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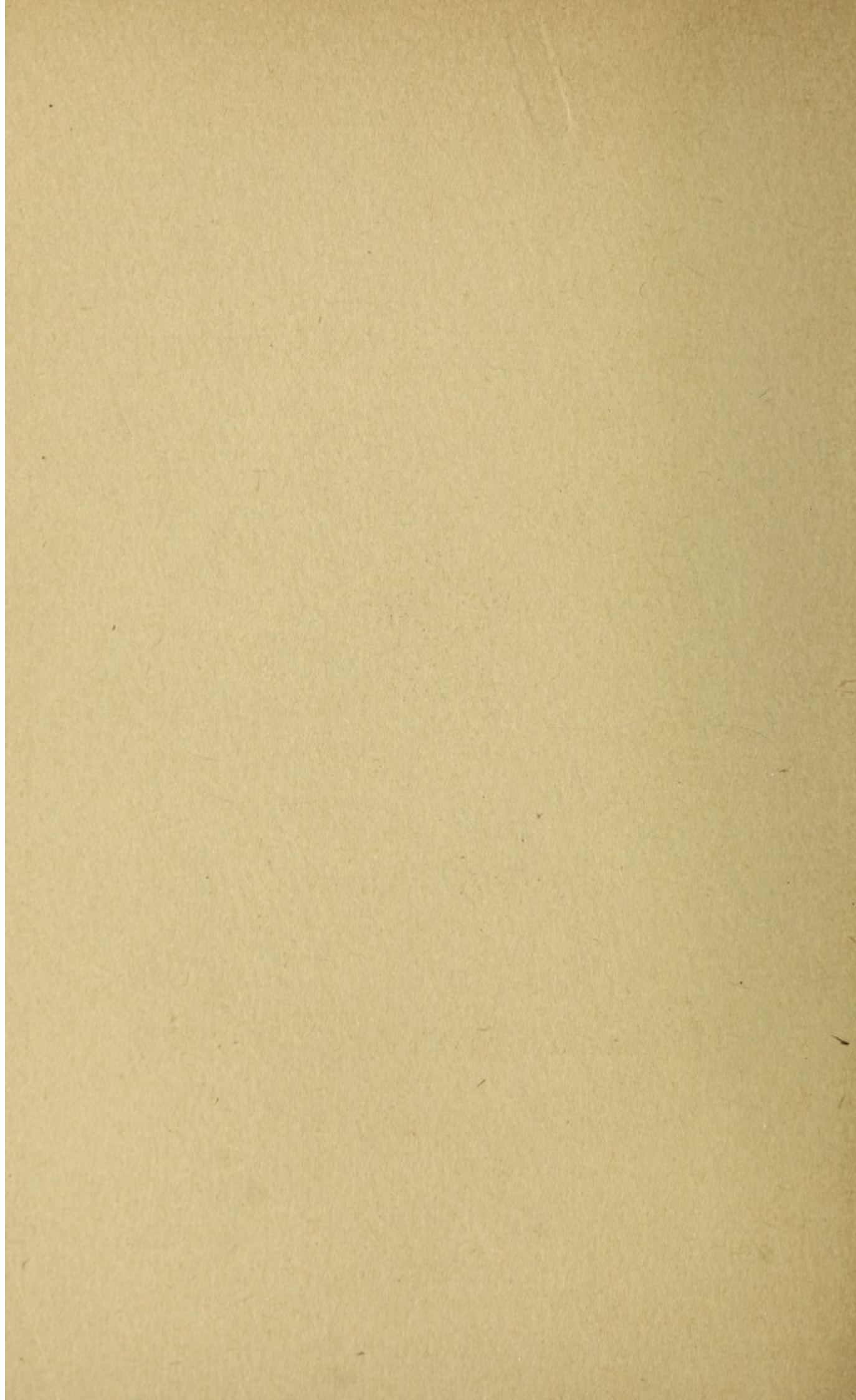
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BOROUGH OF BEXHILL

HEALTH COMMITTEE

Chairman:

MR. ALDERMAN G. H. GOODWIN

Vice-Chairman:

MR. COUNCILLOR E. H. CORKE

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STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:

Area School Medical Officer and Assistant County Medical Officer
of Health, East Sussex County Council:

R. J. Toleman, M.B.E.(Mil.), M.B., B.S.(Lond.), D.P.H.(Eng.)

Senior Public Health Inspector:

W. H. Ball, Cert.S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.

Certified Inspector of Meat and other Foods.

Public Health Inspectors:

C. E. Lockley, Cert.S.I.B.

Certified Inspector of Meat and other Foods.

S. W. Wild, Cert.S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.

Certified Inspector of Meat and other Foods.

Disinfecting Officer and General Assistant, and Rodent Operator:

G. Chalmers.

Clerks:

K. F. Westwood.

Miss N. W. McEvoy.

Maternity and Child Welfare:

Bexhill Nursing Association and East Sussex County Council.

M. and C.W. Clinic:

London Road Clinic, Bexhill: L. M. Rhodes-Clooney, M.B.,
B.S., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

Weighing Centre:

Little Common Community Centre.

Ante-Natal Clinic:

London Road Clinic, Bexhill: R. K. Reid, M.A., M.B., B.Chir.,
M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

E. W. Graham, M.B., B.S.

and at individual surgeries of the General Practitioners in Bexhill.

Health Visitors and District Nurses:

Bexhill Nursing Association and East Sussex County Council:

*Present Staff:**Full-time Health Visitors:*

Miss L. W. Parks, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., H.V.

Miss B. I. Justice, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., H.V.

Miss A. M. Knapp, S.R.N., S.C.M., H.V.

Nurse-Midwives:

Miss G. Silver, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.

Miss D. M. Jull, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N., H.V.

Miss M. Richardson, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.

Miss B. Carter, S.R.N., S.C.M., Q.N.

General Nurses:

Miss A. S. Odell, S.R.N., Q.N., Relief Nurse for District
(left 30.11.60).

Mr. A. B. Kurn, S.R.N., Q.N.

Mr. C. G. Martin, S.R.N., Q.N.

Mrs. P. Hubbard, S.R.N., Part-time relief nurse.

Tuberculosis:

East Sussex County Council:

A. W. Anderson, M.D.(Lond.), Chest Physician.

Venereal Diseases:

W. McAleenan, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.

TO THE MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS OF THE BOROUGH OF BEXHILL

MR. MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1960, which is arranged in accordance with the instructions contained in the Ministry of Health Circular 1/61, dated 31st January, 1961.

Staff

There were no staff changes during the year, but as in 1959, much extra work devolved on the District Public Health Inspectors, owing to the continued ill-health of Mr. W. H. Ball, Senior Public Health Inspector, especially during the latter part of the year, from September to Christmas, and again we are grateful for the efforts of these two Officers for dealing with all the problems of environmental hygiene, and the extra work involved.

General Standard of Health

This can be considered as excellent throughout the year, there being no major epidemics.

Details of the climatic condition which prevailed through the year are given in Section A, in the report submitted by Mr. H. J. Sargent, the Borough Meteorologist, from which it will be seen that 1960 was the wettest year on record, with considerable rainfall during the last three months of the year, accompanied by considerable flooding of low-lying ground, but not comparable with that which prevailed in neighbouring districts. In spite of the record rainfall there were 1,588 hours of bright sunshine through the year.

Vital Statistics

Four infant deaths under the age of one year were registered during the year, as against seven in 1959. The causes are set out in Table 2, all these occurring in the first week of life. The causes being, Prematurity, Asphyxia, Acute Pneumonia, and Exposure. The Infantile Death Rate per 1,000 live births was 12.4 (1959, 26.4), England and Wales 21.9.

BIRTHS

The births showed a slight decrease during the year from 265 in 1959, to 241 in 1960. The rate being 8.8 per 1,000 estimated resident population. Adjusted for age and sex distribution of the population, the rate was 11.3 (1959, 11.7).

POPULATION

The Registrar General's figures showed that the estimated mid-year population during 1960, was 27,120, an increase of 510 over 1959, but that this estimate was too low was shown by the Census figures for 1961, which are just to hand (the most accurate method of population estimation) being 28,926, which showed that during the ten years between 1951-1961,

the population had increased by 3,232. Full details will, of course, be submitted in the Annual Report for 1961, when the complete statistics are available.

DEATHS

There were 539 deaths, an increase of 20 over 1959, death rate 11.4 adjusted (England and Wales 11.5). Table 4 gives the deaths by age groups. Seventy-seven per cent of deaths in males occurred above the age of 65 years, while the figure for females was 85 per cent (identical with 1959).

The average age of death was:

Males 69.13 years (expectation of life, England and Wales: (68.1)

Females 72.83 years (expectation of life, England and Wales: (73.9)

CAUSES OF DEATH

The major causes were (i) heart and circulatory disease 311, as against 282 in 1959, an increase of 29, there again being a sharp increase in deaths from Coronary Thrombosis and Angina, i.e., 107, as against 93. Coronary Thrombosis still remains the great killing disease of the over fifties. Unlike previous years, the number is approximately equal in both sexes. Cancer deaths showed a welcome decrease from 121 in 1959, to 109 in 1960, and it is particularly gratifying to note that deaths from Cancer of the Lung decreased to 13 males and 6 females (1959, 22 males and 5 females).

There were 4 deaths from motor accidents during the year, and 12 from other accident causes, viz.:

Drowning	...	...	...	2
Fall from trailer	...	...	...	1
Fall from train	...	...	...	1
Other falls	...	...	...	4
Knocked down by pedal cycle	...	...	...	1
Suicides	...	...	...	3
				—
				12

Poliomyelitis

There were no cases of Poliomyelitis notified during the year. This satisfactory state of affairs is, in my opinion, almost certainly due to the high percentage of vaccinated children and adults in 1960, and in previous years. All those below the age of 40 years who have not yet availed themselves of the facilities available are most strongly urged to do so forthwith. Full details of these facilities can be obtained from the Public Health Department, Town Hall, Bexhill, or from the Central Clinic, London Road, Bexhill, or through the family doctor.

Diphtheria

Once again one is happy to report that there has been no cases of Diphtheria notified during the year. This being the 10th consecutive year in which there have been no cases. Sufficient tribute to the value of diphtheria immunisation, and once again it is emphasised that Diphtheria is both a killing and disabling disease and it is only by immunisation of

all infants, and by booster doses of those of school age that the disease can be stamped out and no longer be considered a potential menace both to the community and the individual.

Food Poisoning

Only one case of Food Poisoning was notified during the year. Prolonged investigation gave no indication of the method of infection and it can be regarded as one of those sporadic cases which occur from time to time for no apparent reason.

Sonne Dysentery

Nineteen cases were notified, mostly during the Winter months, all were of a mild nature. The duration of illness in each case being 2 to 3 days with rapid response to treatment.

Sanitary Circumstances

Full details will be found in the latter section of the report, while Table 17 tells of the numerous visits of the Public Health Inspectors, with the variety of duties undertaken; necessary and essential services to the Community which go on day after day throughout the year to maintain at a high level the hygiene standards which are a feature in Bexhill.

Mass Radiography

The East Sussex Mass Radiography Unit visited Bexhill on two occasions, i.e., 2nd and 3rd February, 1960, and 6th and 7th July, 1960. The following figures were supplied by the Director of the Unit:

2nd and 3rd February, 1960

	Male	Female	Total
Number of persons X-rayed ...	372	464	836

Abnormal Films:

Tuberculosis requiring occasional clinical supervision ...	5	—	5
Malignant Disease ...	1	—	1
Sarcoidosis ...	1	—	1
Cardio-vascular Lesions ...	2	2	4

6th and 7th July, 1960

Number of persons X-rayed ...	298	332	630
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Abnormal Films:

Tuberculosis requiring occasional clinical supervision ...	1	—	1
Malignant Disease ...	—	1	1
Cardio-vascular Lesions ...	1	2	3
Pneumoconiosis ...	1	—	1

National Assistance Act, 1958, Section 47, as amended by the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

The Medical Officer of Health reported that he had received a request from one of the medical practitioners in the Borough for the removal to

hospital of a patient who was in need of care and attention. Having regard to the fact that such patient had refused to be moved into hospital, the Medical Officer of Health reported that he had taken the appropriate action under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act, 1948, as amended by the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951, as a result of which the patient was transferred to hospital.

National Health Service Act, 1946

The Ambulance Service in Bexhill is administered by the County Medical Officer's Department, and manned by the members of the St. John Ambulance Association. During the year part-time personnel became full-time, and the staff now consist of an Ambulance Transport Officer and four Driver/Attendants.

Vaccination and Immunisation Service

This service is now controlled by the County Medical Officer of Health and his department at Lewes, where all records are held. The actual inoculation, of course, being carried out by General Practitioners, and the Medical Officer of Health. Full credit should be given to the Health Visiting Nursing Sisters, who visit all mothers and children, as they do, at home, and are always stressing the value of this service and its importance in the field of preventive medicine. The high percentage of those inoculated and vaccinated in Bexhill is a tribute to their untiring efforts and constant drive.

Welfare of The Elderly

(i) CHIROPODY SERVICE

This service was expanded during the year to take in expectant mothers, cripples, etc., and all those of pensionable age, as a part III service of the National Health Service Act, 1946. The number receiving treatment and attending the surgeries of the local Chiropodists is now 150. This service is typical of many services which have been begun by voluntary agencies, which later come under the control of the Local Health Authority.

(ii) SENIOR CITIZENS CLUB

It is hoped to open the Club early in 1961. By a magnificent effort during the past two years on the part of the Bexhill Friends of The Elderly, suitable premises were purchased, necessary alterations put in hand, and a membership list begun, and this at present is in the region of 300.

The Senior Citizens Club as it is now called, will be self-supporting and self-running, with facilities for meals and light refreshments, groups for drama, dress-making, art, music, gardening, etc. In addition it will act as a local centre for cultural and essential activities to mitigate loneliness and apathy which always prevail amongst the retired and elderly population.

Beach Pollution

In spite of the fact that many thousands of people bathed in the coastal waters of Bexhill during the year, not one case of Poliomyelitis or of the

Enteric Group of infections was notified. This confirms what was said in the Medical Research Council's Special Committee Report, on Sewage Contamination of Bathing Beaches in England and Wales (published in 1959) viz.: That bathing in sewage polluted sea water carries only a negligible risk to health and that the nuisance when it occurs is mainly an æsthetic one.

Repairs to the Galley Hill outfall were completed early in 1960, whilst it is hoped to replace the existing disintegrator screens with new ones in 1961. The outfall has now been stabilised and is in an excellent state of repair, ensuring that the risk of contamination of the beaches from our own outfall has been reduced to a minimum.

Flooding in Bexhill

Reference to flooding is made in the Meteorologist's report, but it should be explained that no sewers can possibly cope with a heavy rainfall of 1 inch per hour (equivalent to 100 tons per acre); surcharge of sewage from overloaded sewers and drains is much diluted and being infrequent and of short duration carries no Public Health risk.

Fouling of Pavements and Verges by Dogs

In certain streets and parts of the promenade it has been made compulsory for dogs to be on a lead, and it is hoped that this action will result in a material improvement in conditions which have long been an eyesore, and a poor advertisement for a town which prides itself with a high state of hygiene and cleanliness.

Swimming Pool

In accordance with Ministry of Health Circular No. 1/61 dated 31st January, 1961, a special report on the swimming pool is included in Section C, paragraph 9.

Committees

The Committees responsible for health matters in Bexhill are, with their duties:

1. HEALTH COMMITTEE

- (a) Public Health and Sanitation.
- (b) Slaughterhouses, The Food and Drugs Act, 1955, and regulations made thereunder, Shops Acts and Factories and Workshops.
- (c) Moveable Dwellings.
- (d) The Mortuary.
- (e) Breaches of Bye-laws or Statutes as to matters dealt with by them.
- (f) The service of Notices (other than Preliminary Notices), and, if necessary, the institution of legal proceedings.
- (g) Reconstruction of drains.
- (h) Pollution of streams and watercourses.
- (i) To exercise and carry out the powers and duties of the Council in all matters of urgency relating to the suppression of nuisances and preservation of public health.

- (j) Sewerage and drainage.
- (k) The collection and disposal of house and trade refuse.
- (l) Diseases of Animals Acts.
- (m) Destructive Insects and Pests Acts.
- (n) Riding Establishments Act, 1939.

2. ESTATES AND PARKS COMMITTEE

- (a) The care, control, and management of the Swimming Pool.
- (b) The care, control, and management of Cemeteries.

3. WATER COMMITTEE

- (a) The supply of water and management and control of the water undertaking of the Council.

In conclusion, my warmest thanks are due to the late Mr. W. H. Ball, Senior Public Health Inspector, for carrying out his duties although severely handicapped by ill-health, to Mr. C. E. Lockley, his Deputy, for the many extra duties he had to perform during Mr. Ball's absence, which applies also to Mr. S. Wild, District Public Health Inspector. To Mr. K. Westwood, Chief Clerk, and Miss N. McEvoy, Shorthand/Typist, not only in the compilation of this report, but for their loyalty and hard work throughout the year. To the General Assistant, Mr. G. Chalmers, whose multifarious duties including that of Rodent Operator, drain testing, disinfestation, etc., contributed much to the efficient working of the department.

The encouragement and support which I have received from the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, and Members of the Health Committee continued to be a source of inspiration throughout the year. Whilst the Editor and Staff of the Bexhill Observer have helped in every way through the press columns, ensuring that the public were kept fully informed of Public Health matters in Bexhill.

Once again the department owes much to the advice and wise counsel of the Town Clerk, whenever necessary, and my fellow Chief Officers and their respective staffs were ever ready with technical and practical assistance on all necessary occasions.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. J. TOLEMAN.

Medical Officer of Health.

1961.

Public Health Department,
Town Hall,
Bexhill, Sussex.
(Tel.: Bexhill 936).

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8,015 acres
Population	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	27,120
Number of separate dwelling assessments	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10,108
Rateable Value at 1.4.60	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£586,672
General Rate levied 1960-61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...21s.11d.in£
Product of Penny Rate 1960-61	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	£2,431 2s. 0d.

METEOROLOGY

I am indebted to Mr. H. J. Sargent, the Borough Meteorologist, for the following report for 1960.

Meteorological observations were carried on throughout the year 1960. Detailed monthly and other reports were transmitted to the Meteorological Office, Air Ministry, and information was supplied to the Press, to the publishers of year-books, to insurance companies, to local municipal departments, and to many inquirers. The Station was inspected by a representative of the Meteorological Office and certain instruments tested with the official standards.

The year 1960 was the wettest year on local record; the total precipitation, 41 ins., being 12 ins. in excess of the normal. October, November and December together provided 19 ins. of rain. In November, only two days were without measurable precipitation. Westerly gales with very heavy rain occurred during this month and also in December, causing severe flooding of low-lying areas and some minor damage due to high winds. Fortunately, at these times Bexhill did not suffer the great inconvenience and distress experienced in some places not far distant. August had very changeable weather, frequently thundery, and a rainfall of 4.66 ins.—2.36 ins. in excess of normal. A run of three consecutive days with an aggregate of 3.71 ins., contributed largely to the month's total. April on the whole was a dry month, for three-quarters of its rainfall (1.42 ins.: normal 1.63 ins.) occurred during one night, the other falls during the month being light in character.

Bright sunshine during the year totalled 1,588.4 hrs., 224 hrs. below the normal. March and July were notably dull, and May, August and September had appreciably less sunshine than usual. The sunniest period was from 30th May to 4th June, when the daily amounts of bright sunshine varied between 13 and 14 hrs.

The mean temperature for the year was 51.0 degrees (normal 50.6 degrees). March, May and November all had mean temperatures above the normal, but July was cool for a summer month. During the first half of January there were several falls of snow, and at this time the lowest screen temperature for the year, 22 degrees, was recorded, with 16 degrees of ground frost. There was also a little snow in February. March was mild, although it was not entirely without the cold easterly winds traditionally expected at this time of year.

No lengthy periods of warm settled weather occurred during the summer. The highest temperature of the year—77 degrees—was attained on 26th June, a day which also provided the maximum daily amount of sunshine, 14·7 hrs.

The full records of daily observations of air-pressure, temperatures, humidity, sunshine, precipitation, clouds, wind, visibility, and other meteorological items, with notes on the general weather conditions throughout the year are available for reference.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR

					Males	Females	Total
Live Births:	Legitimate	...	...	...	118	107	225
	Illegitimate	...	...	...	9	7	16
Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	...				—	—	8·8
(Comparability Factor 1·29) Adjusted Birth Rate					—	—	11·3
Stillbirths:	Legitimate	...	...	...	3	2	5
	Illegitimate	...	...	...	—	—	—
Rate per 1,000 population...	...	...	...	...	—	—	·18
Deaths	...	...	...	...	232	307	539
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population					—	—	19·8
(Comparability Factor 0·58) Adjusted Death Rate	...	...	...	...	—	—	11·4
Deaths from puerperal causes	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Deaths of Infants under one year of age:							
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	2	—	2
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	—	1	1
Death rate of infants under one year of age	...				—	—	12·4
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	47	62	109
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Deaths from Diarrhœa	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Deaths from Scarlet Fever (all ages)	...	...	...	...	—	—	—

TABLE 1
CAUSES OF DEATH

All Causes							Male 232	Female 307
1.	Tuberculosis respiratory	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
3.	Syphilitic Disease	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
4.	Diphtheria	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
8.	Measles	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
10.	Malignant neoplasm, stomach	...	...	...	...	...	6	11
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus...	...	...	...	...	...	13	6
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	...	...	...	...	...	—	11
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	...	...	...	...	...	—	2
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms.	...	...	...	...	...	28	32
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
16.	Diabetes	...	...	...	...	...	—	1
17.	Vascular Lesions of nervous system	...	...	...	...	...	42	59
18.	Coronary disease, angina	...	...	...	...	...	56	51
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	5	8
20.	Other heart disease	...	...	...	...	...	27	52
21.	Other circulatory disease	...	...	...	...	...	5	9
22.	Influenza	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
23.	Pneumonia	...	...	...	...	...	8	18
24.	Bronchitis	...	...	...	...	...	9	7
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	...	...	...	...	...	3	1
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	...	...	...	...	...	4	1
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	1	1
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	...	...	...	...	...	2	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	...	...	...	...	...	—	—
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	...	...	...	...	...	11	19
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	...	...	...	...	...	4	—
34.	All other accidents	...	...	...	...	...	3	9
35.	Suicide	...	...	...	...	...	—	3
36.	Homicide and operations of war	...	...	...	...	...	—	—

TABLE 2
INFANTILE DEATHS 1960, SHOWING CAUSES AND AGES AT DEATH

Cause	Age in Weeks				Total under 1 Month	Age in Months					Total
	-1	-2	-3	-4		1	2	3	6	9-12	
Asphyxia	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Prematurity... ..	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Acute Pneumonia ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1
Exposure	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1

TABLE 3
**INFANTILE DEATHS SHOWN BY CAUSES OF DEATH AND WARD
DISTRIBUTION**

Ward				Asphyxia	Prematurity	Acute Pneumonia	Exposure
Sidley ... ..	...	...	...	1	1	—	—
Central ... ..	...	...	...	—	—	1	1

TABLE 4
AGE AT DEATH—ALL CASES, 1959

	Under 1 Year	1	2	3	4	5-10	11-15	16-20	21-25	26-35	36-45	46-55	56-65	66-75	76-80	Over 80	Total
Males ...	2	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	2	15	31	82	44	53	232
Females ...	2	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	6	7	27	83	62	117	307

TABLE 5
INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1960 SHOWN BY WARDS

Disease	Egerton Park	Old Town	Central	Sackville	St. Mark's	Sidley	Total
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	—	1	—	6	1	5	13
Measles	5	13	14	38	14	19	93
Scarlet Fever	2	6	4	3	1	14	30
Ac. Pneumonia	—	—	2	—	—	—	2
Ac. Poliomyelitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas... ..	—	—	—	—	—	2	2
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	—	1	—	—	—	1	2
Food Poisoning	—	1	—	—	—	—	1
Dysentery (Sonnei) ...	1	1	—	2	11	4	19
Totals	8	23	20	49	27	35	162
Tuberculosis Notifications	—	—	—	—	—	—	13

SECTION B

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Laboratory Facilities

Bacteriological and pathological examinations continued to be carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at their Brighton Laboratory, under Dr. J. E. Jameson, Director.

Ambulance Facilities

While the Ambulances themselves are the property of the Local Health Authority, the Service itself is staffed and run by the St. John Ambulance Brigade, Bexhill Division, and continues to function efficiently and satisfactorily by the personnel concerned.

TABLE 6
CALLS 1960—Three Ambulances

	Accident or Emergency	Others, including Inval8d, Infectious	Total	No. of Journeys	Total Mileage
January ...	7	203	210	177	1,699
February ...	14	210	224	189	2,292
March ...	9	206	215	193	1,940
April ...	10	170	180	155	1,674
May ...	15	222	237	210	2,718
June ...	17	207	224	172	2,229
July ...	11	189	200	175	2,038
August ...	24	208	232	222	2,166
September ...	21	237	258	238	2,309
October ...	15	275	290	240	3,322
November ...	7	249	256	194	1,649
December ...	17	268	285	232	2,428

Nursing in the Home

During 1960, the following number of cases were attended by the District Nurses and Health Visitors:

Maternity and Midwifery cases	...	...	113
General cases	...	...	632

The visits paid were:

Maternity and midwifery	...	...	3,159
General Nursing	...	...	18,841
Health visits	...	...	6,536
(Including 606 visits to old people)			
Ante- and Post-Natal	...	...	1,447

Clinic Sessions attended	...	...	...	664
Mothercraft Classes and Exams. (School)	...			22
Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes (Ante-Natal)	...	...	...	99
T.B. Visits	...	...	...	197

Treatment Centres and Clinics

Minor Ailments Clinic, for School Children,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill: Monday to Friday at 9 a.m.

Dental Clinic, for School Children,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill: By appointment

Infant Welfare Clinic,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill: Every Thursday, 2 p.m.

Infant Welfare Clinic, Little Common Community Centre,
Shepherds Close, Little Common: 1st Mondays in Month at 2 p.m.

Toddlers' Clinic,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill: 2nd Friday in Month
morning—by appointment
4th Friday in Month
afternoon—by appointment

Ante-Natal Clinic,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill: 1st Fridays, 3rd Wednesdays, 3 p.m.

Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill: Tuesday afternoons, 3 p.m.

Dental Clinic for Mothers and Pre-School Children,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill: By appointment

Diphtheria Immunisation Clinic,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill: 2nd Wednesday in Month, 2.30 p.m.

Little Common Community Centre,
Shepherds Close, Little Common: 1st Monday in Month, 2 p.m.

Vaccination Clinic,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill: 2nd Wednesday in Month, 2.30 p.m.

Poliomyelitis Clinic,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill: 1st Wednesday in Month,
10.15 a.m., and 5.30-7.30 p.m.

Chest Clinic,
Bexhill Hospital: Every Tuesday, 2 p.m.

Veneral Disease Clinic,
Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings: Fridays, 4.30-6 p.m.

Percentage of registered live births represented by the number
in (i) 14.94

**Ante-Natal Clinic,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill:**

Number of expectant mothers attending	...	...	...	24
Number of attendances	...	...	...	51

Dental Clinic:

Number of attendances by Mothers	...	...	...	62
Number of attendances by Infants	...	...	...	114

Health Visitors:

The following statement shows the visits paid by the Health
Visitors during the year:

To expectant mothers:

Total visits	184
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To infants 0 to 1 year:

Total visits	2,620
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To children aged 1 to 5 years	2,773
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Maternity and Nursing Homes

The East Sussex County Council is the local supervising Authority
under Part VI of the Public Health Act, 1936.

The following particulars with reference to the Homes in Bexhill have
been supplied by the County Medical Officer of Health:

Total number of homes registered in the Borough on the 31st December, 1960	7
Number of applications for registration during 1960	...	...	...	—
Homes registered during the year	...	...	...	—
Orders made refusing or cancelling registration	...	...	...	—
Nursing Homes closed down during the year by owners	...	...	...	1

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

1. Water Supply

Under the Bexhill Corporation Act, 1925, the control of the water
supply is vested in the Bexhill Corporation.

(a) The Statutory area includes the Borough of Bexhill and seven
rural parishes, the water being obtained from three pumping stations
and is fed throughout the whole area through 121 miles of mains, and the
water supply has been satisfactory both with regard to quality and quantity.

(b) Bacteriological examinations of the raw water and subsequent
treatment at the various pumping stations are carried out.

During 1960, a sample was submitted each month for bacteriological and/or chemical examinations of the water supplied to the consumers and in all cases the standard was that required of a public supply.

(c) The water of the Bexhill Area is not liable to plumbo-solvent action.

(d) There are within the Borough 10,447 dwelling-houses and flats supplied direct from the public water mains, and in addition there are 194 houses covered by standpipe supplies and 626 metered trade supplies.

In the statutory area outside the Borough there are 1,149 houses and flats directly connected with the public mains, and in addition there are 392 metered supplies.

The average quantity of water used daily during 1960 in the statutory area was 1,508,000 gallons, which represents an increase of 31,000 gallons per day as compared with 1959.

WATER ANALYSIS

Copy of report on Sample of Water taken on 18th May, 1960

High Level

Chemical Results in Parts per Million

Appearance	...	...	...	...	Bright with very slight deposit.
Colour	...	...	...	...	Nil
pH	...	...	...	...	7.8
Electric Conductivity	...	...	...	...	355
Chlorine present as Chloride	...	...	...	...	38
Hardness—Total	...	...	...	...	120
Carbonate	...	...	...	...	95
Non-carbonate	...	...	...	...	25
Nitrate Nitrogen	...	...	...	...	0.9
Nitrite Nitrogen	...	...	...	...	Absent
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	...	...	...	...	0.000
Albuminoid Nitrogen	...	...	...	...	0.015
Metals—Iron	...	...	...	...	0.36
Zinc, Copper, Lead and Manganese	...	...	...	...	Absent
Turbidity	...	...	...	...	Less than 3
Odour	...	...	...	...	Nil
Free Carbon Dioxide	...	...	...	...	3
Dissolved Solids dried at 180°C.	...	...	...	...	240
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate	...	...	...	...	95
Oxygen Absorbed	...	...	...	...	0.40
Residual Chlorine	...	...	...	...	Absent

Bacteriological Results

Number of Colonies developing on Agar:

1 day at 37°C.	...	...	...	3 per ml.
2 days at 37°C.	...	...	...	3 per ml.
3 days at 20-22°C....	...	...	...	23 per ml.
Presumptive Coliform reaction	...	...	...	Present in — ml. Absent from 100 ml. Probable Number 0 per 100 ml.
Bact. coli (Type 1)	...	...	...	Present in — ml. Absent from 100 ml. Probable Number 0 per 100 ml.
Cl. welchii reaction	...	...	...	Present in — ml. Absent from 100 ml.

Report

This sample is reasonably clear and bright in appearance, on the alkaline side of neutrality and free from metals apart from a trace of iron. The water has very moderate hardness and it contains no excess of mineral constituents. It is free from colour and of very satisfactory organic and bacterial purity.

These results are indicative of a pure and wholesome water suitable for drinking and domestic purposes.

2. Drainage and Sewerage

General maintenance and cleansing of sewers received the usual attention, including additional clearance after the heavy storms in October and November.

Work on the sewer outfall to support and protect pipes has been completed.

3. Rivers and Streams

Cleansing has been carried out of ditches and streams that are the Council's liability. Private landowners can contribute materially to the relief of flooding during storm times if they ensure that old watercourses on their land are not destroyed and that all watercourses are kept free from obstruction.

4. Public Cleansing

Increased number of properties has added to this work but satisfactory refuse collection service has been maintained on a weekly frequency.

It has not been considered economical to reintroduce waste paper and salvage collections.

5. Sanitary Inspection of the Area

During 1960, 6,808 visits were paid by the Public Health Inspectors. The nature of the inspections, together with the list of notices served and the results of such notices are included in the Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector, which appears at the end of this Report.

6. Factories, Workshops and Workplaces

During the year 248 visits were paid to factories, workshops and workplaces. Fifteen notices were served during the year, of which 11 were complied with at the end of the year.

7. Moveable Dwellings

There are 15 licensed sites, giving accommodation for 244 caravans and 99 tents in the area.

Routine inspections of fairs circuses have been carried out and the usual high standard was found.

Youth Organisations again visited the area for camping holidays.

The arrangements at the various sites were kept under observation.

8. Smoke Abatement

Premises were kept under observation from time to time—13 visits were made.

The principal industries are gas-works, brick-works and dry-cleaning works. Railway operations also come within the sphere of activity.

9. Swimming Pool

The swimming pool in Bexhill is open air, length 40 yards, width 10 yards, and a capacity of approximately 100,000 gallons. The bath is filled with sea water at the beginning of the season and the sides, surrounds and bottom, are cleansed daily.

Clarification is by means of high-pressure filters, the filtering material being Soda Ash, Alumino Ferric, and Bicarbonate of Soda, the bath water constantly circulating through these filters. Continuous chlorination is maintained by a Wallis Tiernan chlorinator, and the dosage being in the strength of approximately 2 parts per million, in accordance with the Ministry of Housing and Local Government Publication "Purification of Water of Swimming Baths."

Frequent colormeter tests are taken throughout the day at the shallow middle and deep ends. The process of filtration ensures that the bath water is constantly circulating and being filtered every 8 hours.

Bacteriological examinations are taken monthly, and on other occasions when required. The results of these have been consistently excellent over a period of years, and the B/coli count is always less than 1 per 100 cc., which according to Ministry standards indicates a highly satisfactory bath content.

Cubicles are provided for changing purposes, and these are always maintained in a high standard of cleanliness.

Conveniences are maintained for both sexes, as well as showers for the use of bathers before and after bathing. The excellent state of cleanliness and hygiene of this swimming pool is evidence of its popularity, and the great demands on its accommodation which are proving to be inadequate, and it is hoped that alterations and extensions which will be begun in 1961, will remedy this. The bath facilities being open to the public at certain hours, are also available to State and Independent Schools at special sessions.

A public swimming pool is an amenity which all towns, particularly those at a seaside, can regard as essential. Bexhill can be congratulated on possessing one which is maintained in such an excellent condition. The only criticism one hears is that it is too small, and that the changing accommodation is limited.

10. Eradication of Vermin

A total of 13 complaints was received in respect of premises infested with vermin—4 Council and 9 private premises were disinfested.

In connection with re-housing in Council Houses, 105 visits were paid. Furniture and effects were inspected prior to re-housing.

11. Offensive Trades

There are two premises in the area which come within the definition of offensive trades, i.e., two rag and bone dealers.

12. Fish Frying Premises

There are three premises in the Borough where this trade is carried on. Fifteen visits were made during the year.

13. Pig-Keeping, Poultry-Keeping and Rabbit-Keeping

The officers of the Department have supervised premises where pig-keeping, poultry-keeping and rabbit-keeping are pursued, and in this connection three visits were paid to premises for poultry and rabbit-keeping and five visits for pig-keeping.

14. Shops Acts

SHOPS ACT, 1950

EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS ACT, 1920

Under the Shops Act, 1950, 358 visits were made to shops during the year in relation to lighting, heating and ventilation and general sanitation. Two Notices were served.

The present Government has made it known that it is preparing a new Bill to amend the law relating to Shops and for the first time to deal with working conditions in offices. A new Shops Act is long overdue and a new law relating to offices would be welcomed.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959
1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

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	15	58	2	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	93	187	7	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority † (excluding out-workers' premises) ...	7	21	6	—
TOTAL	115	266	15	—

† *i.e.* Electrical Stations (Section 103(1)), Institutions (Section 104) and sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Sections 107 and 108)

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 to 1959

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases")

Particulars (1)	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted (6)
	Found (2)	Remedied (3)	To H.M. Inspector (4)	Referred By H.M. Inspector (5)	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ...	2	2	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ...	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ...	7	4	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective ...	4	9	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes ...	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork) ...	2	1	—	—	—
TOTAL ...	15	16	—	—	—

OUTWORK
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 110		Section 111			
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)
Wearing apparel } Making, etc.	4	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL	NIL
Cleaning and Washing						
Household linen						
Lace, lace curtains and nets						
Curtains and furniture hangings						
Furniture and upholstery						
Electro-plate						
File making						
Brass and brass articles						
For pulling						
Iron and steel cables and chains						
Iron and steel anchors and grapnels						
Cart gear						
Locks, latches and keys						
Umbrellas, etc.						
Artificial flowers						
Nets, other than wire nets						

OUTWORK—continued
(Sections 110 and 111)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 110				Section 111		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 110 (1) (c) (2)	No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council (3)	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists (4)	No. of instances of work in some premises (5)	Notices served (6)	Prosecutions (7)	
Tents	NIL						
Sacks							
Racquet and tennis balls							
Paper bags							
The making of boxes or other receptacles or parts thereof made wholly or partially of paper							
Brush making							
Pea picking							
Feather sorting							
Carding, etc., of buttons, etc.							
Stuffed toys							
Basket making							
Chocolates and sweetmeats							
Cosques, Christmas stockings, etc.							
Textile weaving							
Lampshades							
TOTAL	4	—	—	—	—	—	

SECTION D

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected by the Council during the year:

Traditional Type Brick Houses (Replacement of Prefabs.)	8
One-bedroom Flats	24

General details with regard to inspection of dwelling-houses are submitted in the following tabular form:

1. Inspection of Dwelling-houses during the Year

(i) (a) Total number of dwelling-houses inspected for housing defects (under the Public Health or Housing Acts)	631
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	2,200
(ii) (a) Number of dwelling-houses (included under sub-head (i) above) which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations, 1925 and 1932	43
(b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ...	93
(iii) Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation ...	44

2. Remedy of Defects during the Year without Service of Formal Notices

Number of defective dwelling-houses rendered fit in consequence of informal action by the Local Authority or their officers	51
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3. Action under Statutory Powers during the Year

(a) Proceedings under Section 4 of the Housing Act, 1957:	
(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	Nil
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:	
(a) By Owners	Nil
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil
(b) Proceedings under the Public Health Acts:	
(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which notices were served requiring defects to be remedied	1
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:	
(a) By Owners	1
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil

- (c) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957:
- | | |
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| (i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made | 15 |
| (ii) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders | 4 |
- (d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957:
- | | |
|---|-----|
| (i) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... | Nil |
| (ii) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... | Nil |

4. Housing Act, 1957

During the year four complaints with regard to overcrowding were investigated by the Department.

5. Reconditioning of Houses

Fifty-one houses were rendered fit in consequence of informal action.

6. Housing Programme

The undermentioned table, supplied by the Corporation Housing Department sets out details with regard to applications for housing accommodation and the number rehoused at 31st December, 1960.

1. APPLICATIONS

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| (a) Total number of applications on Housing Register as at 31st December, 1960 | 436 |
| (b) Applications from non-residents | 20 |
| (c) Applicants working in Bexhill but living out of the Borough | 8 |

2. RE-HOUSED

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|---|-------|
| (a) Total number of families re-housed by the Committee since June, 1945 | 1,497 |
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3. THE BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR 1960 is as follows:

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| (a) 12 Units of Aged Persons Accommodation.
(Conversion of property into Aged Persons Flatlets—
replacement of temporary bungalows). |
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7. Housing—Clearance Areas

There was no demolition under this heading.

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply

A total of 64 visits were made by Public Health Inspectors to dealers' premises and dairies during 1960.

REGISTRATION

The accompanying table gives details of the regulations effected and the licences issued during the year:

Food and Drugs Act, 1955
Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949
Milk (Special Designations) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949-54 and the
Milk (Special Designations) (Pasteurised and Sterilised) Regulations 1949-53

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955—REGISTRATIONS

Certificate of Registration of Dairy	2
Certificate of Registration of Distributor	36

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (PASTEURISED AND STERILISED) REGULATIONS, 1949-53—LICENCES:

Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation "Sterilised"	2
Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation "Pasteurised"	36
Dealer's Supplementary Licence in respect of Pasteurised Milk	5
Dealer's Supplementary Licence in respect of Sterilised Milk	1

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) (RAW MILK) REGULATIONS, 1949-54 LICENCES:

Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested"	34
Dealer's Supplementary Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation "Tuberculin Tested"	5

Pasteurised Milk

During the year there was one pasteurising plant operating within the Borough and three sources of supply of milk were treated at plants outside the Borough.

During the year 61 samples of this milk were taken, of which five were unsatisfactory.

Tuberculin Tested Milk

There are 34 dealers in the Borough who supply graded milks under the Milk (Special Designations) Regulations.

(i) Tuberculin Tested (Pasteurised).

Thirty-seven samples of Tuberculin Tested Pasteurised Milk were obtained. None was found to be unsatisfactory.

(ii) Tuberculin Tested (Farm Bottled).

Thirty-seven samples of this grade of milk were obtained of which three were found to be unsatisfactory.

The total number of samples of various grades of milk taken during the year was 135. Eight samples or 2.9 per cent were found to be unsatisfactory.

TABLE 8
MILK SAMPLES TAKEN

Pasteurised		Tuberculin-Tested (Pasteurised)		Tuberculin-Tested (Farm Bottled)	
Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory	Satis- factory	Unsatis- factory
56	5	37	—	34	3

(b) Food Hygiene**FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1955****Number of Food Premises in the Area***Type:*

Cafes	...	...	...	...	...	52
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	20
Greengrocers	...	...	...	...	...	29
Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	5
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	50
Wet Fish	...	...	...	...	...	6
Fried Fish	...	...	...	...	...	3
Bread and Confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	17
Miscellaneous, including sweets and ice cream	...	...	...	...	...	44
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	23
Hotels and Guest Houses	...	...	...	...	...	103
Total	...	...	...	...	...	352
Total shops in Area	...	...	...	...	...	501

				Total Weight	
				lbs.	ozs.
Miscellaneous Tinned Goods	...	...	275	5½	
			<hr/>	275	5½
Miscellaneous Frozen Foods	139	3¾	
			<hr/>	139	2¾
Bacon and Ham—Tinned and Otherwise			16	0	
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				1,164	3½
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Disposal					
Animal Feeding and Manufacturing Purposes	...			1,164	3½
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TABLE 10
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Adulteration

The East Sussex County Council is the Authority for the administration of this sub-section, and the following information has been received from the Authority

Articles	No. of Samples taken		Genuine		Adulterated	
	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal
Milk	2	88	2	88	—	—
Channel Island Milk ...	—	21	—	21	—	—
Butter	—	2	—	2	—	—
Ice Cream	—	2	—	2	—	—
Preserves	—	2	—	2	—	—
Sweets	—	2	—	2	—	—
Double Cream	—	1	—	1	—	—
Tea	—	1	—	1	—	—
Tinned Fruit	—	2	—	2	—	—
Tinned Cream	—	1	—	1	—	—
Tinned Meats	—	1	—	1	—	—
Tinned Peas	—	1	—	1	—	—
Dried Mixed Fruit	—	1	—	1	—	—
Ground Almonds	—	1	—	1	—	—
Mixed Peel	—	1	—	1	—	—
Welsh Rarebit Spread ...	—	1	—	1	—	—
Swiss Dessert Chocolate...	—	1	—	1	—	—
Lemon Juice	—	1	—	1	—	—
Eggs Curry	—	1	—	1	—	—
Fish Cakes	—	1	—	1	—	—
Sausage Rolls	—	1	—	1	—	—
Mild Mustard	—	1	—	1	—	—
Meat Spread	—	1	—	1	—	—
Pure Coffee	—	1	—	1	—	—
Yoghourt	—	2	—	2	—	—
Synthetic Cream	—	1	—	1	—	—
Franfurter Sausages	—	1	—	1	—	—
Shortbread	—	1	—	1	—	—
Talbe Jellies	—	2	—	2	—	—
Ham and Chicken Roll ...	—	1	—	1	—	—
Fruit Cake	—	2	—	2	—	—
White Pepper	—	1	—	1	—	—
Treacle	—	1	—	1	—	—
Whisky	—	3	—	3	—	—
Cough Syrup	—	1	—	1	—	—
Vitamin Drink	—	1	—	1	—	—
Bread and Butter	1*	—	—	—	1*	—

The last item * Bread and Butter sample was received from a complainant through the Bexhill Public Health Department and the Public Analyst reported that it was not satisfactory in that it contained 30 per cent only of Butter. As a result the cafe concerned was fined £25 and 50s. costs.

Ice Cream**ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947-52**

One hundred and nineteen samples were submitted for examination with the following results:

Grade 1, 101; Grade 2, 15; Grade 3, 2; Grade 4, 1.

In assessing the hygienic quality of ice cream it is generally accepted that the product should attain either Grade 1 or 2.

The results show that of the samples taken during the year 1960, 97 per cent satisfied the requirements of Grades 1 and 2.

Six samples of ice cream were taken in order to ascertain the quality of the product, which is based on a Fat Content Standard of five per cent. All samples were found to be satisfactory.

Strict supervision is given to premises where ice cream is handled; and this is reflected in the high standard of samples.

Number of manufacturing premises: 1.

Number of registered retail premises: 151.

SECTION F

PREVALENCE OF, AND CONTROL OVER, INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The table below summarises the notifications for the year together with the Hospital admissions.

There were no deaths and the Hospital admissions all recovered completely.

TABLE 11

Diseases	Notifications received	Cases admitted to Isolation Hospital	Deaths
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Whooping Cough ...	13	1	—
Measles	93	—	—
Scarlet Fever	30	—	—
Ac. Pneumonia	2	1*	—
Ac. Poliomyelitis ...	—	—	—
Erysipelas	2	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	2	—	—
Food Poisoning	1	—	—
Dysentery (sonnei) ...	19	—	—
Glandular Fever	—	1	—

* Case in St. Helen's Hospital, Hastings, at time of notification.

Vaccination

Twelve public sessions of Vaccination were held during the year on the second Wednesday in the month at the East Sussex County Clinic, London Road, at 2.30 p.m. The following table gives particulars of the number vaccinated and re-vaccinated at the Clinic and by General Practitioners.

TABLE 12

NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED (or re-vaccinated) DURING YEAR 1959						
Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number Vaccinated	212	12	9	11	27	271
Number Re-Vaccinated	—	1	7	52	267	327

NUMBER OF CASES SPECIALLY REPORTED DURING PERIOD (age groups as above)

(a) Generalised Vaccinia ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Post-vaccinal Encephalo- myelitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—
(c) Deaths from complications of vaccination other than (a) and (b) ...	—	—	—	—	—	—

Diphtheria Immunisation

Diphtheria/Pertussis Immunisation

Diphtheria/Pertussis/Tetanus Immunisation

Forty-three sessions for inoculation were held during the year and particulars of the numbers dealt with and including those dealt with by private practitioners, are shown in the following table.

TABLE 13

	Under 1 year	1-4 years	5-14 years
Number of children who completed the full course during the year:			
Diph. ...	2	—	—
Diph./Tetanus ...	—	3	5
Diph./Pert./Tetanus ...	311	43	13
Total ...	313	46	18
Number of children who received reinforcing injections against Diphtheria during the year ...	—	1	775

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

There were 24 public sessions of Poliomyelitis Vaccination held during the year on the first Wednesday in the month at the East Sussex County Clinic, London Road, Bexhill.

Tuberculosis

TABLE 15

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0-5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5-14	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15-24	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
25-44	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
45-64	2	3	—	—	1	—	—	—
Over 65	1	2	—	1	1	1	—	—
Totals	4	7	—	2	2	1	—	—

TABLE 14
WHOOPING COUGH CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1950-60

	1950	1951	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960
Under 1 year ...	—	11	2	7	2	—	5	2	1	1	2
1 year ...	3	17	4	46	19	2	2	3	2	1	—
2 years ...							6	4	2	—	2
3 years ...	13	24	6	65	36	4	8	8	3	—	2
4 years ...							11	2	1	1	—
5-9 years ...	21	41	8	96	41	8	16	4	6	1	2
10-14 years ...	1	11	—	10	2	—	3	1	—	—	6
15-24 years ...	—	3	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 and over ...	—	3	1	4	2	1	1	1	—	—	—
Total ...	38	110	21	229	103	15	82	25	15	4	14

The number of cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at the end of 1960, was as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	73	65	138
Non-pulmonary	6	5	11
	<u>74</u>	<u>70</u>	<u>149</u>

It will be seen that there has been an increase of 15 cases over the 1959 figures, i.e., 134 as against 149.

There were 13 new notifications, and investigation of these shows that:

- 1 was a male over 65 years of age.
- 3 were females over 65 years of age.
- 2 were males in the 45-64 years' group.
- 3 were females in the 45-64 years' group.
- 2 were females in the 25-44 years' group.
- 1 was a female in the 15-24 years' group.
- 1 was a male in the 5-14 years' group.

In addition there were 8 Inward transfers, and 1 case was restored to the Register, making 22 cases in all. Against these there were 3 deaths, while 4 cases left the area, making a total of 7 off the Register, which gives a net increase of 15 for the year.

Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector

MR. MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS,

I have pleasure in submitting the report for 1960.

The year was again marred by the continued ill health of the Senior Inspector, Mr. W. H. Ball, which resulted in his untimely death early in 1961.

Therefore the task of preparing the report on work supervised by him has devolved on me, his successor.

The year was notable for the coming into force of The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, which gave extended powers to local authorities for controlling existing sites and the setting up of new ones.

Despite ill-health the late Senior Inspector spent much time preparing the Site Licence Conditions which at the close of the year were being considered by the Site Operators.

The routine work of the Department went steadily forward.

General Observations

HOUSING

A considerable amount of work was done in preparing schedules of disrepair in respect of the houses on the supplementary list of unfit houses.

BASEMENT DWELLINGS

These again continued to give the Department many headaches, and one in particular was given special attention by the Council with a view to making a Closing Order.

HOUSING GRANTS

During the year 1960, the Department dealt with 20 Discretionary Grants and 29 Standard Grants. This represents an overall increase of 12 on the 1959 total. The response to the Government's appeal to owners to avail themselves of these grants has been disappointing in view of the considerable benefits to be gained.

CESSPOOLS

During the year more cesspools at Pebsham were abolished following the connection of the house drains to the public sewers.

FOOD

Many visits were made to hotels and guest-houses, as well as routine visits to food shops, and generally a fair standard of hygiene was found to exist but there are no grounds for complacency.

The practice of some food handlers of smoking whilst preparing food is proving very difficult to eradicate but determined efforts were made to stamp out this obnoxious habit.

MILK—ICE CREAM

MILK

A total of 135 samples was taken for Methylene Blue and Phosphate examination and of these only eight failed the tests. This is a most satisfactory state of affairs.

By virtue of The Milk (Special Designation) Regulations, 1960, the sampling of milk was taken out of the Borough Council's hands and given to the East Sussex County Council and this change operated from the end of November, 1960.

ICE CREAM

Samples numbered 119 of which 101 were graded in class one and 15 in grade two, this giving a total of 97 per cent satisfactory and was evidence that manufacturers and retailers are doing good work in this field.

CLEAN AIR

SMOKE ABATEMENT

The Glyne Gap Gas Works was again the subject of complaints by nearby residents and the aid of the Alkali Inspector was sought on several occasions. In his opinion the chief source of nuisance is associated with the horizontal retorts, and to replace these would cost a very large sum, and this he feels would not be justified in view of the Gas Board's intention to confine gas-making to their central stations and to close outlying works in the near future. In this connection we were informed that the Bexhill Works were to close definitely during 1962.

FOOD HYGIENE

The inspection of food premises, shops, cafes, hotels and guest-houses proceeded throughout the year.

No. of Premises inspected	...	...	...	130
No. of Notices served	...	...	...	31
No. of Notices complied with (This includes notices outstanding from previous years)	...	...	...	14

Details of items remedied are appended below:

TABLE 16

Scrape walls and ceiling and lime wash	...	...	...	...	3
Cleanse and colour wash walls and ceilings	...	...	...	...	11
Cleanse and repaint walls and ceiling	...	...	...	...	14
Cleanse walls and ceiling and repair	...	...	...	...	1
Cleanse walls and floor	...	...	...	...	6
Provide and fix new wash-hand basin, etc.	...	...	...	...	20
Provide accommodation for storage of clothing	...	...	...	...	2
Notice requiring washing of hands	...	...	...	...	29
Provide shades for electric lights	...	...	...	...	2

Provide soap, towels, nail brushes	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Provide first-aid box, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	17
Repair or provide tiled surface to wall over sink	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Defective wall plaster	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Defective ceiling plaster	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Notice re smoking/spitting	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Provide new sink	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Renew existing sink	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Provide hoods to gas cookers	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Provide hoods to water-heaters	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Provide hot water	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Provide cold water	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Defective W.C. seat	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective wall tiles	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dirty windows and cills	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Defective windows and cills	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Renew panes of glass	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Repair concrete floor and relay	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dirty floor	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Repair floor	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Defective W.C. pedestal	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Urinal stall to be renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dirty W.C. compartment	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Asst. outdoor clothing in food rooms	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Accumulation of rubbish	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Provide non-absorbent floor covering	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Insufficient or no lighting, artificial or natural	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Provide new draining board and surround	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Provision of refuse bin	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Provide trap to waste pipe	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Provision of food storage	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Repair defective yard paving	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Dirty yard	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cockroaches	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
No permanent ventilation in food store	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Provide suitable heating	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Provide refrigerator	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	263

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

Summary of Accommodation:

Marina	Male and Female
East Parade	Male and Female
West Parade	Male and Female
Egerton Park (Museum)	Male and Female
Cooden Beach	Male and Female
Sidley	Male and Female
Devonshire Square	Male and Female
Little Common	Male and Female
Little Common Recreation Ground	Male and Female
Downs Arch	Male and Female
Glyne Gap	Male and Female
Buckhurst Place	Female only
Sackville Arch	Male only

A sudden outbreak of wanton damage caused the Department great trouble and the Council was put to considerable expense and the Public to some inconvenience before conditions returned to normal.

The general supervision of the conveniences entails constant attention and the Chief Clerk, Mr. K. Westwood, has by his control of the administrative side of the work greatly reduced the time spent by myself on routine matters.

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

CARAVANS—TENTS

The licensed sites which are all for summer use only were run without trouble by their owners and a high standard maintained.

The accompanying tables set out the nature and scope of the work carried out by the Department during the course of the year:

TABLE 17

Housing Inspection P.H.A.	538
Visits re above	1,354
Houses Inspections, H.A.	93
Visits re above	215
Housing Survey	28
Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954	18
Overcrowding	2
Water Supply	8
Water samples procured:	
Well supply	4
Main supply	12
Swimming bath	9

Other Food visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	96
Infectious Dis. and Disinfect.	...	...	...	...	...	...	101
Disinfestation—general	...	...	...	...	...	...	142
Disinfestation—bugs, fleas, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	525
							<hr/> 6,808 <hr/>

COMPLAINTS

1954	...	...	...	...	...	818
1955	...	...	...	...	...	758
1956	...	...	...	...	...	720
1957	...	...	...	...	...	707
1958	...	...	...	...	...	708
1959	...	...	...	...	...	655
1960	...	...	...	...	...	638

TABLE 18

Conditions of premises	...	...	...	...	6
Beetles, ants, flies, etc.	...	...	...	...	46
Dampness	...	...	...	...	28
Stoving and/or Disinfection of room/articles	...	...	...	...	52
Drainage and sanitary fittings	...	...	...	...	21
Accumulation of refuse	...	...	...	...	22
Food	...	...	...	...	47
Flooding	...	...	...	...	19
Housing defects	...	...	...	...	31
Smoke nuisance	...	...	...	...	10
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	4
Verminous premises	...	...	...	...	5
Absence of or defective dustbin	...	...	...	...	4
Overgrown land	...	...	...	...	4
Keekping of animals	...	...	...	...	6
Bad smells	...	...	...	...	23
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	27
Rats and Mice	...	...	...	...	283
					<hr/> 638 <hr/>

SANITARY DEFECTS AND NOTICES

TABLE 19

Statutory Notices served during 1960	...	...	...	...	2
Statutory Notices complied with during 1960	...	...	...	...	—

Statutory Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1960	...	...	2
Informal Notices served during 1960...	...	...	278
Informal Notices complied with during 1960	...	...	241
Informal Notices outstanding at 31st Decmeber, 1960	...	...	37

HOUSE INSPECTION AND SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS

Fifty-one houses were rendered fit as a result of informal action. The following tables show the sanitary improvements effected during the year:

TABLE 20

Drains entirely constructed	...	...	...	...	...	3
Drains repaired	...	...	...	...	...	12
New branch drains	...	...	...	...	...	3
Inspection chambers reconstructed	...	...	...	...	...	2
Additional inspection chambers constructed	...	...	...	...	...	2
Soil pipes or vents renewed	...	...	...	...	...	1
Choked drains	...	...	...	...	...	17
New frames and covers to existing inspection chambers	...	...	...	...	...	4
Defective waste pipes	...	...	...	...	...	17
Defective channel	...	...	...	...	...	10
Defective soil pipe	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective or overflowing cesspool	...	...	...	...	...	2
Defective or overflowing septic tank	...	...	...	...	...	2
Defective rainwater pipes	...	...	...	...	...	16
Choked rainwater pipe...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective eavesgutters	...	...	...	...	...	16
Absence of eavesgutter...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective W.C. pan	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective W.C. seat	...	...	...	...	...	7
Defective W.C. flushing cistern	...	...	...	...	...	14
Defective W.C. pedestal	...	...	...	...	...	7
Defective connection between flushpipe and pedestal	...	...	...	...	...	1
Insanitary and defective sinks	...	...	...	...	...	2
Absence of proper sinks	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective surround to sink	...	...	...	...	...	1
Absence of water supply	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective plaster to walls	...	...	...	...	...	52
Defective plaster to ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	30
Defective boarded ceiling	...	...	...	...	...	4
Defective internal walls	...	...	...	...	...	1
Defective external walls	...	...	...	...	...	32

TABLE 22
ROOMS FUMIGATED

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer	1	3	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	9
Erysipelas ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningitis ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
A.P.M. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	2
T.B. ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Chicken Pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	20	—	—	—	5	—	6
Vermin ...	—	—	—	11	6	5	—	—	8	10	6	—	66
Miscellaneous	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	2	3	1	11	7	5	20	—	8	13	11	2	83

TABLE 22
ARTICLES DISINFECTED OR DESTROYED

Articles	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	April	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Totals
Wearing Apparel ...	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	25	20	—	47
Bed Covers ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	3
Mattresses ...	1	5	—	4	7	—	8	2	—	2	7	3	39
Feather Beds	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	—	—	1	1	5
Eiderdowns	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	1	3
Bolsters	—	—	—	—	5	—	—	—	—	2	5	1	13
Pillows ...	3	—	—	68	31	4	29	5	—	4	14	9	174
Blankets ...	—	—	—	1	3	—	—	33	—	6	12	4	59
Sheets ...	1	—	—	6	2	—	—	—	—	—	8	—	17
Miscellaneous	—	8	—	13	6	5	11	—	—	5	19	—	73
Totals ...	5	14	6	92	59	9	48	41	7	45	88	19	433

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

During the year 248 visits were paid to factories, workshops and workplaces, 15 notices being served. Eleven of the notices had been complied with at the end of the year.

The following details are of the items in the notices served.

Factories Act, 1937

SECTION 7:

Damp walls	1
Dirty walls and ceiling	2
Dirty floor	3
Pedestal dirty	2
Defective ring seat to pedestal	1
Absence of closet accommodation on building site ...	3
Defective flushing cistern	2
Conveniences not properly designated	2

DISINFESTATION, DISINFECTION AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Steam disinfection of bedding, clothing and other articles is carried out at the Disinfection Station, St. Mary's Lane, Bexhill.

No. of rooms fumigated	83
No. of articles disinfected or destroyed	433
No. of visits paid	101

RODENT CONTROL

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

A total of 283 complaints was received and 2,019 visits were made to premises and land.

<i>No. of Complaints</i>	<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>	<i>Total</i>
1960	197	86	283
1959	160	111	271
1958	198	131	329
1957	211	131	342
1956	191	135	326

Total number of visits paid

1960	2,019
1959	1,549
1958	2,398
1957	2,773
1956	2,849

This work was in the capable hands of Mr. G. Chalmers and was carried out in his usual careful and conscientious manner.

The Corporation Tip at St. Mary's Lane was given special attention and infestation kept down to a minimum.

Farm Premises

Fifteen visits of survey were made by the Rodent Officer. There are 61 premises within the Borough which are classed as Agricultural.

INFESTATIONS:

5 premises treated by the occupier.

3 premises treated by the Council's Rodent Officer.

Sewers

The prebaiting of a selected number of manholes in the public sewers were carried out and it is gratifying to report that no trace of rats was found. In view of the satisfactory result the Ministry of Agriculture has exempted the Borough from further tests until 1964.

CONCLUSION

In view of the very difficult circumstances prevailing in the Department due to the illness of the Senior Inspector it was comforting to have very loyal co-operation from the staff.

My colleague, Mr. S. Wild, was most helpful and his long experience proved to be of great assistance in some exacting cases.

The Medical Officer of Health, Dr. R. J. Toleman, was invaluable as a final court of appeal and his support and advice were warmly welcomed.

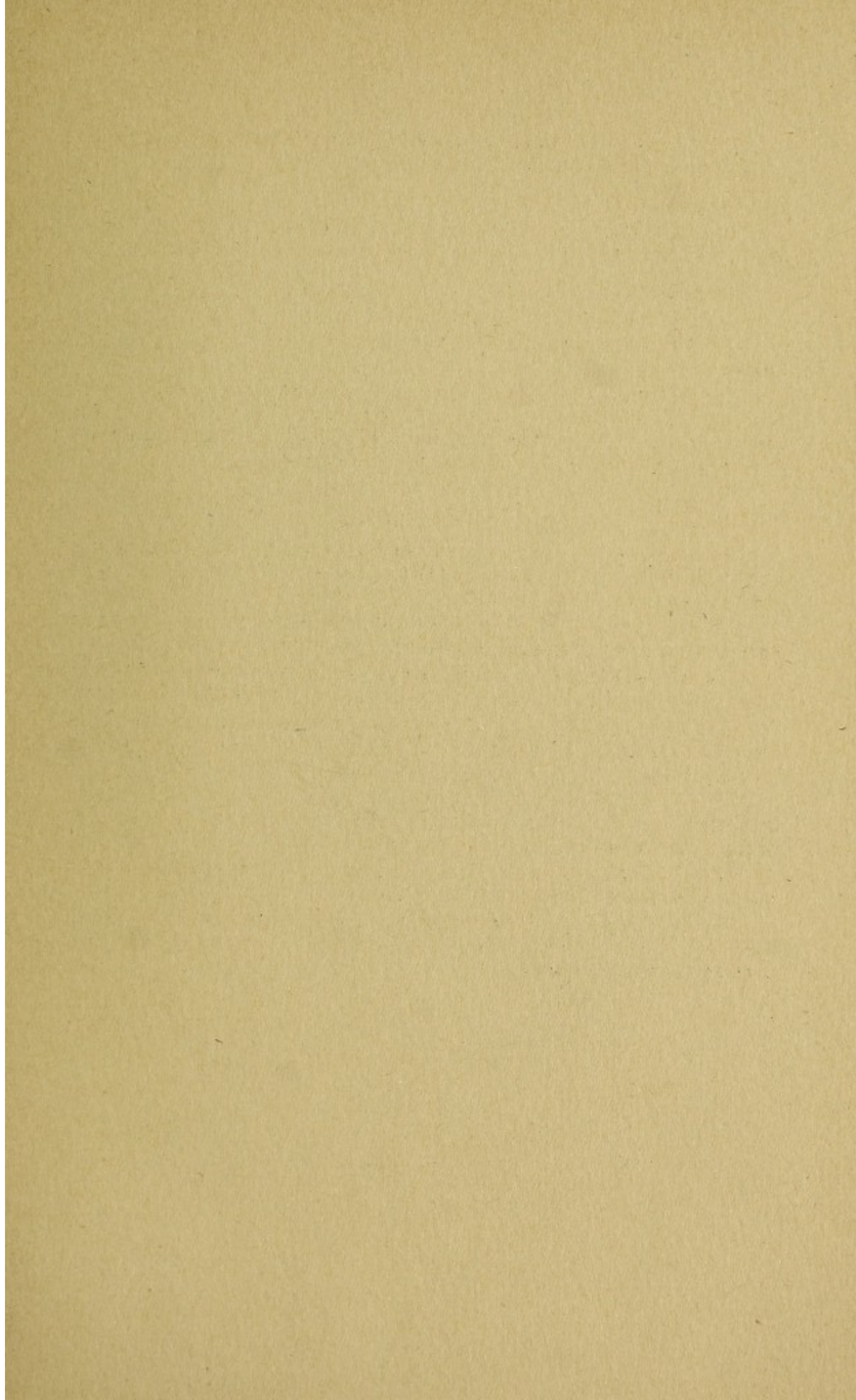
The Chief Clerk, Mr. K. Westwood, as usual, was outstanding in his solid support at all times and the late Senior Inspector was greatly indebted to him.

Miss N. W. McEvoy by her tactful approach to visitors and her very competent handling of the daily routine and records made the work of dealing with many difficult problems much easier.

Mr. G. Chalmers, in addition to his Rodent Control duties, tackled many other matters with his usual reliability.

To the Chairman, Members of the Health Committee and to all Members of the Council, I would tender my sincere thanks for their consideration and support.

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