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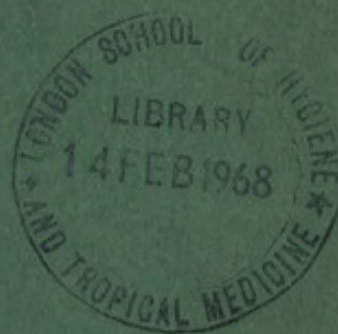
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FOR THE

Year ended 31st December, 1962

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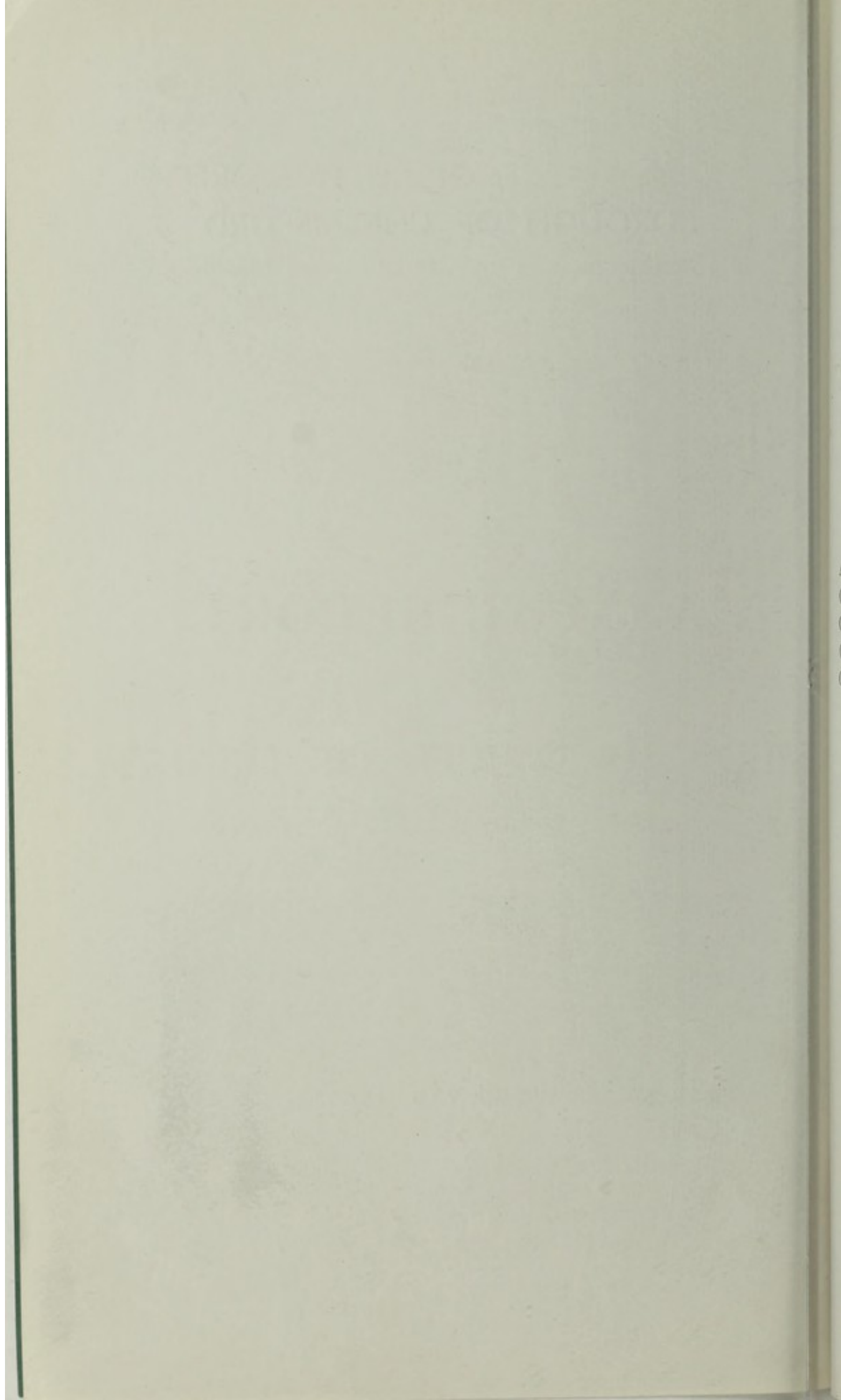
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D. R. JONES, C.R.S.H.

Clerk : B. S. RAYNER

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Public Analysts for the Borough :

J. H. HAMENCE, F.R.I.C.

P. S. HALL, F.R.I.C.

75, SPRINGFIELD ROAD,
CHELMSFORD

15th August, 1963

ANNUAL REPORT, 1962

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1962. The report has been prepared and compiled in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/63 of the 30th January, 1963.

There were 1,058 live births during the year, 56 more than in 1961, which represents a Birth Rate of 20·67 per thousand of the population. For comparison purposes the Birth Rate Figure for the whole of England and Wales over the same period was 18·0.

The Infant Mortality Rate, i.e., infants dying under one year of age per thousand live births, was 16·06 compared with the figure of 21·4 for England and Wales.

There were 460 deaths during the year, giving a death rate of 8·98 per thousand of the population, the rate for England and Wales being 11·9.

During the year a total of 21 investigations were made into applications for housing priority on medical grounds, and were the subject of special reports to the Housing Management Committee.

There were 122 medical examinations carried out during the year on Borough employees for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme. There were also 21 blood tests on employees in the Water Department whose work on water mains brings them into close association with the town's water supplies.

Authentication of International Vaccination Certificates against Smallpox by my Department showed a spectacular increase during the year, rising from 568 in 1961 to a total of 2,891 in 1962. This very large increase was entirely due to a number of cases of smallpox occurring in England and Wales during the early weeks of the year, the infection having been brought into this country by passengers arriving by air from regions in India, where an epidemic of the disease had broken out. As a result, passengers travelling abroad from this country were required to provide up-to-date Certificates of Vaccination against Smallpox.

As in previous years, my thanks are due to those Chief Officers who have provided me with some of the information appearing in this Report and my special thanks are due to Mr. R. F. Wynn, the Chief Public Health Inspector.

It also wish to thank the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Public Health Committee for their unfailing support and encouragement during the year.

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) | 4755 |
| POPULATION, 1962 | 51,180 (Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, mid-year). (Census, 1962—49,810.) |
| NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES (end of 1962) according to Rate Books | 16,549 |
| RATEABLE VALUE (1st April, 1962) | £947,747 |
| SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE (year ending 31st March, 1962) | General £3,826 Water £2,958 |

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

| | | Total | Male | Female | |
|--------------|------------------|-------|------|--------|---|
| Live Births | Legitimate ... | 1020 | 551 | 469 | |
| | Illegitimate ... | 38 | 22 | 16 | Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated Resident popula- tion mid-1962— 20·67 |
| | Totals ... | 1058 | 573 | 485 | |
| Still Births | Legitimate ... | 8 | 3 | 5 | Rate per 1,000 live and still births— 20·84 |
| | Illegitimate ... | 1 | 1 | — | |
| | Totals ... | 9 | 4 | 5 | |

DEATHS

Death Rate per 1,000
of the estimated
resident popula-
tion 8·98

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

| | | |
|---|--------|-------|
| All Infants per 1,000 births | | 16·06 |
| Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births | | 15·12 |

DEATHS

DEATHS AT VARIOUS AGES DURING THE YEAR, 1962

| Under 1 | 1-4 | 5-14 | 15-24 | 25-44 | 45-64 | 65-74 | 75+ |
|---------|-----|------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-----|
| 17 | 2 | 4 | 5 | 23 | 105 | 102 | 202 |

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES, 1962

| Causes of death | Males | Females | Total |
|--|-------|---------|-------|
| Tuberculosis, respiratory | — | — | — |
| Tuberculosis, other | — | — | — |
| Syphilitic disease | — | — | — |
| Diphtheria | — | — | — |
| Whooping cough | — | — | — |
| Meningococcal infections | — | — | — |
| Acute poliomyelitis | — | — | — |
| Measles | — | — | — |
| Other infective and parasitic diseases ... | 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Malignant neoplasm, stomach | 8 | 4 | 12 |
| Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ... | 18 | 3 | 21 |
| Malignant neoplasm, breast | — | 9 | 9 |
| Malignant neoplasm, uterus | — | 2 | 2 |
| Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ... | 28 | 24 | 52 |
| Leukaemia, aleukaemia | 2 | 3 | 5 |
| Diabetes | — | — | — |
| Vascular lesions of nervous system | 30 | 28 | 58 |
| Coronary disease angina | 55 | 40 | 95 |
| Hypertension with heart disease | 2 | 7 | 9 |
| Other heart disease | 11 | 21 | 32 |
| Other circulatory disease | 9 | 11 | 20 |
| Influenza | 1 | — | 1 |
| Pneumonia | 20 | 9 | 29 |
| Bronchitis | 17 | 10 | 27 |
| Other diseases of the respiratory system ... | 6 | 1 | 7 |
| Ulcer of stomach and duodenum | 7 | 4 | 11 |
| Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea | 3 | — | 3 |
| Nephritis and nephrosis | 2 | — | 2 |
| Hyperplasia of prostate | 1 | — | 1 |
| Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion | — | — | — |
| Congenital malformations | 3 | 2 | 5 |
| Other defined and ill-defined diseases ... | 18 | 25 | 43 |
| Motor vehicle accidents | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| All other accidents | 3 | 3 | 6 |
| Suicide | — | 1 | 1 |
| Homicide and operations of war | — | — | — |
| Totals | 248 | 212 | 460 |

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE AUTHORITY (See Page 3).

PUBLIC SERVICES OPERATING IN CHELMSFORD.

Child Welfare Centres

| | | |
|---|--------|--------------------------------|
| Essex County Health Services Clinic, Coval Lane, Chelmsford | ... | Thursdays, at 2 p.m. |
| Parish Hall, Springfield Road, Chelmsford | ... | Mondays, at 2 p.m. |
| St. John's Hall, Vicarage Road, Chelmsford | ... | Mondays, at 2 p.m. |
| Chelmsford Free Church, Pentland Avenue, Chelmsford (Woodhall Estate) | ... | 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 2 p.m. |
| Women's Institute Hall, Springfield | | Thursdays at 2 p.m. |

| | |
|--|------------------------------------|
| Methodist Church Hall, Moulsham Lodge ... Estate, Chelmsford | Tuesdays 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon |
| Church Hall, Forest Drive, Chelmsford | 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at 2 p.m. |
| Congregational Church Hall, Trent Road, ... Chelmsford | 2nd and 4th Thursdays at 2 p.m. |
| Essex County Health Services Clinic, ... Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford | Every Friday at 2 p.m. |

Ante-Natal Clinics

| | |
|--|------------------------|
| Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, London ... Road, Chelmsford | Tuesdays, at 2.15 p.m. |
| Anti-Natal and Women's Welfare Clinic, ... Coval Lane, Chelmsford | Thursdays, at 10 a.m. |

Ante-Natal Relaxation Classes

| | |
|---|--|
| Relaxation Classes, Friend's Meeting House, ... Chelmsford | M o n d a y a n d Friday afternoons. (By appointment). |
| Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford | Alternate Thursdays |

Chest Clinic

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

School Clinics

| | |
|-------------------------------------|----------------------|
| Coval Lane, Chelmsford | Mondays, 10 a.m. |
| Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford | 2nd Tuesday, 10 a.m. |

Ophthalmic Clinic

| | |
|-------------------------------|--|
| Coval Lane, Chelmsford | Tuesdays and Wednes- days a.m. (By appointment). |
|-------------------------------|--|

Dental Clinics

| | |
|-------------------------------------|--|
| Coval Lane, Chelmsford | Mondays, T u e s d a y s, Thursdays and Fridays 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (By appointment) |
| Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford | Mondays, T u e s d a y s, Wednesdays and 2nd, 4th, and 5th Thursdays (By appointment) |

Child Guidance Clinic

146 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford By appointment

Venereal Diseases

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

Chiropody Clinics

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--|
| Coval Lane, Chelmsford | ... | ... | ... | ... | Monday, Tuesday and Friday mornings and afternoons (By appointment) |
| Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford | ... | ... | ... | ... | Wednesday mornings and afternoons (By appointment) |

Speech Therapy Clinics

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Coval Lane, Chelmsford | ... | ... | ... | ... | Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays (By appointment) |
| Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford | ... | ... | ... | ... | Mondays and Fridays a.m. (By appointment) |

Immunisation Clinics

| | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|--------------------|
| Coval Lane, Chelmsford | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2nd Monday, 2 p.m. |
| Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4th Friday 2 p.m. |

Health Visitors

There are six Health Visitors based at the Essex County Health Services Clinic, Coval Lane, Chelmsford and three at Essex County Health Services Clinic, Melbourne Avenue. 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 (Part-time), 1 Epping Close, Chelmsford. Tel. 4132.

Mrs. M. B. Palmer, 127 Springfield Park Avenue, Chelmsford.
Tel. 2354.

Mrs. D. Rawlingson, 76 Patching Hall Lane, Chelmsford. Tel. 4943.

Mrs. A. E. Oakley, 8 Rainsford Avenue, Chelmsford. Tel. 3000.

Miss D. Hymas, 40 Rosebery Road, Chelmsford. Tel. 55124.

Miss F. M. Smith, 9 Longmeads Close, Writtle. Tel. Writtle 228.

Midwives—

Miss J. Mitchell, 9 Medway Close, Chelmsford. Tel. 2246.

Miss E. M. Miller, "Les Noise," 138 Moulsham Drive, Chelmsford.
Tel. 3816

Miss M. F. Crisp, 19 St. John's Green, Writtle Tel. Writtle 567.

Mrs. D. G. Sherrington, 14 Pembroke Place, Chelmsford. Tel. 51387.

Mrs. W. M. E. Kendall (Part-time), 28 Beach's Drive, Chelmsford.
Tel. 57333.

Miss E. J. Blandford, 35 Westbourne Grove, Great Baddow.
Tel. Chelmsford 2579.

Mrs. A. W. Burrows, 1 Kirkman Road, Galleywood.
Tel. Chelmsford 71414.

Miss G. Parker, Nurses Bungalow, Maldon Road, Hatfield Peverel.
Tel. Hatfield Peverel 366.

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

This service is provided by the Essex County Council and operates from Coval Lane, 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 80, Broomfield Road, Chelmsford (Telephone No. Chelmsford 57309), 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 Tuesdays and 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.

Every two weeks there is a bus which collects all the housebound old people who are taken to the Centre for tea and entertainment, and at Christmas time a party is given for the Old People, where everything is cooked and served by members of the Old People's Welfare Council. Transport is provided by the Rotary Club. Grant aided holidays are also being arranged for Old People in Chelmsford and the rural district.

During the year, the Borough Council and the Rural District Council, have given grants towards holidays for elderly people who were in need of one, and who had not had one for over a year or more. Thirty-seven people from the rural district and forty-eight from the Borough took advantage of the scheme, which was organised by The Chelmsford and District Welfare Council's Visiting Sub-Committee. The holiday was spent at Margate and was very much appreciated.

There are twenty clubs in Chelmsford and District, and there is also a Visiting Sub-Committee for 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 57981.

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.

SWIMMING POOL, WATERLOO LANE, CHELMSFORD

The Pool is of the unheated open type and is 145 feet long, 95 feet wide, and its depth varies from 3 feet to 6 feet. Water for filling the pool and topping up is drawn from the river Chelmer via a well type catchpit. The treatment plant comprises chlorinator, soda ash, dosing plant and slow sand filter and the pool water is continuously circulated with full treatment. The treatment plant produces a water which is clear and bright, of satisfactory pH value carrying an adequate residuum of free chlorine and of excellent bacterial quality. Tests of the pH value and residual chlorine content of the water are carried out throughout the day and bacteriological examinations of the water are carried out during the swimming season.

NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1962

| | | | |
|---------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|
| (1) By the Chelmsford Borough Council | ... | ... | 232 |
| (2) By other Local Authorities | ... | ... | 19 |
| (3) By other Bodies or Persons | ... | ... | 488 |

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

| Estate | | Houses | Flats | Maisonettes | Aluminium Bungalows | Old Peoples' Bungalows | Total |
|---------------------------------|-----|--------|-------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Bradford Street | ... | — | 27 | — | — | — | 27 |
| Swiss Avenue | ... | — | — | — | — | 6 | 6 |
| First Avenue | ... | — | — | — | — | 10 | 10 |
| Second, Third and Fifth Avenues | ... | 40 | — | — | — | — | 40 |
| Baker Street | ... | — | 33 | — | — | — | 33 |
| Lady Lane | ... | 8 | — | — | — | — | 8 |
| Melbourne Park | ... | 396 | 120 | — | 100 | 16 | 632 |

| Estate | Houses | Flats | Maisonettes | Aluminium Bungalows | Old Peoples' Bungalows | Total |
|-----------------------------------|--------|-------|-------------|---------------------|------------------------|-------|
| Melbourne Farm ... | 392 | — | — | — | 16 | 408 |
| Pines | 105 | — | — | — | 14 | 119 |
| Rainsford Bungalows ... | — | — | — | — | 69 | 69 |
| Upper Bridge Road Site | 5 | 36 | — | — | — | 41 |
| Waterhouse Lane ... | — | — | — | 60 | — | 60 |
| Woodhall | 168 | 107 | — | — | 16 | 291 |
| Woodhall Extension ... | 175 | 32 | — | — | 14 | 221 |
| Chignall | 554 | 80 | — | — | 6 | 640 |
| Springfield Road ... | — | — | — | — | 5 | 5 |
| Springfield Park ... Extension | 215 | 29 | — | — | 40 | 284 |
| Westlands | 552 | 164 | 2 | — | — | 718 |
| Lower Anchor Street ... | 3 | — | — | — | — | 3 |
| Duplex Flats | — | 160 | — | — | — | 160 |
| Hillary Close, Arbour ... Lane | 68 | — | — | — | — | 68 |
| Meadgate Estate, Baddow Road | 188 | 162 | — | — | 21 | 371 |
| Total ... | | | | | | 4214 |

Shops

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

Garages

Melbourne Park; Boarded Barns; Woodhall; Springfield Park
Extension; Westlands; Melbourne Farm; Chignall; Baker
Street; Second Avenue; Fifth Avenue; Meadgate; Bradford
Street; Hillary Close 793

In addition 1,582 pre-war dwellings are occupied in the Borough.

Pump Lane, Springfield

The Council intends to erect 48 x 3 Bedroomed Houses for sale primarily to Council Tenants and Applicants on the Housing Waiting List and particulars of the scheme may now be obtained from the Housing Department.

Meadgate Estate (Baddow Road)

Schemes are in progress to erect 17 Old People's Flats, 96 x 3 Bedroomed Houses, 39 Flats, 43 Maisonettes, 11 Shops and 83 Garages.

Westlands Estate

4 Shops, 2 Flats, 5 Maisonettes and 9 Garages are in course of erection and 13 additional garages have been approved.

In addition 46 former Council Houses have been sold to Sitting Tenants.

Register of Housing Applications

The following is a summary of applications as at December, 1962:—

| | |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| GROUP A (Persons in Rooms) | 435 |
| GROUP B (Aged Persons) | 213 |
| GROUP C (Single Persons) | 87 |
| GROUP D (Tied Accommodation) | 222 |
| GROUP E (Tenants) | 467 |
| GROUP F (Slum Clearance) | 176 |
| TOTAL ... | 1,600 Nett |

**ANALYSIS OF LETTINGS, RE-LETTINGS, TRANSFERS AND MUTUAL EXCHANGES
FROM WEEK COMMENCING 1ST JANUARY, 1962, UP TO AND INCLUDING
WEEK COMMENCING 31ST DECEMBER, 1962.**

| <i>Applicants Housed</i> | | | <i>New Properties</i> | | |
|--------------------------|------------|------------|---|------------|------------|
| | 1961 | 1962 | | 1961 | 1962 |
| In normal turn ... | 113 | 227 | Meadgate Houses ... | 57 | 70 |
| Eviction Orders ... | 7 | 10 | Meadgate Old | | |
| Closing Orders ... | 5 | 1 | People's Bungalows | 18 | — |
| Clearance Areas ... | 47 | 58 | Meadgate Flats ... | — | 82 |
| Other Priorities ... | 28 | 17 | Melbourne Flats ... | — | 80 |
| Social Services ... | 9 | 9 | | — | — |
| | | | | 75 | 232 |
| Council Officials ... | 9 | 5 | Reletting due to Termination of Tenancies ... | 143 | 115 |
| Totals ... | 218 | 347 | Totals ... | 218 | 347 |

Transfers Effectuated 101 103

Mutual Exchanges—

| | | | | | | 1961 | 1962 |
|-----|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|------|------|
| (a) | Between Council Tenants | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 | 33 |
| (b) | Between other landlords | ... | ... | ... | ... | 24 | 25 |
| | Totals | ... | | | | 45 | 58 |

NEW SEWERS LAID DURING 1962

Surface water sewers have been laid in the St. John's Road Area, Admirals Park, First Avenue, Sixth Avenue and Church Lane.

A Sewers Relief Scheme has been carried out in Bruce Grove and soil and surface water sewers have been laid in connection with the development of part of the Moulsham Lodge Estate, Coppins Close, Oxford Court, Tower Avenue, and part of Falmouth Road.

Work has now commenced on the construction of the Chelmer Valley Relief Sewer.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

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

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1962

| | NEW CASES | | | | DEATHS | | | |
|--------------------|-------------|--------|-----------------|--------|-------------|--------|-----------------|--------|
| | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | | Respiratory | | Non-Respiratory | |
| | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female | Male | Female |
| Under 5 years ... | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 5 to 14 years ... | — | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 15 to 24 years ... | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 25 to 44 years ... | 3 | 2 | 1 | — | — | — | — | — |
| 45 to 64 years ... | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| 65 and over ... | 1 | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Age unknown ... | — | — | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Totals ... | 6 | 5 | 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 1962

| 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 and over | North Ward | | South Ward | East Ward | West Ward | |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Scarlet Fever | 11 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 7 | 1 | 2 | — | — | — | 2 | 6 | 2 | 1 |
| Whooping Cough | 35 | 3 | 3 | 6 | 6 | 3 | 12 | 1 | — | 1 | — | — | 27 | 4 | 4 | — |
| Measles | 383 | 10 | 46 | 52 | 52 | 48 | 161 | 11 | 2 | 1 | — | — | 24 | 292 | 37 | 30 |
| TOTALS | 429 | 13 | 49 | 58 | 58 | 52 | 180 | 13 | 4 | 2 | — | — | 53 | 302 | 43 | 31 |

| Disease | No. of Cases | Under 5 years | 5-14 | 15-44 | 45-64 | 65 and over | Age Unknown | Cases admitted to Hospital | North Ward | South Ward | East Ward | West Ward |
|-----------------------|--------------|---------------|------|-------|-------|-------------|-------------|----------------------------|------------|------------|-----------|-----------|
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Pneumonia ... | 13 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 5 | 2 | — | — | 6 | 3 | 1 | 3 |
| Puerperal Pyrexia ... | 3 | — | — | 3 | — | — | — | — | 1 | 1 | — | 1 |
| TOTALS ... | 16 | 1 | 1 | 7 | 5 | 2 | — | — | 7 | 4 | 1 | 4 |

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR 1962

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

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report of the work carried out by my department during the year 1962.

When the Food Hygiene Regulations 1955 were introduced, it was decided to employ much of the departments time in the making of a complete survey of all premises where food is prepared, stored or sold, following which a rigorous policy was pursued to remedy all contraventions. At the same time an educational campaign was put into operation directed in particular towards employees at food premises and the general public.

I am now in a position to say that as far as premises are concerned a considerable overall improvement has been obtained and maintained and the food handlers employed therein are now much more Clean Food conscious. The general public has become much more demanding of the retailer as well as making a greater use of the Public Health Inspection Service by enquiries and complaints.

The summary of such complaints is a majority of foreign objects in foods, such as a Beetle in a tin of Cream, a piece of string in loaf of bread, whilst moulds on bread and meat pies is next in numerical order. On investigating such complaints it is invariably found that the preparation and packing factories are in excellent condition with modern machinery, all of which leaves one with the impression that the operatives or their supervision is suspect.

The clearance of low standard dwellings goes along in accord with the Council's eight year programme which terminates at the end of 1963. Progress is reported on pages 23 and 24, from which it will be seen that completion delays are in the processing of the orders rather than preparation.

The department is understaffed partly because of the unsatisfactory and inadequate office conditions which were occupied pending the building of a new civic suite and now the main portion of the new building is complete without accommodation for the public health inspectors department; at the time this report is going to print a further move has been made to better temporary accommodation and it is hoped to improve the staffing situation. In spite of these

unstable features, your officers continue to use every endeavour to further the cause of Public Health and I am very grateful for the loyal co-operation of the staff.

May I express my thanks to the Chairman and members of the Public Health Committee for their support and to Dr. Miller Wood for his co-operation and help at all times.

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

The following figures indicate the amount of inspections and work carried out at dwelling houses. Generally these inspections are initiated by complaints, mostly from tenants who are unable to get repairs carried out by direct approach to their landlords.

Relations with the general public, including property owners, are good and from year to year most of the department's requirements are affected by persuasive means.

1. INSPECTIONS OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

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

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|-----|
| Public Health Act | ... | ... | ... | ... | 73 | } | 351 |
| Housing Act | ... | ... | ... | ... | 278 | | |

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

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|---|-------|
| Public Health Act | ... | ... | ... | ... | 358 | } | 1,835 |
| Housing Act | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,477 | | |

- (2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation. 4

- (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 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 49 | } | 51 |
| Housing Act | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | | |

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 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 37 | } | 41 |
| Housing Act | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 | | |

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 ... 3

| | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|---|
| (2) Demolition orders complied with | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| (3) Houses closed | ... | ... | ... | — |
| (4) Houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted in lieu of orders | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| (5) Houses demolished following undertakings in lieu of orders | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| (6) Houses made fit following undertakings in lieu of demolition orders | ... | ... | ... | — |
| (7) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs | ... | ... | ... | — |
| (8) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of formal notices:— | | | | |
| (a) By owners | ... | ... | ... | — |
| (b) By the Local Authority in default of owners | | | | — |

4. CLEARANCE AREAS

| | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Houses Demolished | ... | ... | ... | ... | 59 |
|-------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|

*Summary of Inspections Made and Work Carried Out
as a Result of Notices Served or Recommendations made*

Housing Act, 1957

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| Informal Notices issued | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| „ „ complied with | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Statutory Notices issued | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |
| „ „ complied with | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |

Public Health Act, 1936

| | | | | | | |
|--------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Informal Notices issued | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 69 |
| „ „ complied with | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 70 |
| Statutory Notices issued | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| „ „ complied with | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |

Inspections Made and Recorded

| | | | | | | |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-------|
| Houses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,835 |
| Tents, Vans and Sheds | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 92 |
| Water Supplies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 22 |
| Schools | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |
| Infectious Disease | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Ponds, Ditches and Watercourses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39 |
| Dirty and/or Verminous Houses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |

Work Carried Out (Cont.)

| | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Yard Paving repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Accumulations removed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Inspection chambers provided or repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Sinks renewed ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Gas geyser renewed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Dustbins provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| Dirty dustbins cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Nuisance from overflowing cesspool abated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Ditches, Ponds and Watercourses cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

Slum Clearance

The table which follows gives details of progress and the present position of the clearance area programme.

It will be seen that 206 of the 266 houses so far submitted or dealt with by informal procedure have been demolished. Here again may I express my appreciation of the close co-operation of the Housing Manager and his staff in the tackling of the difficult problem of rehousing.

POSITION REGARDING CLEARANCE AREA 8 YEAR PROGRAMME UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1962

Number and if known Clearance or Compulsory Purchase Order

Year
1956

Properties
Number of Properties
Present Position

Remarks

Removed from programme as houses made fit.

Nos. 7, 8 and 9 are vacated. 1 and 2 were demolished by owner by informal action. 3 and 4 reconstructed to form one house.

Where Clearance Orders confirmed houses vacated. No. 17 Hall Street has been demolished.

Houses demolished.

Houses demolished by owner by informal action.

23

| | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|----------------------------|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|--|-----|-----|-----|
| 1 | Clearance Order | ... | ... | 15, 17 and 19 Mildmay Road | ... | 3 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | ... | ... | 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Parker Road | ... | 3 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Compulsory Purchase Order | ... | ... | 23, 25, 27, 29, 31 and 33 Coval Lane | ... | 6 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| | | | | 130 and 132 Coval Lane | ... | 2 | — | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Compulsory Purchase Order | ... | ... | 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 New Street | ... | 5 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| 2 | Compulsory Purchase Orders | ... | ... | 6, 7, 8, 9, 12 and 13 Legg Street | ... | 6 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Compulsory Purchase Order | ... | ... | 1, 2, 5, and 6 Church Square, and 4 and 5 Church Street | ... | 6 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| 2 | Compulsory Purchase Orders | ... | ... | 1, 2, 8 and 9 Church Street | ... | 4 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Compulsory Purchase Order | ... | ... | 7, 7a, 8 and 9 New Street | ... | 4 | Compulsory Purchase Order confirmed | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | ... | ... | 1, 2, 3 and 4 Crows Cottages, Chignal Road | ... | 4 | 3 and 4 Clearance Order not confirmed | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | ... | ... | 69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79 and 81 Rainsford Road | ... | 7 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | ... | ... | 23, 24, 25 Hall Street and 1 Orchard Street | ... | 7 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | ... | ... | 40, 41 and 42 Orchard Street | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | ... | ... | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Roman Road and 16 and 17 Hall Street | ... | 8 | 1, 2, 3 and 6 Roman Road, and 17 Hall Street Clearance Order confirmed | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Compulsory Purchase Order | ... | ... | 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 George Street | ... | 6 | 4 and 5 Roman Road, and 16 Hall Street Order not confirmed | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Compulsory Purchase Order | ... | ... | 9, 10, 11 and 12 George Street | ... | 4 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Compulsory Purchase Order | ... | ... | 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21 and 22 George Street, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Wells Row, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35 and 36 George Street | ... | 29 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | ... | ... | 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21 Wood Street | ... | 5 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | ... | ... | 35, 37, 39 and 41 Arbour Lane (formerly known as 1, 2, 3 and 4 Alma Cottages) | ... | 4 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | ... | ... | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Navigation Cottages, Wharf Road | ... | 6 | Order confirmed with the exception of No. 5 | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | ... | ... | 7a, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Provident Square, and empty dilapidated cottage in Provident Square | ... | 7 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Compulsory Purchase | ... | ... | 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Timsons Lane, and 282, 284, 286, 288, 290 and 292 Springfield Road | ... | 11 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |
| 1 | Compulsory Purchase | ... | ... | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Navigation Road | ... | 8 | Houses demolished | ... | ... | ... |

POSITION REGARDING CLEARANCE AREA 8 YEAR PROGRAMME UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1962

| Year | Number and if known Clearance or Compulsory Purchase Order | Properties | Number of Properties | Present Position | Remarks |
|------|--|--|----------------------|-------------------|--|
| 1958 | 1 Clearance Order ... | 50, 52, 54, 56 and 58 Springfield Road | 5 | Houses demolished | ... |
| 1 | Compulsory Purchase Order | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 Friars Place | 7 | Houses demolished | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99 and 100 Moulsham Street | 8 | Houses demolished | ... |
| 1959 | 1 Compulsory Purchase Order | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 Haycocks Row, and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16 and 17 Compasses Row | 34 | Houses demolished | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 Coopers Row | 11 | Houses demolished | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | 2 Cottages in Lawn Lane | 2 | Houses demolished | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | 256, 258 and 260 Rainsford Road | 3 | Houses demolished | ... |
| 1 | Clearance Order | 202 and 204 Rainsford Road | 2 | Houses demolished | ... |
| 1960 | 1 Clearance Order | 1, 2 and 3 Hall Cottages, Widford | 3 | Houses demolished | ... |
| 1 | Compulsory Purchase Order | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and Chelmer Cottage, Chelmer Place, and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14 and 15 St. Annes Place | 35 | Order confirmed | All except Nos. 2, 7, 8, 12, 14, 18 & 19 Chelmer Place and Nos. 2, 3, 4, 8, 10 and 15 St. Annes Place vacated. |
| 1 | Compulsory Purchase Order | 158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176 and 178 Baddow Road | 11 | Order confirmed | Nos. 166, 168, 174 and 176 vacated. |
| 1 | Compulsory Purchase Order | 5 and 6 The Chase, Mildmay Road | 2 | Order confirmed | Demolition Order procedure instituted. Houses made fit after undertaking. |
| 1961 | 1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 Glebe Road. | 13 | ... | All properties inspected and under consideration. |
| 1 | ... | 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31 Glebe Road | 11 | ... | ... |
| 1 | ... | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, & 37 Victoria Road | 37 | ... | ... |
| 1962 | 1 | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Hope Square | 11 | ... | ... |
| 1 | ... | 86, 87 & 88 Moulsham Street | 3 | ... | ... |
| 1 | ... | 69, 70, 71 & 72 Moulsham Street | 4 | ... | ... |
| 1 | ... | 8 and 9 Friars Place and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Blackfriars | 8 | ... | ... |
| 1 | ... | 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Lower Anchor Street | 5 | ... | ... |
| 1 | ... | 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 Phillips Cottages, Orchard House and Orchard Cottage, Church Lane | 22 | ... | All properties inspected and under consideration. |

Food and Drugs Act, 1955 (Including Food Hygiene Regulations)

The statistics given in this section give an overall picture of the day to day work of the public health inspectors.

| | | | | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Informal Notices issued | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 90 |
| „ „ complied | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 91 |

The numbers and types of food businesses within the Borough are given below:—

Types of Business at end of 1962

| | | | | | | | | |
|----------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Dairies | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Bakehouses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Fish Friers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 |
| Canteens—Schools | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 31 |
| Greengrocer and Fruiterer | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 34 |
| Sweet Confectionery | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 59 |
| Restaurants and Cafés | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 57 |
| Butchers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 27 |
| Fishmongers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Grocers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 76 |
| General Stores | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 14 |
| Wholesale Warehouses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 12 |
| Canteens—Factories, etc. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 |
| Bakers Confectionery | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| Residential Homes | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Nursery Schools | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Soft Drink Manufacturers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Cooked Meat Shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Corn Merchants | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Vegetable Packing Station | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Hotels and Boarding Houses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 |
| Confectionery Manufacturer | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Herbalist | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Poultry Plucking | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Hospitals | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Hostels | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Clubs | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 21 |
| Flour Millers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Maltsters | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Departmental Stores | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Licensed Premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 64 |
| Wholesale Meat Markets | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Brewery | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Cooked Meals Shop | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

Inspections Made and Recorded

| | | | | | | | | |
|--|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|
| Butcher's Shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 97 |
| Bakehouses | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 19 |
| Factory Canteens, Wholesale Stores, Warehouses, etc. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 153 |
| Cafés and Restaurants | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 78 |
| Licensed Premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 47 |
| Dairies and Milkshops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 38 |
| Fried Fish Shops | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 55 |
| Fishmongers and Poulterers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 32 |
| Grocers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 259 |
| Greengrocers and Fruiterers | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 41 |
| Ice Cream Premises/Confectioners | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 52 |
| Food Preparing Premises | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 16 |
| School Canteens | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 17 |
| Stalls | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 175 |

Work Carried Out

| | | | | | | | | |
|---|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|-----|----|
| Food Protection provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Sinks provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 7 |
| Wash Hands Notices provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| Clothing Store provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Repairs to walls, floors, doors, windows and ceilings | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 38 |
| Suitable lighting provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Ventilation provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Wash Basins provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Hot and Cold Water provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 9 |
| Hot Water provided for washing equipment | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Rooms redecorated and cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 39 |
| First Aid equipment provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 |
| Soap, Towel and Nail Brush provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 |
| Name and Address displayed on Stalls | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 26 |
| Sanitary Conveniences cleansed and repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| " " lighted/ventilated | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Intervening Ventilated Lobbies provided | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Equipment cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Articles and/or Equipment repaired | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 |
| Floors cleansed | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Persons refrained from using tobacco | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 11 |
| Refuse removed from food room | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Containers kept free from contamination | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

Meat Inspection

Cystercercus bovis has been found in only 1 carcase, this being the only viable cyst. Our present procedure is that in cases where the cyst is found to be degenerated, the carcase is cut into wholesale joints and if, on examination of likely sites, no further evidence is found, it is released.

Tuberculosis was again not found in cattle and calves whilst the lesions in pigs were confined to the head gland.

The practice of disposing of unfit meat at the Council's refuse tip continued.

The following carcasses were examined at the two slaughterhouses: 80 Cows, 3,026 Cattle, 534 Calves, 6,602 Sheep, 5,832 Pigs, the total of 16,074 being 2,978 more than the previous year.

The total weight of meat condemned was: 15,281lbs.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

| | Cows | Cattle | Calves | Sheep and Lambs | Pigs |
|--|-------|--------|--------|-----------------------|-------|
| Number killed | 80 | 3,026 | 534 | 6,602 | 5,832 |
| Number inspected | 80 | 3,026 | 534 | 6,602 | 5,832 |
| All diseases except Tuberculosis— Whole carcasses condemned ... | 2 | 1 | 4 | 4 | 27 |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | 19 | 424 | 7 | 111 | 921 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis | 26.25 | 14.04 | 2.06 | 1.74 | 16.25 |
| Tuberculosis only— Whole carcasses condemned | — | — | — | — | — |
| Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | — | — | — | — | 28 |
| Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis | — | — | — | — | 0.48 |
| Cysticercosis— Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned | — | 1 | — | — | — |
| Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration | — | 1 | — | — | — |
| Generalised and totally condemned | — | — | — | — | — |

The following food which has been condemned and surrendered as unfit has been collected by the department's van and destroyed (where salvage is impracticable):—

| | |
|----------------------------|---------------------------|
| 25 tins fruit juice | 68 tins beetroot |
| 124 tins ravioli | 16 tins custard powder |
| 59 tins cream | 40 iced lollies |
| 108 tins meat | 97 tins rice |
| 100 blocks ice cream | 28 tins puddings |
| 2,598 tins fruit | 411 tins milk |
| 42 tins baby food | 361 tins fish |
| 32 tins jam | 420 tins soup |
| 33 tins salmon | 794 tins vegetables |
| 86 tins spaghetti | 385 lbs. beef |
| 37 tins frankfurters | 73 lbs. ox offal |
| 381 tins tomatoes | 56 lbs. pork |
| 36 lbs. bacon | 36 lbs. lamb |
| 235 lbs. sheep offal | 84 lbs. veal |
| 19 lbs. suet | 4 lbs. tongue |
| 325 lbs. cooked meats | 30 lbs. frozen rabbit |
| 18 lbs. flour | 21 lbs. salt |
| 12 lbs. jams and marmalade | 139 eggs |
| 3 tins macaroni | 5 jars pickles |
| 3 tins sago | 20 jars paste |
| 24 jars honey | 2 jars prawns |
| 2 jars gherkins | 7 jars cheese savoury |
| 18 pkts. cake mix | 72 pkts. dried fruit |
| 41 pkts. cereals | 15 pkts. porridge oats |
| 820 kilos. tomato juice | 77 pkts. ground almonds |
| 180 gals. grapefruit juice | 799 gals. pineapple juice |
| 18 bottles sauce | 168 gals. orange juice |
| 3 bottles fruit drinks | 14 stone fish |
| 43 meat pies | 3 tubes mustard |
| 11 tins sweet corn | 10 tins asparagus |
| 8 tins tomato puree | |

Analyses

The following samples have been submitted for bacteriological examination and all unsatisfactory results have been followed up.

It will be seen that from 77 samples of ice creams and iced lollies only 5 were unsatisfactory. Investigations were made and subsequent samples proved

to be satisfactory. The one unsatisfactory sample of ice cream was purchased from the only manufacturer in the Borough. Satisfactory samples followed upon improvements in the methods of cleaning the machinery and utensils used in the manufacture of the ice cream.

Much attention has been paid to the bacterial cleanliness of milk containers in order to find out whether or not churns and bottles are effectively washed and sterilized by dairy machinery. Whilst there is not a prescribed standard laid down for these tests the bacteriologist agrees that a high standard should be the aim and this year, from 42 utensils examined 6 called for improvement.

The Dairy Companies concerned are co-operating to the full and it is hoped that a consistent high standard will be the result.

| | | | | Samples Taken | | Satisfactory | | Unsatis- factory |
|--------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|------------------|-----|--------------|-----|---------------------|
| Ice-cream | ... | ... | ... | 52 | ... | 51 | ... | 1 |
| Ice-lollies | ... | ... | ... | 25 | ... | 21 | ... | 4 |
| Bakers Confectionery | ... | ... | ... | 12 | ... | 12 | ... | — |
| Fruit Drink | ... | ... | ... | 5 | ... | 5 | ... | — |
| Pasteurised Milk | ... | ... | ... | 30 | ... | 29 | ... | 1 |
| Water | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | 3 | ... | — |
| T.T. (homogenized) Milk | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | 3 | ... | — |
| T.T. (pasteurised) Milk | ... | ... | ... | 16 | ... | 16 | ... | — |
| Sterilised Milk | ... | ... | ... | 9 | ... | 9 | ... | — |
| Cheese | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | — |
| Cooked Meat | ... | ... | ... | 5 | ... | 5 | ... | — |
| Tinned Cream | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | 4 | ... | — |
| Sausage Meat | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 2 | ... | — |
| Sausages | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | 3 | ... | — |
| Meat Pies | ... | ... | ... | 11 | ... | 11 | ... | — |
| Churn Rinses | ... | ... | ... | 6 | ... | 6 | ... | — |
| Milk Bottles | ... | ... | ... | 36 | ... | 30 | ... | 6 |
| Channel Island Pasteurised Milk | ... | ... | ... | 4 | ... | 4 | ... | — |
| T.T. Channel Island Pasteurised Milk | ... | ... | ... | 12 | ... | 12 | ... | — |

Details of samples tested or submitted for analysis by the Public Analysts for Chelmsford Borough during the period 1st January, 1962 to 31st December, 1962, are given on the following page.

The 68 samples of milk contained an average of 3.84% butter fat and 9.00% solids non-fat, these being well above the statutory standards.

In the case of a sample of sausages, the meat content was less than that generally recognised as a minimum standard.

A sample of Lime Syrup was wrongly described on label.

Two samples of Mentholated Balsam contained less chloroform than the stated amount.

Four slices of pre-wrapped white bread were found to contain mould growth.

A steak and kidney pie was found to have had a sweet wrapper baked in it.

All of these cases have received thorough investigation and the traders attention has been drawn to the unsatisfactory products.

A bread roll was found to contain fragments of glass embedded in it. In this case legal proceedings were instituted against the Baker who was fined £5 with 21s. costs.

| | Samples Taken | Genuine | Not Genuine |
|--------------------------------------|------------------|---------|----------------|
| Milks | 68 | 68 | — |
| Sausages and other Meat products ... | 21 | 19 | 2 |
| Butter, Cheese and other fats ... | 5 | 5 | — |
| Jams, Jellies and Marmalade ... | 5 | 5 | — |
| Health Drinks | 6 | 6 | — |
| Fruit Drinks | 13 | 12 | 1 |
| Soups, Sauces, Meat and Fish Pastes | 15 | 15 | — |
| Sweet confectionery | 7 | 7 | — |
| Ice-cream | 5 | 5 | — |
| Tinned Milks and Creams | 18 | 18 | — |
| Other Miscellaneous Foods ... | 22 | 20 | 2 |
| Spirits | 12 | 12 | — |
| Medicines | 3 | 1 | 2 |

The following is a list of the types of complaints received during the year:—

| Complaints No. of | Complaints No. of |
|------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| Nail in sweet 1 | Discoloured cauliflower ... 1 |
| Glass in bottle of milk ... 1 | String in bread 1 |
| Paraffin/Petrol in mineral water 1 | Mouldy bread 1 |
| Grit in egg and ham pie ... 1 | Dirty milk bottles 2 |
| Worms in fish 1 | Maggots in mixed fruit ... 1 |
| Unfit Yoghurt 1 | Unfit bath chaps 1 |
| Mouldy sausage roll 1 | Unfit meat 1 |
| Foreign body in pkt. of brussels 1 | Straw in potato crisps ... 1 |
| 'Soapy' savoury roll 1 | Beetle in loaf of bread ... 1 |
| Unfit cream 1 | Beetle in bottle of fruit cordial 1 |

Essex County Council Act

There are 167 premises registered for the sale of ice cream and 171 persons registered as vendors.

During the year there have been 16 new vendors and 8 new premises registered. One person and premises were registered for the manufacture of ice cream.

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

The only manufacturer within the Borough uses the "complete cold mix" method.

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 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| Informal notices complied with | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |

Tables giving particulars of inspections carried out, etc., will be found on pages 31 and 32.

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 455 infested premises have been treated, involving a total of 2,055 visits.

FACTORIES ACT, 1961**Inspections**

| Premises | Number 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 | 17 | 2 | — | — |
| (ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority | 213 | 115 | 6 | — |
| (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) | 1 | 3 | — | — |
| TOTAL | 231 | 120 | 6 | — |

Defects

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

Outworkers

| Nature of Work | Section 133 | | | Section 134 | | |
|-------------------------------------|--|---|---|--|----------------|--------------|
| | No. of out-workers in August list required by Section 133(1) (c) | No. of cases of default in sending lists to the Council | No. of prosecutions for failure to supply lists | No. of instances of work in unwholesome premises | Notices served | Prosecutions |
| Wearing apparel | Making etc., | 29 | — | — | — | — |
| | Cleaning and Washing | — | — | — | — | — |
| Curtains and Furniture hangings ... | 5 | — | — | — | — | — |
| TOTAL | 34 | — | — | — | — | — |