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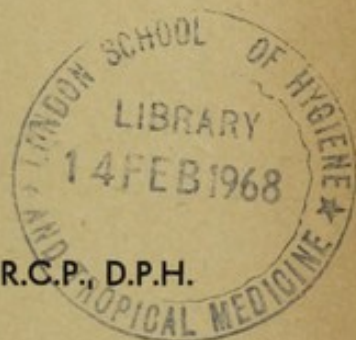
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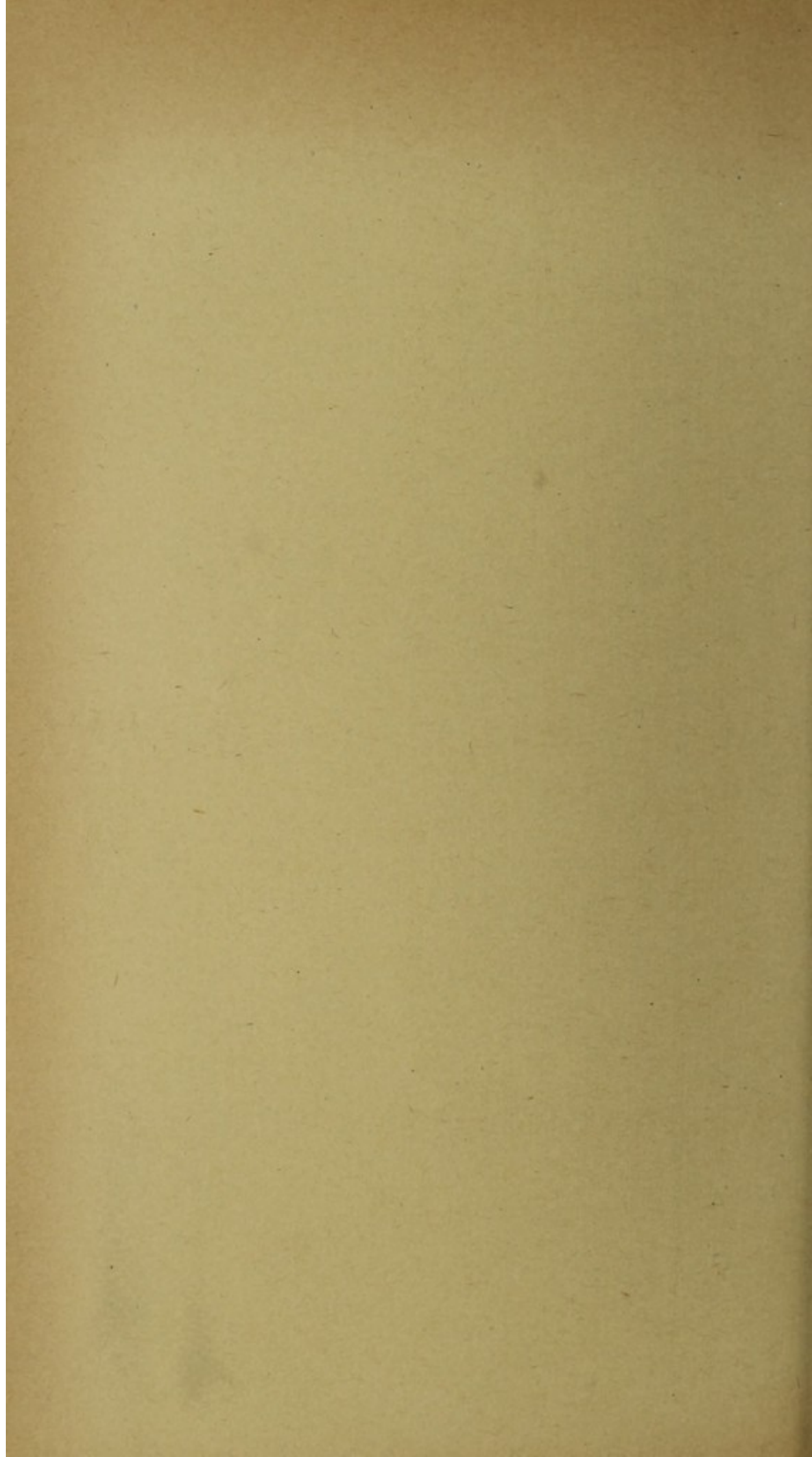
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R. F. WYNN, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

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T. H. CARTER, C.R.S.H. (Resigned September, 1958)

Clerk :

S. V. EDWARDS

Veterinary Inspector (Part-time) :

H. G. McSHANE, M.R.C.V.S.

75, SPRINGFIELD ROAD,
CHELMSFORD.

29th July, 1959

ANNUAL REPORT, 1958

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1958. The Report has been prepared and compiled in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 2/59 of the 18th March, 1959.

There were 712 live births during the year, 37 less than in 1957, which represents a Birth Rate of 16.51 per thousand of the population. For comparison purposes the Birth Rate Figure for the whole of England and Wales over the same period was 16.4.

The Infant Mortality Rate, i.e., infants dying under one year of age per thousand live births, was 21.06 compared with the figure of 22.5 for England and Wales.

There were 429 deaths during the year, giving a death rate of 9.95 per thousand of the population, the rate for England and Wales being 11.7.

During the year 79 Medical Examinations were carried out for the purpose of the Superannuation Scheme, and among these were included nine Blood Tests on employees in the Water Department, whose work on water mains brings them into close association with the town's water supplies.

An increasing amount of time has had to be given to authenticating International Vaccination Certificates. These are usually required by travellers proceeding abroad by air, and last year 385 of these Certificates were authenticated by my Department.

I should like to take this opportunity of thanking those Chief Officers who have made available to me some of the information appearing in this Report and my special thanks are due to Mr. Wynn, the Chief Public Health Inspector for much helpful co-operation received from his Department.

In conclusion, I should like to express my sincere thanks for the unfailing support and encouragement accorded to me by the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Public Health Committee.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. L. MILLER WOOD,
Medical Officer of Health

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

AREA (in acres)	4,755
POPULATION, 1958	43,110 (Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, mid-year). (Census, 1951—37,888).
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES (end of 1958) according to Rate Books	14,174.
RATEABLE VALUE (1st April, 1958)	£747,162.
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE (year ending 31st March, 1958)	General £3,010. Water £2,739.

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS.

		Total.	Male.	Female.	
Live Births	Legitimate	675	355	320	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population mid-1958—16.51.
	Illegitimate	37	18	19	
	Totals	712	373	339	
Still Births	Legitimate	11	6	5	Rate per 1,000 live and still births— 16.77.
	Illegitimate	—	—	—	
	Totals	11	6	5	
DEATHS		429	230	199	Death Rate per 1,000 of the estimated resident population —9.95.

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age :—

All Infants per 1,000 births	21.06
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	16.29

DEATHS

DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES DURING THE YEAR 1958

Under 1	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-44	45-64	65-74	75+
15	5	1	3	17	88	121	179

DEATHS FROM SMALL CAUSES, 1958

Causes of Death.	Males.	Females.	Total.
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1	3
Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Whooping cough	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	5	5	10
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	11	2	13
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	9	9
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	21	22	43
Leukæmia, aleukæmia	—	2	2
Diabetes	2	1	3
Vascular lesions of nervous system	24	19	43
Coronary disease angina	57	32	89
Hypertension with heart disease	4	8	12
Other heart disease	23	27	50
Other circulatory disease	6	8	14
Influenza	—	—	—
Pneumonia	28	20	48
Bronchitis	11	5	16
Other diseases of the respiratory system	5	1	6
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	1	1	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	—	1	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	2	—	2
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	—	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	1	2	3
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	18	25	43
Motor vehicle accidents	2	2	4
All other accidents	2	3	5
Suicide	3	2	5
Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—
Totals	230	199	429

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY (See Page 2).

PUBLIC SERVICES OPERATING IN CHELMSFORD.

Child Welfare Centres.

Essex County Health Services Clinic, Coval Lane, Chelmsford	Thursdays, at 2 p.m.
All Saints' Church, Boarded Barns, Chelmsford	Mondays, at 2 p.m.
Baptist Mission Hall, Springfield, Chelmsford	Thursdays, at 2 p.m.
St. John's Headquarters, 140, Mildmay Road, Chelmsford	Wednesdays, at 2 p.m.
Congregational Church, Trent Road, Melbourne Park, Chelmsford	Thursdays, at 2 p.m.
Chelmsford Free Church, Pentland Avenue, Chelmsford	2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 2 p.m.

Ante-Natal Clinics.

Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, London Road, Chelmsford	.....	Tuesdays, at 2.15 p.m.
Ante-Natal and Women's Welfare Clinic, Coval Lane, Chelmsford	.....	Thursdays, at 10 a.m.
Ante-Natal and Relaxation Classes, Coval Lane, Chelmsford	.....	Each Monday and Wed- nesday and alternate Fridays p.m. (By Appointment).

Tuberculosis Dispensary.

Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford		Mondays and Wednes- days, 10 a.m. to 12 noon.
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Venereal Diseases.

Treatment is available at Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, London Road, Chelmsford

Minor Ailment Clinic.

Coval Lane, Chelmsford		Mondays, 10 a.m.
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Ophthalmic Clinic.

Coval Lane, Chelmsford		Tuesdays and Wednes- days a.m. (By Appoint- ment).
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Dental Clinic.

Coval Lane, Chelmsford		Monday to Thursday, 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (By Appointment).
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Child Guidance Clinic.

146 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford		By Appointment.
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Speech Therapy Clinic.

Coval Lane, Chelmsford		Tuesdays, 2 p.m. and all day. Wednesdays and Fridays, 10 a.m. (excluding last Friday in the month and School Holidays).
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Physiotherapy Clinic.

Coval Lane, Chelmsford		Every Tuesday and Wed- nesday morning.
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Immunisation Clinic.

Coval Lane, Chelmsford		Second Monday, 2 p.m.
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Health Visitors.

There are eight Health Visitors based at the Essex County Health Services Clinic, Coval Lane, Chelmsford. These ladies are Public Health Nurses whose duties consist in attending at various County Council Clinics and Child Welfare Centres, where they give advice as Health Teachers, with an expert knowledge of the care of young children. They also carry out health work in the schools as School Nurses. The most important part of a Health Visitor's work, however, consists in visiting the homes of the people, where she gives advice on health matters concerning the family as a whole. She can also form a most important connecting link between the family and the facilities provided by the Local Health Authority, and the General Practitioner Services under the National Health Service Act.

HOME NURSE/MIDWIVES.

The following is a list of Home Nurses and Midwives who are working in the Borough :—

Home Nurses—

- Mrs. E. Mason, 6, St. Mildreds Road, Chelmsford. Tel. 2619.
- Mrs. M. B. Palmer, 127, Springfield Park Avenue, Chelmsford. Tel. 2354.
- Mrs. D. Rawlingson, 65, Fifth Avenue, Chelmsford. Tel. 4943.
- Mrs. A. E. Oakley, 8, Rainsford Avenue, Chelmsford. Tel. 3000.

Midwives—

- Miss J. D. Seabrook, 75a, Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford. Tel. 4247.
- Miss E. M. Miller, "Les Noies," 138, Moulsham Drive, Chelmsford.
Tel. 3816.
- Miss M. F. Crisp, 32, Stansted Close, Chelmsford. Tel. 4132.
- Miss D. G. Mann, 14, Pembroke Place, Chelmsford. Tel. 51387.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES.

This Service is provided by the Essex County Council and operates from No. 11, Springfield Road, Chelmsford. Telephone No. 4801.

LABORATORY SERVICES.

Laboratory Services are provided at St. John's Hospital, Wood Street, Chelmsford, and in September, 1956, the Public Health Laboratory Service opened a new Laboratory at the Chelmsford and Essex Hospital with Dr. R. Pilsworth as the Medical Director.

WATERLOO LANE DAY NURSERY.

Admission by application to the Matron.

PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED PERSONS.

As indicated in last year's report, the Essex Association for the Welfare of the Physically Handicapped has now been established, and is operating from 79, Springfield Road, Chelmsford, where application can be made by physically handicapped persons requiring assistance.

OLD PEOPLE'S WELFARE.

The Rest Room in Legg Street, Chelmsford, has now been replaced by a Welfare Centre at 17, Cottage Place, Chelmsford, and is open daily from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays and is available for all the "over-sixties." The Centre is staffed entirely by voluntary help. Light refreshments are provided, and a light luncheon is served on Fridays. It is used by old people from the country while waiting for buses; friends arrange to meet there; and there are cards and dominoes. Daily papers and periodicals are provided, also facilities for writing.

A Chiropody Service is functioning Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, with an extra session on Mondays when necessary. The old people contribute 2/6d., the remainder being paid for by a Grant from the Essex County Council, and the Chelmsford and District Old People's Welfare Committee.

There are 18 clubs in Chelmsford and District, and there is also a Visiting Sub-Committee for visiting those unable to attend clubs.

The Secretary of the Chelmsford and District Old People's Welfare Committee is Mrs. Gerald Chambers, "Sherwood," Cedar Avenue, Chelmsford. Telephone 6261.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA

WATER.

The quality of the water has at all times been of a satisfactory nature for public supply purposes.

During the past year the quantity of water available has been sufficient to meet the needs of the Borough.

Bacteriological examinations are made daily of the treated water as it leaves the Sandford Mill Pumping Station and frequent analyses are made of the raw water. Frequent samples are also taken from the Service Reservoir and at certain points on the distribution system. These have in all cases proved satisfactory.

The water has no plumbo-solvent action.

No contamination has occurred after treatment.

All properties within the area of supply have mains supply direct to the house.

Supply by means of standpipes—Nil.

NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1958.

(1) By the Chelmsford Borough Council	.....	.....	.....	86
(2) By other Local Authorities	.....	.....	.....	Nil
(3) By other Bodies or Persons	.....	.....	.....	366

The following Schedule gives Statistical details of New Properties built since the war :—

Estate	Houses	Flats	Maison- nettes	Aluminium Bungalows	Old People's Bungalows	Total
First Avenue	—	—	—	—	10	10
Baker Street	—	33	—	—	—	33
Lady Lane	8	—	—	—	—	8
Melbourne Park	396	40	—	100	16	552
Melbourne Park Farm	392	—	—	—	16	408
Pines	106	—	—	—	14	120
Rainsford Bungalows	—	—	—	—	69	69
Upper Bridge Road Site	5	36	—	—	—	41
Waterhouse Lane	—	—	—	60	—	60
Woodhall	171	107	—	—	16	294
Woodhall Extension	176	32	—	—	14	222
Chignall	558	80	—	—	6	644
Springfield Road	—	—	—	—	5	5
Springfield Park Extension	216	29	—	—	40	285
Westlands	553	164	2	—	—	719
Lower Anchor Street	3	—	—	—	—	3
Official Houses	37	—	—	—	—	37
Duplex Flats	—	160	—	—	—	160

Shops.

Melbourne Park ; Woodhall ; Springfield ; Chignall ; Westlands		41
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Garages.

Melbourne Park ; Boarded Barns ; Woodhall ; Springfield Park Extension ; Westlands ; Melbourne Farm ; Chignall ; Baker Street		341
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In addition 1,594 pre-war dwellings are occupied in the Borough.

Hillary Close (Arbour Lane).

68 x 3 Bedroomed Houses are being erected, and 12 of these are already occupied.

Meadgate Estate (Baddow Road).

43 x 3 Bedroomed Houses are being erected.

Register of Housing Applications.

The following is a summary of applications as at 31st December, 1958 :—

GROUP A (Persons in Rooms)	501
GROUP B (Aged persons)	205
GROUP C (Single persons)	83
GROUP D (Tied Accommodation)	144
GROUP E (Tenants)	365
GROUP F (Slum Clearance)	399
TOTAL	1,697 Nett

ANALYSIS OF LETTINGS, RE-LETTINGS, TRANSFERS AND MUTUAL EXCHANGES FROM WEEK COMMENCING 6TH JANUARY, 1958 UP TO AND INCLUDING WEEK COMMENCING 29TH DECEMBER, 1958.

Applicants housed—

In normal turn	117
Eviction Orders	9
Other priorities	26
Clearance/Closing Orders	8
Social Services	10
Council Officials	11
Total	181

New Properties—

Old People's Bungalows	49
Baker Street Flats	33
Hillary Close Houses	4
	86
Re-lettings due to Tenants vacating	95
Total	181

Transfers effected 99

Mutal Exchanges—

(a) Betewen Council Tenants	28
(b) With other Landlords	29
	57
Total	156

NEW SEWERS LAID DURING 1958.

Surface water sewer schemes were completed on the dates shown below :—

1. Lower Anchor Street to River Can January, 1958
2. New Street to River Chelmer June, 1958

PUBLIC CLEANSING.

There has been no alteration in the method of refuse collection during the year

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1958

	NEW CASES				DEATHS			
	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 5 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 14 years	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
15 to 24 years	3	4	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 44 years	5	3	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 to 64 years	5	—	1	—	—	1	—	—
65 and over	1	1	—	—	2	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	14	8	1	—	2	1	—	—

Patients with tuberculosis can obtain considerable financial help by the provision of extra milk, groceries, and in some instances clothing, on application to Mr. R. Hawkes, Secretary to the Chelmsford and District Tuberculosis Care Association c/o Rural District Council Offices, London Road, Chelmsford.

There is a leaflet entitled "ADVICE to those who have been diagnosed as suffering from tuberculosis" issued by the County Medical Officer, which gives help and guidance to those affected.

NOTIFIABLE DISEASES (OTHER THAN TUBERCULOSIS) NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1958

Disease	No. of Cases	NOTIFICATION AT AGES										Cases admitted to Hospital	Total cases notified in each Ward			
		Under 1 year	1	2	3	4	5-9	10-14	15-24	25 & over	North Ward		South Ward	East Ward	West Ward	
Scarlet Fever	49	1	2	2	7	32	5	—	—	—	—	38	9	—	2	
Whooping Cough	30	5	2	2	1	2	14	4	—	—	—	22	2	—	6	
Measles	418	12	42	42	52	58	206	3	3	—	—	230	14	32	142	
Dysentery	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	3	—	1	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	2	—	
Poliomyelitis (Non-Paralytic)	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	
Meningitis (Meningococci)	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	
TOTALS	503	18	48	48	60	92	226	8	3	—	6	292	25	35	151	

Disease	No. of Cases	Under 5 years	5-14	15-44	45-64	65 & over	Age Unknown	Cases admitted to Hospital	North Ward	South Ward	East Ward	West Ward
Pneumonia	8	2	1	1	2	2	—	—	5	2	1	—
Food Poisoning	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Erysipelas	3	—	—	1	2	—	—	—	2	1	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	5	—	—	5	—	—	—	4	1	4	—	—
TOTALS	17	2	1	8	4	2	—	4	9	7	1	—

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR 1958

*To the Mayor, Aldermen and Councillors
of the Chelmsford Borough Council.*

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour in presenting this brief report on work carried out during 1958.

Chelmsford has been publicly described as a "boom town" which term I understand to mean a town in which industry flourishes and in which there is a minimum of unemployment.

It is, however, interesting to analyse this state of affairs from a Public Health point of view and at the same time try to ensure that such prosperity means much more than materials and hard cash.

Firstly there is the psychological effect on the population, the feelings of security and well being going hand in hand with full employment. Many families are able to afford better appliances for the home which apart from the labour saving aspect impart a sense of pride, better living as well as clean and healthy home life.

But, what of the houses in the Borough, are they all in keeping with the business progress of these post war years? Out of a total of 14,319 dwelling houses there are 2,766 without a fixed bath and hot water supply to say nothing of the numbers of families without the convenience of an indoor lavatory, and what is more the Housing Act as recent as 1957 does not contain any satisfactory provisions to press for such amenities. Both Improvement Grants and Certificates of Disrepair, in my opinion, have failed to achieve any sensible improvement of provision of the amenities to which I have referred and which in these enlightened years should be regarded as essential. The number of Improvement Grants approved up to 1958 was 64 and 10 during 1958 and 6 certificates of disrepair issued during this year.

In 1954 when I formulated the present slum clearance programme which the Council resolved to spread over eight years, a high standard was set to try to make a worth while impression on the sub-standard property within the Borough. The scheme is well in hand and the chart on pages 19 and 20 gives a picture of the progress to date and as the end of this programme draws near one must consider what next. In this connection I sincerely hope a better standard of fitness will be laid down by statute in order that an even better scheme can be formulated.

In drawing attention to the work carried out in securing repairs to dwellings, see pages 16, 17, 18, it will be noted that in only 2 cases have statutory notices had to be served to enforce works. Here, it may be unusual, but I feel it only fair to pay

tribute to the local Estate Agents and property owners for their co-operation and help in the difficult matters which are found in the triangle of landlord, tenant and public health inspector.

In the Borough there are 80 premises not connected to sewers and disposal of soil and waste water is via cesspools, individual plants and septic tanks. The Borough Council in order to minimize nuisances and contamination of streams provided a cesspool emptying service from 1st April, 1958, making only a nominal charge. Unfortunately householders have not taken full advantage of this service, only 43 calls on it have been made, in which case it is felt that this is not the answer to the problem but that every endeavour should be made to provide a proper sewer wherever houses are built.

In early September serious floods caused much damage to properties and contents of all kinds, the aftermath of which is referred to on pages 27 and 28. A heavy load was imposed on all members of my staff and I would like to pay tribute for the vast amount of work carried out, long hours worked and results obtained particularly in dealing with distressed householders.

In conclusion I would like to thank the Chairman and Members of the Public Health Committee for their support and sympathetic treatment of matters brought to their notice throughout the year, at the same time may I express my appreciation of the ready co-operation and help given at all times by Dr. Miller Wood.

I have the honour to be,

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

R. F. WYNN,

CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR.

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTION OF THE AREA

1. INSPECTIONS OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR.

(1) (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for housing defects :—

Public Health Act	159	}	349
Housing Act	190		

(b) Number of Inspections made for the purpose :—

Public Health Act	563	}	1,530
Housing Act	967		

(2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 3

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

Public Health Act	62	}	80
Housing Act	24		

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's Officers :—

Public Health Act	59	}	81
Housing Act	26		

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR.

Proceedings under Sections 9, 10, 16 and 17 of the Housing Act, 1957 :—

(1) Demolition orders issued	1
(2) Demolition orders complied with	—
(3) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs	2
(4) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices :—	
(a) By owners	2
(b) By the Local Authority in default of owners	—

4. CLEARANCE AREAS.

Houses Demolished	5
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*Summary of Inspections Made and Work Carried Out
as a result of Notices Served or Recommendations made*

Housing Act, 1957.

Informal Notices issued	24
" " complied with	20
Statutory Notices issued	2
" " complied with	2

Works Carried Out—cont.

Internal Walls rendered with impervious material	.....	.....	.....	16
Overcrowding at workplaces abated	.....	.....	.....	1
Additional w.c.s provided	.....	.....	.....	2
Eaves, Gutters and Fallpipes repaired	.....	.....	.....	27
External Walls repaired	.....	.....	.....	26
W.C.s repaired or renewed	.....	.....	.....	24
Soil or Vent Pipes repaired or renewed	.....	.....	.....	3
Chimneys repaired	.....	.....	.....	11
Animal Keeping Nuisances abated	.....	.....	.....	1
Staircases repaired	.....	.....	.....	4
Underfloor Ventilation provided	.....	.....	.....	1
Lighting improved	.....	.....	.....	2
Food Stores provided	.....	.....	.....	1
Dangerous Wall demolished	.....	.....	.....	1
Intervening Ventilated Space provided	.....	.....	.....	6
Sanitary Conveniences cleansed	.....	.....	.....	1
Nuisances from Tents, Vans and Sheds abated	.....	.....	.....	1
Smoke Nuisances abated	.....	.....	.....	1
Grease Traps provided	.....	.....	.....	1
W.C. Compartments repaired or rebuilt	.....	.....	.....	9
Yard Paving repaired	.....	.....	.....	5
Houses or Parts cleansed	.....	.....	.....	2
Accumulations removed	.....	.....	.....	5
Inspection Chambers provided or repaired	.....	.....	.....	3
Sinks renewed	.....	.....	.....	3
Water Services repaired	.....	.....	.....	3
Dustbins provided	.....	.....	.....	79
Ditches and Watercourses cleansed	.....	.....	.....	1

Slum Clearance.

A survey made under the provisions of the Housing Repairs and Rents Act, 1954, disclosed 444 low standard houses considered suitable for clearance by Clearance Orders.

The Chelmsford Borough Council agreed in principle to deal with these houses in an eight-year programme, 1956-1963. The position to date is as follows :—

POSITION REGARDING CLEARANCE AREA 8 YEAR PROGRAMME UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1958

Year in Programme	Number and if known Clearance or Compulsory Purchase Order	Properties	No. of Premises	Date of Order	Position	Remarks
1956	1 Clearance Order	15, 17 & 19 Mildmay Road	3	27.6.56	Houses Demolished	—
	1 Clearance Order	1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Parker Road	5	27.6.56	Houses Demolished	—
	1 Compulsory Purchase Order	23, 25, 27, 29, 31 & 33 Coval Lane	6	27.6.56	Varied to Clearance Order	—
	1 Compulsory Purchase Order	130 & 132 Coval Lane	2	—	—	Removed from Programme as Houses Made Fit.
	1 Compulsory Purchase Order	13, 14, 15, 16 & 17 New Street	5	25.7.56	Nos. 13, 14 & 15 varied to Clearance Order	—
	2 Compulsory Purchase Orders	6, 7, 8 & 9, 12 & 13 Legg Street	6	25.7.56	Nos. 6, 12 & 13 Order Confirmed Nos. 7, 8 & 9 Varied to Clearance Order	—
	1 Compulsory Purchase Order	1, 2, 5 & 6 Church Square, 4 & 5 Church Street	6	27.6.56	Order Confirmed	—
	2 Compulsory Purchase Orders	1, 2, 8 & 9 Church Street	4	27.6.56	Orders Confirmed	—
	1 Compulsory Purchase Order	7, 7a, 8 & 9 New Street	4	27.6.56	Order Confirmed	—
	1 Clearance Order	1, 2, 3, & 4 Crows Cottages, Chignal Road	4	27.2.57	For Nos. 3 & 4 Order Not Confirmed	...Nos. 1 & 2 demolished by owner by informal action. Nos. 3 & 4 now reconditioned.
	1 Clearance Order	69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79, 81 Rainsford Road	7	27.2.57	Order Confirmed	—
1957	1 Clearance Order	23, 24 & 25 Hall Street and 1 Orchard Street, and 40, 41 & 42 Orchard Street	7	—	Under consideration by Council	—
	1 Clearance Order	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Roman Road and 16 & 17 Hall Street	8	30.10.57	Order confirmed in respect of 1, 2, 3 & 6 Roman Road and 17 Hall Street Not Confirmed in respect of 4 & 5 Roman Road and 16 Hall Street	—

POSITION REGARDING CLEARANCE AREA 8 YEAR PROGRAMME UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1958—Cont.

Year in Programme	Number and if known Clearance or Compulsory Purchase Orders	Properties	No. of Premises	Date of Order	Position	Remarks
1957	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1 Compulsory Purchase Order...	3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 George Street	6	20.12.57	Enquiry held ...	Awaiting Minister's decision.
1	1 Compulsory Purchase Order...	13-22 George Street and 1-7 Wells Row and 25-36 George Street	29	20.12.57	Enquiry held ...	Awaiting Minister's decision.
1	1 Compulsory Purchase Order...	9, 10, 11 & 12 George Street ...	4	20.12.57	Enquiry held ...	Awaiting Minister's decision.
1	1 Clearance Order ...	13, 15, 17, 19 & 21 Wood Street	5	30.10.57	Order Confirmed in respect of Nos. 13, 17, 19 & 21 ...	—
1958	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	1 Clearance Order ...	1, 2, 3 & 4 Alma Cottages ...	4	30.7.58	Not Confirmed in respect of No. 15 as Closing Order in Force ...	Awaiting Minister's decision.
1	1 Clearance Order ...	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 & 6 Navigation Cottages, Wharf Road ...	6	30.7.58	Awaiting Public Enquiry ...	—
1	1 Clearance Order ...	7a, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Provident Square and Dilapidated Cottage in Provident Square ...	7	30.7.58	Inspected by Minister's Inspector ...	Awaiting Minister's decision.
1	1 Compulsory Purchase Order ...	1, 2, 3, 4 & 5 Timsons Lane and 282, 284, 286, 288, 290 & 292 Springfield Road ...	11	24.9.58	Awaiting Public Enquiry ...	—
1	1 Clearance Order ...	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8 Navigation Road ...	8	—	Houses demolished by owners by informal action ...	—
1	1 Clearance Order ...	50, 52, 54, 56 & 58 Springfield Road ...	5	30.7.58	Inspected by Minister's Inspector ...	Awaiting Minister's decision.
1	1 Compulsory Purchase Order ...	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 & 7 Friars Place	7	30.7.58	Inspected by Minister's Inspector ...	Awaiting Minister's decision.
1	1 Clearance Order ...	93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99 & 100 Moulsham Street ..	8	30.7.58	Inspected by Minister's Inspector ...	Awaiting Minister's decision.

Butchers' Shops									185
Bakehouses									24
Factory Canteens, Wholesale Stores, Warehouses, etc.									256
Cafes and Restaurants									172
Licensed Premises									202
Dairies and Milkshops									21
Fried Fish Shops									20
Fishmongers and Poulterers									33
Grocers									357
Greengrocers and Fruiterers									97
Ice Cream Premises/Confectioners									226
Food Preparing Premises									50
School Canteens									52
Stalls									179

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Works Carried Out—cont.

Personal Clothing cleansed	1
Wash Hand Basins cleansed and/or repaired	2
Suitable Detergents provided for Cleansing Equipment	7
Meat Transport Vehicles improved	2
Equipment cleansed	8
Smoking ceased	2
Stall cleansed	1
Hand Washing facilities for Stalls provided	3
Articles and/or Equipment repaired	22
Containers kept free from Contamination	1
Food Rooms suitably lighted	4
Floors cleansed	5
Refuse removed from food room	3
Equipment washing arrangements provided	1

Meat Inspection.

I am pleased to report that meat inspection is maintained at 100% and carried out by fully qualified and experienced meat inspectors.

The following carcasses were examined at the two slaughterhouses: 1,710 beasts, 130 calves, 2,675 sheep, 4,981 pigs.

The total weight of meat condemned was : 14,504 lb.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cattle and Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	1,710	130	2,675	4,981	—
Number inspected	1,710	130	2,675	4,981	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis— Whole carcasses condemned	—	2	—	6	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	391	5	132	601	—

	Cattle and Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	22.87	5.38	4.93	12.19	—
Tuberculosis only— Whole carcasses condemned	2	2	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	72	2	—	87	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	4.33	3.08	—	1.75	—
Cysticercosis— Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	19	—	—	—	—
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	19	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—

FOOD POISONING OUTBREAKS

Total Number of outbreaks	Number of cases	Number of deaths	Foods and Persons involved with causative agents
1	1	Nil	Unknown

The following samples were obtained and submitted for analysis or bacteriological examination, all unsatisfactory results being followed up :—

	Samples taken.	Satisfactory.	Unsatisfactory.
Ice-cream	88	88	—
Ice Lollies	46	43	3
Sweet Confectionery	1	—	1
Fruit Squash	3	3	—
Pasteurised Milk	2	—	2
River Water	4	4	—
Bread	1	—	1
Tinned Tomato Soup	2	2	—
Tinned Pineapple	1	1	—
Butter	1	1	—

Disposal of Condemned Food.

Meat. All meat condemned is stained at time of inspection and is collected for disposal by contractors suitably equipped for this purpose.

Other Foods. Collected by department's van and destroyed (where salvage is impracticable).

The following food has been condemned and surrendered as unfit :—

6 tins macaroni.	24 tins rice.
1 tin fondue.	37 tins baby food.
151 tins milk.	15 tins cream.
18 tins spaghetti.	22 tins fruit juice.
127 tins fish.	108 tins meat.
14 tins beverages.	2 tins gravy salt.
104 tins soup.	1,013 tins fruit.
203 tins tomatoes.	1 tin pudding.
1 tin fruit salts.	579 tins vegetables.
24 lb. liver.	242 lb. beef.
30 lb. dried fruit.	75½ lb. cheese.
3 lb. pork.	96 lb. sausages.
29¼ lb. tinned fruit.	23 lb. syrup.
6 lb. tinned soup.	7 lb. prawns.
7 lb. tinned milk.	101¾ lb. tinned vegetables.
14 lb. fish dressing.	594 lb. fresh apricots.
44 lb. apricot pulp.	31 lb. preserves.
49 lb. bacon.	1,510½ lb. tinned pressed meats.
1 jar peanut butter.	3 jars patum peperium.
3 jars sandwich spread.	16 jars horseradish.
10 jars meat paste.	11 jars calves feet jelly.
14 jars pickles.	8 pkts. bread crumbs.
4 pkts. table jellies.	23 pkts. cheese and cheese spread.
20 pkts. herbs.	6 pkts. salt.
9 pkts. breakfast cereals.	2 pkts. potato crisps.
1 pkt. bicarbonate of soda.	299 pkts. frozen foods.
34 botts. sauce and salad cream.	8 botts. mineral waters.
4 botts. fruit juice.	1 bott. almond flavouring.
502 gals. tomato juice.	130 gals. orange juice.
434½ gals. pineapple juice.	64¾ gals. apricot juice.
328¼ gals. grapefruit juice.	157 tablets dairy junket.
2 stones wet fish.	½ stone dried fish.
18 tubs cream.	34 boxes peaches.
11 fish cakes.	60 fruit pies.
14 chickens.	2 meat pies.
3 sponge cakes.	

Essex County Council Act.

Informal notices issued	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4
Informal notices complied with	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1

There are 171 premises registered for the storage and sale of ice cream and 163 persons registered as vendors.

During the year there have been 24 new vendors and 12 new premises registered and 3 premises removed from the register.

The sale of ice cream within the Borough proceeds on satisfactory lines.

There are no manufacturers in the Borough and the sales are the products of a few well known manufacturers.

Both shops and mobile shops are greatly improved giving testimony to the policy of educating both traders and the public.

Factories Act, 1937.

Informal notices issued	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Informal notices complied with	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3

There are 215 factories with mechanical power and 18 without mechanical power.

Inspections made and Recorded.

Factories without mechanical power	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	10
Factories with mechanical power	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	22
Other premises	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Outworkers	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5

Work Carried Out.

Sufficient sanitary conveniences provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Unsuitable or defective sanitary conveniences altered or repaired	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3
Factories or Parts Cleansed	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1
Adequate Ventilation Provided	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The Council's free service to householders continues with success, the public co-operating in reporting infestations, which means that a more efficient treatment is possible both of individual dwellings and of larger areas.

During the year 248 infested premises have been treated, involving a total of 1,166 visits.

floods.

During the night of the 5th-6th September, following an exceptionally heavy storm, serious flooding occurred in the district causing damage to dwelling houses and other properties. The department carried out various duties in an effort to help those who suffered damage and discomfort.

As soon as the floods had subsided disinfectant was given to householders where necessary. A total of about 18 gallons was issued throughout the affected areas. Advice was given to occupiers of the various affected business premises.

The inspectors endeavoured to visit all food premises where trouble had been experienced with flood water. Occupiers were advised on cleaning and disinfecting of food rooms and equipment before again being put into use. A considerable quantity of foodstuffs was ruined, the following being surrendered for destruction :

615 tins vegetables.	754½ lb. tinned meats.
635 tins soup.	195 lb. jam.
58 tins fruit.	1,606 lb. cheese.
2 tins raviola.	414 lb. salt.
489 tins fish.	2,192 lb. margarine.
260 tins tomatoes.	1,360½ lb. lard.
10 tins mustard.	736 lb. biscuits.
7 tins baking powder.	2,430½ lb. butter.
300 tins milk.	171 lb. flour.
96 tins cream.	4½ lb. mixed peel.
71 tins spaghetti.	10 lb. sweet confectionery.
21 tins gravy salt.	656 lb. cooking fats.
128 tins nescafe.	3½ lb. cornflour.
80 tins custard powder.	112 lb. dripping.
33 tins lemonade powder.	96 lb. bacon.
4 pkts. frozen foods.	690¾ lb. cereals.
11 pkts. curry powder.	20 lb. Horlicks.
1,242 pkts. cheese & cheese spread	33 lb. dried fruit.
36 pkts. rye bread.	491 lb. dried pulses.
6 pkts. lemonade crystals.	3,513¼ lb. tea.
416 pkts. biscuits.	20 lb. shelled brazil nuts.
1,072 pkts. breakfast cereals.	28 lb. suet.
28 pkts. herbs.	2 lb. cayenne pepper.
243 pkts. stuffing.	168 jars fish paste.
8 pkts. rusks.	11 jars herrings.
8 pkts. potato crisps.	30 jars cheese whey.
126 botts. sauce and salad cream	48 jars meat paste.
44 botts. coffee.	2 cwts. sugar candy.
47 botts. mineral waters.	15½ cwts. sugar.
252 tubes cheese spread.	6 cases breakfast cereals.
36 meat pies.	1,152 slabs toffee.
1,680 chocolate biscuits.	

On the 10th September, 1958, the Royal Air Force delivered four petrol-driven hot-air drying machines for use in the emergency. These machines were operated by R.A.F. personnel and prior arrangements were made to commence treatment at houses which were wet. Hot air was pumped under floors and into rooms in an effort to assist in drying.

Whilst making arrangements for drying operations the occupiers of the various houses co-operated magnificently, especially in view of the fact that they had suffered so much loss and discomfort. Many householders declined the offer of the drying machines saying that others had suffered worse and they could manage without.

The drying operations continued for seven days, ending on the 16th September. Eight machines were put into use for the last few days and each house was treated for from one to two hours. A list of properties prepared by the Borough Engineer shows that 276 houses were affected by flood water, of which 112 were treated. Before the R.A.F. withdrew their machines, visits were made to affected houses in other parts of the town when it was found that by that time the properties appeared as dry as those where treatment had been carried out.

Two hundred and twenty-five gallons of petrol were supplied by the department from the Manor Road Depot and issued for use on the drying machines as and when required. The R.A.F. personnel were provided with meals at the County Hall except on Saturday and Sunday when the necessary arrangements were made at the Fire Station.

