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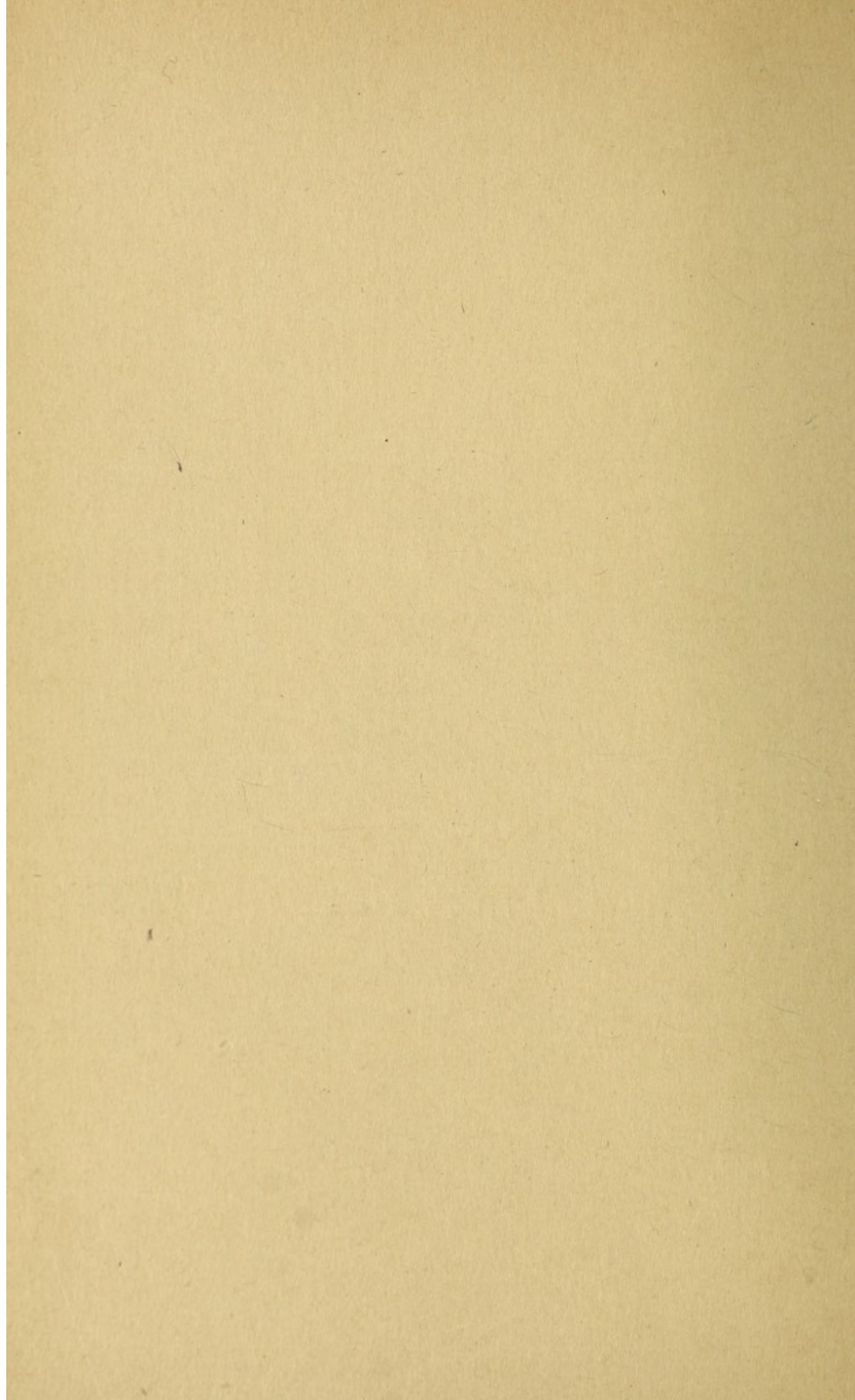
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BOROUGH OF BEXHILL

HEALTH COMMITTEE

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C. E. Lockley, Cert.S.I.B., M.A.P.H.I.

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Assistant Public Health Inspector:

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

Certified Inspector of Meat and other Foods.

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D. Rogers.

Disinfecting Officer, 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. Clinics:

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

Little Common Community Centre: E. Franks, L.R.C.P.,
L.R.C.S., L.R.F.P.S.

Ante-Natal Clinics:

London Road Clinic, Bexhill: J. G. Holmes-Milner, M.B., B.S.
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.
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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.

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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 1962, which is arranged in accordance with the instructions contained in the Ministry of Health Circular 1/63, dated 30th January, 1963.

Staff

In accordance with the decision of the Council implementing the O. & M. Report of the Town Clerk, the vacancy of Trainee Public Health Inspector was filled during the latter part of the year. Mr. D. Rogers, who possessed the necessary qualifications, was appointed. In addition to his work in the department he attends the South East London Technical College once a week for classes, demonstrations, etc. During the time he has been here with us he shows distinct promise and has become a very useful member of the department. Otherwise there have been no changes in the staff.

General Standard of Health

This continued to be excellent throughout the year. There have been no major epidemics during the year.

Details of the climatic conditions which prevailed throughout the year are given in Section A of the report, submitted by Mr. H. J. Sargent, the Borough Meteorologist, from which it will be seen that 1962 was a cold, dull year, with little sunshine, average rainfall and heavy falls of snow in the latter part of December.

Vital Statistics

POPULATION

The Registrar General's figures of the estimated population for 1962 was 30,680. Full details of the 1961 Census are not yet available for the Borough of Bexhill, but preliminary details indicate that Bexhill's population is growing rapidly year by year, outstripping both the figures for Eastbourne and Hastings. This would indicate that in spite of the deaths considerably outnumbering the births, more and more people are choosing Bexhill as a place of residence both to work from and on retirement, consequently the amount of work in every department of the Town Hall is increasing year by year. Population figures of 35,000 to 40,000 are to be expected during the next few years.

INFANT DEATHS

There were four infant deaths during the year, the causes of which are shown in table 2. It will be noticed that all the deaths occurred in the first 3 months of life. The Infantile Mortality rate per 1,000 live births was 14.7 (1961, 11.14) (England and Wales, 21.6).

BIRTHS

The births numbered 271, as against 269 in 1961. The rate being 8.86 per 1,000 estimated resident population. Adjusted for age and sex distribution of the population, the rate was 11.4 (1961, 11.3) (England and Wales, 18.0).

DEATHS

There were 616 deaths during the year, an increase of 31. The adjusted death rate being 13.9 (England and Wales, 11.9). The average age of death was :—

Males	..	69 years (expectation of life, England and Wales, 68.1).
Females	..	78 years (expectation of life, England and Wales, 73.9).

CAUSES OF DEATH

The major causes were (i) heart and circulatory disease, 368, as against 338 in 1961, an increase of 30. Deaths from coronary thrombosis and angina being 103, as against 111 in 1961 (72 males and 31 females).

(ii) The figures for cancer deaths show an increase of 16 during the year, 116 as against 100 in 1961. The number of deaths from cancer of the lung being 22 males and 6 females, an increase of 16 (1961, 10 males and 2 females).

There was one death from motor vehicle accidents during the year and five from other causes, i.e.:—

Accidental falls at home	..	4
Burns	.. .. .	1

Poliomyelitis

No cases of poliomyelitis were notified during the year, which is again sufficient testimony of poliomyelitis vaccination. During 1962, the oral method of administration was instituted.

Diphtheria

Once again I have to report that there were no cases of diphtheria during the year, this being the 12th consecutive year. Another striking instance of the value of preventive inoculation.

Food Poisoning

No cases of food poisoning were notified during the year.

Sanitary Circumstances

Full details will be found in the later section of the report, while table 16 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 of Bexhill.

Mass Radiography

The Mass Radiography Unit did not visit the town during 1962.

National Assistance Act, 1948, Section 47 as amended by the National Assistance (Amendment) Act, 1951

It was not found necessary to take any action under the above Acts during the year.

National Health Service Act, 1946

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The change of premises from Russell's Garage, London Road, to premises behind the Fire Station, has proved of great value during the year, especially on the ground of improved access and administration. In addition, the installation of radio communication at the County Headquarters, Lewes, to district stations, including Bexhill, is bound to minimise delays, and make better use of vehicles and crews.

Once again it is a pleasure to record the courtesy and efficiency of the St. John Ambulance personnel of this humane and essential service, under the very able direction of Superintendent J. Brockhurst.

Vaccination and Immunisation Service

The service continues to be controlled by the County Medical Officer of Health and his department at Lewes, where the records are held. The actual immunisations, of course, being carried out by general practitioners, and the Medical Officer of Health; the latter at the East Sussex County Clinic, London Road, Bexhill, and in conjunction with the School Medical Inspection sessions at the schools, thus minimising visits to the schools and consequent upset of the educational curriculum.

All the statistics for the Borough have been provided by the County Medical Officer of Health, and are included in Section F of this report. The continued success of the campaign has largely been due to the efforts of the family doctors and the Health Visiting Nursing Sisters, as they can advise mothers at home of its value and its importance in the field of preventive medicine.

Smallpox

During 1962 there were outbreaks of smallpox in the North of England, London, and South Wales. In all there were 62 cases, of whom 25 died. These cases mostly emanated from infected persons travelling from Pakistan, where Asiatic smallpox in its most virulent form is endemic. Medical Officers of Health throughout the whole

country were engaged in tracing contacts and keeping them under surveillance for three weeks.

There were no suspected cases in Bexhill, but the Medical Officer of Health, in his capacity as Ministry of Health Smallpox Consultant, was requested by neighbouring Medical Officers of Health to see two suspected cases who had arrived from Pakistan, and in both the diagnosis was not confirmed, one being a severe chickenpox and the other a mild attack of virus influenza.

The speed of air travel from infected areas naturally increases the danger of smallpox spread, necessitating great vigilance on the part of the airport medical authorities, and careful supervision of all possible contacts by Health Departments throughout the country. All intending travellers going abroad to reside or for holiday purposes, are strongly advised to ensure that their smallpox vaccination state is kept at a high level, and in cases of difficulty advice can be readily obtained from the family doctor, or from the Medical Officer of Health of the district. Asiatic smallpox is a killing disease and too much care, therefore, cannot be observed in its prevention and detection.

Welfare of the Elderly

(i) CHIROPODY SERVICE

This service continued to expand during 1962, and it is estimated that between 230 and 240 persons of pensionable age are now receiving treatment, mostly at the chiropodist's surgeries (including about 30 receiving treatment at home). The value of the service cannot be over estimated, ensuring that quite a large number of the elderly are kept mobile, and many crippling foot defects are being prevented and treated.

(ii) SENIOR CITIZENS SOCIETIES AND CLUBS

The Statutory Authority for the care of the elderly (as well as the blind, the deaf, and the cripples, etc.), is the Local Health Authority, i.e. the East Sussex County Council, through its Welfare Committee and its Welfare Officers. In addition, the Local Health Authority, through its Medical Officer of Health and his department, play a vital role as the Health Visiting Nursing Sisters keep a register of all elderly persons, and visit them from time to time in an advisory capacity to ensure that they are aware of all the welfare services and the voluntary agencies that can help them where necessary.

The Government have often stressed that voluntary agencies should play their part in supplementing the Local Health Authority Welfare Services, and Bexhill is extremely well catered for through its Council of Social Service, its special organisation The Friends of the Elderly, who in turn sponsored the founding of the Senior Citizens Club, which is now self-governed, and self-administered.

In addition there are, of course, the weekly old people's clubs at various Community Centres, etc., e.g. Hollenden House, The Evergreens, The Over Sixties Club, etc.

The Friends of the Elderly make annual grants to the Senior Citizens Club and to other Associations providing accommodation for elderly people, and to individual needs for extra fuel, special foods, and household replacements, and it can be truthfully stated that the elderly folk in Bexhill are extremely well catered for. The Local Authority, through its Housing Department, has always placed the housing of the elderly at the forefront of any of its schemes and policies, and will continue to do so in the future.

Matters of General Interest during the Year

(i) PROVISION OF ACCOMMODATION—EAST PARADE OUTFALL

The Health Committee, through the Health Department, and the Borough Surveyor's Department, during the year provided accommodation at the East Parade Outfall, for the employees working in extremely difficult conditions, i.e. the provision of constant hot water supply, shower, lavatory, cupboards for clothing and a space for meals, etc., a very much needed and long felt want.

(ii) SACKVILLE ROAD CONVENIENCE

The convenience at Sackville Road was gutted and reconstructed, bringing it completely up to modern standards.

(iii) MAIN WATER AND DRAINAGE—NORMAN'S BAY

It appears that the provision of main water and drainage in Norman's Bay should be an accomplished fact during 1963-64, which will be a constant benefit to all residents there, while the public convenience which is envisaged will not only materially add to the comfort of the increasing number of visitors, but will allay any anxieties in regard to the state of hygiene of the area which has caused considerable concern to the Committee and the Department for many years.

(iv) BURNING OF GARDEN REFUSE

Burning of garden refuse continued to give rise to many complaints during the summer and autumn. The officers of the Department investigated and helped wherever required. The policy of the Department is that householders should not burn refuse more than once a week, and that they should avoid washing days and week-ends. It is, of course, realised that the burning of garden refuse is essential to keep down any possibilities of fly and insect breeding. More refuse should be composted.

(v) FLUORIDATION OF WATER SUPPLIES

Fluoridation of water supplies is a matter which will receive the consideration of the Local Health Authority in 1963, and the District Councils will be asked to express an opinion during that time.

(vi) MAIN SEWAGE OUTFALL—GALLEY HILL

As far as can be ascertained the repairs carried out over the past few years have proved satisfactory and adequate. It is hoped that a full underwater inspection will be carried out in 1963 by one of the employees, who is receiving suitable training and equipment for the purpose.

(vii) SWIMMING POOL EXTENSION

Work on phase one on the paved path and swimming bath extension was commenced during the year with much more dressing and sanitary accommodation, as well as an improved entrance and the larger area surrounding the bath.

1963 envisages phase two, i.e. catering facilities, sun lounge, etc.

Committees

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

1. HEALTH COMMITTEE

- (a) Public Health and Sanitation.
- (b) Slaughterhouse, 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.
- (o) Fire Prevention.

2. ESTATES AND PARKS COMMITTEE

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

In conclusion, once more I would like to express my very warmest thanks to the members of the Health Committee, under the very able leadership of the Chairman, Alderman G. H. Goodwin, for their encouragement and support during the year, to all Chief Officers, especially to the Town Clerk, Mr. Edward Smith, during his last year in office, for assistance and advice on many occasions, to the *Bexhill Observer* editorial staff for much helpful publicity, and finally to my own staff in the Public Health Department, particularly Mr. C. E. Lockley, the Senior Public Health Inspector, and his Deputy, Mr. S. Wild, Mr. K. Westwood, Chief Clerk, Miss N. McEvoy, shorthand-typist, and Mr. G. Chalmers, a very able General Duty Officer and Rodent Operator, for their loyalty and continued endeavours on all occasions, especially in the compilation of this report.

I am,

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentleman,

Your obedient servant,

R. J. TOLEMAN,

Medical Officer of Health.

1963.

Public Health Department,

Town Hall,

Bexhill, Sussex.

(Tel.: Bexhill 936.)

SECTION A

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

Area	8,015 acres
Population (Mid-Year 1962)	30,680
Number of separate dwelling assessments	10,990
Rateable Value, 1.4.62	£623,582
General Rate levied 1962-63	23s. 10d. in £
Product of 1d. Rate 1962-63	£2,586 17s. 1d.

METEOROLOGY

I am indebted to Mr. H. J. Sargent, the Borough Meteorologist, for the following report for 1962:—

Meteorological observations were carried on throughout the year 1962. Detailed monthly and other reports were transmitted to the Meteorological Office, and information was supplied to the press, to insurance companies, to local municipal departments, and to many inquirers. A new sunshine recorder of the standard pattern, replacing an instrument which had been in use for a very long period, was installed during the year. The station and its equipment were inspected by a representative of the Meteorological Office; the instruments were tested with official standards and a certificate of approval was issued.

The year 1962 was dull and cool. With the exception of January and October, every month had a mean temperature below the normal. March, with a mean temperature of 38.2° was the coldest March on local record. In June, night temperatures were sometimes as low as 37° and slight ground frosts were recorded on two occasions. Throughout the summer there was no "run" of days with high temperatures meriting the designation of "heat-wave", and indeed, spells of merely congenial warm weather were seldom experienced. On one occasion only was a temperature in the seventies recorded, 73° on July 25th, the warmest day of the year.

The year's bright sunshine amounted to 1,705.7 hrs., 107 hrs. less than the average amount. April, May, and July were notably dull months, but June had an excess of 40.3 hrs. in relation to normal. A pleasantly sunny spell extended from May 31st until June 19th. For these ten consecutive days the average daily duration of sunshine was 13.2 hrs., but the full enjoyment of these welcome bright days was frustrated by cool easterly breezes. The first three weeks of December were unusually sunny for a winter month; the month's total duration was 114.6 hrs., nearly 60 hrs. in excess of the normal. November, with 15 overcast days, was extremely dull and the total sunshine amount was 32 hrs., less than half the average.

The rainfall for the year, 26.71 ins., was below the average by two inches. June and October were relatively dry months, while January, August, and December each had a marked excess of precipitation. There were two prolonged dry spells, a period of 29 consecutive days from May 30th until June 27th, during which the total fall—showers on one day—was the small amount of 0.18 ins., and 23 days, October 1st to 23rd, when an almost negligible fall of 0.06 ins. was registered. The premier holiday month of August was dull and wet, and on the Bank Holiday—with a gale towards midnight—there was a rainfall of nearly 2 ins., leading to extensive flooding in low-lying areas of the town.

Some falls of snow occurred in February and March. In December intermittent snow fell on the 27th, lying to a depth of three inches, and during the night of the 29th-30th blizzard conditions developed with fresh to strong north-east winds. The snowfall was heavy, attaining a depth of twelve or more inches in places sheltered from the wind, and in some situations building up considerable drifts. Thus the year ended with deep snowdrifts blocking many roads, a hold-up of road and rail transport, a disorganisation of trade deliveries, and much general inconvenience.

The full records of daily observations of air pressure, precipitation, temperatures, sunshine, humidity, winds, clouds, visibility, and other meteorological factors, 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	...	...	...	...	...	134	128	262
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	7	2	9
Rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	8.86
(Comparability Factor 1.29) Adjusted Birth Rate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	11.4
Stillbirths : Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	3	2	5
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Rate per 1,000 population	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	.16
Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	272	344	616
Death rate per 1,000 estimated resident population	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	20.1
(Comparability Factor 0.69) Adjusted Death Rate	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	13.9
Deaths from puerperal causes	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Deaths of Infants under one year of age :								
Legitimate	...	...	...	...	...	3	1	4
Illegitimate	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Death rate of Infants under one year of age :	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	14.7
Deaths from Cancer (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	49	67	116
Deaths from Measles (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Deaths from Whooping Cough (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Deaths from Diarrhoea	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—
Deaths from Scarlet Fever (all ages)	...	...	...	...	...	—	—	—

TABLE 1
CAUSES OF DEATH

All Causes							Male 272	Female 344
1.	Tuberculosis respiratory	..	..	.	..	..	1	1
2.	Tuberculosis, other	..	..	..	..	..	—	—
3.	Syphilitic Disease	..	.	..	..	..	—	2
4.	Diphtheria	..	..	..	..	..	—	—
5.	Whooping Cough	..	..	..	..	..	—	—
6.	Meningococcal infections	..	..	..	..	..	—	—
7.	Acute Poliomyelitis	..	..	..	..	..	—	—
8.	Measles	..	..	..	..	..	—	—
9.	Other infective and parasitic diseases	..	..	..	..	..	—	—
10.	Malignant neoplasm, Stomach	..	..	..	..	..	2	6
11.	Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	..	..	..	..	..	22	6
12.	Malignant neoplasm, breast	.	..	..	..	..	—	16
13.	Malignant neoplasm, uterus	..	..	..	..	..	—	4
14.	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	..	..	..	..	..	25	35
15.	Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	..	..	..	..	..	—	3
16.	Diabetes	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
17.	Vascular Lesions of nervous system	..	..	..	..	..	38	93
18.	Coronary disease, angina	..	..	..	..	..	72	31
19.	Hypertension with heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	3	8
20.	Other heart disease	..	..	..	..	..	38	54
21.	Other circulatory disease	..	..	..	..	..	16	15
22.	Influenza	..	..	..	..	..	1	—
23.	Pneumonia	..	..	..	..	..	16	19
24.	Bronchitis	..	..	..	..	..	7	9
25.	Other diseases of respiratory system	..	..	..	..	..	2	2
26.	Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum	..	..	..	..	..	2	—
27.	Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	..	..	..	..	..	—	—
28.	Nephritis and nephrosis	..	..	..	..	..	1	4
29.	Hyperplasia of prostate	..	..	..	..	..	3	—
30.	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	..	..	..	..	..	—	—
31.	Congenital malformations	..	..	..	..	..	2	1
32.	Other defined and ill-defined diseases	..	..	..	..	..	16	20
33.	Motor vehicle accidents	..	..	..	..	..	1	—
34.	All other accidents	..	..	..	..	..	1	6
35.	Suicide	..	..	..	..	..	1	5
36.	Homicide and operations of war	..	..	..	..	..	—	—

TABLE 2

INFANTILE DEATHS, 1962. TABLE 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	+4	
Prematurity	2	—	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	2
Cardiac insufficiency	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Intestinal obstruction	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	1

TABLE 3

INFANTILE DEATHS SHOWN BY CAUSES OF DEATH AND WARD
DISTRIBUTION

Ward		Prematurity	Cardiac Insufficiency	Intestinal obstruction
Egerton Pk.	...	1	1	—
Sidley	... ..	1	—	—
Old Town	... ..	—	—	1

TABLE 4
AGE AT DEATH—ALL CASES, 1962

	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	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2	11	37	87	56	74	272
Females	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	7	33	91	71	138	344

TABLE 5
INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING 1962 SHOWN BY WARDS

Disease	Ward						Total
	Egerton Park	Old Town	Central	Sackville	St. Mark's	Sidley	
Whooping Cough	1	—	—	—	1	1	3
Measles ..	—	2	3	2	2	—	9
Scarlet Fever ..	—	1	3	—	1	5	10
Ac. Pneumonia	—	1	—	1	2	—	4
Erysipelas ..	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Dysentery (Sonne)	—	—	—	—	19	1	20
Totals ..	1	4	8	3	25	7	48
Tuberculosis Notifications	—	—	—	—	—	—	8

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, 1962—Three Ambulances

	Patients Carried		Total	No. of Journeys	Total Mileage
	Accident or Emergency	Others, including Invalid, Infectious			
January	13	282	295	240	2,400
February	15	255	270	216	2,379
March	17	337	354	284	3,680
April	17	231	248	196	2,430
May	19	264	283	226	1,909
June	14	240	254	203	1,891
July	22	284	306	239	2,567
August	27	275	302	236	2,200
September	23	230	253	215	2,478
October	18	305	323	247	2,102
November	12	242	254	187	1,827
December	14	259	273	227	1,917

Nursing in the Home

During 1962 the following number of cases were attended by the District Nurses and Health Visitors :

Maternity and Midwifery	..	..	112
General cases	..	..	706

The visits paid were :

Maternity and Midwifery	..	..	3,032
General Nursing	..	..	20,570
Health Visits	..	..	7,642
Ante- and Post-Natal	..	..	1,595
Clinic Sessions attended	..	..	552
Mothercraft Classes and Exams. (School)			134
Mothercraft and Relaxation Classes (Ante-Natal) ..	..	..	115
T.B. Visits	..	..	26

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 Monday in Month
at 2 p.m.

Toddlers' Clinic : 2nd Friday in month,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill : morning—by appointment

Ante-Natal Clinic, 1st Fridays, p.m. (Dr. Graham)
London Road Clinic, Bexhill : 3rd Wednesdays, p.m.
(Dr. Reid; Dr. Holmes-Milner).

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

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

Vaccination Clinic : Second Wednesday in
London Road Clinic, Bexhill : Month at 2.30 p.m.

Poliomyelitis Clinic, London Road Clinic, Bexhill:	1st Wednesday in Month 10.15 a.m. and 5.30—7 p.m.
Chest Clinic, Bexhill Hospital :	Every Tuesday, 2 p.m.
Venereal Disease Clinic, Royal East Sussex Hospital, Hastings:	Fridays, 4.30 p.m.-6 p.m.

TABLE 7

Attendances at the Maternity and Child Welfare, Ante-Natal, and Dental Clinics

**Maternity and Child Welfare Clinic,
London Road Clinic, Bexhill:**

- (I) Number of children who first attended the Centre during the year and who at their first attendance were under 1 year of age 141

(2) Number of children who attended the Centre during the year and who were born in:

1962	141
1961	110
1960-57	230

Total Children	481
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- (3) Number of attendances during the year made by children who at the date of attendance were:

(i) Under 1 year of age	..	..	..	1,540
(ii) Over 1 but under 2 years of age	187
(iii) Over 2 but under 5 years of age	201

Total attendances	1,928
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Percentage of registered live births represented by the number

in (I)	52'03
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Infant Welfare Clinic, Shepherds Close, Little Common:

- | | |
|---|----|
| (1) Number of children who first attended the Centre during the year and who at their first attendance were under 1 year of age | 40 |
|---|----|

- (2) Number of children who attended the Centre during the year and who were born in:

1962	22
1961	18

1960-57	29
Total Children	69
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(3) Number of attendances during the year made by children who at the date of attendance were:	
(i) Under 1 year of age	204
(ii) Over 1 but under 2 years of age	73
(iii) Over 2 but under 5 years of age	59
Total attendances	336
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Percentage of registered live births represented by the number in (1)	14.76
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Ante-Natal Clinic:**London Road Clinic, Bexhill:**

Number of expectant mothers attending	40
Number of attendances	147

Dental Clinic:

Number of attendances by Mothers	25
Number of attendances by Infants	131

Health Visitors

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

To expectant mothers:

Total visits	142
To infants 0 to 1 year	3,297
To children aged 1 to 5 years	2,581
To old people	872
To others	639
Home visits to school children	114

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 1962	6
Number of applications for registration during 1962	—
Homes registered during the year	—
Orders made refusing or cancelling registration	—
Nursing Homes closed down during the year by owners	—

SECTION C

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES IN THE AREA

1. Water Supply

Under the Eastbourne Water Order, 1962, the control of the water supply is now vested in the Eastbourne Waterworks Company.

(a) The Statutory area includes the Borough of Bexhill, the water being fed from the same sources as existed under the Bexhill Corporation, and the 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 1962, 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 11,160 dwelling-houses and flats supplied direct from the public water mains, and in addition there are 80 houses covered by standpipe supplies and 657 metered trade supplies.

WATER ANALYSIS

Copy of Report on Sample of Water taken on 25th September, 1962

Low Level

Chemical Results in Parts per Million

Appearance	Bright with slight deposit
Microscopic examination .. .	Mineral and organic debris; a few protozoa
Colour	Nil
pH	8.1
Electric conductivity .. .	390
Chlorine present as chloride .. .	47
Hardness—Total .. .	130
Carbonate .. .	110
Non-carbonate .. .	20
Nitrate nitrogen .. .	0.5
Ammoniacal nitrogen .. .	0.000
Albuminoid nitrogen .. .	0.000

Metals—Iron, zinc, copper, lead and manganese	Absent
Turbidity	Less than 3
Odour	Nil
Free carbon dioxide	2
Dissolved solids dried at 180°C. ..	270
Alkalinity as calcium carbonate ..	110
Nitrite nitrogen	Absent
Oxygen absorbed	0.10
Residual chlorine	Absent

Bacteriological Results

Sampling bottles are treated to remove residual chlorine if present.

Number of Colonies developing on Agar:

1 day at 37°C.	0 per ml.
2 days at 37°C.	1 per ml.
3 days at 20°C.	1 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.

This sample is practically clear and bright in appearance, has a reaction on the alkaline side of neutrality and is free from metals apart from a very minute trace of iron. The hardness of the water is very moderate and it contains no excess of mineral or saline constituents in solution. It conforms to the highest standard of organic quality and bacterial purity.

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

2. Drainage and Sewerage

Maintenance and cleaning of sewers has received the usual attention. The provision of satisfactory drainage for the new properties has been carried out by the private developers in accordance with the approved plans.

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 water-courses on their land are not destroyed and that all watercourses are kept free from obstruction.

4. Public Cleansing

A satisfactory refuse collection service has been maintained on a weekly frequency.

5. Sanitary Inspection of the Area

During 1962, 7,523 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 279 visits were paid to factories, workshops and workplaces. Twenty-two notices were served during the year, of which eighteen were complied with at the end of the year.

7. Moveable Dwellings

There are 20 licensed sites, giving accommodation for 272 caravans and 102 tents in the area.

Routine inspections of fairs and 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—41 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. Eradication of Vermin

A total of 3 complaints was received in respect of premises infested with vermin—2 Council premises were disinfested.

In connection with re-housing in Council Houses, 71 visits were paid. Furniture and effects were inspected prior to re-housing.

10. Offensive Trades

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

11. Fish Frying Premises

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

12. 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 5 visits were paid to premises for poultry and rabbit-keeping and 5 visits for pig-keeping.

13. Shops Acts

SHOPS ACT, 1950

EMPLOYMENT OF YOUNG PERSONS ACT, 1920

Under the Shops Act, 1950, 325 visits were made to shops during the year in relation to lighting, heating and ventilation and general sanitation.

That part of the Act dealing with hours of work for assistants and general closing hours was also dealt with.

The new Shops and Offices Bill made some progress in Parliament but it now seems certain that it will not become law until August, 1963.

PRESCRIBED PARTICULARS ON THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1961

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	16	49	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	86	190	1	—
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority † (excluding out-workers' premises).	22	40	20	—
TOTAL	124	279	22	—

† *i.e.* Electrical Stations [section 123(1)], Institutions (Section 124) sites of Building Operations and Works of Engineering Construction (Section 127), Slaughterhouses, [Section 175(1)(d) and (e)] and Railway Running Sheds [Section 175(2) and (10)].

FACTORIES ACT, 1937

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

(If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reconed 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)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient	20	16	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	22	18	—	—	—

OUTWORK—continued
(Sections 133 and 134)

Nature of Work (1)	Section 133			Section 134		
	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sect. 133 (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 unwholesome 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						
Chocolate and sweetmeats						
Cosagues, Christmas stockings, etc.						
Textile weaving						
Lampshades						
TOTAL	2					

SECTION D

HOUSING

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

Traditional Type Brick Houses	...	...	—
One bedroom Flats	...	...	28
Conversions to Flatlets	...	...	14

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)	...	...	...	...	664
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose...	...	...	...	...	1,634
(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	...	...	...	...	23
(b)	Number of inspections made for the purpose...	...	...	...	...	37
(iii)	Number of dwelling-houses found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation	...	...	...	...	20

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	19
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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
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(ii) Number of dwelling-houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	5
(b) By Local Authority in default of owners ...	Nil
(c) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—	
(i) Number of dwelling-houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made	6
(ii) Number of dwelling-houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders	14
(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	1

4. Housing Act, 1957

During the year 3 complaints with regard to overcrowding were investigated by the Department.

5. Reconditioning of Houses

Nineteen houses were rendered fit in consequence of informal action, and five after formal notices.

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, 1962.

1. APPLICATIONS

(a) Total number of applications on Housing Register as at 31st December, 1962	527
(b) Applications from non-residents	45
(c) Applicants working in Bexhill but living out of the Borough	7

2. RE-HOUSED

(a) Total number of families re-housed by the Committee since June, 1945	1,614
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3. THE BUILDING PROGRAMME FOR 1962 is as follows:—

- (a) 16 Units of Aged Persons Accommodation.
(Conversion of property into Aged Persons Flatlets—replacement of tempory bungalows).

SECTION E

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

(a) Milk Supply

13 visits were made by Public Health Inspectors to dealers' premises and dairies during 1962.

REGISTRATIONS

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

Food and Drugs Act, 1959
Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1960

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955—REGISTRATIONS

No. of Registered Dairies	2
No. of Registered Distributors	50

MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS, 1960 LICENCES:

The issue of Licences to sell Pasteurised, Sterilised and Tuberculin-Tested milk is the responsibility of the East Sussex County Council.

The following licences were issued by that Authority

Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation " Sterilised "	10
Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation " Pasteurised "	45
Dealer's Licence authorising the use of the Special Designation " Tuberculin Tested "	43

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.

(b) Food Hygiene

FOOD HYGIENE REGULATIONS, 1960

Number of Food Premises in the Area

Type:

Cafes	52
Butchers	21
Greengrocers	29
Dairies	5
Grocers	51
Wet Fish	4
Fried Fish	3
Bread and Confectionery	18
Miscellaneous, including sweets and ice-cream	50

Licensed Premises	23
Hotels and Guest Houses	100
Total	356
Total shops in Area	505

NUMBER OF FOOD PREMISES REGISTERED UNDER SECTION 16 OF THE
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

For the manufacture and sale of Sausages or Potted, Pickled or Preserved Food ..	21
For the manufacture and/or sale of ice-cream	116

TABLE 8
SUMMARY OF ACTION TAKEN WITH REGARD TO MEAT
AND OTHER FOODS

							Total Weight	
Meat							lbs.	ozs.
Pork	197	8						
Beef	26	8						
Veal	49	8						
Offal	20	0						
							293	8
Tinned Meat								
Corned Beef	12	7½						
Pork Luncheon Meat.. .. .	4						16	7½
Miscellaneous								
Cheese	24	0						
Butter	2	4						
Fruit	95	14						
Jams	43	5						
Sauces, pickles	8	14						
Lentils	14	0						
Cereals	2	0						
							190	5
Fresh Fish	28	0						
							28	0
Miscellaneous Tinned Goods.. .. .	124	0						
							124	
Bacon and Ham—tinned and otherwise ..	40	0						
							40	0
							692	4½
Disposal								
Animal Feeding and Manufacturing Purposes ..							692	4½

TABLE 9
FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

Adulteration

Samples taken under the above Act in the Borough of Bexhill during 1962:—

Article	No. of Samples Taken		Genuine		Adulterated	
	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal	Formal	Informal
Milk	—	105	—	105	—	—
Channel Island Milk ...	—	9	—	9	—	—
Cartons of Milk ...	—	6	—	6	—	—
Cartons of C.I. Milk ...	—	2	—	2	—	—
Cream	—	4	—	4	—	—
Soft Drinks	—	6	—	6	—	—
Spirits	—	3	—	3	—	—
Ice Cream	—	2	—	2	—	—
Chocolate Cake Mixes	—	4	—	4	—	—
Instant Chocolate ...	—	1	—	1	—	—
Preserves	—	3	—	3	—	—
Fish and Meat Pastes	—	3	—	3	—	—
Pickles	—	2	—	2	—	—
Tinned Fruit	—	2	—	2	—	—
Marzipan and Ground						
Almonds	—	3	—	3	—	—
Dried fruit	—	3	—	3	—	—
Cake	—	2	—	2	—	—
Cream cheese	—	1	—	1	—	—
Milk fudge	—	1	—	1	—	—
Minced beef	—	1	—	1	—	—
Buttered buns	—	1	—	1	—	—
Sandwich mix	—	1	—	1	—	—
Chicken supreme	—	1	—	1	—	—
Pork brawn	—	1	—	1	—	—
Flavoured milk drink	—	1	—	1	—	1
Orange juice	1	1	—	—	1	1
Strawberry flavour						
Yoghourt	—	1	—	—	—	1
Instant mashed potato	—	1	—	—	—	1
Boned chicken in						
sherry sauce ...	—	1	—	—	—	1

The formal sample of orange juice reported as adulterated contained 50% water. Proceedings were about to be commenced when it was learned that another local authority had already instituted proceedings, therefore no further action was taken.

The manufacturers of the strawberry-flavoured yoghurt stated that this was a brand which they had discontinued preparing. It was low in fat content.

The other irregularities concerned inaccurate labelling of a product satisfactory in itself. These matters were, or are being, taken up with the manufacturers who have so far co-operated by altering the labels,

Ice Cream

ICE CREAM (HEAT TREATMENT) REGULATIONS, 1947-52

Seventy-five samples were submitted for examination with the following results:—

Grade 1, 70; Grade 2, 4; Grade 3, —; 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 1962, 99 per cent. satisfied the requirements of Grades 1 and 2.

Five samples of ice cream were taken in order to ascertain the quality of the product, which is based on a Fat Content Standard of 5 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: 116.

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.

TABLE 10

Diseases	Notifications received	Cases admitted to Isolation Hospital	Deaths
Whooping Cough	3	—	—
Measles	9	—	—
Scarlet Fever ..	10	—	—
Ac. Pneumonia	4	1	—
Erysipelas ..	1	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	—	—
Dysentery (Sonne)	20	—	—

The twenty cases of Sonne dysentery which were notified during the year occurred in a convalescent home for children during November, the patients coming from a hospital in London, where several cases had already occurred, and this was subsequently brought down to Bexhill with them. The symptoms rapidly disappeared in forty-eight hours under treatment and there were no complications. The infection had not spread beyond the hospital.

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 revaccinated at the Clinic and by General Practitioners.

TABLE 11

NUMBER OF PERSONS VACCINATED (or re-vaccinated) DURING YEAR 1962

Age at date of Vaccination	Under 1	1	2 to 4	5 to 14	15 or over	Total
Number Vaccinated	199	20	40	120	201	580
Number Re Vaccinated	—	3	38	587	2,024	2,652

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

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

Diphtheria Immunisation

Thirty-nine 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 12

	1962	1961	1960	1959	1958	1953- 1957	1948- 1952	Total
Number of children who completed a full course of Primary Immunisation ..	108	130	10	1	1	14	20	284
Number of children who received a reinforcing injection ..	—	3	2	—	2	249	489	745

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 Clinic, London Road, Bexhill.

TABLE 13
WHOOPIING COUGH CASES NOTIFIED DURING 1952-1962

	1952	1953	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	1961	1962
Under 1 year	2	7	2	—	5	2	1	1	2	—	—
1 year }	4	46	19	2	2	3	2	1	—	—	—
2 years }					6	4	2	—	2	2	—
3 years }	6	65	36	4	8	8	3	—	2	1	1
4 years }					11	2	1	1	—	—	1
5-9 years	8	96	41	8	16	4	6	1	2	2	1
10-14 years	—	10	2	—	3	1	—	—	6	—	—
15-24 years	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 and over	1	4	2	1	1	1	—	—	—	—	—
Total	21	229	103	15	52	25	15	4	14	5	3

Tuberculosis

TABLE 14

Age Periods	New Cases				Deaths			
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0—5	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5—15	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
16—24	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
25—44	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
45—64	3	1	—	—	1	1	—	—
Over 65	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	4	4	—	—	1	1	—	—

The number of cases of Tuberculosis on the Register at the end of 1962, was as follows:

	Male	Female	Total
Pulmonary	74	60	134
Non-Pulmonary	4	6	10
	78	66	144

It will be seen that there has been a decrease of 14 cases from the 1961 figure of 158.

There were 8 new notifications, and investigation of these shows that:—

- 3 were males in the 45-64 years' group.
- 1 was a male in the Over 65 years' group.
- 1 was a female in the 16-24 years' group.
- 1 was a female in the 45-64 years' group.
- 2 were females in the Over 65 years' group.

In addition there were 9 Inward Transfers, making 17 cases in all. Against these there were 2 deaths, while 29 cases left the area, making a total of 31 off the register, which gives a net decrease of 14 for the year.

Report of the Senior Public Health Inspector

MR. MAYOR, ALDERMEN AND COUNCILLORS,

I have pleasure in submitting my Report for 1962.

It was as usual a year of constant endeavour and some rather intractable problems yielded to "time and some favouring star". In this connection it might be added that where a Notice is outstanding against a property a change of ownership often clears up the matter.

Considerable building activity in the town resulted in an increase in the population and the Registrar General's figures for mid-1962 showed that the 30,000 mark had been passed.

General Observations

HOUSING

The clearance work initiated by my predecessor was carried forward and at the end of the year all the cottages had been demolished and the occupants rehoused. Whilst the passing of these links with Bexhill's past was regretted it must be admitted that they had little to offer except sentimental value.

HOUSING GRANTS

Sixteen self-contained flats were made available for renting following conversion of large houses by owners who also retained a flat for their own occupation. Apart from these no applications for Grants to improve existing tenanted properties were received.

At the end of the year in response to a directive from the Minister of Housing a start was made on surveying a number of houses in the London Road—Salisbury Road area. It was interesting to note that out of 31 houses in London Road, 19 were owner-occupied. The houses generally were in good condition and the vast improvement shown in the houses that had been improved with Grants was very encouraging.

CESSPOOLS

Once again it is gratifying to report that the number of cesspools again shows a decrease and it is to be hoped that the extension of sewers at Pebsham, Watermill Lane and Norman's Bay will, before many years are past, have reduced the number very considerably.

FOOD PREMISES

The general standard is slowly rising and a welcome diminution of smoking by food handlers was noted.

CLEAN AIR ACT

The two gas works and the Lunsford brick works again were the subjects of complaints.

The Gas Board's engineer was extremely co-operative in putting the case for the industry and it is to be hoped that the Board's policy of concentrating the making of gas in a few areas will ultimately result in relief to this part of the south-east area.

FOOD HYGIENE

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

No. of premises inspected	..	..	..	76
No. of notices served	..	..	..	4

TABLE 15

Cleanse and colour wash walls and ceilings	..	..	..	..	5
Cleanse and repaint walls and ceilings	..	..	..	..	3
Cleanse walls and ceiling and repair	..	..	..	..	1
Cleanse walls and floor	..	..	..	..	1
Provide and fix new wash hand basin, etc.	..	..	..	..	2
Notice requiring washing of hands	..	..	..	..	8
Provide soap, towels, nail brushes	..	..	..	..	1
Provide first-aid box, etc.	..	..	..	..	4
Defective wall plaster	..	..	..	..	5
Defective ceiling plaster	..	..	..	..	3
Notice re smoking/spitting	..	..	..	..	1
Provide new sink, etc., with hot and cold water	..	..	..	..	5
Provide hoods to gas cookers	..	..	..	..	1
W.C. opens direct into food room	..	..	..	..	1
Renew panes of glass	..	..	..	..	1
Repair concrete floor and relay	..	..	..	..	1
Repair floor	..	..	..	..	1
Intervening ventilated space	..	..	..	..	1
Provide accommodation for outdoor clothing	..	..	..	..	1

Accumulation of rubbish	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
No lighting, artificial or natural, or insufficient	..	..	..	..	..	..	2
Repair defective yard paving	..	..	..	..	..	..	3
No permanent ventilation in kitchen	..	..	..	..	..	..	1
Miscellaneous	..	..	..	..	..	..	8

ICE CREAM

A total of 75 samples was taken for Methylene Blue examination and of these 70 were graded in Class 1 and four in Grade 2, giving a total of 99% satisfactory. This is very good, indeed, and reflects great credit on the industry.

MILK

A total of 10 samples was taken for biological examination and appropriate action taken where necessary. The Brighton Laboratory once again proved to be accurate and helpful and it is comforting to know that these experts are at our service.

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

These public places again received close attention and they are slowly being improved.

The staff worked well despite some very severe weather and whilst the usual spasmodic wanton damage occurred, I feel that the conveniences compare favourably with those of other authorities.

The Marina men's convenience was modernised and work put in hand to do the same to the Sackville men's convenience,

MOVEABLE DWELLINGS

CARAVAN SITES AND CONTROL OF DEVELOPMENT ACT 1960

The sites were frequently visited and conditions found to be very good.

The construction of sanitary blocks proceeded and were found to be well used by caravan dwellers.

There can be no doubt that this way of life is becoming increasingly popular and if properly controlled gives much pleasure to many people.

Negotiations with the principal site owners at Norman's Bay with a view to concentrating the caravans in a Central Site made some progress and I am confident that with the advent of public services this part of the Borough will be vastly improved.

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

TABLE 16

Housing inspection, P.H.A.	...	...	...	...	...	563
Visits re above	...	...	...	...	...	1,486
Housing inspection, H.A.	...	...	...	...	...	101
Visits re above	...	...	...	...	...	148
Housing Survey	...	...	...	...	...	37
Overcrowding	...	...	...	...	...	2
Water supply	...	...	...	...	...	21
Water Samples procured :						
Well Supply	...	...	...	...	...	3
Main Supply	...	...	...	...	...	10
Swimming Bath	...	...	...	...	...	6
Smoke abatement	...	...	...	...	...	8
Smoke Observations	...	...	...	...	...	33
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	6
Moveable dwellings	...	...	...	...	...	124
Offensive Trades	...	...	...	...	...	2
Stables and/or piggeries	...	...	...	...	...	5
Poultry/Rabbit keeping	...	...	...	...	...	3
Factories—mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	230
Factories—non mechanical power	...	...	...	...	...	49
Outworkers	...	...	...	...	...	2
Shops Acts, 1950	...	...	...	...	...	325
Public conveniences	...	...	...	...	...	459
Theatres, cinemas	...	...	...	...	...	5
Drainage—general	...	...	...	...	...	513

Drainage—testing by :							
(a) Smoke	...	...	...	...	...	...	40
(b) Water	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
(c) Colour	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Cesspools	...	...	...	...	...	...	230
Other sanitary visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	397
Dustbins/Ashes receptacles	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Works in progress	...	...	...	...	...	...	36
Interviews	...	...	...	...	...	...	73
Pet Animals Act, 1951	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Heat Appl. (Fireguards)	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Miscellaneous	...	...	...	...	...	...	72
Butchers' shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	83
Fried fish shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Greengrocers and fruiterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	27
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	134
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Licensed premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Dairies and milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Ice cream premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
Ice cream sampling	...	...	...	...	...	...	99
Milk sampling—							
(a) Chemical	...	...	...	...	...	...	I
(b) Methylene Blue	...	...	...	...	...	...	I
(c) Phosphatase	...	...	...	...	...	...	I
Food preparing premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	76
Cafes	...	...	...	...	...	...	III
Food & Drugs Act (Regist.)	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Other food visits	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Infectious Disease and disinfection	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
Disinfestation, general	...	...	...	...	...	...	45
Disinfestation, bugs, fleas etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	74
Rats and mice	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,511
							<hr/> 7,523 <hr/>

COMPLAINTS

1958	...	...	...	...	...	708
1959	...	...	...	...	...	655
1960	...	...	...	...	...	638
1961	...	...	...	...	...	617
1962	...	...	...	...	...	449

TABLE 17

Condition of premises	3
Beetles, Ants, Flies etc.	26
Dampness	13
Stoving and/or Disinfection of room/Articles..	26
Drainage and Sanitary Fittings	34
Accumulation of refuse	12
Food	11
Flooding	1
Housing Defects	29
Smoke Nuisance	18
Overcrowding	3
Verminous premises	3
Absence of or defective dustbins	3
Overgrown land	4
Keeping of animals	6
Bad smells	18
Noise	1
Miscellaneous	24
Rats and Mice	214
Total	449

SANITARY DEFECTS AND NOTICES

TABLE 18

Statutory Notices served during 1962	5
Statutory Notices complied with during 1962	1
Statutory Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1962	4
Informal Notices served during 1962	168
Informal Notices complied with during 1962	146
Informal Notices outstanding at 31st December, 1962	22

HOUSE INSPECTION AND SANITARY IMPROVEMENTS

19 houses as a result of informal action and 5 as a result of formal action were rendered fit. The following tables show the sanitary improvements effected during the year:—

TABLE 19

Drains repaired	11
Choked drains	20
New frames and covers to existing drains	1
Defective waste pipes	1
Grids cleansed	1
Gullies cleansed	1
Absence of stopper to raking arm	1
Defective or overflowing septic tank	4
Septic tanks repaired	3
Defective rain-water pipe	5
Defective eavesgutter	6
Defective water supply pipes	1
Defective W.C. seat	1
Defective W.C. flushing cistern	3
Defective connection between flushpipe and pedestal	3
Defective hot water boiler	1
Defective plaster to walls	7
Defective plaster to ceilings	3
Defective boarded ceiling	2
Defective internal walls	1
Defective external walls	7
Dampness of walls	30
Damp ceilings	6
Defective ceilings	5
Dampness of chimney breast	2
Rising dampness	14
Defective air bricks	1
Walls require cleansing	2
Ceilings require cleansing	2
Defective floors	4
Defective roofs	28
Defective and dangerous chimney stacks	2
Defective kitchen ranges	1
Defective chimney flues	1

Defective window sashes and frames	..	..	..	..	23
Defective and badly fitting windows	..	..	..	..	2
Defective cills .. .. .	..	..	..	..	3
No permanent ventilation to food store	..	..	..	..	1
Defective steps	..	..	..	..	2
Defective yard paving	..	..	..	..	1
Dustbins provided	..	..	..	..	75
Accumulation of refuse/manure	..	..	..	..	3
Keeping of animals/hens	..	..	..	..	2
Miscellaneous .. .. .	..	..	..	..	17

TABLE 20
SUMMARY OF ROOMS DISINFECTED

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Cancer ..	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	4
Erysipelas ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Meningitis ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Acute	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis	—	1	5	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	7
Chicken Pox	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Measles ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Vermin ..	—	18	—	—	9	10	—	—	—	—	6	—	43
Miscellaneous	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1
Totals ..	1	19	5	1	9	10	—	—	1	1	8	—	55

TABLE 21
ARTICLES DISINFECTED OR DESTROYED

Article	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apl.	May	June	July	Aug.	Sept.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.	Total
Wearing Apparel ..	—	2	1	—	—	30	—	—	—	—	—	—	33
Bed Covers	—	2	—	1	—	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	5
Mattresses ..	2	—	2	2	—	3	1	2	3	—	—	—	15
Feather Beds	1	—	—	—	—	3	—	—	1	—	—	—	5
Eiderdowns	2	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	4
Bolsters	1	1	—	1	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	—	5
Pillows	6	1	2	3	—	5	5	7	3	—	—	—	32
Blankets	3	3	6	—	2	3	—	—	—	—	—	—	17
Sheets	1	2	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	3
Miscellaneous	4	2	—	—	—	4	—	5	3	1	2	—	21
Totals ..	20	14	11	7	2	51	7	15	10	1	2	—	140

FACTORIES ACT, 1961

During the year 279 visits were paid to factories, workshops and workplaces, 22 notices being served. Eighteen of the notices had been complied with at the end of the year.

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

Factories Act, 1961

SECTION 7:

Dirty walls and ceiling	..	..	..	..	..	2
Pedestal dirty	..	..	..	..	..	1
Absence of closet accommodation on building site	..					16

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	..	..	..	55
No. of articles disinfected or destroyed	..			140
No. of visits paid	..	..	..	66

RODENT CONTROL

A total of 214 complaints were received and 1,511 visits were made to premises and land.

<i>No. of complaints</i>	<i>Rats</i>	<i>Mice</i>	<i>Total</i>
1962	158	56	214
1961	220	74	294
1960	197	86	283
1959	160	111	271
1958	198	131	329
<i>Total number of visits paid</i>			
1962	1,511		
1961	1,968		
1960	2,019		
1959	1,549		
1958	2,398		

The number of complaints decreased and this was no doubt due to the painstaking care exercised by the Rodent Operative, Mr. G. Chalmers, over the past few years. This work is carried out in difficult conditions in all weathers and calls for tact and perseverance, and Mr. Chalmers coped admirably with all the many problems that presented themselves.

Refuse Tip

This is now only used for builders rubbish and any infestation is negligible.

Farm Premises

10 visits of survey were made by the Rodent Officer. There are 41 premises within the Borough which are classed as agricultural. 1 premise was treated by the Rodent Officer.

Sewers

In view of the satisfactory position regarding rat infestation in the public sewers the work of pre-baiting certain manholes has been discontinued until 1964.

CONCLUSION

As usual my colleague, Mr. S. Wild, deputised admirably in my absence and his long experience proved more than equal to all emergencies.

The Chief Clerk, Mr. K. Westwood, was a great help in the administration of the Public Conveniences and his handling of the staff materially assisted in keeping them in good heart through very grim weather conditions.

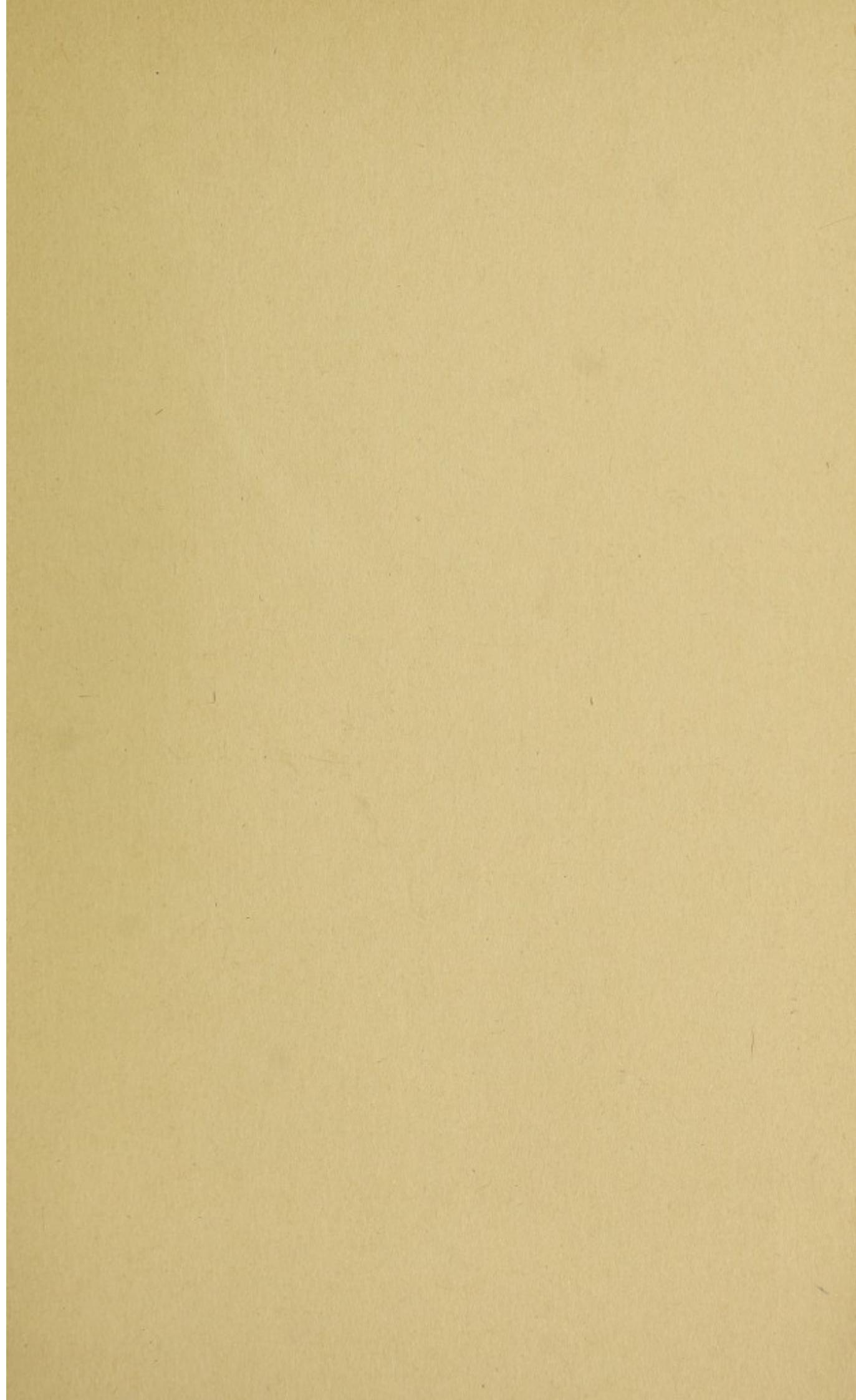
Miss McEvoy kept the records in good order and her reception of callers left little to be desired.

The Medical Officer of Health, Dr. R. J. Toleman, proved invaluable as a final court of appeal in obdurate cases and his help was much appreciated.

May I tender my sincere thanks to the Chairman, Alderman Goodwin, for his encouragement and help at difficult times and to the members of the Health Committee for their consideration and support.

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