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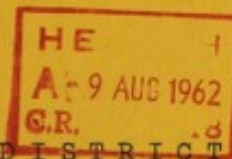
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of the
PUBLIC HEALTH
INSPECTOR
for the year
1961.



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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
BIGGLESWADE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCIL

Mr. Chairman and Councillors,

I have the honour to submit my Annual Report on the health and sanitary circumstances for the Biggleswade Rural District for 1961.

The vital statistics in the first part of the report indicate a generally satisfactory state of affairs; the birth rate being above and the death rate substantially below, the National average. The infant mortality and peri-natal rates were exceptionally low and the maternal mortality rate again nil.

The only infectious disease that was at all prevalent during the year, was Measles and this, unfortunately, caused the death of one child, the first from this disease for many years.

Although there was a continued reduction in the number of cases of Tuberculosis notified, the deaths from this disease registered, have not shown any diminution recently. This is accounted for by the presence of long stay hospitals in the area and does not reflect the state of health of the local population.

In addition to maintaining the immunity of the population against Diphtheria and Whooping Cough, the County Council under Section 27 of the National Health Service Act, is now also giving protection against Tetanus and Poliomyelitis. No cases of the latter disease has occurred in this district since 1957.

Water supplies in the district continue to be satisfactory. The seven largest villages are now on main drainage and schemes are in hand for connection of another eight parishes.

The amount of meat slaughtered at the slaughterhouse at Arlesey continues to occupy a great deal of the time of our meat inspectors. Nevertheless, it has been possible to achieve One hundred per cent inspections. The amount of meat condemned as a result of these inspections shows how necessary this service still is.

The standard of Food Hygiene practised by food handlers in the district generally, is fairly satisfactory, but there are exceptions and these will need frequent visiting to improve their methods.

We are now having to care for an ever-increasing number

/of very

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE
LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE ON HEALTH

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of the
letter and accompanying documents from the Highlands Health
District for 1951.

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population against diphtheria and Whooping Cough, the County
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since 1951.

Water supplies in the district continue to be satisfactory.
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in hand for completion of another eight villages.

The amount of water supplied at the district level is
already sufficient to supply a great deal of the time of our own
population. Nevertheless, it has been decided to continue the
scheme for water supply. The water of our own district is
being of the highest quality and is being used for drinking water.

The amount of food supply is being increased by the district
the district authority, to supply the district, but there is
no reason to think that there will be any shortage of food in the
district.

We are now having to take further measures to improve the

of very old and feeble persons and when relatives are unable to take them into their homes, it is humanly and financially preferable to keep these people in the community as long as possible, rather than banish them to Geriatric Hospitals and Old People's Homes. Their special needs have been occupying the attention of the Housing Committee during the year and it is hoped that provision will be made for them in the way of specially constructed, labour-saving dwellings where help can be given to them and where they can be assisted to maintain an independent life for much longer than has previously been possible.

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Members of the Council for their indulgence and the Council staff for their help and co-operation during the year, and particularly Mr. Pridmore, who has been responsible for the major part of the year's work recorded in this Report.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

H. S. BURY

Medical Officer of Health.

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I am,

Yours obedient servant,

M. A. SELL

Medical Officer of Health.

B I G G L E S W A D E R U R A L D I S T R I C T
C O U N C I L

A N N U A L R E P O R T

of the

MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH

for 1961.

1. STATISTICS OF THE AREA

Area in acres	...	...	...	...	...	49,153
Registrar General's estimate of home population						
mid-year 1961	...	...	...	...	...	28,020
Number of inhabited houses	...	...	...	...	...	7,890
Rateable value	...	...	...	...	...	£246,537
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	...	...	...	...	...	£1,020

2. SOCIAL CONDITIONS

The district is mainly agricultural and is famous for it's market gardening industry.

Small industry includes light engineering, brick making, milling and the manufacture of fertilizers over 25 scattered parishes.

Several villages such as Pottton, Shefford and Arlesey and Stotfold are quite large; others like Astwick and Eyeworth are only very small hamlets.

Housing generally is poor by modern standards; much of it is early Victorian terraced type and old rural cottage property.

The area is very prosperous and employment is plentiful.

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3. VITAL STATISTICS

LIVE BIRTHS

				<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	248	234	482
Illegitimate	...	...	...	<u>13</u>	<u>9</u>	<u>22</u>
			Total	<u>261</u>	<u>243</u>	<u>504</u>

Crude birth rate per 1,000 Home population	...	18.0
Adjusted birth rate per 1,000 Home population	..	19.4
Birth rate for England and Wales	...	17.4

STILL BIRTHS

				<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	6	4	10
Illegitimate	...	...	...	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>-</u>
			Total	<u>6</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>10</u>

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 total births	...	19.5
Still Birth Rate for England and Wales	...	18.7

DEATHS

				<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
All causes	...	...	...	176	146	322

Crude death rate per 1,000 Home Population	...	11.5
Area comparability Factor	...	0.89
Adjusted death rate per 1,000 Home population	..	10.2
Death rate for England and Wales	...	12.0

DEATHS CONNECTED WITH CHILDBIRTH

Maternal Mortality	...	Nil per 1,000 total live and still births.
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Vital statistics continued

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEARS OF AGE

				<u>Males</u>	<u>Females</u>	<u>Total</u>
Legitimate	...	...	...	2	1	3
Illegitimate	...	...	...	-	-	-
		Total	...	<u>2</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>3</u>

Rate for all infants per 1,000 live births ... 6.0
 Rate for England and Wales ... 21.4

Neo-natal Mortality rate
 (deaths under 4 weeks per 1,000 total live births) 4.0

Early Neo-natal Mortality rate
 (deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births) 2.0

Peri-natal Mortality rate
 (Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week combined
 per 1,000 total live and still births) 21.4

STATISTICAL TABLE 1952 - 1961

Year	DEATH RATE		BIRTH RATE		INFANT MORTALITY RATE	
	Biggleswade Rural	England & Wales	Biggleswade Rural	England & Wales	Biggleswade Rural	England & Wales
1952	9.1	11.3	13.4	15.3	25.0	27.6
1953	10.6	11.4	14.4	15.5	15.9	26.8
1954	12.2	11.3	15.9	15.2	25.5	25.5
1955	13.2	11.7	14.2	15.0	8.0	24.9
1956	11.4	11.7	16.2	15.7	17.2	23.8
1957	9.4	11.5	16.7	16.4	22.2	23.0
1958	9.7	11.7	16.7	16.9	23.8	22.5
1959	9.6	12.6	15.5	16.5	9.4	22.0
1960	10.7	11.5	17.1	17.1	13.8	21.7
1961	10.2	12.0	19.4	17.4	6.0	21.4

Vital statistics continued

TABLE OF DEATHS FROM THE YEAR OF AGE

Deaths	Deaths	Deaths	Deaths	Deaths	Deaths
1	1	1	1	1	1
2	2	2	2	2	2
3	3	3	3	3	3
4	4	4	4	4	4
5	5	5	5	5	5
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Rate for all infants per 1,000 live births
Rate for England and Wales

Non-natal mortality rate
(Deaths under 5 weeks per 1,000 total live births)

Infant non-natal mortality rate
(Deaths under 1 week per 1,000 total live births)

Post-natal mortality rate
(Stillbirths and deaths under 1 week corrected
per 1,000 total live and still births)

STATISTICAL TABLE 1922 - 1961

Year	England & Wales	Scotland	Wales	England & Wales	Scotland	Wales
1922	10.1	11.7	12.4	12.4	13.1	13.0
1923	10.6	11.4	12.1	12.1	12.8	12.7
1924	10.3	11.3	11.9	11.9	12.5	12.5
1925	10.2	11.2	11.8	11.8	12.4	12.3
1926	10.1	11.1	11.7	11.7	12.3	12.2
1927	9.9	11.0	11.6	11.6	12.2	12.1
1928	9.7	10.9	11.5	11.5	12.1	12.0
1929	9.6	10.8	11.4	11.4	12.0	11.9
1930	10.7	11.5	12.1	12.1	12.7	12.6
1931	10.2	11.0	11.4	11.4	12.2	12.1

PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH - 1961

CAUSES	Under 16 years		16-65		Over 65		TOTAL	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	3	-	-	1	3	1
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilitic disease	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	-
4. Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
9. Other infective and parasitic disease	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-	2	1	4	1	6	2
11. Malignant neoplasm, lungs Bronchus	-	-	4	1	7	-	11	1
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-	2	-	3	-	5
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasm	-	-	8	6	8	7	16	13
15. Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	1	1	-	-	1	1
16. Diabetes	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17. Vascular lesions of nervous system	-	-	3	4	26	25	29	29
18. Coronary disease, angina	-	-	11	4	16	24	27	28
19. Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	2	2	2	-	4	2
20. Other heart disease	-	-	2	1	22	19	24	20
21. Other circulatory disease	-	-	3	1	2	1	5	2
22. Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	-	-	3	-	3	16	6	16
24. Bronchitis	-	-	3	-	9	2	12	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	1	1	1	-	2	1
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
27. Gastritis, enteritis & Diarrhoea	1	-	1	-	1	1	3	1
28. Nephritis and nephrosis	-	-	1	-	-	-	1	-
29. Hyperplasia of prostate	-	-	-	-	2	-	2	-
30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31. Congenital malformations	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases	1	1	4	-	1	13	6	14
33. Motor Vehicle accidents	1	-	1	-	1	-	3	-
34. All other accidents	-	-	5	-	3	6	8	6
35. Suicide	-	-	1	-	1	-	2	-
36. Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Totals	5	1	60	25	111	120	176	146

Causes of death in infancy

Congenital abnormality 2
 Septicaemia 1

INCIDENTAL CASES OF DE BR - 1961

DISEASE	Under 15 years		15-65		Over 65		TOTAL
	M	F	M	F	M	F	
1. Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	1	-	-	1	2
2. Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
3. Syphilis, chronic	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
4. Leptospirosis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
5. Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
6. Meningococcal infections	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
8. Measles	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
9. Other infectious and parasitic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10. Malignant neoplasm, stomach	-	-	2	-	4	1	7
11. Malignant neoplasm, large intestine	-	-	4	-	7	-	11
12. Malignant neoplasm, breast	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
13. Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
14. Other malignant and dysplastic neoplasms	-	-	6	-	8	7	14
15. Leukemia, all types	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
16. Myeloid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
17. Lymphoid	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
18. Connate disease, congenital	-	-	1	-	4	4	9
19. Hypertension with heart disease	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
20. Other heart disease	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
21. Other circulatory disease	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
22. Influenza	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
23. Pneumonia	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
24. Bronchitis	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
25. Other diseases of respiratory system	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
26. Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
27. Gastritis, chronic	1	-	1	-	1	-	3
28. Hepatitis and cirrhosis	-	-	1	-	-	-	1
29. Hypertension of prostate	-	-	-	-	1	-	1
30. Prostatitis, chronic	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
31. Gonorrhea	1	-	-	-	-	-	1
32. Other venereal and STD diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
33. Diabetes	1	-	1	-	1	-	3
34. Other metabolic diseases	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
35. All other diseases	-	-	1	-	1	-	2
36. Unknown	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
37. Hostile and operations of eye	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	3	1	20	1	25	13	47

Source of data is Bureau

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4. GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE AREA
PROVIDED BY THE NORTH WEST METROPOLITAN REGIONAL HOSPITAL BOARD

GENERAL HOSPITALS

Bedford General Hospital, South Wing, Kempston Road, Bedford
Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford
North Herts & South Beds Hospital, Hitchin, Herts

GERIATRIC HOSPITALS

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford
Clapham Hospital, Near Bedford
Biggleswade Hospital, Potton Road, Biggleswade

MATERNITY HOSPITALS

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford
Lister Hospital, Hitchin, Herts.

INFECTIOUS DISEASE HOSPITAL

Spittlesea Isolation Hospital, Luton

PSYCHIATRIC HOSPITAL

Three Counties Hospital, Arlesey

MENTALLY SUB-NORMAL

Bromham Hospital, Near Bedford

CHEST CLINIC (For Pulmonary Tuberculosis)

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford

VENEREAL DISEASE CLINIC

Bedford General Hospital, South Wing, Kempston Road, Bedford

MINIATURE RADIOGRAPHY

Biggleswade (The Lawns) Tuesdays 11.15a.m. to 11.45a.m.

PHYSIOTHERAPY CLINIC

Biggleswade (The Lawns) Monday, Wednesday and Friday afternoons

BACTERIOLOGICAL LABORATORY

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kimbolton Road, Bedford

4. GENERAL REVIEW OF THE LATEST MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE AREA
REVIEWED BY THE BOARD OF MEDICAL SERVICES IN THE AREA

GENERAL REVIEW

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kingston Road, Bedford
 Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kingston Road, Bedford
 North Wing & South Wing, Kingston Road, Bedford

GENERAL REVIEW

Bedford General Hospital, North Wing, Kingston Road, Bedford
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PROVIDED BY THE BEDFORDSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Service provided by the Bedfordshire County Council has satisfactorily met the needs of the area. It covers the full twenty-four hours.

In addition to moving emergency cases, ambulance or sitting-case car transport is available for carrying patients unable to travel by other means to and from Hospitals and clinics when attendance is necessary for the purpose of receiving medical treatment.

Except in the case of an emergency, the request for an ambulance must be made by a Medical Practitioner or other authorised person. This should be to the nearest depot.

The service now also covers the removal to isolation hospitals of patients suffering from infectious disease.

The following depots are situated in the eastern and northern districts of the County:-

BIGGLESWADE (Chestnut Avenue) Tel: Biggleswade 2295

BEDFORD (Bedford Road, Kempston) Tel: Kempston 5335 and 5336

DOMICILIARY NURSING AND MIDWIFERY SERVICE

This Service is administered by the North Eastern Divisional Health Committee. The nurses employed are:-

Name and Address of Nurse

District

Miss A. Pearson,
68 St. Neots Road, Sandy Tel: 105

Blunham, Mogerhanger
Sandy, Tempsford

Miss M.P. Stafford, (Midwifery only)
38 Mead End, Biggleswade Tel: 3266

Biggleswade, Dunton
Edworth, Eyeworth

Miss E. Dillistone, (General Nursing only)
127 Mead End, Biggleswade Tel: 3177

Biggleswade Dunton,
Edworth, Eyeworth

Miss F. Bishop,
11 Festival Road, Potton Tel: 234

Cockayne Hatley, Everton
Potton, Sutton, Wrestlingworth

Mrs. P.R. Corns,
143 Vaughan Road, Stotfold Tel: 372

Astwick,
Stotfold

Mrs. B. Blamire,
15 Groveside, Henlow Tel: Clifton 298

Clifton
Henlow

REPORT BY THE MEDICAL SOCIETY OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Service provided by the Metropolitan Police Department has satisfactorily met the needs of the area, in terms of the 1911 twenty-four hours.

In addition to making emergency calls, assistance or other cases are handled in which the emergency personnel are not needed by other means to and from hospitals and clinics when assistance is necessary for the purpose of providing medical treatment.

During the year of an emergency, the request for an ambulance must be made by a Medical Professional or other authorized person. This should be to the nearest hospital.

The service was also covered the request for facilities hospital of patients suffering from infectious diseases.

The following reports are attached in the eastern and northern districts of the District:

REPORT (Eastern District) Tel: 1-212-1234
REPORT (Northern District) Tel: 1-212-5678

MEMORANDUM FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

This Service is authorized by the Board of Directors. The service is provided by the Metropolitan Police Department.

Address and Name of Person	Address
Mr. A. F. Brown, 1234 1st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004	1234 1st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004
Mr. M. E. Brown, 1234 1st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004	1234 1st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004
Mr. E. E. Brown, 1234 1st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004	1234 1st Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20004
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DOMICILIARY NURSING AND MIDWIFERY SERVICE CONTINUED

<u>Name and address of Nurse</u>	<u>District</u>
Miss D.M.Collie, 47 Southfields, Shefford Tel: 356	Meppershall, Shefford, Campton, Chicksands
Mrs. E.M.Wyer, Tel: 32, Stratton Way, Biggleswade 2028	Langford, Old Warden Northill, Southill
Mrs. E.M.Woodford, Chase Farm Road, Arlesey Tel:362	Arlesey

HEALTH VISITING SERVICE

<u>Name and Address of Health Visitor</u>	<u>District</u>
Miss D.O.Cannon, The Green, Preston, Nr. Hitchin, Herts	Astwick, Arlesey, Langford, Stotfold.
Miss D.M.Towers, 36a Radcliffe Road, Hitchin, Herts	Broom, Caldecote, Campton Clifton, Henlow, Meppershall, Old Warden, Shefford, Southill
Miss D.A.Hipkiss, "Clocelly", Cottage, Road, Sandy	Biggleswade, Dunton, Edworth, Eyeworth.
Miss M.C.Ramsay, 30 Bedford Road, Sandy	Blunham, Caldecote, Cockayne Hatley, Everton, Mogerhanger, Northill, Ickwell, Potton, Sandy, Sutton, Tempsford, Wrestlingworth.

POSTAL LISTING OF MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

<u>Name and address of member</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Miss E. A. Collins, 47 Southfield, Detroit, Mich. 126	Highland Park, Michigan
Mr. J. A. Ford, 12, Madison St., Saginaw, Mich. 126	Highland Park, Michigan
Mr. J. A. Ford, Green Park Road, Saginaw, Mich. 126	Highland Park, Michigan

MEMBER LISTING

<u>Name and address of member</u>	<u>Residence</u>
Miss D. G. Collins, The Green, Detroit, Mich. 126	Highland Park, Michigan
Miss E. A. Ford, The Madison St. Road, Saginaw, Mich. 126	Highland Park, Michigan
Miss E. A. Ford, "Oleander", Detroit, Mich. 126	Highland Park, Michigan
Miss E. A. Ford, 10 Oakwood Road, Saginaw, Mich. 126	Highland Park, Michigan
Miss E. A. Ford, Green Park Road, Saginaw, Mich. 126	Highland Park, Michigan

PROVIDED BY THE BEDFORD HIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CHILD WELFARE CLINICS

ARLESEY	Methodist Schoolroom	Monday afternoons fortnightly
BIGGIESWADE	"The Lawns Health Centre"	Tuesday afternoons weekly
BLUNHAM	Village Hall	Thursday afternoons monthly
HENLOW CAMP	Henlow R.A.F. Station	Thursday afternoons fortnightly
HENLOW VILLAGE	Parish Hall	Thursday mornings fortnightly
LANGFORD	Ivy Leaf Club Room	Thursday mornings, fortnightly
POTTON	Church Hall	Wednesday afternoons fortnightly
SANDY	Church Room	Thursday afternoons fortnightly
SHEFFORD	Digswell House	Wednesday afternoons weekly
STOTFOLD	Unionist Club	Monday afternoons fortnightly
TEMPSFORD	Stuart Memorial Hall	Thursday afternoons weekly
WRESTLINGWORTH	Memorial Hall	Tuesday afternoons monthly

ANTE NATAL CLINICS

BIGGIESWADE	The Lawns Health Centre	Tuesday mornings fortnightly
SHEFFORD	Digswell House	Wednesday mornings fortnightly
STOTFOLD	Unionist Club	Monday mornings fortnightly

HOME HELP SERVICE

Organizer:- Mrs. V. Van Berckaler, 3 St. Peters Street, Bedford
Tel: Bedford 2207

DENTAL CLINIC

BIGGIESWADE	The Lawns Health Centre	four mornings per week
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SPEECH THERAPY CLINIC

BIGGIESWADE	The Lawns Health Centre	Thursday afternoons weekly.
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5. IMMUNISATION AND VACCINATION

It is now possible to protect persons against an increasing number of infections by the use of vaccines and toxoids. The Bedfordshire County Council is responsible for the provision of this service which is given direct at clinics and schools or through the General Medical Practitioners. Diphtheria, Whooping Cough, Tetanus, Poliomyelitis, Smallpox and Tuberculosis are the diseases dealt with.

The tables printed below are supplied by the Divisional Medical Officer and indicate the work carried out in the district during the year.

DIPHTHERIA ONLY

Age Groups	Under 1	1-4	5-9	10-15	Totals
Primary injections	-	16	39	13	68
Booster injections	-	9	273	224	506

DIPHTHERIA AND WHOOPING COUGH COMBINED

Age Groups	Under 1	1-4	5-9	10-15	Totals
Primary injections	202	68	8	3	281
Booster injections	-	5	36	12	53

DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS

Age Groups	Under 1	1-4	5-9	10-15	Totals
Primary injections	65	20	1	-	86

INVESTIGATION AND VACCINATION

It is now possible to protect persons against an infectious disease by the use of vaccines and sera. The number of infections by the use of vaccines and sera is decreasing. The health department is responsible for the provision of this service which is given direct to patients and through the General Medical Services, Hospitals, Dispensary, etc. The health department is responsible for the provision of this service.

The tables given below are compiled by the Division of Health and are intended to show the work carried out in the district during the year.

TABLE I

Age Group	1-4	5-9	10-14	Total
Primary Infections	15	25	12	52
Secondary Infections	5	25	22	52

TABLE II

Age Group	1-4	5-9	10-14	Total
Primary Infections	60	1	3	64
Secondary Infections	5	15	10	30

TABLE III

Age Group	1-4	5-9	10-14	Total
Primary Infections	15	1	-	16

SMALLPOX VACCINATION CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

Age Groups	Under 1	1	2-4	5-14	15 and over	Totals
Primary Vaccinations	137	48	16	16	21	238
Re-vaccinations	-	-	-	4	24	28

POLIOMYELITIS VACCINATION

During the year the following injections against Poliomyelitis were carried out in the North Eastern Division...

No. who had the first two injections	4,775
No. who had the third injection	6,068
No. of children in the age group 7 - 11 years who had a fourth injection..	5,634

B.C.G. VACCINATION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS

B.C.G. Vaccination against Tuberculosis is now available to senior schoolchildren and students and the following table shows the work carried out in the North Eastern Division during the year ...

No. skin tested	826
No. found positive	89
No. found negative and vaccinated..	710
No. of absentees carried forward to following year	27

SELECTED VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN FOR 1978

Group	1	2-4	5-14	15 and over	Total
Primary Victims	137	48	16	21	222
Non-Victims	-	-	4	24	28

WOMEN'S VIOLENCE

During the year the following incidents against Police Officers were reported in the North Eastern Division...

No. who had the first two incidents 4,770
 No. who had the third incident 2,100
 No. of children in the group
 7 - 11 years who had a fourth incident... 2,300

2.0.2. VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

2.0.2.1. Incidents against Police Officers in the Division for which statistics are available and against the following table were reported in the North Eastern Division during the year...

No. who were ... 626
 No. found positive ... 63
 No. found negative and ... 763
 No. of children in the group
 Forward to following year 21

6. PREVALENCE AND CONTROL OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES

	Notification by Age Groups					
	Under 1	1-4	5-9	10-15	Over 15	Total
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	1	1
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	2	2
Jaundice	-	-	-	-	1	1
Measles	3	123	158	4	3	291
Pneumonia	-	-	-	-	19	19
Puerperal Pyrexia	-	-	-	-	1	1
Scarlet Fever	-	-	4	-	-	4
Whooping Cough	-	1	4	1	-	6
Tuberculosis - Resp	-	-	-	-	5	5
" Non-Resp	-	-	-	-	2	2

NOTIFICATIONS BY PARISHES

	Erysipelas	Food Poisoning	Jaundice	Measles	Pneumonia	Puerperal Pyrexia	Scarlet Fever	Tuberculosis Respiratory	Non-Respiratory	Whooping Cough	Totals
Arlesey	-	-	-	2	7	1	-	-	1	-	11
Astwick	-	-	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	2
Blunham	-	-	-	19	4	-	-	1	-	-	24
Clifton	-	-	-	21	-	-	-	-	-	-	21
Caldecote	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Dunton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	1
Everton	1	-	-	3	1	-	-	-	-	-	5
Eyeworth	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	1	-	-	3
Henlow	-	-	-	19	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Ickwell	-	-	-	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	2
Langford	-	-	-	35	1	-	-	-	-	-	36
Mogerhanger	-	-	-	5	1	-	-	-	-	-	6
Meppershall	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	4
Northill	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Old Warden	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Potton	-	2	-	17	-	-	-	-	-	-	19
Sutton	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	-	-	-	3
Stotfold	-	-	1	106	2	-	1	1	1	5	117
Shefford	-	-	-	43	-	-	1	-	-	-	44
Stanford	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1
Tempsford	-	-	-	4	1	-	-	1	-	1	7
Upper Stondon	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-	-	3
Totals	1	2	1	291	19	1	4	5	2	6	332

7. TUBERCULOSIS

The following table shows the number of new cases of Tuberculosis notified and the number of deaths for the years 1950 - 1961.

Year	NEW CASES					DEATHS				
	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonary		Total
	M	F	M	F		M	F	M	F	
1950	13	6	4	-	23	2	1	1	-	4
1951	13	6	2	5	26	-	3	-	-	3
1952	5	5	2	1	13	-	-	1	-	1
1953	14	11	2	2	29	2	-	-	-	2
1954	18	11	3	2	34	2	3	1	-	6
1955	12	11	2	5	30	5	1	-	-	6
1956	1	6	-	-	7	2	1	-	-	3
1957	2	2	-	1	5	1	-	-	-	1
1958	7	2	-	1	10	1	1	-	1	3
1959	8	6	3	-	17	-	-	-	-	-
1960	4	5	3	-	12	2	-	-	-	2
1961	2	3	1	1	7	3	1	-	-	4

During the year the Mass Radiography Unit visited Biggleswade and a total of 2,819 persons were examined.

Of the five Pulmonary Tuberculosis cases notified, three of these were referred by the Mass Radiography Unit.

The Mobile Chest X-Ray Unit now visits Biggleswade regularly to provide a service for local medical practitioners. It is stationed at "The Lawns" every Tuesday morning, between 11.15 a.m. and 11.45 a.m.

The following table shows the number of new cases of
Tuberculosis notified and the number of deaths for the years
1961 - 1962.

Year	NEW CASES			DEATHS		
	Year	February	March	Year	February	March
1961	1	1	1	1	1	1
1962	2	2	2	2	2	2
1963	3	3	3	3	3	3
1964	4	4	4	4	4	4
1965	5	5	5	5	5	5
1966	6	6	6	6	6	6
1967	7	7	7	7	7	7
1968	8	8	8	8	8	8
1969	9	9	9	9	9	9
1970	10	10	10	10	10	10
1971	11	11	11	11	11	11
1972	12	12	12	12	12	12
1973	13	13	13	13	13	13
1974	14	14	14	14	14	14
1975	15	15	15	15	15	15
1976	16	16	16	16	16	16
1977	17	17	17	17	17	17
1978	18	18	18	18	18	18
1979	19	19	19	19	19	19
1980	20	20	20	20	20	20
1981	21	21	21	21	21	21
1982	22	22	22	22	22	22
1983	23	23	23	23	23	23
1984	24	24	24	24	24	24
1985	25	25	25	25	25	25
1986	26	26	26	26	26	26
1987	27	27	27	27	27	27
1988	28	28	28	28	28	28
1989	29	29	29	29	29	29
1990	30	30	30	30	30	30
1991	31	31	31	31	31	31
1992	32	32	32	32	32	32
1993	33	33	33	33	33	33
1994	34	34	34	34	34	34
1995	35	35	35	35	35	35
1996	36	36	36	36	36	36
1997	37	37	37	37	37	37
1998	38	38	38	38	38	38
1999	39	39	39	39	39	39
2000	40	40	40	40	40	40
2001	41	41	41	41	41	41
2002	42	42	42	42	42	42
2003	43	43	43	43	43	43
2004	44	44	44	44	44	44
2005	45	45	45	45	45	45
2006	46	46	46	46	46	46
2007	47	47	47	47	47	47
2008	48	48	48	48	48	48
2009	49	49	49	49	49	49
2010	50	50	50	50	50	50
2011	51	51	51	51	51	51
2012	52	52	52	52	52	52
2013	53	53	53	53	53	53
2014	54	54	54	54	54	54
2015	55	55	55	55	55	55
2016	56	56	56	56	56	56
2017	57	57	57	57	57	57
2018	58	58	58	58	58	58
2019	59	59	59	59	59	59
2020	60	60	60	60	60	60
2021	61	61	61	61	61	61
2022	62	62	62	62	62	62
2023	63	63	63	63	63	63
2024	64	64	64	64	64	64
2025	65	65	65	65	65	65
2026	66	66	66	66	66	66
2027	67	67	67	67	67	67
2028	68	68	68	68	68	68
2029	69	69	69	69	69	69
2030	70	70	70	70	70	70

During the year the new tuberculosis cases notified to the
and a total of 2,815 persons were notified.

Of the five tuberculosis cases notified, three of
these were referred by the new tuberculosis unit.

The Health Officer is by law required to provide a copy of
to provide a copy of the local medical records. It is
stated at the time, every person notified, between 1961 and
and 1962.

8. SANITARY CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

(a) WATER SUPPLY

Water is supplied to the area by the Biggleswade Water Board and has proved very satisfactory in quality and quantity. Samples have been taken periodically during the year and the results have shown that the supply is of the highest standard of organic and bacterial purity. It is not plumbo-solvent.

The following report by the County Public Health Laboratory of a sample sent for examination is typical:-

Chemical Examination in parts per million

Appearance	- Bright with very few particles.	
Colour		Nil
Turbidity		Less than 3
Odour		Nil
Reaction pH	neutral	7.3
Free Carbon Dioxide		16
Electric Conductivity at 20 degs. C.		330
Dissolved Solids dried at 180 degs. C		255
Chlorine present as Chlorides		10
Alkalinity as Calcium Carbonate		165
Hardness ... Total		185
	Carbonate	165
	Non Carbonate	20
Nitrate Nitrogen		0.3
Nitrite Nitrogen		Absent
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	X	0.000
Oxygen absorbed		0.000
Albuminoid Nitrogen	X	0.000
Residual Chlorine		Absent
Metals Iron		Absent
Other metals		Absent

X To convert to ammonia multiply by 1.21

Samples were taken from various parts of the distribution system during the year for bacteriological examination and all proved satisfactory.

ANALYSIS OF THE WATER

WATER ANALYSIS

Water is supplied to the area by the Highgate Water
 Plant and has passed very satisfactory in quality and quantity.
 Samples have been taken periodically during the year and the
 results have shown that the supply is of the highest standard
 of purity and bacteriological purity. It is not chemically

The following report by the County Public Health
 Laboratory of a sample sent for examination is typical:-

General Examination in Water not filling

Appearance - Bright with very few particles	
Colour	Nil
Transparency	Less than 2
Odour	Nil
Taste	1.5
Reaction by neutral	18
Total Solids (Evaporated at 100 deg. C.)	330
Dissolved Solids (Evaporated at 180 deg. C.)	222
Organic matter as Oxidizable	10
Residue as Calcium Carbonate	162
Total	162
Calcium	162
Magnesium	20
Iron	0.2
Alumina	1.0
Hydrogen Sulphide	0.000
Ammoniacal Nitrogen	0.000
Nitrate Nitrogen	0.000
Nitrite Nitrogen	0.000
Phosphoric Acid	0.000
Fluoride	0.000
Chloride	0.000
Sulphate	0.000
Other	0.000

To convert to standard multiply by 1.0

Samples were taken from various parts of the distribution
 system during the year for bacteriological examination and all
 proved satisfactory.

(b) DISTRIBUTION OF WATER

PARISH	Est. Population supplied from mains	Number of houses at 31st December, 1961		
		With direct mains supply	Mains supply to standpipe	Dependent on other source
Arlesey	3060	1070	-	-
Astwick	38	12	-	-
Blunham	615	202	-	-
Campton	335	119	-	3
Chicksands	900*	124	-	-
Clifton	1330	479	-	-
Cockayne Hatley	106	36	-	-
Dunton	440	156	-	2
Edworth	50	25	-	-
Everton	220	96	-	-
Eyeworth	90	28	-	1
Henlow	3950*	872	-	-
Langford	1250	527	-	-
Meppershall	710	238	-	-
Mogerhanger	585	183	-	-
Northill	1450	512	-	3
Old Warden	430	105	-	7
Potton	2060	782	-	3
Shefford	2010	749	-	1
Southill	1075	343	-	2
Stotfold	5220	1319	-	2
Sutton	280	90	-	-
Tempsford	480	152	-	-
Upper Stondon	70	27	-	-
Wrestlingworth	385	138	-	-

* These figures include Service Personnel

(c) RAINFALL

Rainfall is normally recorded at the Sewage Disposal Works at Arlesey, Pottton and Stotfold. Unfortunately, the rain gauge at Arlesey was stolen during the year and so the records from this Station are incomplete.

The rainfall recorded has been as follows:-

	<u>ARLESEY</u>		<u>POTTON</u>		<u>STOTFOLD</u>	
	<u>Rainfall</u> <u>in inches</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Rainfall</u> <u>in inches</u>	<u>Days</u>	<u>Rainfall</u> <u>in inches</u>	<u>Days</u>
January	1.71	14	1.98	24	1.58	15
February	2.20	14	2.10	18	2.22	14
March	0.10	3	0.14	6	0.06	3
April	Not available		1.96	25	1.86	18
May	- do -		0.71	10	0.61	5
June	- do -		1.10	9	0.54	8
July	- do -		1.16	10	0.90	7
August	- do -		2.63	18	1.87	17
September	1.74	9	2.68	17	2.35	14
October	2.40	17	2.22	23	2.46	18
November	1.50	11	1.92	11	1.80	12
December	3.22	15	2.70	17	3.29	14
TOTAL	-	-	21.30	192	19.54	145

RAINFALL is normally recorded at the Swamp District
 Works at Ashbury, Totton and Boscawen. Unfortunately, the
 rain gauge at Ashbury was stolen during the year and so the
 records from this station are incomplete.

The rainfall recorded has been as follows:-

ASHBURY		TOTTEN		BOSCOWEN	
in inches	Days	in inches	Days	in inches	Days
1.73	15	1.98	24	1.73	15
2.50	16	2.10	18	2.50	16
0.10	1	0.11	2	0.10	1
Not available		1.96	22		
- 0. -	2	0.11	20	- 0. -	2
- 0. -	3	1.10	9	- 0. -	3
- 0. -	4	1.16	10	- 0. -	4
- 0. -	5	2.43	12	- 0. -	5
1.73	17	2.66	13	1.73	17
2.40	17	2.23	17	2.40	17
1.70	11	1.90	1	1.70	11
2.22	12	2.10	17	2.22	12
TOTAL		23.70		23.70	

(d) DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The sewerage of Langford was completed at the beginning of the year - thus completing the original "Four Parish" Scheme. This includes approximately 12 miles of sewers ranging from 6" to 15" in diameter, and 7 Pumping Stations.

Provision has also been made in the scheme for the drainage of Campton, and it is hoped that this work will be commenced in the early part of next year. The sewerage of Everton is also well in hand and this scheme should come into operation during the coming year.

The effluent discharged from the small sewage plant at Etonbury School proved unsatisfactory and the County Council are taking steps which are calculated to effect an improvement. The effluent from the Arlesey Sewage Disposal works has on occasions proved unsatisfactory mainly on account of high suspended solids. This matter has been referred to the Council's Consulting Engineers.

As a further step towards implementing their programme made in 1947, the Council have decided to sewer Blunham, Meppershall, Northill, Tempsford and Wrestlingworth and preparatory work is in progress in connection with all these schemes.

(e) NIGHTSOIL REMOVAL AND CESSPOOL EMPTYING

This service has functioned satisfactorily during the year and although the amount of work involved decreases as public sewers become available and more properties are connected thereto, the saving in costs which would otherwise be effected, is more than offset by increases in labour and running costs.

Nightsoil continues to be satisfactorily disposed of by composting on agricultural land, whilst the contents of cesspools are irrigated on land adjoining the Sewage Farm at Potton.

(f) WATERCOURSES

Unfortunately, there are still many polluted watercourses in the area and these are normally cleansed regularly twice per year by the Council. Weeds are trimmed and obstructions removed in the spring and the ditches thoroughly cleansed in the autumn. The contractor for this work resigned during the year, with the result that the ditches received attention once only.

A total length of 409 chains were cleansed at a cost of £231. 4s. 2d.

(4) REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE

The amount of income was estimated at the beginning of the year - some \$100,000. The actual income for the year was \$120,000. The amount of expenditure was \$100,000. The balance was \$20,000.

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(g) REFUSE COLLECTION

The Council operates a scheme of refuse collection by contract, and throughout the district refuse is removed at fortnightly intervals. It is becoming increasingly obvious, however, that a fortnightly removal service is inadequate, and a detailed report will shortly be submitted to the Council in which the shortcomings of the present system will be pointed out, in the hope that any decisions made as a result of that report, may be implemented at the beginning of the next financial year.

Disposal continues to be by means of controlled tipping at a disused gravel pit at Henlow. An attendant, who also operates the bulldozer, is employed by the Council.

The Rodent Operator visits the tip at regular monthly intervals and carried out any necessary treatment for rat infestations. Warfarin is normally used for this purpose. During the summer months regular spraying with a power operated spray is carried out as a precaution against infestation by flies etc.,

(h) SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Houses inspected under the Public Health Acts	754
Houses re-inspected under the Public Health Acts	227
Houses inspected under the Housing Acts	271
Houses re-inspected under the Housing Acts	76
Visits re number of occupants	23
Moveable dwelling visited	135
Investigations re sewers and drains	379
Inspections of watercourses	91
Inspections of places of entertainment	6
Visits to new buildings and drainage works in progress	1,725

(i) Eradication of Bed Bugs

One case of infestation was reported during the year and was effectively dealt with by fumigation and spraying with "Zaldecide".

(j) PETROLEUM ACTS

109 visits were made to premises at which petroleum, cellulose and carbide of calcium are stored. 92 licences were granted in respect of which fees amounting to £64. 15s. Od. were received.

(k) RODENT CONTROL

The Council employ one Rodent Operator who is responsible for the survey of the area and treatment of premises, domestic and business, in which infestations are found. Domestic premises are treated free of charge.

In addition, regular inspections and treatments are carried out at the refuse tip and sewage disposal works. Routine test baiting of sewers is also undertaken, and where infestations are found, the necessary treatment is carried out.

The following table indicates the amount of work undertaken during the year under review.

	<u>Local Authority</u>	<u>Dwellings</u>	<u>All others including business premises</u>	<u>Total</u>
No. of properties inspected	32	480	15	519
No. of properties found to be infested	24	261	15	400
No. of infested properties treated	24	261	3	388

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The following table indicates the amount of work performed during the year ended 1934.

No. of properties inspected	No. of properties referred to the Council	No. of properties referred to the Council	No. of properties referred to the Council	Total
25	25	25	25	25
25	25	25	25	25
25	25	25	25	25

Inspection and Supervision of Food

9. (a) Meat Inspection

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the area. One is used solely for the occupier's own retail business and the other is operated by the Fatstock Marketing Corporation where large numbers of animals are slaughtered for the wholesale trade. In order to maintain the complete inspection of all meat, a very considerable amount of your Officers' leisure time, including weekends, is occupied in this work and it seems clear that this unsatisfactory state of affairs will continue until much needed legislation is introduced to restrict the hours of slaughtering.

The following summary shows the number of animals slaughtered during the year, and the carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in whole or in part:-

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	4,180	317	35	9,802	11,256
Number inspected	4,180	317	35	9,802	11,256
<u>ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI.</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	4	4	148	29
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	3,042	133	2	785	2,397
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci.	72.82	43.21	17.1	9.51	21.55
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	1	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	93	4	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2.27	1.57	-	-	2.18

Legislation and Regulation of Food

(a) Meat Inspection

There are two licensed slaughterhouses in the State. One is used solely for the supply of meat to the military and the other is operated by the Federal Government. The Federal Government has a large number of inspectors for the wholesale trade. In order to maintain the highest inspection of all meat, a very considerable amount of "joint officers" between the military and the Federal Government is required in this work and it seems clear that this arrangement of officers will continue until such time as legislation is introduced to restrict the number of slaughtering.

The following summary shows the number of animals slaughtered during the year, and the carcasses and offal inspected and condemned in State or in foreign

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lamb	Pigs
Number killed	1,190	177	22	9,502	11,535
Number inspected	1,190	177	22	9,502	11,535
<u>ALL OTHERS KNOWN</u>					
<u>TURNED LOOSE AND</u>					
<u>DESTROYED</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	4	4	128	22
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	1,002	172	2	168	1,297
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticercosis	10.02	10.02	17.7	0.81	11.38
<u>TUBERCULOSIS ONLY</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	2	1	-	-	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	21	4	-	-	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	1.76	2.27	-	-	0.18

Meat Inspection contd

	Cattle	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
<u>CYSTICERCOSIS</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	19	-	-	-	-
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	19	-	-	-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-

The carcasses of beef affected by Cysticercus, which is the cystic stage of a tapeworm found in human beings were subjected to approved cold storage treatment, which destroys the cysts.

The total weight of meat found to be unfit for human consumption and destroyed was 32 tons. 1 cwt. 0 qrs. 25 lbs.

(b) Other food premises

All other food premises in the area are visited regularly and it is gratifying to find that food traders and handlers are generally conscious of and responsive to the requirements of The Food Hygiene Regulations. It was necessary to warn two traders of contraventions during the year, but otherwise a satisfactory standard of hygiene has been maintained.

The following foodstuffs were condemned as unfit for human consumption:-

632 tins various foods.
28 lbs. frozen kidneys.
14 lbs. fish.
34 packets cheese.

(c) Ice Cream

There are 72 retailers of Ice Cream in the area, but only one who manufactures the commodity. Otherwise all ice cream is pre-packed and manufactured by firms of national repute.

All premises have been satisfactorily maintained and managed during the year.

Inspection and Supervision of Food contd

(d) Milk Supply

The whole of the district is a Specified Area, and only designated milk (~~Pasteurised~~, sterilized or tuberculin tested) can be sold.

Routine control sampling and licensing of dealers is carried out by the County Council as the Food & Drugs Authority. The dairy farms are registered by the Ministry of Agriculture.

10. HOUSING

(a) New Buildings

575 plans were submitted for approval during the year, of these 483 were approved, 59 were refused, 12 were withdrawn and 21 were outstanding at the end of the year.

172 dwellings were erected by private enterprise.

(b) Housing Conditions

A further survey of unsatisfactory property in the area is in progress at the present time, and a detailed report will be submitted in the near future.

In the meantime, the Council's Building Programme continues at a steady pace, and during the year a further 67 dwellings were completed. Of these 14 were bungalows for aged persons. 7 families occupying houses included in the Slum Clearance Programme were rehoused by the Council.

67 houses were made fit for occupation as the result of informal action and 30 dwellings were demolished.

(c) Improvement Grants

The number of applications for Improvement Grants has shown a decrease during the year. The number received and approved was as follows:-

Applications for Standard Grants	15
Applications for Discretionary Grants	31
The value of work carried out was - £19,795	

(4) Will Supply

The whole of the district is a specified area, and only designated will (distilled, as well as (distilled) can be sold.

Designated areas for growing and processing of denials is handled out by the County Council as the Food & Drugs Authority. The daily farms are regulated by the Ministry of Agriculture.

10. Wasting

(a) How Wasting

275 plants were submitted for approval during the year, of these 215 were approved, 42 were refused, 12 were withdrawn and 21 were outstanding at the end of the year.

175 seedlings were raised by private enterprise.

(b) Wasting Conditions

A further survey of wastefulness property in the area is in progress at the present time, and a detailed report will be submitted in the near future.

In the meantime, the Council's Wasting Program continues to a steady pace, and during the year a further 6 seedlings were accepted. Of these 12 were registered for sale, 12 were registered for sale, 12 were registered in the Wasting Program were returned by the Council.

67 houses were sold for the purpose of the results of informal action and 30 seedlings were donated.

(c) Investment Grants

The number of applications for investment grants has shown a decrease during the year. The number received and approved was as follows:

Applications for 60 seedlings 15
Applications for 120 seedlings 21
The value of work carried out was - £15,750

HOUSING CONTINUED

(a) CERTIFICATES OF DISREPAIR

Two applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received during the year.

In one case it was decided to issue a certificate in respect of all the defects, and in the other, a certificate was issued in respect of some of the defects.

One Certificate of Disrepair was cancelled.

11. ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1937. (PART 1.)

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors):-

Premises	Number on Register	Inspections	Number of written Notices and Occupiers Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	29	18	-
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	79	31	-
(iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding outworkers premises)	2	2	-
Total	110	51	-

(4) GRANTING OF DIPLOMAS

Two applications for Certificates of Diploma were received during the year.

In one case it was decided to issue a certificate in respect of all the defects, and in the other, a certificate was issued in respect of some of the defects.

One Certificate of Diploma was cancelled.

11. ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACT, 1947. (PART I.)

1. Inspections for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors):-

Number of written Notices and Orders issued	Inspections	Number of Factories	Provisions
-	12	25	(i) Provisions in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 are to be enforced by local authority
-	21	15	(ii) Provisions not enforced in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority
-	2	2	(iii) Other provisions in which Section 7 is enforced by the local authority (excluding outworkers premises)
-	35	42	Total

2. Cases in which defects were found:-

	Number of cases in which defects were found		To H.M. Inspector		No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	By H.M. Inspector		
Want of cleanliness	-	-	-	-	-
Overcrowding	-	-	-	-	-
Unreasonable temperature	-	-	-	-	-
Inadequate ventilation	-	-	-	-	-
Ineffective drainage of floors	-	-	-	-	-
Sanitary Conveniences:					
(a) Insufficient	1	1	-	1	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	7	7	-	7	-
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-	-	-	-
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Outwork)	-	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	8	8	-	8	-

3. OUTWORK (Section 110)

Nature of Work	No. of out-workers in August list required by Sec. 111(1)c.	No. of cases of default in sending lists to Council	No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists	No. of instances of work in un-wholesome premises
Wearing apparel	10	-	-	-

OUTWORK (Section 111)

Notices served

Nil

Prosecutions

Nil

3. Cases in which defects were found:-

No. of cases in which defects were found	Number of cases in which defects were found			Total
	To H.M. Inspector	To H.M. Inspector	To H.M. Inspector	
Defects of construction	-	-	-	-
Overheating	-	-	-	-
Unnecessary consumption	-	-	-	-
Excessive vibration	-	-	-	-
Excessive leakage	-	-	-	-
of floors	-	-	-	-
Excessive consumption	-	-	-	-
(a) Unnecessary	1	-	-	1
(b) Unnecessary or	-	-	-	-
defective	7	-	-	7
(c) Not necessary	-	-	-	-
for work	-	-	-	-
Other defects relating to the set (not including defects relating to chassis)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	8	0	0	8

4. OTHER (Defects)

No. of cases in which defects were found	Number of cases in which defects were found			Total
	To H.M. Inspector	To H.M. Inspector	To H.M. Inspector	
Defects of construction	-	-	-	-
Overheating	-	-	-	-
Unnecessary consumption	-	-	-	-
Excessive vibration	-	-	-	-
Excessive leakage	-	-	-	-
of floors	-	-	-	-
Excessive consumption	-	-	-	-
(a) Unnecessary	-	-	-	-
(b) Unnecessary or	-	-	-	-
defective	-	-	-	-
(c) Not necessary	-	-	-	-
for work	-	-	-	-
Other defects relating to the set (not including defects relating to chassis)	-	-	-	-
TOTAL	0	0	0	0

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