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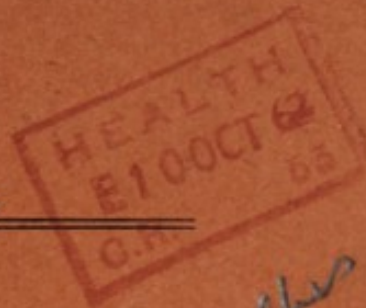
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To the Mayor, Aldermen and Members of the  
Congleton Borough Council.

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Mr. Mayor, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present to you  
the Annual Report for the year 1961 on the  
Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the  
Borough.

The Estimated Population has again  
risen this time to 16930, an increase of 720.

There was a considerable epidemic of  
Measles but fortunately with no mortality.  
This disease is not to be taken lightly.  
It is a distressing illness with serious  
complications and can cause permanent lung  
damage. It also causes considerable  
dislocation in the Schools. There is,  
however, some hope that in the near future  
a satisfactory vaccine will be produced.

During the year there was a visit from  
the Mass Radiography Unit in connection  
with the campaign against Tuberculosis.  
Of the 5710 X-rayed seven persons were  
found who required close supervision and  
nine who required occasional supervision.  
Although these numbers are small in  
relation to the total examined it does  
mean that several potential sources of  
spread of infection are brought under  
control. The persons discovered are not  
aware that they are active with the disease  
as it is in its earliest stages when it is

most susceptible to Sanatorium treatment and modern antibiotics and drugs. There is no doubt that a more frequent service from the Mass Radiography Unit is necessary and essential. I consider that a Local Health Authority the size of Cheshire should have its own Mass Radiography Unit.

It is regretted that a start was not possible on the provision of Flatlet accommodation for infirm old people. In addition to this type of dwelling unit there is also a great need for Bungalows, particularly in the West End of the town. I occasionally come across families occupying Council Houses which are under occupied. Very often the tenants would prefer to be in a Bungalow or smaller unit. There is a case for an occupancy review of all our Council Houses so that a true picture of the housing needs may be obtained.

Once again I should like to thank the Town Clerk, Mr.Mee, and his staff for their help and guidance readily given at all times. Mr.Whiston, our Chief Public Health Inspector is the Officer I work closest with and I cannot speak too highly of his efficiency, knowledge and tact. I also wish to pay tribute to Mr.Halpin, the Borough Engineer and Surveyor, for his contribution to this report.

I beg to remain,  
Your obedient Servant,

L.RICH,

Medical Officer of Health.



The figures in brackets throughout this report are for 1960.

## STATISTICS AND SOCIAL CONDITIONS

### Extracts from Vital Statistics

Estimated Population ... .. 16930 (16210)

#### BIRTHS

		<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Live Births	(Legitimate)	257 (277)	134 (136)	123 (141)
	(Illegitimate)	7 (12)	4 (2)	3 (10)
Still Births	(Legitimate)	5 (2)	2 (1)	3 (1)
	(Illegitimate)	2 (1)	- (1)	2 (-)

Live birth rate per 1000 estimated average population mid  
1961 15.4 (17.6)

Live birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the  
population 17.4 (17.1)

Still birth rate per 1000 total (live and still)  
births 25.8 (10.2)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total  
(live and still) births 18.7 (19.7)

Still birth rate per 1000 total population .41 (.18)

Still birth rate for England and Wales per 1000 total  
population .33 (.34)

#### INFANTILE MORTALITY

The total number of deaths is shown as follows :-

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Legitimate	3 (3)	2 (2)	1 (1)
Illegitimate	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)



Infantile mortality rate per 1000 live births 11.3 (10.3)  
 Infantile mortality rate for England and Wales 21.4 (21.7)  
 Legitimate infants per 1000 legitimate live births 11.6 (10.8)  
 Illegitimate infants per 1000 illegitimate live births 0 (0)

# DEATHS

	<u>Total</u>	<u>Male</u>	<u>Female</u>
Deaths, all ages	214 (225)	109 (113)	105 (112)

Death rate per 1000 estimated average population 13 (14.5)

Death rate for England and Wales per 1000 of the  
 population 12 (11.5)

The following table shows the deaths from all causes within  
 the district during the past year.

~~|     | <u>Total</u> | <u>Male</u> | <u>Female</u> |
|-----|--------------|-------------|---------------|
| (1) | (2)          | (3)         | (4)           |
| (5) | (6)          | (7)         | (8)           |~~

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Tuberculosis, respiratory	-	-	-
Tuberculosis, other	-	-	-
Syphilitic disease	-	-	-
Diphtheria	-	-	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-
Meningococcal Infections	-	-	-
Acute Poliomyelitis	-	-	-
Measles	-	-	-
Other infective and parasitic disease	-	-	-
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	3	1	2
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus	8	8	-
Malignant neoplasm, breast	2	-	2
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	-	-	-
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	15	8	7
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	-	-	-
Diabetes	-	-	-
Vascular lesions of nervous system	45	21	24
Coronary disease, angina	50	29	21
Hypertension with heart disease	1	-	1
Other heart diseases	38	8	30
Other circulatory disease	8	2	6
Influenza	1	-	1

Cause	Total	Male	Female
Pneumonia	6	3	3
Bronchitis	7	7	-
Other diseases of respiratory system	2	2	-
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum	2	1	1
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea	-	-	-
Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	1	-
Hyperplasia of prostate	1	1	-
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	-	-
Congenital malformations	-	-	-
Other defined and ill defined diseases	12	8	4
Motor vehicle accidents	1	1	-
All other accidents	5	3	2
Suicide	5	4	1
Homicide and operations of war	-	-	-
<b>Total</b>	<b>214</b>	<b>109</b>	<b>105</b>

# Deaths from Puerperal and Maternal causes

No. of deaths

Puerperal Sepsis

Other maternal causes

Maternal Mortality rate per 1000 live and still births

No. of deaths

Rate

0 (0)

0 (0)

0 (0)



Cancer of the Lung and Bronchus.

	Male	Female	Total
1950	1	-	1
1951	3	1	4
1952	4	-	4
1953	2	1	3
1954	4	1	5
1955	3	-	3
1956	6	2	8
1957	4	1	5
1958	6	-	6
1959	4	1	5
1960	5	1	6
1961	8	-	8

GENERAL PROVISIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE AREA

Care of Mothers and Young Children

The Health Visitors serving in this area are as follows :-

Miss M. Corbishley, S.R.N. S.C.M. H.V. - Park Street Clinic,  
Congleton.

Tel. Congleton 2095

Miss D. Austin, S.R.N. S.C.M. Q.I.D.N.S. - Park Street Clinic,  
Congleton.

Tel. Congleton 2095.

Infant Welfare and Ante-Natal Clinic.

There was an overall increase of nearly 500 in the total number of attendances at the Infant Welfare Clinic. The pressure of work is mounting year by year all of which is carried out with difficulty in a building only temporarily adapted for the purpose.

We are looking forward with keen anticipation to the new Clinic as it is felt that not only will a better service be given but an opportunity will present itself to enable us to enlarge the field of our activities, particularly in Health Education. A good number of our Mothers attend regularly at the War Memorial Hospital where, as was pointed out last year, a scheme has been arranged to give Mothercraft, and Relaxation Classes in conjunction with the Hospital service. The figures in the table below refer to a special clinic held by the Consultant at Park Street to deal with any medical condition the family doctors may wish to refer.

In all the numerous activities that take place in our various clinics we are well supported by voluntary helpers and I should like to pay tribute to all the good work they do and hope that they will continue to give us their support.

# Statistics

Mother's Clinics	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held
Ante-natal	47 (39)	255 (296)	44 (26)
Dental			
Pre-natal	3 (6)	11 (16)	
Nursing Mothers	6 (11)	23 (30)	
Dentures supplied	3	(-)	



Infant Welfare

New Cases					Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Cases seen by Doctor	Average per Clinic seen by Doctor
0-1	1-2	2-5	0-1	1-2				
201 (225)	- (-)	- (-)	2791 (2365)	337 (248)	303 (348)	48 (48)	1313 (1165)	27.3 (24.2)

Special Clinics for under 5

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per clinic
Ophthalmic Clinic	7 (2)	22 (8)	21 (19)	1 (.4)
E.N.T. Clinic	3 (-)	4 (-)	10 (2)	.4 (-)



### Special Clinics for School Children

	New Cases	Total Attendances	No. of Clinics held	Average per Clinic
Ophthalmic	103	452	23	19.6
E.N.T. Clinic	49	89	9	9.8

### Welfare Foods Sold - 1961.

Distribution Centre	National Dried Milk		A. & D. Tablets	Cod Liver Oil	Orange Juice
	F. Cream	H. Cream			
Park Street Clinic, Congleton.	4650 (7135)	150 (209)	1112 (1170)	828 (1093)	5656 (8670)

### Day Nursery

The accommodation in the Day Nursery was increased by 8 places. This was achieved by bringing two additional rooms into operation. This happened towards the end of the year and the full benefits will be seen in 1962. However, the attendance continues at a very high level despite the epidemic of measles that occurred.

### Day Nursery - Attendances, 1961.

	Average No. Attending		Total Attendances	
0-2 years	8.7	(8.5)	2133	(2155)
2-5 years	31.7	(33.7)	7749	(8223)

Jan. %	Feb. %	Mar. %	Apr. %	May %	June %	July %	Aug. %	Sep. %	Oct. %	Nov. %	Dec. %	1961 %
94.1 (108.1)	96.2 (110.3)	103.1 (108.5)	100.5 (102.3)	102.2 (117.5)	101.8 (105.3)	102.6 (104.2)	91.3 (95.3)	109 (106.5)	102.6 (102.1)	104.8 (109)	95.8 (98)	100.7 (105.5)

### Midwifery

The Midwife employed by the Cheshire County Council is :-

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>Tel. No.</u>
D. H. Wright,	Ewanrigg, Giantswood Lane, Congleton.	Congleton 3240

In addition, Nurse M.S.Bowman, 4, High Lowe Avenue, Congleton, combines the duties of Home Nurse with that of District Midwife.

### Births, 1961.

Hospital		Home		Private N.Home	
Live	Still	Live	Still	Live	Still
200 (219)	7 (3)	52 (67)	- (-)	- (-)	- (-)



Home Nursing

Two District Nurses are resident in Congleton Borough.

<u>Name.</u>	<u>Address.</u>	<u>Tel.No.</u>
M.S.Bowman,	4, High Lowe Ave., Congleton.	Con.3444
B. Clinch,	24, The Westlands, Congleton.	Con.2104

Meals on Wheels.

One cannot speak too highly of the work being done through this service. 36 meals are served twice each week and in addition numerous social visits throughout the year are carried out by these ladies. On occasions assistance has been given by the W.V.S. to old people who have been moved into Bungalows. Tribute should be paid to Mrs.Nichols and all her loyal band of W.V.S. workers.

Public Health Laboratory Service.

A new laboratory has opened at Chester which we find more convenient than going into Manchester.

Vaccination and Immunisation - Statistics.

Diphtheria Immunisation.

Pre-school children	8	(9)
School children	6	(4)
	<u>14</u>	<u>(13)</u>
Re-inforcing injections	719	(83)



Whooping Cough Immunisation

Pre-school children	9	(3)
School children	-	(1)
	<u>9</u>	<u>(4)</u>
Re-inforcing injections	2	

Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough and Tetanus)

Pre-school children	224	(236)
School children	<u>34</u>	<u>(59)</u>
	<u>256</u>	<u>(295)</u>
Re-inforcing injections	130	

Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Whooping Cough)

Pre-school children	7
School children	<u>8</u>
	<u>15</u>
Re-inforcing injections	14

Combined Immunisation (Diphtheria, Tetanus)

Pre-school children	3
School children	<u>265</u>
	<u>268</u>
Re-inforcing injections	216

Primary Vaccination

Pre-school children	132	(139)
School children	16	(8)
Adults	<u>4</u>	<u>(16)</u>
	<u>152</u>	<u>(163)</u>

Re-Vaccination

Pre-school children	-	(1)
School children	5	(4)
Adults	<u>17</u>	<u>(18)</u>
	<u>22</u>	<u>(23)</u>

Poliomyelitis Vaccination

It is not possible to separate the figures in respect of each County District and the table below shows the figures for the whole of South-East Cheshire.

	4th injections in 1961	Total 4th injections	3rd injections in 1961	Total 3rd injections	2nd injections in 1961	Total 2nd injections	1st injections in 1961
Children Born in 1943-1961	1006	1006	1059	12139	1501	14811	1496
Persons born 1933-1942	32	32	331	4407	504	6619	513
Persons born before 1933 up to the age of 40	85	85	690	3151	992	3539	1004
Others	49	49	174	906	393	1252	387
Totals	1172	1172	2254	20603	3390	26221	3400



Ambulance and Sitting Case Car Transport.

I am well satisfied with the general turn-out and maintenance of the ambulances and it is satisfactory to report that once again each of the Ambulance Drivers has received a Safe Driving Award Certificate for the year 1961.

Domestic Help Service.

The demands for this service continue to be high, and I am pleased to report that most of them in Congleton continue to be met.

Home Helps employed during 1961.

Full time	-	(-)
Temporary	32	(24)
Casual	5	(3)
	<u>37</u>	<u>(27)</u>

Home Helps employed at 31st December, 1961.

Full time	-	(-)
Temporary	22	(20)
Casual	1	(-)
	<u>23</u>	<u>(20)</u>

Applications received during 1961.

Confinement	2	(3)
Sickness	5	(6)
Tuberculosis	-	(-)
Aged and infirm	20	(9)
	<u>27</u>	<u>(18)</u>

Cases attended during 1961

Confinement	-	(2)
Sickness	9	(9)
Tuberculosis	-	(-)
Aged and infirm	51	(46)
	<u>60</u>	<u>(57)</u>



## SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA.

I am indebted to Mr.H.S.Halpin, Borough Engineer and Surveyor for the following information.

### Drainage and Sewerage

The new Sewage Disposal Works was brought into operation during the early portion of the year and was officially opened on 20th September, 1961. The total final cost of the new Sewage Disposal Works was £142,139.0.0d.

At the close of the year, approximately 90% of the existing properties in the West Heath area had been connected to new sewers.

### Public Cleansing.

A total of 5,450 tons of house refuse has been disposed of by controlled tipping during the year.

Various methods of refuse disposal were investigated during the year in view of the present shortage of tipping area in the Borough. A visit was paid by the Committee to the Dano composting plant recently installed by the Radcliffe Corporation.

### Salvage

A total of 99 tons 15 cwt. of Waste Paper was collected and disposed of during the year at a value of £748.2s.6d.

### Housing

Number of Council Houses completed in 1961:-

Houses	46	(58)
Single Persons Flats	-	(-)
2 Bed Maisonettes	-	(-)
Shops	-	(-)

1 - Bedroom type bungalows - (-)

Private houses completed in 1961 121 (72)

Number of applicants on the waiting list  
at 31st December, 1961 (excluding  
applications for aged persons' bungalows) 484 (364)

Number of visits re housing applications  
by Medical Officer of Health and  
Public Health Inspector 18 (57)



PREVALENCE OF AND CONTROL OVER INFECTIOUS DISEASE

Notifiable Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) during the year 1961.

Disease	Under 1	Age distribution										Total	Cases admitted to Hospital
		1- 2	2- 3	3- 4	4- 5	5- 10	10- 15	15- 20	20- 35	35- 45	45- 65	65 and over	
Erysipelas	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-
Food Poisoning	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	4	-	6	1
Measles	6	24	29	36	38	23	6	2	1	-	-	265	-
Pneumonia	1	-	1	2	-	1	3	1	2	4	1	16	3
Scarlet Fever	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-
Whooping Cough	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	2	-

Tuberculosis

For comparative purposes I have recorded the notifications of Tuberculosis during 1961 in conjunction with the notifications of this disease received each year since 1952.

Notifications - 1952 to 1961

	1952		1953		1954		1955		1956		1957		1958		1959		1960		1961	
MALE	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5				1		2														
5 - 15		1		4	2	1														
15 - 25				1			5												1	
25 - 35	1		1		1		1	1	1		1				1					
35 - 45		1					1				3		1						1	
45 - 55	1						3		4		2	2					1			
55 - 65	2				1		1		2		2						1			
65 & over	1		2	1			1		1								1		1	
FEMALE																				
Up to 1 year							1													
1 - 5																				
5 - 15				2		1														
15 - 25	2		1		1		1		2		3	1	1				1		1	1
25 - 35	2	1	2		1		2				1		1						1	1
35 - 45		1					2		1		1								1	
45 - 55						1	2		1		1									
55 - 65			1				1				1				1					
65 & over															1	1	1			
Total	9	4	6	10	6	5	2	1	12	-	15	1	4	1	2	2	5	-	6	1



Deaths - 1952 - 1961

	1952		1953		1954		1955		1956		1957		1958		1959		1960		1961	
	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP	P	NP
MALE																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35			1																	
35 - 45					1															
45 - 55							1													
55 - 65							1													
65 & over	2			1	1				3				1							
FEMALE																				
Up to 1 year																				
1 - 5																				
5 - 15																				
15 - 25																				
25 - 35			1																	
35 - 45																				
45 - 55																				
55 - 65																				
65 & over																				
Total	2	-	2	2	2	-	3	1	6	-	2	-	1	-	1	-	-	-	-	-

Cases on the Tuberculosis Register at 31st December, 1961, were as follows :-

	Up to 1 yr.	1-5	5-15	15-25	25-35	35-45	45-55	55-65	65 & Over	Total
Male Pulmonary	-	-	-	6	6	10	10	14	7	53
Female Pulmonary	-	-	1	7	18	9	9	10	4	58
Male Non-Pulmonary	-	-	6	2	5	2	5	-	-	20
Female Non-Pulmonary	-	-	1	5	-	-	1	4	3	14



The following sections of this report cover the work of the Public Health Inspector's Department, and have been compiled by Mr.R.G.Whiston.

During the year the department has been operating without the services of an Additional Public Health Inspector but to offset this to some extent, the Pupil Inspector has been carrying out work of a more responsible nature.

The closing of the wholesale slaughterhouse in Princess Street in April cut out the necessity for overtime work which had been required to cope with meat inspection duties since 1954 and also allowed for more time to be spent on inspections of houses and preparation of reports with a view to the declaration of Clearance Areas and the making of Demolition and Closing Orders, which work had fallen somewhat into arrears.

#### Complaints

During the year 71 complaints were received and investigated; 12 of these were unfounded.

17 were found to be relating to dangerous structures, waste of water and other matters and were referred to the Departments concerned.

## Public Health Act, 1936

### Nuisances.

Following the complaints and as a result of routine survey 50 houses were inspected, a total of 29 nuisances were found and 21 informal notices were issued. 92 visits were made to houses previously inspected and 52 nuisances were found to be abated. 31 informal and 2 statutory notices were complied with. 3 statutory notices were served under the provisions of Section 99 of the Cheshire County Council Act, 1953, requiring stoppages to be removed from drains.

### Drainage.

The repair of existing drainage was supervised and necessary testing done. 115 visits were made in connection with this work and the tracing of existing drainage at various properties.

### Water Supply

Routine samples were taken monthly from each of the town's systems of supply and sent to the Public Health Laboratory Service, Stafford, for Bacteriological examination. The reports on samples submitted showed satisfactory results.

### Disinfestation

The D.D.T. and Gammexane compounds in liquid and powder form are used for this purpose, and successful results have been obtained.



The houses and household effects of new tenants for Council Houses are inspected and where necessary disinfestation is undertaken before removal. For this and other reasons 47 inspections have been carried out and 7 premises treated.

#### Conversion of Pails.

The Council's scheme for the compulsory conversion of pails to water closets in the West Heath area continued. A further 28 conversions were completed during the year leaving only two outstanding.

#### Offensive Trades.

One premises is registered for tripe boiling. No complaints were received in connection with the trade.

#### Infectious Disease and Disinfection

Enquiries have been made into 5 cases of infectious disease. Disinfection of premises following these, and removals and deaths of T.B. cases, has been carried out and where necessary infected bedding has been taken to the Isolation Hospital, Macclesfield, for disinfection by steam.

Infected library books are treated with gaseous fumigant before return for circulation.

### Caravans

The Caravan Sites and Control of Development Act, 1960, came into force and it was agreed that site licences be issued by the Planning and Buildings Committee with the Health Committee to consider conditions to be imposed on the licence with regard to public health matters. One application for a site licence was considered by the Health Committee and conditions as thought applicable were laid down.

### Noise Abatement.

The Noise Abatement Act, 1960, came into force during the year. Many enquiries and a few complaints of noise were received in the department.

### Public Mortuary.

This service is under the charge of the Department and during the year there were 22 admissions.

### Clean Air Act, 1956.

One industrial chimney in the Borough gave trouble with excessive emissions of smoke and following informal representation to the firm concerned, up to date automatic stokers were fitted to the boiler with satisfactory results.

82 inspections of premises used for the preparation, storage or sale of food were carried out. 11 contraventions were found and 3 informal notices issued. On re-inspection 16 contraventions had been abated, and 4 notices fully complied with.



Housing Act, 1957

70 houses were inspected under the provisions of the Housing Act, and 229 re-visits were made to houses previously inspected.

12 houses in Clearance Areas were demolished and 7 areas cleared.

9 Closing Orders and 1 Demolition Order were made. 3 houses were closed.

1 Clearance Area comprising 22 houses was confirmed by the Ministry of Housing and Local Government.

Improvement Grants.

23 applications for Standard Grants and 8 for Discretionary Grants were received during the year and all were granted. 105 visits were made for the purpose of advising owners, inspecting following applications, supervision of work while in progress and on completion.

Rent Act, 1957.

Certificates of Disrepair.

No applications for Certificates of Disrepair were received.

Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

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### Ice-cream.

There are 10 premises registered for the manufacture of ice-cream, all use the "cold mix" method.

81 premises are registered for the sale of ice-cream.

15 inspections have been made.

### Preserved Food.

41 premises are registered for the manufacture of preserved food (sausages, potted and pressed meats, etc.) and 2 inspections of these premises were carried out.

### Slaughterhouses.

In April the wholesale slaughterhouse in Princess Street was closed down, the occupier moving to new premises in Stoke-on-Trent. Two of the other four licensed slaughterhouses did not operate during the year.

The Council's report on Slaughterhouse facilities as required under the Slaughterhouse Act, 1958, was approved by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food and the Appointed Day for compliance with the Hygiene and Prevention of Cruelty Regulations was fixed as the First of July, 1961.



At two premises the necessary work was done to bring them up to standard and licences were issued. No applications for renewal of licences were received from the other three premises and no work has been carried out there so that the licences in respect of these premises have now lapsed.

100% inspection of all animals killed was carried out and 675 visits were made to Slaughterhouses during the year.

The great success of the Tuberculosis Eradication scheme of the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food is well emphasized by the fact that during the year there was only one animal affected of the 1513 cattle slaughtered, whereas the incidence formerly was between 15 and 20 per cent.

#### Disposal of Condemned Meat.

All meat and offal condemned is sold to Messrs. Beesons Bros., Ltd., of Crewe, and the firm undertake the collection from the slaughterhouses on the Council's behalf.

The weights of meat and offal are shown in the tables.

#### Slaughter of Animals Act, 1933-1954.

The stunning of all animals in the Borough is carried out by means of captive bolt pistols.

27 Slaughtermen's Licences were renewed and 6 new licences issued.

Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1960

Registered are 8 Dairies and 64 Distributors.

37 visits have been made in connection with registration and licensing.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949.

The Council has one full time operative whose duties are concerned with the destruction of rats and mice.

64 visits have been made by Public Health Inspectors in connection with complaints and general supervision.

All work at business premises was carried out after written or verbal intimation had been given and no statutory notices have been served.

A summary of the incidence and treatment carried out is appended.

Maintenance Treatment for Rats in Sewers.

It is estimated that there are 800 manholes in the Borough and a test bait of 10% of these was undertaken and two treatments carried out during the year.

Sewer Treatment.

Due to absence owing to sickness of the Operative only one treatment of the sewers was carried out when 20 manholes were prebaited, 13 of which showed "Takes" and were poisoned.



Shops Act, 1950.

4 inspections have been carried out under the provisions of the Act.  
1 contravention of the Act was noted and subsequently remedied after informal action.

Factory Act, 1937.

18 inspections have been made.  
No contraventions were found, 1 found previously was remedied.

Outworkers.

A total of 16 outworkers are shown as employed by factories in the area on the lists submitted in accordance with Section 110 of the Act. All are engaged on the making, altering or repairing of wearing apparel.

TABLES AND STATISTICAL INFORMATION

Summary of visits and inspections.

<u>General.</u>	<u>No. of Visits.</u>
Water Supply	46
Drainage	115
Stables and Piggeries	3
Caravans	9
Factories	18
Rats and Mice	64
Schools	1
Shops Act	4
Miscellaneous Visits	267
Interviewing and Appointments	161

Atmospheric Pollution	76
Swimming Baths	1
Pet Shops	3
Refuse Disposal	1
Farms	3
Pail Conversion	116
Noise Abatement	50
Hairdressers	1
Public Conveniences	2

### Housing - Under Public Health Act.

No. of houses inspected	50
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	92

### Under Housing Acts.

No. of houses inspected	70
Re-visits to houses previously inspected	229

### Verminous Premises.

No. of inspections	47
Found verminous and disinfested	7
Miscellaneous Housing Visits	148
Improvement Grants	105
Infectious Disease	5
Visits re Disinfection	1
Miscellaneous Infectious Disease Visits	52

### Food Premises and Food Inspection.

Visits to Slaughterhouses	675
Butchers	17
Fishmongers and Poulterers	6
Grocers	23



Dairies and Milkshops	2
Ice-cream premises	15
Food preparing premises	2
Bakehouses	7
Market Stalls	1
Restaurants	2
Greengrocers & Fruiterers	3
Licensed Premises	4
Miscellaneous Food Visits	4
Factory Canteens	1
Vehicles	2

Total Visits 2511

Summary of Notices Served.

No. of informal notices served	29
No. of informal notices complied with	43
No. of statutory notices served	1
No. of statutory notices complied with	2

Housing (Consolidated) Regulations,  
1925 - 1932.

No. of houses which on inspection  
were considered to be unfit  
for human habitation 70

No. of houses, the defects in  
which were remedied in  
consequence of informal  
action by the local authority  
or their officers under Public  
Health or Housing Acts 32

No. of representations made to the local authority with a view to :-

(a) Serving of notices requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts) Nil

(b) the making of demolition or closing orders 10

No. of notices served requiring the execution of works (under Public Health or Housing Acts) Nil

No. of houses which were rendered fit after the service of formal notices (under Public Health or Housing Acts) Nil

No. of Demolition Orders made 1

No. of Closing Orders made 9

No. of houses in respect of which an undertaking was accepted under Sub-Section (3) of Section 16 of the Housing Act, 1957 Nil

No. of houses demolished 15

No. of Closing Orders under Section 27(2) Housing Act, 1957, determined 1

7	1	2	-
8	1	12	8
7	-	3	4



# Food and Drugs Act, 1938

## Food Premises

Number of food premises in the area  
by type of business is as follows :-

Butchers	27
Canteens	22
Dairies	8
Milkshops	37
Fishmongers & Poulterers	6
Greengrocers	13
Grocers & Confectioners	113
Restaurants & Cafes	28
Bakehouses	11

## Meat and Other Food Inspection.

### Total number of Animals slaughtered and inspected

	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
1959	1	436	2784	1038	179	12673	4574	21685
1960	9	650	2457	1158	256	11742	4194	20466
1961	8	296	768	441	84	3221	1606	6424

### Total weight of meat condemned

	Tons	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.
Beef	1	3	-	24
Mutton	-	2	1	8
Pork	-	2	3	19
Veal	-	2	1	7
Offal	3	12	1	5
Total	4	3	-	7

Particulars of Animals Slaughtered at each of the Private Slaughterhouses.

Slaughterhouse	Bulls	Steers	Cows	Heifers	Calves	Sheep	Pigs	Total
E. & G. Vernon, West Street.	-	39	5	149	6	527	131	857
J. F. Longman, Princess St.	8	238	588	257	78	2361	919	4449
Co-op. Society Ltd., Moor St.	-	19	175	35	-	336	556	1118

Weight of Meat condemned at each of the Private Slaughterhouses.

	Beef lbs.	Mutton lbs.	Veal lbs.	Pork lbs.	Offal lbs.
E. & G. Vernon	-	-	-	-	546
J. F. Longman	360	260	259	270	5731
Co-op. Socy.	-	-	-	57	1820
	360	260	259	327	8097

Other Foods Condemned

	Cwts.	Qrs.	Lbs.	Ozs.
Canned Food	2	3	4	6
Other Foods	2	-	12	3
	4	3	16	9



Carcases and Offal inspected and condemned in Part or Whole.

	Cattle Ex.Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	745	768	84	3221	1606
<u>All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	1	6	5	4
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	173	443	-	495	337
Percentage affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticercosis					
1959	48.28	50.47	5.027	13.16	10.82
1960	34.51	55.29	5.88	9.89	11.19
1961	23.21	57.81	7.14	15.52	21.23
<u>Tuberculosis</u>					
Whole carcasses condemned	-	-	-	-	-
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	-	-	-	19
Percentage affected with Tuberculosis					
1959	12.13	18.47	0.559	-	1.465
1960	2.69	4.59	-	-	1.07
1961	.13	-	-	-	1.18
<u>Cysticercosis</u>					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	9	-	-	-
Carcases submitted for treatment by refrigeration	-	-	-	-	-

Contd.

Generalised and totally condemned		-	-	-	-	-
Percentage affected with cysticercosis	1959	0.81	.61	-	-	-
	1960	0.66	.97	-	-	-
	1961	0.57	1.17	-	-	-

Prevalence of Rats and Mice.

	Type of Property				Total
	Local Authority	Dwelling-houses	Agricultural	All other (inc. business & industrial)	
Total No. of properties in Local Authority's District	37	5391	107	1157	6692
No. of properties inspected as a result of:					
(a) Notification	3	88	3	38	132
(b) Otherwise	29	177	61	247	514
No. of properties found to be infested by rats	Major				
	-	-	-	-	-
	Minor				
	20	110	49	88	267
No. of properties found to be infested by mice	1	34	10	113	158
No. of infested properties treated by Local Authority.	20	144	59	201	420



Factory Act, 1937

Inspections

Premises	Number on Register	Number of Inspections	No. of Written Notices	No. of Occupiers Prosecuted
(1) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 & 6 are to be enforced by Local Authority	-	-	-	-
(2) Factories not included in (1) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	137	18	-	-
	137	18	-	-

Cases in which Defects were Found

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were	
	Found	Remedied
Sanitary Conveniences		
(a) Insufficient	-	-
(b) Unsuitable or defective	-	1
(c) Not separate for sexes	-	-
Total	-	1











