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BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

**ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE**

**MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH
AND
CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR**

FOR THE YEAR

1967

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TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. CADBURY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in presenting the Report on the sanitary circumstances of the Urban District of Bromsgrove for the year 1967.

The general health of the population remained very satisfactory. There was no serious outbreak of infectious disease. Vaccination against smallpox and immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus remained at a satisfactory level.

In reviewing progress during the ten years since my appointment as Medical Officer of Health, it is gratifying to note the following points.

Population. This has increased from 30,910 to 38,480.

Housing. During this period 455 houses were demolished either by statutory or informal action. The Council has built 738 houses while private enterprise has accounted for 2,086 new houses. At the same time a considerable number of houses have been brought up to a fit standard. On the whole the general standard of housing is much better and this must, in due course, result in an improvement in the health of the community.

Social Services. During these ten years the main improvement seems to me to be in the care of the elderly and it is gratifying to note that for some time it has not been necessary to obtain the admission of an old person to hospital by Order under Section 47 of the National Assistance Act. First we had the commencement and development of the Meals on Wheels service by the W.V.S. (now W.R.V.S.) to whose members I would like to express my appreciation. I can recall some old people who existed mainly on bread, biscuits, tea and a little milk, and one old lady, in particular, who was bedridden with rheumatoid arthritis, anaemia and malnutrition. On admission to hospital she was found to have an haemoglobin of only 13% ! I hope that in the not too distant future the Meals on Wheels service can be extended up to four meals per person weekly. This must certainly improve nutrition, and result in the deferment of senility, admission to hospital and the cost of that to the Health Services.

Other services needing mention have been the introduction of the Geriatric Health Visiting service, the Chiropody service and the inauguration of the Bromsgrove Association for the Welfare of Old People which has done fine work to assist the aged in many ways.

The Council has also played an important part by providing purpose-built accommodation for the aged.

The introduction of a Cervical Cytology Clinic and the setting up of a Family Planning Clinic by the Family Planning Association has been of special benefit to many women in our community.

Vaccination and Immunisation. The main highlight has been the introduction of polio vaccine with the result that poliomyelitis like diphtheria, has virtually become a disease of the past.

The standard of food hygiene in the District is at a high level, thanks to the work done by the Public Health Inspectors and to the co-operation of the food trade and the public.

I would like to express my appreciation of the work carried out by the Officers and Staff of the Health Department. I would also like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Health Committee for their continued help and support.

I am, Mr. Chairman, Mrs. Cadbury and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant,

C. H. PHILLIPS.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

| | | | | |
|---|--------------|-----|------------|----------|
| Area: | 9,228 acres. | | | 1938 |
| Inhabited houses on 31st December, 1967 | ... | ... | 12,013 | (6,902) |
| Rateable Value, 1st April, 1967 | ... | ... | £1,433,738 | |
| Product of Penny Rate, 1966/67 | ... | ... | £5,770 | 13s. 1d. |
| Registrar General's estimate of population (mid 1967) | | | 38,480 | |

VITAL STATISTICS
(1966 figures given in brackets)

LIVE BIRTHS

| | M | F | Total |
|--------------|-----|-----|-----------|
| Legitimate | 318 | 312 | 630 (696) |
| Illegitimate | 16 | 12 | 28 (28) |
| Total | 334 | 324 | 658 (724) |

BIRTH RATE (Births per 1,000 population)

| | | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|--------------------------|
| 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 | 1963 | 1938 | 1967 (England and Wales) |
| 15.39 | 19.06 | 18.04 | 17.59 | 16.71 | 17.8 | 17.2 |

ILLEGITIMACY RATE (Total live illegitimate births per 1,000 live births)

| | | | | | |
|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|------|
| 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 | 1963 | 1938 |
| 42.55 | 38.67 | 31.87 | 37.55 | 34.43 | 33.5 |

STILL BIRTHS

| | M | F | Total |
|--------------|---|---|---------|
| Legitimate | 5 | 8 | 13 (12) |
| Illegitimate | - | 1 | 1 (-) |
| Total | 5 | 9 | 14 (12) |

STILL BIRTH RATE (Still Births per 1,000 total births)

| | | | | | | |
|------|------|------|-------|------|------|--------------------------|
| 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 | 1963 | 1938 | 1967 (England and Wales) |
| 21.0 | 16.3 | 14.4 | 17.76 | 16.2 | 27.9 | 14.7 |

DEATHS

| M | F | Total |
|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 211 (202) | 189 (215) | 400 (417) |

DEATH RATE (Deaths per 1,000 population)

| | | | | |
|-------|-------|------|------|--------------------------|
| 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1938 | 1967 (England and Wales) |
| 10.29 | 10.93 | 9.62 | 12.5 | 11.2 |

MAJOR CAUSES OF DEATH
(as percentages of total deaths)

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| 1. Diseases of the heart and circulatory system. | 54.75% (49.88%) |
| 2. Cancer and other malignant diseases. | 17.25% (14.63%) |
| 3. Respiratory diseases (excluding tuberculosis). | 12.0% (17.75%) |
| 4. Accidents, Suicide. | 4.0% (3.84%) |

MATERNAL MORTALITY (Maternal deaths per 1,000 total births)

| | | | | | |
|------|------|------|------|------|--------------------------|
| 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 | 1938 | 1967 (England and Wales) |
| Nil | Nil | Nil | Nil | 1.17 | 0.20 |

INFANT AND NEONATAL MORTALITY

INFANT DEATHS

(Deaths of Infants under 1 year)

NEONATAL DEATHS

(Deaths of Infants under 4 weeks)

| | M | F | Total |
|--------------|---|---|-------|
| Legitimate | 4 | 3 | 7 (9) |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - (-) |
| Total | 4 | 3 | 7 (9) |

| | M | F | Total |
|--------------|---|---|-------|
| Legitimate | 2 | 3 | 5 (5) |
| Illegitimate | - | - | - (-) |
| Total | 2 | 3 | 5 (5) |

INFANT AND NEONATAL DEATH RATES

| | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1938 | 1967 (England and Wales) |
|---|-------|-------|-------|-------|--------------------------|
| Deaths of legitimately born infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 legitimate births. | 11.11 | 12.93 | 15.09 | 56.9 | - |
| Deaths of illegitimately born infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 illegitimate births. | Nil | Nil | Nil | 166.7 | - |
| Deaths of infants under 4 weeks of age per 1,000 live births. | 7.60 | 6.91 | 11.95 | - | 12.5 |
| Deaths of all infants under 1 year of age per 1,000 live births. | 10.64 | 12.43 | 14.60 | 59.8 | 18.3 |
| Early Neonatal Mortality rate (Deaths during the first week) per 1,000 related live births. | 6.08 | 6.91 | 10.62 | - | 11.1 |
| Perinatal Mortality rate (stillbirths + deaths during the first week) per 1,000 live and stillbirths. | 26.78 | 23.1 | 24.87 | - | 26.3 |

CAUSES OF INFANT DEATHS (Neonatal figures given in brackets)

| | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 |
|--------------------------|-------|-------|--------|-------|
| Congenital Malformations | 1 (-) | - (-) | 6 (4) | 3 (3) |
| Prematurity | 4 (4) | 3 (3) | 3 (3) | 1 (1) |
| Respiratory Disease | 1 (-) | 3 (1) | - (-) | 2 (-) |
| Other Causes | 1 (1) | 3 (1) | 2 (2) | 2 (-) |
| Total | 7 (5) | 9 (5) | 11 (9) | 8 (4) |

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

The district is served by hospitals of all kinds either within the district or within comparatively easy reach. There is, however, a need for better facilities for dealing with serious accident cases. Such cases have to be transported to either the Birmingham Accident Hospital or to Worcester Royal Infirmary.

Bacteriological examinations were carried out by the Public Health Laboratory Service at the Worcester Royal Infirmary. Chemical analyses of water etc. were done at the County Laboratory, Worcester. I am grateful to the Directors of these laboratories for their help and co-operation.

The County Council administers the Health Visiting, Maternity, Child Welfare, School Health, Immunisation, Dental Specialist, Chiropody, Health Education and other services which aim at the preservation of the health of the community.

A cervical cytology service, available to women of 35 years and over is held at Bromsgrove Clinic every third Friday morning in the month.

The Family Planning Association continued to run sessions at Bromsgrove Clinic, at which advice and assistance was available on family planning.

MEALS ON WHEELS SERVICE

1. Bromsgrove Town Area.

The Meals on Wheels Service is operated by the W.R.V.S. Meals were prepared at All Saints Church Hall and delivered by volunteer W.R.V.S. members.

At the end of the year 70 old people received meals two days in the week. A total of 6,372 meals were delivered compared with 5,559 in 1966.

2. Rubery Area.

Meals were supplied from Rubery Hill Hospital and delivered by W.R.V.S. members.

At the end of the year 12 old people were receiving meals on two days in the week. A total of 1,173 meals had been delivered in this area compared with 1,239 in 1966.

HOUSING

The housing position at the end of 1967 was as follows:-

| | |
|---|-----------------|
| Number of houses in the district. | 12,013 (11,814) |
| Number of persons per house. | 3.20 (3.23) |
| Number of houses built by private enterprise. | 230 (139) |
| Number of houses built by Council. | 28 (28) |
| Number of houses under construction at end of year. | 232 (211) |
| Number of houses demolished during 1967. | 59 (18) |

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

Details of the work carried out by the Health Department under this heading are given in the Chief Public Health Inspector's report.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

The work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors is given in the report of your Chief Public Health Inspector and a detailed statement of the sanitary state of the district is included.

Water is supplied by the East Worcestershire Waterworks Company, and the results of samples are given in the report of the Chief Public Health Inspector.

Public Cleansing.

Refuse collection and disposal are carried out by the Surveyor's Department. A bonus scheme operates and a weekly collection service has been maintained throughout the Urban District.

MORTALITY RATES
FOR CANCER (ALL CAUSES), CANCER OF THE LUNG AND BRONCHUS
AND HEART DISEASE (INCLUDING ANGINA, CORONARY DISEASE, HYPERTENSION, ETC.)

| Year | Cancer (all causes) | Cancer (lung and bronchus) | Heart disease |
|------|---------------------|----------------------------|---------------|
| 1963 | 1.54 | 0.23 | 4.07 |
| 1964 | 2.22 | 0.55 | 3.55 |
| 1965 | 1.48 | 0.28 | 2.85 |
| 1966 | 1.57 | 0.45 | 3.70 |
| 1967 | 1.77 | 0.51 | 3.17 |

PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES DURING THE YEAR, 1967

| Disease | Corrected Notifications |
|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| Smallpox. | - |
| Scarlet Fever. | 35 |
| Diphtheria. | - |
| Enteric or Typhoid Fever | - |
| Paratyphoid Fever. | 1 |
| Measles. | 467 |
| Whooping Cough. | 3 |
| Acute Pneumonia. | 1 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia. | - |
| Meningococcal Infections. | 1 |
| Acute Poliomyelitis. | - |
| Acute Encephalitis | - |
| Dysentery. | 7 |
| Ophthalmia Neonatorum. | - |
| Erysipelas. | - |
| Malaria. | - |
| Food Poisoning. | 5 |
| Total | 520 (225) |

CAUSES OF DEATH IN THE BROMSGROVE URBAN DISTRICT

1967

| Cause of Death | M | F | Total | Mortality Rate |
|--|-----|-----|-------|----------------|
| 1. Tuberculosis, Respiratory. | 2 | - | 2 | 0.05 |
| 2. Tuberculosis, Other. | - | - | - | - |
| 3. Syphilitic Disease. | - | - | - | - |
| 4. Diphtheria. | - | - | - | - |
| 5. Whooping Cough. | - | - | - | - |
| 6. Meningococcal Infection. | - | - | - | - |
| 7. Acute Poliomyelitis. | - | - | - | - |
| 8. Measles. | 3 | - | 3 | 0.08 |
| 9. Other infective and parasitic diseases. | 2 | - | 2 | 0.05 |
| 10. Malignant Neoplasm, stomach. | 3 | 2 | 5 | 0.13 |
| 11. Malignant Neoplasm, lung, bronchus. | 18 | 2 | 20 | 0.51 |
| 12. Malignant Neoplasm, breast. | - | 11 | 11 | 0.28 |
| 13. Malignant Neoplasm, uterus. | - | 2 | 2 | 0.05 |
| 14. Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms. | 19 | 10 | 29 | 0.75 |
| 15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia. | 2 | - | 2 | 0.05 |
| 16. Diabetes. | - | - | - | - |
| 17. Vascular lesions of Nervous System. | 24 | 45 | 69 | 1.80 |
| 18. Coronary Disease, Angina. | 51 | 28 | 79 | 2.03 |
| 19. Hypertension with Heart Disease. | 5 | 1 | 6 | 0.16 |
| 20. Other heart disease. | 16 | 22 | 38 | 0.98 |
| 21. Other Circulatory Disease. | 14 | 13 | 27 | 0.69 |
| 22. Influenza. | - | - | - | - |
| 23. Pneumonia. | 7 | 21 | 28 | 0.71 |
| 24. Bronchitis. | 17 | 2 | 19 | 0.49 |
| 25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System. | - | 1 | 1 | 0.03 |
| 26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum. | 2 | - | 2 | 0.05 |
| 27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea. | 1 | 1 | 2 | 0.05 |
| 28. Nephritis and Nephrosis. | - | 2 | 2 | 0.05 |
| 29. Hyperplasia of prostate. | - | - | - | - |
| 30. Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion. | - | - | - | - |
| 31. Congenital Malformations. | 4 | 1 | 5 | 0.13 |
| 32. Other defined and ill-defined diseases. | 11 | 19 | 30 | 0.77 |
| 33. Motor Vehicle accidents. | 4 | - | 4 | 0.10 |
| 34. All other accidents. | 3 | 5 | 8 | 0.20 |
| 35. Suicide. | 3 | 1 | 4 | 0.10 |
| 36. Homicide and operations of war. | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 211 | 189 | 400 | 10.29 |

IMMUNISATION

The number of children immunised against Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus is given below.

| Immunised against: | Year of Birth | | | | | Others under 16 | Total |
|-----------------------|---------------|------|------|------|---------|-----------------|-------|
| | 1967 | 1966 | 1965 | 1964 | 1960-63 | | |
| Diphtheria | 265 | 391 | 27 | 8 | 21 | 2 | 714 |
| Whooping Cough | 249 | 376 | 25 | 5 | 5 | - | 660 |
| Tetanus | 265 | 391 | 27 | 8 | 29 | 37 | 757 |
| Re-immunised against: | | | | | | | |
| Diphtheria | - | 136 | 285 | 28 | 450 | 463 | 1,362 |
| Whooping Cough | - | 121 | 260 | 24 | 56 | 8 | 469 |
| Tetanus | - | 135 | 286 | 28 | 453 | 486 | 1,388 |

VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Number of persons vaccinated (or re-vaccinated) during 1967:-

| Age at date of Vaccination. | Under 1 | 1 | 2 - 4 | 5 - 14 | Total 1967 | Total 1966 | Total 1965 |
|-----------------------------|------------|--------------|-------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|
| No. Vaccinated | 61 (63) | 417 (543) | 89 (126) | 19 (43) | 586 | 775 | 500 |
| No. Re-vaccinated. | - | - (-) | 6 (8) | 20 (55) | 26 | 63 | 6 |


TUBERCULOSIS

Tuberculosis registrations at the end of 1967 were as follows:-

| | Male | Female | Total |
|----------------|------------|------------|-----------|
| Pulmonary. | 68 | 51 | 119 (141) |
| Non-Pulmonary. | 1 | 3 | 4 (5) |
| Total | 69 (85) | 54 (61) | 123 (146) |

Tuberculosis Incidence and Mortality for the year 1967

| | NEW CASES | | | | DEATHS | | | |
|----------------|-----------|-----|---------------|-----|-----------|-----|---------------|-----|
| | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | | Pulmonary | | Non-Pulmonary | |
| | M | F | M | F | M | F | M | F |
| 0 - ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 1 - ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 5 - ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 10 - ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 15 - ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 20 - ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 25 - ... | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 35 - ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 45 - ... | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| 55 - ... | 1 | - | - | - | 2 | - | - | - |
| 65 and upwards | 1 | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | - |
| Age unknown | - | - | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Total | 2 | 1 | - | - | 5 | - | - | - |
| | 3 | (3) | - | (-) | 5 | (5) | - | (-) |



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REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

FOR THE YEAR 1967

MR. CHAIRMAN, MRS. CADBURY AND GENTLEMEN,

I have pleasure in submitting a report of the work carried out by the Public Health Inspectors during 1967.

MEAT AND FOOD INSPECTION

During the year 1967, throughput at both the Public Slaughterhouse and one Private slaughterhouse again increased over previous years, a total of 75,844 animals being slaughtered and inspected, an increase of 3,208 over the previous year. This total represents an average weekly 'kill' of 200 cattle, 14 calves, 913 sheep and 330 pigs. Comparable figures for previous years are as follows:-

1966 - 72,636
1965 - 63,167
1964 - 66,361
1963 - 57,162

During the year approximately 34 tons of meat was found to be unfit for human consumption and details of causes of condemnation are given in tabular form. It is interesting to note that in 11,180 cattle and calves slaughtered, tuberculosis was not found, either localised or generalised.

The Public Slaughterhouse receives 'casualty animals' from a wide area many of which require resort to bacteriological and histological examination of specimens before a decision can be given as to fitness for food. 37 specimens were submitted during the year to the Public Health Laboratory, Worcester for such examination and I would record my appreciation of the valued help given at all times by Dr. R. J. Henderson, Director of the Laboratory.

During the year the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food agreed in principle to recommend loan sanction for proposed new lairage and office accommodation at the Public Slaughterhouse and it is hoped that completion of this scheme will take place during 1968. One full time Meat Inspector is employed at the Public Slaughterhouse, with assistance from Public Health Inspectors at peak killing periods.

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED DURING THE YEAR

| | Heifers | Steers | Cows & Bulls | Calves | Sheep | Pigs |
|-----------------------|---------|--------|--------------|--------|--------|--------|
| Public Slaughterhouse | 2,619 | 2,372 | 4,724 | 705 | 43,715 | 15,025 |
| Private " | 555 | 152 | 28 | 25 | 3,760 | 2,164 |
| TOTAL | 3,174 | 2,524 | 4,752 | 730 | 47,475 | 17,189 |

Carcases and Offal Inspected and Condemned in Whole or in Part

| | Cattle | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs |
|--|--------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| Number killed and inspected | 10,450 | 730 | 47,475 | 17,189 |
| <u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci:-</u> | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | 39 | 19 | 142 | 41 |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned. | 3,418 | 7 | 4,307 | 1,229 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci. | 33.27% | 3.55% | 9.37% | 7.38% |
| <u>Tuberculosis only:-</u> | | | | |
| Whole carcasses condemned | - | - | - | - |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | - | - | - | 182 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis | - | - | - | 1.06% |
| <u>Cysticercosis:-</u> | | | | |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 3 | - | - | - |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration | 3 | - | - | - |
| Generalised and totally condemned. | - | - | - | - |

MEAT CONDEMNED

| | Beasts | Calves | Sheep | Pigs | TOTAL |
|----------------|--------|--------|-------|------|-------|
| Carcasses | 39 | 19 | 142 | 41 | 241 |
| Part Carcasses | 5 | - | 9 | 11 | 25 |
| Livers | 3,256 | 5 | 4,273 | 876 | 8,410 |
| Hearts | 12 | 1 | 15 | 143 | 171 |
| Lungs | 120 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 142 |
| Heads | 44 | - | - | 184 | 228 |
| Kidneys | 1 | - | - | 4 | 5 |

CAUSES OF CONDEMNATION AND APPROXIMATE WEIGHTS - LBS

| Disease | Cattle | Calves | Sheep | Pigs | TOTAL |
|----------------------------------|--------|--------|--------|-------|--------|
| Abscesses | 1,498 | - | 24 | 418 | 1,940 |
| Actinomycosis & Actinobacillosis | 890 | - | - | - | 890 |
| Adeno-Carcinoma | 484 | - | - | - | 484 |
| Arthritis | - | - | 20 | 20 | 40 |
| Ascaris | - | - | - | 3,063 | 3,063 |
| Bone Taint | - | - | - | 650 | 650 |
| Bruising and Injury | 638 | - | 145 | 35 | 818 |
| Carcinomatosis | 512 | - | 92 | - | 604 |
| Cysticercus Bovis | 87 | - | - | - | 87 |
| Cirrhosis | 43 | - | 3 | 2 | 48 |
| Erysipelas, Acute Swine | - | - | - | 564 | 564 |
| Emaciation with Oedema | 11,058 | 472 | 3,944 | 50 | 15,524 |
| Emacioliasis | 24,137 | - | - | - | 24,137 |
| Fatty degeneration | - | - | 5 | 2 | 7 |
| Hydatid Cysts | 9,038 | - | - | - | 9,038 |
| Hydro-nephrosis | - | - | - | 8 | 8 |
| Ill-bled | - | - | 108 | 148 | 256 |
| Jaundice | - | - | 27 | 96 | 123 |
| Lympho-sarcoma | - | - | 65 | 80 | 145 |
| Metritis, Acute, Septic | 552 | - | - | - | 552 |
| Nephritis, Acute, Septic | - | 145 | - | - | 145 |
| Parasitic Conditions | - | - | 8,844 | 12 | 8,856 |
| Pericarditis | 11 | - | 5 | 86 | 102 |
| Pyæmia | - | 86 | 22 | 415 | 523 |
| Pneumonia | 8 | - | 48 | - | 56 |
| Pneumonia, Acute, Septic | - | 28 | 38 | - | 66 |
| Pleurisy | 18 | - | - | 36 | 54 |
| Peritonitis, Septic | 13 | - | 108 | 13 | 134 |
| Septicæmia | 965 | - | 139 | - | 1,104 |
| Telangiectasis | 4,311 | - | - | - | 4,311 |
| Tuberculosis | - | - | - | 1,727 | 1,727 |
| | 54,263 | 731 | 13,637 | 7,425 | 76,056 |

Total weight of meat condemned - 33 tons, 19 cwt. 8 lbs.

Poultry

Two poultry slaughtering establishments operate in the District with an estimated weekly throughput of 2,400 birds. Regular inspection of dressed poultry is made at the twice weekly auction sales in the Produce Market.

Other food found to be unfit for human consumption at retail shops etc. is listed below:-

| | | |
|----------------------------|---|----------------|
| Beef | - | 56 lbs. |
| Bacon | - | 281 lbs. |
| Fish | - | 43 lbs. |
| Ice Cream and Iced Lollies | - | 103 blocks. |
| Sweets | - | 190 packets. |
| Cereals | - | 484 packets. |
| Biscuits | - | 1,642 packets. |
| Soups | - | 12 packets. |
| Olives | - | 4 jars. |

Tinned Goods.

| | | |
|--------------|---|-----------|
| Meats | - | 104 tins. |
| Vegetables | - | 240 " |
| Fruit | - | 486 " |
| Fish | - | 84 " |
| Soups | - | 14 " |
| Milk & Cream | - | 25 " |
| Cereals | - | 2 " |

Fresh Frozen Foods

| | | |
|---------------|---|--------------|
| Meat | - | 714 packets. |
| Chicken | - | 8 packets. |
| Faggots | - | 8 " |
| Sausage | - | 17 " |
| Pies | - | 9 " |
| Fish | - | 822 " |
| Pastry | - | 17 " |
| Vegetables | - | 727 " |
| Fruit | - | 4 " |
| Cakes | - | 114 " |
| Cream | - | 16 " |
| Orange Drink. | - | 30 " |

Slaughter of Animals Act 1958

24 licences were issued to slaughtermen under the provisions of this Act.

Food Complaints

Sixteen complaints concerning the condition of food or food containers were investigated during the year.

Food Premises

Hygiene standards in general food premises are governed by the Food Hygiene (General) Regulations 1960. Following routine inspections under these Regulations, 46 infringements were remedied following informal action. 21 infringements of the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966 were also remedied following informal action.

The total number of visits to food premises during the year, including visits to slaughterhouses for meat inspection was 1,013.

SUMMARY OF RESULTS OF EXAMINATION OF SWABS TAKEN FROM FOOD PREMISES

| TYPE OF UTENSIL | COLONY COUNTS | | | | | | | BACTERIUM CO'I | | | % of total swabs taken which are considered satisfactory |
|--------------------------|--------------------|-----------|-----------|------------------------------|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------------------|----------------|------------|----------|--|
| | No. of Swabs taken | Sterile | Under 100 | Over 100 and less than 1,000 | Over 1,000 and less than 10,000 | Over 10,000 and less than 100,000 | over 100,000 and less than 500,000 | Absent | Present | | |
| | | | | | | | | | Non-Faecal | Faecal | |
| Glasses | 67 | 2 | 43 | 12 | 9 | - | 1 | 58 | 9 | 3 | 67.16 |
| Dinner Plates | 21 | 6 | 10 | 4 | 1 | - | - | 20 | 1 | 1 | 76.19 |
| Tea Plates | 24 | 6 | 11 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 22 | 2 | - | 70.83 |
| Coffee Cups. | 9 | 1 | 7 | - | 1 | - | - | 8 | 1 | - | 88.88 |
| Soup Plates | 9 | 3 | 3 | 1 | 2 | - | - | 9 | - | - | 66.66 |
| Tea Cups | 28 | 11 | 9 | 6 | 2 | - | - | 24 | 4 | - | 71.43 |
| Sweet Plates | 6 | 1 | 4 | 1 | - | - | - | 6 | - | - | 83.33 |
| Meat Dishes | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 100.00 |
| Fruit Bowls | 1 | - | 1 | - | - | - | - | 1 | - | - | 100.00 |
| Knives, forks and spoons | 3 | 2 | 1 | - | - | - | - | 3 | - | - | 100.00 |
| TOTALS | 159 | 32 | 90 | 27 | 17 | 1 | 2 | 152 | 17 | 4 | 72.19 |

Regular visits are made to catering establishments and licenced premises, and swabs taken of eating and drinking utensils for bacteriological examination. Of 169 swabs taken, 72% were entirely satisfactory. Detailed results are given in tabular form.

Of 71 samples of cooked meats, meat products, liquid egg and cream submitted for bacteriological examination, one sample of corned beef and one of fresh cream were found to be unsatisfactory. The sample of corned beef was found to contain staphylococcus aureus and following further investigation and examination of employees by the Medical Officer of Health, the cause of contamination was assumed to be an employee who had recently received hospital treatment.

The number of premises registered under the Food and Drugs Act 1955 is :-

| | |
|---|-----|
| a) Ice Cream Premises | 104 |
| b) Premises for the preparation or manufacture of preserved food. | 23 |

Ice Cream

Samples of ice cream taken for bacteriological examination numbered 81. The results, with a comparison of the 1966 figures, are set out below:-

Ice Cream - Bacteriological Results

| <u>1966</u> | | | <u>1967</u> | | |
|-------------|----------------|-------|-------------|----------------|--------|
| Grade | No. of Samples | % | Grade | No. of samples | % |
| 1 | 63 | 87.5 | 1 | 61 | 75.30 |
| 2 | 8 | 11.11 | 2 | 10 | 12.35 |
| 3 | 1 | 1.39 | 3 | 6 | 7.40 |
| 4 | - | - | 4 | 4 | 4.95 |
| TOTAL | 72 | 100.0 | TOTAL | 81 | 100.00 |

Ice cream in provisional grades 1 and 2 is regarded as being satisfactory and in grades 3 and 4 as unsatisfactory. The unsatisfactory samples were mainly those of loose ice cream contaminated by unclean serving equipment.

Food and Drugs Act - Sampling

I am authorised by the County Council to act as a Sampling Officer on their behalf within the district. Sampling under this arrangement is independent of, and in addition to, sampling carried out by the County Officers.

Samples taken and submitted for analysis were as follows:-

Milk - Formal Samples .. 31

All were reported as genuine.

OFFICES, SHOPS & RAILWAY PREMISES ACT 1963

This Act made fresh provision for securing the health, safety and welfare of persons employed to work in offices, shop premises and certain railway premises. Administration of the Act is shared by local authorities, fire authorities, the factory inspectorate and mine and quarry inspectors.

All premises registered with the local authority have been inspected, a total of 300 premises being registered in this Urban District. During the year 1967, a total of 38 new registrations were received. Of 96 general inspections carried out, 61 premises were found not to comply in one or more respects with the Health, Safety and Welfare provisions of the Act.

Summaries are given below in tabular form of registrations and general inspections, contraventions and accidents.

(A) Registrations and General Inspections

| Class of Premises | Number of premises registered during the Year | Number of registered premises at end of year | Number of registered premises receiving a general inspection |
|---|---|--|--|
| Offices | 9 | 70 | 23 |
| Retail Shops | 23 | 191 | 59 |
| Wholesale Shops, Warehouses | - | 7 | 1 |
| Catering Establishments open to the public, Canteens. | 5 | 31 | 13 |
| Fuel Storage Depots | 1 | 1 | - |
| TOTALS. | 38 | 300 | 96 |

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to registered premises under the Act 349

(B) Analysis of Contraventions.

| Section | No. of Contraventions found | Section | No of Contraventions found |
|---------|-----------------------------|---------|---------------------------------|
| 4 | Cleanliness 7 | 10 | Washing facilities 9 |
| 6 | Temperature 38 | 12 | Clothing accommodation 1 |
| 7 | Ventilation 11 | 13 | Sitting facilities 3 |
| | Lighting 18 | 16 | Floors, passages & Stairs 20 |
| 9 | Sanitary conveniences 13 | 24 | First aid general provisions 29 |

(C) Exemptions Number of applications received - Nil

(D) Reported Accidents

| Workplace | No. Reported | Total No. Investigated | Action Recommended | | | No. Action |
|--|--------------|------------------------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|------------|
| | | | Prosecution | Formal Warning | Informal Advice | |
| Offices | 1 | 1 | - | 1 | - | - |
| Retail Shops | 3 | 2 | - | - | 1 | 2 |
| Wholesale shops, Warehouses | - | - | - | - | - | - |
| Catering establishments open to public, canteens | 1 | 1 | - | - | - | 1 |
| TOTALS | 5 | 4 | - | 1 | 1 | 3 |

Analysis of reported accidents.

| | Offices | Retail Shops | Wholesale Warehouses | Catering establishments open to public, canteens. |
|--|---------|--------------|----------------------|---|
| Machinery | - | 1 | - | - |
| Transport | - | - | - | - |
| Falls of persons | 1 | - | - | - |
| Stepping on or striking against object or person | - | - | - | - |
| Handling goods | - | 1 | - | 1 |
| Struck by falling object | - | - | - | - |
| Fires and Explosions | - | - | - | - |
| Electricity | - | - | - | - |
| Use of hand tools | - | 1 | - | - |

PUBLIC SWIMMING BATHS

Thirteen samples of water taken at intervals from the public swimming baths and submitted to the Public Analyst for chemical and bacteriological examination were all reported to be satisfactory.

CARAVANS

At the end of 1967, one permanent site licence remained in force for 38 caravans at a private site in Blackwell. One temporary permission was renewed in respect of a single caravan at Lydiate Ash.

WATER SUPPLY

The town's main water supply has remained satisfactory both as regards quantity and quality throughout the year.

ASHES ACCOMMODATION

One thousand, two hundred and eighty-four dustbins were issued during the year.

DRAINAGE

During the year the sewerage scheme for the Bournheath area was completed. It is now possible to remove the considerable pollution of storm culverts and streams which has existed for many years.

Below is a summary of the work done on drainage during the year:-

| | |
|--|----|
| Houses connected to sewer (excluding new houses) | 78 |
| Houses connected to cesspools (excluding new houses) | 3 |
| No. of obstructed drains dealt with | 26 |
| No. of tests applied to house drains | 36 |
| No. of cesspools abolished | 76 |
| No. of internal w.c.'s provided | 60 |
| No. of pails abolished | 11 |
| No. of privies abolished | - |
| New w.c.'s provided in lieu of pails etc. | 9 |
| Defective drains repaired or relaid | 11 |

CESSPOOL EMPTYING

The approximate number of cesspools, septic tanks etc, where sewers are not available is 750. Emptying takes place on a rota basis and every effort is made to provide a twice yearly service. A more frequent service is given where due to disposal difficulties nuisance arises. During the year delivery was taken of a new Bedford/Eagle 1,100 gallon four wheel drive cesspool emptier.

The following is a summary of the work done during the year:-

| | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| No. of cesspools emptied | 1,737 |
| No. of loads from cesspools | 1,960 |
| No. of pails emptied | 595 |
| Mileage covered | 9,832 |

RODENT CONTROL

A full-time operator is employed to undertake treatment on Council, private and business premises, and a summary of the work carried out is set out below:-

| | |
|--|-------|
| No. of treatments at private dwellings | 355 |
| No. of treatments at business premises | 57 |
| No. of treatments at Council premises (Sewage Outfall Works, Refuse Tips, Housing Estates etc) | 25 |
| No. of properties re-visited and surveyed | 2,133 |
| No. of agricultural properties treated | 2 |
| No. of agricultural properties surveyed | 2 |
| No. of sewer manholes treated | 100 |

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two licences were renewed under the above Act.

ANIMAL BOARDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1963

One licence was renewed and one new licence granted under the provisions of the above Act.

RIDING ESTABLISHMENTS ACT, 1964

One licence was renewed under the provisions of the above Act following receipt of a satisfactory veterinary report.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS CARRIED OUT DURING THE YEAR

| | | |
|-----------------------------------|-------------|----------|
| Defects or nuisances discovered. | 59 | |
| Number abated | 71 | |
| Number of notices served | Informal 26 | Formal 2 |
| Number of notices complied with " | 27 | " 2 |

Inspections

Inspections carried out in the year are recorded below:-

| | |
|--|-------|
| Houses under Public Health Acts | 684 |
| Water Supply | 9 |
| Overcrowding | 2 |
| Tents, Vans and Sheds | 64 |
| Schools | 3 |
| Ashes Accommodation | 130 |
| Accumulations | 25 |
| Animals or Birds | 4 |
| Drainage Inspections | 1,201 |
| Drainage Tests | 57 |
| Closets-water | 39 |
| -pails or privies | 18 |
| Cesspools | 148 |
| Urinals | 4 |
| Sewers and Street Gullies | 39 |
| Ice Cream Premises | 96 |
| Slaughterhouses for Meat Inspection | 518 |
| Food Preparing Premises | 105 |
| General Food Premises | 205 |
| Licensed Premises | 18 |
| Factories Act | 43 |
| Rats and Mice Acts | 56 |
| Infectious Diseases | 46 |
| Housing Act, 1957 - Section 16 | 190 |
| Housing Act, 1957 - Section 42 | 17 |
| Housing Act, 1957 - Other Visits | 90 |
| Housing Act, 1964 | 384 |
| Rent Act, 1957 | 7 |
| Smoke Abatement Observations | 32 |
| Smoke Abatement - premises visited | 17 |
| Noise Abatement Act | 67 |
| Petroleum Act | 58 |
| Entertainment Houses | 1 |
| Offices, Shops & Railway Premises | 349 |
| Animal Boarding Establishments Act | 14 |
| Riding Establishments Act | 2 |
| Pet Animals Act | 2 |
| Miscellaneous visits | 746 |
| Interviews - owners, tradesmen etc. | 358 |
| Markets, Stalls, and Delivery Vehicles Regulations | 76 |

SUMMARY OF DEFECTS REMEDIED AND IMPROVEMENTS EFFECTED

| | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Sinks repaired, renewed or provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Obstructed drains | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26 |
| W. C. Flushing cisterns | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Floors repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
| Roofs repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Ceiling plaster made good | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Wallplaster made good | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Walls repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Eavespouting and downspouts repaired or renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Chimneys repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Staircases repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Dustbins provided by local authority | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,284 |
| Doors repaired or renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Windows repaired or renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 15 |
| Repairs to waste pipes and gullies | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Repairs to drains and drainage systems | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Structural repairs to w.c.'s | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Wash-hand basins repaired, renewed or provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | 63 |
| Baths provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | 56 |
| New Hot water supplies provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | 58 |
| Foodstores provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 |
| Accumulations removed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| W. C. Pedestals renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

- i) By the local authority 28
- ii) By other local authorities -
- iii) By other bodies or persons 230

1. Inspections of dwelling houses during the year:-

1.a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for defects (under Public Health or Housing Acts) 573

b) Number of inspections made for the purpose .. 964

2. Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ..18

3. Number of dwelling houses (exclusive of those referred to under the preceding sub-heading) found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation . 26

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 ..27

3. Action under statutory powers during the year

a) Proceedings under Sections 9, 10 and 12 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 Public Health Acts:-
- 1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Notices were served requiring defects to be remedied . 28
 - 2) Number of dwelling houses in which defects were remedied after service of formal notices:-
 - a) by Owners 2
 - b) by local authority in default of owners ... Nil
- c) Proceedings under Section 17 of the Housing Act, 1957
- 1) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made 12
 - 2) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Closing Orders were made 6
 - 3) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders 14
 - 4) Number of houses demolished in Clearance Areas ... 45
- d) Proceedings under Section 18 of the Housing Act, 1957
- 1) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ... Nil
 - 2) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined the tenement or room having been rendered fit ... Nil

4. IMPROVEMENT GRANTS

| <u>Extended Standard Grants</u> | <u>Owner/Occupier.</u> | <u>Tenanted</u> |
|------------------------------------|------------------------|-----------------|
| 1. Number of applications approved | 9 | 6 |
| 2. Number of dwellings improved | 15 | 6 |
| 3. Amount paid in grants | £4,693 3. 5d. | |
| 4. Average grant per house | £ 223 9. 8d. | |

Ordinary Standard Grants

| | | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------------|----|
| 1. Number of applications approved | 51 | 40 |
| 2. Number of dwellings improved | 29 | 11 |
| 3. Amount paid in grants | £4,304 5. 10d. | |
| 4. Average grant per house | £ 107 12. 2 d. | |
| 5. Number of amenities provided | | |
| | a) Fixed Bath. | 51 |
| | b) Shower | - |
| | c) Wash-hand basin | 56 |
| | d) Hot water supply (to any fittings) | 57 |
| | e) Watercloset within dwelling | 60 |
| | f) Foodstore | 25 |

Discretionary Grants

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------|
| 1. Number of dwellings improved | 1(Tenanted) |
| 2. Amount paid in grant. | £398 13. 0d. |

5. HOUSING ACT, 1964

Three representations were received from tenants under Section 19 of the Act, requesting the Council to exercise their powers to secure the provision of standard amenities. In each case the house has been improved to the full standard without resort to statutory action by the Council.

6. RENT ACT, 1957

| | |
|--|---|
| No. of applications for Certificate of Disrepair received | 2 |
| No. of Certificates of Disrepair issued by local authority | 2 |
| No. of Undertakings by Landlords received | 1 |

PETROLEUM ACTS

Sixty-two licences were issued during 1967 for the storage of 172, 572 gallons of petroleum spirit and/or mixtures and 36 lbs. of Carbide of Calcium.

ADMINISTRATION OF THE FACTORIES ACTS

PART 1 OF THE ACT

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

| Premises | No. on Register | Number of:- | | |
|---|-----------------|-------------|-----------------|----------------------|
| | | Inspections | Written Notices | Occupiers Prosecuted |
| (i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced by local authorities | 5 | 4 | - | - |
| (ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority | 84 | 36 | 2 | - |
| (iii) Other premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local authority (excluding out-workers premises) | 7 | 3 | - | - |
| TOTAL | 96 | 43 | 2 | - |

2. CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

| Particulars | Number of cases in which defects were found. | | | No. of cases in which prosecutions were instituted |
|---|--|----------|----------------------------------|--|
| | Found | Remedied | Referred To H.M. Inspector | |
| Want of cleanliness | - | - | - | - |
| Overcrowding | - | - | - | - |
| Unreasonable temperature | - | - | - | - |
| Inadequate ventilation | - | - | - | - |
| Ineffective drainage of floors | - | - | - | - |
| Sanitary Conveniences: | | | | |
| a) Insufficient | 2 | 2 | - | - |
| b) Unsuitable or defective | - | - | - | - |
| c) Not separate for sexes | - | - | - | - |
| Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) | - | - | - | - |
| TOTAL | 2 | 2 | - | - |