties at Pennington Green and Hall Lane derive their supply of water from the reservoir at Rivington via the Liverpool aqueduct.

The remaining parts of the district receive the Thirlmere supply provided by Bolton Corporation.

All premises within Aspull receive a piped supply from the public mains. During the year 41 new dwellings were connected to the public supply.

Laboratory reports indicate that it is fit for drinking and all domestic purposes.

The following table shows the number of samples of fully treated water taken during the year.

BACTERIOLOGICAL EXAMINATIONS			CHEMICAL ANALYSES		
RESULTS			RESULTS		
No.	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory	No.	Satisfactory	Unsatisfactory
8	8	NIL	4	4	NIL

## DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

Plans for the long delayed new sewer to be laid from Scot Lane to Top Lock are now coming to fruition and work will commence in 1971.

The building of Council Houses in Scot Lane and of other private development can then commence.

The sanitary accommodation in the district at the end of the year was:

Number of fresh water closets	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,914
Number of pail closets	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	6
Number of privy middens	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1

## PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

There are three public conveniences in the area.

## TENTS, VANS AND SHEDS

There are no licensed carvan sites within the district.

## SMOKE ABATEMENT

There are two factory chimneys in the district and no action has been found necessary during the year.

## OFFENSIVE TRADES

There are no registered premises within the district.

## SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are none in the district.

## VERMINOUS PREMISES

During the year 5 houses were treated for bugs, ants or silverfish.

The hawthorn hedges on the Hilton Council Estate have again been treated with Trichlorphon (Dipterex 80) because of infestation of the Small Ermine Moth (*Yponomeura Padella*).

The infestation was not as severe as the 1968 infestation but it may be necessary to continue treatment in 1971.



## RODENT CONTROL

One man is employed part-time on rodent control work.

During the year 317 visits were made to premises in this connection, dealing with 117 infestations of rats and 15 infestations of mice. This shows an increase of 27 infestations on the previous year.

The annual sewer treatment carried out in June in which 117 manholes were treated showed 1 complete take and only 4 partial takes.



TABLE SHOWING DETAILS OF RODENT CONTROL WORK

	TYPE OF PROPERTY	
	Non-Agricultural	Agricultural
(a) Number of properties in district	2,963	26
(b) Total number of properties (including nearby premises) inspected following notification	129	1
(c) Number of (b) infested by Rats — Major	—	—
Minor	114	1
Mice — Major	—	—
Minor	15	—
(d) Total number of properties inspected for rats and or mice for reasons other than notification	—	2
(e) Number of (d) infested by Rats — Major	—	—
Minor	—	2
Mice — Major	—	—
Minor	—	—
(f) Number of infested properties treated by L.A.	129	3
(g) Total treatments carried out including re-treatments	315	3
(h) Number of "Block" control schemes carried out	—	—

## SCHOOLS

Schools are visited periodically in connection with food hygiene, washing facilities and sanitary accommodation.

Attempts have been made to see that suitable facilities are available in all our schools but unfortunately without success.

The unsatisfactory conditions outlined in the 1969 Annual Report still exist, e.g. water pipes of external waterclosets and urinals which freeze and burst in winter-time, and the lack of basic equipment with which to sterilize crockery and utensils used by the school children.

As it will be some time before all these inadequate schools can be replaced surely it is worth a comparatively small investment to cover the intervening years in order that the young children of the district may have the facilities they so badly need.

## HOUSING

The number of applicants on the Housing Waiting list at 31st December, 1970, was 152. In addition to this 37 Council house tenants have submitted a request for an exchange of houses.

Twenty-three tenancies were granted in the current year and 12 exchange of houses were arranged for existing tenants.

Allocation of Council tenancies has commenced at Top Lock and the first six houses have been let. It is hoped that completion of Phase I building (66 houses and flats) will be completed in the coming year and that Phase II will be under way in 1971.

Three further Clearance Areas were declared in the Top Lock area involving 51 houses and 132 persons. An objection has been made to the making of No. 8 Clearance Area and a Public Enquiry will be held in 1971.

The Cale Lane Clearance Area No. 7 was declared which resulted in the demolition of 9 houses involving 12 persons.

Demolition Orders were made in respect of 7 houses and 6 houses were the subject of Closing Orders.

Four of the 12 one bedroom flats at Crawford Close have been tenanted and work is progressing on the 5 handicapped persons flats in Haigh Road/ St.Mary's Road.



## HOUSING STATISTICS

Number of new dwellings erected during the year:

(i)	By Local Authority .....	6
(ii)	By other Local Authorities .....	NIL
(iii)	By other bodies or persons .....	35 houses

### 1.—INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR:

(1)	(a)	Total number of dwelling houses inspected formally or informally for housing defects under Public Health or Housing Acts .....	182
	(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose .....	551
	(c)	Number of dwellings in (a) above found to be not in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation but capable of being rendered fit .....	67
(2)		Total number of dwellings existing at end of year, occupied or not, which were unfit for human habitation and not capable at reasonable expense of being rendered fit and in respect of which:	
	(a)	Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have been made (at any time) .....	126
	(b)	Demolition, Clearance or Closing Orders have not yet been made (estimated) .....	196

### 2.—HOUSES DEMOLISHED IN CLEARANCE AREAS:

	<i>Houses Demolished</i>	<i>Displaced during year</i>	
		<i>Persons</i>	<i>Families</i>
(1)	Houses unfit for human habitation .....	94	27
(2)	Houses included by reason of bad arrangements, etc. ....	NIL	NIL
(3)	Houses on land acquired under Section 43(2), Housing Act, 1957 .....	NIL	NIL

Not in Clearance Areas:

(4)	As a result of formal or informal procedure under Section 17(1) Housing Act, 1957 .....	NIL	10	3
(5)	Local Authority owned houses certified unfit by the Medical Officer of Health .....	NIL	NIL	NIL
(6)	Houses unfit for human habitation where action has been taken under local Acts .....	NIL	NIL	NIL
(7)	Unfit houses included in Unfitness Orders .....	NIL	NIL	NIL



### 3.—UNFIT HOUSES CLOSED:

(1) Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1) Housing Act, 1957 and Section 26 Housing Act, 1961 .....	6	5	3
(2) Under Sections 17(3) and 26, Housing Act, 1957.....	NIL	NIL	NIL
(3) Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957 .....	NIL	NIL	NIL

### 4.—UNFIT HOUSES MADE FIT AND HOUSES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE REMEDIED:

	<i>By Owner</i>	<i>By Local Authority</i>
(1) After informal action by local authority .....	45	NIL
(2) After formal notice under		
(a) Public Health Acts .....	23	NIL
(b) Housing Act, 1957 .....	NIL	NIL
(3) Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1957	NIL	NIL

### 5.—UNFIT HOUSES IN TEMPORARY USE: (Housing Act, 1957)

	<i>No. of Houses (1)</i>	<i>No. of separate dwellings contained in Col. (1) (2)</i>
Position at end of year:		
(1) Retained for temporary accommodation		
(a) Under Section 48 .....	NIL	NIL
(b) Under Section 17(2) .....	NIL	NIL
(c) Under Section 46 .....	NIL	NIL
(2) Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53 .....	NIL	NIL

### 6.—PURCHASE OF HOUSE BY AGREEMENT:

	<i>No. of Houses (1)</i>	<i>No. of occupants of houses in Col. (1) (2)</i>
Houses in Clearance Areas other than those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year	1	4

## RENT ACT, 1957

There have been 14 applications for qualification certificates appertaining to the Rent Act, 1957.

### 7.—HOUSING ACTS IMPROVEMENT GRANTS, ETC.

No applications were received for Improvement Grants during 1970.

Thirty applications were received for Standard Grants during the year and all, with the exception of five were approved.



## PUBLIC CLEANSING

A weekly collection of refuse has been maintained during the year with the exception of the July and September holiday weeks.

A further supply of plastic bins has been purchased for containing paper sacks.

At the 31st December, 1970 there are approximately 2,284 householders using the sack method of refuse disposal and this only leaves 237 households using metal bins.

It is our intention that all householders will be on the sack method in 1971.

Our refuse collection productivity agreement is still functioning satisfactorily but, due to the increased use of the sack method of collection, the bonus has fallen considerably. The scheme has now been in operation for two years and will in my opinion soon require amending as the men have only worked a four day week during the whole of 1970.

Although, following the introduction of the productivity agreement, the number of complaints against the refuse collection service were comparatively few in 1969, it is gratifying to note that the number of complaints in 1970 were even less, i.e. only 17 complaints received during the year and only 12 of which were actually justified.

This I feel is a true reflection of the type of service our refuse collectors give, a service which will be difficult to improve upon no matter how large an Authority we become.

1970 has shown an increase in the number of requests for the removal of unwanted articles of household furniture, 96 visits have been made for this purpose. This is probably due to the fact that rate-payers are beginning to realize, that it is not necessary to indiscriminately dump their unwanted household articles on the roadside or in convenient fields, it is so much easier to ask their Local Council to collect them free of charge.



## INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

### MILK SUPPLY

Lancashire County Council are the responsible Authority for issuing milk licenses.

No Ministry investigation by the Divisional Inspector of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was found necessary during the year as a result of tuberculous milk.

A total of 28 samples was obtained comprising 7 milks and 21 others as follows:—

1 Pickled Silverskin Onions	1 Dettol
1 Skinless Pork Sausages	1 Calamine Lotion B.P.
1 Sonalgin Tablets	1 Ferri. Sulphate Compound Tablets
1 Cold Relief Tablets	1 Paste Mag. Sulph. B.P.C.
1 Children's Decongestant	1 Cream Proflavin
4 Cheese Spread	1 Surgical Spirit B.P.C.
1 Acidum Aceticum	1 Adexalin Vit. A and D Capsules
1 Cetavlex Cream	1 Cream Vichyssoise Soup
1 Cetavlon Cream	1 Bread

I give below details of those samples on which the County Analyst gave adverse reports:—

<i>Sample</i>	<i>Result of Analysis</i>	<i>Action Taken</i>
Pickled Silverskin Onions	Contained an approximately triangular shaped piece of broken glass (sides 38, 30 and 20 millimetres length and thickness varying from 3.05 to 3.75 millimetres) which weighed 2.779 grammes.	Prosecution: Fined £10 Costs £20
Cheese Spread	Cheese showed signs of shrinkage due to loss of about 8% of moisture—otherwise genuine.	} Vendor cautioned
Cheese Spread	Sample had lost approximately 13% moisture and the fat was just beginning to show signs of rancidity.	
Cheese Spread	Approximately 150,000 living mites ( <i>Tyrophagus Casei</i> ) together with eggs and excrement and fat which was beginning to go rancid.	



Informal	Milk Fat	1.05	}	School milk watered by pupils—no action.
	Milk Solids—not fat	3.72		
Milk	Water	95.23		
		<hr/> 100.00		
	58% extraneous water		}	
Informal	Milk Fat	1.90		
Milk	Milk Solids—not fat	4.97		
	Water	93.13		
		<hr/> 100.00		
	39.2% extraneous water			

Acidum Aceticum Consisted of a strong acetic acid containing 94.2% acetic acid by weight. (School Clinic). Divisional Medical Officer notified with a view to having bottle labelled "Concentrated Solution of Acetic Acid 94%—Dangerous. Not to be used unless Diluted".

Note The unqualified name "Acidum Aceticum" is a B.P.C. synonym which implies a strength of only 33% but Glacial Acetic Acid should contain not less than 99%.

Calamine Residue on ignition 33.6% (B.P. limits 14.5—18.5%). Sample in dried condition having appearance of old stock. (School Clinic). Divisional Medical Officer notified.

Bread Contained 16 fibres of sisal of lengths up to 9.1 centimetres and a total weight of 31 milligrams. Complainant informed and Bakery cautioned.

## MEAT AND OTHER FOODS

There are no slaughterhouses in the district.

Butchers obtain their supplies from abattoirs situated in neighbouring areas.

## FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Given on page 23 are details of samples obtained in the Aspall Urban District, under the provisions of the above Act, during 1970.

Food condemned is collected by the Authority and suitably buried on the refuse tip.



The following is a list of food premises within the district:

**TYPE OF BUSINESS:**

General grocers and provision dealers .....	26
Meat shops (butchers, <sup>u</sup> parveyors of cooked and preserved meat, tripe, etc.) .....	6
Bakers and or confectioners .....	4
Fried fish shops .....	6
Shops selling mainly sugar confectionery, minerals, ice-cream etc. ....	7
Licensed premises, clubs, canteens, restaurants, cafes, snack bars and other similar establishments .....	38
The number of food premises registered under Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955, was as follows:	
Premises for the storage and retail sale of ice-cream .....	19

**FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960**

Routine inspections of food premises and mobile shops have continued during the year.

139 visits have been made for this purpose.

**ICE-CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT, Etc.) REGULATIONS,  
1959 and 1963.**

There are no ice-cream manufacturers in the area.

**FACTORIES ACT, 1961. (Part 1)**

**1.—Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health.**

Premises (1)	Number on Register (2)	Number of		
		Inspections (3)	Written notices (4)	Occupiers prosecuted (5)
(i) Factories in which sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities ...	2	2	1	NIL
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority ...	6	6	NIL	NIL
(iii) Other premises in which section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises) ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL ... ..	8	8	1	NIL



## 2.—Cases in which defects were found.

Particulars  (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecu- tions were instituted  (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector (4)	By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)... ..	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Unreasonable tempera- ture (S.3) ... ..	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)... ..	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ... ..	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Sanitary conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ...	1	1	NIL	NIL	NIL
(b) Unsuitable or de- fective ... ..	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
(c) Not separate for sexes ... ..	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Other offences against the Act (not includ- ing offences relating to outworkers ...	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
TOTAL ... ..	1	1	NIL	NIL	NIL

## PETROLEUM (REGULATION) ACTS, 1928 and 1936.

Ten licenses to store petroleum spirit were renewed during the year.





