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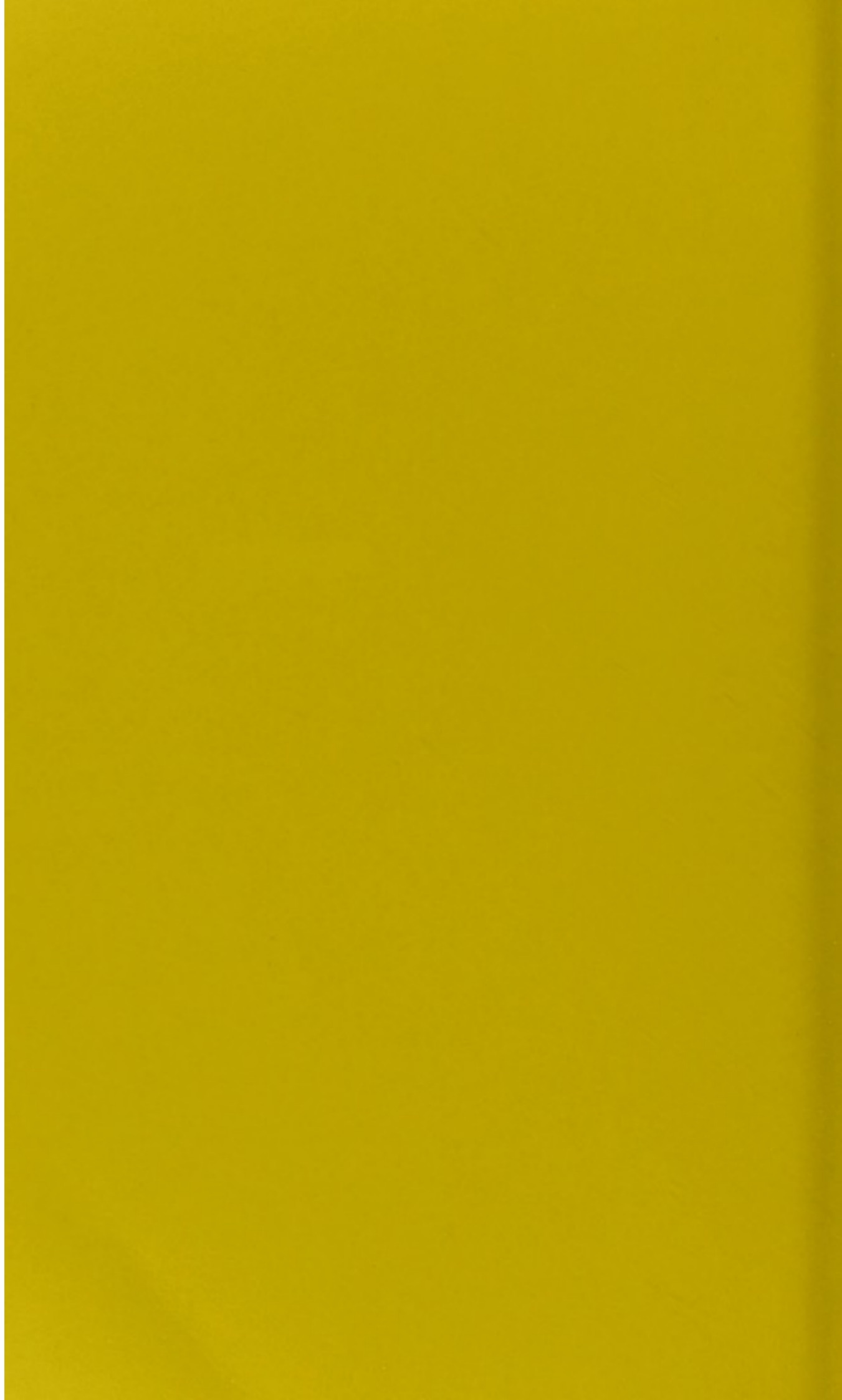
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75, SPRINGFIELD ROAD
CHELMSFORD

15th July, 1968

ANNUAL REPORT, 1967

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the health of the Borough for the year 1967. The Report has been prepared and compiled in accordance with Ministry of Health Circular 1/68 of the 2nd January, 1968.

There were 1,106 live births during the year, 44 less than in 1966, which represents a Birth Rate of 20.0 per thousand of the population. For comparison purposes the Birth Rate Figure for the whole of England and Wales over the same period was 17.2.

The Infant Mortality Rate, i.e. infants dying under one year of age per thousand live births, was 15 compared with the figure of 18.3 for England and Wales.

There were 438 deaths during the year, giving a death rate of 7.9 per thousand of the population, the rate for England and Wales being 11.2.

During the year eleven 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 112 medical examinations carried out during the year on Borough employees for the purposes of the Superannuation Scheme. There were also 14 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 4,165 in 1966 to 1,139 in 1967.

My thanks are due to all Chief Officers who have contributed to the compilation of this Report, and in this regard I am particularly indebted to Mr. R. F. Wynn, the Chief Public Health Inspector, and his Deputy Mr. N. T. Hudson for their helpful co-operation.

I also take this opportunity to extend my thanks to the Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the Public Health Committee for their help and support throughout 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, 1967	55,210 (Registrar-General's estimate of resident population, mid-year). (Census, 1963—49,810.)
NUMBER OF INHABITED HOUSES (end of 1967) according to Rate Books	18,095
RATEABLE VALUE (1st April, 1967)	£3,332,108
SUM REPRESENTED BY A PENNY RATE (year ending 31st March, 1967)	£13,676

EXTRACTS FROM VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS

			Total	Male	Female	
Live Births	Legitimate	...	1,038	549	489	Birth Rate per 1,000 of the estimated Resident popula- tion mid-1967 — 20.0
	Illegitimate	...	68	36	32	
	Totals	...	1,106	585	521	
Still Births	Legitimate	...	11	8	3	Rate per 1,000 live and still births— 12
	Illegitimate	...	2	1	1	
	Totals	...	13	9	4	

DEATHS

Death Rate per 1,000
of the estimated
resident popula-
tion 7.9

Death Rate of Infants under one year of age:—

All Infants per 1,000 births	...	...	...	...	...	15
Legitimate Infants per 1,000 legitimate live births	...	...	...	...	...	15.4

DEATHS

DEATHS AT ALL AGES DURING THE YEAR, 1967

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
13	4	4	2	4	7	7	29	62	113	193

DEATHS FROM ALL CAUSES, 1967

Causes of death	Males	Females	Total
Tuberculosis, respiratory	2	1	3
Tuberculosis, other	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	1	—	1
Diphtheria	—	—	—
Whooping cough	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—	—
Acute poliomyelitis	—	—	—
Measles	—	1	1
Other infective and parasitic diseases	—	—	—
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	8	7	15
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	13	1	14
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	7	8
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	—	6	6
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	17	16	33
Leukæmia, aleukæmia	2	—	2
Diabetes	1	3	4
Vascular lesions of nervous system	19	36	55
Coronary disease angina	74	33	107
Hypertension with heart disease	3	2	5
Other heart disease	10	21	31
Other circulatory disease	12	15	27
Influenza	—	1	1
Pneumonia	14	15	29
Bronchitis	14	3	17
Other diseases of the respiratory system	4	1	5
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	—	2
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	1	—	1
Nephritis and nephrosis	—	—	—
Hyperplasia of prostate	2	—	2
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	3	2	5
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	24	18	42
Motor vehicle accidents	4	1	5
All other accidents	7	5	12
Suicide	2	2	4
Homicide and operations of war	1	—	1
Totals	241	197	438

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES

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

The following Personal Health services are provided within the Borough by the Essex County Council:—

Child Welfare Centres

Essex County Health Services Clinic, Coval Lane, Chelmsford	Thursdays at 2 p.m.
Parish Hall, Springfield Road, Chelmsford ...	1st and 3rd 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 Wednesdays at 2 p.m.

Essex County Health Services Clinic, ... Springfield	...	Thursdays at 2 p.m. and 2nd and 4th Mondays p.m.
Essex County Health Services Clinic, Moulsham Lodge Estate, Chelmsford		Tuesdays 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and Wednesdays at 2 p.m.
Church Hall, Forest Drive, Chelmsford	...	1st, 2nd, 3rd and 4th Tues- days at 2 p.m.
Essex County Health Services Clinic, Mel- bourne Avenue, Chelmsford		Every Friday at 2 p.m.

Ante-Natal Clinics

Chelmsford and Essex Hospital, London Road, Chelmsford		Tuesdays at 2.15 p.m.
Women's Welfare Clinic, Coval Lane, ... Chelmsford	...	2nd and 4th Thursdays at 10 a.m. (By appointment)

Cervical Cytology Clinic

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	... ..	1st and 3rd Thursday morn- ings (By appointment) Tuesday afternoons as and when required
Springfield Green, Chelmsford	... ..	Every 2nd Thursday morn- ing (By appointment)

Ante-Natal Relaxation Classes

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	... ..	Every Monday and Wed- nesday afternoon (some- times Friday)
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	... ..	Alternate Tuesdays
Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford	... ..	Alternate Tuesday and Fri- day afternoons
Springfield Green, Chelmsford	... ..	Alternate Wednesday after- noons

Chest Clinic

Broomfield Hospital, Chelmsford		Mondays and Wednesdays 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon Thursdays 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.
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School Clinics

Coval Lane, Chelmsford		Mondays 10 a.m.
Melbourne, Avenue, Chelmsford		2nd Tuesday 10 a.m.
Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford	... ..	4th Thursday afternoons

Ophthalmic Clinic

Coval Lane, Chelmsford		Tuesdays a.m. and Wednes- days all day (By appoint- ment). Fridays a.m.
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Dental Clinics

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 9 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. (By appointment)
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays (By appointment)
Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Tuesdays and Thursdays (By appointment)
Springfield Green, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Wednesdays all day (By appointment)

Child Guidance Clinic

146 Broomfield Road, Chelmsford	...	...	...	By appointment
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Chiropody Clinics

Coval Lane, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday mornings and afternoons (By appointment)
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Wednesday mornings and afternoons (By appointment)
Moulsham Lodge, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Thursday mornings (By appointment)
Springfield, Green, Chelmsford	...	...	...	Friday mornings (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	...	...	...	1st Monday 2 p.m.
Melbourne Avenue, Chelmsford	...	...	...	4th Friday 2 p.m.
Springfield Green, Chelmsford	...	...	...	3rd Friday mornings

Health Visitors

There are four Health Visitors based at the Essex County Health Services Clinic, Coval Lane, Chelmsford, one at Essex County Health Services Clinic, Melbourne Avenue, two at Springfield Green Clinic, and four at the Essex County Health Services Clinic, Moulsham Lodge Estate. 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. J. Allen (Part-time), 33 St. Peter's Road, Chelmsford. Tel. 8381
Mr. J. D. Howell, 9 West Lawn, Galleywood. Tel. Chelmsford 71710
Mrs. M. B. Palmer, 127 Springfield Park Avenue, Chelmsford.

Tel. 52354

Mrs. E. J. Young, 132 Long Brandocks, Writtle. Tel. Writtle 228

Mrs. V. E. Davies, 43 Gilmore Way, Great Baddow.

Tel. Chelmsford 71895

Mrs. H. A. Weal, 70 Long Brandocks, Writtle. Tel. Writtle 656

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

Tel. 52354

Mrs. E. Stonebank, 9 Barnard Road, Galleywood.

Tel. Chelmsford 53658

Miss M. P. Capel, 19 Galleywood Road, Great Baddow.

Tel. Chelmsford 71431

Mrs. B. Marshall, 1 Norfolk Drive, Chelmsford. Tel. 53000

Midwives

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 52579

Mrs. A. W. Burrows, 1 Kirkman Road, Galleywood.

Tel. Chelmsford 71414

Mrs. B. A. Nunsey, 40 Park View Crescent, Great Baddow.

Tel. Chelmsford 71215

Miss L. V. Moss } 4 Humber Road, Chelmsford.

Mrs. G. Parker } Tel. Chelmsford 52780

Miss P. Elliott, 54 Stansted Close, Chelmsford. Tel. 61349

Miss M. B. Cunnane, 159 Barnard Road, Galleywood.

Tel. Chelmsford 72528

Miss E. A. Martin, 1 Epping Close, Chelmsford. Tel. 54132

Mrs. M. K. Thurgood (Part-time), 12 Tylers Close, Chelmsford.

Tel. 56943

Mrs. D. Sumter (Part-time), 10 All Saints Close, Springfield.

Tel. Chelmsford 8110

AMBULANCE FACILITIES

This service is provided by the Essex County Council and operates from Coval Lane, Chelmsford. Telephone No. 54801.

DAY NURSERY, Waterloo Lane, Chelmsford

A forty-place Day Nursery is provided, and admission is by application to the Matron.

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.

VENEREAL DISEASES

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

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 work of the Old People's Welfare Council goes on as usual. The Welfare Centre at 17 Cottage Place, Chelmsford, continues to be open daily from 10 a.m. to 4.30 p.m. Mondays to Fridays, for fellowship and recreation of all the "over sixties". Tea and coffee is always available, and luncheon is served twice a week on Tuesdays and Fridays, at a very reasonable cost of 2/3d. per person. This is only possible because of all the voluntary help received in the preparation and cooking of these meals.

Grants were given during the year by the Borough Council and Rural District Council towards holidays for elderly people who were in need of one. Accommodation was booked at Cliftonville in September, and 89 old people from the Borough and Rural Districts were able to go on holiday organised by the Chelmsford and District Welfare Council's Visiting Sub-Committee. A grant is also given by the Borough Council and the Rural District Council for the W.R.V.S. Meals-on-Wheels Scheme, and this service is still increasing considerably.

The service to elderly housebound people continues also. A coach calls twice a month to take them out for a short run into the surrounding villages, when tea is arranged with W.I.'s or Church groups etc. This is greatly appreciated. Schools also help by providing entertainment and sometimes tea for this group. During the winter a scheme is run whereby people living alone are

linked with a member of the Social Service Groups in the local schools, so that should snow arrive, the young person would visit each morning before school, sweep the snow from the immediate doorways, and see that fuel and food was available. Also a message would be passed through the School Secretary if there appeared to be any emergency requiring urgent attention.

Some twenty-five Old Age Clubs are affiliated to the Old People's Welfare Council, and to try and help these Clubs run smoothly the Welfare Council organises the paper work involved in all the County Competitions, and provides opportunities for representatives to meet. One new Darby and Joan Club had just been formed on Meadgate Estate to meet the need for companionship of pensioners who have recently moved to this district. The Welfare Council keeps all these Clubs informed of outings at reduced prices known to them, holidays at special rates, special talks that can be given at their regular meetings, and all other items they receive that are of interest to old people.

The Secretary of the Chelmsford and District Old People's Welfare Committee is Mrs. Bradford of 24 Rainsford Avenue, Chelmsford. Telephone 51639.

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. Daily 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 a slight plumbo-solvent action which laboratory tests show to be approximately 10% of the limit recommended by the World Health Organisation.

However, lead is not used in water services in the area of supply, and the water contains less than 2% of the above limit.

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 POOLS, WATERLOO LANE, CHELMSFORD

On the 11th September, 1965, a new indoor swimming pool was opened to the public for the first time, and since that date has operated as a combined unit with the open air pool.

This new pool has heated water normally kept at 78°F and thus is able to operate throughout the whole year. It is 110ft. long and 42ft. wide, with a diving bay at the deep end which makes an "L" shaped pool.

The old open air swimming pool still remains, as indicated above, and receives its fair share of use during the Summer months.

The heated pool is of course extremely popular, and Chelmsford may well be proud of having provided such excellent arrangements for one of the most health-giving forms of exercise.

Besides the ordinary attendances of members of the public, organised parties of school children now visit the indoor pool every week, the average number of such attendances being well over 3,000 per week.

Both pools are supplied with water which is clear and bright, of satisfactory pH value, carrying an adequate residuum of free chlorine, and of excellent bacterial quality.

NEW HOUSES ERECTED DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31ST DECEMBER, 1967

(1) By the Chelmsford Borough Council—126, all of which were constructed in the area of the Chelmsford Rural District Council due to lack of building land in the Borough.

(2) By other Local Authorities, Bodies or Persons ... 298

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

Estate	Approx. Date of Main Development	Houses	Flats	Maisonettes	Aluminium Bungalows	Old People's Bungalows	Total
Bradford Street ...	1960	—	27	—	—	—	27
Swiss Avenue ...	1959	—	—	—	—	6	6
First Avenue ...	1958	—	—	—	—	10	10
Second, Third and Fifth Avenues ...	1948	40	—	—	—	—	40
Baker Street ...	1958	—	33	—	—	—	33
Lady Lane ...	1957	8	—	—	—	—	8
Melbourne Park ...	1948	396	120	—	76	16	608
Melbourne Farm ...	1953/54	392	—	—	—	16	408
Pines ...	1953	105	—	—	—	14	119
Rainsford Bungalows...	1951/52/58	—	—	—	—	69	69
Upper Bridge Road ...	1949/50	5	36	—	—	—	41
Site							
Waterhouse Lane ...	1950	—	—	—	60	—	60
Woodhall ...	1951	168	107	—	—	16	291
Woodhall Extension ...	1954/55	176	32	—	—	14	222
Chignal ...	1951/52	554	80	—	—	6	640
Springfield Road ...	1958	—	—	—	—	5	5
Springfield Park ...	1948/49	215	29	—	—	40	284
Extension							
Westlands ...	1954/55	552	166	7	—	—	725
Lower Anchor Street ...	1952	3	—	—	—	—	3
Duplex Flats (Various Sites)	1946/47	—	160	—	—	—	160
Hillary Close, Arbour Lane	1960	68	—	—	—	—	68
Meadgate Estate, Baddow Road	1961/62/63	282	201	43	—	38	564
Watchouse Road Estate	1964/65/66/67	273	160	40	—	—	473
Sundries ...	1964/65	14	—	—	—	—	14
Sunrise Avenue ...	1966	2	—	—	—	—	2
Wheatfield Way Primrose Hill	1967/68	—	33	9	—	—	42

TOTAL 4,922

Most of Meadgate Estate and all Watchouse Road Estate developments are in the area of the Chelmsford Rural District Council.

Shops

Melbourne Park,	Woodhall,	Springfield,	Chignal,	Westlands,				
Meadgate	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	57

Garages

Melbourne Park,	Boarded Barns,	Woodhall,	Springfield Park	
Extension,	Westlands,	Melbourne Farm,	Chignall,	Baker
Street,	Second Avenue,	Fifth Avenue,	Meadgate,	Bradford
				1,266

In addition 1,546 pre-war dwellings are occupied in the Borough.

Watchouse Road

A further 37 houses, 30 flats and 53 garages are in course of erection, and a site of 5 shops with 12 x 3 bedroomed maisonettes and 8 x 1 bedroomed flats and 40 garages is planned.

South Primrose Hill/Rainsford

20 one-bedroomed old folk's traditional flats—plus mixed development of 82 dwellings and 48 garages. This development is now partially completed.

Widford Chase

12 three-bedroomed houses, 6 two-bedroomed flats and 6 one-bedroomed flats and 15 garages will be erected.

Springfield Green

5 x 1 bedroomed bungalows—8 x 1 bedroom flats and 2 garages will be erected.

Site of 101, Broomfield Road

26 one and two-bedroomed flats will be erected.

Melbourne Park

24 Aluminium bungalows have been demolished and the land will be used for housing development. A further 19 bungalows will be demolished in 1968/69.

Readers Corner

Mixed development of 318 dwellings is envisaged.

Register of Housing Applications

The following is a Summary of applications at 1st January, 1968:—

GROUP A (Persons in Rooms)	.....	.....	.....	447
GROUP B (Aged Persons)	.....	.....	.....	229
GROUP C (Single Persons)	.....	.....	.....	134
GROUP D (Tied Accommodation)	.....	.....	.....	353
GROUP E (Tenants)	.....	.....	.....	493
GROUP F (Slum Clearance)	.....	.....	.....	186
Approved applications deferred	.....	.....	.....	60
				1,782 Nett

ANALYSIS OF LETTINGS, RE-LETTINGS, TRANSFERS AND MUTUAL EXCHANGES
FROM WEEK COMMENCING 2ND JANUARY, 1967, UP TO AND INCLUDING
WEEK COMMENCING 25TH DECEMBER, 1967.

<i>Applicants Housed</i>				<i>New Properties</i>			
		1966	1967			1966	1967
In Normal Turn ...	219	177	Watchouse Road				
Court Orders ...	2	3	Houses ...	...	96	58	
Demolition Orders	2	2	Watchouse Road				
Clearance Areas ...	34	16	Flats ...	...	54	68	
Social Services ...	5	9	Watchouse Road				
Council Employees	15	17	Maisonettes ...	40	—		
Other Priorities ...	45	41	Sunrise Avenue				
			Houses ...	...	2	—	
			Additional Sundry				
			Property ...	...	6	3	
TOTALS		322	265	TOTALS		198	129
<i>Council Tenants Rehoused from Re-Development Sites:—</i>				<i>Re-Lettings due to Termination of Tenancies</i>			
St. Nazaire Road				...	171	162	
Bungalows ...	9	13					
Rainsford Estate ...	38	13					
TOTALS		369	291	TOTALS		369	291
Transfers Effected ...	...	...	...	...	...	112	112
<i>Mutual Exchanges</i>							
(a) Between Borough Tenants	...	...	...	...	...	31	30
(b) Between Borough Tenants and other Councils	...	...	...	...	...	30	15
						61	45

NEW SEWERS LAID DURING 1967 :—

Sewers have been constructed during 1967 to relieve flooding at the Baddow Road/Moulsham Street junction and in the Primrose Hill Area, and a new trunk outfall sewer from Baddow Road to the Sewage Disposal Works at Brookend has been practically completed. Sewers and drains have been laid in connection with the development of various housing estates.

PUBLIC CLEANSING

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

TUBERCULOSIS
NEW CASES DURING 1967

	Respiratory		Meninges and C.N.S.		Other	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
Under 1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 year	—	—	—	—	—	—
2 to 4 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
5 to 9 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
10 to 14 years	—	1	—	—	—	1
15 to 19 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
20 to 24 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
25 to 34 years	3	1	—	—	—	—
35 to 44 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
45 to 54 years	1	—	—	—	—	—
55 to 64 years	2	1	—	—	—	—
65 to 74 years	—	—	—	—	—	—
75 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—
Age unknown	—	—	—	—	1	—
Totals (All ages)	6	3	—	—	1	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 1967

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	36	—	3	5	1	7	15	4	1	—	—	—	9	21	4	2
Whooping Cough	132	1	17	24	14	23	44	3	1	5	—	—	10	14	3	105
Measles	1057	32	113	188	161	162	392	4	3	2	—	—	290	404	162	201
Dysentery	4	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	1	1	—	—	—	3	—	1
Meningococcal Infection	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS	1230	33	134	217	176	192	452	12	6	8	—	—	310	442	169	309

Disease	No. of Cases	Under 5 years	5-14	15-44	45-64	65 and over	Age Unknown	Cases admitted to Hospital	North Ward	Total Cases Notified in each Ward			
										South Ward	East Ward	West Ward	West Ward
Pneumonia ...	11	1	4	1	2	3	—	—	5	—	4	—	2
Erysipelas ...	2	—	—	—	1	1	—	—	—	1	—	—	1
Puerperal Pyrexia ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	—
Infective Hepatitis ...	1	—	—	1	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—
TOTALS ...	15	1	4	3	3	4	—	—	6	2	4	—	3

REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR 1967

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

Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the following report on work carried out during 1967.

The year in general terms has been one of good progress including the preparation of a further programme of clearance areas, of four-year duration, part of which is having detailed inspection.

From the figures given in this report it will be appreciated that a considerable amount of each district inspector's time is devoted to the repair of dwelling houses under the provisions of the Housing and Public Health Acts. It is, however, disappointing to note that during the year only 51 applications have been made for improvement grants and two official requests for the Council to require the owners of houses to improve them as provided for under Section 19 of the Housing Act 1964.

In my report of 1958 I stated that in the Borough of Chelmsford there were eighty premises not connected to the sewers and that there were nuisances and contamination of streams. Unfortunately, today there are still seventy-two houses not connected to sewers, nuisances arise and gross pollution of streams take place. It is appreciated that legal powers exist to deal with such nuisances but the circumstances are such that the practical application of these powers is almost impossible and I feel strongly that the area containing the forty-seven houses without main drainage should be sewered without delay.

The Food Hygiene (Market Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations 1966 became operative on 1st January, 1967. Inspections have been carried out to bring stalls and vehicles up to the required standards. Central washing facilities, for personnel and equipment are provided on the open market, which enable stallholders to be given certificates of exemption.

This report will be the last to which I append my name having been engaged by the Chelmsford Borough Council for some thirty-two years, one is inclined to take a quick glance over that long period of service. In so doing it can be seen that clearance of unfit houses and reconditioning of defective houses have been prominent features. Since my appointment no less than sixty-two clearance areas comprising a total of 598 unfit houses have been cleared and in many cases Compulsory Purchase Orders have been applied to provide council houses on the sites.

Further, there have been many projects such as the implementation of the Food Hygiene Regulations and the Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act and in all such works it has been my policy, which I recommend, not to try to integrate the work into the department by piecemeal methods but to institute a

drive or scheme to launch the project without delay. The method of implementing all requirements has been by initial persuasive methods which seldom fail and do not require statutory action and here I would like to pay a tribute to all house owners, estate agents and business people in all spheres for their goodwill and co-operation.

Finally may I place on record my sincere thanks to all the members of the Council for their kind support and to my staff for their diligence and loyalty. My special thanks to Dr. Miller Wood for his help and co-operation 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	...	...	...	...	67	}	286
Housing Act	...	...	...	...	219		

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

Public Health Act	...	...	...	...	393	}	1,269
Housing Act	...	...	...	...	876		

- (2) Number of dwelling houses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation ... 5

- (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	...	...	...	...	19	}	48
Housing Act	...	...	...	...	29		

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	...	...	...	...	41	}	75
Housing Act	...	...	...	...	34		

3. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

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

- | | | | | | |
|-------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----|-----|---|
| (1) Demolition orders issued | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| (2) Demolition orders complied with | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| (3) Houses closed | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Parts of Buildings Closed—Houses | ... | ... | ... | ... | — |

(4) Houses in respect of which undertakings were accepted in lieu of orders	...	...	...	...	...	—
(5) Houses demolished following undertakings in lieu of orders	...	...	...	...	...	—
(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	...	...	...	...	...	60
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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	...	...	...	...	...	29
" " complied with	...	...	...	...	...	34
Statutory Notices issued	...	...	...	...	...	—
" " complied with	...	...	...	...	...	—

Public Health Act, 1936

Informal Notices issued	...	...	...	...	...	55
" " complied with	...	...	...	...	...	94
Statutory notices issued	...	...	...	...	...	4
" " complied with	...	...	...	...	...	3

Inspections Made and Recorded

Houses	...	...	...	...	...	1,561
Tents, Vans and Sheds	...	...	...	...	...	77
Water Supplies	...	...	...	...	...	26
Scrap Metal Dealers	...	...	...	...	...	2
Infectious Disease	...	...	...	...	...	62
Ponds, Ditches and Watercourses	...	...	...	...	...	246
Dirty and/or Verminous Houses	...	...	...	...	...	44

Inspections Made and Recorded (Cont.)

Public Conveniences	6
Place of Entertainment	20
Dustbins	27
Drainage Inspection	395
Accumulations of Refuse	117
Keeping of Animals	26
Drain Tests	33
Swimming Bath	73
Insect Infestations	177
Offices, Shops and Railway Premises Act	43
Outworkers' Premises	11
Nuisances on land	15
Noise Nuisances	68
Abandoned Petrol Tanks	4
Shops	17
Clean Air Act:—	
Smoke Observations	56
Inspection of Installations	7
Prior Approvals	2
Petroleum Acts:—	
Tanks and Service Pipes Tested	23
Inspection of Stores and Installations	280

Work Carried Out

Ceilings provided or repaired	8
Floors repaired or renewed	20
Windows repaired or renewed	14
Sanitary accommodation repaired or renewed	7
Ventilation Provided to habitable rooms	1
Sash cords renewed	17
Roofs repaired	19
Internal wall plaster repaired	22
Overcrowding abated	1
Drains cleansed and repaired	61
Internal walls rendered with impervious material	11
Eaves Gutters and Fallpipes repaired	5
External walls repaired	20
W.C.'s repaired or renewed	4
Chimneys repaired	6
Fireplaces repaired or renewed	2
Provided with Horizontal D.P.C.	2
Satisfactory Food Store provided	14
Suitable Lighting provided	5
Abandoned Petrol Tank made safe	2

Work Carried Out (Cont.)

Cooking facilities and hot water supply provided to houses in multiple occupation	5
Door and door frames repaired	6
Rainwater Fallpipes repaired or renewed	6
Means of escape in case of fire provided	1
Nuisance from keeping animals abated	3
Accumulations removed	15
Inspection chambers provided or repaired	8
Sinks provided	1
Dustbins provided	2
Additional underfloor ventilation provided	4
Electric Wiring renewed	2

Slum Clearance

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

It will be seen that 447 of the 456 houses submitted or dealt with by informal procedure have been demolished. Of the remaining 9 houses, 5 are vacant and awaiting completion of demolition and 4 remain, due to their not being confirmed as unfit. 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.

The Council have approved the subsequent clearance area programme and inspections of houses were commenced during the year. So far 39 properties have been declared as 4 clearance areas.

POSITION REGARDING CLEARANCE AREA 8 YEAR PROGRAMME UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1967

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	—	Removed from programme as houses made fit.
	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	Properties demolished	...
	1 Clearance Order ...	1, 2, 3 and 4 Crows Cottages, Chignal Road ...	4	3 and 4 Clearance Order not confirmed	1 and 2 were demolished by owner by informal action. 3 and 4 reconstructed to form one house.
1957	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 ...	3	Houses demolished	...
	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 ... 4 and 5 Roman Road, and 16 Hall Street Order not confirmed ...	All properties except 16, Hall Street demolished. 4 and 5 Roman Road by Demolition Order.
	1 Compulsory Purchase Order	3, 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8 George Street ...	6	Houses demolished	...
	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	...

POSITION REGARDING CLEARANCE AREA 8 YEAR PROGRAMME UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1967

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		
	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 by informal action.

POSITION REGARDING CLEARANCE AREA 8 YEAR PROGRAMME UP TO 31st DECEMBER, 1967

1960	1	Compulsory Purchase Order	...	158, 160, 162, 164, 166, 168, 170, 172, 174, 176 and 178 Baddow Road	...	11	Houses demolished	...	...	...	Demolition Order procedure instituted. Houses made fit after undertaking.
				5 and 6 The Chase, Mildmay Road	...	2					
1961	1	...	...	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12 & 13 Glebe Road.	...	13	Houses demolished	...	...	...	
	1	...	...	21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30 & 31 Glebe Road	...	11	Houses demolished	...	...	...	
	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	Houses demolished	...	...	...	
1962	1	...	...	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 & 11 Hope Square	...	11	Houses demolished	...	...	...	
	1	...	...	86, 87 & 88 Moulsham Street	...	3	Houses demolished	...	...	...	
	1	...	...	69, 70, 71 & 72 Moulsham Street	...	4	Houses demolished	...	...	...	
	1	...	...	8 and 9 Friars Place and 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 Blackfriars	...	8	Houses demolished	...	...	...	
	1	...	...	1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 Lower Anchor Street	...	5	Orders confirmed and awaiting demolition	...	...	...	
	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	Houses demolished	...	...	...	
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	Houses demolished	...	...	...	
	1	...	...	14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34, 36 and 38 Arbour Lane	...	13	Houses demolished	...	...	...	
	1	...	...	375, 377, 379, 381, 383, 385, 387, 389, 391, 393, 395, 403, 405, 407 and 409 Springfield Road	...	15	Houses demolished	...	...	...	
	1	...	...	30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45 and 46 Lower Anchor Street	...	17	Houses demolished	...	...	...	
	1	...	...	15, 17, 19, 21, 23 and 25 Widford Chase	...	6	Houses demolished	...	...	...	
	1	...	...	16, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26, 28, 30, 32, 34 Springfield Green	...	10	Houses demolished	...	...	...	

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	...	...	...	...	...	...	145
„ „ complied	...	...	...	...	...	...	105

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

Types of Business at end of 1966

Dairies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Fish Friers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	10
Canteens—Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Greengrocer and Fruiterer	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	31
Sweet Confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	50
Restaurants and Cafés	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	56
Butchers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Fishmongers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
General Stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Wholesale Warehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	7
Canteens—Factories, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	35
Bakers Confectionery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Residential Homes	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Nursery Schools	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Soft Drink Manufacturers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Cooked Meat Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Corn Merchants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Vegetable Packing Station	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Hotels and Boarding Houses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Herbalist	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hospitals	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Hostels	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Clubs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	15
Flour Millers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Maltster	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Departmental Stores	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	64
Wholesale Meat Markets	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Brewery	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cooked Meals Shop	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Cooked Meat Factory	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

Inspections Made and Recorded

Butcher's Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
Bakehouses	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	46
Factory Canteens, Wholesale Stores, Warehouses, etc.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	458
Cafés and Restaurants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	335
Licensed Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	132
Dairies and Milkshops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	58
Fried Fish Shops	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	28
Fishmongers and Poulterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Grocers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	265
Greengrocers and Fruiterers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	88
Ice Cream Premises/Confectioners	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	102
Food preparing Premises	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
School Canteens	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	86
Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	496

Work Carried Out

Food Protection provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Sink provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Wash Hands Notices provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Clothing Store provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Repairs to walls, floors, doors, windows and ceilings	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	29
Rooms suitably lighted and/or ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	6
Wash Basin provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Hot Water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	9
Cold Water provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Rooms redecorated and cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	43
First Aid equipment provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Soap, Towel and Nail Brush provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
Name and Address displayed on Stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Sanitary Conveniences cleansed and repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	12
" " lighted/ventilated	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	5
Intervening Ventilated Lobbies provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Articles/Equipment cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	14
Articles and/or Equipment repaired	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	19
Floors cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	8
Hot water provided for washing equipment	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Containers kept free from contamination	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4
Hot and cold water provided on stalls	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2
Personal clothing cleansed	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1
Additional food storage accommodation provided	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1

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) :—

1,254 tins fruit	156 pkts. frozen fish products
160 tins cream	204 pkts. ice cream
711 tins vegetables	14 pkts. beef./steakburgers
36 tins meat pudding	30 pkts. meat products
177 tins meat	8 pkts. frozen dinners
53 tins baby food	74 lb. salmon
30 tins salmon	173 lb. liver
17 tins meat pudding/pies	74 lb. lamb
7 tins tomato purée	1,561 lb. beef
2 tins preserve	77 lb. ox tongues/kidneys
60 tins rice/sago/tapioca	28 lb. pork
40 tins milk or cream	16 lb. rabbit
126 tins fish	11 lb. ham
60 tins soup	10 lb. onions
19 tins jam	497 galls. tomato juice
58 tins fruit juice	558 galls. grapefruit juice
12 tins macaroni	31 galls. pineapple juice
6 tins pie filling	157 galls. orange juice
11 tins sweet corn	275 galls. lemon juice
94 pkts. mousse	11 jars pickles
243 pkts. frozen vegetables	37 jars prawns/shrimps
16 pkts. frozen meat products	1 jar jelly
24 pkts. frozen pastry	8 lb. bacon
3 pkts. dates	16 lb. sausages
4 pkts. cake/sponge mix	360 eggs
13 pkts. potato chips	

Bacteriological Examination and Analysis

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

The five unsatisfactory samples of ice cream show a slight reduction on the number of unsatisfactory samples purchased last year. Follow up samples were taken after advice on the importance of clean utensils. The unsatisfactory samples are always from loose ice cream.

Whilst there is not a prescribed standard for the tests on milk bottles or churn rinses the bacteriologist agrees that a high standard should be the aim. After discussions with the occupiers of the dairy concerned following the two unsatisfactory results, follow up samples of churn rinses proved satisfactory.

					Samples Taken	Satisfactory		Unsatis- factory
Ice-cream/Ice-cream lollies	...	...	...	...	89	...	84	5
Ice-lollies	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	—
Ice-cream products	...	...	...	...	2	...	2	—
Bakers Confectionery	...	...	...	...	30	...	30	—
Swimming Bath Water	...	...	...	...	50	...	48	2
Water	...	...	...	...	11	...	11	—
Cooked Meat	...	...	...	...	9	...	9	—
Sausages	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	—
Meat Pies/Patty's	...	...	...	...	5	...	5	—
Churn Rinses	...	...	...	...	6	...	4	2
Milk Bottles	...	...	...	...	4	...	4	—
Cream	...	...	...	...	6	...	6	—
Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	64	...	64	—
T.T. (homogenized) Milk	...	...	...	...	3	...	2	1
Sterilised Milk	...	...	...	...	12	...	12	—
T.T. Channel Island Pasteurised Milk	...	...	...	...	30	...	27	3
Fish Cake	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	—
Cordials	...	...	...	...	1	...	—	1
Chicken	...	...	...	...	1	...	1	—

Details of samples tested or submitted for analysis by the Public Analysts for Chelmsford Borough during the period 1st January, 1967, to 31st December, 1967, are given on the following page.

The 73 samples of milk contained an average of 3.9% butter fat and 8.9% solids non-fat, these being well above the statutory standards.

One manufacturer of Pork Sausage Meat failed to display a notice declaring that his product contained preservatives.

Sample of "lean Minced Steak" found to contain 18.7% Fat was considered by Analyst to contain high proportion of fat for article so described.

Sample of Cooking Butter submitted following complaint regarding taste was found to be genuine, free from excessive acidity and showing no reaction for rancidity.

Fat content of sample purchased as "Buttered Bread" consisted of Margarine.

Sample of Red Wine contained Sorbic Acid in contravention of the Preservatives in Food Regulation, 1962.

Sample of Bread submitted for analysis found to contain piece of tissue paper and glass fragment.

Sample of Vitamin preparation found to contain mould growth pellet.

Sample of Apple Jelly was found to be deficient in soluble solids.

Samples of Turnips, New Potatoes, and Beef Sausages submitted for analysis under Pesticides in Food Survey were found to be "satisfactorily free from Pesticides Residues."

	Samples Taken	Genuine	Not Genuine
Milks	73	73	—
Sausages and other Meat products ...	39	37	2
Butter, Cheese and other fats ...	13	13	—
Jams, Jellies and Marmalade ...	10	9	1
Cordials/Minerals	5	5	—
Soups and Sauces	12	12	—
Sweet confectionery	7	7	—
Bread	3	1	2
Ice-cream	18	18	—
Tinned Milks and Creams ...	14	14	—
Wines/Spirits	12	11	1
Medicines, Health Foods ...	13	12	1
Fish/Fish products	4	4	—
Flavouring/Colouring	9	9	—
Vinegar	6	6	—
Vegetables	2	2	—
Bakers' Confectionery	6	6	—
Other Miscellaneous Foods ...	9	9	—

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

Complaints No. of	Complaints No. of
Dirty Milk bottles 3	Mould growth on Chicken & 1
Unsound corned beef 3	Ham pasty
Mould growth on bread 2	Unsound chocolate 1
Salt containing foreign matter 1	Glass in bread 1
Unsound pie filling 1	Foreign object in bottle of 1
Unsound potatoes 1	lager
Metal object in cake 1	Foreign object in jam 1
Oil patches in bread 1	Abnormal odour of pork lun- 1
Unsound canned orange 1	cheon meat
Insect in bread 1	Mould growth in Vitamin pre- 1
Insect in tinned pilchards ... 1	paration
Black marks in bread 1	Insect embedded in surface of 1
Unsound ice drink 1	cake
Mould growth on steak & 1	Insect in steak & kidney patty 1
kidney pie	Iced bun containing sacking 1
Mould growth on Chicken 1	material
Croquette	Foreign object in garden peas 1

Every complaint received thorough investigation. Legal proceedings were instituted against the Vendors of a mouldy steak and kidney pie. A fine of £10 plus costs of £2 2s. 0d. were made in this case.

Two prosecutions were made under the Food Hygiene (Markets, Stalls and Delivery Vehicles) Regulations, 1966 against persons smoking whilst handling food. Fines totalling £7 and £4 4s. 0d. Costs were made.

Meat Inspection

There are three privately owned slaughterhouses in the Borough, one of which is of a modern type completed during 1966. There are two authorised Meat Inspectors and it will be seen that 47,357 animals were killed and inspected. There has been an increase of about 1,000 pigs killed compared with the previous year. The hours of slaughter are reasonable at the present time and there has been no necessity to apply a control of times of slaughter.

Only 2 cattle were affected with tuberculosis both to a slight degree. In each case the Veterinary Department of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food was notified in order that the source may be traced. There were no cases of generalised tuberculosis and the incidence of tuberculosis in pigs was confined chiefly to local infections of the head glands.

The number of pigs affected with tail abscesses shows no tendency to decrease. Very careful examination is called for following each case and in all cases the carcasses are split. Of the rejection of 109 pig carcasses, 56 were due to pyaemia, many of these following tail abscesses. Even though the whole carcase may not have to be rejected a great quantity of meat has to be destroyed.

Once again I have to report an increase in the incidence of cysticercus bovis—37 compared with 30 last year. Carcase freezing was carried out in each case. In addition there were many cases where the cysts were found to be degenerated. In such cases the carcase is cut into wholesale joints, and if on examination of likely sites no evidence is found, the carcase is released.

All unfit meat is disposed of in the manner required by the appropriate Regulations, the total weight of meat condemned was 85,759 lbs.

The following carcasses were examined at the three slaughterhouses: 54 Cows, 7,475 Cattle, 187 Calves, 15,259 Sheep, 24,382 Pigs, making a total number of 47,357 compared with 48,250 in 1966.

CARCASSES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED

	Cows	Cattle	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed	54	7,475	187	15,259	24,382
Number inspected	54	7,475	187	15,259	24,382
All diseases except Tuberculosis— Whole carcasses condemned	1	1	5	18	109
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	9	3,631	8	1,606	5,704
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis	18.5	48.5	6.95	10.6	23.8
Tuberculosis only— Whole carcasses condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	2	—	—	318
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	—	.002	—	—	1.3
Cysticercosis— Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	5	32	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	5	32	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

Essex County Council Act

There are 145 premises registered for sale of ice-cream and 173 persons registered as vendors and one person and premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream.

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

Both shops and mobile shops are greatly improved giving testimony of 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 1,053 infested premises have been treated, involving a total of 4,305 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	11	2	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the local Authority	232	283	29	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises)	46	74	6	—
TOTAL	289	359	35	—

Defects

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1)	1	1	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2)	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3)	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6)	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient	4	6	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	25	37	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to Out-work)	—	—	7	—	—
TOTAL	30	44	7	—	—

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.,	24	—	—	—	—
	Cleaning and Washing	—	—	—	—	—
Curtains and Furniture hangings ...	1	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL	25	—	—	—	—	—

THE OFFICES, SHOPS AND RAILWAY PREMISES ACT, 1963

Summary of Registrations, Inspections, Contraventions and Work
carried out during the Year ended 31st December, 1967

<i>Class of Premises</i>	<i>No. of Premises Registered during the year</i>	<i>Total Registered Premises at end of year</i>	<i>No. of Registered Premises receiving one or more general inspections during 1967</i>
Offices	39	306	103
Retail Shops	22	421	123
Wholesale Shops, Warehouses	7	48	14
Catering Establishments open to the public, canteens	10	88	26
Fuel storage Depots	—	2	2
	78	865	268

Total number of visits of all kinds by Inspectors to
Registered premises under the Act ... 1,355

Persons employed in registered premises

	<i>No. of Persons</i>
Offices ...	3,412
Retail Shops ...	3,518
Wholesale departments, warehouses ...	512
Catering Establishments open to the public ...	670
Canteens ...	66
Fuel Storage Depots ...	15
Total Males 3,784 Total Females 4,409	8,193

Analysis of Contraventions and work carried out

Detail		Contraventions Found Remedied		Detail		Contraventions Found Remedied	
Cleanliness	...	2	4	Seats (Sedentary Workers)		2	1
Overcrowding	...	1	—	Eating facilities	...	—	—
Temperature	...	5	9	Floors, passages & stairs	...	9	16
Ventilation	...	13	18	Fencing exposed machinery		30	35
Lighting	...	4	9	Provision of Thermometers		37	33
Sanitary Conveniences	...	24	32	Notices	...	60	75
Washing facilities	...	20	33	First Aid General Provision		33	52
Drinking Vessels	...	2	2	Clothing Accommodation		4	8
The remedial work mentioned above relates to contraventions found during 1966/67.						246	327

Accidents

During the year there were 29 non-fatal accidents reported and investigated.

