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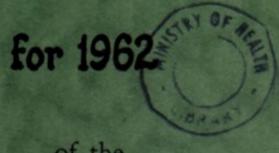
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Borough of Colne



Annual Report



of the

Medical Officer of Health



BOROUGH OF COLNE

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BOR-OUGH OF COLNE

PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

STAFF

Medical Officer of Health:

- R. E. ROBINSON, M.A., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., D.P.H. (Retired July, 1962)
- J. V. DYER, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., M.B., B.S., D.P.H.,
 (Appointed August 1962)

 Chief Public Health Inspector
 Abattoir Superintendent:
- A. PEARSON, M.A.P.H.I., M.R.S.H. (* Ø)

Public Health Inspectors

- B. DUERDEN, M.A.P.H.I. (* Ø)
- F. GRINDROD, M.A.P.H.I. (*)

Clerical Staff:

Chief Clerk: J. PRESTON Clerk: J. HARRISON

ADDITIONAL QUALIFICATIONS

- * Certified Meat and Food Inspector
- Ø Certified Smoke Inspector

PREFACE

Health Department, COLNE.

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE HEALTH COMMITTEE.

Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present my Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary circumstances of the Borough of Colne, in respect of the year ending 31st December, 1962. The form and content are in accordance with the Ministry of Health Circular 1/63 dated 30th January, 1963.

I commenced my appointment as your Medical Officer of Health on 1st August, 1962 following the retirement of Dr. Robinson. Tribute must be made to this remarkable man who, after a varied experience in the British Army, Middle East and in the speciality of pathology, decided to devote his career in the field of Public Health and Preventive Medicine. Over a quarter of a century he lived and worked in Colne for which he always retained "special affection," but long before his well earned retirement, he was asked to take responsibility for a large part of East Lancashire, from Altham and Dunnockshaw, across to Trawden, with a population of nearly 100,000 people. Of him, we can truly echo the words of Thomas Fuller (1608 - 1661) "He who cures the disease may be the skilfuller, but he that prevents it is the safest physician."

There has been little change in the population of the Borough, but as yet, there are no definite signs of an increase. Praise—worthy strenuous efforts are being made to attract industry to the town, but are we doing enough? Colne is the first town a traveller meets on coming into the County from Yorkshire, and we must make an impression so that it stands out in the person's memory above the other cotton towns. There are too many small areas of rather less than depressing abject dereliction — Water—side, Primet Street, the top of Colne Lane, for example. Could they not be laid out as ornamental gardens, paddling pools, putting greens etc.? How about hanging flower baskets from lamp standards? Then on returning home from an exploratory visit, a prospective industrialist would think "what was that attractive town set amongst the hills, what a delightful enterprising town." Dereliction implies stagnation of civic thought.

The slum clearance programme continues at a steady, but unspectacular rate. Much remains to be done and we can never catch up, as the whole time, we automatically raise our standards as to what constitutes a good house. Mr. Pearson has given his forecasts on pages 24-27, I would go further to say that the day is surely coming, when without central heating and instant hot water, a house is unfit.

During the year there were no deaths from Tuberculosis and the total number of known patients has been reduced by 5, an indication of the increasing rate of cure. Again, it is satisfactory to note that there were no notifications of Diphtheria. Very few of our young mothers can remember the tragedies of Diphtheria: memories of the "fever ambulance" carrying a pale, surfocating little child wrapped in a red blanket have faded. Let it never return to Colne.

Immunisation and Vaccination against not only Diphtheria, but a whole range of other crippling and frequently fatal diseases is a free service, available from both family doctors and child welfare clinics. All mothers should look upon it as a normal duty to give their children this protection.

Another preventable disease is lung cancer. One in ten of male deaths in Colne is from this condition. Think of 10 men friends - one will die of lung cancer. The link with cigarette smoking must not be ignored. If adults cannot break the habit, then at least encourage the children not to start.

Like my predecessor, I am enjoying my work in Colne, and am proud of the opportunity of taking part in the local government of this ancient Borough.

I am grateful to the staff of the Health Department for their good work throughout the year; particularly praiseworthy have been Mr. Harrison's capable assumption of the duties of Chief Clerk during Mr. Preston's unfortunate illness and that every animal, slaughtered for human consumption in the town, has been examined and passed as fit, by our highly skilled inspectorate.

I have the honour to be,

Ladies and Gertlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. V. DYER.

Medical Officer of Health.

STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS OF THE AREA

The Borough of Colne is well situated, healthy and in excellent natural surroundings, lying between 600 ft. and 800ft. above sea level. There is good natural drainage and a plentiful water supply.

Approximately one half of the workers were employed in the textile industry. The other main industries are: - engineering, building and civil engineering, metal goods, leather, construction, transport, professional services, public services and administration, distributive and various miscellaneous services.

The unemployed register at the end of the year was 361 (185 men and 176 women), of which 53 men and 64 women were temporarily unemployed. There has been an appreciable amount of short time working in the Textile Industry since September, 1961. There has also been a steady rise in the number of those wholly unemployed throughout the year.

STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR 1962

Area (in acres)		5,939
Population (1961 census)		19,430
Population (Mid Year 1962 estimat	e).	19,410
No. of inhabited houses end of 196 according to Rate Book		7,299
Rateable Value	£	230,143
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	£	880

RAINFALL

Rainfall was recorded by a Dines Tilting Syphon Rain Gauge which was installed at Judge Fields on the 12th Sept. 1947, and by a Bucket Rain Gauge (diameter of funnel: 5 inches) which was moved from the Cemetery to Judge Fields on the 1st October, 1947.

The height of the rain gauge site above sea level is 558.55 ft. The top of the bucket gauge is 1 foot above ground level.

Site Position - Latitude 53°51' 41" N. Longitude 2° 10' 40" W.

Average Annual Rainfall 1901-1962 40.00

SUMMARY OF RAINFALL FOR 1962

Month	Depth in Inches	No, of days on which rain fell	
January February March April May June July August September October November December	5.49 3.85 1.34 3.93 3.69 1.19 2.37 5.55 5.50 2.16 1.33 4.07	22 16 11 15 18 12 12 20 19 8 14 13	Monthly average 3.37 inches Heaviest rainfall for one month, August 5.55 in Heaviest rainfall for one day 23rd Aug. 1.30 inches Lowest rainfall for one month, June 1.19 inches

TEMPERATURE

Thermometer moved from Cemetery to Judge Fields, 1st October, 1947.

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TABLE COMPARATIVE

I 1962 adjusted live birth-rate (comparability factor, 1.07) = 17.6 per 1,000

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SUMMARY OF THE PRINCIPAL CAUSES OF DEATH, 1962 (Registrar General's Official Returns, 1962)

	All Causes 299 - Males 143 Females	156	
	CAUSES OF DEATH	MALES	FEMALES
1	Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-
2	Tuberculosis, other	-	-
3	Syphilitic disease	-	-
23456789	Diphtheria	-	-
5	Whooping Cough	-	-
6	Meningococcal infections	-	-
7	Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-
8	Measles	-	-
	Other infective and parasitic diseases	-	-
10	Malignant Neoplasm, stomach	13	1 2
11	Malignant Neoplasm, Lung, Bronchus	13	1
12	Malignant Neoplasm, breast	-	2
13	Malignant Neoplasm, uterus	-	1
14	Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	14	10
15	Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-
16	Diabetes	-	
17	Vascular lesions of nervous system	14	33 21
18	Coronary disease, angina	39	21
19	Hypertension with heart disease	1	4
20	Other heart disease	10	21
21	Other circulatory disease	3	8
22	Influenza	-	2
23	Pneumonia	4	4
24	Bronchitis	10	5
25 26	Other diseases of respiratory system	-	
26	Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1
27	Gastritis, enteritis, and diarrhoea	-	1
28	Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1
29	Hyperplasia of prostate	1	-
30	Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-
31	Congenital malformations	-	1
32	Other defined and ill defined diseases	19	28
33	Motor Vehicle Accidents	1	3
31 32 33 34 35 36	All other accidents	1	28 3 6
35	Suicide	4	1
36	Homicide and operations of war		-
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ENGLAND AND WALES

BIRTHS and DEATH-RATES, and ANALYSIS OF MORTALITY during the year 1962

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	per Live ths	Neo-natal Vortality	18.8		15.1	
	Rate 1,000 Birt	Infant Vilatity	21.9		21,4	
		Cancer (Other)	1,80		1.67	
	Population	Cancer (Lung & Bronchus)	0,72			
	Annual Death-Rate 1,000 Population	Tuberculosis (Non-Respirator	Nil		0.059 0.007 0.51	
,		Tuberculosis (Kaspiratory)	Nil		0.059	
-		All Causes	15.1		11.9	
	Birth- Rate per 1,000 Population	Still Births	0.36	21.4 (a)	0.33	18 a}
	Birth Rate per 1, Popula	Live Births	17.6		18.0	
-			COLNE	(Estimated home population mid-1962-19,410)	ENGLAND AND WALES	(Estimated home population mid-1962-46,669,000

(a) per 1,000 total (live and still) births

INFANT MORTALITY

1962 Nett Deaths from stated causes at various ages under One Year of age. Compiled from the Official Registrations.

Causes of Death	Under 1 week	1-2 weeks	2-3 weeks	3-4 weeks	Total under 4 wks	4 weeks and under		6 months and under	9 months and under	Total deaths under
All Causes :-	5	-	1	0	6	-	1	0	0	7
Atelectasis Foetal Anoxis Haemorrhayic disease of newborn	1 1	0 8 0	111	0 0 0	1 1 1	0 0 0	0 0 0	0 1 0	0 0 0	1 1 1
Infantile Convulsion Prematurity Spina Bifida	2 -		1	111	2 1	0 0 0	1 -	0 0 0	1 1 1	1 2 1

The infant Mortality Rate for 1962 is 22 per 1,000 live births. This is a decrease of 4 per 1,000 on the figure for 1961 and is very slightly anguer than the rate for the country as a whole.

VITAL STATISTICS

BIRTHS -

The number of live births registered during the year was 320. Of these, 161 were males and 159 females. The birth rate per 1,000 of the population is an increase of 0.5 on the previous year, and is 2.6 more than the average for the previous five years. The adjusted birth-rate is 17.6 per 1,000, the comparability factor being 1.07.

STILL BIRTHS -

The still-birth rate is 0.03 per thousand live births more than that of the country as a whole.

DEATHS -

The number of deaths registered was 299, of which 143 were males and 156 females. The death-rate is 15.4 per 1,000 of the estimated population, representing a decrease of 2.2 on the previous year, and is 0.3 less than the average for the previous 5 years. The adjusted death-rate is 15.1 per 1,000, the comparability factor being 0.98.

DURING THE YEAR 1962

Heart diseases, diseases of the vessels and cancer were again the principal causes of death in Colne.

GENERAL PROVISION OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

In subsequent sections, full details are found, relating to infectious diseases and environmental health within the Borough for which the Council is directly responsible.

The present section is related to those health services which concern more the personal health and welfare of the individual rather than public health and the community. The Lancashire County Council is responsible for many of these services, under the National Health Service Act but day to day administration is delegated to the No. 6 Divisional Health Committee, on which Colne Borough has two representatives.

Liason between County Council services and District Council services is facilitated by the fact that your Medical Officer of Health is also a School Medical Officer and Divisional Medical Officer.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

Bacteriological and pathological examinations are carried out for Colne Corporation at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Infirmary, Meadow Street, Preston. The undermentioned examinations were undertaken during 1962:-

Bacteriological:-	No	, exam	ined
Milk - Methylene Blue Reduction Test		36	
Milk - Biological Test Milk - Phosphatase Test		15	
Water Ice Cream		36 20 15 13 26	
Toe orean		20	
	Total	110	
Pathological:		-	
Portion of udder Retro - pharyngeal lymph gland		1	
weep - bustlingest thathu Statis			
	Total	2	

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACTS, 1948 AND 1951, SECTION 47 (Removal to suitable premises of persons in need of care and attention).

No action was found to be necessary under this section during the year.

HOSPITALS

The Hospital Services for the Borough are provided by the Burnley & District Hospital Management Committee of the North-West Regional Hospital Board, and action is taken by them to secure adequate hospital treatment for the varying needs of the people.

The general hospitals in Burnley and district available to

Hartley Hospital, Colne Reedyford Memorial Hospital, Nelson General Hospital, Burnley Victoria Hospital, Burnley Marsden Hospital, Burnley There is also Grove House Recovery Home, Barrowford,

The following Maternity Hospitals are also available :-

Christiana Hartley Maternity Home, Colne. Fern Lea Maternity Home, Nelson, Bank Hall Maternity Hospital, Burnley.

THE CHRISTIANA HARTLEY MATERNITY HOME

The Christiana Hartley Maternity Home and Ante-Natal Clinic in Barrowford Road, serves the Borough of Colne and the neighbouring districts.

The accommodation available consists of 14 maternity beds and 2 isolation beds. The maternity block contains 2 labour wards, sterilisation room, nursery and duty room. There is also an antenatal clinic, observation block, kitchen and laundry.

The accommodation at the Home has been very fully occupied.

PREMATURE INFANTS

Premature infants are retained in the Maternity Home until their progress is equal to that of a child born at full term pregnancy.

Premature babies born at home are admitted to the Maternity Home or hospital if the home conditions are unsuitable. The midwife has access to special equipment maintained at the Divisional Health Offices for premature babies, should it be necessary.

THE ANTE-NATAL CLINIC, CHRISTIANA HARTLEY MATERNITY HOME

The Clinic is situated to the East of the main buildings of the Home, from which it is entirely separate. The accommodation consists of a waiting room and sanitary accommodations, dressing cubicles, laboratory and two consulting rooms.

Sessions are held bi-weekly on Wednesday and Friday afternoons for patients seeking admission to the Home. General practitioners attend their own patients at the Clinic by appointment. In addition, sessions are held on Monday afternoons by the County Midwives.

ANTE-NATAL AND POST-NATAL CARE

Expectant mothers are urged to attend the Ante-Natal Clinics and take full advantages of the facilities they offer.

Mothers are strongly advised to have at least one post-natal examination approximately six weeks after the baby is born. A great deal of unnecessary discomfort and ill-health is borne by sensitive women who have a mistaken belief that such suffering is an inevitable accompaniment of childbirth.

At the present time, too great a difference exists between the number of births and post-natal examinations.

Another service which deserves better use is the Mothercraft and Relaxation Class, organised for mothers expecting their first baby. Certain aspects of caring for babies need to be taught not learnt by instinct or trial and error. Enquiries should be made to the Health Visitors at the Health Department.

MATERNAL MORTALITY

No Maternal deaths occurred in the Borough during the year.

TABLE SHOWING THE TOTAL NUMBER OF BIRTHS AND STILL BIRTHS, AND THE TOTAL NUMBER OF MATERNAL DEATHS IN THE BOROUGH DURING THE LAST TEN YEARS.

Year		luding County other Areas	Borough of Colne on			
	No. of Births	No. of Maternal Deaths	No, of Births	No. of Maternal Deaths		
1953	369	-	262	-		
1954	380	-	251	-		
1955	367	1	240	1		
1956	380	-	256	-		
1957	385	-	235			
1958	366	-	240	-		
1959	335	-	221	-		
1960	391		251			
1961	408	-	274	-		
1962	396	-	275	-		

CHEST CLINIC

The Chest Clinic is conducted at the Marsden Hospital, Burnley.

The number of Colne patients on the Tuberculosis register at December 31st was 136 - a reduction of 5 from 1961.

	Pulmonary	Non-Pulmonary
Males	64	11
Females	47	14
Total	111	25

The following services are also provided by the Burnley and District Hospital Management Committee.

VENEREAL DISEASES CLINICS

These are held at the Victoria Hospital, Burnley, as follows:-

Males and Females

Tuesday	 2	p.m.	to 4	p,m	٠,	_			_	
Friday		"	11	"	,	5	p.m.	to	7	p.m.

HEARING AID REPAIR SERVICE

This service is available in the Welfare Centre, Bank House, every Friday from 10.15 a.m. to 11.45 a.m. Appointments for repairs must be made through the Hospital Secretary, Burnley General Hospital.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

Ambulance and sitting case cars are provided, and, where long distances are involved, arrangements may be made for conveyance by train.

All drivers and attendants have completed the County Council Training Programme. Resuscitation apparatus, and other essential equipment, is carried in all ambulances.

CONVALESCENT HOME CARE

Arrangements are made by the County Council for the convalescent care of persons recovering from illness who are no longer in need of medical treatment.

CHILD WELFARE

There are four Health Visitors appointed by the County Council visiting mothers and children in the Colne area.

The accommodation at the Welfare Clinic, Bank House, consists of one consulting room, two dressing and weighing rooms, a kitchen and a large waiting room.

SCHOOL HEALTH

Regular examinations are made in schools by the County staff and advice given at the various clinics held for school children.

CHIROPODY

A Chiropody Service for Old Age Pensioners is available on Mondays and Tuesdays at Bank House.

CLINICS

The following clinics are held for Colne children

Clinic	Where held	Day and time
Artificial Sunlight	Bank House	By Appointment
Child Welfare	Bank House	Wednesday - 10 a.m. to 12 noon and*2 to 4 p.m. Thursday - 2 to 4 p.m. (*Doctor in attendance)
Chiropody	Bank House	Monday and Tuesdays
Dental	Bank House	Mondays to Fridays inclusive
Lip Reading Minor Ailment Ophthalmic Orthopaedic Orthoptic Immunisation:-	Bank House Bank House Bank House School Clinic Carr Rd, Nelson Bank House	By Appointment Daily - 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. Monday - a.m. Third Friday each month - p.m. First Friday each month - p.m.
Anti Diphtheria Whooping Cough and Tetanus Vaccination:-	Bank House	Wednesday - 2 to 4 p.m.
Anti Poliomyelitis	Bank House	By Appointment
" Smallpox	Bank House	Wednesday - 2 to:4 p.m.
" Tuberculosis (B,C,G,)	Bank House	By Appointment

SALE OF BABY FOOD

Baby Foods, National Dried Milk, Cod Liver Oil and Orange Juice are sold at Bank House at the following times :-

Wednesday 9 a.m. to 12 noon 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. Thursday 2 p.m. to 4.30 p.m.

DAY NURSERIES

There are two Day Nurseries under the administration of the County Council.

The one at North Valley Road accommodates 60 children, and that at Haverholt 30 children.

These nurseries have not been used to capacity this year, chiefly due to the recession in the cotton industry. Many mills only worked four days a week or two weeks in three, so that mothers were at home to look after their children.

Newtown Nursery School, which is under the control of the Education Authority, accommodates 40 children.

CHILD LIFE PROTECTION

(Under Part VII of the Public Health Act, 1936)

The Welfare of children has long been the concern and interest of this local authority and, in spite of the powers to act being transferred to the County Council, the interest is always present.

Information of cases of neglect or cruelty, or both reaches the Department through very many channels — School Nurses, Health Visitors, Teachers, Attendance Officers, and on many occasions through neighbours. All rumours or reports are investigated. Warnings are issued if necessary and close watch is kept on the case or cases. If all this fails to produce the desired effect, the N.S.P.C.C. Inspector is communicated with, and he visits the house. Usually, this has a salutary effect. In all cases where warnings have been issued or there has been a suspicion of neglect, close supervision is maintained.

CHILDREN'S ACT 1948

By the provision of this Act, certain classes of children come under the care of the Children's Department of the County Council. The Department is responsible for children who are for one reason or another deprived of the normal care of their parents.

The children are cared for in children's homes, residential nurseries, hostels and foster homes.

PROVISION FOR UNMARRIED MOTHERS

Unmarried mothers and children are catered for in Mother and Baby Homes administered by Voluntary Moral Welfare Organisations, who work in close co-operation with the County Council.

MENTAL HEALTH

Two Female and one Male Mental Welfare Officers are available for dealing with mentally sick and mentally subnormal persons. The North East Lancashire Association for Mental Health, a voluntary committee, was formed during April, 1957. Information and advice can be obtained from the Divisional Health Office.

HOME NURSING

District Nurses of the Divisional Health Staff are assigned to the Borough for this service.

MIDWIFERY

There are two midwives appointed by the County Council, practising in the Borough.

HOME HELP

Enquiries for home help are referred to the Home Help Organiser. This service includes a scheme of night and evening help.

LOAN OF MEDICAL COMFORTS

The Ambulance Hall, Ludgate Circus, is open for the loan of medical comforts at the undermentioned times :-

9 a.m. to 11 a.m. - Mondays to Saturdays incl.

8 p.m. to 9 p.m. - Mondays and Thursdays.

This service is provided by the St. John Ambulance Association of Colne.

GENERAL ADOPTIVE ACTS AND BYE-LAWS IN FORCE IN THE DISTRICT

Colne and Marsden Local Board Act, 1881. Colne Corporation Act, 1897. Colne Corporation Act, 1905. Colne Corporation Act, 1921. Colne Corporation Act, 1933. Lancashire County Council (General Powers) Act, 1951. Local Government Boards Provisional Orders Confirmation (No.14) Act, 1903. Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1907 (Sections 17, 22, 81, 85 86 and 94) Public Health Act, 1925, part II (Streets and Buildings) Housing of the Rural Workers Scheme approved by the Minister of Health, 12th February, 1929, as amended by Housing (Rural Workers) Act, 1942. Borough of Colne (Offensive Trades) Confirmation Order, 1932. The Colne (Fish and Greengrocery Shops) Weekly Half-day Holiday Order, 1946. Stationer's and Booksellers' Exemption Order, 1913. Closing Order for Butchers' Shops 1921. The Colne (Fried Fish and Chip Shops) Weekly Half Holiday Order, 1939. The Colne (Food) Order, 1950.

BYE-LAWS AND REGULATIONS :-

New Streets, 1925

Bye-Laws with respect to Common Lodging Houses, 1908

" " Private Slaughterhouses, 1908

Public Slaughterhouse Bye-Laws. 1933

" (Regulations) 1932

Bye-Laws with respect to Offensive Trades, 1934

" " Fouling of Footways by Dogs, 1936

Bye-Laws made under Section 15 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1938

for securing the ebservance of Sanitary and Cleanly Conditions and Practices in connection with the Handling, Wrapping and Delivery of Food and Sale of Food in the Open Air, 1950

Building Bye-laws, 1956 and 1957

Bye-Laws for the Good Rule and Government and Prevention of Nuisances in the Borough, 1957

PREVALANCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS AND OTHER DISEASES

The incidence of infectious diseases during the year was low. There were 67 cases of measles notified but these were spread evenly over the year, most cases being in the 2 to 5 year age group.

VACCINATION

SMALLPOX - It is to be regretted that such a large number of parents do not accept the vaccination of their children against smallpox. With the increasing number of people travelling by air, and thus getting from one spot on the globe to another in a matter of hours, the chance of smallpox being introduced into our area is very much greater. This was demonstrated by the very serious outbreaks in several parts of the Country during early 1962. I would strongly urge parents to have their babies vaccinated.

TUBERCULOSIS - B.C.G. (Bacillus Calmette Guerin) vaccination against tuberculosis was again offered to school children who had reached the age of 13 years. The response was very good. B.C.G. vaccination gives protection against tuberculosis, and protection is very necessary as there are still many undiscovered cases.

Since March, 1962 vaccination has been offered to children of 14 years and upwards, and to students at universities and colleges.

POLIOMYELITIS - Immunisation against Poliomyelitis was offered to persons from the age of 6 months to 40 years and to expectant mothers of all ages. Three oral doses are necessary with an interval of 4 weeks between each dose. The response has been very satisfactory.

A fourth dose is now offered to children during their first term after entrance to the infants school.

IMMUNISATION

DIPHTHERIA, WHOOPING COUGH AND TETANUS - Clinics for active immunisation against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus are held weekly at the School Clinic, Bank House. Though diphtheria is a rare disease, and whooping cough is on the decline, there is no room for complacency. Parents are exhorted to have all their children immunised, for it is only by doing so that these diseases can be effectively prevented.

CASES OF INFECTIOUS DISEASES NOTIFIED DURING THE YEAR 1962

		_		TOT	AL	CAS	SES	NO'	rIFI	ED		
								YE.	ARS			
NOTIFIABLE DISEASES	Total cases at all ages	0-							15-	25 and over	Age Un- know	TOTAL DEATHS
Scarlet Fever	4	-		-		1	3	-	-		-	-
Whooping Cough	1	-	-	-	100	1	-	-	-	80	-	
Acute Poliomyelitis - Paralytic - Non-paralytic	-	1 1		=		11		8 1			1 1	=
Measles (excluding rubella)	67	1	16	4	11	14	18	1	1	-	1	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Dysentery	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		-	e0	0	-
Meningococcal infection	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-			-
Ophthalmia neonatorum	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
		0-		5.	-	15-	45	5-	65 a		ge ur known	
Acute pneumonia (primary and influenzal)	7	-	-		11	2	3	3	2			1
Smallpox	-	-		_		-						-
Acute encephalitis - infective	-	-		-	-	-			_			-
- post infectious	-	-		-		-		-	-160		-	-
Enteric or Typhoid fever	-	_				_						
Paratyphoid Fevers	-	-		_		_			-			
Erysipelas	-	-		-		-			-			-
Food Poisoning	-	-				-		-	-			
Tuberculosis : Respiratory - Meninges & C.N.S	8 -	1 -	-	1 -		2		3	1		-	
- Other	-	-	1	-	1	-		-	-			0
Other notifiable diseases	-	-		-		-	1	-	-			
-	-	-	1	_		_	L.		-		-	-
Total cases	87				1							

TUBERCULOSIS

It has not been found necessary to enforce the provisions of the Public Health (Prevention of Tuberculosis) Regulations, 1925, or Section 172 of the Public Health Act, 1936, with reference to persons suffering from pulmonary tuberculosis, employed in the milk trade.

New patients and mortality during 1962

		New	Cases		Deaths			
Age Periods	Pul	monary	Non-P	ulmonary	Pulmonary		Non-Pulmonar	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female
0 years	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-
	-	- 1	-	-	-	-	-	-
1 " 2 " 5 " 10 " 15 "	-	- 1	-	-	-	-	100	-
5 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
10 "	-	1	-	-	-	-	100	00
15 "	-	-	-	-	-	-	- 000	-
20 "	-	-	-	-	-	- 00	-	-
25 " 35 " 45 "	1	-	-	-	-00	-	-	-
35 "	-		-	-	-	-	-	-
45 "	2	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
55 "			-	-	-	-	-	-
	1	-	- 00	-	-	-	-	-
75 & upwards	-	-	-	-	-	_	-	-
	5	2		-	-	-	-	-
Totals	7	~)	-		-		-

The notification of Tuberculosis is reasonably efficient.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE CHIEF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st, DECEMBER, 1962

Dr. J. V. Dyer, Medical Officer of Health, Borough of Colne.

Dear Sir,

I have pleasure in submitting my minth annual report on the work of the Public Health Inspectors. The year saw a full complement of three inspectors, one of whom has more recently left to take up another appointment. We wish Mr. Grindred well in his new appointment at Nelson and thank him for the useful service he gave in this Department. During the year, a pupil public health inspector was appointed, Mr. Peter Wright, who will undertake a four year course of training on a day release basis at the Bradford College of AdvancedTechnology. Mr. Preston, the chief clerk, has again endured a long illness and has now retired from service with the Council. All those who have worked with him will feel regret at his premature retirement.

SMOKE CONTROL.

The first smoke control order was brought into operation on the 1st. August, 1962 and all grants were paid before the year end. There was a marked difference to be seen in this part of the town from the time the cooler weather started. The air in the streets felt clean. Certainly, when smoke was to be seen issuing from a chimney in the Area, it stood out like a sore thumb. Later in the Winter when remnants of previous coal stocks had come to an end and when warnings were given to two or three householders, it was rare indeed to see any domestic smoke.

A survey was completed on the No. 2 Smoke Control Area and the Order was submitted to the Ministry who confirmed it without modification in October, 1962. This area will extend the first area by a further 350 houses and will bring under more strict control a number of industrial furnaces. The Order comes into operation on the 1st. August, 1963. Since the major part of the area is a Corporation Housing Estate, there has had to be much consultation with tenants on the alterations to be made to fireplaces and grates. Where a demonstration tiled surround and approved coke appliance was on show and the householders needs and desires were discussed and finalised. Lists were then prepared and sent to the Borough Engineer for the work to be put in hand.

HOUSING AND SLUM CLEARANCE.

Representation of further Clearance Areas was almost at a standstill since no new housing accommodation was completed nor in the offing at the end of the year. Tenants in properties represented in 1959 were still to be rehoused. Perhaps we were too optimistic in all we decided to represent as unfit.

Nevertheless there was a feeling towards the year end that we could get under way once again in a small way and the Carry Bridge Area was represented, a group of 16 houses. On a brighter note, it properties and the opening up of what now seems a tidy piece of land suitable for redevelopment.

Forward planning is often difficult. It seems particularly so in housing. In 1955 we had our 1st. post war 5 year plan in which we undertook to include 240 houses in clearance areas and demolish 200 houses. By December, 1960, the end of the 5 year period, 266 houses had been represented to the Health Committee for clearance and 171 demolished. A further 22 houses had been represented as individually unfit of which 9 individual unfit houses were demolished, one reconditioned and closing orders made on the remainder. These areas are as follows:-

	No. of houses	Representati	ion Confirmation of order	Demolition
Orders made before Ist, Five Year Programme				
Barkers Fold Clearance Area St. John St. " "	21 18	Mar. 1954 Oct. 1954	Nov. 1954 Apr. 1955	1959 1959
Five Year Programme				
11 11 11 11 11	No.1 9	Jan. 1956 Jan. 1956 Nov. 1957	July 1956 July 1956 Apr. 1958	1959 1960 1959
Ninevah St. " " "	1 1 4	Nov. 1957 June. 1958 June. 1958	Oct. 1958	1959 1960 1960
Corporation property in Ninevah Street and Parliament Street	34	June. 1958	Qet. 1958	1960
John Street " " Bolton Street " " Primet Street " "	29 37 12	June. 1958 Mar. 1959 Sep. 1959 Dec. 1959	0et. 1958	
	266			171

However, we were unable to proceed with the three last mentioned areas, partly because of the decision to rehouse as many people from Bunkers Hill on Bunkers Hill itself where 50 houses and flats were to be built and would not be ready for occupation before mid 1961. Legal delays also built up. Eventually, we found that our 1955 programme was more than could be accomplished and the nett result was 188 houses in confirmed clearance areas and 171 demolished.

The Ministry required local authorities in 1960 to forecast a 2nd. 5 year programme as a continuation of the first. The Health Committee approved a further list of 230 houses, a report on which was considered by the Housing Committee who, in January, 1961, determined to build 330 houses in the next 3 years, 'particularly for the purpose of rehousing the occupants of the slum clearance properties.' The first of these houses is unlikely to be ready for letting before September, 1963.

Progress since 1960 has been as follows:-

Clearance Areas	No. of houses	Representat	tion	Confirmation of order	Demol-
John Street Bolton Street Primet Street Council Properties in	29 37 12	Re-represented	Oct.1961 Nov.1960 Apr.1961	Sep. 1961	1962 1962
Green Road and Helliwell Street Bunkers Hill	8			Houses purch- sed informally	
Clearance Area No. 1 " No. 2 " No. 3	3 6 10		Aug. 1961 Aug. 1961 Aug. 1961	11	1962 2 1962 2 1962 2
Council Properties in Bunkers Hill Carry Bridge	16		Aug. 1961 Oct. 1962	Apr. 1963	1962 2
	130				94 1

When the present 5 year programme is completed it should not be shought that this is the end of slum clearance. As our worst properties are cleared another seam comes to light as the general housing standard is lifted that little bit. Sub standard houses will be with us for the next 20 years and may be for ever. Some persons of authority think that slums are being created faster than they are being cleared. It is a fact that whereas 274 houses have been demolished following the clearance order or demolition order procedure, 47 houses in the same period of time have been demolished due to vandalism and there are another 7 houses partly demolished for the same reason. Vandalism occurs in those parts of the town where some houses are standing empty for long periods. The rot sets in. People in adjoining houses move out.

In 10 or 15 years time we may be regarding all houses without baths as substandard or those occupied by old persons who have to walk to their outside lavatories through rain, snow and ice.

The recent Rowntree Study of housing conditions in England shows that 29% of householders have no bath and 6% a shared one; that 6% have no flush lavatory and 10% a shared one; that 28% have no hot water supply. The nearest estimate that I am able to give of the position in Colne is that 24% of the householders have no bath and 23% without a hot water supply. About 2% of householders share closet accommodation, 20% of householders are still without a separate flushing water closet - tippler closets are still very common.

Is more effort needed by the local authority to halt the downfall of houses? This might be done by a concentrated and systematic inspection of all the houses in those neighbourhoods where owners are letting things go and where the property is worth the effort of saving. It might be a considerable burden on the Public Health Inspectors. Efforts to encourage the improvement of houses by Standard Grants; a continuous publicity campaign, the Council to pursue. But, taking all these efforts for account, only the fringe of the problem is being tackled. Perhaps poorer type of house and making improvements to them itself.

In conclusion I wish to thank other Council Officials for their willing co-operation and I record the excellent service given by my technical staff throughout the year. I have greatly appreciated the interest and support of the Chairman and members of the Health Committee.

I am,

Sir.

Your obedient Servant,

A. PEARSON,

Chief Public Health Inspector.

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES

WATER SUPPLY

TOWN'S WATER

The town's water is obtained from a catchment area of 780 acres near at hand on Emmott Moor and feeds the Laneshaw Reservoir which has a capacity of 75 million gallons.

The reservoir is well situated, 858 feet above Ordnance Datum.

Corn Close Borehole, with pumping plant, was completed in 1937. The capacity of the borehole is 40,000 gallons per hour.

The supply is adequate and of excellent quality, giving satisfactory bacteriological and chemical analyses.

The following examinations were made during the year :-

- (a) Raw Water .. . Bacteriological Examinations 18 Chemical Analysis 4
- (b) Water going into supply, where treatment is installed .. Bacteriological Examinations 68 Chemical Analyses 20

Chlorination plant installed in the Laneshaw Filter House, during 1942, treats both the low level and high level supplies.

Filtration is carried out by Bell and Candy mechanical pressure filters.

Plumbo-solvent action is nil.

Mains extensions to fourteen new houses have been laid. Reservicing work under an assisted scheme has given improved supplies to numerous older houses in various parts of the town.

The water in the outlet main from the open-service reservoir at Bents is re-chlorinated.

Number of houses and business premises, with piped supplies:

Direct from mains (a) Dwellinghouses ... 7295 (b) Business premises ... 932

There are no supplies by means of standpipe.

The supply of town's water is no longer the responsibility of the Colne Corporation. The Statutory Water Undertaker is now the North Calder Water Board. This Board was established on the 1st October, 1960, and comprises Colne, Nelson, Trawden, Barrowford, Brierfield, and parts of Burnley Rural District.

TEMPORARY AND PERMANENT HARDNESS OF WATER

FOR COLNE 1962

High Level - Temporary - Removable by boiling " - Permanent - After boiling	Parts per 100,000 6.3 1.1
	7.4
Low Level - Temporary - Removable by boiling " - Permanent - After boiling	3.5
	5.1

PRIVATE WATER SUPPLIES

Forty-nine dwellings obtain their water from private sources. These are mainly farmhouses, and country cottages. One such dwelling was connected to the public mains supply during the year.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

There are approximately 40 miles of sewers within the area.

SEWAGE DISPOSAL

The arrangements for sewage disposal are concentrated at the Sewage Purification Works in Burnley Road.

The reconstruction of these Works was completed during 1961. The treatment now comprises grit removal, detritus maceration, primary settlement in two circular settlement tanks, primary and secondary filters with recirculation and humus tank treatment of the filter effluent. The sludge from the primary tanks and the humus tanks is collected in sludge wells, conditioned with lime and copperas, and pressed in filter presses to remove the excess water. The pressed sludge is stored at the Works and sold for agricultural purposes.

No sewer extensions were carried out during the year.

RIVERS AND STREAMS

The Lancashire Rivers Board is responsible for the supervision and protection of the rivers and streams in the area and, where necessary their attention is directed to cases of river pollution.

CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

There were 33 pail closets and 41 privies still in use in the area at the end of the year. In most of these cases there is an adequate supply of water, but no sewer available. Conversions to the water carriage system would necessitate the provisions of a septic tank and filter, but due care should be taken before installations are carried out, to ensure that land and ditches are not fouled by the effluents.

In September, 1958, for a period of three years, the Council made available a Grant towards the cost of converting a pail closet to a fresh water closet. In October, 1961, this period was extended for a further three years. The Grant is £25, or half the cost of conversion, whichever, is the lower. One grant £19.18.0d was paid during the year. In two other cases, Standard Grants, under the provisions of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959, were paid to owners.

The conversion of 121 waste-water closets into fresh water closets has been carried out during the year under review.

The Corporation Grant of £7 los Od. per conversion was made in 78 instances. The other 43 conversions comprised part of improvement schemes submitted to the Council for approval, and the cost of the work involved qualified for Standard or Improvement Grants under the provisions of the House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959.

At the end of the year there were still approximately 1868 waste-water closets within the Borough. Their conversion is the greatest outstanding sanitary improvement needed.

Conversions	and	additions	in	1962	:-
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Waste W.C.s. To fresh W.C.s.		. 121	
Waste W.C.s. abolished		0.3	
Privy Closets to fresh w o	0 0	0 87	
Privy Closets to fresh W.C.s.		0 50	
Pall Closets to fresh W.C.s.		2	
Additional Fresh W.C.s. provided	0 0	0 _ 3	
Water Conar Fresh W.C.S. provided		. 115	
Water Closets abolished		. 14	
	0 0	0 44	

Various types existing at the end of 1961,

		THE RESERVE AND DESCRIPTION OF THE PERSON NAMED IN	The same of the same of the same of	CHEMINATORENES
Totals	7699	1868	41	32
Offices, etc.	142	10		-
Day Schools Public Buildings	161			
Institutions	141	-	2	
Factories, Offices & Lock-up Shops Sunday Schools and	942	12	-	
Dwellinghouses	F.W.C.s. 6313	W.W.C.s. 1846	Privies 39	Pails 32
		ALLE CARE OF	47V44	

PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse is collected from approximately 8,000 bins at houses and other buildings, and is transported in three Karrier Bantam and one Shelvoke and Drewery 'Fore and Aft Tipping Body' Refuse collector vehicles. A weekly collection of house refuse is maintained.

Refuse disposal is carried out solely by controlled tipping at Bunkers Hill Tip.

A Salvage Scheme has been in operation since 1940 and up to the end of March, 1963, 8883 tons of material at a value of £40,881 had been recovered and sold.

Street cleansing is carried out by a Karrier Motor Sweeper and by collectors, working on the "beat" system with "Orderly" trucks.

Gullies are emptied by a Karrier "Yorkshire" Gully Emptier. Septic tanks are emptied at owners' request and cost, by the same means. There are no cesspools to be cleaned as a rate borne charge.

The majority of the pail closets are emptied weekly by the Corporation, but there are a number of pail and privy closets in the more inaccessible parts of the district which are emptied by the occupiers. This service is adminstered by the Borough Engineer to whom I am indebted for most of this information.

SANITARY INSPECTIONS OF THE AREA

The following is a summary of the 4,268 inspections made by the Public Health Inspectors during the year :-

Houses re defects (complaints, etc)			812
" i . O i d di sanna			4
			111
			9
Te inneroning oo oo oo oo	00	00	62
Inspected under nousing acces	00	00	61
" re overcrowding	00	00	7
" re Corporation house tenancies		00	15
Visits to clearance areas		00	36
Drains inspected and/or tested		00	430
Sewers in in in in	-		5
Visite we sentie tanks		00	6
91 4 4 4 4 4 1 4 1 4	00	00	66
Factories with power		00	
Factories without power	00	00	5
Workplaces (general)	00	00	2
Smoke observations	00		124
Visits to premises re smoke emissions		00	18
Visits re smoke control areas		1	142
Dairies, milkshops and milk vehicles		00	6
Rakehouses			47
Toe Cwasm mandage	00	0.0	
For ad Pich shows	00	00	24
Cofe and annual	00	00	13
Cafe and canteen premises	00	00	40
Food shops - Butchers	00	00	27
W - Grosers	00	00	27
" - Greengrosers.	00		8
W = Confectioners			A
W W m Others		00	7
Premises re making up of meat products	0.0	00	3
VIRING TO Public Absences	00	00	0
Vigita to rubite ADBSCOIF.	00		609
Visits to private slaughterhouses			285
Food vehicles			3
Visits re unsound food			8
Market Hall	0 0	00	14
Keeping of poultry, animals, etc		8.5	2
VASAUS re rats and mice	0 0	00	
Farus		00	27
Offensive Trades and Marine Stores		00	7
	0 0	00	3
Pat shops	0 0	00	14
Public Courts of the contract	0 0	00	4
Public Sanitary Conveniences			59
Dunkers hill Tip		77	5
Visits re marking of food - Merchandise	0 0	00	2
Morks Ast		00	-
Rivers and streams	0	00	3
Hospitals			3
Licensed Premises	0	00	2
Water Semples for	0		3323
Water Samples for chemical analyses		20170	3
			4
DUTCHESAN			36
Informal " "		••	16
Informal " "			46
Informal "Bacteriological (a) Water			16
Informal "Bacteriological (a) Water (b) Milk			16
Informal "Bacteriological (a) Water (b) Milk (c) Ice Cream		• • •	46 10 33
Informal "Bacteriological (a) Water (b) Milk (c) Ice Cream		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	46 10 33 26
Informal "Bacteriological (a) Water (b) Milk (c) Ice Cream (b) Phosphatase Test		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	46 10 33 26 20
Informal "Bacteriological (a) Water (b) Milk (c) Ice Cream (b) Phosphatase Test (c) Turbidity Test		• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	46 10 33 26

ADDITIONAL SPECIAL VISITS

Rodent Operat							844
Disinfecting	and Sto	oving	after	infe	ctio	us	
Diseases -	Houses						3

TABLE OF NUISANCES RECORDED AND ABATED

Number	of	complaint	s received				 300
99	#	informal n	notices served				 137
11			notices served				38
99	11	nuisances	discovered				 234
11	11		abated				
н	**	. "	carried forward t	0	196	3	 76 outstanding from 1961)

LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

No legal proceedings were instituted during the year.

FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS Factories Acts, 1937 to 1961 PART I OF THE ACT

1 - Inspection for purposes of provisions as to health

	Number	Numb	er of	
Premises	on Register	Inspections		Prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1,2,3,4 and 6 are to be enforced				
by Local Authorities (ii) Factories notinclanded in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced	39	5	3	7
by the Local Authority (iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding	143	50	-	
outworkers premises)	5	7	1	-
Total	187	62	4	-

2 - Cases in which defects were found

	Numb	Number of cases in which defects were found				
Particulars			Refer	red	which pro-	
	Found	Remedied	to H.M. Inspector	By H.M Inspecto	secutions were Pinstituted	
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 (b) Unsuitable or	1	1	-	-	-	
(c) Not separate for	3	3	-	1	-	
Other offences against the Act (not including	-	-	-	-	-	
Outwork)	-	-	-		-	
Total	4	4	-	1	-	

PART VIII OF THE ACT

OUTWORK

(Sections 110 and 111)

	Section	n 110		Section 111			
Nature of work	No. of out- workers in August list required by Sec.110 (1) (c)	cases of default in sending	Prosec- utions for failure	No, of instances of work in un- wholesome y premises	Notices served	Prosecutions	
Wearing apparel making, etc.	14		- 11			00	

RODENT CONTROL

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 No. of rodent operatives employed - one (part-time).
Action relating to rodent control during 1962.

	Type of Property				
	Non-agricultural		Agricultural		
	Dwelling Houses	All Other			
(a) No. of properties in district	7273	940	70		
(b) No. of properties inspected	118	96	7		
(c) Total inspections carried out (incl. re-inspections)	586	351	60		
(d) No. of properties inspected which were found to be infested by:					
Rats - major minor	16	36	2 5		
Mice - major minor	110	5 55	-: -		
(e) No. of infested properties treated	117	96	7		
(f) Total treatments carried out (incl. re-treatments)	132	106	9		
(g) No. of "Block" control schemes carried out	5	2	1		

MAINTENANCE TREATMENT FOR RATS IN SEWERS

Test-baiting of the public sewer system was carried out during May. Sixty-nine manholes were baited, of which 'takes' were recorded in 5 instances.

Two separate treatments were carried out during the year as follows:-

Dates of Treatment	No, of manholes Baited	No. showing Prebait 'Take'	Bait Used
1962			
June 7th onwards	22	Nil	'Warfarin' S.T.
Nov. 26th onwards	22	6	- do -

It would appear that the sewers are almost free from infestation.

No legal action was taken and no notices were served under the provisions of the Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

MOVABLE DWELLINGS AND CAMPING SITES

There are no camping sites in the Borough nor individual caravans permanently occupied.

COMMON LODGING HOUSES

There are no registered Common Lodging Houses within the Borough.

OFFENSIVE TRADES

The offensive trades carried out in Colne are: -

Tanners 3: Leather Dressers 1

These businesses have been carried on without complaint during the year.

SHOPS AND OFFICES

During the year 126 inspections were made to shops and 2 to offices. The prevailing conditions relating to wentilation, temperature and to sanitary conveniences were in general satisfactory.

Eleven written notices were served, and eight written notices complied with. Verbal requests were made in four instances, and in eight cases, verbal instructions were found to have been complied with. These were concerned with the display of Notices under the provisions of the Shops Acts. Observation shows that shops in the town are closing before the appointed hour.

ANALYSIS OF SHOPS WITHIN THE BOROUGH

Antiques1	Broughtforward 279
Arts and Crafts 1	Ladies and Childrens's
Brushmaker 1	Ware and Dranews
Builders' Merchants and	Ware and Drapery 31
	Needlecraft and Knitting
Fire-range Dealers 2	Wools 2
Butchers 24	Newsagents and Booksellers 21
Cabinet Makers and	Painters and Decorators, 16
Upholsterers 1	Pet Shops 3
Carpet Dealers 1	Dhata
Chemists 6	Diatuma Wasansas
Cloggers and Boot and Shoe	Plumbane Framers 1
Repairs and Sales 15	Plumbers 12
Confectioners, Cafes, etc 25	Printers, Stationery, etc 3 Refrigerator, sales
Cycle and Motor Coult	
Cycle and Motor Cycle Dealers	Sweets 12
2	Self Service Stores 2
Dry Cleaners 5	Tailors and Outfitters 10
Fish Fryers	Toys 1
Florists 3	Tripe Sellers
Furnishers (House) 6	Tripe Sellers
	Wine & Spirit Merchants 2
	Wireless, T.V. Electrical.
General Store	and Music Dealers 20
Glass and China Was so	Vacant Shops 37
Glass and China Ware . 1	31
Greengrocers 14	454
Grocers and mixed 103	Market Hall:
nairdressers (Ladies) 16	Chann
" (Gents) o	0+-33-
Herbalist	Stalls 76
Ironmongers and Hardware 7	Cafes 3
Jewellers and Optician. 2	Vacant
2 and obescram.	
_	Grand Total 581
279	Grand Total 581
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Licences were granted to the proprietors of three Pet Shops, under the provisions of the Pet Animals Act, 1951.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

One hundred and twenty four observations, each of 30 minutes' duration, were taken during the year from the 38 factory chimneys now in use in the district. In 12 instances it was found necessary to report the existence of a smoke nuisance to the management of the firms concerned. Eighteen wisits were made to premises regarding smoke emissions, and advice given to management, engineers and stokers. No legal proceedings were taken.

One application for prior approval of boiler plant was made by the Carr Manufacturing Co. Ltd., Standroyd Mill. Approval was given to the installation of a packaged boiler with oil firing equipment.

Building Bye-laws made on October 1st. 1957, under the provisions of Section 24 of the Clean Air Act, now require the provisions in new buildings of such arrangements for heating or cooking as are calculated to prevent so far as is practicable the emission of smoke.

SMOKE CONTROL AREAS

The target year for completion of the programme is 1976. This will absorb the built up parts of the town.

The Colne (No.1) Smoke Control Order, comprising 333 houses in the Barrowford Road area of the town, come into operation on the 1st. August, 1962.

The Colne (No.2) Smoke Control Order was submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in mid 1961. This has been confirmed. It is of approximately similar dimensions to the No. 1 area, except that the majority of the houses are Council houses. In addition the opportunity has been taken to impose conditions on 4 factories in the area for the reduction of smoke.

During the year, 1,142 visits were made on this work.

INVESTIGATION OF ATMOSPHERIC POLLUTION

Daily measurements of Smoke and Sulphur Expressed as micro grammes per cubic metre.

Since a mere list of figures is of no interest unless we can evaluate them or compare them with figures shown for other towns I have set out the monthly results obtained from the instrument housed at the Health Department, Colne together with the results given by the Department of Scientific and Industrial Research of certain other instruments.

SHOKE

	P.H. Dept.	Accrington Town Hall	Burnley Town Hall	Lancaster Residential Im. from town	Salford	Islington
Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May. June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov. Dec.	406 195 320 170 133 95 59 84 127 228 324 424	135 112 195 84 65 40 36 70 96 - 337 357	386 216 285 140 110 89 68 74 83 74 264 427	113 60 145 54 43 20 28 14 42 90 175 177	664 447 603 418 365 259 304 372 524 648 667	88 53 152 102 81 30 47 49 68 174 250 390

SULPHUR DIOXIDE

	Colne P.H. Dept.	Accrington Town Hall	Burnley Town Hall	Lancaster Residential im. from town	Salford	Islington
Jan. Feb. Mar. Apr. May June July Aug. Sept. Oct. Nov.	341 181 266 121 135 61 55 79 85 192 273 344	266 163 269 117 137 90 71 77 146 - 384 422	416 385 317 162 152 116 101 135 168 260 341 444	129 86 164 94 82 50 63 38 65 114 207 207	636 461 549 382 364 222 255 316 453 671 772	252 201 270 171 123 79 90 73 104 214 273 573

There is room for a great deal of improvement during the Winter months and the figures, rather surprisingly, show Colne to have a worse smoke pollution than either Burnley or Accrington town centres.

Ideally, we should have several instruments in Colne so that comparison could be made of different parts of the town, particularly the Smoks Control Areas.

DISINFESTATION

Disinfestation is here taken to include all insects and parasites.

Private houses are inspected and disinfested upon complaint of infestation from the owner or occupier, and treatment is carried out according to circumstances.

The following treatments were carried out under the supervision of the Public Health Inspectors:-

Types of Premises	No. of Premises	No. of Treatments carried out
Council Houses	32	39
Other Houses	18	22
Schools	4	6
Tip	1	3
Business premi	ses 3	3

Insecticides used depend on the type of infestation found. Bugs, house flies and blow flies are treated with D.D.T. dusts or liquid emulsions. Empty houses treated for fleas are dealt with by "Gammexane" smoke generators. Cockroach infestations are treated with "Dieldrin" and "Malathion dusts." The results obtained were quite satisfactory. The technique in treating for cockroaches has been improved.

CORPORATION HOUSES - INCOMING TENSANTS

Presonal effects and premises of prospective Corporation tenants moving from slum clearance areas are inspected for vermin, and treatment arranged if found necessary.

SCHOOLS

There are 18 County Schools within the Borough. Of these 18 schools, there are 1 Grammar School and 3 Secondary Modern Schools. All 4 schools in this category are buildings which have been brought into use since the war.

Most of the schools have now taken on a "new look." Modern colour schemes have been introduced into the class rooms and main halls, and this has been greatly appreciated by Staff, pupils and visitors.

We can no longer comment on the unsatisfactory washing facilities at the Junior and Infant Schools. It is a matter of great satisfaction that in all Schools there are now sufficient wash basins over which hot and cold running water is available.

In the older schools, although the closet accommodation is in good condition under normal usage, the mere fact that it is not under cover means that every Winter there are freeze ups and bursts. This Winter has been worse than for many years. Conditions in some schools became very acute. We should not be satisfied until all school conveniences are under cover and heating available to prevent freezing up.

SWIMMING BATHS AND POOLS

There are no privately owned swimming baths or pools open to the public. The Corporation owns Public Baths and Swimming Pools, which were opened in 1909. A large scale programme of modernisation is being carried out before opening in June 1963.

They consist of the following :-

An adult swimming pool, children's pool, shower and foot baths, and also seats for spectators, with dressing cubicles and sanitary accommodation. There is also a series of medicated baths. The children's swimming pool was modernised and reopened at the beginning of the 1962 swimming season, after being closed to the public for many years.

The water is chlorinated by automatic doser after filtration and reheating. Twelve samples of bath water were submitted for bacteriological examination. Of these samples 8 were satisfactory and 4 unsatisfactory. A new filter plant was installed during the early part of the year.

HOUSING

Number of new houses erected during the year:-

	Houses	Flats 1	Bungalows
(a) Total including numbers given separately under (b)	13	-	-
(i) By the Local Authority (ii) By other Local Authorities (iii) By other bodies and persons	13	:	=
(b) With state assistance under the Ho		t:-	
(i) By the Local Authority (ii) By other bodies and persons	-	-	=
Total number of new houses built by under Housing Acts, 1919-1957 to the en	y the Lo	cal Auth	ority 601
1. Inspection of dwelling-houses duri	ng the y	ear:-	
(1) (a) Total number of dwelling formally or informally	for hous	ing	
defects (under Public H	ealth or	Housing	352
made of the property			al 1,011
(c) No. of dwelling-houses found to be not in all	respects		
reasonably fit for huma but capable of being re	n habita	tion it	110
(2) Total No. of dwelling-houses of year which were unfit for	human		
habitation and not capable a expense of being rendered fi	t		443

2.	Houses Demolished:-					
	in Clearance Areas:	House	es	Displ	Lace	during Year
	The same of the same of	Demolis	shed	Perso	ns	Families
(1)	Houses Unfit for human					
(2)	habitation Houses included by reason of	85		21		12
	bad arrangement, etc.	-		-		
(3)	Houses on land acquired under					
	Section 43(2), Housing Act, 1957.	-		-		
(4)	Not in Clearance Areas: As a result of formal or inform	-1				1300
1.1	procedure under Section 17 (1)					
(5)	Housing Act, 1957 Local Authority owned houses	6		-		-
())	certified unfit by the Medical					17.33
(6)	Officer of Health Houses unfit for human	9		-		-
(-)	habitation where action has			-		
(7)	Unfit houses included in	-		-		-
.,,	Unfitness Orders	-		-		-
-		-	-			
3.	Unfit Houses Closed:-	Numbe	er	Displa	sed	during Year
				Person	0.8	Families
(1)	Under Sections 16(4), 17(1) and 35(1), Housing Act, 1957 Under Sections 17(3), and		T			
(2)	Under Sections 17(3), and	-		-		-
	20, nousing Act. 1957	-		-		-
()	Parts of buildings closed under Section 18, Housing Act, 1957	-				_
4.	Unfit Houses Made Fit and Houses		7		7	
	which Defects were Remedied	2 TW	B	y Owners		Local
(3)	164 m 4 m 6 m - 2 m - 1		-		1	luthority
(2)	After informal action by local s After formal notice under	uthority		107		-
	(a) Public Health Ac	ts		25		10
	(b) Housing Act, 195 Sec. 9 & 16			_		
(3)	Under Section 24, Housing Act, 1	957		-		-
5.	Unfit Houses in Temporary Use		in	mber of		Nam of
	(Housing Act, 1957)			ouses		ber of parate
						llings
Posi	tion at end of year:					umn (1)
(1)	netained for temporary accommode	tion -	((1)		(2)
	(a) Under Section 48 (b) Under Section 17 (2)			-		
(2)	(G) Under Section 46			-		
(2)	Licensed for temporary occupation under Sections 34 or 53	n				
	J. 01))			-		
						The state of the s

6. Purchase of Houses by Agreement: - N	umber of Houses	Number of occupants of houses
Houses in Clearance Areas other than	(1)	in column (1)
those included in confirmed Clearance Orders or Compulsory Purchase Orders, purchased during the year		-

7. Housing Act, 1949 and Housing (Financial Provisions)
Act. 1958 - Improvement grants, etc.

			bodies or viduals	Local A	uthority
		No. of Schemes	No, of dwelling houses or other buildings affected	No. of Schemes	No. of dwelling houses or other buildings affected
(a)	Submitted by private individuals to local authority	-	-		-
(b)	Approved by local authority	_	-	-	-
(c)	Submitted by local		14 15 15 15		2
(4)	authority to Ministry Finally approved by	y -	-	-	-
	Ministry	-	-	-	2
(e)	Work completed	-	-	-	1
(f)	Additional separate dwellings included in (e) above			_	
8. 1	House Purchase and Housing Act, 1959 - Standard Grants :-			No. of or other affe	dwellings r buildings cted
	Action during year (a) Applications single local authority (b) Applications applications applications (c) Work completed	proved 1		78 77 93	

HOUSING CONDITIONS

The number of houses at the end of the year was 7,348 of which 7,160 were inhabited.

Approximately 230 houses have still to be dealt with under the slum clearance programme to the end of 1965.

One-fifth of the houses are Council houses, mainly living room, scullery, 3 bedrooms and bathroom type. The remainder are mostly terraced, stone built houses, of sound construction built around the beginning of this century, many of which lack modern amenities. Several house owners, mainly owner-occupiers have made application for Standard Grants, as will be seen from the preceeding table.

Overcrowding - The exact number of cases of overcrowding is unknown, but probably very few. No cases of overcrowding on Corporation estates were found. Two cases of overcrowding were discovered in private houses. The owner/occupiers were warned and the overcrowding, in each case, was abated within a short time.

The total number on the waiting list for Corporation houses is 488 Viz, -

No. of applicants for Corporation flats ... 131
" " bungalows... 176
" houses ... 181

Particulars of Housing Schemes in hand or contemplated: --

In hand: Lob Common - Scheme NO. 37 - 12 Houses and 82 flats,

Contemplated: Bunkers Hill, 6 houses and 68 flats.

INSPECTION AND SUPERVISION OF FOOD

ANALYSIS OF FOOD PREMISES WITHIN THE BOROUGH

Type of Business		No. of Premises
General Grocers and Provision of Greengrocers and Fruiterers (in selling wet fish, game, etc) Meat Shops (butchers, purveyor preserved meats, tripe, etc) Bakers and/or Confectioners Fried Fish Shops Shops selling mainly Sugar Confectioners, Ice Cream, etc Licensed Premises, Clubs, Canters Cafes, Snack Bars, etc Others	s of cooked and	103 14 25 25 25 15 12 66 10
4930000	Total	270

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955. SECTION 16

REGISTERED PREMISES

Type of Business	No. Registered	No. of inspections during year
Fish Fryers	15	13
Ice Cream (Manufacture)	2	5
" (Storage and Sale)	74	19
Preparation and Manufacture of Meat Products, including Meat Pies	36	27
Total	127	64

MILK SUPPLY

THE MILK AND DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATION, 1959

No. of distributors registered by the Local Authority and operating from :-

(a) Dairies in the district 28
(b) Shops in the district other than dairies ... 49

THE MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATION) REGULATIONS, 1960
No. of dealers' licences in force at the end of year in respect of:-

(a) Pasteurising plant

(b) Sterilising plant

(c) Pre-packed milk (Reg.12) (1) (c)

(d) Tuberculin Tested milk (Reg 12.)

(1) (d)

- Nil

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No refusal of revocation of licences for designated milk was necessary during the year.

SAMPLES TAKEN IN THE DISTRICT:
(a) Samples for Biological Examination -

		RESULTS					
	No. of samples	Positive	Negative	No Result			
Total number submitted	20						
Results:- (i) Tuberculosis (ii) Brucellosis - (iii) " (iv) "	Ring Test Culture Test Biological Test	4 - 3	19 14 -	1 2 - 3			

(b) Samples for Statutory Tests -

		RESULTS						
	No. of Samples	Satisfactory	Unsatis- factory	Void Samples				
Raw Milk: (i) Methylene Blue Test	21	20	i					
Heat Treated Milk: (i) Methylene Blue Test (ii) Phosphatase	15	15	-	-				
Test (iii) Turbidity) (15	-	-				
Test	2	2	-	-				

ICE CREAM

There are on the register, 2 manufacturer/retailers and 74 retailers. The former are one small trader and one large retail van depot and the latter retail, almost exclusively, pre-packed ice creams. In addition, there are 3 motor vehicles from neighbouring authorities from which ice cream is sold in the district.

Twenty-four inspections were made during the year, including visits to the two registered manufacturer/ retailers. One of these uses the heat-treatment method and one the cold-mix method satisfactorily.

Twenty-six samples were taken for bacteriological examination. Sixteen were Grade 1, five Grade 2, three Grade 3 and two Grade 4.

THE FOOD HYGIENE (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1960

Excluding the Public Abattoir and the two private slaughterhouses, 228 inspections were made to premises preparing and/or selling food. The following notices were served and complied with:-

	Served	Complied with
Informal	15	20
Verbal	 9	8

(The informal notices complied with include some outstanding from the previous year.)

The work carried out in respect of these notices was:-

Provision of counter screens, painting and decoration, provision of sinks, wash basins and hot water, with soap towels and nail brushes, provision of artificial lighting, "wash hands" notices and first aid kits, repair of structural defects and provision of refuse bins.

CLEAN FOOD CAMPAIGN

The importance of cleanly practices is stressed to all food traders and others handling food, and no opportunity is missed of speaking to various organisations or of prominently displaying clean food posters.

FOOD POISONING

No cases were notified during the year.

MEAT INSPECTION

PUBLIC ABATTOIR

Slaughtering is carried out at the Abattoir by the North East Lancashire Meat Wholesalers Ltd., on their own behalf and for any other butcher requiring animals slaughtered, at charges agreed by the Corporation.

Improvements were carried out to the Abattoir in 1951/52, additional lairage provided in 1953, and a refrigerator and an overhead weighing scale were installed in 1955. The N. E. L Meat Wholesalers Ltd., installed a deep freeze refrigerator which came into use on the 1st January, 1960. A cowshed to hold 24 cows was built and came into use in 1962. Every endeavour is made to ensure that slaughtering takes place under the most hygienic conditions.

PRIVATE SLAUGHTERHOUSES:

Two private slaughterhouses are licensed, these being the Co-operative Society's Slaughterhouse in Stanley Street, and James Pickles and Sons, rear 5, Market Street.

ANIMALS SLAUGHTERED AND INSPECTED

1962

	Public	Private Sla	Private Slaughterhouses					
	Abattoir	Stanley St.	Rear 5 Market St,	Totals				
Cows	2005	-	-	2005				
Cattle other than cows.	2184 14258	857 3365	149 616	3190 18239				
Pigs	1581	1144	-	2725 62				
Totals	20090	5366	765	26221				

CARCASES INSPECTED AND CONDEMNED WITHIN THE DISTRICT

	196	02	A CONTRACTOR OF THE PARTY OF TH			
	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	3190	2005	62	18239	2725	-
Number inspected	3190	2005	62	18239	2725	-
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci - Whole carcasses condemned	1	12	4	49	8	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	523	964	1	399	269	-
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosi and Cysticerci	s 16,42	48.67	8.06	2.45	10.16	
Tuberculosis only - Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-		1	-
Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	5	1	-	-	28	_
Percentage of number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	0.15	0.04	-	-	1,10	-
Cysticercosis - Carcasses of which some part or organ was condemned	-	-	120	-	-	
Carcasses submitted to treatment by refrigeration	10	1	-		-	-
Generalised and totally condemned	-	-	-	-	-	-

IMPORTED MEAT:

The following quantity of Imported Meat was distributed from the Abattoir during the year:-

Total Nett weight 43 tons 0 cwts. 2 qtrs. 24 lbs.

MEAT AND FOOD CONDEMNED

MEAT AND OFFAL:

From disease other than Tuberculosis:

		Tons	Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs,	Tons	Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs.
Meat .		4	6	2	9				
Offal,		6	8	1	3				
					total il	10	14	3	12
From T	uberculos	is:							
			Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs.				
Meat			5	0	11				
Offal			1	1	0				

Total

6

1

11

1

0

11

23

DISPOSAL OF CONDEMNED MEAT AND OFFAL

Condemned meat and offal from the Public Abattoir and private slaughterhouses is disposed of through trade channels. It is collected twice weekly, and is used for the manufacture of tallows, grease, bone meal and fertilisers. The meat is stained with a green dye at the Abattoir.

OTHER FOODS:

127 certificates were issued to cover the following items of foodstuffs examined and rejected as unfit for human consumption.

							Cwts.	Qtrs.	Lbs
Canned	Meat						 3	3	1
н	Fruit					.,	 2	2	20
n	Vegat	able	s an	d So	up			3	27
11	Fish								2
11	Milk								2
Potato	9.5						 1	1	10
Flour	(1 x 1	401b	. sa	ck)			 1	1	0
Miscel	laneou	8							11
							10	0	17

These goods were disposed of by controlled tipping.

ADULTERATION OF FOOD AND DRUGS

The Local Authority became a food and Drugs Authority as from 1st. October, 1939, and the following samples were purchased during 1962:-

FORMAL: -

Milk	••	 	••	••	••	 		16
FORMAL:-								
Milk		 				 		19
Ice Cream		 				 		19 5 3 1
Pork Sausage		 				 		3
Beef "		 				 		1
Cream		 				 		1
Fig Jam		 				 		1
Strawberry Jam		 				 		1
Lemon Curd		 				 		1
Lemon Cheese		 				 		1
Margarine		 				 		1
Cherry Jelly		 				 		1
Strawberry Jelly		 				 		1
Tea		 				 		1
Mixed pickles	**	 				 		1
Liquid paraffin		 				 		1
Camphorated oil		 				 		1 1 1 2
Lung tonic		 				 		1
Indian brandy		 				 		1
Marzipan		 				 		1
Mincemeat		 				 	**	2
								61
								01

ADULTERATED SAMPLES

Article	Formal or Informal	Nature of Adulteration	Observations
Pork Sausage	Informal No. 21	Deficient of meat. Meat content 60 per cent	Pork sausage should contain at least 65% meat. (Public Analyst' opinion). The produce was given a warning.
Ice Cream	Informal No. 26	Deficient of fat and non-fatty milk solids. Fat content -4% Non-fatty milk solids - 7%	Ice Cream should contain at least 5% fat and 7½% non-fatty milk solids. (The Food Standards - Ice Cream-Regulations, 1959)
Strawberry Jelly	Informal No. 51	Setting of jelly un- satisfactory	There was formally a setting required for jellies, now abandone Letter to maker. Enquiries revealed the stock was 2 years old - possibly some deterioration involved.

No legal proceedings were taken.
Of the total number of samples taken, 3% were found to be adulterated.

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