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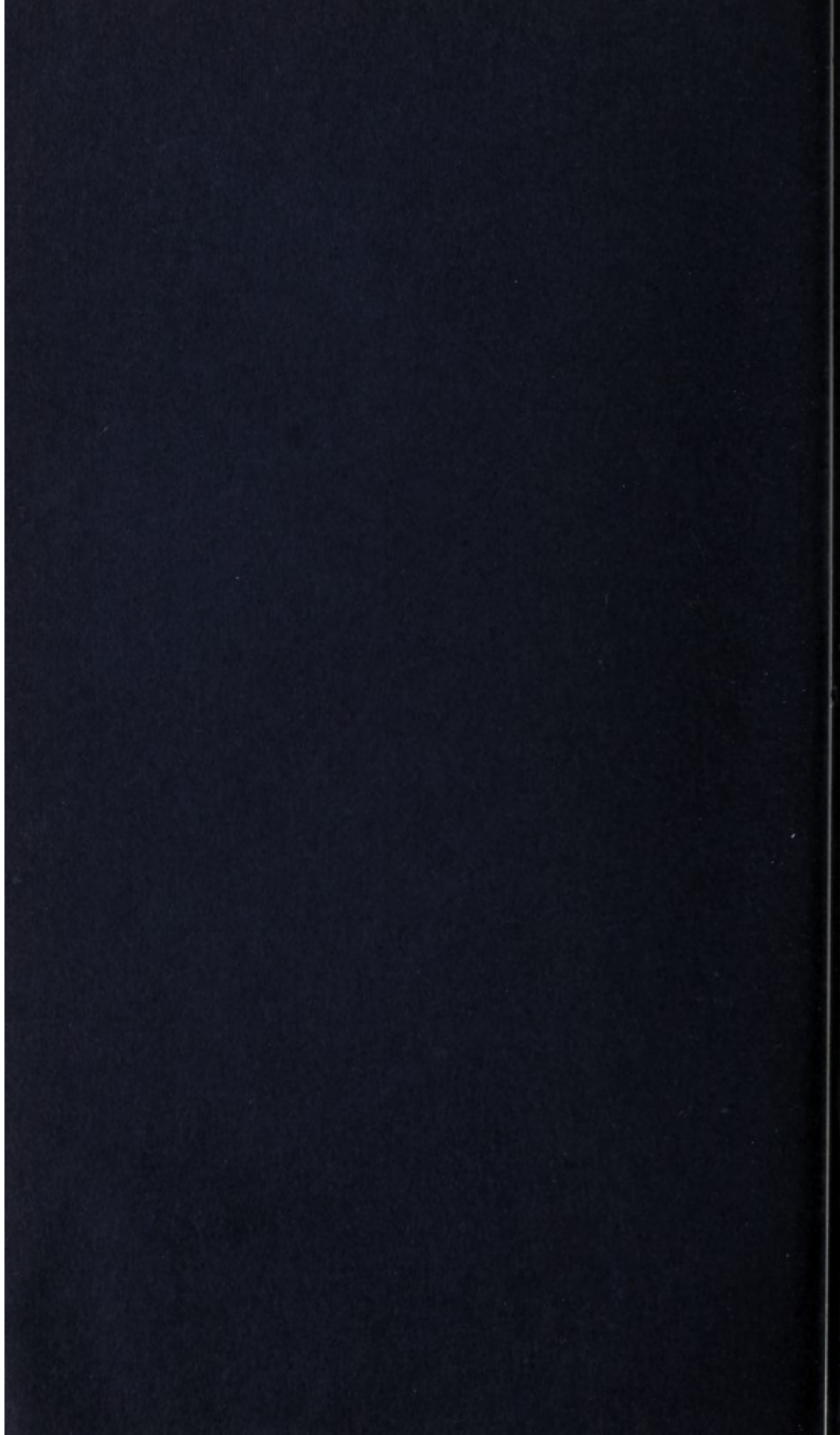
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REPORT OF THE COMMISSIONER

FOR THE YEAR 1891

IN RESPONSE TO A RESOLUTION OF THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

PASSED MAY 15, 1890

AND BY THE SENATE

BOROUGH OF CHELMSFORD

PUBLIC HEALTH COMMITTEE OF THE BOROUGH FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR 1963/64

Chairman :

ALDERMAN W. W. FARTHING

Vice-Chairman :

COUNCILLOR E. F. J. HOLLAND

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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE BOROUGH

Medical Officer of Health :

J. L. MILLER WOOD, V.R.D., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H.

Clerk : Mrs. G. C. STABLER

Chief Public Health Inspector : R. F. WYNN, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Deputy Chief Public Health Inspector : N. T. HUDSON, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I.

Additional Public Health Inspectors :

A. S. JOHNSON, M.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. (until 16th June)

D. R. JONES, C.R.S.H. (until 10th February)

H. C. ORMEROD, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. (from 1st April)

T. A. DAWKINS, C.R.S.H., M.A.P.H.I. (from 29th July)

Senior Clerk : B. S. RAYNER

Clerk/Typist : Miss J. LIGHTFOOT (from 5th June)

Veterinary Inspector (Part-time) : H. G. McSHANE, M.R.C.V.S.

Public Analysts for the Borough :

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

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

75, SPRINGFIELD ROAD,
CHELMSFORD
7th August, 1964

ANNUAL REPORT, 1963

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1963. The report has been prepared and compiled in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 1/64 of the 30th January, 1964.

There were 1,092 live births during the year, 34 more than in 1962, which represents a Birth Rate of 20·91 per thousand of the population. For comparison purposes the Birth Rate Figure for the whole of England and Wales over the same period was 18·2.

The Infant Mortality Rate, i.e. infants dying under one year of age per thousand live births, was 17·39 compared with the figure of 20·9 for England and Wales.

There were 450 deaths during the year, giving a death rate of 8·61 per thousand of the population, the rate for England and Wales being 12·2.

During the year nineteen 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 92 medical examinations carried out during the year on Borough employees for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme. There were also 28 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 decrease during the year, from 2,891 in 1962 to a total of 1,048 in 1963.

In conclusion, I should like to record my thanks to those Chief Officers who annually provide me with some of the information required for this Report. My special thanks are also due to Mr. R. F. Wynn, the Chief Public Health Inspector.

I would also like to thank the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Public Health Committee for the unfailing support and encouragement they have given me 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, 1963	52,230 (Registrar - General's estimate of resident population, mid-year). (Census, 1963—49,810.)
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES (end of 1963) according to Rate Books	16,690
RATEABLE VALUE (1st April, 1963)	£3,003,268
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE (year ending 31st March, 1963)	General £3,993 Water £2,965

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

			Total	Male	Female	
Live Births	Legitimate	...	1 043	504	539	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated Resident popula- tion mid - 1963 — 20·91
	Illegitimate	...	49	21	28	
	Totals	...	1 092	525	567	
Still Births	Legitimate	...	6	2	4	Rate per 1,000 live and still births— 21·04
	Illegitimate	...	1	1	—	
	Totals	...	7	3	4	

DEATHS

Death Rate per 1,000
of the estimated
resident popula-
tion 8·61

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All Infants per 1,000 births		17·39
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births		16·48

DEATHS

DEATHS AT ALL AGES DURING THE YEAR, 1963

Under 4 weeks	4 weeks and under 1 year	1-4	5-14	15-24	25-34	35-44	45-54	55-64	65-74	75 and over
15	4	4	2	5	4	5	29	67	116	199

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES, 1963

Causes of death	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	—	2
Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	1	1
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Whooping cough	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ...	1	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	8	—	8
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ...	18	3	21
Malignant neoplasm, breast	—	12	12
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	1	1
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms ...	21	21	42
Leukæmia, aleukæmia	2	2	4
Diabetes	1	1	2
Vascular lesions of nervous system	25	39	64
Coronary disease angina	51	45	96
Hypertension with heart disease	3	—	3
Other heart disease	8	13	21
Other circulatory disease	12	10	22
Influenza	—	—	—
Pneumonia	17	25	42
Bronchitis	14	2	16
Other diseases of the respiratory system ...	5	2	7
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	—	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	2	3
Nephritis and nephrosis	—	—	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	—	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	6	2	8
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ...	23	28	51
Motor vehicle accidents	5	1	6
All other accidents	5	3	8
Suicide	4	2	6
Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—
Totals	235	215	450

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, 3rd 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.
Ante-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	...	Monday and Friday afternoons and alternate Wednesdays. (By appointment).
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	...	Alternate Tuesdays.

Chest Clinic

Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford	...	Mondays and Wednesdays, 10 a.m. to 12 noon
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School Clinics

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

Ophthalmic Clinic

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	...	Tuesdays a.m. and Wednesdays all day. (By appointment).
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Dental Clinics

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	...	Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (By appointment)
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	...	Mondays, Tuesdays, 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, Wednesday and Friday mornings and afternoons. (By appointment)
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford		Wednesday mornings and afternoons (By appointment)

Speech Therapy Clinics

Coval Lane, Chelmsford		Tuesdays all day and Fridays p.m. (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.

Mrs. V. E. Davies, Flat 30, Gilmore Way, Great Baddow.

Tel. Chelmsford 71895.

Mrs. M. K. Franklin (Relief), 7, The Priory, Writtle. Tel. Writtle 656.

Mrs. F. M. Meek, 127, Springfield Park Avenue, Chelmsford. Tel. 2354.

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.

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.

Mrs. E. V. Herring, 40, Park View Crescent, Great Baddow.

Tel. Chelmsford 71215.

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. A number of old people from the Borough and Rural Districts took advantage of the scheme, which was organised by The Chelmsford and District Welfare Council's Visiting Sub-Committee, and a holiday was spent at Great Yarmouth and was very much appreciated. A grant is also given by the Borough Council and the Rural District Council for the W.V.S. Meals on Wheels Scheme, and this service has grown considerably during the past year.

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. D. 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, 1963

(1) By the Chelmsford Borough Council	...	...	228
(2) By other Local Authorities	...	...	4
(3) By other Bodies or Persons	...	...	305

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	166	7	—	—	725
Lower Anchor Street ...	3	—	—	—	—	3
Duplex Flats	—	160	—	—	—	160
Hillary Close, Arbour Lane	68	—	—	—	—	68
Meadgate Estate, Baddow Road	257	195	43	—	34	529
Total ...						4379

Shops

Melbourne Park; Woodhall; Springfield; Chignall; Westlands ... 56

Garages

Melbourne Park; Boarded Barns; Woodhall; Springfield Park Extension; Westlands; Melbourne Farm; Chignall; Baker Street; Second Avenue; Fifth Avenue; Meadgate; Bradford Street; Hillary Close 889

In addition 1,599 pre-war dwellings are occupied in the Borough.

Pump Lane, Springfield

The Council is erecting 48 x 3 Bedroomed Houses for sale primarily to Council Tenants and Applicants on the Housing Waiting List, which are all sold.

Meadgate Estate (Baddow Road)

23 houses, 4 Old People's bungalows and 50 garages will complete the development on this Estate.

Watchouse Road

17 houses with garages, 85 houses, 18 flats and 51 garages are now in process of erection on this site.

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

Register of Housing Applications

The following is a summary of applications at December, 1963 :—

GROUP A (Persons in Rooms) ...	...	...	507
GROUP B (Aged Persons) ...	...	...	212
GROUP C (Single Persons) ...	...	...	133
GROUP D (Tied Accommodation) ...	...	...	231
GROUP E (Tenants) ...	...	...	426
GROUP F (Slum Clearance) ...	...	...	158
TOTAL ...			1,667 Nett

ANALYSIS OF LETTINGS, RE-LETTINGS, TRANSFERS AND MUTUAL EXCHANGES
FROM WEEK COMMENCING 7TH JANUARY, 1963, UP TO AND INCLUDING WEEK
COMMENCING 30TH DECEMBER, 1963

<i>Applicants Housed</i>			<i>New Properties</i>		
	1962	1963		1962	1963
In Normal Turn ...	227	247	Meadgate Houses ...	70	80
Orders for			Meadgate Old		
Possession	10	4	People's Bungalows	—	16
Closing Orders ...	1	5	Meadgate Maisonettes	—	8
Clearance Areas ...	58	35	Meadgate Flats ...	82	118
Social Services ...	9	11	Westlands Shop Flats	—	2
Other Priorities ...	37	48	Westlands Shop		
Council Officials ...	5	10	Maisonettes ...	—	5
			Joint Sewerage		
			Committee House	—	1
			Melbourne Flats ...	80	—
			Re-lettings due to		
			Termination of		
			Tenancies ...	115	130
Totals ...	347	360	Totals ...	347	360

Transfers Effected	...	...	...	...	...	...	103	118
Mutual Exchanges—							1962	1963
(a) Between Council Tenants	...	...	...	...	...	...	33	21
(b) Between other Landlords	...	...	...	...	...	...	25	25
							—	—
Totals	...						58	46
							—	—

NEW SEWERS LAID DURING 1963

Work commenced on the Can and Chelmer Valley Relief Sewers during the year and sewers have been laid in connection with the development of the Springfield Place Estate.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

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

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES AND MORTALITY DURING 1963

	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 ...	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 44 years ...	2	1	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 to 64 years ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
65 and over ...	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
Age unknown ...	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals ...	3	1	—	—	2	—	—	—

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 1963

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	29	1	2	1	6	1	12	6	—	—	—	16	2	8	3	
Whooping Cough	58	7	7	14	7	13	8	2	—	—	—	27	—	10	21	
Measles	650	13	55	110	69	76	301	19	3	4	—	274	99	159	118	
TOTALS	737	21	64	125	82	90	321	27	3	4	—	317	101	177	142	

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 ...	12	2	1	4	1	4	—	1	2	3	3	4
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	3	—	—	3	—	—	—	—	—	1	2	—
Erysipelas ...	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	16	2	1	7	2	4	—	1	3	4	5	4

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR
FOR 1963

*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 1963.

This year was the 75th anniversary of the granting of the charter giving Borough status to Chelmsford. The anniversary was marked by celebrations spread over three weeks and included an exhibition depicting the work of the various Corporation departments. The Public Health section was visited by 1,300 persons and keen interest was shown in the service. The department is equipped and does encourage health education throughout the year in the form of lectures, talks and visual aid propaganda. At the moment the public appears to seek information on food hygiene and noise abatement and it has been noted that many noise nuisance complaints have been received.

It will be seen from the detailed report on clearance areas that the Council's eight-year programme is practically finished (except a delay in suitable rehousing) and work is in progress on the formulation of a further programme to deal with the low standard dwelling houses within the Borough. Progress has, however, been hindered by the considerable upheaval of staff during the year involving two changes of Public Health Inspectors as well as one member of the clerical staff. It is appreciated that there has been for some time an acute shortage of qualified Public Health Inspectors and the Council, with a view to alleviating the situation, has an establishment for two pupils on my staff, but in spite of day release and financial help it has not been possible to fill one of these posts.

The Meat Inspection Regulations, 1963, were put into operation on 1st October; this involved certain additional inspection techniques, the marking of inspected carcasses and a charge is made for each carcass so inspected. The amount charged is the maximum charge as laid down in Regulation 12. I am pleased to report that, in spite of the additional work as well as the fact that the service is on a seven-days-a-week basis with much of the time outside normal office hours, 100% meat inspection is carried out.

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 INSPECTIONS 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	...	...	...	...	128	}	468
Housing Act	...	...	...	...	340		

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

Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	359	}	1,330
Housing Act	...	...	...	...	971		

- (2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 9

- (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	...	...	...	...	84	}	92
Housing Act	...	...	...	...	8		

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	...	...	...	...	69	}	74
Housing Act	...	...	...	...	5		

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 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 5 |
| (2) Demolition orders complied with | ... | ... | ... | ... | 6 |
| (3) Houses closed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Parts of Buildings Closed—Houses | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |

(4) Houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted in lieu of orders	...	...	...	...	...	1
(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	...	...	...	...	...	37
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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	...	...	...	...	...	8
„ „ complied with	...	...	...	...	...	5
Statutory Notices issued	...	...	...	...	...	—
„ „ complied with	...	...	...	...	...	1

Public Health Act, 1936

Informal Notices issued	...	...	...	...	...	127
„ „ complied with	...	...	...	...	...	113
Statutory notices issued	...	...	...	...	...	1
„ „ complied with	...	...	...	...	...	1

Inspections Made and Recorded

Houses	...	...	...	...	...	1,340
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	...	221
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	99
Schools	...	...	...	...	...	1
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	14
Ponds, Ditches and Watercourses	...	...	...	...	...	16
Dirty and/or Verminous Houses	...	...	...	...	...	13
Yards and Passages	...	...	...	...	...	6

Work Carried Out (Cont.)

Yard Paving repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Accumulations removed	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Inspection chambers provided or repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Sinks renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Electrical fittings renewed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Dustbins provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Staircases repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Nuisance from overflowing cesspool abated	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Ditches, Ponds and Watercourses cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Water Services repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	13

Slum Clearance

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

It will be seen that 243 of the 343 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, 1963

Year	Number and if known Clearance or Compulsory Purchase Order	Properties	Number of Properties	Present Position	Remarks
1956	1 Clearance Order	15, 17 and 19 Mildmay Road	3	Houses demolished	
	1 Clearance Order	1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, Parker Road	5	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	Removed from programme as houses made fit.
	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	No. 7, vacated. Nos. 8 and 9 demolished.
	1 Clearance Order	69, 71, 73, 75, 77, 79 and 81 Rainsford Road	7	Houses demolished	1 and 2 were demolished by owner by informal action. 3 and 4 reconstructed to form one house.
	1 Clearance Order	23, 24, 25 Hall Street and 1 Orchard Street	7	Houses demolished	
1957	1 Clearance Order	40, 41 and 42 Orchard Street	8	1, 2, 3 and 6 Roman Road, and 17 Hall Street Clearance Order confirmed	Where Clearance Orders confirmed houses vacated. No. 17 Hall Street has been demolished. Demolition Orders made in respect of 4 and 5 Roman Road.
	1 Compulsory Purchase Order	1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Roman Road and 16 and 17 Hall Street	6	Houses demolished	
	1 Compulsory Purchase Order	3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 George Street	4	Houses demolished	
	1 Compulsory Purchase Order	9, 10, 11 and 12 George Street	29	Houses demolished	

POSITION REGARDING CLEARANCE AREA 8 YEAR PROGRAMME UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1963

Year	Number and if known Clearance or Compulsory Purchase Order	Properties	Number of Properties	Present Position	Remarks
1957	1 Clearance Order ...	13, 15, 17, 19 and 21 Wood Street ...	5	Houses demolished ...	...
1958	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 ...	Houses demolished.
	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, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 Navigation Road ...	8		
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	Houses demolished	...

Houses demolished by owner action.

Houses demolished by informal action.

POSITION REGARDING CLEARANCE AREA 8 YEAR PROGRAMME UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1963

1960	1	Compulsory Purchase Order	...	158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176 and 178 Baddow Road	...	11	Order confirmed	...	...	...	All except Nos. 170 and 172 vacated.
				5 and 6 The Chase, Mildmay Road	...	2					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	Order confirmed	...	...	...	In course of vacation. Nos. 1 and 6 vacant.
	1	...	...	21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31 Glebe Road	...	11	Order confirmed	...	...	...	In course of vacation.
	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 and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, & 10 Victoria Square	...	47	In preparation for submission to Minister	...	...	...	
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					
1963	1	...	...	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11 The Vineyards, Park Road	...	11	Clearance Area revoked and formal undertaking accepted in lieu of demolition orders	...	...	...	All houses demolished.
1963	1	...	...	10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 Lionfield Terrace	...	5					
	1	...	...	14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36 and 38 Arbour Lane	...	13					
	1	...	...	375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 403, 405, 407 and 409 Springfield Road	...	15					Properties inspected and under consideration.
	1	...	...	30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46 Lower Anchor Street	...	17					
	1	...	...	15, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 25 Widford Chase	...	6					
	1	...	...	16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34 Springfield Green	...	10					Inspections almost complete.

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	...	...	...	...	...	...	73
„ „ complied	...	...	...	...	...	...	66

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

Types of Business at end of 1962

Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Fish Friers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Canteens—Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Greengrocer and Fruiterer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Sweet Confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Restaurants and Cafés	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	70
General Stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Wholesale Warehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	13
Canteens—Factories, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	30
Bakers Confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	22
Residential Homes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Nursery Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Soft Drink Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Cooked Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Corn Merchants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Vegetable Packing Station	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hotels and Boarding Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Confectionery Manufacturer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Herbalist	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Poultry Plucking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hospitals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hostels	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Clubs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Flour Millers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Maltsters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Departmental Stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
Wholesale Meat Markets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Brewery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cooked Meals Shop	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Inspections Made and Recorded

Butcher's Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	115
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	24
Factory Canteens, Wholesale Stores, Warehouses, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	172
Cafés and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	93
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	34
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Fishmongers and Poulterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	16
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	313
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Ice Cream Premises/Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	66
Food Preparing Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	18
School Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	253

Work Carried Out

Food Protection provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Sink provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wash Hands Notices provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Clothing Store provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Repairs to walls, floors, doors, windows and ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	21
Suitable lighting provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wash Basin provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hot Water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Rooms redecorated and cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	26
First Aid equipment provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Soap, Towel and Nail Brush provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Name and Address displayed on Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Sanitary Conveniences cleansed and repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
" " lighted/ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Intervening Ventilated Lobbies provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Equipment cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Articles and/or Equipment repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Floors cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Persons refrained from using tobacco	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Refuse removed from food room	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Stall cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Meat Inspection

Cysticercus bovis has again been found in only 1 carcase, this being the only viable cyst. Our 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 found in the offal from a heifer carcase, the lesions being localised in the retropharyngeal lymphatic gland. The lesions of tuberculosis in pigs were confined to the head gland. It will be seen that a number of calf carcasses were rejected as unfit for human consumption; the majority being affected with septicaemia arising from pneumonia.

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

The following carcasses were examined at the two slaughterhouses: 111 Cows, 3,587 Cattle, 503 Calves, 5,790 Sheep, 5,493 Pigs, making a total number of 15,484.

The total weight of meat condemned was: 16,589 lb.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cows	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	111	3,587	503	5,790	5,493
Number inspected	111	3,587	503	5,790	5,493
All diseases except Tuberculosis— Whole carcasses condemned ...	3	9	13	3	7
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	39	505	15	196	535
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	37.83	14.3	5.5	3.43	9.86
Tuberculosis only— Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	—	1	—	—	30
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	0.03	—	—	0.51
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) :—

2,280 tins fruit	31 pkts. potato chips
250 tins cream	50 pkts. dates
471 tins peas	16 pkts. frankfurters
9 tins chicken	22 pkts. nuts
23 tins stewed steak	137 pkts. frozen fish products
60 tins creamed rice	22 pkts. pastry
4 tins ravioli	4 pkts. glazed cherries
91 tins meat	8 $\frac{3}{4}$ lbs. salmon
88 tins baby food	30 lbs. flour
21 tins jam/marmalade	156 lbs. lambs livers
79 tins salmon	45 lbs. lambs plucks
76 tins spaghetti	122 lbs. lamb
331 tins tomatoes	1,171 lbs. beef
65 tins bacon fry	86 lbs. ox tongues & kidneys
87 tins carrots	507 lbs. pork
320 tins beans	88 lbs. veal
40 tins meat pies/puddings	202 lbs. corned beef
13 tins sweet corn	676 lbs. cooked ham
7 tins tomato puree	29 lbs. duckling
16 tins beetroot	104 lbs. frozen rabbit
16 tins rice pudding	49 lbs. frozen meat
596 tins milk	46 lbs. luncheon meat
187 tins fish	33 lbs. sausages
314 tins soup	168 lbs. peaches
760 tins luncheon meat	119 $\frac{1}{2}$ cwt. carrots
105 tins corned beef	3 $\frac{1}{4}$ tons potatoes
6 tins lambs tongues	2 $\frac{1}{2}$ stone fish
5 tins ham	360 gall. tomato juice
32 tins cheese flaps	234 gall. grapefruit juice
6 tins asparagus	8 $\frac{1}{2}$ gall. apricot nectar
5 tins mixed grill	531 $\frac{1}{4}$ gall. pineapple juice
12 tins syrup	473 $\frac{1}{2}$ gall. orange juice
71 tins/pkts. mixed vegetables	11 btls. sauce
51 tins/pkts. custard powder	22 jars pickles
27 pkts. suet	11 jars paste
61 pkts. beans	3 jars chocolate spread
36 pkts. cake/sponge mix	6 jellies
10 pkts. cereals	414 ice cream bricks
8 pkts. spinach	631 ice cream lollies

Analyses

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

It will be seen that from 79 samples of ice creams and iced lollies 10 were unsatisfactory. Investigations were made and subsequent samples proved to be satisfactory. All of the unsatisfactory samples were manufactured in other districts.

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 39 utensils examined 16 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	...	...	...	...	53	...	44	...	9
Ice-lollies	...	...	...	...	16	...	15	...	1
Ice-cream lollies	...	...	...	...	10	...	10	...	—
Bakers Confectionery	...	...	...	...	26	...	26	...	—
Fruit Drink	...	...	...	...	3	...	3	...	—
Water	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	—
Cooked Meat	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	—
Meat Pies	...	...	...	...	16	...	16	...	—
Churn Rinses	...	...	...	...	15	...	5	...	10
Milk Bottles	...	...	...	...	24	...	18	...	6
Butter Cream	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	...	—
Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	56	...	55	...	1
T.T. (homogenized) Milk	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	...	—
Sterilised Milk	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	—
T.T. Channel Island Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	...	—

Details of samples tested or submitted for analysis by the Public Analysts for Chelmsford Borough during the period 1st January, 1963, to 31st December, 1963, are given on the following page.

The 57 samples of milk contained an average of 3.62% butter fat and 9.0% solids non-fat, these being well above the statutory standards, the percentage of fat in one sample was less than the required standard but follow-up samples were satisfactory.

In the case of a sample of sausages, the sausages were found to contain mould growth.

A sample of Veal Sorrento and a sample of French Beans were both wrongly described on the labels.

Two samples of Anti Obesity tablets were found to be contrary to the present-day view that slimming can only be achieved by an actual reduction in food intake. The manufacturer states that production of these ceased in 1960.

A part loaf of milk bread was found to contain small aggregates of dirty dough, together with traces of insect fragments.

A canned plum pudding was found to have a high proportion of salt and also to contain particles of quartz sand.

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

A loaf of bread was found to contain fragments of glass embedded in it. In this case legal proceedings were instituted against the Baker who was fined £10 with £3 3s. 0d. costs.

	Samples		Not	
	Taken	Genuine	Genuine	
Milks	57	56	1	
Sausages and other Meat products ...	16	14	2	
Butter, Cheese and other fats ...	13	13	—	
Jams, Jellies and Marmalade ...	7	7	—	
Health Drinks	5	5	—	
Fruit Drinks	6	6	—	
Soups and Sauces	9	9	—	
Sweet confectionery	11	11	—	
Ice-cream	5	5	—	
Tinned Milks and Creams	13	13	—	
Spirits	15	15	—	
Medicines	10	10	—	
Custard Powder, Cake Fillings, etc. ...	9	9	—	
Pastes and Fish Products	5	5	—	
Other Miscellaneous Foods	21	15	6	

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

Complaints				Complaints			
No. of				No. of			
Screw in sausage	1			Mouldy bakers confectionery ...	3		
Wire in cereals... ..	1			Foreign matter in bread ...	1		
Paraffin/Petrol in tin of Peaches	1			Mouldy and unfit bread ...	6		
Wasp in cake	2			Dirty milk bottle	1		
Fly-blown bacon	1			Unfit fish	2		
Unfit Biscuits	1			Unfit meat	1		
Mouldy Meat Pie	1			Unfit tin of sardines	1		
Animal hair in corned beef ...	2			Unfit ham	1		
String in corned beef	1			Unsound can of bacon fry ...	1		
Unfit corned beef	2						

Essex County Council Act

There are 168 premises registered for sale of ice-cream and 173 persons registered as vendors and two persons and premises registered for the manufacture of ice cream.

During the year there have been 7 new vendors and 6 new premises registered. One person and premises were registered for the manufacture of ice cream.

The two manufacturers within the Borough use the "complete cold mix" methods.

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

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

FACTORIES ACT, 1961**Inspections**

<i>Premises</i>	<i>Number on Register</i>	<i>Number of</i>		
		<i>Inspections</i>	<i>Written notices</i>	<i>Occupiers prosecuted</i>
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	17	10	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority	213	82	19	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	1	—	—	—
TOTAL	231	92	19	—

Defects

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	—	—	—	1	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	20	5	2	1	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	1	1	—	—	—
TOTAL	21	6	2	2	—

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.,	28	—	—	—	—
	Cleaning and Washing	—	—	—	—	—
Curtains and Furniture hangings ...	3	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	31	—	—	—	—	—

Debit

Description		Amount	
To Balance		100.00	
To Cash		50.00	
To Merchandise		25.00	
To Freight		10.00	
To Insurance		5.00	
To Interest		2.50	
To Dividends		1.50	
To Profit		1.50	
To Total		205.50	

Credit

Description		Amount	
By Balance		100.00	
By Cash		50.00	
By Merchandise		25.00	
By Freight		10.00	
By Insurance		5.00	
By Interest		2.50	
By Dividends		1.50	
By Profit		1.50	
By Total		205.50	